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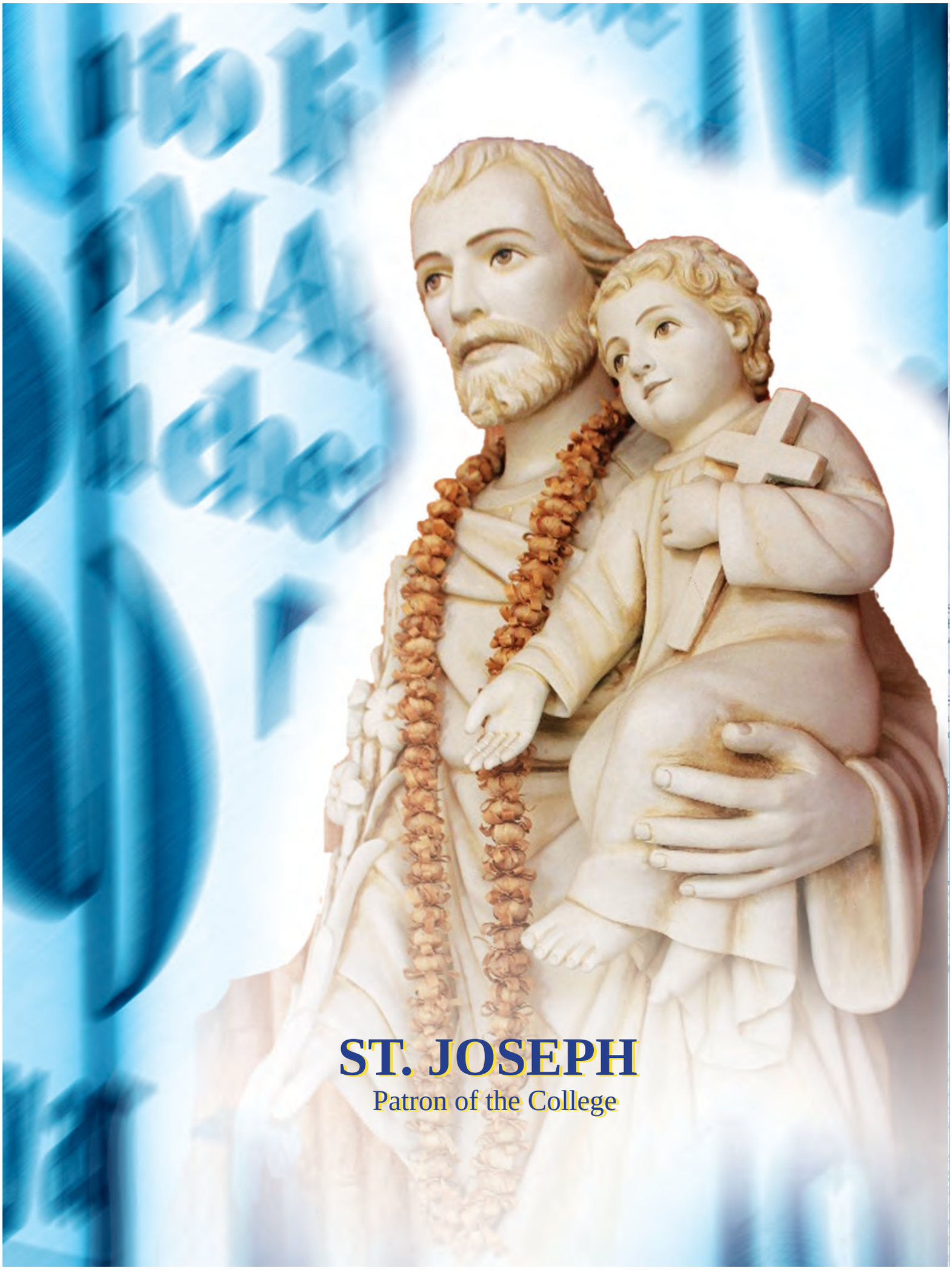
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FROM THE EDITOR

COMMENT

"The world is a book, and those who do not travel read only a page."

-St. Augustine

"The landscape for news is a different place, and people have to learn to accept that."

-Michael Eric Dyson

The past year has been a year where great emphasis was placed by the public on the availability of information in the form of news, and the reliability of such information. Social media and journalism have become interlinked. We thought it highly relevant to bring out the various events in the Josephite calendar in the form of a newspaper, and after months of hard work, we proudly present 'BlueChip 2015: The News Magazine'. This news magazine goes more in depth than any newspaper, trying to give the reader an understanding of the plethora of activities, as opposed to just the facts.

At St. Joseph's College of Commerce, we are constantly challenged to reach beyond the boundaries of this great institution, and BlueChip 2015 captures those challenges. We hope this magazine rekindles much nostalgia of the year gone by, and that you enjoy reading it as much as we did putting it together.

- Pritika Sood &
The Editorial Team

Message from THE RECTOR



Education in India is a big enterprise as it has the highest number of colleges and universities catering to the needs of millions of youngsters and shaping the future of many a young man and woman of the country. Unfortunately the centers of education are becoming commercial enterprises and academic factories intent on mass producing academic robots. In this scenario St. Joseph's College of Commerce stands tall in imparting holistic education as it lays emphasis on the importance of knowledge, wisdom, spiritual strength, moral uprightness and social sensitivity. Building character, inculcating social sensitivity and facilitating academic excellence are the three strong aims of St. Joseph's College Of Commerce.

The goal of Jesuit education is not to produce academic robots or pious faithful indifferent to the world but to form men and women for others - agents of inner and outer change. We educate all without distinction. Our education is characterized by five important characteristics: competence, conscience, compassion, character and commitment. In this regard the Jesuit education gives utmost priority to the three H's: Head, Heart and Hands. Our main aim is to equip a student with best intellectual acumen so as to develop in the students analytical and critical bent of mind so that he/she becomes an asset who can contribute one's mite to the development and betterment of society.

The college also aims at nurturing the affective life of the students. Students studying here are going to be people of integrity and probity with pro-life attitude, who can face life and its issues confidently. This confidence to face life comes from the nurturing of their affective life. We prepare young men and women who are not only ready to extend their creative and innovative hands at the places of work but also to the needy and the marginalized. In other words, we prepare men and women who have a lot of concern for others.

I wish and pray that St. Joseph's College Of Commerce would scale greater heights in competence, conscience, compassion, character and commitment. May it become a new center of creativity and communication; conviction and concerted action. Greatness is understood differently here at St. Joseph's. It is to enable one physically, psychologically, socially and spiritually so as to make him/her an agent of change. Our pedagogy is reflecting on experience and guiding one to effective action. It is a continuum so as to make one an effective and efficacious person in society.

Rev. Fr Anthony Joseph SJ
Rector

College annual is a platform to discuss student life and activities, challenges and opportunities. One such challenge and opportunity that students encounter today is the social media.

Message from THE PRINCIPAL



Every 'Blue Chip' always brings with it a gentle reminder that the 'fleet footed element' we call time has again carried us through one whole year and placed us on the threshold of yet another promising academic year. Every academic year is a joy, a hope for the best, and an opportunity to dedicate ourselves with renewed energy to the cause of our students – more importantly to the cause of Education.

Education today is becoming a challenging enterprise. We are increasingly faced with a challenge to change. Change has become inevitable and is seeping through the veneers of Higher Education.With numerous innovations in programmes, increased use of technology in education, multidimensional academic alliances, reforms and private sector intervention in education, several new verticals such as infrastructure, research and collaborations have emerged as new pillars supporting the Higher Education architecture. Much lies on the shoulders of Educational institutions and Academic leaders to lead from the forefront, to embrace these changes in creating an environment for all students- irrespective of their social background- to excel, in creating the right ecosystem for the faculty to impart the best and in creating a culture of excellence in education.

Our country houses the youngest population of the world, and this brings with it added responsibility. Educating and skilling this young population in the midst of the sweeping changes impacting the Education sector, is no doubt, a pre requisite to economic development, however the single most prerogative of education must be to empower individuals to make choices. If Education could adequately address this one expanse of empowering our youth to make the right choices, then we, as a nation, would be well poised to realize the benefits of our demographic dividend. It is in this context-of empowering young minds in making the right choices-which Jesuit Education excels. Jesuit Education largely is a process involving being attentive, being reflective and being loving. This Education results in good decision-making that Ignatius called 'discernment.' Discernment is a lifelongproject;it is the regular practice of attentiveness, reflection, and choosing through which our lives take on a meaningful direction.

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As you peruse through this Blue Chip magazine, you will witness that St. Joseph's College of Commerce has gone beyond mere classroom teaching, it has tirelessly strived to engage students meaningfully beyond classrooms and that every student-engagement activity at St. Joseph's motivates the student to discern. The teaching -learning experience at our campus is indeed unique, it helps students beyond performance in exams, it adds value to them beyond their student days, and it aims at transforming their lives and thereby transforms society at-large.

The Institution has devised several co-curricular and extension programs that have expanded the walls of the classrooms thereby urging students to learn from their neighbors, their community, whose reality is very often different from their own. During the academic break in the odd semester, the institution sponsors several immersion programs in the form of rural camps. These programs are an experience in which students and faculty immerse themselves into communities that have little access to wealth, power, and privilege. Students and faculty travel to a variety of places to engage with community members and to understand better the issues impacting those communities. All such initiatives and programmes strengthen the practice of discerning for our students. It creates a deep awareness in their young heart and mind of who they are and how they want to live their lives. In a remote sense Education at St. Joseph's through discernment guides them to discover their vocation.

I heartily congratulate the Blue Chip Editorial Committee for aesthetically capturing the substance of a Josephite's diary.

Dr. Daniel Fernandes SJ
Principal



CONGRATULATIONS

His Lordship Francis Serrao,
The New Bishop Of Shimoga
"Service of Faith Fullness of Life".



Rev.Dr. Jerome Stanislaus D'souza, SJ
New Provincial,
Karnataka Jesuits

WELCOME

Rev.Fr.Anthony Joseph SJ
Rector,
St. Joseph's Institutions,
Bangalore.



ANNUAL REPORT
2014 - 2015

Fide et Labore ... Faith and Toil

The constitution of every Josephite....!



Distinguished Chief Guest of this evening Shri. Bharat Lal Meena, Principal Secretary, Higher Education, Govt. of Karnataka, Rev. Fr. Antony Joseph, SJ, Rector of St. Joseph's Institutions, Dear Principals, Rev. Fathers, Rev. Sisters, respected Members of the Staff, Parents, Alumni, Guests and my dear Students – Good evening and a warm welcome to the 43rdAnnual College Day Celebrations of St Joseph's College of Commerce.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

We inhabit a world of nation states that have by self-definition, their own physical boundaries. There also exists a world of letters, which again by definition, knows no boundaries – even boundaries of imagination. It is a limitless space. An educational Institution assumes the onerous task of bridging these two very different worlds.

The role of an Institution has evolved since the first universities of the world were conceived.

From being isolated islands of scholarship, colleges have become spaces that nurture individuals who develop their own minds and consciously bear the duty of developing their society.

The forces of globalization have ushered in extraordinary complexities in the world of commerce and business. Today, a student who steps out from College would not only be required to know his academic lessons, but also be able to cultivate a mind of his/her own. An open mind that is enthusiastic to learn from people and experiences, a mind that is tolerant and compassionate, a mind that knows how to live with dissent and difference, a mind fearless of prejudice and being capable of speaking truth to power. This alone would make the student a successful citizen of both the worlds.



We at St. Joseph's have forever been guided by this need to keep pace with the spirit and needs of our times, to create individuals with a spirit of excellence and abiding concern for others.

We are grateful to God that the mission and performance of our institution continue to be blessed. Our important institutional initiatives nurture the all-round development of the student through the years. As each incoming class joins the fraternity of St. Joseph's, we endeavour to shape them, equip them and empower them.

Invoking the Almighty's blessings on each one of us present here, now with your permission I go on to highlight only the major features and work of the College for the academic year 2014-15. The detailed annual report in the print form and the documentary that will follow will supplement my report.

Our academic success would have not been possible but for the dedication and passionate contributions of our Faculty, Staff, Researchers and Students.

At the outset, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to Ms. Nirmala Joseph, for her commendable and efficient service as the Vice Principal. I thank the Head of Departments Prof. Ravi Richard, Ms. Rency Alex, Ms. Ravi Darshini, Mr. Raj Sadhwani, Dr. Rajaram, Dr. Sajida Ahmed and Mr. Lavakumar for their consistent support and unflagging commitment in guiding the institution towards ever greater heights of excellence.

Iextend my sincere thankfulness to Ms. Sneha S. Rai, Controller of Examinations, for conducting, organizing and managing the semester examinations with utmost dexterity and skilfulness.
I thank Ms. Muktha, IQAC Coordinator for working towards the quality enhancement and sustenance and ensuring a progressive performance of the Institution.

I congratulate Ms. Veenu Joy, Student Governor for guiding and leading the students through various programmes and activities.

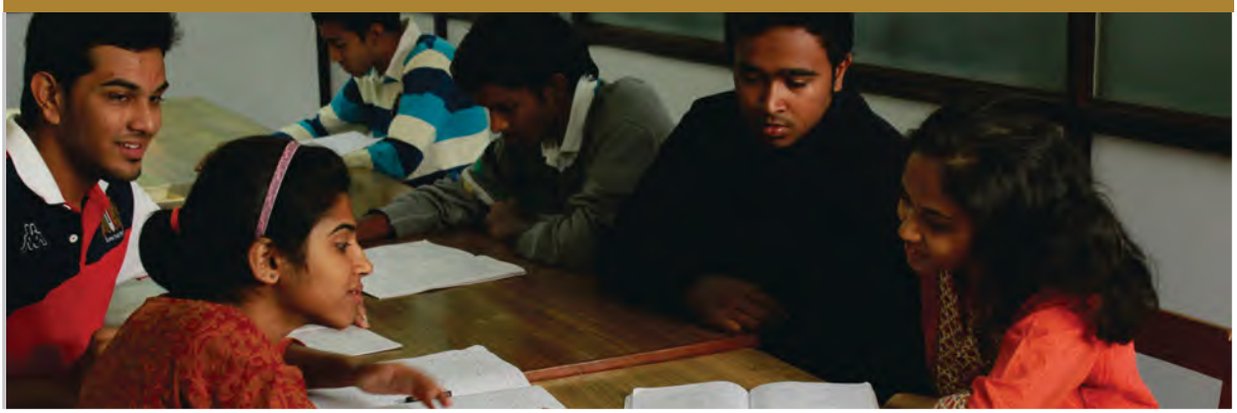
"Its old news, but it always seems to make headlines."

- Michelle Dockery

I also take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation to Ms. Komal Dave for the commendable work, selflessly executed by her as the Placement Coordinator.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all the co-ordinators of various associations and student counsellors for extending their continuous support and guidance to the students. I duly thank the faculty members who have worked tirelessly to discharge their responsibilities as teachers and mentors.

The cornerstone of St. Joseph's College of Commerce has always been its highly distinguished faculty whose dedication and passionate contribution, has led to our academic success.



Mr. Gopal retired on 31 December 2014 after completing 33 years of service in St. Joseph's Institutions. He was a great asset to the institution and we are thankful to him for his faithful service to the institution.

The College places on record the service rendered to the institution by Ms. Rose Mary, and wishes her all the best in all her future endeavours.

Mr. Arockia Dass, Office Superintendent passed away on 29 July 2014. We deeply condole his untimely death. May his soul rest in peace!

We deeply regret the sad demise of our student Sajjan David, who passed away on 17 September 2014. Our heartfelt condolence lies with his family members.

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I congratulate Ms. Preemal who qualified KSET and UGC NET and Ms. Christina and Dr. Lalima who qualified KSET.

we ensure that each student is mentored to excel and attain greater heights of excellence through their peerless performance and achievements.

List of New Faculty Members 2014 -2015

Sl. No	Name	Department
1	Ms. Anju Rose Baby	Commerce
2	Mr. Himachalpathy	Commerce
3	Ms. Nikhath Asrar	Commerce
4	Father Roshan Pereira SJ	Commerce
5	Mr. Ramesh Babu Grandi	Commerce
6	Ms. Shivakami Rajan	Commerce
7	Ms. Tina P. Singh	Commerce
8	Ms. Vyoma Prasad	Counselling
9	Mr. Deenyar Garda	Counselling

This year, the institution has further strengthened its faculty base by including seven faculty members to the Commerce Department and two Counsellors to the Counselling Department.

The college believes that learning is a continuous, evolutionary process. In order to enable and facilitate our faculty to enrich and enhance their knowledge and skills, the College is committed to organizing Staff Enrichment Programs. In the academic year 2014-15, our staff have participated in seven enrichment progs and three national seminars organised by the institution and have recorded 70 representations in Seminars, workshops, conferences and symposiums organised across the country. The details of which are available in the detailed annual report.

Research at St. Joseph's College of Commerce has become a Constant, rather than merely an Initiative. At present there are seven ongoing minor research projects taken up by our faculty members:

- Prof Dr. Rajaram (HOD Department of English) published a highly appreciated and well received **handbook for English learning titled** *Smart English*, in 2014. It has sold a thousand copies in six months and has gone into the second print.

- Prof. L. Augustin Amaladas,& Anitha Mary S **authored a text book** titled 'Cost Management'.

In the academic year 2014-15 alone our staff have ardently researched on several pertinent Economic and social issues and have 36 research papers published in reputed national and international journals.

Some of our staff members have been invited to take up privileged professional assignments such as being a part of the **NAAC Peer team** for assessment and accreditation of Colleges, being on the governing/ academic boards of other institutions and appointed as external examiners in P.hD evaluation.

The institution also takes pride in announcing that, every year, several reputed institutions visit our campus to study the working of the institution particularly its innovations and best practices. These visits undoubtedly remain mutually beneficial.
St. Joseph's College of Commerce is blessed with an impressive diversity of students and it has been our joy and duty to cater to their diverse needs. The strength of the student body for the year 2014-15 stands at 1875 students. The B.Com department expanded its capacity and included a new section this year.

The Institution is committed to producing students whose academic competence, complements a sense of responsibility and commitment to the society. Examinations and grades play a pivotal role in achieving our objective of Academic Excellence.



We are pleased to announce that the performance of our students in the academic year 2014-15 has been excellent and reflective of our efforts to deliver academic excellence. Detailed results have been presented in the annual report.

The institution strongly believes in complimenting classroom discussions with industry perspectives and during the last year alone, the institution has organised 61 input sessions in the form of guest lectures or seminars for student enrichment and our students have 28 research papers to their credit during the year.

The extension and outreach activities of the Institution, though varied in nature and substance, strive to achieve the objectives of Jesuit education, especially creating men and women for the society. The College has awarded various scholarships to students amounting to Rs.26 Lakhs and nearly 120 students have benefitted from the mid-day meal scheme. I am grateful to all our benefactors.

In continuing the vibrant traditions of the past, the associations through their ceaseless activities create a large variety of avenues for self-expression. Participation in the various extension activities organized by the Institution is mandatory for students at St. Joseph's College Of Commerce.

Several workshops on socially relevant issues such as Human Trafficking, Ill effects of addiction, Women safety and the need for self defence strategies for women, hair donation in solidarity with cancer patients and RTI were organised all through the year.

It is a norm at St. Josephs that each class undertakes a social visit and dedicates itself to a particular cause. Numerous social visits were organised by the class mentors.

The Centre for Social Action organized a Rural Exposure Camp - in association with Loyola Vikas Kendra, Mundgod.

It is with joy that I mention that for the last five years the institution has collaborated with the Government Urdu Higher Primary School, Ashoknagar. The students of our institution work closely with this school.

In the season of advent, the student's council, organised Fiesta 2014 for the lesser privileged children. Around a hundred HIV +ve children from 'Sneha Care Home' participated in Fiesta at our premises.

Dear Parents I urge you to peruse the sections of "Extension activities" in the annual report to understand the commitment of the Institution in imparting holistic education for its student and in forming men and women in the service of others.

The talented students of St. Joseph's have also embossed their names in gold in various national and international sports and extracurricular events. In our Institution, we ensure that each student is mentored to excel and attain greater heights of excellence through their peerless performance and achievements.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation to all those who have lent me a helping hand in the administration. I would like to thank Rev. Dr. Jerome Stanislaus D'Souza, SJ Provincial and the President of BJES and all the members of the Governing Body. I express my deep sense of gratitude to Rev. Fr. Anthony Joseph, SJ, Rector and Vice President, BJES, for his constant guidance and encouragement.

My heartfelt thanks to the administrative staff, who are rendering their service in administering the Institution. My special thanks and appreciation to the service staff who keep the campus clean and tidy.

Thank you my dear students, the office bearers, the committed student volunteers and the students' council. Congratulations to all the prize winners. Your contribution to the Institution will always be cherished with fond memories.

Thank you and have a pleasant Evening

Dr. Daniel Fernandes, SJ
Principal
13 March 2015

Prize WINNERS



LIST OF RANK HOLDERS'
(BATCH OF 2011-2014)

B.Com	
1st Rank	Shruthi E N
2nd Rank	Shree Vidhya S N
3rd Rank	Rahul Gupta
BBM	
1st Rank	Naomi Raphael
2nd Rank	Pooja K P
3rd Rank	Naina Swareetha Urs
M.Com	
1st Rank	Archana A
2nd Rank	Shraddha Bhotika
MIB	
1st Rank	Manoj M C
2nd Rank	Alisha Lovely George

AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Contribution to the College Choir	Clinton A D'Souza Joshua Ranjit Victor Shaun Joshua N
Best Western Acoustic Singers	Shino S Abraham Sanjay W Stevens
Outstanding Talent in Indian Music	Shino S Abraham Aquila Khathoon Shafeeque T
Outstanding Talent in Indian Dance	Lolita Sherly Pinto Marianne Lisha Lawrence
Contribution to and Talent in Dramatics	Natasha Bernadette Sridhar
Participation and Performance for Quiz	Amita Priyadarshini Krishnan M Mangalore Kuldeep Kishore Rao
Consistent Contribution to NSS	Harshitha Jain
Excellence in Computer Graphics	Tejus Yakhob

AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN SPORTS

Football (Men)	Surender Babu R
Football (Women)	Rhea Marwaha
Basket Ball (Men)	Rishabh Poonacha K

Basket Ball (Women)	Kruthika Shankar S
Cricket	Harish Kumar R
Volley Ball	George I
Table Tennis (Men)	Madhan Kumar S
Table Tennis (Women)	Vijisha V
Hockey	Keerthan Cariappa
Athletics (Women)	Sindhushree B A
Throwball	Carmel
Tennis	Niral A Shah

BEST OUTGOING STUDENT AWARDS

Prizes	Winners
St. Joseph's College Of Commerce Best Outgoing Student (Boy), B.Com	Mario Charles Anthony D'vaz
St. Joseph's College Of Commerce Best Outgoing Student (Girl), B.Com	Jewel Joseph E
St. Joseph's College Of Commerce Best Outgoing Student, BBM	Tresseta Lauretta D'cruz
St. Joseph's College Of Commerce Best Outgoing Student, PG	Amita Priyadarshini
St. Joseph's College Of Commerce Best Outgoing Student (Boy) - Alumni Association Award	Ankit Bahri
St. Joseph's College Of Commerce Best Outgoing Student (Girl) -Alumni Association Award	Alamelu L

AWARD OF SPECIAL PRIZES FOR THE YEAR 2014 – 2015

Prizes	Winners
Good Conduct	John Peter N, Kannet Anderson H P Vishal N, Sathya K Advika Anna Sequeira Lordwin Linu Jacob Godwin Sanu Jacob Sachin Rajesh Kalra Zahra H Baxamusa Ankit Bahri Raveena Roy, Siddharth S Murthy
Social Concern	Marcel A J Leon Victor Pereira John Lucas A Mary Maclene C J SindhuPriya R Alisha Pearl Miranda
Service & Helpfulness	Annabelle Chang Denzil Robert Pereira Sasha Gweneth John Maryann Joseph, Michelle Chryselle Martis Joshua S Sumedh Udupa S Marianne Lisha Lawrence Karen Anabelle Pinto Disha D Sharma Abhijith Castelino Alisha Rose D'Souza Myron Frederick Dsouza Kevin H X Josephine Peter Karthik Krishnan M
Leadership	Lolita Sherly Pinto Sunil Dennis Kumar R Alamelu L Mario Charles Anthony Dvaz Marcelino Masion A Sharon V Anil Jewel Joseph E Natasha Dias Priyadarshini S Revathi Anil Kumar Franklin John Tresseta Lauretta D'Cruz Benjamin Victor Michael

AWARD OF PRIZES FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION OF STUDENTS TOWARDS ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES

Recognition of the Council Members Academic Year 2014-2015	President- Tresseta Lauretta D'Cruz Vice- President- Jairus Ebenezar General Secretary –Alisha Pearl Miranda Treasurer- Aquila Khathoon Shafeeque T Ladies Representative –Annabelle Chang Academic Coordinator –Mario Charles D'vaz Cultural Coordinator –Sunil Dennis Kumar R Sports Coordinator – Josephine Peter BBM Coordinator – Syed Safdar B.Com TT Coordinator- Natasha Dias PG Coordinator –Benjamin Victor Michael

AICUF	Seevanth Raj J P
CSA	S. Cyril Sharath
ALMA	Sneha Cutinah
E-Cell	Sagar R Gangwani
Rotaract Club	Sindhuja Gopalan
Kannada Sangha	Mukund D K Gurudev P
Hindi Parishad	Shradha Anjali
Photography	Vivian Bradley Dias Arpith Jaju
Josephite Business Club	Supriya B S
Hashmi Theatre Forum	Shino S Abraham Brandon Christopher Daly Nitin K R N Johnson S Rishika S
College Magazine Blue Chip Editorial Board	Pritika Sood Alamelu L Chantal Cecelia Crystal Sheila Mario Charles D'vaz Leon Pereira Mangalore Kuldeep Rao Zahid Zubair Joshua Victor Daphne D'souza Ruth Priyanka Immanuel Amy Virgina Stevens Manoj
Placement and Internship	Alamelu L Ebin Vincent V Sidharth Murthy
NSS	Harshitha Jain
College Choir	Clinton D'souza

ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE OF COMMERCE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS
FOR THE YEAR 2014-15

Best Student Award for Excellence in English, St. Joseph's College Of Commerce – Sayonara Hameed Endowment Fund. The Joan Alburquerque Memorial Prize Instituted by Jimmy Ankelesaria – Best Student Award for Excellence in English B. Com/ BBM	Maryann Joseph
S.G. Sundaraswamy Memorial Prize for Business Law	Pritika Sood
K.C. Ravishankar Prize for Income Tax	Mohammed Amir
S.R. Prabhu Memorial Prize for Banking	Pritika Sood
Batch of 1979-81 Endowment Scholarship	Harshitha Jain
Viswanath Setty Endowment Scholarship	Seevanth Raj
S.G. Sundarswamy Memorial Scholarship	Cyril Sharath Kumar S
Mangharam Endowment Scholarship	Yaseen Ahmed
Rajkumar Jain Endowment Scholarship	Lolita Sherly Pinto
1973 Batch Alumni Scholarship	Karthick Jaison Tanushree Maria Udaya David Kevin Sindhushree Gururaj

EDUCATION



"The purpose of education is to replace an empty mind with an open one."
-Malcolm Forbes



POST GRADUATE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Orientation

The academic year for the Post Graduate department began on 9th June 2014, with an orientation programme for the students of first year MIB and M.Com. Rev. Dr. Daniel Fernandes SJ, Principal, Mrs. Nirmala Joseph, the Vice Principal addressed the students followed by the PG HOD Ms. Ravi Darshini. The students were intimated about the rules of the college and the department. The programme continued with sessions by guest speakers, Mrs. Jayashree, Director and CEO of iBAS Consulting Private Limited, and Ms. Vyoma, the college student counselor for the PG Dept. Both speakers addressed the students in an interactive way, talking about how to handle situations in life and how to manage academics.

Guest Lecture's

The MIB students of the PG department of St. Josephs College of commerce had an interactive and intellectual session on 18th June 2014 with Mr. Hemanth Kumar, who co-incidentally is one of the basic formulator of the MIB course .With a specialisation in international business, he was able to give students a crystal clear picture of international business from a global perspective and explained the organisational structure of various countries.

The final year MIB students had a guest lecture on 17th July 2014, with Dr. K Nirmala, who is an excellent orator and has served as chairperson, member of board of studies, board of examinations, and custodian for B.Com, BBM and M.Com courses.





Panel discussion on Union Budget

A panel discussion on the Union Budget was organised on 25th July 2014 by the PG department. The panel consisted of three students who are updated with current affairs, AmitaPriyadarshini and Krishnan Mahadevan from M.Com, and Amogh from MIB. The discussion was moderated by a guest speaker, Mr. K. Balaji, partner of M/s SSB & Associates, CA, Bangalore. He took out quality time for this session and was actively aiding the speakers by providing valuableinsights to the discussion.

National Seminar on *"An Overview of the Companies Act 2013"*

On 12September 2014, the PG Department organized a seminar on the topic ***"An Overview of the Companies Act, 2013"***. CA. K. Gururaj Acharya delivered the key note address while the second session was

preceded by Mr.Amithraj who dealt with the topic ***"Raising Capital"***. The third session was presided over by Mr.Srinivasamurthy who spoke on ***"Audit and Auditors"*** and the ***NFRA*** (National Financial Reporting Authority). The panel discussion of the seminar was conducted by Ms.Asmitha and Mr.Pramod who discussed on the role of independent directors followed by Ms.Bhavani who spoke about the importance of key managerial personnel.







B.COM DEPARTMENT REPORT

International Industrial Visits

Prior to commencing their final year of postgraduate studies at St. Joseph's College Of Commerce, the MIB batch of 2013-15 were privileged to be a part of a visit to Europe, precisely Switzerland and Italy, from 15th April 2014 to 23rd April 2014. The students were accompanied by Dr. Shubhra Rahul Dalela, lecturer at St. Joseph's College Of Commerce, and Mr. Dennis, the travel guide.

In October 2014, the students of the Post Graduate Department had another international industrial visit. The trip was a six day visit to Hong Kong, Macau and Guangzhou. The students were accompanied by Dr. Raja Jebasingh and staff from the research department of St. Joseph's College of Commerce.

The international industrial trip was an enriching experience for the students of the post graduate department as it enabled them to gain immense knowledge of the functioning of various industries.

The B.Com department forms the majority in terms of students and faculty at St. Joseph's College of Commerce. An orientation program for all the B.Com classes was organized at the commencement of the Academic year. The input was provided by Jesuit fathers, Chartered Accountants, Industry Experts and Entrepreneurs. Currently headed by Prof. Ravi Richard, the department has organised various activities throughout the year.

Seminars and Courses

The department organised a city level seminar on 'International Financial Reporting Standards', which was held in collaboration with Bangalore University and International Skill Development Corporation (ISDC). The participants included academicians and Management Representatives of leading Colleges.

The department was instrumental in conducting a UGC Sponsored National Seminar on 'Human Resource Management in Higher Educational

Institutions - Perspectives and challenges' jointly with the Research Department of our college.

The Department also organized Augeo, a city level student seminar for the B.Com students. Sessions involving guest lectures from industry specialists and experts were spilt over three days, with the first day devoted to the first year B.Com students, and the second and third days for the second and third year students respectively.

Courses and Programes

An awareness programme on Investor Protection was organized with resource persons from SEBI. A Stock Market event 'STOCKMIND' was conducted by ICICI Direct Center for Financial Learning.

The department facilitated the conducting of IGNITORS Program – for all UG students on leadership skills and maturity, social awareness and life skill training. The program included a special session, 'Project Vision', to create awareness on the importance of eye donation.

A Staff enrichment programme was organized by the Department on the topics 'Fundamental of SPSS (Statistical Package for Social Sciences)' and 'Effective mobilization of Online Library Resources.'
The department took the initiative to organize a free certificate course in Retail Analytics for the final year B.Com and BBM students. A presentation and discussion on 'The Union Budget 2014' was organized for the 2nd and 3rd year B.Com students.

For the 3rd year B.Com students, a special course on Taxation was organized in association with Ernst & Young (E&Y), a leading audit firm. Several guest lectures relating to commerce and management and soft skills had been organized during the Academic year.

B.COM TRAVEL & TOURISM DEPARTMENT REPORT







B.Com Travel & Tourism was introduced as a new course in 2012, with the hope of enlightening students towards new opportunities, giving them career opportunites in commerce as well as travel and tourism. With the first batch of B.Com T&T students graduating this year a new post of B.Com Travel & Tourism co-ordinator was introduced in the student council.

To supplement knowledge imparted in classrooms, the department invited eminent speakers in various subjects to deliver lectures on specific topics or to share experiences with our students.

This academic year saw the first batch of B.Com-Travel & Tourism students graduating. Various activities were conducted for the travel and tourism students, which included 15 guest lectures by experts from the Travel & Tourism Industry; field visits to major hotels, Kempegowda International airport, historical places and visits to tourist spots, were organized. An International trip to Central Europe was organized in the month of October, 2014. Through an international exposure program titled 'We Speke', the students interacted with their counterparts in ESDES University, Lyon, France, through online media.







BBM DEPARTMENT REPORT

Two students from the B. Com Travel & Tourism department were selected for a student exchange programme with ESDES University at Lyon, France, where they complete their fourth semester.

Social initiatives

The students of B.Com T&T in collaboration with ACTE Global conducted a social drive on 13th December 2014 called 'Wake The Lake'. It was a campaign to clean the Munekolala Lake located in Bangalore.

The third year students of the Travel & Tourism department conducted a PAN card drive, in which they took up the initiative to apply for PAN cards for students who were not registered or in possession of the same.

The BBM Department has always been an integral part of St. Joseph's College of Commerce. Currently headed by Ms. Rency Alex the department welcomed over 439students,belonging to all three years,with an orientation programme on 2nd June, 2014. From guest lectures delivered by leading industry professionals, and a curriculum integrated with industry exposure and industrial visits, to the challenging activities in the form of student seminars and management fests, the department conducted various activities for the benefit of students.

Seminars

The BBM Department conducted various seminars on a wide range of topics during the Academic Year 2014-15. On 11th September 2014, the BBM Department hosted a state – level management seminar 'Management Education -Creating effective Business Leaders and Management Thinkers.'



Another summer school program was the program offered by King's College London, where students went to Mumbai in April 2014 for a period of four weeks, and were taught by faculty from King's College in London. The course taken up by the students was 'Marketing Management with International Marketing.' This course gave them chances to develop an understanding of the managerial decision-making aspects of marketing and International Marketing.





The seminar was organized by the students and staff of the BBM Department and it consisted of:

1. Key note address and Guest lectures by eminent persons from the Industry.
2. Paper presentation competition for students from our college as well as participating guest colleges.
3. The panel discussion on the topic 'Gender Management – Issues and Challenges' moderated by Dr. Rajaram, Head of the English Department.

Summer school programess

LSE Summer School delivers cutting-edge thinking across a range of disciplines. Thirteen BBM students were part of the LSE Summer School program in July 2014. The students enrolled for a course on 'Strategic management'. At LSE the students were given the chance to interact with people from a diverse range of backgrounds and cultures, both in and out of class.

Students also took up courses in 'Financial Concepts' and "Introduction to Marketing' offered by Boston University Summer School.



EXAMINATION DEPARTMENT REPORT

The Institution is committed to producing students whose academic competence complements a sense of responsibility and commitment to the society. Examinations and grades are but a humble measure of our efforts in this endeavour. As an autonomous institution, we have the freedom to improvise systems of assessments to make them more holistic and reflective of our interdisciplinary approach to education that is not solely reliant on books and classes. We understand that examination results play a vital role in a student's career prospects and we thus strive to make the process of evaluation objective and transparent. We are pleased to announce that the performance of our students has been excellent and reflective of our efforts to deliver academic excellence.





END SEMESTER EXAMINATION RESULTS – APRIL 2014

Semesters	Enrolled	Appeared	Distinction	I Class	II Class	Pass Class	To Re-appear	Absent	% passed
B.Com									
II	310	306	47	192	26	01	40	04	86.92
IV	311	305	60	185	10	-	50	06	83.60
VI	302	290	60	170	30	01	44	11	84.83
B.Com Travel & Tourism									
II	81	77	20	42	07	01	07	04	90.90
IV	66	66	11	33	07	-	15	-	77.27
BBM 2012 – 2013									
II	137	136	35	83	08	-	13	01	92.65
IV	144	135	17	79	16	-	23	09	82.96
VI	144	137	12	93	18	02	12	07	91.24
M.Com									
II	32	32	13	16	01	X	02	-	93.75
IV	33	33	15	15	-	X	03	-	90.91
MIB									
II	52	52	13	34	-	Class	5	-	90.38
IV	39	38	17	18	02	X	1	01	97.3

END SEMESTER EXAMINATION RESULTS – OCTOBER 2014

Semesters	Enrolled	Appeared	Distinction	I Class	II Class	Pass Class	To Re-appear	Absent	% passed
B.Com									
I	394	378	77	196	34	0	71	16	81.22
III	313	301	36	179	21	0	65	12	78.41
V	305	288	26	191	31	1	39	17	86.46
B.Com (TT)									
I	80	77	9	57	4	0	7	3	90.91
III	84	75	4	48	11	1	11	9	85.33
V	64	62	5	35	7	0	15	2	75.81
BBM									
I	150	141	12	84	7	1	37	9	73.76
III	141	131	15	79	15	0	22	10	83.21
V	139	129	12	80	12	1	24	10	81.4
M.Com									
I	38	38	7	26	1	X	4	-	89.47
III	31	29	17	12	-	X	-	2	100
MIB									
I	43	42	6	25	3	X	8	1	80.95
III	52	49	6	38	3	X	2	3	95.92

Research Department Report



The Research Department of St. Joseph's College of Commerce, Bangalore, obtained its research centre status from Bangalore University in the year 2010-11. The prime motto of the centre is to vitalize research culture through identifying, assembling and disseminating research information to the staff and the students of the institution. They have continuously been involved in major and minor research project work and publications. At present there are seven on-going minor and major research projects taken up by our faculty members which are sponsored by the University Grants Commission.

The Bangalore Jesuit Educational Society and St. Joseph's College of Commerce Research Department collaborated in a major research work titled "Status of Child Health and Education among the Urban Poor, a Study of Bangalore Slums".

The findings of this research have been published in an international journal.

The Research Centre of the Institution publishes two bi-annual research journals in an academic year. **The Institution Management Research Review** (ISSN 2249-4359), is a peer reviewed journal which is committed to publishing scholarly, impactful and theoretical research articles. Eight issues have been successfully released.

The Student Research Journal is an in-house journal which provides a research platform for students in areas related to theoretical, applied and interdisciplinary research in Commerce, Business Studies and Management. Post Graduate students are also given periodical training workshops in statistical packages which help them to participate and make paper presentation at various National and International seminars. BBM students are given group projects in various researchable areas with adequate guidance for these from the research centre.

Conferences and Seminars Papers Presented

1. Dr. Himachalapathy presented a paper titled "A Study on Swayam product (MOOC in India) using Crowd Sourcing" at the 4th International Conference on Competency Building Strategies in Business and technology for sustainable development organized by Sri Ganesh School of Business Management, Salem on 20/02/2015.

2. Dr. Himachalapathy presented a paper titled "A Study on Shadow Banking in India" at the 4th International Conference on Competency Building Strategies in Business and technology for sustainable development organized by Sri Ganesh School of Business Management, Salem on 20/02/2015.

3. Mr. Lava Kumar participated and presented a paper titled 'Alternative Pedagogy in Education: Theatre Arts' at the X Annual International Conference, organized by Central University of Rajasthan and ISTR (Indian Society for Theatre Research) from 8/01/2014 to14/01/ 2014.

4. Mr. Lava Kumar participated and presented a paper titled 'Limitations of Classroom Teaching;

Theatre as an Alternative Pedagogy' at the X National Conference on Language and Literature, organized by Padmashree Institute of Management and Science on 26/04/2014.

5. Mr. Lava Kumar participated and presented a paper titled 'Theatre in Primary Education; Situation in Karnataka' at the National Conference organized by Department of Performing Arts, Bangalore University on 13/11/2014 and 14/11/2014.

6. Dr. Mohan P. Philip & Ms. Veenu Joy presented a paper on"Mobile Phone Applications as Innovative Marketing Technique in the Emerging E-tail Market" at the International Conference on Emerging Marketing Strategies and Practices in the Competitive Global Environment, Loyola College on 17/02/2015.

7. Ms. Muktha presented a paper titled "Interdisciplinary approach in Higher Education- the CBCS way" in a National level IQAC Conference on "Relevance of Interdisciplinary Approach in Higher Education" organized by Kristu Jayanthi College (Autonomous), Bangalore.

8. Ms. Nirmala Joseph participated in a UGC Sponsored National Level Seminar "Emerging trends in Global Financial System" at MES College on 19/09/2014 and presented a paper on HEDGE FUNDS – the Emerging Alternative Mainstream of Investments.

9. Ms. Nirmala Joseph presented a paper titled "Interdisciplinary approach in Higher Education- the CBCS way" in a National level IQAC Conference on "Relevance of Interdisciplinary Approach in Higher Education" organized by Kristu Jayanthi College (Autonomous), Bangalore.

10. Ms. Preemal Maria D'Souza participated and presented a paper on "A Study on the Impact of Financial Inclusion on Non-performing Assets in Commercial Banks of Bangalore "at the International Conference organized by Christ University, Bangalore, from 11/12/2014 to 12/12 /2014.

11. Ms. Preemal Maria D' Souza & Ms. Tina P. Singh participated and presented a paper on "A Study on the Response of Consumers Towards Agile Marketing' at the International Conference on "Emerging Trends in Business" at Christ University, Bangalore, from 11/12/2014 to 12/12 /2014.

12. Mr. Raj Sadhwani participated and presented a paper on" Human Resource Management and Higher Education : A Descriptive Model" in a UGC sponsored national level seminar "Human Resource Management in Higher Educational Institutions (HEI)" at St. Joseph's College of Commerce (Autonomous) from 18/09/2014 to 19/09/2014.

13. Ms. Suganthi Pais participated and presented a paper titled "A Study on Role of Work-Family Enrichment in Life Satisfaction of Academicians in Higher Education" in a UGC sponsored national level seminar " Human Resource Management in Higher Educational Institutions (HEI)" at St. Joseph's College of Commerce (Autonomous) from 18/09/2014 to 19/09/2014.

14. Mr. Vinay K S participated and presented a paper on " Narrating Metaphors: Speculations on DRN's The Flaming Feet" in a national level conference on" Narrating Centres and Peripheries – Minority Discourses in India" organized by Christ University, Bangalore, from 12/12/2015 to 13 /12/2015.

Conferences

1. Dr. Lalima Chakaraverty , participated in a national level conference on "E. Content Development for Enhancing Pedagogical for Teachers in Higher Education" organized by Christ University, Bangalore, from 9/09 /2014 to 11/09/ 2014.

2. Mr. Lava Kumar participated in a national conference on 'Media Challenges in the Age of Globalization and Digitization' organized by the Department of Communication, St. Joseph's College on 27/11 /2014 and 28/11/ 2014.

3. Ms. Meera Varghese participated in a national level conference on "E. Content Development for Enhancing Pedagogical for Teachers in Higher Education" organized by Christ University, Bangalore, from 9th to 11th September , 2014

4. Ms. Nikhat Asrar participated in a ICHR Sponsored National conference on "Role of Tribals in the Cultural History of South India 10th to 19th Century A.D. at Jyothi Nivas College (Autonomous) on 25th and 26th November 2014.

5. Ms. Veenu Joy participated in an International Conference on "Emerging Marketing Strategies and Practices in the Competitive Global Environment" organized by Loyola College, Chennai, on 17th February'2015.

Seminars

1. Ms Anitha Mary S. participated in a seminar on " Social Media Marketing" organized by CMR College, Banaswadi on 21st and 22nd March 2014.

2. Ms Clara John participated in a seminar on " Social Media Marketing" organized by CMR College, Banaswadi on 21st and 22nd March 2014.

3. Ms.Christina Aroojis participated in a seminar on "Introduction to Outreach Programme and Social Awareness" organized by St. Joseph's Business Administration, Bangalore on 5/07 / 2014.

4. Ms Clara John participated in a seminar on "Social Media Marketing" organized by CMR College, Banaswadi on 21/03/2014 and 22/03/2014.

5. Rev. Dr. Daniel Fernandes SJ, organized and participated in a State Level Seminar on " Excellence in Jesuit Higher Education , sponsored by Karnataka Jesuit Province Commission for Higher Education, at St. Joseph's College of Commerce(Autonomous) from 14/2/2015 to 15/ 2/ 2015 November, 2015.

6. Rev. Dr. Daniel Fernandes SJ, participated in a two-day National Seminar on the 'Role of Religion in Promoting Peace and Harmony: Contribution of Christianity" at Christ University from 19/2/2015 to 20/2/ 2015.

7. Ms. Gayatri Sasi Tampi attended a national level seminar on "E-Content Development for Enhancing Pedagogical Skills for Teachers in Higher Education: A Complete E-Content Production Experience" organized by Christ University Bangalore from 9/09/2014 to 11/09/ 2014.

8. Dr. Lalima Chakaraverty participated in a national level seminar on "Narrating Centres and Peripheries: Minority Discourses in India", organized by Christ University, Bangalore, from 12/01/2015 to 13/01/ 2015.

9. Ms. Nirmala Joseph participated in a UGC sponsored state level seminar on "An Overview of the Companies Act, 2013, at St. Joseph's College of Commerce (Autonomous) on 12/09/2014.

10. Mr. Mithun D.J participated in a UGC Sponsored National Level Seminar "Human Resource Management in Higher Educational Institutions (HEI)" at St. Joseph's College of Commerce (Autonomous) from 18/09/2014 to 19/09/2014.

11. Ms. Muktha participated in a national level seminar "Relevance of Interdisciplinary Approach in Higher Education" organized by the IQAC at Kristu Jayanthi College (Autonomous), Bangalore, from 22/01/2015 to 23/01/2015.

12. Ms. Muktha participated in a UGC sponsored state level seminar on "An Overview of the Companies Act, 2013, at St. Joseph's College of Commerce (Autonomous) on 12th Sep'2014

13. Ms. Muktha participated in a state level seminar on "Excellence in Jesuit Higher Education'' sponsored by Karnataka Jesuit Province Commission for Higher Education, at St. Joseph's College of Commerce (Autonomous) from 14/11/2014 to 15 /11 /2014.

14. Ms. Muktha participated in a UGC sponsored national level seminar on "Human Resource Management in Higher Educational Institutions (HEI)" at St. Joseph's College of Commerce (Autonomous) from 18/09/ 2014 to 19/09 / 2014.

15. Ms. Nirmala Joseph participated in a UGC sponsored national level seminar on, "Human resource management in higher educational institutions (HEI)" at St. Joseph's College of Commerce (Autonomous) on 18/09/ 2014.

16. Ms. Nirmala Joseph participated in an international level seminar on" Risk Management in Commodity and Financial Markets', organized by Kristu Jayanthi College (Autonomous), Bangalore, from 25/ /09 /2014 to 26/09 /2014.

17. Ms. Nirmala Joseph participated in a state level seminar on "Excellence in Jesuit Higher Education '' sponsored by Karnataka Jesuit Province Commission For Higher Education, at St. Joseph's College of Commerce (Autonomous) from 14/11 /2014 to 15/11 /2014.

18. Ms. Nirmala Joseph participated in a national level seminar on "Relevance of Interdisciplinary Approach in Higher Education" organized by the IQAC at Kristu Jayanthi College (Autonomous), Bangalore, from 22/01/2015 to 23/01/2015.

19. Ms. Poornima attended a national level seminar on "E-Content Development for Enhancing Pedagogical Skills for Teachers in Higher Education: A Complete E-Content Production Experience" organized by Christ University Bangalore from 9/09/2014 to 11/09/2014.

20. Ms. Poornima participated in a UGC sponsored state level seminar on "An Overview of the Companies

Act, 2013, at St. Joseph's College of Commerce (Autonomous) on 12/09/2014.

21. Ms. Poornima participated in a state level seminar on "Excellence in Jesuit Higher Education, sponsored by Karnataka Jesuit Province Commission for Higher Education, at St. Joseph's College of Commerce (Autonomous) from 14/11/2014 to 15/11/ 2014.

22. Mr. Ravi Richard participated in a state level seminar on "Excellence in Jesuit Higher Education, sponsored by Karnataka Jesuit Province Commission for Higher Education, at St. Joseph's College of Commerce (Autonomous) from 14/11/2014 to 15/11/2014.

23. Ms. Ravi Darshini attended a seminar on "Accounting for Managers" at RV Institute of Management Studies, Bangalore on 26/09/2014.

24. Ms. Ravi Darshini participated in a UGC sponsored state level seminar on "An Overview of the Companies Act, 2013," at St. Joseph's College of Commerce (Autonomous) on 12/09/2014.

25. Ms. Ravi Darshini participated in a state level seminar on "Excellence in Jesuit Higher Education, sponsored by Karnataka Jesuit Province Commission for Higher Education, at St. Joseph's College of Commerce (Autonomous) from 14/11/2014 to 15/11/ 2014.

26. Ms. Ravi Darshini participated in a national level seminar on "Choice Based Credit System as an Approach to Skill Based Student Cantered Learning in Higher Education" at Mount Carmel College, Bangalore on 11/02/2015.

27. Dr. D. Raja Jebasingh participated in a UGC sponsored national level seminar "Human Resource Management in Higher Educational Institutions (HEI)" at St. Joseph's College of Commerce (Autonomous) from 18/09/2014 to 19/09/2014.

28. Dr. D. Raja Jebasingh participated in a state level seminar on "Excellence in Jesuit Higher Education, sponsored by Karnataka Jesuit Province Commission for Higher Education, at St. Joseph's College of Commerce (Autonomous) from 14/11/2014 to 15/11/2014.

29. Mr. Raj Sadhwani participated in a state level seminar on "Excellence in Jesuit Higher Education, sponsored by Karnataka Jesuit Province Commission for Higher Education, at St. Joseph's College of Commerce (Autonomous) from 14/11/2014 to 15/11/2014.

30. Mr. Raj Sadhwani participated in a Indian Council for Historical Research (ICHR) sponsored on "Role of Tribal's in the cultural history of South India 10th to 19th century A.D" at Jothi Nivas College (Autonomous) Bangalore , from 25th to 26th Nov 2014.

31. Mr. Ramesh Babu participated in the national seminar on "New Paradigms of Academic Excellence" at Kristu Jayanti College in Bangalore in /05/ 2014.

32. Mr. Ramesh Babu participated in the national seminar on "Excellence in Higher Education and Challenges in India" at T John Institute of Management Science in Bangalore in /12/ 2014.

33. Ms. Rency Alex participated in the national seminar on 'Emerging Trends in Global Financial System" at M.E.S. College on19 /09/ 2014.

34. Ms. Rency Alex participated in a state level seminar on "Excellence in Jesuit Higher Education" sponsored by Karnataka Jesuit Province Commission for Higher Education, at St. Joseph's College of Commerce (Autonomous) from 14/11/2014 to 15/11/2014.

35. Ms. Rency Alex participated in the national seminar on "Choice Based Credit System as an Approach to Skill Based Student Cantered Learning in Higher Education" at Mount Carmel College, Bangalore on 11/02 /2015.

36. Fr. Roshan Pereira SJ participated in a seminar on "Introduction to Outreach Programme and Social Awareness" organized by St. Joseph's College of Business Administration, Bangalore on 5/07/ 2014.

37. Fr. Roshan Pereira SJ participated in a national level seminar on "Young Jesuits in Higher Education" organized by Loyola College , Chennai from 25/07/2014 to 27/07/2014.

38. Fr. Roshan Pereira SJ participated in a state level seminar on "Excellence in Jesuit Higher Education, sponsored by Karnataka Jesuit Province Commission for Higher Education, at St. Joseph's College of Commerce (Autonomous) from14/11/2014 to 15/11/2014.

39. Dr. Sheela A.M participated in a UGC sponsored national level seminar "Human Resource Management in Higher Educational Institutions (HEI)" at St. Joseph's College of Commerce (Autonomous) from18/09/2014 to 19/09/2014.

40. Dr. Sheela A.M participated in a UGC sponsored national level seminar "Human Resource Management in Higher Educational Institutions (HEI)" at

St. Joseph's College of Commerce (Autonomous) from 18/09/2014 to 19/09/2014.

41. Dr. Shubhra Rahul participated in a national level seminar on "Operations Management Techniques" organized by St. Joseph's College of Business Administration, Bangalore, on 12/02/2015.

42. Ms. Theresa Rathi Rani presented a paper on 'Impact of Recession on the Luxury Goods Market in India' in UGC sponsored National Conference "Emerging Trends & Challenges in Management" in Jodhpur on 27th & 28th Feb. 2015

43. Ms. Tina P. Singh participated in a UGC sponsored national level seminar "Human resource management in higher educational institutions (HEI)" at St. Joseph's College of Commerce (Autonomous) from 18/09 /2014 to19/09/2014.

44. Ms. Tina P. Singh participated in an international level seminar on" Risk Management in Commodity and Financial Markets', organized by Kristu Jayanthi College (Autonomous), Bangalore, from 25/09 /2014 to 26/09 /2014.

45. Ms. Tina P. Singh participated in a state level seminar on "Excellence in Jesuit Higher Education, sponsored by Karnataka Jesuit Province Commission for Higher Education, at St. Joseph's College of Commerce (Autonomous) from 14/11 /2014 to 15/11 / 2014.

46. Mr.VinayKambipura participated and presented a paper titled "Narrating Metaphors: Metaphorical Thinking in D R Nagaraj's Writings" in a national level seminar on "Narrating Centres and Peripheries: Minority Discourses in India", organized by Christ University, Bangalore, from 12/01/2015 to 13/01/ 2015.

Symposiums

1. Dr. Himachalapathy participated in a state level FDP on "Research Methodology" conducted by Sindhi College, Hebbel, on 14/02 / 2015.

2. Mr. Lava Kumar participated in a state level Katha Kammata-2014 organized by Besagarahalli Ramanna Trust in Kuppalli. Shimoga from 7/11 /2014 to 9/11 /2014.

3. Mr. Raj Sadhwani participated in an Indian Council for Historical Research (ICHR) sponsored symposium on "Role of Tribals in the Cultural History of South India 10th to 19th century A.D" at Jyothi Nivas College (Autonomous) Bangalore , from 25/11/2014 to 26/11 / 2014.

4. Ms. Theresa Rathi Rani attended a national level FDP on CIMA Professional Curriculum in Bangalore sponsored by CIMA, Mumbai, India from 9 /01 /2015 to 11/01 /2015.

5. Ms. Ruqsana Anjum attended a national level FDP on CIMA Professional Curriculum in Bangalore sponsored by CIMA, Mumbai, India on 9 /01 /2015 & 11/01 / 2015.

6. Dr. Shubhra Rahul participated in a state level FDP on "Research Methodology" conducted by Sindhi College, Hebbal, on 14/02 / 2015.

Workshops

1. Ms Anitha Mary. S attended S.A.P. workshop on "Introduction to SAP" organized by St. Joseph's College of Commerce (Autonomous) from 22 /05 /2014 to 24 /05 / 2014.

2. Mr. Augustin Amaladas participated in a one day workshop on "IFRS" conducted by ISDC in association with Bangalore University at St. Joseph's College of Commerce (Autonomous) on 12/04 / 2014.

3. Ms. Christina Aroojis attended S.A.P. workshop on "Introduction to SAP" organized by St. Joseph's College of Commerce (Autonomous) from 22 /05 /2014 to 24 /05 / 2014.

4. Ms. Clara John attended S.A.P. workshop on "Introduction to SAP" organized by St. Joseph's College of Commerce (Autonomous) from 22 /05 /2014 to 24 /05 / 2014.

5. Dr. Himachalapathy attended a national level Workshop on Applied Econometrics in Business and Finance organized by Xavier Institute of Management and Entrepreneurship, Bangalore on 23/01 /2015 to 24 /01 / 2015.

6. Mr. Kumeresan attended S.A.P. workshop on "Introduction to SAP" organized by St. Joseph's College of Commerce (Autonomous) from 22/05/2014 to 24 /05 /2014.

7. Mr. Mithun D J attended a DATA ANALYSIS USING SPSS – A NATIONAL Level WORKSHOP organized by St. Joseph's College of Commerce (Autonomous) in /08/ 2014.

8. Ms. Poornima participated in a one day workshop on "IFRS" conducted by ISDC in association with Bangalore University at St. Joseph's College of Commerce (Autonomous) on 12 April 2014.

9. Ms. Poornima V has participated a National Level Workshop on "Instructional Design, Multimedia and e-resources in Higher Education" at Christ University, Bangalore ,from 29 Sep 2014 to 1 Oct ' 2014.

10. Ms. Preemal Maria D' Souza attended S.A.P. workshop on "Introduction to SAP" organized by St. Joseph's College of Commerce (Autonomous) from 22-24 /05/ 2014

11. Prof. Ravi Richard participated in a one day workshop on "IFRS" conducted by ISDC in association with Bangalore University at St. Joseph's College of Commerce (Autonomous) on 12 April 2014.

12. Prof. Ravi Richard participated in a national Level Workshop on 'Skill Development" organized by National Skill Development Council, GOI, Bangalore, on 20/12/2014.

13. Mr. Ramesh Babu attended S.A.P. workshop on "Introduction to SAP" organized by St. Joseph's College of Commerce (Autonomous) from 22-24 /05/ 2014

14. Ms Tasmiya Hussni & Ms. Komal participated in a nation level workshop on "Personal Effectiveness" organized by St. Joseph's College of Business Administration, Bangalore 20 /09/2014.

Faculty Member's Academic Assignments

Rev. Dr. Daniel Fernandes, SJ,

- Chairperson of Institutional Research and Ethical Board (IREB) of St. Philomena's Hospital, Bangalore

- A member of Governing Body of Mount CarmelCollege, Bangalore .

- Member of the NAAC Peer team to assess the following colleges:

1.Sikh National College, Charan Kanwal, Banga, Punjab
2 Multani Mal Modi College, Patiala, Punjab.

Dr. Lily Nirmal David

- Empanelled as an external Academic expert member of Board of Studies at Christ University.
- Member of the NAAC Peer team to assess the following colleges
  - Gobi Arts & Science College (Autonomous), Karattadipalayam, Gobichettipalayam, Erode, Tamil Nadu
  - Sacred Heart Degree College, Bizwar Road, Naipalapur, Sitapur, Uttar Pradesh.

Dr. D Raja Jebasingh

- Acted as external examiner (Indian) for evaluation of Ph.D. Thesis for Bharthidasan University, Trichy, Tamil Nadu.
- Selected Member Editorial Board, KASC Journal of Social Science, ISSN 2394-482X, Bi- Annual Journal Published By Kongu Arts and Science College, Erode, Tamil Nadu.

Faculty Publications

1. Ms. Christina Aroojis, Service Quality Perception Of Consumers And Its Impact On The Profitability In Commercial Banking, Intercontinental Journal of Banking, Insurance and Finance Volume 2, Issue 1, /01/ 2015. ISSN : 2350-0875 (Online) ISSN : 2350-0867 (Print)

2. Ms. Clara John, Multicultural working environment: challenges faced by expatriates in educational institutions. ISBN 978-81-924180-2-5

3. Rev. Dr. Daniel Fernandes, SJ, "Higher Education and Emerging Technologies: Rethinking the Learning Experience", University News, Vol 52, No 45, /11/ 2014.

4. Rev. Dr. Daniel Fernandes, SJ "Higher Education and Emerging Technologies", University News Vol 52, No 48, /12/ 2014.

5. Rev. Dr. Daniel Fernandes, SJ, "Educational Autonomy: A Step towards Excellence in Higher Education, University News", Vol. 53, No. 03, /01/ 2015.

6. Rev. Dr. Daniel Fernandes, SJ, "Collaborative Learning – Moving from limits into possibilities", International journal of applied services marketing perspectives ISSN: 2279-0977 (print) ISSN: 2279-0985 (online)

7. Ms. Gayatri Sasi Tampi & Dr Lily N. David, "Dynamics of employee branding" Business Sciences International Research Journal: Volume 3 Issue 1(2016), ISSN 2321-3191.

8. Dr. Lalima Chakraverty," Displacement, Infidelity and the Narrative of Becoming", Research Scholar – An International Refereed e-Journal on Literary Explorations. (ISSN: 2320-6101), Vol. 2 issue II, /05/ 2014.

9. Dr. Lily David, "Political & Social Changes – Have they really impacted Bonded Labour in India?" International Journal of Business Management and Social Sciences Vol. III, Issue 12 (IV), /08/ 2014, ISSN:2249-7463

10. Dr. Lily David, "Experiments and innovations in Branding via Social Media" IJBMSS, Vol IV, Issue (1) Sept 2014. ISSN: 2249-7463

11. Dr. Lily David," Impact of Political Refurbish on the Consumer Goods Market with special reference to FMCG Goods" International Journal of Business, Management and Social Sciences Vol. IV., Issue 2 (1), /10/ 2014. ISSN: 2249-7463

12. Dr .Lily David," Revival of the Indian Economy in the light of Political Rejuvenation" International Journal of Information and Futuristic Research Vol. 2., Issue 2, /10/ 2014, ISSN(Online): 2347 – 1697.

13. Mr. Lava Kumar published an article titled "Alada adi Araluttiruva Jagruta Kanasuglu" in Ankavaani newspaper on 5 /08/ 2014.

14. Mr. Lava Kumar published an article titled "Interview with C. Basavalingaiah" in Bahula /11/ 2014 edition.

15. Mr. Lava Kumar published an article in Kannada weekly Agni Patrike titled " Vyaktiyobba Parampareyada Kathe, Article on CGK", dated 30 /01/ 2014Interview with C. Basavalingaiah.

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Completed							
1	Dr. Sheela A.M	Climate Change and its impact on Livelihoods	Minor	UGC	1,05,000	2012	Completed and Submitted to the UGC
Ongoing							
1	Mr. Ravi Richard	Institutional Network of women Entrepreneurs–A study about perceived effectiveness	Minor	UGC	50,000	2009	Ongoing
2	Ms. Ruqsana Anjum	Problems encountered Agarbathi manufacturers in the city of Bangalore	Minor	UGC	83,000	2011	Ongoing
3	Dr. D. Raja Jebasingh	A Critical Evaluation of New And Renewable Energy Sources In Karnataka With Special Reference To Wind Energy	Minor	UGC	55,000	2010	Ongoing

PLACEMENT CELL REPORT

Placement activities at St. Joseph's College of Commerce have always been beneficial to the students as well as the college. This year's placement performance was gratifying, both in terms of response from the industry as well as the performance of the students. The academic year for placements started with an executive level meeting with Ms. Shalini Pillay who is the Head of People, Performance and Culture at KPMG to strengthen industry-academia bonding through guest lectures, research projects and supplying e-material for the college library.

Placement assistance at

At St. Joseph's College of Commerce, we are continuously working on grooming the skills of our students to make them industry ready. Under the guidance of Ms. Komal Dave, Placement co-ordinator, the following guest talks were conducted across all sections of final year students:

Date	Guest Speaker	Topic
24th July 2014	Mr. Rohan D'souza and Mr. Arvind, tax and Audit Departments – KPMG	The 'how, why, when and where' of Chartered Accountancy
28th June 2014, 12th July 2014, 19th July 2014	Ms. Preethi Irudayam, Programme Manager – IBM	Life's next chapter – Glimpse into Corporate Life
19th July 2014	Mr. Sai Krishna, ACA, CFE, Alumni of St. Joseph's College Of Commerce	Beyond Chartered Accountancy
27th June 2014	Mr. Sai Krishna, ACA, CFE, Alumni of St. Joseph's College Of Commerce	Exploring opportunities in Travel and Tourism
5th June 2014 and 9th June 2014	Mr. Sahir Khan, Assistant Product Manager, Linde group, Alumni of St. Joseph's College Of Commerce	Beyond campus placements – a talk on self-searching of jobs and opportunities to climb up the corporate ladder

Other placement assistance activities included:

- A pre-internship talk for the students of 2nd year B.Com and BBM, in which students of 3rd year B.Com and BBM shared their internship experiences to assist the second year students in understanding various types of internships and choosing one that suits them.
- KPMG created a micro website discussing the Union Budget of 2014. Students were given access to this website to learn more about the budget and its effects. A seminar was also organised by the senior associates of the company.
- Test cracker' conducted a pre-placement workshop for final year students. Spread over a period of two weeks, this workshop included mock interviews, developing soft skills, and training students to make them 'job-ready'.

On-campus placement

Several organizations, being industry leaders as well as start-ups, approached the institution in search of efficient candidates to take up jobs offered by them. Being the 8th best Commerce institution in India, the firms offered diverse roles varying from finance, marketing, human and public relations, to name a few. Information about placements was made available to students through the college SMS system, college website and placement notice board. The average CTC offered by these companies was between 2.6 to 3.5 lakhs per annum.

The following companies carried out on-campus placements:

Company	Job Role	Shortlisted	Selected
DE Shaw	Finance	12	2
Deloitte	Audit and Assurance	19	10
UBS Verity	Finance	5	3
KPMG	Tax	18	5
	GRCS		5
	AAS		1
Ernst &Young Global	Tax & Assurance	50	29
ANZ	Finance and Banking	47	20
KPMG	KRC Audit	15	5
	GDC		5
TESCO	Retail	20	10
Target	Retail	15	9



Goldman Sachs (intern converts)	Compliance, Operations, Human Capital Management & Internal Audit	-	20
Decathlon	Sports marketing	13	4
Amazon	Retail	50	12
Asian Paints	Sales and Marketing	02	1
E Y India	Advisory	08	03
Orange County Resorts and Hotels Ltd	Sales and Marketing	04	02
Antel International Network	Business Research	05	01
Accenture	Accounts and SAP	04	01

• Grant Thornton conducted Article Trainee Placements on 16th December, 2014. Students who had attempted IPCC Group 1 or Group 2 examinations were eligible to sit for this placement drive. Four students were selected and offered jobs.

• KPMG, EY and PWC have hired close to 20 prospective C.A. students as article interns.

• A pool campus drive within the sister institutions (St. Joseph's College of Commerce, St. Joseph's College of Arts & Science and St. Joseph's Evening College) was organised in campus for placements in Decathlon, Amazon and TESCO.

Off-campus placement

Certain companies conducted interviews to select candidates at their offices. Interested students mailed-in their resumes to the placement cell and accordingly, they were forwarded to the respective companies.

Internship for 2nd year students

Internship at the end of 2nd year is a compulsory part of the curriculum at St. Joseph's College of Commerce.

Students are required to undergo an internship of 4-6 weeks to experience corporate life, which will help them later in future placements.

The following companies conducted on-campus internship drives:

• Goldman Sachs: Goldman Sachs Services Private Ltd. visited the campus a number of times to offer internships in the following departments:

1. Operations – 20 candidates were selected
2. Human Capital Management – 2 candidates were selected
3. Compliance – 2 candidates were selected
4. Finance – 2 candidates were selected
5. Internal Audit – yet to come

• KPMG: KPMG is in the process of conducting a campus ambassador drive, lasting for a period of 9 months, from January to September 2015. Three students were chosen as ambassadors:

1. Namrata Kaushik
2. Nikhil Konai
3. Narasimha

The Placement Cell at St. Joseph's College Of Commerce has an existing database of companies and contacts, which is made available to students who need help not only for placements, but also for internships. Off-campus internship drives were a result of student efforts in finding a suitable internship program for themselves:

• Shraddha Sangwai of II B.Com bagged a 60 day internship with Volvo India Pvt. Ltd to work with their sales team.

• Mohammed Tayeb of II B.Com won a campus scholarship and was given the opportunity to intern with EY India.

The placement cell would like to wish all students good luck in their future endeavours.

PROFESSIONAL COURSES AND INDUSTRY BASED SYLLABUS

As an autonomous college, St. Joseph's College of Commerce takes pride in the fact that it incorporates industry based requirements into its curriculum and offers students the opportunity to pursue professional courses along with a B.Com or BBM degree. For this purpose, the college has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the following associations and institutions:

Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA)

On 31st July, 2014, a MOU was signed between St. Joseph's College of Commerce and Mr. Debasish Biswas, country head, CIMA. The purpose of this was to give students an opportunity to pursue a CIMA professional course along with B.Com or BBM. At the end of three years, students will graduate with a B.Com or BBM degree as well as a CIMA professional degree. Interested students were oriented about the programme through seminars on 13th and 14th August, 2014. Classes for this programme were conducted by the International Skill Development Centre (ISDC).



Ernst & Young (EY)

EY extended its support to conduct a 'Tax Campus Outreach Programme' in the college from 18th to 22nd August 2014. In this regard, a MOU was signed between Mr. Chandy, Partner EY LLP, and Mr. Neil, Associate Director, Tax and Regulatory services, EY and Rev. Dr. Daniel Fernandes SJ, Principal, St. Joseph's College of Commerce. The purpose of this was to train students in different fields which would become prominent in the near future. This tax training programme was a step in that direction. At the end of the training programme, students were awarded a certificate of participation, and top performers received a certificate of excellence. With a certificate of excellence, these students enjoyed the benefit of being able to attend the EY campus placement interview without having to go through preliminary rounds.

Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA)

On 4th August, 2014, a roundtable was organised by ACCA, a professional body from UK (London) – "From education to employment- Designing a system that works", between employers and universities at Grand Hyatt, MG Road. Employers expressed their concerns on skills to be possessed by students and universities and expressed their difficulties in promulgating the same. It was an enriching experience for one and all present as they were able to understand the current trend in the job market in order to groom students as per industry needs.

In this regard, the college signed a MOU with Ms. Lucia Real Martin, Director, Emerging Market, ACCA, on 6th August 2014. The purpose of this was to start an ACCA course, in addition to the regular B.Com course offered by the college.

LSE SUMMER SCHOOL

International exposure is something that St. Joseph's College of Commerce strives to provide for its students. In a time where practical knowledge trumps textbook theory, various courses offered by London School of Economics for second year BBM students of our college prove to be hugely beneficial. This year, thirteen students took up the LSE summer school option in the month of July, where they got the opportunity to travel to London and spend a month there. Courses were offered in Management and Accounting, with majority of the students opting for Strategic Management.

The course structure was spread over a period of three weeks, and was split into two parts: classes and lectures. Classes were held five days a week, and students attended a total of twelve classes and twelve lecture sessions over a period of three weeks. During the lecture, various concepts of management were discussed in ways which could be easily understood, and real life cases were discussed during the classes. Assessment was done at the end of the third week, wherein students were required to prepare a presentation which constituted 20% of the final grade, as well as take up a formal written exam which formed the other 80% of the grade. At the end of the program, each student was given a final grade and a certificate.

LSE wasn't all work and no play. Many mixers and sessions were planned to get the international students to interact with one another.

Being in a room with five hundred odd students representing different cultures of the world helped broaden our students' thinking and they were able to learn beyond the pages of a textbook.
Apart from LSE, the students were able to explore the city of London. Being a cosmopolitan city, London had a lot to offer to the students, in terms of cultural diversity, aptly called a marriage of culture and modernity.The students visited the following well known sights:

- London Eye
- West Minster Abbey
- British Museum
- Beatles' Story
- Hyde Park

After a month in London, the students returned to India on 30th July, 2014. Overall, the programme proved to be an enriching experience which gave the students a sense of liberty and taught them to think outside the box.



PARENT TEACHER MEETING

At St. Joseph's College of Commerce, a healthy and cooperative relationship between parents, staff and students is encouraged, to allow for the all-round development of the students. Parents are advised to continuously monitor their ward's performance. Keeping this in mind, a Parent-Teacher meeting was organised on 3rd September, 2014. There was a formal function organised for the parents of first year students as this was their first meeting with the teachers.

Beginning with the prayer, parents saw a classical dance performance by two students, which was followed by the introduction of our principal, Rev Dr. Daniel Fernandes SJ and the chief guest, Ian Faria.

Rev. Dr. Daniel Fernandes SJ spoke about the college, what he believes in and various facilities available to

the students and spoke about the need for the parents to be aware of the activities their children are involved in and to be involved with them.

Following the principal's speech, the chief guest, Mr. Ian Faria, a corporate trainer, coach and mentor, spoke to parents about the need to understand the children of the digital age. He emphasized on the need to connect to and understand the child. He highlighted the importance of parent-child interaction, and that parents should work with their children instead of trying to control them. Parents were then introduced to all the class mentors and the counsellors. This was followed by a song and dance performance, which was quite entertaining. After the vote of thanks, parents were served refreshments and were asked to meet the respective class mentors, if they felt the need to.

SWANSEA UNIVERSITY EXCHANGE PROGRAMME



Every year, St. Joseph's College of Commerce conducts a student exchange programme with Swansea University, wherein a number of students from Swansea spend a month on campus and experience what being a Josephite means. At the end of the year, a few students from our college are welcomed to Swansea. This year was no different.

Under the guidance of Ms. Tasmiya Hussni and Ms. Rathi David, the students from Swansea University were greeted on arrival at the Kempegowda International Airport on 18th August, 2014. There were eight students accompanied by one staff member. On 19th August 2014, they were formally welcomed to the college with a special cultural programme.





Each student from Swansea is assigned a 'buddy' i.e. one student from St. Joseph's College Of Commerce who would accompany them and see to their needs. The one month experience included the following:

- Thought provoking lecture sessions with Dr. Rajaram, Dr. Cheriyan Alexander and Ms. Geetha Menon. Interesting subjects were discussed, and various opinions were highlighted.
- Sessions on Pottery, Yoga and Art therapy.
- Industrial visit to Narayana Institute of Neurosciences, one of the leading medical institutes in the city.

- Local tour of Bangalore city. The students were made aware of the famous places in the city, both old and new, including places known for shopping and other interesting activities.

- Outstation trips to Mysore, Bijapur and Solur. At Mysore, the students were taken to the famous Mysore zoo and Palace. At Solur, the students visited temples and villages and experienced what life would be in a convent.

- Spiritual visit to Fireflies Ashram, where students were made aware of the belief of eight stages of life.

- Visit to buddy's house. The purpose of this was to show them an Indian household.

The exchange programme concluded with a cultural day for the Swansea students, where they dressed up in traditional Indian attire, followed by an evaluation of the exchange programme, before departing on 7th September 2014.

All in all, the programme was a learning experience not only for the students of Swansea University, but also for the students and staff of St. Joseph's College of Commerce.



KOBE COLLEGE EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

From Swansea to Kobe, St. Joseph's College of Commerce is home to various student exchange programmes, with a view to break international barriers and highlight cultural diversity.

Kobe College, Japan is an institution for higher learning for women in the field of liberal arts and sciences. From 2010 onwards an exchange programme has been operating, where by the students of each institution are able to experience the culture and lifestyle of the host country. Lectures on economy and social conditions, workshops on traditional crafts and visits to historical places and industries form part of the programme. Indulgences in traditional clothes and food give an added flavor to this programme.

On October 2014 our Principal Rev. Dr. Daniel Fernandes, SJ along with three students visited Kobe College and signed a MOU to facilitate the student exchange programme.



The students of Kobe College, accompanied by one staff member, arrived in Bangalore on 30th August 2014. On the day of arrival, they were taken to Commercial Street, where the students were quite fascinated by the attire worn by people, the shops and the crowd.

The following day there was a formal welcome programme conducted in our college which consisted of Indian as well as western dance performances, followed by a fashion show portraying the various traditional attires of India. The program ended with the students of Kobe College putting up a small performance.

Over the course of their stay here, the students had the following activities planned for them:

- Visit to BOSCO orphanage, Missionaries of Charity, Tibetan Youth hostel and JoythiSeva.
- Outstation trip to Mysore. They were taken on a tour to the SONY head office in Vrindavan Tech Village.
- The students were also given lectures on various topics in the college campus after which they enjoyed being draped in a Sari, applying Mehandi and making rangoli.
- A visit to Anekal was planned to get them to familiarize with the work done by the Jesuits, and also to senselize them about the condition of women in villages.
- Shopping for Indian attire and souvenirs.

The eight-day stay proved to be a learning experience not only for the students from Kobe College, but also for the staff and students at St. Joseph's College Of Commerce.

TEACHING STAFF



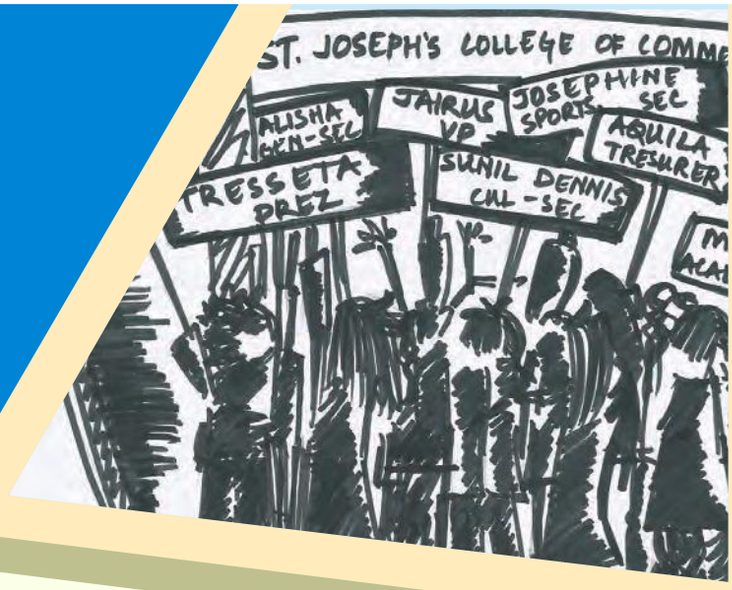
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CUTTING EDGE

"The world can only be grasped by action, not by contemplation. The hand is the cutting edge of the mind."

-Diane Arbus



STUDENT COUNCIL

Simon Sinek once said, "Leadership is not about the next election, it's about the next generation." In a country where the general public defines leadership through youth rather than experience, where the state of affairs are being modified through this new form of leadership, the students at St. Joseph's College of Commerce are similarly being affected by young and enthusiastic leaders. These leaders are known as the Student Council, and the Student Council Election is an annual tradition of the college.

Just like every other election, the Student Council election began with the filing of nominations. Students who felt that their capabilities met the requirements for various posts filed their nominations by the 6th of June, 2014.

Campaigning for election was spread over two days, 9th& 10th of June, 2014.

Colourful posters decorated the walls of the college, while catchy slogans caught the attention of every student. Campaigning involved marketing one's capabilities in the most creative way, through classroom campaigning, rallying on the basketball court, and finally, public speeches.

Students, as well as the staff, listened carefully as each candidate tried to convince the audience of their abilities, in order to gain their confidence, and eventually their votes.

Elections for the Student Council were conducted on 11th June, 2014. In proper electoral fashion, electronic ballot machines were available for voting. After two days of campaigning and convincing, students of 2nd and 3rd year B.Com and BBM, voted for their favourites. The candidates were invited to vote first, followed by all the other students.

What followed was the most anxious moment for all candidates: results. The results were announced at 3 pm on the basketball court, by Ms. Veenu Joy, Student Governor. Applause and cheer welcomed the new council for the Academic Year 2014-15, which stands as follows:

President: TressetaLaurettaD'Cruz

Vice President: Jairus Ebenezar

General Secretary: Alisha Pearl Miranda

Treasurer: Aquila Shafeeque

Ladies Representative: Annabelle Chang

Academic Representative: Mario D'Vaz

Cultural Representative: Sunil Dennis

Sports Representative: Josephine Peter

BBM Coordinator: Syed Safdar

B.Com TT Coordinator: Natasha Dias

Apart from the above mentioned posts, the students of the postgraduate department of the college elected Benjamin Michael as the PG Coordinator for the Academic Year, on 17th June 2014. Similar to elections of the student council, each class elected their class representatives.

Various associations of the college were formed, with office bearers duly elected.

On interaction with a few students, one student rightfully said, “The process of voting makes each student feel important as each vote counts. All students are treated equally and are encouraged to make an informed decision.”

The Student Council Inauguration was held on 18th June, 2014. Not only was this ceremony an investiture for the Student Council, but also for the heads of various associations as well as the class representatives. The programme began by invoking God’s blessings with an invocation dance, followed by a solemn prayer delivered by Fr. Roshan Pereira, Campus Minister of the college. Ms. Veenu Joy then formally welcomed the gathering.

Dressed in suits and sarees, looking like leaders ready to command, the students then took the oath of office, solemnly swearing to perform their duties to the best of their abilities, following which, badges were given to the student council and association heads.

The programme concluded with the Vote of Thanks being delivered by TressetaD’Cruz, President of the Student Council of St. Josephs College of Commerce, followed by singing of the college anthem ‘Faith and Toil’.









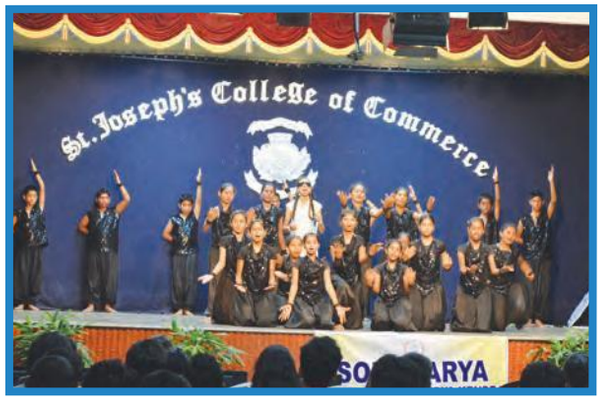
IGNITORS

'To Enlighten' – Ignitors this year was held for three consecutive days, from 19th to 21st June, 2014. As part of the programme, there were a number of activities which not only encouraged innovation and creativity among the students, but also gave the students ideas on how to improve their lifestyle. The programme was organized by volunteers and life skill trainers, many of whom were former Josephites. The volunteers spoke about their ideas and personal or professional passions. The main objective of the program was to 'ignite' the audience.

Most of the sessions that were held focused on self-esteem, team building, peer pressure, and conflict management. A special session, 'Project Vision', was organised in order to create awareness on the importance of eye donation. The Roman Catholic students attended a holy retreat which brought out their underlying spirituality. Videos, songs and group activities were conducted as part of the retreat.

All sessions proved to be enriching for the students, and 'Ignitors' has helped the students become more confident and successfully tap their hidden talents.

[Read the interview with Fr. Brian Periera SJ in the Interviews section]







UGC SPONSORED NATIONAL LEVEL SEMINAR

Human Resource practices in Higher educational institutions – perspectives and challenges The dynamics of today's higher education has brought about a sea change in academic growth and development of Universities and Colleges. In this regard, a UGC-sponsored national seminar was organized by St. Joseph's College of Commerce. Spread over a period of two days, the seminar served as a forum for academicians, entrepreneurs and researchers to share their views on HRM practices in Higher Educational Institutions (HEI).

Day 1 – 18th September 2014

The seminar began with registration of all the participants, followed by the inaugural ceremony. The Chief Guest for the occasion was Prof. Bhagyalakshmi, Director of Department of Collegiate Education, Government of Karnataka, Bangalore. The inauguration ceremony began with a performance by the college music team, followed by the lighting of the lamp by the dignitaries. Rev. Dr. Daniel Fernandes SJ then delivered the welcome address, following which all the dignitaries addressed the audience. The seminar's compendium was then officially released which marked the beginning of the seminar.The key note address was delivered by Dr. Ignacimuthu, Director of the Entomology Research Institute of Loyola College, Chennai. In his speech, he spoke about existing challenges of Human Resource Management and important HR strategies. The inaugural ceremony was then concluded with the vote of thanks given by Mrs. Nirmala Joseph. The sessions that followed for the day were as follows:

Session	Topic	Speaker
Technical session - I	Mapping and understanding the relevance of HRM practices in HEI	• Prof. Dr. Savitha GR, Associate Professor of HR in Wellingston Institute of Management
		• Dr. Harold Andrew Patrick, Professor of Organizational Behaviour and HR at Christ University
Technical session – II	Enhancing the Quality Work Life (QWL) of Academicians	• Dr. E. Jerome Xavier, Principal of Indian Academy, Bangalore. • Dr. M. M. Bagli, Dean, Jain University, Bangalore.

Day 2 – 19th September 2014

Day 2 of the Seminar kicked off with the paper presentations. Researchers representing colleges from the across Bangalore and from Chennai, Coimbatore, Raipur, Vijayawada, Pune and Irinjalakuda presented their research papers on several themes such as the Human Research Management (HRM), Total Quality Management (TQM), appraisal of faculty, Teacher Training, Staff Motivation, Human Resource Accounting, among others, all concerning Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs).

The sessions for the day were as follows:

Session	Topic	Speaker
Technical session – III	Role and participation of stakeholders in HR practices of Higher Educational Institutions	Dr. Sharon Andrew, Happy Evangelist, Happiest Minds Technologies Pvt. Ltd., Bangalore
Panel Discussion	Can Higher Educational Institutions implement HR practices of the industry?	The panelists for the discussion were: • Rev. Dr. Daniel Fernandes SJ, Principal, St. Joseph's College of Commerce. • Mr. Glen Brass, Director, Peoples Pulse, Bangalore. • Mr. Willis Langford, Associate Director and HR – Admn Avnet, Bangalore. • Dr. Greta D'souza, Associate professor, Christ University.

Valedictory Address

The seminar ended with a valedictory address delivered by Rev. Dr. S. Peter, SJ, Director, SJCBA, Bangalore, which was commendable and inspirational. The participants were also invited to give an account of their experience at the seminar.



BBM MANAGEMENT SEMINAR

On the 11th of September, 2014, the BBM Department hosted a state – level management seminar focused on "Management Education -Creating effective Business Leaders and Management Thinkers". The seminar consisted of three distinct events, the first being a day-long paper presentation competition for students from our college as well as participating guest colleges. The second consisted of two guest lectures by eminent persons in the management industry. The third was a discussion between students and a diverse panel of professionals.

The day began with the inauguration ceremony, which was attended by the chief guest, Mr.Srinivas Rao, Rev. Fr. Dr. Daniel Fernandes SJ,the principal,Mrs. Nirmala Joseph,the vice-principal, Mrs. RencyBalraj,the BBM HOD, and Dr. Raja Jebasingh of the Research Department. The ceremony began with a prayer, the lighting of the lamp, cultural performances and the delegates addressing the audience.

Session	Topic	Speakers
Guest lecture 1	Emerging Trends in Management Education	Prof. Bholanath Dutta, the Founder of MTC Global
Guest lecture 2	Applying Management Techniques to Non -Traditional Areas of Business Management	Mr. Joseph Wesley, Senior Manager at World Vision
Panel discussion	Gender Management – Issues and Challenges	•Dr. Subhashini, Professorof Economics, St.Joseph's College. • Ms. Sylvia Veeraraghavan, Co-ordinator of JanaOnline, Janagraha Centre for Citizenship and Democracy. • Mr. Vir, Co-Founder and CEO, Suventure Services Private Limited

Throughout the day, the paper-presentation by various colleges went on alongside the lectures. Students from various colleges presented their research papers to the panel of judges consisting of Dr. Raja Jebasingh, from Research Department and Mrs. Shivakami Rajan, lecturer from BBM department. The rebuttal session after each paper helped the audience and judges challenge the views expressed in the papers and gauge its impact and relevance to the management industry.

The day ended with the valedictory ceremony, which also included the prize distribution. The winners of the paper presentation were Mahammad Thauseef P. and Mahammad Mufeez, for their paper titled "E-Commerce and Social Media – A study with reference to expectations and perception of students in Belthangady region – South Canara". The ceremony was concluded with a vote of thanks and a quick word of appreciation by the Principal.

AUGEO – STUDENT SEMINAR

Today's youth are tomorrow's future; it's our duty to fulfill our dreams and deeds. We, the students have that right to choose our field of specialization and achieve our goals. At St. Joseph's College of Commerce, seminars are conducted with a view to help students in various fields. 'Augeo 2015' provided students with a platform to understand the professional and corporate world through the paths of self-discovery and actualization.





Day 1, 28th January 2015 – Travel & Tourism Department

The first day saw speakers addressing the students of the travel and tourism department of the college, giving them an idea of how tourism is beneficial to our country

Session	Topic	Speaker
Session I	Tourism and its hot topics- Impact of tourism on Local communities	Ms. Aditi Chanchani, Director, Equations
Session II	Rights of Women and Children in Tourism.	Mr. Babu and Mr. Rajesh, Officials from Equations

Day 2, 29th January 2015 – First year B.Com and BBM

On day 2 the first year students were addressed on the following topics.

Session	Topic	Speaker
Session I	Be Yourself	Mr. Ajith K, Director of Buoyancy Ltd.
Session II	Cyber Security	Mr. Venkat.

Day 3, 30th January 2015 – Second year B.Com and BBM

The objective of the third day's seminar was to enable students of second year to make the right choice when it comes to picking their electives in the third and final year of their undergraduate studies.



Session	Topic	Speaker
Session I	Career opportunities in studying abroad and marketing	Mr. Sujeet Jha, Chief Mentor, at Caterpillar 2 Butterfly.
Session II	Be Yourself	Mr.Ajith K, Director of Buoyancy Ltd.
Session III	Career Opportunities in Finance and HR	Mr. Tom Stanley, HR manager and resource person, QED Agro Systems Pvt. Ltd.

Day 4, 31st January 2015 – Third year B.Com and BBM

The final day of the seminar saw industry experts guiding final year students with insights from their personal lives, and narrating their professional journeys through paths of success.

Session	Topic	Speaker
Session I	Interpersonal relationships and skills	Mr. Hemant, Alumni and ex-faculty of St. Joseph's College of Commerce
Session II	Issues in the corporate environment • Managing expectations • Importance of saving • Converting a normal job into an opportunity • Reality check on the corporate environment	• Ms. Vani, former employee of Ernst & Young, currently runs a family organisation. • Mr. Rakesh Murthy, an expert on the stock exchange. • Mr. Agarwal, former employee of Goldman Sachs, currently working at KPMG. •Rahul Nixon, former Student Council President of St. Joseph's College Of Commerce.

The sessions were interactive, and the students were updated with the current atmosphere of the outside world. At the end of the day, students were left more informed about what the real world requires of them and what they need to do to reach their career and personal objectives.



IQAC

The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), established in accordance with NAAC guidelines, is integral to the protraction and augmentation of the quality of an institution post accreditation. In St. Joseph's College of Commerce, the cell is neither a hierarchal structure nor a mere record keeping exercise, but serves as a vehicle that streamlines the efforts of the institution in promoting its holistic academic excellence. The sanguine efforts of the cell have been central to the development of a system to improve the performance of the institution – both academic and administrative, and have been the impetus behind the internalization of quality culture and the institutionalization of best practices that are the precursors of quality enhancement.

The IQAC has focused on the following areas for the holistic development of the College.

- Ensuring timely, efficient and progressive performance of academic, administrative and financial tasks.
- The relevance and quality of academic and research programs.
- Equitable access to and affordability of academic programs for various sections of society.
- Optimization and integration of modern methods of teaching and learning
- The credibility of evaluation procedures.
- Ensuring the adequacy, maintenance and functioning of the support structure and services.
- Research sharing and networking with other institutions in India and abroad.



STUDENT COUNCIL



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BUSINESS

"The entrepreneur always searches for change, responds to it, and exploits it as an opportunity."

-Peter Drucker





TED TALKS

TED (Technology, Entertainment, Design) is a global set of conferences owned by the private non-profit Sapling Foundation, under the slogan: "Ideas Worth Spreading".

TEDx are independent events organised under TED, for a non-profit purpose.The TEDxBangalore Adventure seeks to highlight real people, initiatives and institutions that are actively involved in making our city better every day.

As part of self-organized events conducted around the city that bring people together to share a TED-like experience, TEDx Bangalore visited St.Josephs College of Commerce on the 25th of July, 2014. Hosted by Neil Mascarenhas of 2 BBM A, the event had an audience of a hundred and fifty students from different classes.

The theme for the event was 'Social Entrepreneurship', and speakers from the audience were encouraged to spark deep discussion and connection in a small group based on the theme

An informative TEDTalks video was also screened.

Apart from group discussions, individual speakers from the audience were given an opportunity to speak for a minute on any issue in society screaming for change. Students and teachers of our college showed lively participation and awed one and all with their passion for rectification of issues, such as the monotonous educational system in our country and entrepreneurship trumping corporate jobs among others.

CIPHER

St. Joseph's College of Commerce prides itself on the platform provided to the students in order to guarantee their corporate and competitive exposure. This essential element in developing the professional within each student is exhibited in the annual intra-collegiate business fest- 'Cipher'.

Cipher 2014 strived to put the participants to the test with a constant thread of challenges, tasks and projects.

The students were engulfed in two days of gruelling yet enthralling corporate flamboyance and only the best survived the competition to the end.

Cipher 2014 was formally conducted on the 13th and 14th of August with the preliminary rounds starting from 11th. Participation was taken to a new level this year with approximately 700 students involved in various business events.

Cipher 2014 saw the inception of the Cipher Press







team. The Press team did a commendable job of ensuring that every student involved in the fest was occupied at all times with the intimidating impression that at any moment, they may be interrogated on their current position in their respective event.

The array of corporate events which took over St. Joseph's College of Commerce during Cipher 2014 were:

- Best Manager- Jack of all trades or Master of One.

- Finance- Any corporate leader navigating stormy and unpredictable global markets would agree that the demands on finance have changed. Today, finance must support flexibility, scalability and responsiveness to a multiplicity of global opportunities and challenges. He must empower the organisation to deliver products and services. Covering all the sectors most relevant in today's world, It will test his ability with numbers as well as his corporate knowledge.

- Marketing - Creativity, designing, spontaneity, and advertising skills put to test over fast paced- rounds. Marketing attracted an astounding 42 teams.



- Human Relations - This event aims to provide an insight into the HR functions of an organization, which will enable participants to understand how the department really works in a corporate setting.

- Public Relations - In Public Relations, YOU are literally the face of your company. So, you are as good as your personality permits you to be.

- Entrepreneurial Development - It's time to take that step into the real world and observe as the planet around you changes with every passing second.

- Mock Stock - Mock Stock is an event modelled on stock exchanges the world over, taking you through the main move of share transactions.

- Business Quiz - It's Quiz time, your opportunity to show off that mental ability that we all know you have.





CHANAKYA

The annual inter-collegiate business fest Chanakya, hosted by St. Joseph's College of Commerce, was received with tremendous anticipation on the 24th and 25th of November 2014. This proved to be an encounter between the brightest minds of the country as they competed on an intellectual level to prove their skill as well as to do justice to this colossal event. This fest saw the triumph of the theme of Greek mythology which was successfully immersed within each respective event. The fest was declared open by the Chief Guest, Mr. Aasheesh Arjun Singh, Partner at Grant Thornton.

This fest was a platform with national level events in association with theme based business conceptions, such as:

- Best manager – Tartarus
- Finance – Drachma
- Marketing – The 9 Muses
- Human resources - Prometheus
- Entrepreneurial Development – Turned to Stone
- Public resources – Iridescence
- Business Quiz – Achilles' Heel

In addition to these major events, this year saw the incorporation of 'Universal Crisis Management- Bellerophon'.

This event was a competition exclusively for teams from international colleges presenting their solutions to a given crisis via Skype video call.

This inter collegiate business fest manifested itself into an intricate experience overflowing with strategy play and theme based business conceptions. Every respective participating team represented a specific ancient Greek Olympian. Moreover, Chanakya has satisfyingly provided the opportunity for growth and learning not just for its participants but especially for all Josephites who worked for and towards its success.

The team from Christ University – Department of Professional Studies emerged victorious, while the team from Jain Centre for Management Studies was awarded the runners-up position. Chanakya strived to impress its tagline upon every individual involved with the fest to discover 'The Hero Within' themselves.







VIRTUOSO

As students of management, our lives are already being shaped by logic and pragmatism that form the basis of the corporate world. Our thinking, our actions, and our perception of the world extends solely to all that is explicable by logic, our horizons are limited by the pervasive emphasis on the need for foresight and rational thinking. The fact that we have started to lock a part of ourselves away under a veneer of unfazed and rational corporate calm heightens the need to free our minds a little and release our trapped dreams.

The BBM department of St. Joseph's College of Commerce conducted its annual inter-collegiate business fest Virtuoso 2014 – The Axiom of Choice on the 9th and 10th of December.

Virtuoso has been a much awaited event this year. Ever since it's conception in the year 2005, the fest has been appreciated and applauded for its class and content. In keeping with our dream of continuing the legacy of Virtuoso, the BBM students of St. Joseph's College of Commerce presented a fine display of talent and skill. The theme of Virtuoso 2014 - The Axiom of Choice was a portal to a realm that glorifies imagination, ideation, creativity, risk, madness and turbulent change in a serious world and the seven main events of the fest were related to board games. The theme of Virtuoso 2014 - The Axiom of Choice was a portal to a realm that glorifies imagination, ideation, creativity, risk, madness and turbulent change in a serious world and the seven main events of the fest were related to board games. The events were:

- Best Manager – Jumanji: An event of cut-throat competition where each participant strives to be the number one.
- Finance – Payday: Participants were judged on their ability to make investments and maintain returns in an industry solely dependent on the reaction of the public.
- Marketing – Risk: This event made participants focus on marketing opportunities to keep themselves in the limelight.
- Human Resource - Scotland Yard: The quality of participants was tested in putting up a performance that impresses one and all in times of distress.
- Business Quiz - Trivial Pursuit: This event tested the participants' knowledge with respect to business trivia and current affairs.
- Public Relations – Twister: This event saw participants being tested to the limits in handling problems while being scrutinized by the public.
- Entrepreneurship Development - Build Your Own Business: Participants put forward their creative best in creating a business superior to their competitor.

The tireless efforts of our students resulted in participants using their intellectual, strategic and managerial skills to navigate, compete and emerge triumphant in the challenging events spread across two days. The event culminated in CMS Jain emerging as the winners of Virtuoso 2014.







TURAS

On the 2nd and 3rd of Feb, 2015, the B.Com Travel and Tourism Department of St. Joseph's College of Commerce proudly hosted its first ever inter-collegiate fest, 'Turas'. An innovative concept taking us away from the mundane college fest conventions, Turas was introduced to both promote tourism in Karnataka, as well as provide students a form of competition that challenges both the body and mind.

Introduced with the same aesthetic feel as 'The Amazing Race', a world famous TV show and competition, Turas seeks to establish itself as one of Bangalore's largest conceptual race organised by a college.

Brandishing the tag line "The Race to Now", Turas revolved around the theme of a conspiracy theory involving the heir of the last Russian Czar. Participants representing several colleges in Bangalore found themselves thrust into the middle of a pacing marathon extending from areas around Bangalore to Mysore, coupled with decrypting codes and riddles in order to progress further.

On the first day of the fest, the students of the B.Com Travel & Tourism Department of our college coordinated activities designed to display the culture of different countries all over the world. This included setting up of five different food stalls, by which diversity was brought out not only in the food that was being sold, but also in their costumes and decorations. Apart from this, events such as Sumo Wrestling, Treasure Hunt and Triathlon were organised for the students to entertain themselves and maintain an enjoyable atmosphere.

To further accentuate the scale of the fest, the department led a heritage walk through the central business district of Bangalore with pomp and grandeur. The parade was inaugurated by eminent public figures such as MLA N.A. Haris and DCC member C.C. Johnson. The college honoured some of the outsanding policemen of our city for the services provided by them – Mr. Balakrishna, Circle Inspector, Law & Order, Cubbon Park Police Station; Mr. Pratap Reddy, Circle Inspector, Traffic Police, Cubbon Park Police Station; Mr. Anthony John, Circle Inspector, Traffic Police, Ashok Nagar Police Station. Around 800 people participated in the heritage walk. The parade was one of its kind, and commenced with the roar of several Royal Enfield Bullets. A cultural dance team led by the "DoluKunitha" had come to the college to perform and also played throughout the parade.

The fest, spanning two days, had much to offer to students, participants and the public alike. The B.Com Travel & Tourism Departments of St. Joseph's College of Commerce looks to create a name for itself, comparable with other prominent B.Com Travel & Tourism fests in the city.







INTER-COLLEGIATE BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT FESTS

Our college teams participated in the following fests conducted by other colleges:

- **Enorm**- Presidency Management Fest- 19th, 20th and 21st August 2014

An eight member team took part in a variety of events. Participation was duly noted.

- **Arbitrium**-JyothiNivas College Management Fest- 27th and 28th of August 2014.

A fourteen member team took part in eight different events, placing as follows:
Moot Court- First Place- Akash Pirgal and Purujit Ponappa.
Marketing- First Place- Royina Bakshi and Yash Poddar.
Finance- Second Place- Nitin and Ankit.
Business Quiz- Second Place- Dean Castelino and Rahul Rego.

- **Prayas**- Christ University BCom department, Management Fest- 2nd and 3rd of September 2014.



A thirteen member team took part in eight different events. The random flow of rounds didn't seem to suit our team's strategies, as St. Joseph's College Of Commerce lost out in this fest. However, the quality of participation was at its highest, and the team from St. Joseph's College of Commerce definitely left their mark.

- **Elixir**- Garden City College Business Fest- 12th and 13th of September, 2014.

An eleven member team participated in six events, placing as follows:
Make a Product- First Place- Jerome Alexander and Amala Mukundadas.
Destination Marketing- Second Place- Utkarsh Choraria and Royina Bakshi.

Business Quiz- Second Place- Rahul Rego and Aman Parekh.
Best Manager- Third Place- Ryan NikitSaldhana.

- **Esprit**- Christ University BBM department, Management Fest- 17th and 18th of September, 2014.

A fourteen member team participated in eight events, placing as follows:
Entrepreneurial Development- First Place- Shreyans Mehta.
Corporate Strategy- Second Place- Stephen George and Purujit Ponappa.
Best Manager- Second Place- Suveer Ahuja.
Wealth Management- Supriya Barad and Manavv Rajpall.

- **Acme**- St. Aloysius College, Mangalore- 18th, 19th and 20th December 2014.





A seven member team took part in a variety of business events, placing as follows:
Fame and Fortune- First Place- Manavv Rajpall.

• **Cognito**- Christ University Department of Professional Studies- 18th and 19th December 2014.
A four member team took part in events which required the entire team to work together on various different projects relating to all business fields.
St. Joseph's College of Commerce was declared the overall winners of Cognito 2014.
The team consisted of-
Harsh Jaju.
Gurleen Singh.
SidhantMalpani.
Kartik Agarwal.

• **Precipice**- Jain University, Centre for Management Studies- January 2015
Two teams of two members each represented St. Joseph's College of Commerce in this international level fest. Only three teams in the nation qualify for the final round which is conducted in Miami, Orlando and on a cruise ship to the Caribbean from the 10th to the 19th of February. Our college takes pride in the fact that both teams that participated have qualified to the final round out of a total of 56 teams participating in the initial National round.
These two teams consisted of-
Harsh Jaju and Gurleen Singh.
Suveer Ahuja and Manavv Rajpall.

• **Cross Currents**- Mount Carmel College, B.Com Department- 12th and 13th January 2015
A ten member team took part in seven events, placing as follows:
Best Manager- Second Place- Utkarsh Choraria.
Public Relations- Second Place- Tamara Rebello and Mira Ganesh.

• **Adroit**- KristuJayanthi College- 29th and 30th of January.
An eight member team comprising of first time business festers took part in five events, placing as follows:
Entrepreneurial Development- Second Place- Sanchita Reddy and Aishwarya Reddy.

• **Samanvaya**- Jain Jayanagar- 3rd and 4th of February.
A seven member team comprising exclusively of first years took part in six events, placing as follows:
The Strategist- Third Place- UtkarshChoraria.
Marketing- Third Place- RoyinaBakshi.

• **Carpe Diem**- Mount Carmel College, BBM Department- 3rd and 4th of February.
A twelve member team took part in seven events, placing as follows:
Best Manager- First Place- Manavv Rajpall.
Entrepreneurial Development- First Place- Stephen George and Purujit Ponappa.
Group Event- First Place.
Marketing- Second Place- Tejas Mangalore and Supriya Barad.
Public Relations- Second Place- Shreyans Mehta

BUSINESS TEAM





ACADEMIC REPRESENTATIVES



NATION

Cherish and preserve the ethnic and cultural diversity that nourishes and strengthens the community – and this nation."

-Cesar Chavez

UTSAVA

Utsava, a new addition to the repertoire of college fests, sparked an amazing show of talents as first years put to very good use the opportunity afforded to them to mingle and befriend each other. The audience watched riveted as they indulged in some friendly competition and tried to outdo each other, giving them a hint to what Kalotsav would bring.



This fest was conducted from the 2nd to the 5th of July 2014 and was primarily coordinated by Ms. SuganthiPais. All six events of the fest were graced with tremendous participation and the winning classes were as follows:

Indian Music:	1 B.Com 'A'
Western Music:	1 BBM 'A'
Western Dance:	TT
Indian Dance:	1 TT
Collage:	1 B.Com 'B'
Poetry:	1 BBM 'B'

Winners were awarded certificates and mementos and rightfully received astounding applause for their display of talent.

A TIBETAN CELEBRATION

His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama, Tenzin Gyatso, is described as a simple Buddhist monk. He is the spiritual leader of Tibet. He was born on 6 July 1935, to a farming family, in a small hamlet located in Taktser, Amdo, in north-eastern Tibet.

6th July 2014 was celebrated with great enthusiasm by the Tibetan students of St. Joseph's College of Commerce, by greeting everyone at the main entrance in their traditional wear and distributing chocolates. These students also participated in the Tibetan exhibition held at Chitra Kala Parishath, which was not only a celebration of His Holiness' birthday, but also a showcase of various facets of Tibetan culture.

The exhibition was inaugurated with great zest by the Central minister of Tibet and other dignitaries who graced the occasion and spoke to the audience about the life and achievements of His Highness Dalai Lama. There were stalls put up which contained artifacts and other small items. One could understand the intricacies of Tibetan culture through these artifacts, and audiences were educated on the same topic.

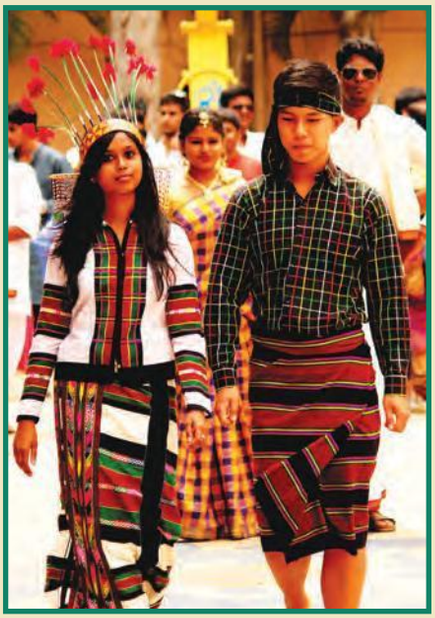
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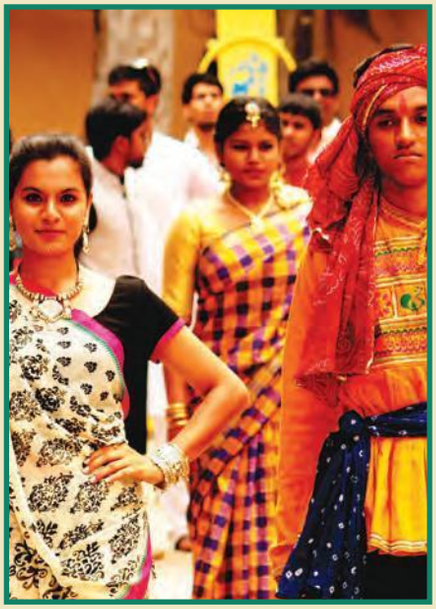
The college celebrated the country's Independence Day with the traditional enthusiasm and pomp. The college, and the students and staff, all suitably decorated in the tri-colour, welcomed the chief guest, Grp. Cptn. Babu Joseph, of the Indian Air Force, to the event. After the traditional hoisting of the national flag and the recital of the Indian National Anthem, the attendees were addressed by Grp. Cptn. Babu Joseph, who very eloquently put forward the importance of a strong-minded and value-oriented youth to the building of a better nation. He also outlined the importance of service of any kind, be it military or social.

The principal, Rev. Fr. Dr. Daniel Fernandes SJ, applauded and echoed the very message put forward by the chief guest. The audience was also treated to cultural performances by the various associations of the college like the Kannada Sangha, Hindi Parishad and Hashmi Theatre Forum, implying the importance of culture in a diverse nation.



KALOTSAV







The much awaited intra-collegiate fest, Kalotsav, was held on 21st, 22nd and 25th August 2014. With over fifty-three events evenly spread over three days, the entire college was transformed into a diverse cultural platform. Each day had a particular theme, according to which students had to dress up.

The fest kicked off with an 'Icebreaker' on the first day.

This event involved participation from all the classes, with each class being given a time of five minutes to come up with innovative ways to introduce themselves and entertain the audience.

Treasure hunt kept participants on their feet. The rain failed to dampen spirits as participants ran in and around the campus looking for clues, to better each other to reach the final destination. BrainStorm made its debut this year, with a number of rounds conducted to test the intellectual skills of the participants. RJ wars also made its debut, with participants having to put their talking skills to good use.

Another crowd entertaining event was DJ wars. Making its debut this year, this event was held on the basketball court and was one of the last events of the day. Participants had to showcase their DJing skills and spin tracks with the help of a console to keep the crowd continuously on their feet. Other events held on day one were Indian Music, Act and React, Tatoo designing, Extempore, Guitar Wars, Greeting Card making, FIFA, Wealth out of waste, Poetry writing, Creative writing and Quiz.

Day two kicked off with Western Dance, one of the most popular events of the fest.

The event was divided into a group and solo category. Air Crash was another crowd popular event, wherein participants had to act like celebrities persuading the judges for a parachute to protect themselves from a hypothetical air crash.

Mock Rock made its debut this year, and was well received by one and all. Participants formed their own bands, and made their own parodies of popular rock songs. Another popular event was the pet show, where participants brought their pets to college.

Day three saw the last of the main stage events, namely Indian dance, Western Acoustic and personality finals.

Similar to western dance, Indian dance was also divided into solo and group categories. Western acoustics saw the variety of musical talent, with solo, group and duet performances.



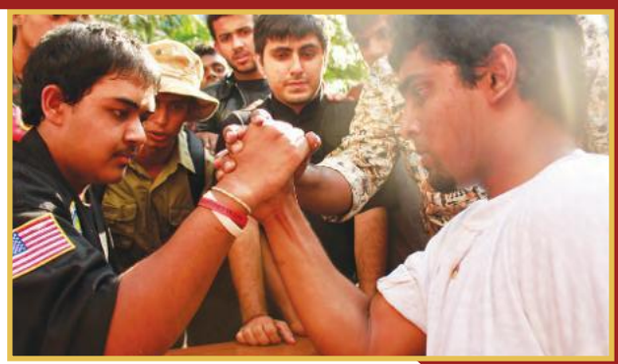






The most awaited event of the day was the ethnic parade. Going perfectly in sync with the theme for the day, participants dressed in traditional attire walked the ramp showcasing not only India's diversity in ethnicity and dress, but also the diversity prevalent in each class. From sarees to ghagras to salwars, to sherwanis and lungis, the models did a commendable job in displaying these dresses.

LOL was a new event for all the stand-up comedians of St. Joseph's College of Commerce. Other events were Movie Spoof, All Styles, Collage, Face painting, Counter Strike, Movie Making, JAM, Gulli beats, Arm Wrestling, cooking without fire, Commentary and Cartooning. The fest ended with the personality finals, followed by song and dance to officially mark the end of Kalotsav 2014 in true Josephite Spirit.





DHWANI

One of the most anticipated events of the year, Dhwani 2014, the national level intercollegiate fest, was held on 28th and 29th November 2014. The theme chosen for this year was 'Alucinari', which means 'to wander in mind'. The student community was treated to the pomp and grandeur of this fest, as the two days of intense competition between the finest talents of the city in various cultural events did justice to the theme and showcased their creativity.

Prestige Group, India was the title sponsor, who brought 'Dhwani 2014: Alucinari' to life.

The chief guest for the fest was Ms. SubhaPoonja, an acclaimed danseuse. The first event of the day was Union Face off. Making its debut this year, this event saw the student unions of various colleges battle it out on stage to emerge as the best union. Other events on day one included literary events such as creative writing, poetry writing and extempore, which were all held in the classrooms.

The dance events i.e. Western Dance and Indian Dance, kept the crowd both involved and entertained. Day one concluded with a DJ night, with one of the students performing and keeping the crowd dancing to his tunes.

Day two saw events like treasure hunt, which had teams run around inside and outside campus, trying to solve a series of clues to reach their final destination. Personality was another crowd favourite, wherein participants had to market their personalities on stage to get the attention of the crowd and the judges.

Arm wrestling was another event conducted on day two. This event proved to be a battle of physical strength. Another much awaited event was the ethnic parade, where participants became models of their own collection, walking the ramp and showcasing their ethnicity in dress. The festive atmosphere was in absolute frenzy till the conclusion of the DJ night by Thermal Project, sponsored by Vh1- Supersonic.



Other events conducted during the fest included Mad Ads, Western Acoustic, Mock Rock, Air crash, Brainstorm, Potpourri, Debate, Quiz, Photography, Cooking without fire, Painting, Sketching and Collage. Apart from all these, the college also promoted a noble cause along with an NGO called 'Agape' by conducting a fashion walk with the winners assured of a prize bounty. The college was also associated with the Namma Bengaluru Foundation, which is an initiative to reward the hard working and dedicated citizens of our society. A stall was set up, where nominations for Namma Bengaluru awards could be submitted.

After two days of festive celebration, CMS Jain College was adjudged as the overall winners of Dhwani-2014.

Dhwani-2014 finally culminated amidst dance, music and gala and indeed these two days turned out to be memorable for all.





ONAM CELEBRATION

At St. Joseph's College of Commerce, cultural diversity is highly encouraged. On 6th September 2014, the college celebrated the festival of Onam. Students and staff members were dressed in traditional Kerala attire, with flowers in their hair, keeping with the true spirit of the festival.

A special traditional dance was also performed on the basketball court by the Indian Dance team, much to the delight of one and all present.





FIESTA

St. Joseph's College of Commerce inculcates in its students the willingness to give back to society. Keeping this in mind, Fiesta was organised on 18th December 2014.

The students of our college organised a fun and entertaining day for one hundred HIV-AIDS infected children from Sneha Care Home.

The children were invited to the college campus to take part in various activities organised for them in the spirit of Christmas. These activities included field games such as lemon-spoon race, basketball, football, and indoor activities such as story sessions, picture descriptions, to name a few. The children were divided into different teams. These activities not only entertained them, but also helped them learn the importance of teamwork.

They were then taken to the computer lab where they learnt a few basic computer skills. The children surprised us with their manners, intelligence and creativity. Refreshments and lunch was served soon after, following which they made their way to the auditorium for the Christmas celebration. Excitement was evident on the children's faces as they saw Christmas decorations and were given chocolates by 'Santa'. Winners in various games were announced, and gifts and certificates were given to all the children, which brought a smile to their faces.

Fiesta was a beautiful experience for the students of our college, as it gave them immense pleasure for having made a difference in the lives of these children.





CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Christmas is the season to be jolly. At St. Joseph's College of Commerce, Christmas was celebrated in this spirit. The student council organised cake decoration, Christmas tree decoration, scavenger hunt and carol singing competitions for the students, with prizes given to the winners.

Embracing the spirit of giving, students were encouraged to donate old clothes, old books and food such as rice and snacks, which were given to children who are less fortunate. With a Christmas tree and a crib adorning the entrance, the sight of college at Christmas time was one to remember.

EVES

Celebrating the true spirit of womanhood and all things feminine, 'Eves 2015: Brave, Bold and Beautiful' was organised for all the lovely ladies of St. Joseph's College of Commerce. The Chief Guest for the occasion was Ms. Sini Joseph, who is actively involved in the field of women empowerment and rural development. In her address to the gathering, she spoke about what makes each one of us brave, bold and beautiful, which proved to be very insightful. Following this, the girls were treated to an exclusive all boys dance performance.



Over a period of two days i.e. 9th and 10th January 2015, the girls battled it out in the following events in a true feminine spirit to emerge as winners:

• Triathlon: This event tested the physical perseverance of the participants as they had to pass through three distinct challenges, each one after the other, which comprised of old childhood games such

as a three-legged race, a balloon race and a spoon-and-lemon relay.

• Treasure hunt: This event had the girls thinking while on their feet, running in and around campus trying to solve clues and perform tasks to outrun each other. With a series of ten clues, racing against time was the call of the day.

• Collage making: The purpose of this event was to show the unity of girls from each class, as they





elaborately constructed a collage based on the themes "The beauty of a woman with nature" and "Say no to anorexia".

• Potpourri: A clever combination of Pictionary, taboo and Dumb Charades saw girls putting their acting, drawing and guessing skills to good use.

• Best friend forever: One of the most anticipated events of Eves, this event tested bonds of friendship between pairs of so-called 'best friends' as they competed together in a series of rounds and tasks, including a general Q&A, a blind makeup round, among others.

• She's the man: Girls were given the chance to put aside the old stereotype of men being stronger than women by performing tasks that a man would normally do. From riding bikes to answering questions about male trivia, this event tested the participants to their limits.

• Fashion out of waste: In a world where waste management is a big problem, participants were given an opportunity to use dry waste to come up with innovative outfits and subsequently model them.

• Fashion for a cause: With a theme of "Global Warming", participants walked the ramp not only to model their colourful outfits, but also in support of the cause with which this event was associated.

• Nail art: With the finger nail as a canvas, participants showed off their artistic skills in painting each other's nails.

• Dance: Participants showed off their dancing skills in pairs as they lit the stage on fire to sounds of Indian and western music.

• The Chechi: Innovation is key, as participants used their think-tanks to the maximum in inventing a mocktail worthy enough to be sold at Chetta's. Judged by Mr. Chetta himself, a combination of chocolate and banana in a milkshake proved to be worthy of his high standards.

• The Interview: Making its debut at Eves 2015 was this event, wherein participants were required to remain calm during a stress interview full of the latest gossip in college. Participants also had to be creative in inventing gossip that was easily believable.

• Vanity Maze: Another new event at this year's fest, this event tested the logic and brains of all the participants as they made their way into a life size maze, disposing of every ludicrous stereotype while trying to figure out the shortest mode of exit.

• Ms. Eves: An individual event wherein each participant had to let their personality shine and market the best of themselves to be crowned Ms. Eves.

• The Burger Challenge: For all the foodies, this event proved to be a delight. With burgers sponsored by The Grill House, participants had to chow down a burger in the leas amount of time.

Amidst song and dance and the sadness of its ending, Eves proved to be a success.

INTER-COLLEGIATE CULTURAL AND GOSPEL FESTS



At St. Joseph's College of Commerce, there is no dearth of talent. Fests provide the perfect platform to express this talent. The festing team of St. Joseph's College Of Commerce is known for their active participation in various cultural and gospel fests, and always perform to deliver. Below are the events in which our teams participated and emerged victorious:

• Stauras 2014 – Mount Carmel College
Overall position – Third

• Exodus 2014 – St. Joseph's Arts and Science (30th& 31st August)
Known as the biggest gospel fest in Bangalore, Exodus invites large numbers to participate in numerous events, ranging from creative writing to acting, to song and dance, all in the name of God
For the fifth consecutive year, St. Joseph's College of Commerce bagged the first position.

• El Shaddai 2014 – JyotiNivas College (2nd September)

Overall position – First
• Genesis 2014 – St. Joseph's Pre university College (6th September)

Overall position – First
• Autumn Muse 2014 – St. John's Medical College (12th, 13th& 14th September)

Overall position – Second
• Cul Ah 2015 – Mount Carmel College (29th, 30th& 31st January)

Overall position – First
• Adonai 2015 – St. Joseph's Evening College (8th February)
Overall position – First
• Scintillation 2015 – JyotiNivas College (21st& 22nd February)

Overall position – First
• MicrosoftChannel V Fest – Goa (8th – 16th February)

Our college cultural teams got the opportunity to participate in this fest. The college congratulates AshnaArif of I BBM for placing first in personality, and the dance team for winning their event.

STUDENT COUNCIL VALEDICTORY CEREMONY

"The final test of a leader is that he leaves behind himself in other men the conviction and the will to carry on".

The Student Council Valedictory ceremony was held in the auditorium of St Joseph's College of Commerce on 13th March 2015. Apart from the Student Council, Class Representatives and Scholarship Nominees were also present. The teaching staff of the college too graced the occasion with their presence. The ceremony commenced with the college choir rendering a melodious prayer song. Principal Rev. Dr. Daniel Fernandes SJ addressed the Council of 2014-2015 and lauded the efforts taken by them to fulfill their responsibilities throughout the academic year. The Chief Guest for the occasion, expressed his appreciation of the work done by the Student Council in a short speech. The programme was then followed by General Secretary Alisha Miranda presenting the annual report of 2014-2015 as well the accomplishments of the College. Student Governor, Ms. Veenu Joy expressed her pride in the unfailing efforts of the Council. The programme concluded with the prize distribution ceremony. Over five hundred certificates were distributed to students, beginning with the Student Council appreciation certificates to Student scholarships and Distinction certificates.



COLLEGE ANNUAL DAY









"All good things must come to an end, for better things to begin".

The 43rd Annual College Day of St. Joseph's College of Commerce was held on 13th March, 2015. The Chief Guest for the occasion was Mr. Bharat Lal Meena, an IAS officer of Karnataka Cadre, who has worked in administrative services for over two decades. Fr. Joseph Antony SJ, Rector, also graced the occasion with his presence. The programme began with performances by the Indian music and dance teams, followed by the auspicious lighting of the lamp and the welcome address by Ms. Nirmala Joseph. The audience was then treated to a delightful performance by 'Serenata Chorale', the performing choir of the college. They left the audience in awe with their renditions of 'You can't stop the beat' and 'Nearer my God to thee'. After all the formalities, our Principal, Rev. Dr. Daniel Fernandes SJ, read out the annual report for the year 2014-15, highlighting all the various achievements of the college, its students and faculty, as well as events conducted in the campus. Following this, the college documentary was screened which served as an audio-visual aid to the report read out a few minutes earlier. This was received with much praise from students and staff. The Chief Guest, Mr. Bharat Lal Meena was then invited to address the gathering. He spoke about how we must influence the lives of others through our actions, and work towards creating a better society. This was followed by Fr. Joseph Antony SJ addressing the gathering. On achievement of superannuation, the college felicitated Mr. Gopal, who had officially retired in December 2014, in appreciation of his services. This was followed by the most awaited part of the program: the prize distribution. Prizes were given for achievements is extracurricular activities, achievements in sports and various alumni endowment scholarships, followed by the best outgoing student awards. Praise was exchanged; tears of joy were shed as another academic year at St. Joseph's College of Commerce came to an end with the singing of the Indian National Anthem.

INSTITUTION DAY

The motive of Jesuit Society is - All for the greater glory of God. Under this banner we believe that education leads to Holiness and this holiness is imparted to each and every student that enters the portals of these institutions. Every teacher in this institution becomes an inspiration for the students. Moral education and character formation being the core value of these institutions, they all aim to bring out the best in the students and provide a realistic knowledge of the world in which we live. The Institution Day was celebrated at St. Joseph's Boy's High School Auditorium on 28th February 2015. The teaching and the non teaching staff members of Jesuit colleges and schools attended this programme. The staff of St. Joseph's College conducted a solemn prayer which was followed by high tea. The programme started with an hour long talk by Rev. Dr. Joseph Antony D'Mello, SJ on the topic 'Education for Transformation'. A video presentation on the work of Jesuit Education and Karnataka Jesuits and Rector's message to the gathering was followed by the felicitation of retiring staff members from various institutions. Mr. Gopal who retired on 31 December 2014 after completing 13 years of service at St. Joseph's College of Commerce was also felicitated in this event. The programme ended with a sumptuous lunch.







FAREWELL DAY

'Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened.'







On March 20th 2015, the outgoing students of the 2015 batch had their graduation ceremony. Graduation was a day for these students to bid adieu to the college that supported and cared for them all these years. With a theme of 'Fly you high', the students were encouraged to spread their wings wherever they go and dream big to achieve success. The convener of the programme was Ms. Suganthi Pais. The Chief Guest for the occasion was Rev. Fr. Tony Thampi. The programme began with the class photos, as the graduating classes of B.Com, BBM, MIB and M.Com looked stunning in purple attire and stood for one last photograph together. The program began with the prayer and lighting of the lamp. This was followed by the formal addresses given by the Principal and the Chief Guest to the graduating students.

The highlight of the programme was the lighting of the candles, wherein each student was given a personalized candle, and as the candle was lit, the students were administered the Josephite pledge of 'striving to live in the service of others' by our Principal, Rev Dr. Daniel Fernandes, SJ.

The valedictory speeches were delivered by Mario Charles Anthony D'Vaz from 3 B.Com C and Sukriti Priya from 2 MIB, sharing their personal memories and reliving these memories with the audience. Following this, former and present students were felicitated for their personal achievements at national and international level. The Indian Dance team entertained one and all with an enthralling dance routine, which was quickly followed by screening of an informal graduation day video, filling the audience with happiness for the past memories. The programme concluded with the vote of thanks delivered by Ms. Suganthi Pais. From the decorations, to the lights and speeches, every aspect made the night an unforgettable one as the batch of 2015 graduated with only one feeling in their hearts: 'Once a Josephite, always a Josephite'.





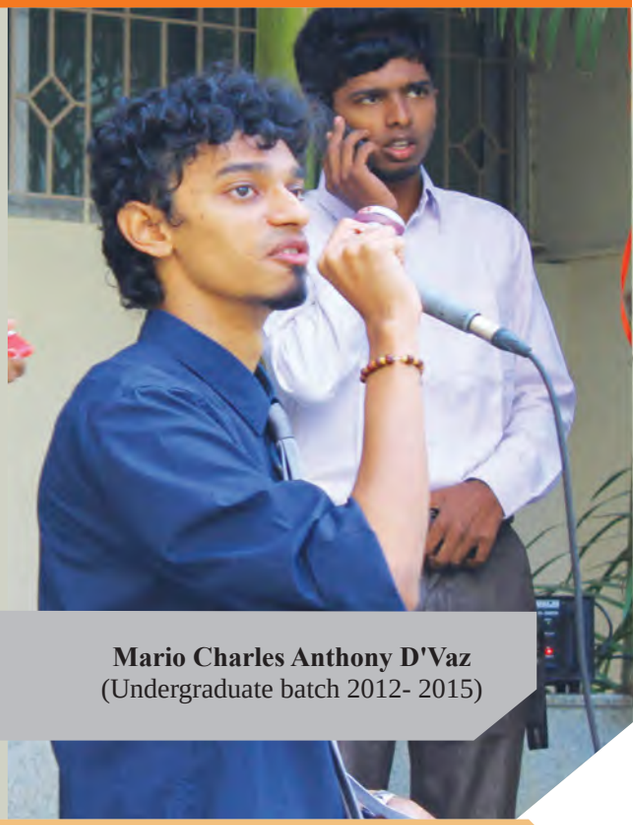








VALEDICTORY SPEECHES



Mario Charles Anthony D'Vaz
(Undergraduate batch 2012- 2015)

"Life has a very simple plot: First you're here and then you're not".

We are compelled to follow this whether we like it or not and we religiously tread through our days knowing that this is the infinite loop that we are trapped within.Yet we still wake up each morning with the attempt to smile and the hope that every day will be happier than the one before. I am a student of the graduating batch of St. Joseph's College Commerce of 2015 and I speak for us all when I say that the one constant that made us smile for the past three years was this glorious institution that we're seated in. We walked through those gates on the 7th, ridiculously shy and making awkward small talk with anyone who cared enough to try to be our friends. Some of us were quiet, some of us were enthusiastic, some of us were indifferent and all of us were petrified of the unknown. Yes, we were scared. Stop for a second and think back to that first day where each of you dressed your best and tried a little harder to look just a tad more handsome or pretty in order to create that perfect first impression. We wanted to be cool and we wanted to be loved. We wanted to make friends and we wanted to fit in. We wanted to be happy and some of us even wanted to learn just a little bit from college. We came here with two primary objectives: One, to truly attain the impressively high degree of education guaranteed by an institution as prestigious as St. Joseph's College of Commerce.Two, to have as much fun as we possibly could while getting that degree. It's our graduation day, that's right, we're old and we're done and tonight we're probably going to party as much we deserve to but tomorrow morning, we're going to wake up and realise that it's all actually over.

We arrived here three years ago and most of us had absolutely no idea of what to do with our lives.

We didn't know where we were going, all we knew is that the journey had to be taken with the hope that things will be alright. We had the honour of meeting the people around us and we had the privilege to learn a little something from each of them. Look to your left and now look to your right and now just take a moment to look around this audience at every member who has made a difference in your life. Smile at them if you can for it is because of them that we have become who we are.With the risk of sounding annoyingly philosophical, our stars are aligned in front of us waiting for us to figure the constellation they form. We can't connect the dots looking forward; we can only connect them looking back. We have to trust that those dots will somehow connect in our future. Believing in this will give us the confidence to follow our hearts and that will make all the difference. At times down the road, life is going to hit you in the head with a brick. Don't lose faith! And now it's time for us to remember these past three years.

The college has given us moments which we will cherish when we stop and remember what we have gone through, what we had felt and what we have done

Thank you St. Joseph's College of Commerce for the memories, for the laughter, for the knowledge, for the friends, for giving us the time of our lives. Faith and Toil, forever.
Thank you.

Sukriti Priya
(Post-graduation batch 2013-2015)



Henry Ford once said, "Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at twenty or eighty. Anyone who keeps learning stays young. The greatest thing in life is to keep your mind young." Good evening administers, professors and friends. Has it ever occurred to you that this special day today is exactly like peeping through a kaleidoscope, with a vivid plethora of memories and pictures which combined to form part of our past two years? The images of us growing up together, with friends and family, our esteemed institution and the activities it got us across and eventually this overwhelming occasion.

The picture of our future is vague, but let us live in this moment for a while!

Today we have the feel good factor that comes from knowing that we have done our best to be assembled here. We have qualified, we have achieved. But did we do this alone? The blessings of the almighty, the wonderful support of our families and constant motivation of our tutors has carved each one of us.

Post-graduation is not just a degree. It is a lifestyle. In this lifestyle, we were amateurs. The inexperience and lack of extensive foresight baffled us. But then, the biggest thing I learned—and again, I'm probably speaking for a lot of us here—is that we only get one trip around this rock, so we might as well enjoy it. You have to find a balance between work and fun. "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy." It's not just a quote from a movie; it's the truth.

College is all about learning. And amongst a lot of things we learnt, a few changed our lives forever.

We were a batch of creative, happy, smart, talkative and ever hungry people. We had some wonderful lecturers, whose teachings we will carry forward forever in our lives. Dissertation, the most crucial phase for a Post Graduate and a war we all recently accomplished led us to believing that how extensive our minds are! From now on we will be taking our talents and beliefs with us wherever we go. If we have learned anything it is that we have to be adaptable, ready to take chances and go different routes.

Hereafter my fellow graduates, the horizon lies wide open for us, offering us space to mould our future. Not forgetting the virtues we carry forward from this esteemed institution, I will share a statement for life in the words of Tom Brokaw- "You are educated. Your certification is in your degree. You may think of it as the ticket to the good life. Let me ask you to think of an alternative. Think of it as your ticket to change the world."Thank you all. My best wishes goes to everyone stepping out dignified and content.

Best Out Going Students



Amita Priyadarshini - PG



Jewel Joseph. E - B. Com TT



Tresseta Lauretta D'Cruz - BBM



Mario Charles Anthony D'Vaz- B.Com



Ankit Bahri - BBM



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LADIES REPRESENTATIVES





FESTING TEAM

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"The strength of a nation derives from the integrity of its states"

-Confucius



AICUF

President: Seevanth Raj

AICUF is a union of students from different backgrounds, who share a common objective to serve the world, believing in the motto 'Do unto others as they you would want them to do unto you.'

The members of the association emphasize on creating an unbiased society where people from all walks of life can live as one community.

The first event of the association was 'Go Green' on 5th June 2015, in celebration of World Environment Day. To raise awareness about environmental issues, the AICUF unit sold fifty saplings, more than a hundred stickers and sixty handmade bags to students and teachers, which proved to be an innovative way to promote the green culture and remind them of their part in preserving our environment.

On 19th July 2014, forty students of this association participated in a two day program organized by the Children Movement for Civic Awareness (CMCA) and the Bangalore Traffic Police titled 'Positive Strokes.' It was a proactive, positive and youth driven program that addressed the problem of irresponsible road behaviour and rewards those who demonstrate good road behaviour.

The Annual AICUF State Council Meet was conducted on 26th and 27th July 2014 at St. Joseph's College, Bangalore. AICUF unit leaders from all over Karnataka were present at this event. The State Council Election was conducted, and Seevanth Raj and Manoj M from 3 B.Com B were elected as the State Council President and Stare Council Treasurer respectively.

Apart from college activities, AICUF has been instrumental in participating in outside rallies and protests. To spread awareness about eye donation and its impact, sixty students of the association participated in a blind walk organized by 'Project Vision', held in Jayanagar. A rally for justice was held to protest against the Vibgyor High school rape case. More than a hundred and fifty students participated in this rally to speak for the injustice done to the female citizens and children of this nation and to question the government about their safety in public.

AICUF initiated its own 'One Day Meal Program' on 29th August 2014, thirty students went to Shivajinagar and distributed food among the poor, their actions echoing the message – 'We can't feed everyone but we can feed at least one'. Students also participated in a protest rally on September 14th, 2014 to express support for the persecuted Christians in Iraq, Syria and other African countries. The students of AICUF











participated in a regional youth convention organised by St. Philomena College, Mysore from 24th to 26th October 2014, and a national level retreat and camp called 'Magis'in the same month.

The AICUF cultural team has proved itself yet again this year by winning major gospel fests in Bangalore including Exodus (St. Joseph's College), El-Shadai (JyothiNivas College) and runners -up in Mount Carmel College. On 28th November 2014, AICUF organised an inter-collegiate gospel fest 'Revelations 2014'. A total ofninety-seven participants from six colleges took part in various events like western and vernacular music, quiz, sketching , treasure hunt etc. The theme of the fest was URIEL: Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. All the events were based on the theme and were meant to send the message of God's saving grace and the importance of his word.

To promote the true spirit of Christmas that is the Spirit of giving, the AICUF unit played Secret Santa with the 'Jagrudhi' an orphanage and invited the entire college to take part. This program saw an overwhelming response from the students as well as the staff. AICUF also conducted 'Youth Conclave' to help students gain knowledge on various issues like problems faced by Dalits, the struggle of Transgenders in the society and how it is important for every citizen to know and take an initiative towards it.

AICUF has had an eventful year, believing in 'Everything seems to be impossible, unless we try'.





NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME (NSS)

President: Harshitha Jain

The NSS unit of St. Joseph's College of Commerce registered 200 students as volunteers for the year 2014-2015. After the registrations an orientation workshop was held for the students on 6th August, 2014. Students were informed of the objectives of NSS, its ethos and work pattern.

Blood Donation Camp:

The Blood Donation Camp was conducted on 26th of August, 2014 with 'Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology' and 'St. John's Medical College Hospital'. Lion's Club of Bangalore coordinated the event and provided refreshments to the donors. 199 units of blood was collected from the college students.

Workshop:

The senior volunteers and ex-NSS members organized a half-day workshop in understanding social issues on 16th August, 2014. The objectives were:

- To identify issues in society that need immediate attention
- To be able to look at problems from different perspectives
- Evolving strategies to tackle the problems within one's own limits

Students were divided into groups and were made to discuss and present it in the form of a small skit. A discussion was organized based on the inputs of the students.

Rural Exposure Camp:

The National Service Scheme of St. Joseph's College of Commerce conducted its annual Rural Exposure Camp from 20th to 26th of November, 2014. This year the camp was organized at **Channaveeranahalli, DoddaballapuraTaluk,** Bengaluru Rural District.

As the students prepared for the camp there was excitement but also anxiety surrounded them for they had to stay away from the familiarity of the home and away from the proximity of their parents. For a lot of students this was to become their first experience of staying in a village. The theme for the camp was 'Sustainable Development and Ecology'.

The objective was to take up a project which will help the village to maintain its ecological balance and also to educate them about hygiene and cleanliness. To accomplish this objective the camp had three main work targets:

- Clearing of bushes on the lake bund
- Planting of 50 saplings on the bund area
- Tidying the village meeting hall, roads and the drain
- Organizing a Medical and Dental Camp for the villagers

Students were able to clear the bund area in three days and planted the saplings on the other two days. By involving the villagers into the work we were able to make them also responsible towards maintenance of the saplings. The students have also decided to track the growth of the saplings.









Apart from the physical labour students organized cultural activities for the villagers. The most awaited time of the day was the evenings as the whole village would gather around the stage to witness performances. These performances not only brought a festive atmosphere to the whole village but also helped them to understand various issues related to farming, hygiene, pollution and garbage disposal. As a result the Deepavali festival was a complete cracker-free-festival as our students managed to persuade each and every person not to burst crackers.

On the last day both Medical and Dental camps were organized for the villagers.

Close to 200 persons from the neighbouring villagers got the benefit of the camp. They were instructed on hygiene and were taught basic exercises to prevent bone related problems. The Lions Club of Bangalore helped us in organizing the camp.
Writers and Speakers belonging to various organizations came and addressed the students on all the days.

On the whole the following were the learning outcomes:

- Students by staying in the villages and by sharing their lifestyle were able to get a transformative experience

- Students were able to understand the problems faced by villagers on a daily basis like electricity and water and were able to identify the reasons behind them

- Through the performances and other cultural activities students were able to relate with the villagers and understand the cultural life of a village
- By clearing the lake bund and planting saplings students understood the ecological value of trees

- Students by staying away from their homes also learnt to develop good interpersonal relationship by working with other students

Apart from the camp, NSS volunteers also taught at government schools as part of a BalaJanagraha Project. The NGO 'Justice and Care' conducted a session on Human Trafficking on 18th August, 2014 for NSS students. NSS volunteers participated in a marathon organized by 'Citizens for Namma Safe Bengaluru' protesting violence against women on 24th August, 2014. Two volunteers participated in a seminar organized by Indian Social Institute on 'Role of Media in Development and Governance' the 11th and 12th of November, 2014. A visit to a home for the disabled at Ejipura was organized on 3rd December, 2014.





CENTRE FOR SOCIAL ACTION (CSA)

President: Cyril Richie

With a vision of 'Care, Connect and Change', CSA (Centre for social action) started off this year by gathering members for the association. This year, around two hundred and fifty students were a part of this association. Several meetings were held to put down a good event list and devise ways to get all the members to participate throughout the year. A formal orientation was conducted on 7th July 2014, wherein the students were made aware of the yearly plan and coordinators for each class were appointed.



The first event for the year was organizing a Sports Day for the children at Urdu Government School on 19th July 2014, wherein thirty students volunteered to plan a fun filled day for the children.

On the 9th of August, the association had its next program which was a social visit to Kidwai Hospital and Christ College. At Kidwai, the volunteers interacted with the patients and distributed contributions collected earlier, following which the volunteers headed to Christ University for an orientation about their Biomethanation plant. It was a very productive day as they covered two places and gained knowledge on social concern and the importance of recycling waste.

Soon after, the association began planning an Independence Day celebration to be held in the Urdu Government School. The activities planned included singing, dance and a skit. All the participants and the students enjoyed every bit of the program.
In collaboration with CRY (Child Rights and You), CSA conducted a small exhibition in the college to promote CRY's new child labour campaign, and spread awareness about it. A good response was received from CRY in this regard, which paved the way for a tie up with them for future events.

CSA had its first rural exposure camp to Mundgod Taluk from 3rd November to 8thNovember 2014.

Twenty seven students accompanied by two faculty members were part of this camp. The objective of the camp was simple – be a part of the village family and be involved in their activities, i.e. "live with them, amongst them and along with them".









On association day, CSA was instrumental in organizing a fund raiser in the form of a pet show as an inter-collegiate event. A total of fourteen owners brought their pets along. This event was a success as the association raised Rs. 14,000.

The final event for the year took place on 4th December 2014, wherein about fifty students of the association took part in a rally organised by the Urdu Government School for protection of children.

With a motto of 'Little things, Big difference', this association has already made a difference in the lives of many.



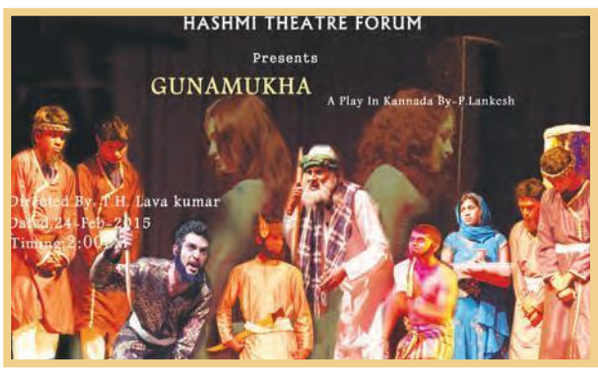


HASHMI THEATRE FORUM

President: Shino Abraham

Hashmi Theatre Forum is one of the active associations of St. Joseph's College of Commerce, with a limited membership of people who are both dedicated and enthusiastic. It is a platform for those students who are interested in theatre, which enables them to improve their acting skills through the various workshops conducted by its coordinator Mr. T.H Lavakumar, who has had many years of experience in the field of theatre. This year has been an eventful one for the members of this club. With new additions every year, the team continues to grow stronger. This forum has worked on two productions for the year: one in English titled 'Our Town' and one in Kannada titled 'Gunamukha'.

The forum took part in various fests, placing third in the miming competition at 'Autumn Fuse', the cultural fest of St. John's Medical College, and winning the skit competition at Cul-Ah 2015, the cultural fest of Mount Carmel College. The forum was fortunate enough to qualify for the finals of the Microsoft Channel V fest that was held in Goa from 68th to 16th February 2015.



The biggest achievement for the forum was being awarded the second best play at 'Baptizer', the national level theatre festival hosted by Christ University, along with awards for Best Direction and Screenplay.

ENACT

Enact, one of the most famous an annual theatre festival in Bangalore, is conducted by Hashmi Theatre Forum. This year's Enact attracted about 15 colleges from all over Bangalore and was held from 23rd to 25th of February, 2015. The Judges for the competition were Mr.Kallappa, a renowned theatre person and Mr.Purushottam and Ms.Vineetha, theatre actors and alumni of our college. The fest included proscenium plays, street plays, mime and act and react competitions.

Hashmi Theatre Forum of St. Joseph's College of Commerce performed two playsas a non-competitor in the fest. The first play it performed was "Our Town"written by Thornton Wilder.The play is set in a small town in which people are completely submerged in their day-to-day lives. The play is not just about the characters and their emotions but also about the town itself. It tells the story not of the individuals but of the community. The performance was able to capture the everyday life of a small town so well that the auditorium seemed to take on the life of the town itself. This play also won the second best play award at 'Baptizer', the theatre festival of Christ University.







The second play was a Kannada play titled ‘Gunamukha’(Resuscitate) by P. Lankesh. An arrogant rural by name of Nadir Shah who at present has defeated the Mughals and in ruling ‘Hindustan’ is suffering from a disease whose origins are not known. All attempts to heal him have failed. The only person who can rejuvenate him is the banished doctor Alawi Khan. But Alawi Khan asks something which no ruler would ever do – beg to be healed. The moral content of the play is very much the need-of-the-hour. The play was performed with high intensity and was able to plunge the audience into thinking about moral questions that disturb us deeply. Both the plays were directed by Mr. T. H. Lavakumar.



NMKRV College won the first place in the Kannada section and Christ University in the English section. Christ University also bagged the best Street Play award. Enact 2015 provided a great platform to all those who are passionate about theatre and acting.





MAGNATE

President: Shreyans Mehta

Magnate is the entrepreneurship cell of the college. Formerly known as E-Cell, the main objective of the organization is to focus and develop entrepreneurial skills of the students, with the motto 'Give India more Entrepreneurs.'

The inauguration of this cell was held on 16th August 2014, where the students were familiarized with the cell's objectives and its action plan for the year; which included building a framework for student entrepreneurs to nurture and grow their enterprises from within the college as well as outside.

On 26th September 2014, the members of Magnate attended a seminar on 'Inventive Entrepreneurship' led by two young and robust entrepreneurs, Ms. Shreya Siroya and Mr. Aditya Sisodiya, co-founders of Retale, a virtual window shopping mobile application.The pair took the gathering through their entrepreneurial journey and explained the processes involved in starting up and modelling an organisation, throwing light on the need to form purposeful and productive relationships.



In November 2014, Varun Agarwal, a serial entrepreneur and writer used the help of the cell to create a parody comic video that personified the stigmas of society and how a generation would break free from it. The students helped both in a theatrical and logistical role, both featuring in the video and helping in transforming a classroom into a set to shoot it. The unassuming acting prowess of the students was commendable and Mr. Agarwal extended his gratitude to the students for having helped him in the shooting of this video.

On 15th December, 2014, Magnate conducted an Input Session on 'The Impact of Social Media on Entrepreneurship, Enterprises and Entrepreneurs'. The Resource Persons for this session were two very successful entrepreneurs: Mr.Varun Agarwal, the CEO of Alma Mater, and Mrs. Tarunjeet Rattan, the Managing Partner of Nucleus PR, who spoke about why being an entrepreneur and following your dreams is something which a person should try to achieve rather than doing a mechanical and robotic job, and how social media is a very powerful tool for Global Branding and gaining publicity. They were able to instill among the students a sense of courage and a hunger to search for the passion that lingers within and work on that passion.

In January 2015, the cell launched an initiative called 'Sell Your Product Day', held every Wednesday where entrepreneurs would be given an opportunity to sell their ideas, and network while making a profit in the process. Every Wednesday, the basketball court bustled with robust ideas, and excitement was built around a particular theme.



The final activity of the cell for the year was ‘Marche’, held on 21st February 2015 at the St. Joseph’s College of Commerce, basketball court. The concept was to redefine the idea of a sophisticated market place by offering an avenue for students to recreate the experience of being business people. And thus, Marche played host to a whole lot of consumables. The thousand people who chose to attend were split with choices over 20 stalls. The basketball court at St. Joseph’s College of Commerce was thrown open to the public at 12 PM, for them to treat themselves and their families to the various items on display. The event extended well into the evening around 8PM, when we still saw passers-by quench their curiosity by simply stepping in.





ROTARACT

President: Sinduja Gopalan

The Rotaract Club, funded by the Rotary, Bangalore Cantonment, has over a 100 active members. Rotaract St. Joseph's College of Commerce has adopted "DREAM, BELIEVE, ACHIEVE" as their motto. On 17July 2014, the club was formally established with the nomination of all the board members, thus opening the floodgates of activities earmarked for the year. This was followed by an interactive event held on 22 July, 2014 with the able support of The Rotary, Bangalore Cantonment. The following events were conducted by the Rotaract Club in this academic year:

- A 5-day drive was conducted for the collection of old books and magazines for poor children.
- The club went on a social visit to St. Patrick's Orphanage on 16August 2014.
- The club attended the District Leadership Training Workshop (DLTW) on 24 August 2014 organized by the District 3190, hosted by the Sri Bhagwan Mahavir Jain College to mould the incoming Board of all the clubs under District 3190.
- On 1 November, 2014, the club in association with the Rotaract club of Bangalore spent a wonderful day planting saplings at NavPrabhuti Trust Vocational Training Center for Intellectually Challenged.
- On the special occasion of Children's Day, the club members volunteered for a health checkup camp "Anandakanda" conducted by Rotaract District 3190 at Government Girls High School in Malleswaram.
- Association day was celebrated on 27th Nov 2014. This gave an opportunity for all the associations to showcase their talents and to entertain students.









ALMA

President: Sneha Coutinho

The Association for Literature, Music and Arts is the budding platform for the canopy of talents at St. Joseph's College of Commerce. Alma is one such association where the members zealously convert their creative juices into symphonies and photogenic canvases. ALMA hopes to expand its student base through its various activities that have been successfully conducted.

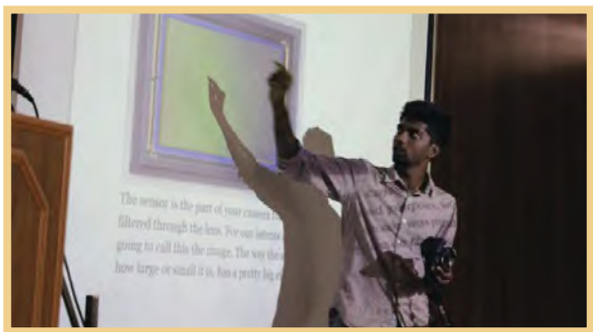
ALMA ushered the first years into college by holding a series of intra collegiate events exclusively for them, titled as 'Utsav', which included collage and poetry writing competitions to tap the creative hidden talents of the participants, with themes such as 'Women abuse', 'Addictions' and 'Nature'.

The first official activity for the year was a photography workshop for all the members. The event was conducted by Dario Philip, a 3rd year student who himself is a seasoned and vivid photographer. He ensured that through the session, all were amused and awed by his photos and talk. Dario explained the techniques of holding a DSLR, the positioning, exposure, aperture and other relevant concepts. This workshop taught the members that photography is more than a click of a camera, and they all picked up a few nuances in photography.

The association's next activity was an exhibition for art and pot painting, wherein five student artists of the college showcased their art work. These students presented their vividly unique paintings and sketches. Praveen Dominic and Denzil Pereira, two 3rd year students, presented two different forms of art which included abstract paintings as well as black and white sketches. Linfriola Pinto of 2nd year displayed her paintings which showcased her creativity. Alisha D'Souza of 2nd year and Keerthika of 1st year displayed painted pots.

On the 8th of December 2014, a declamation contest was organised, specially sponsored by Shroff Memorial Elocution competitions. Hundreds of teeming faces, bubbling with excitement and eagerness were part of the declamation contest. On 14th January 2015, the association held a quilling workshop, conducted by Ms. Supritha.







JOSEPHITE BUSINESS CLUB

President: Supriya Barad

Popularly known as JBC in St. Joseph's College of Commerce, this association is an exclusive forum for BBM students. The main aim of the club is to focus on developing the life-skills and soft-skills of the members and training them to face the corporate world.

The objective of JBC this year was to identify potential and latent talents of the students and then develop, improvise and update the same. Through various activities, the presentation skills of students were improved and eventually a college-to-corporate gateway was created. Activities like discussions and debates over global events and application of theoretical skills to real life practical situations were conducted with the aim of developing the leadership potential of students. Along with being a leader, one would also learn how to be a team player through real time exposure to corporate events.

The activities conducted by the club were-

- Ice breaker for the 1st year BBM students
- Presentation and Team Building- Skill development
- Workshop for training students to participate in Inter Collegiate fests.

Skill Development

The JBC conducted an Asian Parliamentary Session with an eminent lawyer to educate the students on the legal side of business. The Marketing skills of students were refined through product innovation and Market Crisis Management.The activities mentioned above represented investment in time and effort in skill development. 'Shift happens- It's time to shift to a better you!'









CHOIR

Serenata Chorale, the performing choir of our college, is a well reputed choir in Bangalore, having a rich repertoire of both classical as well as contemporary music. The choir aims at picking up raw, potential-filled students every year who are trained and taught and are given the opportunity to perform on some of the biggest stages across Bangalore.

After the auditions held at the start of the academic year, the choir welcomed a number of first year students, who totalled to a seventy member ensemble. This year a new choir conductor, Ms. Amy Sara Joseph, was welcomed to take charge of the choir. The student representatives elected were Clinton D'Souza (President) and Manisha D'Souza (Vice President).

The academic year began with a performance at the Glorious Festival of Harmony on 10th August 2014. The choir performed Idea of North's take of the hymn 'Sweet Sweet Spirit', and captivated the audience with their rendition of 'Happy' by Pharell Williams. The choir was also instrumental in lending their voices to perform for various occasions in college such as Independence Day, Parent Teacher Meeting, Teachers' day and College Day.

Over the course of three months, September to November, the choir began its preparations for the Christmas season, the most anticipated time of the year. Much time was spent in selecting and practicing the set list, which remained a standard throughout the Christmas performances. A streak of performances were given during the months of November and December, 2014.

- Holy Ghost church on the 16th of November.
- Divine Noel at Mount Carmel College on the 22nd of November. Serenata Chorale's performance at Divine Noel saw them placing second in the nationwide choir competition.
- St. Mark's Cathedral on the 30th of November.
- Le Aura 2014 at JyothiNivas College and at the Silver Jubilee of FEBA on the 1st of December.
- 'Magnificat', on the 7th of December at Christ University.
- 'Noel' at Vincent Palloti Church and the Basel Mission choir competition on the 13th of December. The choir secured the first place at the Basel Mission competition.

On 22nd December, the choir visited The Refuge Foundation, located in CSI colony, where they spent a day with twenty eight orphaned children and shared with them the joy of music. These children left the choir awestruck as they sang alongside the choir.

After returning from the Christmas break, the choir returned to the drawing board to begin work on their annual year-end concert which was scheduled for the 1st of March 2015. This time they decided to do things slightly differently, by inviting top choirs from the local scene to showcase their choral capabilities, who made the concert very special as each choir brought their own signature sound and style. Serenata Chorale wrapped up the evening with a stellar performance of some intricate pieces; the most loved being James Steven's epic arrangement of 'Nearer My God To Thee' and a choral rendition of 'Fix You' by Coldplay. And thus, with the success of this concert it is apt to say that the activities of the choir for the year ended on a good note.



KANNADA SANGHA

President: Mukund K. Gowda

Kannada Sangha has been active in encompassing the rich culture and heritage of Karnataka and satiating the needs of cultural opportunities. On 9th June 2014 the office bearers were elected.

The activities of the Sangha kick started with a special program called‘Karnataka Odu’ which translates to‘Reading Karnataka’. The program was aimed at organizing guest lectures and seminars facilitated by renowned scholars, writers and poets of Kannada Literature. On 25thJuly 2014, noted Kannada writer and author Shri.Lakshmipathi Kolara was invited to speak on the evolutionary history of humans and languages. On the same occasion, Kannada Sangha inaugurated its new official websitewww.kSt. Joseph’s College of Commerce.weebly.com for the benefit of all Kannada students.

Students were provided a platform to expose their talents in Kannada language through the Inter-Class fest ‘Antharanga’, wherein twelve cultural and literary events like Dumb Charades, Pick and speak etc., were conducted. The fest was simultaneously held along with ‘Kalotsav 2014’ and saw enterprising participation in all the events.

A special guest lecture was conducted to emphasize the usage of Kannada in education. Dr. Chalapathi, a noted writer, was the guest for the day. The interactive session was then continued by Dr.Ravikumar who gave a critical response and added on to the need and advantage of Kannada language in education.

The festival of folk songs in association with BhoomthayiBalaga was conducted on 16th December 2014 in the college Auditorium. The program was aimed at provoking students for social change through the melody of popular folk songs. The program was interactive and inspiring as the audience also gave their responses to the message of the compositions.

A literary-cultural camp dedicated towards focusing on Kannada literature and the works of Kuvempu, a noted progressive writer, was held from 29th October 2014 to 1st November 2014, in Kuppali of Shivamogga District. Forty three students attended this camp, where they critically analysed the poems, plays and novels authored by the greatest poet of the soil. The camp was the first of its kind. In the month of January, a program to educate students about superstitious acts and the evils of blind faith was conducted. The core content of this program was to portray the futility of believing in unscientific prejudices and superstitions.

The Inter collegiate Cultural fest ‘Kalarava’ was held with pomp and zeal on 25th February 2015. The fest was the biggest of its kind in the city as it witnessed a turn up of around five hundred and fifty participants from over thirty two colleges. Various Kannada events like antakshari, essay writing, folk singing and folk dance were conducted, along with new events such as‘Kalaravasaviruch’, cooking without fire, and ‘Neena?Naana?– A face to face debate’. The day was marked with the cultural, literary and artistic significance of Karnataka.

Karnataka Odu (Reading Karnataka)

Karnataka Odu is a new initiative by Kannada Sangha of St.Joseph’s College of Commerce. It is aimed to









expose students of SJCC and other interested ones to the literary and socio-cultural issues of the world through the lenses of Kannada.

As part this initiative a four day intensive literary and cultural camp- 'Kuvempu Odu' (Reading Kuvempu) was organised to read and analyse the important writings of Kuvempu, a prominent literary figure in Indian and World Literature. His writings led to many radical movements in the history of Kannada literature. Both his life and literature dominates the imagination of every writer writing in Kannada.

It is important for the younger generation to read Kuvempu closely and imaginatively for it contains a great humanist perspective of the world. And it is for this reason the camp was entirely dedicated to the writings of Kuvempu. The camp was conducted at Kuppali, the home town of Kuvempu, in Shivamogga District from 30th of October to 2nd of November, 2014. Totally 60 students from different colleges around Bangalore and Bangalore University participated in the camp. It was a fine blend of rural, urban, Kannadigas and non-Kannadigas. All of them were given the compendium of selected works of Kuvempu one month before the camp and were expected to come prepared for the discussions.

The camp started on 30th Oct with an informal inauguration. Students were put into groups and were assigned specific texts of Kuvempu. After a prolonged discussion about the text in the group they were asked to share their views openly on all social issues that Kuvempu thought about decades ago. This process continued for 2 days in which students came across several writings of Kuvempu.

The third day was specially celebrated as it was the day of unification of Karnataka (Kannada Rajyotsava).Even before the dawn students were taken to 'Navilukallbetta' which Kuvempu often visited to draw inspiration for his poetic expressions and witnessed the sunrise. Students were delighted with the symbolic celebration of Rajyotsava. Later they were screened a dramatised video of the novel "Malegalalli Madumagalu" in the mini theatre. They also saw a documentary on K.P.Poorna ChandraTejaswi, Kuvempu's son, a noted writer and environmentalist and was followed by the discussion. Meanwhile students also visited the 'Kavimane', Kuvempu's residence which is now a museum; 'Kavishaila' the poet's favourite inspirational place and also saw the cemeteries of the great poet and his son Tejasvi.

The camp was first of its kind and created an overwhelming cultural desire in the minds of students. Mr. T.H. Lavakumar, the co-ordinator of Kannada Sangha was the Director of the camp and has been successful in framing an innovative and inspiring program for the students. Dr.Chalapathi ,Mr.Devaraju and Mr.Prakash Kadidalu moderated the discussions and gave insights about the essence of these writers. As this was great opportunity for student community, all the members of Kannada Sangha are greatful to the Principal Dr.Daniel Fernandes.S.J. and the Co-ordinator for providing this opportunity.



HINDI PARISHAD

President: Shraddha Anjali

The Hindi Parishad is an association formed to promote Hindi as a language, and to provide a platform for students to showcase their talents in that language. The activities of the Parishad began with the election of its Governing Council Members for the year 2014-15 on 12th June 2014, following which on 18th June 2014 the investiture ceremony marked its official existence.

Independence Day Celebrations, on the 15th of August marked the first performance by the Parishad that was brought out in the form of a patriotic performance and won accolades.

The Parishad conducted 'Indradhanush', an interclass literary fest on 21st and 22nd August 2014. The following events were conducted: Creative writing, ShabdhSampada, Quiz, Dumtakshari, Treasure Hunt, Bollywood Singing, Debate, and Food Fest. The fest was a grand success due to the efforts in preparation, and the large scale participation that resulted.

Following the success of 'Indhradhanush', the Parishad successfully conducted the inter-collegiate language fest 'Nakshatra' on 23rd February, 2015. The fest saw large scale participation from over twenty five colleges in and around Bangalore. The events were similar to those of Indhradhanush, along with 'Wealth out of waste' which was a surprise event. The overall rolling trophy was won by Surana College.

The major outcome of the Parishad's activities is that it has helped students to work in a team, and deal with uncertainties. We look forward to achieve progress in our activities in the years to come and show the same effort.







DANCE TEAM

Dance is the moonlight in the gloomy night of life and it is this love for dance that brought the Indian dance team together. From auditions till the last fest, the girls of the team have made dance their language. The dance team has brought many laurels to the college, and has received numerous accolades. They were adjudged winners at the Mount Carmel fest, Kristu Jayanti College fest, CMS fest and Jyoti Nivas College fest. The biggest achievement of this team was winning the Microsoft V Fest, an annually conducted National fest. The team placed first in the zonal rounds held in Bangalore, automatically qualifying for the finals, which were held in Goa in February 2015. With hard work and dedication, the team was declared the champions of the event 'Beat It Thumka.' The members of the dance team are grateful to the college and the Principal, Rev. Dr. Daniel Fernandes SJ, for the continuous guidance and support. The efforts of their choreographer, Sir Charles Ma, are also noteworthy in this regard.







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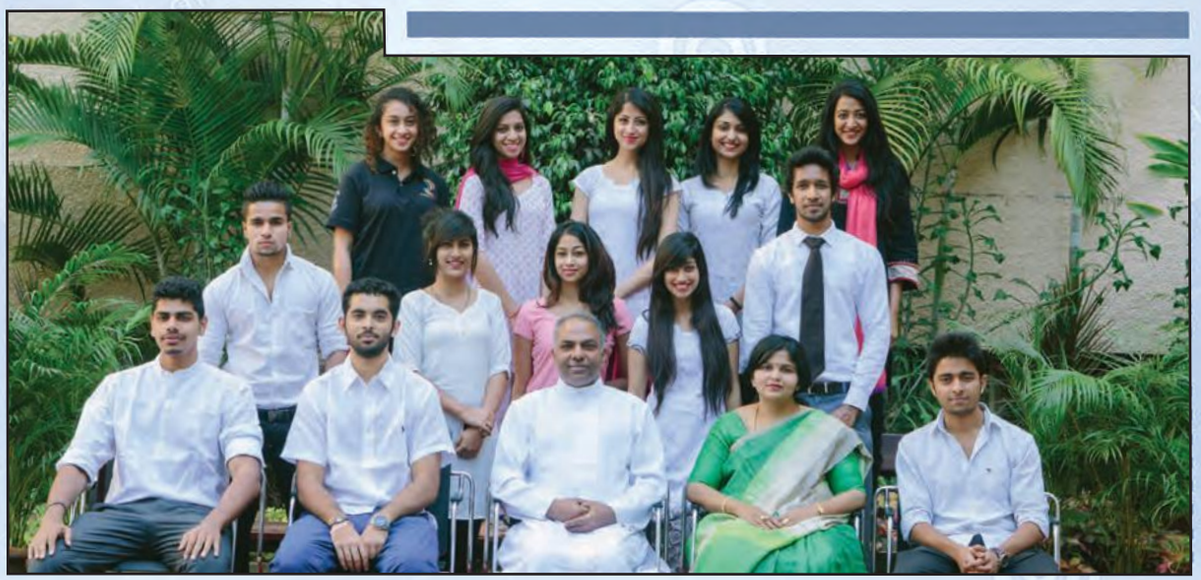
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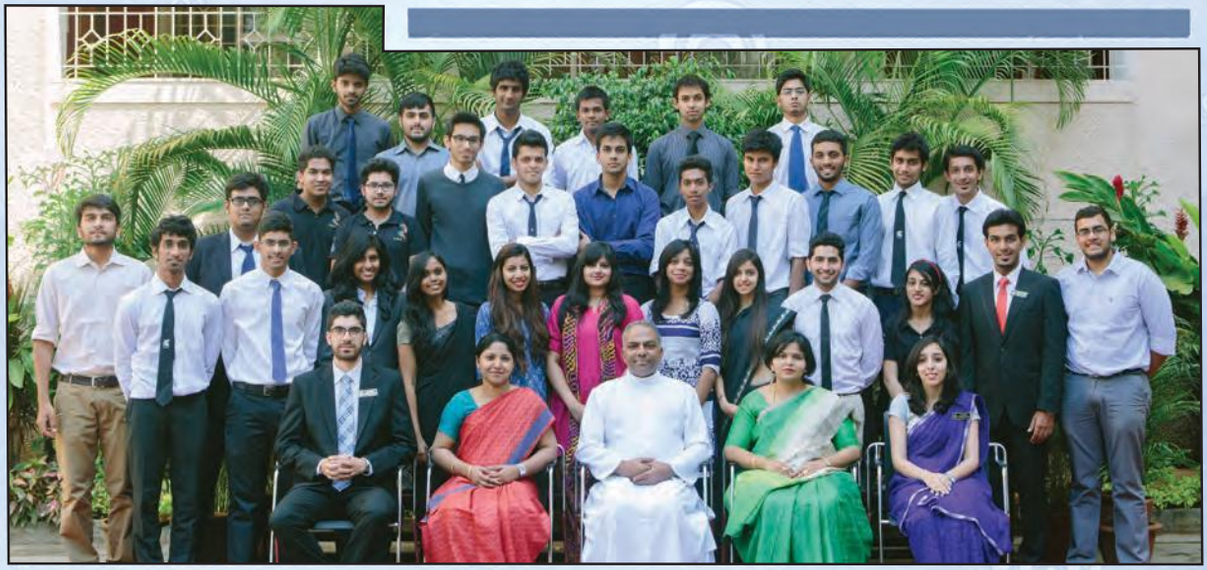
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"Traveling- it leaves you speechless, then turns you into a storyteller"

- Ibn Battuta



INTERNATIONAL TRIPS

At St. Joseph's College of Commerce, emphasis is placed on gaining practical knowledge as opposed to the theory of text books. In this regard, the management of the college organizes industrial visits for the students. The following international industrial trips were organized during this academic year:

1. Industrial International Visit (China) – Post Graduate Department

The students of the Post Graduate Department had an international industrial visit in October 2014. The trip was a six day visit to Hong Kong, Macau and Guangzhou. The students were accompanied by Dr. Raja Jebasingh and staff from the research department of St. Joseph's College of Commerce.

The first two days were spent in Hong Kong. Students visited a number of places which included the Victoria Peak, Repulse Bay, Golden Bauhinia Square, Ocean Park, the Jewellery factory and the Container Terminal.

The next two days were spent in Macau, and the itinerary included dinner at the Venetian, a tour of the city, The Galaxy Macau Diamond Show, and sight-seeing at A-Ma Temple, Macau Fisherman's Wharf, Museum of Macau, and Ruins of St. Pauls.

The last day of the trip was spent at Guangzhou. Students were fortunate to visit the International Trade Centre.

The international industrial trip was an enriching experience for the students of the Post Graduate Department as it enabled them to gain immense knowledge of the functioning of various industries. The trip also served to help understand the culture and traditions that prevail in China. Through sight-seeing, the students were able to admire and appreciate the scenic beauty of the country.

2. Industrial International Visit (Europe) – B.Com & B.Com Travel & Tourism Departments

The students of B.Com and B.Com Travel and Tourism visited Germany, Austria, Switzerland and Italy as a part of their Industrial visit to Europe. The trip was facilitated by Thomas Cook (India). Forty eight students were accompanied by two faculty members, Ms. Komal Dave and Dr. Lalima Chakraverty, on this trip.

The students arrived at Munich, where they were heartily welcomed by the tour manager, Mr.Binoy Lemos, and were taken to the BMW factory, which was an hour away from the Munich International airport. The BMW factory offered a direct insight into all areas of automobile production.

On the second day, the students were taken for a city tour of Munich, followed by a visit to the Nymphemburg Palace which was commissioned by King Ludwig I. After visiting the palace, they were taken to the famous stadium and home ground of FC Bayern Munich, the Allianz arena. Following this, the students departed to Salzburg.





On the third day, the students were taken to the site of the ever popular musical "The Sound Of Music", followed by the visit to the Mirabell Gardens. Later they proceeded to "Hohensalzburg Fortress" and then left for Innsbruck.

On the fourth day the students proceeded for Zurich, where they had an overnight stay at Holiday Inn Express Affoltern Am Albis.

On the fifth day, the students were taken to Mount Titlis, which is 3020m above sea level. This was followed by a ride in a cable-car up to the top of Mount Titlis, followed by a walk on the Cliff Bridge.

On the sixth day, the students proceeded to the Lindt factory outlet and had a splendid time shopping at the outlet. Later, they visited the University of St Gallen - A school for Management, Economics, Law, Social Science and International Affairs.

On the seventh day, the students left for Swiss Miniature in Melide, where they saw the Swiss Alps, the famous Swiss Building, and models of trains, funicular, cableways etc. They then proceeded to Milan in Italy where they were taken on a tour of the city covering the historical city center of Milan.

The tour proceeded to the most important sights including the Arco Della Pace, the church of Santa Maria delle Grazie (home to Leonardo da Vinci's Last Supper) , San Lorenzo, Corso Venezia Piazza SabnBanila and the country yard of Milan's magnificent Sforzesco Castle.

Finally, the students returned to Bangalore taking back with them wonderful memories. The International trip was mainly undertaken to sensitize students about the work-culture of industries abroad and to make them understand the functionality of these industries. The students were also able to learn about the educational system followed abroad, and enjoyed the beautiful European landscapes. Other important takeaways included learning about the compliance of rules and regulations by the country, the advancement of technology and the existence of different dialects of French, German etc.

3. International Student Exchange Programme (Japan) – Kobe College and St. Joseph's College of Commerce

St. Joseph's College of Commerce is in a collaborative relationship with Kobe College for the purpose of promoting mutual understanding as well as exchange of academics, cultural and personnel on the basis of equality and mutual benefit. This year three students from different departments, accompanied by Rev. Dr. Daniel Fernandes SJ, visited the cities of Kobe, Osaka, Kyoto and Tokyo in October 2014.

During the visit, the students witnessed the traditional as well the cooperative and conservative society of Japan. They visited Manga museum, Kobe port, China town and the Odaiba Island. In order to see the traditional side of Japan, they visited various Shinto shrines and Buddhist temples such as Nakayama Dera and Kiyomizu Dera, which is an independent Buddhisttemple in eastern Kyoto and part of the UNESCO World Heritage sites.

The students enjoyed various other experiences such as participating in the tea ceremony, going for ***Pirikura***, taking a ride on the Osaka Wheel, trying out the different Japanese Cuisines, dressing in traditional Japanese attire ***kimono*** and learning how to make traditional Japanese sweets.

This year they went a step ahead, and visited Sophia University in Tokyo in order to anchor future prospective collaborations. The students were able to learn about the culture of Japan. The one thing that created a major impact on their experience in Japan was the people: their ever willingness to help, their hospitality and caring nature.

4. International Industrial Visit (Europe) – BBM Department

An international trip to Europe was organised for the students of the BBM Department in the month of October, 2014. A number of students from first, second and third year classes went on this trip. The students visited the following places:

Rotterdam: Rotterdam is the second largest city in Netherlands, and it houses the largest port in the world. It is situated near the River Rhine and becomes the Gateway to Europe. The students were fortunate to visit Erasmus University, at the Rotterdam School of Management, which is one of the best universities all over Europe. This was followed by a visit to Madurodam, a miniature park which is home to small scale replicas of all famous Dutch landmarks.

Volendam: Situated 20 km from Amsterdam, Volendam is one of the richest towns of the Netherlands. The students visited a traditional clog (wooden shoes) factory, where everything they saw was handmade. They also visited a cheese making factory.

Amsterdam: Originating as a small fishing village in the 13th century, Amsterdam has developed to become a major hub for business, commerce, tourism and culture. Amsterdam is famous for the canals that run through the city. The students were taken on a tour of the city, which included cruises on these canals. The Heineken brewery was established in 1864 in Amsterdam, and is currently one of the three largest beer producers in the world. The students were fortunate enough to visit the brewery and see how the world famous Heineken beer is made.

Brussels: Brussels is the capital city of Belgium, and is famous for its luxury chocolates. The students visited Concept Chocolate, a small factory which made handmade chocolates. They were even given the opportunity to make their own chocolates.

Luxembourg: Luxembourg is one of the smallest nations in the world. A visit to the Bastogne was scheduled, which is the place where the Mardsson Memorial was erected in memory of the fallen American Soldiers.

Heildelberg: Situated in south-west Germany, Heildelberg is a city situated on the banks of a valley



connected by a bridge. The students were fortunate to pass through this city as a part of the trip.

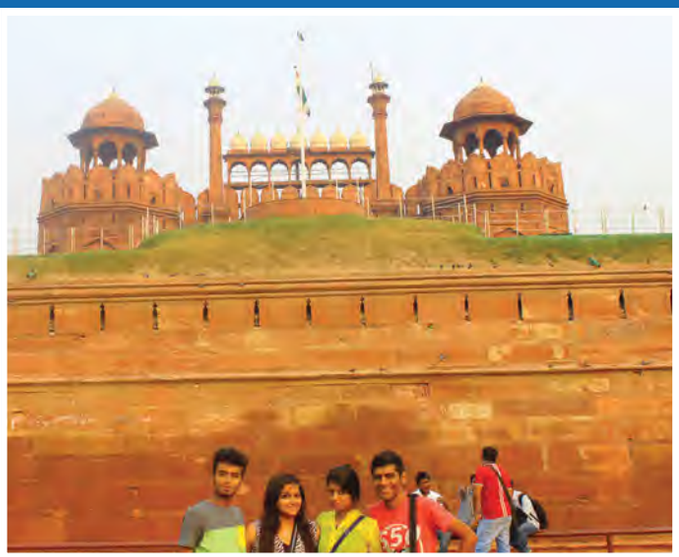
Stuttgart: It is the sixth largest city in Germany and one of the important commercial hubs. The students were lucky to get the opportunity to visit the BMW factory in Dingolfing. The plant at Dingolfing made parts and components not only for BMW, but also for Rolls Royce. The whole visit taught us how the whole production line is set up and the efficiency and accuracy that can be achieved.

Titisee: Titisee is a lake in the southern Black Forest in Baden-Württemberg, Germany. This was followed by the visit to the renowned cuckoo clock making company in Switzerland. Although the clocks were made in Germany, most of the components of the clocks come from Switzerland.

Schaffhausen: Situated in the northern part of Switzerland, a place where the Rhine falls finds it home. Students were fortunate enough to pass through the Rhine falls.

Zurich: It is the largest city in Switzerland and a place for shopaholics. However, the main attraction of the city was the Kapellbrücke (literally, Chapel Bridge), which is a covered wooden footbridge spanning diagonally across the Reuss River in the city of Lucerne in central Switzerland.

The last stop was Mt. Titlis, a mountain of the Uri Alps, which is 10,000 feet above sea level, is one of the most beautiful mountain ranges in the world. To get to the top all the tourists have to take the cable cars, where there were lots of different activities. The visit was to make the students experience the diversity of European culture, languages and industries. It showed the progress that the EU countries are making, and taught the students respect for each of those countries. The most significant thing about Europe was the standard of living the people had and the mutual respect people gave each other irrespective of their status in society.





DOMESTIC TRIPS

A few classes went on industrial trips within the country itself. These include:

1. Industrial Visit (North India) – BBM Department

On 17th October 2014, a group of thirty students from the BBM department went on an educational and vocational trip to cities in North India, which included Chandigarh, Shimla and Manali. The students were accompanied by Ms. Poornima and Ms. Asang as faculty members from the institution and Mr.Sridhar and Mr.Lawrence as the travel heads. The trip was for 6 nights and 7 days. They visited the following places:

Shimla: The students reached Chandigarh, from where they boarded a bus to Shimla. While in Shimla, we visited several places of significance including the Mall, Ridge Road and Kufri. During their stay there, the students experienced the old world charm of Shimla as the city is relatively untouched by commercialization and globalization. Horse riding on Kufri hill was a memorable experience for many of them.

Manali: After spending two days in Shimla, the next place visited was Manali, one of the most adventurous hill stations in India. Few of the places visited in Manali were the Rohtang pass, Mall road, Hadimba temple and the River Beas. Places visited in Manali symbolised the rich heritage and customs followed by the locales there. The students enjoyed an amazing trek up the snow covered mountain and enjoyed a forty-five minute raft down the River Beas.

Chandigarh: After fun & frolic at Shimla and Manali, the students visited M/s Filtrex Limited in Chandigarh. M/s Filtrex Limited is a manufacturing industry in business for over two decades supplying water filters to big players like Eureka Forbes and others. The students were made familiar with the process of manufacturing filters and raw materials used in the process. On the last day, the students visited several culturally rich places in Chandigarh and enjoyed shopping at Sector 17 market.

Through the industrial visit, the students learnt the importance of purified water, and how an industry functions. The trip also served as a platform for the students to get to know each other better.

2. Industrial Visit (Goa) – B.Com Department

The students of 3 B.Com 'A' visited MS Mandovi Distilleries & Breweries Pvt. Ltd., Goa on 20th October, 2014. This industry mainly deals with production of various varieties of alcohol such as whisky, brandy, vodka, etc. The students were taken through the entire process of how alcohol is made and the various departments which were functioning under the industry.

They were first briefed about the industry, its history and its processes. The layout of the plant was divided into 10 Sections. The guide began the tour with the Filtration section which was mainly used to filter all the water which was further used in the preparation of spirits. They were then taken to the raw material go-down where empty bottles were stored. Followed by this they went into the fermentation and mixing unit where the filtered water was mixed with the desired content through various tubes, thus forming the desired alcohol. They were then taken to the glass testing and cleaning unit where they made sure that the empty bottles without defects were cleaned.

The liquor was then filled into the bottles using machines which were aided by manual laborers. The bottles were then sent to the packing and packaging department from where they were exported and distributed in the market. The students also visited the accounting department where a detailed record of the raw materials and finished goods was maintained. Followed by this they visited the



security and surveillance department where the quality of the liquor manufactured was checked by external people. At the end of tour, the students had a better understanding of the processes of a manufacturing concern. They gained practical exposure to what is taught in Cost and Management Accounts and learnt about the real challenges faced in a manufacturing concern of this magnitude.

Class Industrial Visits

As a part of the curriculum the Institution organizes Industrial visits for students to supplement their classroom lessons. The visits focus on integrating subject knowledge with real-life experiences and giving a practical dimension to theoretical concepts. The class mentors of the respective classes, with the help the student coordinators facilitate the visits to the industries

College life is filled with many indelible experiences that are forever treasured as priceless assets that are unrivalled in the sentiments and significance associated with them. Undoubtedly the excursion to North(19th oct 2015) and South India(17th oct 2015) qualifies as one of these unforgettable instances. Awe and amazement overcame students as they went through the ancient architectural wonders being the magnificent Buland Darwaza ,the tomb of Salim Chisti, the most talked about tomb in the world. ,the Taj Mahal . No person was impervious to the radiance that emanates from it . If ever a place is to be called a perfect blend of History, Culture, Modernity, technological and political hub, it has to be Delhi. Students visited the Qutub Minar The Parliament, India gate and Rashtrapati Bhavan and the Lotus Temple before arriving at Sarojini Nagar.After braving the summer heat in Agra and Delhi, the snowy surprise of Shimla and Manali and the fantasy land of art and landscape, Chandigarh,students returned home with broadened minds and fuller hearts.

In the month of October,students travelled 560 kms to reach Sea Bird Resort which marked the beginning of the South India trip comprising of a visit to the famous Gokarna temple and an uphill trek to OM beach, deriving its name from its shape resembling the Hindu OM symbol on day 1.Day 2 involved a visit to the warship museum on Karwar beach . On the third day students travelled to Shimoga to experience the marvel that is the Jog falls and also visited the residence of the famous writer of Karnataka,Kuvempu.This was followed by an industrial visit , 'Coffee Yatra'and a trek to the top of Mullayanagiri,Karnataka's highest peak and a glimpse of the Jhari falls in the adjacent forest.22nd October saw students return back to their families with the feeling that it was all over too soon after having visited Halebidu on their way back.

Class	Name of the place
II B.Com 'C'	Mysore Sandalwood oil Ltd. Mysore
II BBM 'A'	Mysore Silk Udyog Factory, Mysore
B.Com TT	Shawl Factory, Kullu
B.Com TT	Coffee Estate Chikmangalur
II B.Com TT	Kempegowda International Airport, Bangalore
I B.Com TT	Hotel Taj West-end, Bangalore
I B.Com TT	Hotel ITC Gardenia, Bangalore
I B.Com TT	St. Marks Hotel, Bangalore
I B.Com TT	Hotel Sheraton, Bangalore
III B.Com (Accounts Elective)	Hotel ITC Gardenia, Bangalore
III B.Com (Accounts Elective)	The Capitol, Bangalore
III B.Com (Accounts Elective)	St. Marks Hotel, Bangalore
III BBM 'B'	Filtrex Limited, Chandigarh
III B.Com 'A'	Goa Shipyard, Goa
I BBM 'B'	Unibic Biscuits
MIB 1st Year	Sindhu Cargo Services Pvt Ltd



STAFF SOCIAL VIST TO BIJAPUR AND MUNDGOD

"An authentic faith always implies a deep desire to change the world." - Pope Francis

The above quote by Pope Francis, the first Jesuit Pope of the Catholic Church, very boldly captures the underlying philosophy of all works carried out by the Jesuits all around the world. Though primarily identified as a religious order providing excellent education the work of Jesuits extends far beyond providing good education. Along with providing education reaching out to the dispossessed, marginalized and victimized in all ways possible is an integral part of a larger mission of changing the world. Hence, even the education provided by the Jesuits always carries a deep and strong message to change the world.

In Karnataka, along with running premiere educational institutions in Bangalore and Mangalore the Jesuits are spread all over working in small villages and remote places, helping people in their struggle to lead a good life and offering spiritual solace to the distressed. The Karnataka Jesuit Province has four major mission stations from where welfare and empowerment activities are carried out: Anekal, Bijapur, Mundgod and Pannur.

The staff of St. Joseph's College of Commerce visited Bijapur and Mundgod as part of the outreach programme from 22nd to 25th of March, 2015. The purpose of the visit was to understand and study the activities that Jesuits have been doing in the rural parts



of Karnataka. Eighteen staff members including our Principal Dr. Daniel Fernandes S J left Bangalore on 21st night.

The team first visited the Bijapur mission station and was welcomed by Fr. Dan. Though Bijapur is a historic city, it is one of the most under-developed districts in Karnataka. The Jesuits arrived here in the year 1997 and have been working tirelessly to uplift the marginalized sections in the district. A brief overview of the work done by the Jesuits was given to the team through a presentation by Fr. Dan. The team visited Loyal Yomiuri School, Loyala ITI, St. Joseph's Community Care and Navasanidya - HIV/AIDS care center for Girls, all run by the Jesuits. The team also met members of the Self Help Groups started by the Jesuits for the benefit of the slum dwellers and also visited ShikarKhana (Golla Tribe). A massive rally for the empowerment of women was organized by the Jesuits, in collaboration with women's organizations and NGO's, on account of International Women's Day. About 2000 women had gathered in the streets of Bijapur demanding equal rights and opportunities for







women. The Jesuits were thanked and their support to the cause of women empowerment was appreciated by the organizers of the rally.

The team departed from Bijapur on 23rd and reached Mundgod the same day. Fr. Arun welcomed the team at Loyola Vikas Kendra, a residential school for the village kids, and made arrangements for the stay. Mundgod mission station is also one of the oldest mission stations committed to help the marginalized communities. The team visited the schools and hostels run by the Jesuits in order to understand and appreciate the work done by the Jesuits. A Siddi village in which the Jesuits have done a lot of work for their benefit was also visited.

This visit to Bijapur and Mundgod proved to be a big eye-opener for the staff of St. Joseph College of Commerce as we saw the Jesuit philosophy of education put into action. It helped us to understand the concern the Jesuits have for the poor and the marginalized.

The big educational institutions in the cities are very deeply connected with the work being done in the remote parts of Karnataka.

In some ways it helped us to widen our moral and ethical horizons. The learning from this visit will definitely impact us in our teaching practice and help us make students more sensitive towards societal inequalities and ultimately motivating them to give something back to the society.



SPORT

"All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy"

- A Proverb



ANNUAL SPORTS REPORT

St. Joseph's College of Commerce always provides ample opportunities for students to participate in sports and games that are physically wholesome, mentally stimulating and socially sound.

Sports and games are essential for many reasons. They not only help us to maintain good health but also foster friendship and good behavior. Many people think that the aim of sports and games is to win gold medals, which is not the culture here. What is important though is that every boy and every girl in our country be interested in sports and games. Being interested in games does not mean merely watching other people play games, but also to devote at least an hour a day to sports and games.

The sports activities for the year 2014-15 began as early during March and April where the foundations were laid for the future sports activities for the year by identifying the vacant positions in each team due to passing out of final year students. Forty six students who were in various sports teams and were in final year left the college. Selection trials of BBM and B.Com students on sports merit for the academic year were held. Eminent and resourceful sports personalities were inducted into the selection panels to select such candidates and 32 students were provided admission on sports merit.



The beginning of June saw the consolidation of the recruitment efforts by conducting internal selections for ten teams and also for individual sports events, thus giving opportunities for those students who had been admitted on other merits to participate in college sports activities. Nearly 400 students registered for these selections and by the end of June all the ten teams and individual sports events were finalized by meticulous selection process.

Ms. Josephine Peter of III BBM 'B' was elected as the Sports Coordinator in the Council Elections of 2014-15.

SPORTS INDUCTION CEREMONY

The Sports Induction Ceremony was held on the 9th of July and was presided over by the Rector, the Principal and the Staff members of the college. Dr. Sundar Raj Urs, Professor of University college of Physical Education, Bangalore University, was the Chief Guest.







160 students were given the Pledge of Honor by the Chief Guest and were inducted into their respective men's and women's teams. The captains of the various sports teams were called forward to take the oath, along with the other sports students, promising to 'participate in the true spirit of sportsmanship'.

ACHIEVEMENTS GALORE

July was a positive month with the Table Tennis teams finishing victorious in the Bangalore University Table Tennis Championship with the men's team crowned winners and the women's team finishing as runners-up.

The Football team started their campaign by winning the CHRI-SPO-FEST of Christ University and the Hockey team was the runners-up in the same tournament. The Tennis team and the women's swimming team won the Bangalore University Championships. Both the men's and women's Basketball teams won the Bangalore University Basketball Championship. The year also saw many individual achievements by sports students of the college.

FEATHERS IN THE CAP

Meghana Shetty of II B.Com 'B' represented India in athletics and won the Silver medal (Hurdles) in Asian Junior Athletics Championship held at Taipei, China. Pratima Kollali of II B.Com 'D' represented India in World Life-save Swimming Championship held at France.

BANGALORE UNIVERSITY CHAMPIONSHIPS

It is a pleasure to place on record that the college has won the overall championship in the women's section of Bangalore University, the highest number of trophies any college affiliated to Bangalore University has won, and is being awarded this year a special trophy for achieving this distinction.

Bangalore University Table Tennis Tournament

The Bangalore University Inter-collegiate Table Tennis Tournament for Men & Women was organized by St. Joseph's College of Commerce from 19th to 21st August, 2014.





A total of 40 teams in Men's section and 14 teams in Women's section participated in the tournament. The tournament was held on a knockout basis and 53 matches were conducted in span of two days. Along with this the selections for Bangalore University Table Tennis M/W Team were also conducted.



The winners and runners up teams were provided with special trophies by the Bangalore University. The players were awarded gold and silver medals and were also given certificates. A special trophy was awarded to the best player of the tournament.

ANNUAL SPORTS DAY

The college annual sports day was held on 13th of Dec 2014 with all pomp and gaiety Mr. Ganapathy Manoharan, Arjuna & Dronacharya Awardee graced this occasion. III B.Com C class won the overall championship trophy of the inter-class sports and games competition.

SPIEL 2015



The eagerly awaited mega event of inter-collegiate Sports activities, SPIEL 2015 was held between 7th and 14th February 2015. This year marked the 25th year of Spiel. Keeping in mind the silver jubilee, this year's event was conducted on a bigger and grander scale. The winners and runners-up of each sports event received a 10gm silver medal commemorating the 25th anniversary.

In addition to football, throw ball, basketball, cricket, hockey and table tennis, this year saw the addition of two new sports events, badminton and tennis. Almost 40 colleges, including the hosts, participated in this event, which attracted a large number of participants as well as students from various colleges. Nearly 1500 students of the 11 disciplines participated in Spiel 2015.

Spiel Run is a charity-based marathon run which kicks start Spiel, and was organized by the college student council on 7th February 2015 at 6.30am.This event attracted a large number of students and alumni. The length of the run was 3.4 km. Shortly after the conclusion of the Spiel Run, SPIEL 2015 was inaugurated by Mr. Manoj Pasangha, who was the President of the Student Council during his time and also the person who started Spiel in 1990, and Mr. Vinay Mruthyunjaya, who was the Chief Guest for the inauguration ceremony and who is also the current president of the St. Joseph's College Of Commerce alumni association.The closing ceremony of Spiel was





concluded by Mr. Austin Almeida who was the Chief Guest and Mr. SadanandaVishwanatha who was the Guest of Honor.











The Following are Medalists in Bangalore University & Other Athletic Championship 2014-15

Sl/No	Name	Place	Medals	Events
1.	Meghana Shetty	1st place	Gold	100mtrs
2.	Meghana Shetty	1st place	Gold	100mtrs Hurdles
3.	Chitra Raveendran	1st place	Gold	High Jump
4.	P. Vishal Kumar Jain	2nd place	Silver	100mtrs
5.	P. Vishal Kumar Jain	2nd place	Silver	200mtrs
6.	Meghana Shetty Sindhushree.B.A Manogna Jovita Jose	1st place	Gold	4 X 100 Relay (W)
7.	P. Vishal Kumar Jain Abdul Rahman Mohammad Furkan Rajeev James	2nd place	Silver	4 X100 Relay (M)
8.	Meghana Shetty	Individual Championship (Women)		
9.	P. Vishal Kumar Jain Leo Sharath Shetty Shariq Faraz	2nd place in JNC	Silver	4 X 200 (M)
10.	Sharath Shetty	2nd place in JNC	Silver	Cross Country (M)

The following are the details of Achievements of Sports teams & Trophies Won in 2014-15

Sl/No	Game	Category	Tournament	Position
1	Table Tennis	Men	Bangalore University	Winners
2	Table Tennis	Women	Bangalore University	Runners
3	Tennis	Men	Bangalore University	Winners
4	Swimming	Women	Bangalore University	5 Gold's
5	Basketball	Men	Bangalore University	Winners
6	Basketball	Women	Bangalore University	Winners
7	Football	Men	Chri-Spo-Fest of Christ University	Winners
8	Football	Men	CMS Jain University	Winners
9	Basketball	Women	St. Johns Medical College	Runners
10	Chess	M & W	Bangalore University	2nd Place
11	Hockey	Men	Chri-Spo-Fest of Christ University	Runners
12	Judo	Men	Bangalore University	Gold
13	Taekwondo	Men	Bangalore University	Bronze
14	Basketball	Women	Reliance IMG	Winners
15	Basketball	Men	St. Aloysius, Mangalore	Winners
16	Throw ball	Women	St. Aloysius, Mangalore	Runners
17	Throwball	Women	Bangalore University	Runners
18	Basketball	Men	City Jump Association	Winners
19	Throwball	Women	BMSCW	Runners
20	Football	Men	Presidency	Winners
21	Football	Men A Team	Spiel	Winners
22	Football	Men B Team	Spiel	Runners

23	Football	Women	Spiel	Winners
24	Basketball	Men	Spiel	Runners
25	Basketball	Women	Spiel	Winners
26	Throwball	Women	Spiel	Winners
27	Table Tennis	Men	Spiel	Runners
28	Hockey	Men	Spiel	Runners
29	Tennis	Men	Spiel	Winners
30	Badminton	Women	Spiel	Winners
31	Throwball	Women	St. Joseph's College	Winners
32	Football	Men	St. Joseph's College	Runners
33	Basketball	Men	JNC- Sphygmus	Runners
34	Basketball	Women	JNC- Sphygmus	Winners
35	Football	Women	JNC- Sphygmus	Runners
36	Basketball	Men	Incident slam dunk – Surathkal	Winners
37	Table-Tennis	Men	Jain University – VIE 2015	Winners
38	Basketball	Men	Jain University – VIE 2015	Runners
39	Cricket	Men	CMS Jain University (CPL)	Runners

The following Names of Students Represented University/State/India 2014-15.

Sl. No	Name	Class	Game	Representation
1	Meghana Shetty	II B	Athletics	State/ India (Silver Hurdles/ Bangalore University/World University
2	P. Vishal Kumar Jain	II TT	Athletics	University/ State level (Silver) 100 Meters
3	Aishwarya Mohan	II BBM B	Basketball	University/ State
4	Sharika D V	II C	Basketball	University
5	Kruthika Shankar	III C	Basketball	University/ State
6	Sindhu Vijay	III C	Basketball	University
7	Gabriella Smith	I B	Basketball	University
8	Surya Gowthaman	III A	Basketball	University
9	Manogna G	II BBM B	Basketball	University
10	Raunaq Ahmed	III C	Basketball	University
11	Josephine Peter	III BBM B	Basketball	University
12	Akash Subbaiah	II MIB	Basketball	University
13	Vinay.V	III A	Basketball	University
14	Rishabh Poonacha	III BBM A	Basketball	University
15	Pawan D.S	III A	Basketball	University
16	Akshay M Jadhav	I C	Basketball	State
17	Sindhu Bharadwaj	II	Badminton	University
18	Sangeetha Udupa	II D	Badminton	University
19	Nikhil Naresh Pise	I BBM B	Billiards	State
20	Charles Dennis. J	I E	Chess	University
21	Harish Kumar	III B	Cricket	State
22	Shimon Luiz	I C	Cricket	State
23	Sindhushree.B.A	III C	Cricket	University

24	Preethi.B	III B	Cricket	University
25	Mohammed Burhanuddin A	III A	Football	University
26	Kevin H X	III BBM B	Football	University
27	Akash N	II C	Football	University/ District
28	Doujapao Haokip	II B	Football	University
29	Ravi Bhandari	II	Football	University
30	Surender Babu	III A	Football	University
31	Ali Murtuza Khoi	II T.T	Judo	University
32	Prathima Kollali	II D	Swimming	University/India
33	Gagan P S	III C	Tennis	University
34	Niral A Shah	III D	Tennis	University
35	Rohan Gaonkar	III B	Tennis	University
36	Karan V P	I C	Tennis	University
37	Carmel	II M.COM	Throwball	State
38	Tejaswini R	I B	Throwball	State
39	Madhan Kumar. S	III B	Table Tennis	University/ State
40	Vijisha. V	III C	Table Tennis	University
41	Mahesh Chandra. G	II D	Table Tennis	University
42	Kenneth Anthony D'Souza	I D	Hockey	University

A total of 42 students represented India/University/State in various games in this period.

Sports Representatives



Physical Education Department



Physcial Education Department and Coaches



Basket Ball Men



Basketball Women



Football Men



Football Women



Hockey Men



Volleyball Men



Throw Ball Women



Table Tennis Men & Women



Cricket Men



Swimming, Athletics, Badminton , Tennis & Judo



Captains and Vice Captains



India, University and State Representatives



METRO

"The achievements of an organization are the results of the combined effort of each individual."

-Vince Lombard



TEACHERS' ACHIEVEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Daniel Fernandes SJ: Kempegowda Day, named after the ruler Kempegowda who is considered to be the founder of Bangalore, was celebrated for the first time in Bangalore on 27th June 2014, at the BBMP headquarters. This grand celebration was accompanied by various cultural programmes and Kempegowda Award distribution ceremony. The chief guest for this ceremony was the honourable chief minister of Karnataka, Mr. Siddaramaiah.

BBMP honored 187 citizens with the Kempegowda award. These citizens have contributed and dedicated themselves to serve the society in their respective fields. Fr. Daniel Fernandes SJ was one among the recipients of the award for his contribution in the field of education. The student council of St. Joseph's College of Commerce and members of the staff shared the proud moment with him.

When asked to share his thoughts on receiving the award, he said that he was very happy and proud that his dedication towards the field of education was recognized and passed on the credit to the students and the college. He also added that it is not recognition that he has received, but is a recognition that the college as a whole has received.

Mr. Augustin Amaladas and Ms. Anitha Mary: The College congratulates Mr. Augustin Amaladas and Ms. Anitha Mary for successfully publishing a book titled 'Cost Management' (Publication: Kalyani Publishers, ISBN: 978–93–272–4277-5).This book covers Cost Accounting models under changing cost accounting environment. It helps students to develop managerial and accounting skills. This book can be referred by professional students who prepare for CA,ICMA,CFA and MBA examinations. It also contains brain teasers questions, case studies in order to make students think and take decisions.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

At St. Joseph's College of Commerce, talent is recognized and awarded. The college recognizes and congratulates the personal achievements of the following students outside college:

STUDENTS ACHIEVEMENTS – PG DEPARTMENT 2014-2015

1. Benjamin Victor Michael of II nd MIB
- Awarded the Most Valuable Player for four years consecutively at the St. John's Fireball Tournament.
- Awarded the Most Valuable Player for three years consecutively at the St. Mark's Basketball Tournament.
- Captained the St. Joseph's College of Commerce Basketball team at St. Aloysius College Mangalore tournament to victory
- Captained the St. Joseph's College of Commerce Basketball team at C.J.C tournament to victory

2. Krishnan of II nd year M.Com passed UGC-NET in the very first attempt in June 2014. He is first Rank Holder in the Tax program conducted by EY and SJCC in August 2014.

3. Sonia Lobo student of 1st year MIB , Desciple of Smt. Prathima Shridhar and Shridhar Holla from The" Bharathanjali" school of dance , Mangalore has been selected as a "B" grade artist by the Doordarshan Kendra, Karnataka under the category of Bharathanatyam. The auditions were held on 4th December, 2014 in the Doordarshan Kendra, Bengaluru. She will now be performing in Doordarshan Chandana, Karnataka which will be aired in a future date.

4. Richard Y of 1st year M.Com was awarded the Best paper award titled "A Study On The Impact Of Mandatory CSR implementation with special reference

to emerging countries “at Loyola college Chennai, in their seminar on Emerging marketing strategies and practices in the competitive global environment held on 17th Feb 2015

5. Sri Raksha Rai T : The lead female playback vocalist for the track "Ee Ravil"
The track hovers on the theme of disloyalty in love. It is melancholic in its nature and depicts the consequences that unfold post the betrayal. The track got featured on a regional television music channel - Kappa TV on the 16th of Aug 2014. It has received much appreciation for its unique depiction.

6. Aileena Catherin Amon of 1st year MIB, won the title of Manappuram Miss South India 2015. Competition was held in Hyderabad where 17 girls from Kerala,Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Andhra competed for this prestigious title. There were 3 rounds for the competition involving an ethnic round with introduction of contestants, evening gown round where the top 10 have to face a one on one question answer session and final round of cocktail dress, where the top 6 have to face the common question. After these 3 rounds I was crowned as Miss South India 2015.

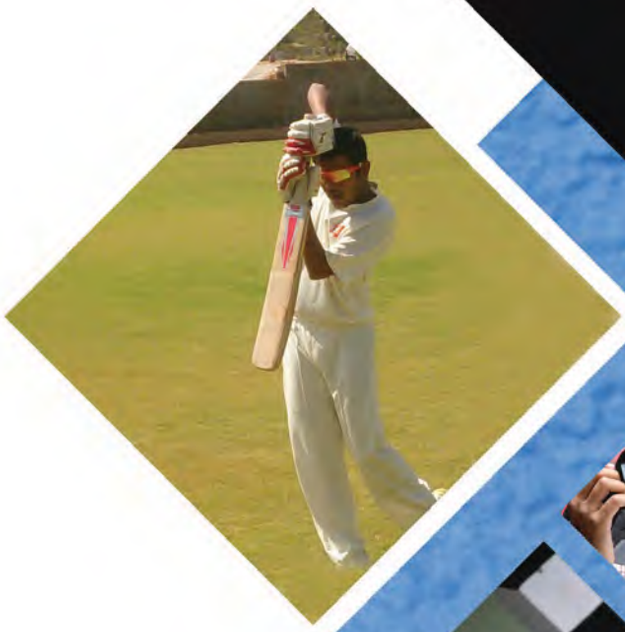
CLASS	NAMES	ACHIEVEMENTS
III B.Com‘A’	Rishab	State Level Cricketer
	Uday	Division 4 Cricketer
III B.Com‘B’	Madhan	National level table tennis player.
	Harish	Part of the state under 23 cricket team, is a recognized bowler in numerous tournaments.
	Pritika	Participated in the ICBL nationals in New Delhi. Renowned singer who has performed at Rajbhavan on Gandhi Jayanthi and in various fund raisers.
III B.Com‘D’	Divya K.	Secured 4 IIIrd rank in IPCC 2013
	Harsh Jaju	Chair at CMS MUN’15-Futuristic Security Council Chair of DPS MUN- Security council Won Precipice’15-International Management Fest by CMS Won Cognito-Christ fest
II B.Com‘A’	Pradeep M	State level kick Boxing Gold medalist.
II B.Com‘B’	Meghna Shetty	2nd place in Asian junior Athletics Championship
II B.Com‘C’	Jairus Ebenezer	Completed the 4th grade examination in violin under Royal School of Music, London
II B.Com‘D’	Pratima Kollali	International level swimmer
	Rhea	International Model works with Prasad Bidapa.
I B.Com‘A’	Haris Rozario	District level long jumper.
	Nithin Lazarus	Played at the Zonals in the cricket tournament.
I B.Com‘B’	Gururaj.S	IFB BACO Juniors, ARGENTINA U-19 Indian representative .Only Karnataka player to represent in Argentina.(football)
	Sachin Surolia	B. Division football league player.
	Shanice Dias	Is part of the college Basket Ball team and has represented and won various inter collegiate tournaments such as Bangalore University, BFI IMG Delhi Nationals, CJC Tournament and BES Tournament.
	Sharath Somanna K.P	Hockey Player of Sports Authority Of India (SAI).
	Shanshank C.N	Hockey Player of Sports Authority Of India(SAI).
	Lenin Patrick	State level Boxing Tournament.

I B.Com‘C’	Sandra	Trained classical dancer under Mr. RajuDutt
	Akash Pirgal	Times of India Topper for ISC topper
	Mira Ganesh	Times of India Topper for ISC topper Trained Violin player
	Akshay Jadhav	Represented Karnataka State team 7 times at nationals-Basketball Mangalore tournament winner-Basketball
	YashKotari	State level skating Zonals-Cricket
	Shimon Luiz	Represented Karnataka State in Cricket 7 times
	Shivil Kaushik	Cricket-Zonals and claimed the ‘Star Spin Award’ from Anil Kumble and received Rs. 1,00,000
	Shashank Mittal	Zonals-Cricket
	Laggan Jain	Zonals-Cricket
	Vivek Uthappa	Bangalore United Hockey Club
	Karan V.P.	Won state tournaments and participated at a national level. Also part of SJCC team which won Bangalore University Tournament and Spiel 2015
	Manish Jain	Runner up at the ‘White Peacock Badminton Tournament” Played nationals held in Bangalore
	Aishwarya	Trained classical singer. Guru-Vidushi Gayatri
	Gabriella Smith	Represented the state team at nationals 8 times Won the NBA all star 2012
I B.Com‘E’	Dharani	Professional Kuchipudi Dancer – Disciple of Rajashri Holla
	Clinton	Movie Director – National award nominee
	Charles	South zone interuniversity chess representative. Represents Bangalore University
III BBM ‘A’	RishabPoonacha	State Level Basketball player
	NoyonitaLodh	Professional Model Miss Diva 2014, represented India at the Miss Universe pageant
	Tessa Vellara	Actor Acting in ad films and movies
II BBM ‘A’	Prithvi Chengappa	National level Basketball Player
II BBM ‘B’	Aishwarya Mohan	National Level Basketball player. Represented Karnataka at Senior Women’s Nationals.
I BBM ‘A’	Rajeev MP	Won Sub Continental – India’s First Submission wrestling tournament. Qualified for the Super Fight League
	Snehit Rai	National level Basketball Player
	Pavan Manoj	Taekwondo National Level Gold Medalist

I BBM 'B'	Nikhil Pise	State Level Champion (Juniors) - Billiard and Snooker. Ranked 3rd in National Level U-21 Billiards, and one of the top 16 in snooker
	Vishnu Abhishek	Drummer, certified by the Trinity School of Music, London.
III B.Com TT	RehanaHajee	Racing from the age of 16.Motorbike racing for Bangalore. Participated in 7 championship races. Racing for KTM 200 ad YAMAHA RDIII50.Participated
	Nishanth	Renowned Disc Jockey and Music Producer. Has travelled and played across the country's biggest clubs and music festivals including VH1 Supersonic and Sunburn.
	Meghana Biddappa	Has acted in Tamil short film 'Adhigama Aasepadade Arivu'. Has also acted in Tamil short film 'Sittralai' (which is going to be featured in the Cannes film festival). Won the title 'Miss Genesis Bangalore' pageant in 2011. Won the 'Clean and Clear Fresh Face' at the city level twice in a row in 2011 and 2012. Was part of an ad for RCB – Axe in 201III and a Pepsi ad with RanbirKapoor. Has done over 15 branding print ad shoots for billboards and newspapers.
	Siddharth Nair	Was the vocalist of one of the biggest Bangalore bands named Tiffin Box and has been part of the Bangalore Indie music scene for 6 years. Currently, the front man and vocalist of the band Tangents. Has worked on a few tracks with artists from Mumbai, Manipal and even the U.K and is in talks about his second foreign studio project stint with Jason Morpeth for a project titled Transcend.
II B.Com TT	Maanav Kapai	Certified Master NLP practioner, Program Partner. Adventure Coach of Sankalp Academy. Has been part of Team Sankalp since its inception. National level athlete and National level Basketball player.
	Ali Murtaza	Sport : JUDO 1st place in B.U Judo tournament. 1st place in KarntakaSahyadri state judo championship. Achieved diploma in judo by securing brown belt 1stque. Participated in All India University Judo tournament held at Amritsar.
	Vishal Kumar	Athlete Karnataka state juniors 2nd in 100metres (10.7 sec) IIIrd place 200 metres (22.III sec) National juniors 4*100 metres relay bronze medal BU 2nd place in 100 metres IIIrd place in 200 metres Individual champion in SJCC sports day 2015
IB.Com TT	MohitRaysonni	Cycling 8hrs 264kms non-stop for Limca book of records, being part of Vodafone 104hrs of non-stopstatic cycling. Secured first place at the Ramnagar marathon. Mascot of Bengaluru marathon. Winner of the 12hr non-stop stadium run. Secured first place at Chennai marathon. Represented IBM and won the Hyderabad marathon.
	BrittoRoyasten B	Played hockey for the national team. Played for RBI and BSNL


YAMAHA FASY


TEACHFORINDIA





JOSEPHITES IN NEWS



CAMPUS LIFE A FIESTA

Offering Commerce and Management courses to UG and PG students, St Joseph's College of Commerce is a landmark in the Garden City



CHAMPIONS: Bangalore University sportspersons with their trophies and cash awards on Thursday

Rohit, Pratima strike it rich

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Bangalore: Star swimmer Rohit Havaldar, a commerce student, won a cash award of Rs 1.85 lakh at the Bangalore University's annual sports awards ceremony here on Thursday.

The award was given away for his participation in the World University Games in Rus- six medals (three gold, one silver and two bronze) at the All-India Inter-University swimming championships. BU vice-chancellor B Thimme Gowda and registrar KK Seethamma were among those present.

Awardees: Rohit Havaldar: Rs 1.85 lakh for 10 medals (four gold medals, five silver and one bronze) at All India Inter-University Swimming meet in Punjab in October 2013 and participating at the World University Games. Pratima Kollali: Rs 95,000 for six medals (four



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Student ragged at nursing college, parents to protest

DC CORRESPONDENT

Thamarai Chelvan, studying at SEA College of Nursing, attempted suicide on January 28 after four students ragged him. He was rushed to Manipal Hospital on Old Airport Road, where he has been admitted to the ICU.

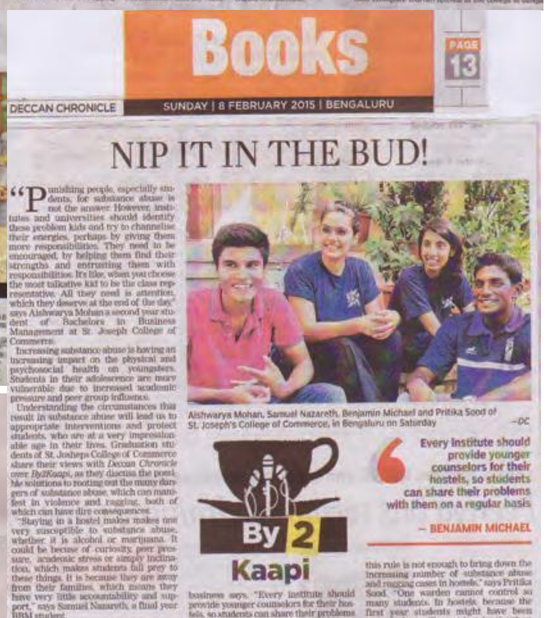
IN A FLASH



BU honours its achievers

BANGALORE: Continuing its tradition of honouring its achievers in the sporting sphere, Bangalore University on Thursday presented

BIG DAY: Sportspersons who were honoured by the Bangalore University on Thursday.



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NIP IT IN THE BUD!

Aishwarya Mohan, Samuel Nazareth, Benjamin Michael and Pritika Sood of St. Joseph's College of Commerce, in Bengaluru on Saturday —DC

Every institute should provide younger counselors for their hostels, so students can share their problems with them on a regular basis

— BENJAMIN MICHAEL

By 2 Kaapi



'Nothing is difficult if you try it'



'Turas'

A spirited show

'Turas', a cultural fest, was conducted by the travel and tourism department of St Joseph's College of Commerce recently. Promising to become an annual event, the fest had a number of prestigious colleges taking part. An elaborate parade of

mote the beaut of Karnataka.

The students in a flash mob, preciated by ev ent. Another ev 'Turas 2015: Th was also organi sisted of a race



ലൈഫ് ഡാർട്ട് 5കെ മാരത്തൺ

ബെംഗളൂരു ● പ്രമേഹരോഗികൾക്കായി ലൈഫ് ഡാർട്ട് 5കെ റൺ മാരത്തണിൽ നൂറുകണക്കിനാളുകൾ പങ്കെടുത്തു.

സിഖ്വയോസിസ് ഇൻസ്റ്റിറ്റ്യൂട്ട് ഓഫ് ബിസിനസ് മാനേജ്മെന്റ്, ഇന്ദിരാനഗർ റോട്ടറി ക്ലബ്, റോട്ടറാക്ട് ക്ലബ് എന്നിവ ചേർന്നാണു മാരത്തൺ സംഘടിപ്പിച്ചത്. നഗരത്തിലെ ഏഴു കോളജുകളിൽനിന്നുള്ള വിദ്യാർഥികളും ഇരുപതോളം കമ്പനികളിലെ ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥരും വിവിധ സന്നദ്ധ സംഘടനാ പ്രവർത്തകരും അണിനിരന്നു. മാരത്തണിലൂടെ സമാഹരിച്ചുതുക തെരുവുകുട്ടികളുടെ പുനരധിവാസത്തിനായി പ്രവർത്തിക്കുന്ന സന്നദ്ധ സംഘടനയായ ദീപ്തി സ്കോയ്ക്കു കൈമാറി.

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VIBRANT Campaigning in progress.

Vaishak packs big punch

Tough Youngster Clobbers Udupi Lad Bhatt To Capture U-13 Gold Medal

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STATE BOXING

Promising a bright year ahead

Sr Joseph's College of Commerce held its student council election recently. Just like every other election, this began with the filing of nominations.

Interested students filed their nominations a few days prior to the elections.

Though the nomination process was easy, it was the campaigning that proved to be a challenge.



Step by step



GRACEFUL One of the dances.

Kristu Jayanti College organised its annual intercollegiate dance festival 'Nrityanjali' recently. Over 30 colleges and 400 participants participated in various dance forms like

and nostalgia brought forth by the students through dance, he said, "I enjoy seeing all the culture orientated dances."

"We promote the cultural and curricular activities of

amazing," said Aliza Jacob, a member of 'Threads', RRANMS.

"Diversity, teamwork, exuberance and carpe diem is what the fest all about. We as the 'Literary Cultural Associ-



JUST FOR LADDERS Students having a blast during 'TURAS', the inter-collegiate tourism fest of St Joseph's Commerce College in Bengaluru on Monday. Other competitions like a treasure hunt and triathlon were also organised | EXPRESS PHOTO

Heavenly harmonies

Peace on Earth, an evening of Christmas music at St Mark's Cathedral, presented traditional carols in a modern avatar



MARIANNE DE NAZARETH

St Mark's Cathedral opened the season of Advent with Let there be Peace on Earth, an evening of Christmas music. The participating choirs

audience to join in the chorus as he pounded the piano. Listening to little children sing in a heart-warming experience and listening to 60 of them is even more uplifting. Fifty little voices from the St. Mark's

is arrangement of 'Let there be Light'. The choir finished with 'Let all the angels of god'.

St Joseph's College of Commerce with the Sarasate Chorale began with a very

Silver for Meghana, Jessy

TAIPEI CITY, AGENCIES: Middle-distance runner Jessy Joseph and hurdler Meghana Shetty won silver medals for India on the third day of the 16th Asian junior athletics championships here on Saturday.

The coveted gold medal eluded Indians for the third consecutive day as Jessy, a trainee of PT Usha, had to settle for a silver despite her

After coming through a testing heats in the morning, Jessy battled it out with Japan's Ryoko Hirano in the final. In a tough race, Jessy was just two-hundredths of a second behind the Japanese (2:06.75 to 2:06.77), claiming the silver.

India's Archana Adhav joined Jessy on the podium with her third place finish in 2:09.11.

Meghana returned a personal best of 14.09 seconds for the silver in the 100M hurdles, behind Japan's Mako Fukube (13.98).

To the disappointment of

To the disappointment of everyone in the Indian camp, discus thrower Sachin Dalal Singh failed to get a medal.

Having recently set a national junior record of 58.11M at Chennai, Sachin was expected to make waves in Taipei but he could not perform as expected and managed only 55.41M to finish fourth.

Chinese athletes were 1-2 in long jump with Li Xiao-Hong taking the gold with a leap of 6.27M, followed by Rong Wang in 6.15M.

China and Japan are leading in the medals table with

INTERVIEWS





INTERVIEW WITH FR. BRIAN PEREIRA SJ

'Ignitors' is a youth group, based in Bangalore. As the name suggests, the group helps ignite "visions, passions and missions", visions for creative and critical thinking, passions for committed and constructive actions and missions to dream of a better world. Fr Brian Pereira, a Jesuit priest, who has done his Masters in Pastoral Care and Counseling from Loyola College, Maryland, USA, is the animator of this group and the force behind its success. The group was started by him in the year 2010. Since its formation, it has caught the imagination of young minds. Every year, the group reaches out to over 10,000 college students in Karnataka.

Interviewer: Father, how long have you been a part of the Ignitors programme?
Fr. Brian: I have been a part of the programme since its inception. I started it in 2010, four years ago. So far, we have addressed fifty thousand students from different colleges. This year, we have addressed around seven to eight thousand students, and will be addressing another fifteen thousand students. By the end of this year, we would have addressed about fifty thousand students in four years.

Interviewer: How many colleges are reached out to as part of this programme?
Fr. Brian: This is the fourth year of the programme, and every year we reach out to about twenty colleges in Karnataka, which include Jesuit institutions as well as non-Jesuit institutions.

Interviewer: What is the main aim of this programme for students?
Fr. Brian: In simple words, the programme aims to promote integral formation of students. It is said that education has three H's; head, heart and hand. The present education system focuses mostly on the 'head' aspect, and at the end of college education, students become monsters with swollen heads but people with shrunken hearts; intellectual geniuses with no feeling. Therefore, Ignitors aims at providing integral formation of head, heart and hand. Hence we have various programmes; activity-based programmes where people reach out to others, cleanliness drives which include spreading awareness of the environment at traffic signals, and various other programmes pertaining to relevant issues.

Interviewer: How have students responded to the programme?
Fr. Brian: The overall response in various colleges has been very positive and encouraging. Almost 99% of the students from various colleges have recommended this programme for the future generations. In St. Josephs College of Commerce, the response here has been positive as well. There are a few students who probably don't enjoy these programmes as much as the others, but I can confidently say that 95% of the students are happy with the programme, based on the feedback that I have received. The students have given an average rating of 9 for content, presentation, and the concept itself, which is very encouraging for us.

Interviewer: The 'Ignitors' group is comprised of volunteers from all spheres of life, talking about different issues. How hard was it to get them together initially?
Fr. Brian: Initially, it was quite difficult as they are all free-lance life skills trainers. Getting them together was a major challenge for us. Apart from this, the programme had to be conceptualized and then planned accordingly, to include three different modules. The first is leadership skills and maturity, the second is

social awareness and analysis, and the third is life skill training. It was challenging to get experts from these three areas, and we are happy that they responded well, and are doing a wonderful job with so much passion.

Interviewer: On a concluding note, Father, any message for the students of our college?

Fr. Brian: I think youth is power, we need to realize that. 58.8% of our country's population is below twenty-five years of age. Unfortunately, this massive power has not realized its potential. In other countries, youth has brought about a revolution, whereas in India, the youth has remained mediocre. The biggest problem in our country is not the lack of potential, but the fact that the youth have accepted mediocrity. We need to plan big and nurture youth.

There is a saying: if you plan for a year, sow paddy, as it grows within a year. If you plan for a decade, plant trees.

But if you want to plan for a future, nurture youth, as youth are the future of the country. If the students of St. Joseph's College of Commerce realize their potential, they can work miracles and we will have a better India.

The interview was conducted by Pritika Sood of III B.Com 'B'.

INTERVIEW WITH RAHUL GOMES

Rahul Gomes graduated from St. Joseph's College of Commerce in 2014. At St. Joseph's College of Commerce, he was the President of the Student Council and was also the Best Outgoing Student from B.Com from his batch. Prior to his final year, he completed an internship at Goldman Sachs in the operations division. He is currently working as a school teacher at SavitribaiPhule English Medium School as part of the Teach For India Fellowship programme. When asked about the change in line from the corporate world to social work, here is what he had to say:

Interviewer: What challenges have you faced switching jobs from an MNC to the social sector? How did you handle them?

Rahul Gomes: I never really worked at an MNC, I interned with one. And from the minute I joined Goldman Sachs, while it was loads of fun, I knew I couldn't do that job for any considerable amount of time. When the opportunity arrived in the form of Teach For India, I grabbed it with both my hands. There wasn't much of a challenge in deciding to join the social sector because that was what I wanted to do at the outset. However, joining Teach For India is a hard process. It is detail oriented and quite exhaustive. Overall, it was an enriching experience. I must add, nothing you do can prepare you for the sheer amount of work and the commitment required to carry out the job. Teaching is hard. Teaching little kids with no background of English is harder still. I think just knowing the impact you make on these kids is the drive that pushes you to work every day. Furthermore, this is not like any 9 to 5 job you will do. You are constantly thinking about the classroom. Teaching in the morning is just a tip of the iceberg. Post that, the real grind work starts. Preparing lessons for the next day, getting material and resources printed, organising pieces so that the kids are exposed to numerous things they normally wouldn't have access to; all those combined keep you constantly on your toes and make every day like a mini project in itself.

Interviewer: Who has served as your role model throughout your graduate experience?

Rahul Gomes: I don't really think I had a definite role model during my graduate experience. I never wanted to follow in anybody's footsteps. I wanted to speak to everyone around, build a network of smart, articulate people who could share their experiences with me and then make a wise choice about what I wanted to do. I must say that it gave me great pleasure to meet new people and learn new things. So no, no real role models. Just a collection of experiences that cumulatively added to what I already knew and what I needed to learn.

Interviewer: How do you determine or evaluate success?

Rahul Gomes: This is a hard question. I have learnt that success isn't a destination. It is a process combined with a purpose. It is a journey where the end product doesn't matter. Success can be something as simple as well planned lesson and when that gets torn to shambles in the classroom, then success can be a lesson not thoroughly planned but intricately executed with good result. Success can be something as simple as a child writing a single sentence with appropriate sentence structure and success can be when I have the entire weekend off occasionally. Don't be rigid with your perspective on success. Set a goal, break in into milestones and (I can't stress on this enough) celebrate when you reach these milestones. Don't make success a destination. Let every day contribute to your goal. Even if or when you fail, you know what broke down where and correcting that particular process puts you back on track. A piece of advice, never forget why you're doing your job. Let the PURPOSE drive you and the process get you there.



Interviewer: What specific goals other than those related to your occupation, have you established for yourself?
Rahul Gomes: Luckily I work for an organization that places high interest in the growth of the individual and that helps me chart my personal growth both as a professional with skills and as a human being. In my professional life I would, at the end of my fellowship, like to be an able leader, facilitator and motivator of people. I would like to be able to build connections intrinsically and leverage resources which seem hard to acquire. I would like to be able to be more strongly placed, skill-wise, to solve the educational crises which plague our country at the moment.

Personally, I want to learn patience (which, thanks to my classroom exploits has begun to take shape in me), love and compassion. These are values I am not completely familiar with and I realize that these are the values I would like to have as an individual at every stage of my life. I also want to be able to know and understand my areas of strengths and development by the end of the fellowship. This will ensure that I am always tackling some area of my personal life that needs sharpening and leveraging those areas that I have already built.

Interviewer: If you had to offer a piece of advice to a junior with the question, "There are lots of things I'd like to do, but how do I know which one is right?" what would it be?
Rahul Gomes: Do what you WANT to do. I can't stress on this enough.

I have found that if you want to do something, you will put every inch of your life and soul into it until you are good at it.

And that should be your aim. If you go into something because it's okay, because it pays the bills and leaves more time for shenanigans on the weekend then I assure you, your motivation will dip quite alarmingly. So to sum up, find something you love, DO IT PASSIONATELY, and that will be the right thing to do.

Interviewer: What has been your greatest driver through the entire journey from being a 1st year student at st. joseph's college of commerce to a teacher?
Rahul Gomes: "The pursuit of Happiness" No, not the movie, or the song. It is the thought, the concept, the idea, the purpose and the process.

The interview was conducted by Nimi Mathew of 2 BBM B.

MISCELLANY

"Miscellaneous: A melange of important things that don't make the headlines."



CHANGES IN COLLEGE

Progress is impossible without change. The only way to make sense of change is to plunge into it and move within. This academic year, a number of changes have been made for the betterment of one and all at St. Joseph's College of Commerce.

The first noticeable change when anyone enters college is the brand new flooring. The old stone tile flooring in the ground floor has been replaced with bright marble flooring.

Inclusion of a new evening batch for B.Com students is a very big step and this change has brought in additional 80 new faces to the Josephite family. Timings for this new batch are from 1.00 pm to 6.00 pm.

College timing for the regular batch has also undergone various changes this year, with classes commencing at 9.00 am and ending at 3.00 pm. There is a short break after two hours of class, and the lunch break is from 1.00pm to 2.00pm.

This year, Ms. Nirmala Joseph was appointed as the Vice Principal to assist the Principal in running the college. The Student Governor for this academic year also witnessed change with Ms. Sneha Rai handing over her duties as governor of the students to Ms. Veenu Joy. Ms. Sneha Rai was then appointed as the Controller of Examinations.

A new post titled 'Travel & Tourism Coordinator' has been included in the Student Council for the benefit of the B.Com TT students.

Last but not the least, the college website has been updated and the design has been changed to improve its appearance and make it user-friendly. Important links for syllabi and other important documents are made available on the website.

The college has undergone numerous changes from the previous year. Although these changes were difficult to accept initially, these have now become part of the daily life at St. Joseph's College of Commerce. St. Joseph's College of Commerce has been ranked as the 8th best commerce college in India. These changes continue to lead to development and progress of our college.

TECHNOLOGICAL IMPROVEMENT

The Institution recognizes the needs of a dynamic, demanding workplace that is increasingly reliant on technology. To equip our students, we have designed innovative pedagogical methods that use state of art technology.

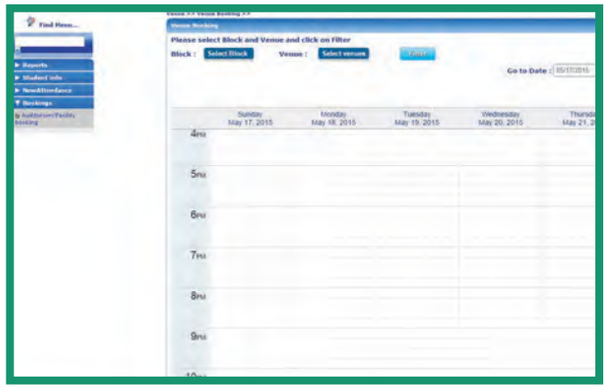
We have upgraded our ERP system with the dedicated efforts of our ERP team. The latest version of the software boasts of advanced features such as:

- Short Messaging Service (SMS) for intimating the parents about his/her child's absence.
- Online Payment Gate way implemented for admissions.
- Consolidated Marks cards.
- Auditorium and Class room bookings made



online enabling the user to get the availability and confirmation online, and several more features, a detailed list of which can be found on the college website.

- Implemented Moodle an open source software for conducting online examinations.
- Period wise update of co-curricular leave



This is augmented through the introduction of additional measures such as Software Binary System and Antivirus software programs to ensure secure browsing and seamless transactions. Several classrooms were refitted with new LED projectors and the teachers have been equipped with new laptops.

To enhance oursecurity and monitoring activities, we have installed several CCTV cameras in strategic locations. We additionally make use of Biometric scanners to ensure a foolproof system of recording attendance for the staff. The College also has a fully equipped state of the art Language Lab which accommodates forty students at any given time.



The College website serves as an effective tool for dissemination of information and is continually updated. The Web Server stores all the data pertaining to the students such as the attendance record, marks obtained in examinations, performance in extracurricular activities and calendar of events.



PANORAMA

"Either write something worth reading or do something worth writing."

-Benjamin Franklin



WORD FROM OUR ALUMNI

At St. Joseph's College of Commerce, the alumni form an integral part of the institution. The alumni are instrumental in assisting the present batch of students and faculty in planning various activities of the college. Here are what a few of them have to say about their time at St. Joseph's College Of Commerce:

St. Joseph's College Of Commerce can truly be described as a home away from home. Being a nervous and a shy boy walking into the portals of St. Joseph's College Of Commerce, I had no idea of what this place had in store for me.

The memories in this college go back to the first day I entered the campus on a TVS Scooty with a broken helmet, just to meet a few friends and attend practice for the First Mass of the Academic Year. College had not yet officially begun; Bridge Courses were just getting over.

This is how college life began for me. One event led to the other and before you know it I was volunteering and participating in a number of events within college and outside college. This helped me build my confidence and make me a stronger person. By God's grace I was able to cope with my studies as well. More and more opportunities came my way during the three years of college life in St. Joseph's College Of Commerce. I was privileged to be the AICUF President of College in my third year, and was fortunate enough to conduct the AICUF State Congress for all colleges across Karnataka.

Another highlight of my stay in St. Joseph's College Of Commerce was the formation of our Acoustic & Acapella Music Group 'The Acoustic Project', who is still active and mad about music even to this day.

Thank you St. Joseph's College Of Commerce for transforming me into a better person and for blessing me with memories that I will cherish for a lifetime. Given a chance I wouldn't mind getting back college life back again."

~ **Bertrand Albert,** Batch of 2013-2014

We parted ways with memories of joy and pain, memories in our heart which will always remain.

While looking through stacks of pictures, It all just comes back right in front of my eyes. Four years ago I would have never thought that the time to bid adieu would arrive so early. College days are special for everybody; they gift most of us with some unforgettable carefree memory to cherish forever and so were mine.

My days at St. Joseph's College Of Commerce would have not been the same without my batch mates. There were good days, bad days, from assignment reviews to campus interviews. We had our Nicknames to last bench games, Cultural rehearsals to love proposals. We shared our problems, joy and food because we knew nothing else could make us feel good. Those silly fights, those small conversations and gossips, from an Oreo shake at Chetta's to a quick run to brigade road. Ah! Those were the days. We decided to study the entire night, but ended up gossiping till it was bright. Everything is still fresh in mind, I just wish I could rewind.

These years in st. joseph's college of commerce has given me education, learning and life experiences which cannot be replaced. And to my friends- college is over, memories past, but I still believe our JOSEPHITE spirit will always last.

-Vernon Rodrigues, Batch of 2013-14

St. Joseph's College Of Commerce for me has been much more than a college or a center of learning. It's been like my second home. Never has there been a dull or boring moment as the campus is always throbbing with so much energy and enthusiasm.

The college has taught me much more than accounts and business, it has taught me lessons for a lifetime. In these 3years, St. Joseph's College Of Commerce has molded and shaped me into the person I am; it has made me a man for others. I'm forever indebted to this wonderful institution for everything it's given me and for all the wonderful memories it's created.

-Reevan Vishwas Rego, Batch of 2013

For it feels like just yesterday that I walked into St. Joseph's College Of Commerce for admission, just yesterday a curly haired boy found his home amidst a concrete jungle on Brigade road. What is a home, well, I lay in debate. Where is it, I'll tell you.

Undoubtedly, #163, Brigade Road, Bangalore, 560025. Boys walked in with funky hairstyles and walked out as economists. Girls strutted-in in three-inch heels and walked out leaders. Was it the food? Not exactly. The campus? Maybe. The spirit of the Josephite? Definitely! For every one of us were teachers, everyone a student. Learning began where studying ended. For we knew our teachers by their gait, never a lack in spirit, never late.

I will always return and forever remember, for it feels like just yesterday that I said 'Chetta, one choco banana, please'.

~ Rahul Nixon, Batch of 2013

St. Joseph's College Of Commerce is synonymous with bringing out the best in a person, at least that's what happened with me. I'm not saying that because I have to, but because I've lived it and it has made me what I am today. This beautiful institution with its amazing faculty not only teaches you your subject knowledge, but also values of life which you carry forward for years to come. It has made me confident to face anything that comes my way. When you step out of this institution, the kind of recognition you receive is more than one could expect. St. Joseph's College Of Commerce is and will always be my home, a place where I was guided and nurtured to grow and become worthy to compete in the big bad world."

~ Natasha George, Batch of 2014

FRESHERS' OPINION

As first year students, their opinion on the college is of vital importance to the institution. Here are a few such students sharing their thoughts and feelings on their first year at St. Joseph's College Of Commerce

The one word that sums up exactly how I felt on the first day of college is 'fear'. I was so afraid about what was going to happen. College meant that you had grown up. That you could no longer make excuses for yourself saying you're young, because college is a time to grow up and become responsible. I looked around me and saw that I was surrounded by a sea of people all of whom knew each other. I felt so lost and tiny but little did I know that I was setting out on one of the best years of my life. At St. Joseph's, I got an opportunity to blossom. I took a chance and participated in a fest and discovered that I was more creative than I thought I was. I got a chance to give back to community through the various social activities designed by the college. I met so many amazing people with whom I've made memories that I will cherish for the rest of my life. Here's to another wonderful year and happier days to come.

~ Royina Bakshi, I BBM

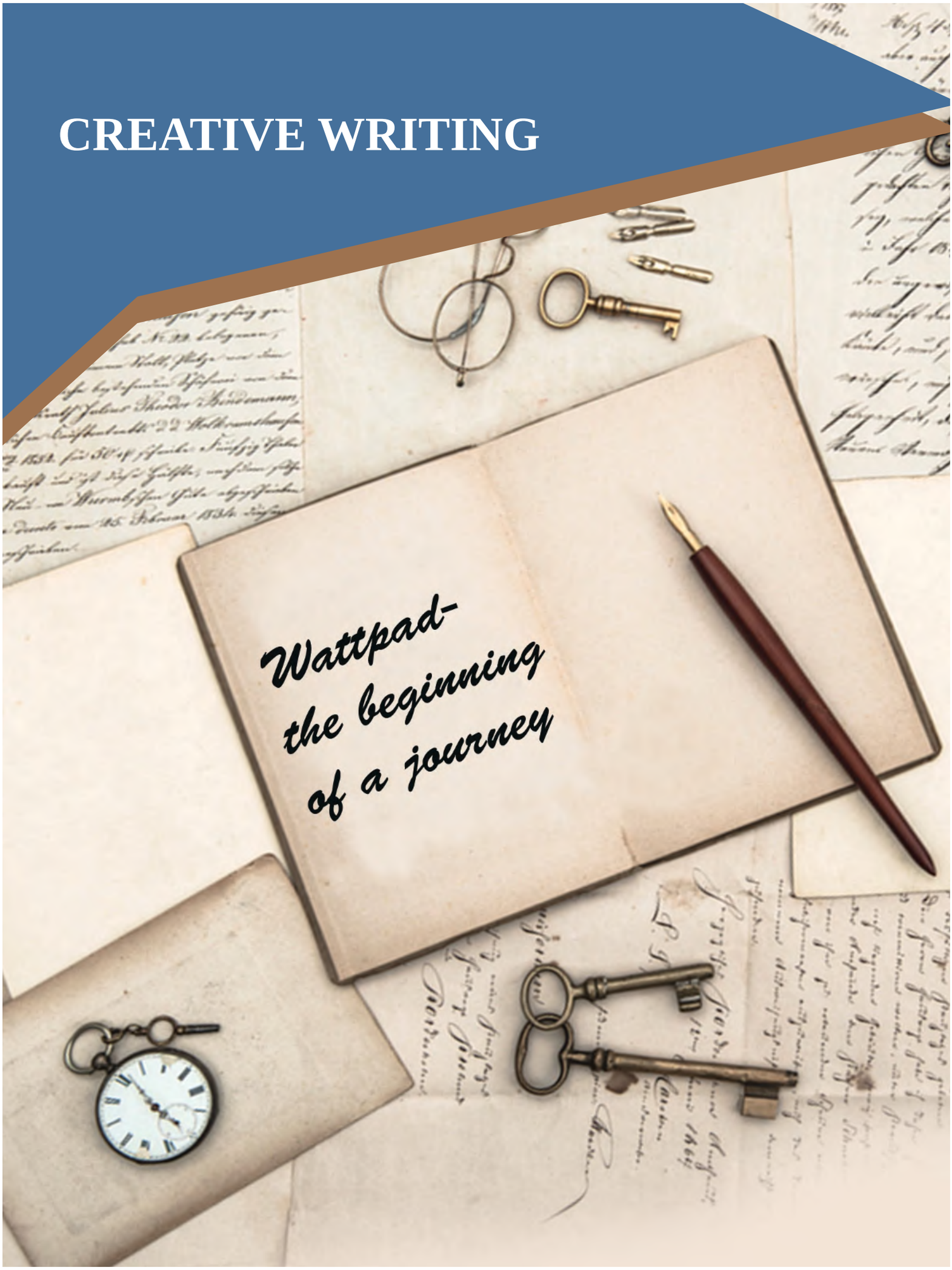
We were asked to write a paragraph sharing our impression about the college. Well honestly, this college cannot be described in words! The first day, then the Ignition Week, Cipher, Kalotsav, Dhwani and even regular classes have made me fall in love with this place. In fact, even though college gets over at 1pm or 3pm, we often end up reaching home by 6pm or 7pm! The ambience of the college, the culture, the seniors, the teachers, the staff and even my fellow freshers are just awesome. What I really loved about St. Joseph's College Of Commerce are the opportunities and the platform they have given the students to improve themselves and become more confident. It suffices to say that the first year was great, and I can't wait to go through the next two years!

~ Gantavya Kshatree, I B.Com

College is an immense ocean of cultural and academic facets. Being a first year student is certainly exciting, with the presumption of experiencing different aspects of college. I had not experienced a complete balance of cultural, academic and sports activities until I was part of this college. The sheer amount of activities that one can be involved in is vast. This made me explore and inculcate my interests on a completely different level.

~Aishwarya Iyengar MP, I B.Com

CREATIVE WRITING



As my computer whizzed to life, I was struggling to keep the events of the day from invading my mind, but clearly doing a miserable job at it. I needed to find an escape. The pressure to perform was mounting and the 15 year old me was struggling to cope. “You need to be at the top of your game” “Your responsibilities as a school leader has to come before your personal interests!”In a bid to distract myself, I began looking for suitable book to review; I stumbled upon a link that said, “Discover a world of unlimited stories.” It was then that this chanced intervention happened. 4 years hence, I am still trying to get rid of my addiction!

My fingers still subconsciously find themselves typing out the letters on the search engine; still open the same application on my phone, unknowingly.

With over 25 million unique visitors per month, over 10 million free books to choose from , over 1000 stories being uploaded per day and 85% of its traffic from mobile devices alone, it is of little surprise that 8 years since it was founded, it remains at the top 5 book applications. One word- WATTPAD.

In the day and age where e-books threaten to overthrow their paper counterparts, Wattpad, is a frontrunner promoting the change. Originating in Canada, its readership is primarily concentrated in the USA, UK, Australia, Canada and Philippines. The site also has a featured story list which promotes reviewed content approved by staff and the editorial review board, written by self-published and professional writers.317+ books from genres varying from Science-fiction to historical-fiction, to romance and mystery, to poetry and short stories, I’ve tried them all. Yet I am far from contended. The library on my phone has about 20 books waiting to be updated. 4 years, around 350 books, 2 board examinations, numerous under performances at tests (courtesy: Wattpad), I can proudly say that there is nothing like it. The most appealing prospect about it is probably the fact that most authors are teenagers across the world whose ideas are given a platform to be reviewed and enjoyed. Few opportunities better that.

The site has two lists – What’s Hot and What’s New. The most popular books (based on the number of votes received) contend for a spot and at the end of the year comes the big event – The Watty Award and The Atty’s: The Watty’s are divided into 3 categories – Popular; On the Rise; Undiscovered, across all genres, the winners of which receive monetary benefits and extensive opportunities of getting their work published. The Attys on the other hand is a work of collaboration between Wattpad and Margaret Atwood, a renowned Canadian author and poet under whose guidance the winners of the two categories – Enthusiast and Competitor are awarded.

It also allows you to connect with some famous authors.

A popular site such as Wattpad attracts a lot of people who indulge in plagiarism and the like. The work of the authors on this site is protected by the Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA), apart from following their own terms and conditions to protect the work. The minimum age requirement to have one’s own account is 13 years.

What is vital to note is that, at the end of the day the content is not always of the best standards. After all, unpublished work is seldom reviewed or has perfect grammar/spellings. But, if one can look past those, there is so much to learn from the stories. The most bold topics are dealt with and the most sensitive issues, irrespective of religious beliefs, laws of the land are handled in such an unbiased manner that one is forced to revisit and revise .The redeeming quality of Wattpad, that probably makes it so popular is the vast amount of content that is available for free.

All you need is your smartphone to double up as a library.

If you do see me staring at my phone intently, it is probably because I am reading off of it. Has it gained importance and is it the harbinger of change for the world of e-reading? Probably, but it will never be able to replace the humble book. The smell of the yellowing pages, the sturdy feeling of the cover when we clutch on to it in anticipation of what’s to come next, the feeling of security the envelops a reader ,or the magic that transforms the plebeian book into wonderland to every reader will never be replaced. Having said that, I rest my case.

And here is wattpad https://www.wattpad.com

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There's No Looking Back

The pen is my sword
Soldiers of my army-words.
Knowledge and wants are limitless, remember,
There's no-one too over smart
There's no-one too over taught
Always learn to not be too boastful or over-wrought.

I may not be any Shakespeare,
Neither is anyone more superior
Certainly nor too inferior.
Albeit, no matter how sabotaged life is,
Learn to never be narcissistic, pessimistic or over-weaning,
Cause life is too sacrosanct to be weeping!
No matter what is said or done, never forget that,
You're too strong to fall apart!

Shruthi S
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Art As You Know It!

Fine art dates back to the 17th century, when such art forms were developed for aesthetic and intellectual purposes and judged for its beauty and meaningfulness, specifically, painting, sculpture, drawing, watercolor, graphics and architecture thus distinguishing them from applied arts that had to serve some practical functionality. The word "fine" does not so much denote the quality of the artwork in question, but the purity of the discipline.

Historically, the five main fine arts were painting, sculpture, architecture, music and poetry, with minor arts including theater and dance. However, today the fine arts include other forms such as film, photography, conceptual art, and printmaking. In some institutes of learning or in museums, fine art or frequently the term fine arts are associated exclusively with visual art forms.

As originally conceived, and as understood for much of the modern era, the perception of aesthetic qualities required a refined judgment usually referred to as having good taste, which differentiated fine art from popular art and entertainment. However, in the postmodern era, the value of good taste is disappearing, to the point that having bad taste has become synonymous with being avant-garde!

The separation of arts and crafts that exists in Europe and the United States is not shared by other cultures. In Japanese aesthetics of everyday life are worthy of being done with both skill and creativity; integrating not only art with craft but man-made with nature. Chinese fine art also includes many things that would be seen as crafts in the West, including ceramics, engraving, weaving, and embroidery. Latin American art was dominated by European colonialism until the 20th Century, but indigenous art began to reassert itself inspired by the Constructivist Movement arts with crafts based upon socialist principles.

Fine art on a deeper level integrates experience and tries to make sense of what it really means and the debate for conversation is ongoing between the different demands of one's life. The Life Room is really a very strange anomalous thing that logically gives people a chance to lose themselves: a place where people draw the figure by exploring their consciousness.

If we were to go down in history, the Life Room not only helps one to compose the figure in their mind but that is where the model takes shape or enactment, whether it is for religious or for a narrative image. It is like a gymnasium, drawing, copying the figure and matching the relationship to the figure.

Another interesting part is when text is used in the drawing; the drawing then becomes expressive not just in a conceptual way but marks itself as a part of the drawing.

These drawings kind of operate in a slightly theatrical way. It is not about the subject but they are also about exploring one's consciousness.

Sometimes when one draws from observation, one's consciousness slips, sometimes there is focus, sometimes one tends to drift off, or sometimes one goes into an associated thought so the drawings in that way irrespective of what they mean in terms of social, political or psychological aspect, they are also on a rather simple level, a kind of record of the way the mind works in terms of perception and our perception take on after our imagination.

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Shutter up the photo-man

He was wiping his Canon Lenses with his specially imported Chinese Silk fabric. Still unsure how he succeeded in bargaining by talking in Malayalam with those Mandarin tongued yellows, he was proud of himself. After all he was the next big thing in the little world of photography!

He could make big things look small and small things look big. And more importantly, his line of expertise included the art of 'Candid photography'. He would make the select few folks pose according to the parameters set by him for it to be called as 'Candidness' and clicks their photos! And oh boy, aren't those 'Candid pics' a treat to our eyes?

He at last finishes wiping his Canon lenses. He was getting himself ready for the big day. A photographer has to deal with a lot of Crop and Crap, and undoubtedly this young chap had to face the latter every day. But that was his big day. After working from different angles and getting his *focus* right, he finally bagged his perfect picture moment of having called to shoot a famous Television serial actor's Cab Driver's house warming ceremony! Well, that was indeed an *Aperture* in his Photographic life. But in his real life, his aperture wasn't that bright, all because of the void that his ex-flame created, the *exposure* that he still couldn't fill in.

He had the best Girlfriend one could ever ask for. She was straight out of *Instagram*, who got hitched to this guy straight out of *Snapchat* stories. Apparently she heard somewhere that 'Photographers work well in the dark', but it was a pity that she misunderstood the context of that statement. Her love for him did not fit in his *Aspect Ratio*, the *White Balance* increased and his love story ended before he could say 'Cheese'. His romance ended with a faster *Shutter speed.*

He hung his camera sling bag around his neck and started walking towards the big day of his life. His life was to be changed forever, on that very day. That's what he thought, but the *redeye* of fate leaves no stone unturned!

He walked towards the Personal Assistant of the Soap-serial actor's renowned Cab driver. She was plump, stout and incredibly short and all that our Photographer friend could think was of making her as his perfect Background for few of his 'Candid shots'. With the gusto of being the premier Photo-artist of his age, he walked towards the old lady brandishing his Canon Cam. *Minolta makes the best bodies, Nikon makes the best lenses, Canon makes the best compromise.*

"I'm here for the photo shoot" declared our professional cameraman to the old lady.
She merely glanced at him and with a hint of sheer ignorance, pointed him towards a dusty ledger lying on the table and said "Sign here!"

There were around hundred names already present on the ledger. Supposedly random amateurs trying to earn few biscuits, thought our Photographer. With an arrogance rushing through his deep voice, he said "Sorry. I'm a Professional Photographer! A paid one, who was invited to click pictures here!"

The lady was clearly found disturbed by his impudence. She smirked at him sarcastically and said "The quickest way to make money at photography is to sell your camera, not by clicking photos here" and shunted him off!

He was clearly bewildered by the turnaround of events. He was left flabbergasted. Before he could think of a suitable reply, he heard many adolescent voices shouting in the background. Kids of ages 12 to 40 were handling cameras of various sizes and make. Everyone was a photographer in that room.

He was humiliated by what had just happened. There was no respect for the immense talent that he possessed. After all he is a Professional Photographer! After all he owns his own Photography Page in his Facebook account.

"Freeze" shouted a thirteen year old Professional Photographer wielding his camera. His moments zoomed in and zoomed out and finally started fading away towards a different candidness. And he cannot Shutter up…

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Take One.

How many times have you wrapped your lies
In shards of glass and fancy bow ties?
Then enveloped in glitter, you hid your pain;
And mixed your tears with drops of champagne.
Your bones weakened in the frozen starlight,
Your veins tightened, mocking your fright.
And as beauty comes, in vain it goes;
Often pompous, like the cries of crows.
The tips of your fingers long for skin,
But touch instead a life that is paper thin.
With every fallen, failed façade,
You left unsolved a million charades.
Lost in a rubble of diamonds and dust,
Too naïve to separate love from lust;
A heart that is bound, a heart so profound,
Like a tune that struggles to make a sound.
The remains of shaved off guilt and fear;
Your act is meek, your lines are sheer.
A battle that is impertinent to some,
But a war to you; a war with the Sun.
In the black cloak that shrouds the night,
You found a home that stole your sight.
With one quick jab, the climax came too soon
As if it were not a bane, but a boon.
The metal that pierced, perforated with skill,
Made its masterpiece in your skin.
The cold, hard floor washed its dirt
With the red that colored your crisp, white shirt.
A gasp escaped the space between your dry lips,
Your veins let go of their brutal grip.
The story had ended, the lines ceased;
The full stop placed itself with ease.
And in the next room, within concrete,
Another being stood on his polished feet.
Locking his spite, encased in wooden doors,
Reciting his lines in a voice too hoarse.
Your gasp passed by him, startled his sense,
But he was distracted by the sheets of pretence.
Your body lay stoned, motionless in time,
As he stepped out into that same old chime:
Lights. Camera.
Action.

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Because Sometimes, The Journey is the Destination

Having done the first 40 kilometers of our ride, I turned back and asked Rahul, “Why are we doing this? For what ledger, exactly, and kept by whom?” Even though he didn’t have an answer, it got the both of us thinking about life and why we do the things we do.

That’s the best part about cycling, even though it is nothing more than an athletic undertaking it somehow always makes you pause and think about the general direction your life is heading in. There’s something paradoxical about how each time you pedal, the cycle inches forward towards your destination, but on the other side of the same coin your mind travels backwards putting you in a reflective state of mind.

We took our first break at McDonalds which is located a few kilometers before the International Airport. It was about 8:30am by then and the Sun was being quite unforgiving. After a quick breakfast we hit the road again. We had a general idea as to where Nandi Hills was but just to make sure, we would often stop by the side of the road and make enquiries with the locals. The locals would always give us this priceless expression of utmost unbelief whenever we mentioned the words “Nandi Hills” because in their opinion, getting up there on a bicycle was impossible!

To be honest there were numerous moments when we wanted to give up and turn back home, but every time one of us had enough, the other guy would ride alongside the de-motivated guy and give him a small pep talk. A little encouragement can do amazing things to the human mind. Having already put 70 kilometers behind us, there was absolutely no turning back. We slowly but steadily pedaled our way to the base of the hill.

We took another break at The Nandi café. After a hot cup of Horlicks, we were all geared up to tackle the last 7.2 kilometers which would take us to a height of about 4,800 feet above sea level.
Inch by inch we slowly made our way upwards. As we got higher, the air kept getting thinner and this added another element of difficulty to the ascent. Our bodies were taking a thorough beating; we literally had to take a small break after every kilometer to get used to the lower oxygen level. The most memorable part about the climb was how incredibly encouraging, all the people who were passing by us were. Almost

every single car that passed by would have atleast one person shouting out a, “Come on guys! You’re almost there!”at us. A few of them even stopped to give us water. After 2 grueling hours, we finally reached the summit. Yes, we took 2 hours to cycle the last 7.2 kilometers!

As we sat atop the hill looking out into the valley, both of us had a huge grin running across our face. For us it was much more than overcoming physical pain to fulfill a goal. It was about proving to ourselves that we were infinitely stronger than we thought we were. It was about pushing ourselves when every cell in our body wanted to give up. It was about proving a point to all the naysayers and most importantly it was about forging a life-long bond with a fellow human being. There are so many people out there who use 'following their dreams' as an excuse to not work. When in reality, following your dreams, successfully, is nothing butwork.

Every once in a while, try doing the impossible.

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Rahul Jojan II B.Com ‘C’

Visualizing the End

The time had come for us to see,
What lies in store eventually,
Though life, now , may go on peacefully,
We shall soon descend into anarchy.

Life as we know it will cease to exist.
To return to dust, none can resist.
For in the end we shall see,
An endless train of calamity.

The oceans will all dry away,
Blue skies will fade away
And lead mankind to a lonely death
No species ever again to take breath.

“Repent now- the End is near”
Of hearing this, none shall fear.
As there will be no deaf ear
To hear what's been said for many a year.
And at Time's end the Earth shall cry,
For all its children doomed to die.
“A fault of their own” the gods shall agree,
“They dared to ignore our sacred decree”
And as life is struck with a razor blade-
Total destruction of what has been made,
A light through the darkness shall emerge,
A new race of life – an infinite surge.

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No Space Left! - The truth of our lives

We are always on the lookout for extra space as we seem to be running out of it. No space on the memory cards of our mobile phones, no space on the hard disks of our PC’s and laptops, no space on our tables, no space in our rooms, no space in our houses, no space to park on the streets, no space in the busses to stand, let alone sit, no space on the roads to ride or drive, long queues outside restaurants, all waiting for a turn to dine and make merry, and the world is moving towards such a phase where there will be no space left for humans. And yet, we are still looking for stuff we can, and cannot cram. We download movies, games and music to fill the hard disks and memory still yet, we buy stuff that may not even be important or useful and shove them in our houses. The situation on the roads and transports has always been bad. The condition of the population may best be left untouched.

From ‘live and let live’ it’s come to ‘adjust or perish’. With nowhere else to go, there have been dialogues about missions to Mars and Moon, one-way human expeditions, plans to build colonies on other planets and occupy them. All this seems straight out of a science fiction novel, but we are assured that this will soon be a reality. We dream of open plains, flushing meadows, flowing rivers, lush forests and abundant resources. This too seems a fantasy today, with the world turned into a concrete jungle and with humans doubling as the alpha predators, feeding on the ‘Mother Earth’ and devouring the flora and fauna, defiling the environment and the atmosphere, making it ever difficult to live in. We ourselves are trying to fit into the ‘posh’ society, trying to enhance ourselves, present better images of ourselves in the eyes of people we may not like or even know, trying to be accepted.

We are given the option of tuning our own privacy settings whenever we may feel the need to access the internet. But we are also given a disclaimer through every medium possible that we will always be under constant threat from hackers and viruses if we do not renew the subscription of our anti-virus. While

privacy is just a term, the real scenario is completely contrasting, with no one ever out of the eye or reach of the others. And all this while, we are assured by the Land of Columbia and its Supreme Commander that we are not in any danger or under any surveillance and that it is a free world and all are welcome to love and follow any religion we want and go anyplace we want.

The Right to Liberty has never been more wholly projected, thereby giving us the false security that we are all living in a cultured world. And we are desperate to cling to that fact and would never believe otherwise if our life depended on it.

At the end of the day, one is left wondering if all this is really necessary to live. Whether it is really necessary to monitor at what rate rupee sells to a dollar or whether North Korea has yet made peace with its southern counterpart or how many times has Roger Federer lost to Rafael Nadal in the Slams or whether Louis Van Gaal was the right choice for Manchester United. We may have all the information and all the statistics and all the knowledge of the rights and wrongs, and the happenings in the world, but it is still a question of whether it is really important. Can man never be free of the bonds of 'ethics, behavior and rules' of life according to a few 'scholars', put down as traditions and ways of nature to be followed unto death to be called Civilized Men? Can he not be subtle in his ways and go about his business without a care in the world or, for that matter, about what the neighbors may think?

And then there is the debate of Man and Woman. Why should men always dominate in every aspect? Why cannot women be given equal importance and opportunities and chances to prove themselves and move forward in life? This debate would spiral on and on until it reaches the very roots of humanity, but always distinguished by the opinion of different people roaming the face of the literary community and holding positions among the ranks of great thinkers. And still this would not be resolved and the people will move on to other trending topics and try to pick the brains of the person sitting next to them, trying to solve the crossword in the morning daily.

It's the age of information and technology, where everything is available at the fingertips of the people through advancement in technology, and the advent of the internet is as never before. From homework to office work to research work to consumer reviews to banking to buying and selling of everything owned to virtual markets of Bitcoins, every new concept online is gobbled up by the people like piranhas on flesh. There is no concept of wait and watch.

It is said that the world is moving towards a global disaster. That global warming is on the rise and peculiar weather-related phenomena keep taking place where they shouldn't be happening. The people are calling for a 'go-green' drive. The markets are being flooded with 'green products', each trying to outsmart the other in the eyes of the customers. But these products may not even have any utility or use for the masses.

Hybrid cars, eco-friendly bags, solar chargers for gadgets people do not even own, electric vehicles, all being promoted as the saviors of the world. Many are left wondering if all this is a gimmick to capture higher market share and pinch customers from competition. And it's not just customers that are being ripped-off from competitors, it's also the employees and the ideas, leading to high-profile lawsuits and non-compete contracts.

This is the so-called civilized world we inhabit. They say there must be a balance, equilibrium between everything, to maintain the status quo of the world. There must always be the good and the bad, hope and despair, the rich and the poor, the enjoying and the suffering, the living and the dead. This is how the world will go on. All we have to do is adapt and move on. Life will be back to normal if we adjust to the changing circumstances and keep going on, pretending that it's still Christmas and that soon, there will be a 'happy' new year.

Everywhere we turn to, we see hardships and suffering and misery. People trying to convince themselves and others that they are happy with how the things are done. But in the face of such adversities too, we find people who give a helping hand to others in need. They find time, energy and resources to support others. This shows that humanity is still not lost on us, that there are still people who are willing and trying to change the world, trying to make it a better place. This shows us, reminds us that there is a God, and this gives us hope for a better future for ourselves and our kids.

This is how the world will always be: some trying to salvage it while others try to destroy it. While we live in our make-believe sphere, the world will still be at

war, the people will always pry into others, keeping tabs on their neighbors, looking for fresh gossip to discuss at the next get-together, the kids will move onto new gadgets and newer technologies, there will still be complaining and cribbing from the masses and we will still be short on space, and yet, we will buy that beautiful vase we saw in the window of the store we passed on our way back home.

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Swirled Up Beliefs

Violets blooming out of season, is considered as bad luck,
Scratching your right palm, may reap in couple of bucks.
What if?
A black cat cuts across your path!
Well, it just implies, the cat is bustling on its way,
It's on you to stupor in superstition or just move away.

Flowers given on Friday aid good fortune,
Throw it away, leads to misfortune.
A dimple on your chin, disclose a devil within,
A mole on your arm, may do you no harm.
A mole on your back, fetch money by the sack.
A mole on your lip, makes you a witty flip.
Whirling the clock to the past,
When tribes turned their backs on the sun,
Adored the 'Dark Radiant Night', and
Despaired to spot an owl in daylight!
Confused?
Well, they assert people in confusion
Are prone to believe in superstition.
Now some say they don't believe anything at all!
But doesn't basketball make you tall?
Or a person losing hair, facing utter despair?
Or a sorrowful weep, can lure you to sleep?
Are these superstitious too?
Or they sound marvelous to be true.
We live in a world filled with frivolous beliefs,
Believing in them may not convey to be a relief;
As these are just our lucid illusion,
For we are here to live and die, and
Anything else is just a delusion.

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T*he Clash of Cultures*

"I can imagine nothing more terrifying than an Eternity filled with men who were all the same. The only thing which has made life bearable..... has been the diversity of the creatures on the surface of the globe"-T. H. White

Hello, Hola, Kem Cho, Marhaba, Ni Hao, Ainu, Hej.....

My earliest memories are of me being in primary and being bombarded with questions from my friends and other classmates as to why I happened to speak 2 languages at home while they happened to speak just one. I was too small to comprehend and understand as to why I spoke 2 languages??This made me feel so alienated from the others. I remember coming home from school and eagerly questioning my parents frequently as to what was so different about our family and those of my friends, and the reason for us to speak two languages. As a child my parents did try very hard to make me understand. But, I must admit that it took a while before I finally understood and accepted my cultural and linguistic identity. It was very difficult initially as my cousins felt my communication skills in Telugu was way too poor to keep up with theirs. And, hence whenever I did go out with them I was often the odd one out, kept out of their close-knit group because I was considered only Half-Telgite and not a complete one.

However this has changed today and Oh Yes!!My Telugu has improved and has come a long way from what it was then.

Growing up as a child I often felt like straddling between two cultures and two languages, never completely one. Growing up was always about that constant push and pull between two cultures and languages. Here I was, trying to perfect my Telugu. Who knew there was something more?? As if, perfecting one language wasn't enough, I was to learn yet another two languages-Kannada and Hindi, as I entered into the middle school.

In this era of globalization and liberalization, being identified as a bilingual and bicultural is no more a rare thing. It's not something of the past but, something that is becoming all the more common with each passing day.

Coming from a family with a diverse background I can assure you that being bilingual and bicultural is nothing but fun! My Mom is an Anglo Indian and my Dad a Telgite. Imagine the clash of cultures at home.

Imagine all the festivals I get to celebrate! and the amount of fun that I get to have.

There are a lot of differences between my maternal and paternal side. From the food they relish, to each other's Religion, from the language they speak to the music they enjoy. My maternal side is more outspoken, outgoing and enjoy partying and socialising whereas my paternal side is more reserved and grounded. When it comes to Family functions dressing has always been a debatable topic for I have always been caught between choosing whether to go western and please my maternal side or toning down and going Indian to please my paternal. We are poles apart yet we are one.

I have at several times asked my parents how have been things getting along, adjusting and keeping up to the family's expectations. My parents admitted that there were times when it got difficult and times when they'd have to put up with the balancing act. However they never let their marriage extinguish their cultural identity but have instead learnt to enjoy each other's cultural practices and respect, adapt and accept each other's culture and language. I think this is what has made my family special.

Mixed families present wonderful opportunities to bring together different cultures and also present opportunities to understand and appreciate different cultural heritages. At the same time they can also pose some unique challenges.
However, this has been quite easy for me as the underlying spirit of my family and my parents has always been to respect and celebrate each other's differences.

However there can be times when the going gets tough, times when you don't seem to fit into one category. And, then again there is the haunting question of identity. There have been times when I have ended up being so confused that I question myself and have often found asking myself "Where do I belong"? And the answer to that was given by my Mom "You're not half anything. You're a whole and a complete person" she said.

I don't really consider being bilingual or bicultural as a challenge. I see it as a gift, a wonderful one at that.

Rather than seeing my upbringing as a clash between two cultures. I see it as the combination and coming together of two different cultures and languages, not each other vying to overtake the other, instead, both beautifully co-existing alongside each other. This has enabled me to have a rich cultural experience.

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The Escapist

How can I love when I'm afraid to fall?
Suddenly, it doesn't matter at all.
Am I a realist?
Not at all, for I'm an escapist.

People question me when I use the terms 'realist' and escapist'. Well, for a better understanding of the above mentioned and to answer the doubts and questions prevalent in the minds of my many admirers and haters, let me tell you my story.

A young vibrant mind ready to take on any challenge that life throws, is the first thing that comes to mind when asked to describe myself. No worries for anything, anybody, but myself. I was never affected by reality; I seemed to make my own reality. But reality had other plans for me.

Life's major game changer came to me in the form of a boy. Not just a boy, the boy. The boy that placed my feelings above anything else, the boy that made me feel that everything would always be okay; the boy that made me a romantic. A romantic is one who feels that love is all they need. This so called 'love' presented itself in the form of a fantasy that lasted for over a year and a half.

Then reality hit me. 'Love' as a word, is so easily used and thrown around, but love as a feeling doesn't seem to last. This fantasy that seemed to make my world go round let all sorts of insecurities and doubts creep in and threaten my 'bubble' of happiness. For the first time, my feelings were at conflict with one another, all for a boy. For the first time in my life, I cried, but now I know it only made me stronger. Being with a person makes you put in extra effort to stay with them, because of what you end up feeling. But when it seems that they don't feel the same way, you know it's time for you to let it go. Two and a half years hence, I was on my own.

Being alone and being lonely are two completely different things. I was alone, and initially I felt lonely as well. That is when I became a 'realist': learning to accept the realities of life and accepting to live with them. Being a realist also meant being practical, for if something wasn't worth it, transferring energy to something more worthwhile was practical and beneficial.

Love is superficial, but friendship lasts a lifetime. You may be alone, but they make sure that you're never lonely. From crying and feeling sorry for yourself, they help you come out of that phase and you feel rejuvenated as a person. What's in the past is dead and gone, move forward and enjoy what's in store for you. This is called being a realist.

But what happens when this friendship changes into being taken for granted? What happens when your past tries to crawl its way into your present? Your self-esteem takes a beating, and you sink to new lows you never even imagined. The person that once listened to all you had to say, suddenly changes towards you because of something you know too well, but the other might not. I questioned everything in my life, including the choices I had made. Calling it 'anxiety' and 'being busy', the reservoir of my secrets was shutting me out, and I felt the need to run away from reality, literally and metaphorically.

When the escape happens literally, the metaphorical escape happens sub-consciously. You learn to face reality with a new outlook, as I did. When my past came to haunt me, I learnt to ignore it, rather than respond to it and hurt myself in the process. Remember the boy I mentioned earlier in my story? Well, he was at the receiving end of my ignorance. Ignorance is bliss, they say, and I couldn't agree more.

Meeting new people is healthy, and it helps you move past the sadness that you've left behind. Not caring is brutal, but sometimes it is the easy way out. I learnt the hard way, but I did end up learning that I am my number one priority. I can be caring towards someone so long as they are caring towards me. But if the care isn't reciprocated, I can just 'escape'.

At this point, you can tell other people how content with your life you are. You can try and help them, saying you know how it feels to be at a low point. But escaping isn't all that easy. Why? Simply because it doesn't work for everyone.

Sometimes, it's good to let the people who've taken you for granted know how you feel, without worrying about the outcome. But when you do so, be prepared for some of their thoughts and feelings too. I did. And it was the most constructive thing I did. A talk at luncheon changed my life, and I can assure you that it was for the better, not only with one person, but with many others. And for the past that came crawling back, the regret expressed had an impact on me, but more for the past to embrace the future better person that I had become.

To all my admirers and haters, when life tries to take you down, escape from it. I did.

People.Life.Love.Him.Her.Friends.Feelings. Regret. Happiness.Tears. Joy. What's the most important word? Me. Who am I? The Escapist.

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Pritika Sood
III B.Com 'B'

Considering Contemplation

Windowless room I reside in,
The setting sun now akin,
Breathing in, this condemned sin.

Saw what you did see, but did not see what you saw.
Set to fail, by the skull embedded nine inch nail.
Condemned by the leech where my sanity is to breach.
Embraced by the voice to carry on, reviving this charred carrion.

Looking back, running away from myself...
Reliving the clockwork from the bookshelf...
Longing for the dawn to remain itself.

Impressions upon the water.My mind's apostate.
Crevice sown reflection, a concurrent agate.
Converged upon the divergence of 1.618.
Calling upon sanctum black to reincarnate.
Stagnant upon the river bridge.
Rumination of the diaphanous deluge.
The soil of percipience now saturated.... Eroded...
Weighed down by temptation...

Considering contemplation.

Arnab Chakravarty
II BBM B,

Brevity Is Beautiful.

Like a melodious piece which takes hold of your heart and makes your entire body tremble and quiver with insurmountable yet Peaceful joy and brings about a smile across your face. Emotions of joy and sadness together which cannot be elucidated begin to flow. It's an experience. Close your eyes for a moment and you will feel the entire world around you disappear except for the tune, embrace it and let it guide you. If you want to cry do so, if you want to smile do so. Don't hold yourself back. Those Feelings are like energy they exist in one form or another. It is when they cease to exist that you must get worried. To be able to do so is not a sign of weakness, rather a sign of strength, because it makes us all realize that we are human beings.

As long as you feel something, it is okay that you fall, you fail, make mistakes and be mistaken, but know this, you are not a failure. Find the courage within you to accept your tribulations because it'll make you persevere. So be sad, be happy, it's all okay.

Imchatoshi Aier
III Bcom 'A'

THE LADY BY THE MOONLIGHT

Look at the flashes of those serene moonlight
So bright, so wondrous to illuminate this night
The blackness of the dark is contrasted by its white
Yet it not remains such a merriment of a sight

A lady with a hat on, walks by the lamp post
Her head bowed to the ground, anxious for something
Worries written all over her, remains as a welcoming host
'So sedulous and quiet, the cupid army around sing'

She looks momentarily upwards with a difference in her face
As and when air of beauty enamors her meek smile
Cupids surround me to celebrate this wondrous phase
And my heart skips a beat and runs away for a mile

Her eyes speak of something untold
'Words of love and of delightful bliss'
Her grace? Something I could forever behold
And then I give the moon its sweet little kiss

Behest all these, her face yet remains worried
I can see few teardrops bejewel her eyes
It quickly evaporates with the mist, hurried!
And then I understand the word 'True-Lies'

Look at the flashes of those serene moonlight
So bright, So wondrous to gratify the girl's plight
I wish to approach her, but my heart dare not might
Words said and done, for nights together I shall relish this sight…

Srikar
II B.Com 'D'

The Whore

Night as silent as she
Occasional sounds, like the
Cries that escape from her, helplessly
She sits and waits
For work, to serve her purpose
Waits to be bait

Door opens, her breath stops
"Your cheapest one, please"
The transaction is made; instant and prompt
He appears in front of her,
Bulging, impatient
She weeps for she knows she is seized

First push, closed eyes, hold on tight
Second push, defeated by his unbeatable might
Fifth push, fading dreams, fading conscious
He grunts with pleasure, she is unresponsive
Tenth push, crushed under his weight
Why am i punished to this fate?
Twentieth push, she is burning inside
He smiles and laughs, finished with pride

Bruised and battered
Choked, used, broken

This is not a woman
This is a product; reusable
A juiced fruit
A licked wrapper
A product with a brain
A product that feels pain

- Leanne Patel
I BBM 'B'

ಕನ್ನಡ ಸಂಘ – ವಾರ್ಷಿಕ ವರದಿ 2015–15

"ಅಳುಕದೀ ಕನ್ನಡಂ ಅಳಿಯದೀ ಕನ್ನಡಂ ಉಳಿವುದೀ ಕನ್ನಡಂ" ಎಂಬ ಕುವೆಂಪುರವರ ವಿಶ್ವಾಸಕ್ಕೆ ತಕ್ಕಂತೆ ನಡೆದ ಹೆಮ್ಮೆಯನ್ನು ಈ ವರದಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ವ್ಯಕ್ತಪಡಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ವರ್ಷದ ಮೊದಲನೇ ದಿನದಿಂದ ಕೊನೆಯವರೆಗೂ ಕನ್ನಡದ ತೇರನ್ನು ಸಾಧನೆಯ ಹಾದಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಎಳೆಯಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಬದಲಾವಣೆಯ ಕೂಗು ಎಲ್ಲೆಡೆಯೂ ಕೇಳುತ್ತಿರುವ ಗುಂಗಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಕನ್ನಡ ಸಂಘದ ಅಪೂರ್ವ ಕಾರ್ಯ ಚಟುವಟಿಕೆಗಳು ಆಶಾದಾಯಕ ಕನ್ನಡಾಭಿಮಾನವನ್ನು ಹುಟ್ಟಿಸಿವೆ.

• **ಪದಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಆಯ್ಕೆ:** 2015–15ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಸಂಘದ ಪದಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಆಯ್ಕೆಯು ಸರ್ವ ಸದಸ್ಯರ ನಮ್ಮುಖದಲ್ಲಿ ಚುನಾವಣೆಯ ಮೂಲಕ ನಡೆಯಿತು. ಕನ್ನಡ ವಿಭಾಗದ ಮುಖ್ಯಸ್ಥರಾದ ಶ್ರೀ.ಟಿ.ಎಚ್. ಲವಕುಮಾರ್ ರವರ ನೇತೃತ್ವದಲ್ಲಿ ಕೆ.ಮುಕುಂದ, ಎ. ನೇತ್ರಾವತಿ, ಪಿ. ಗುರುದೇವ ಅವರು ಕ್ರಮವಾಗಿ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು, ಉಪಾಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು ಮತ್ತು ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿಯಾಗಿ ಆಯ್ಕೆಯಾಗಿ ಇಡೀ ವರ್ಷ ಯಶಸ್ವಿಯಾಗಿ ಕಾರ್ಯ ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸಿದರು.

• **ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಓದು 1 :** ಮಣ್ಣಿನ ಭಾಷೆಯಾದ ಕನ್ನಡವನ್ನು ಮತ್ತು ಇಲ್ಲಿನ ಸಾಹಿತ್ಯಕ ಮತ್ತು ಸಾಂಸ್ಕೃತಿಕ ಶ್ರೀಮಂತಿಕೆಯ ಸ್ವಾಧವನ್ನು ಎಲ್ಲರಲ್ಲಿಯೂ ಮೂಡಿಸಲು "ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಓದು" ವಿಶೇಷ ಕಾರ್ಯಯೋಜನೆಯಾಗಿದೆ. ಇದರಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಶೈಕ್ಷಣಿಕ ಚಟುವಟಿಕೆಗಳ ಕುರಿತಾದ ಕಾರ್ಯಗಾರಗಳನ್ನು ನಡೆಸಲಾಯಿತು.

• **"ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಓದು – 1"** ವಿಶೇಷ ಉಪನ್ಯಾಸ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮವು ದಿನಾಂಕ 25 ಜುಲೈ 2014ರಂದು ನಡೆಯಿತು. ಖ್ಯಾತ ಬರಹಗಾರರಾದ ಡಾ.ಲಕ್ಷ್ಮೀಪತಿ ಕೋಲಾರ ಅವರು 'ಮಾನವ ಇತಿಹಾಸದ ಸಾಂಗ್ ಲೈನ್ಸ್" ಎಂಬ ಅವರದ್ದೇ ಲೇಖನದ ಕುರಿತಾಗಿ ದೀರ್ಘ ಉಪನ್ಯಾಸ ನೀಡಿದರು. ಕನ್ನಡ ಸಂಘದ ಮೊದಲನೇ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮವಾದ ಇದನ್ನು ಕಾಲೇಜಿನ ಪ್ರಾಂಶುಪಾಲರಾದ ಡಾ.ಡ್ಯಾನಿಯಲ್ ಫರ್ನಾಂಡಿಸ್ ರವರು ಉದ್ಘಾಟಿಸಿದರು, ಸಂಘದ ಸಂಯೋಜಕರಾದ ಟಿ.ಎಚ್. ಲವಕುಮಾರ್ ಹಾಗೂ ಕನ್ನಡ ಉಪನ್ಯಾಸಕರಾದ ಡಾ.ಕೋ. ವೆಂ.ರಾಮ ಕೃಷ್ಣೇಗೌಡ ಉಪಸ್ಥಿತರಿದ್ದರು.

• **ನೂತನ ಜಾಲತಾಣ ಉದ್ಘಾಟನೆ:** ವರ್ಷದ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮಗಳಿಗೆ ಚಾಲನೆ ನೀಡುವ ಜೊತೆಗೆ ಕನ್ನಡ ಸಂಘದ ಅಧಿಕೃತ ನೂತನ ಜಾಲತಾಣ ಉದ್ಘಾಟನೆಗೊಂಡಿತು. ಕಾಲೇಜಿನ ಪ್ರಾಂಶುಪಾಲರು ಜಾಲತಾಣದ ಮುಖಪುಟವನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ಮೂಲಕ ಜಾಲತಾಣ ಉದ್ಘಾಟಿಸಿದರು. ಈ ಮೂಲಕ ತಂತ್ರಜ್ಞಾನವನ್ನು ಬಳಸಿಕೊಂಡು ಇನ್ನಷ್ಟು ಉತ್ಸಾಹದಿಂದ ಮುಂದುವರಿಯಲು ನಾಂದಿ ಹಾಡಿದರು.ಈಗ "ತಿತಿತಿ.ಇರಿಛಿಛಿ.ತಿಜಿಜಛಟಥಿ.ಛಿಠಟ" ಎಂಬ ವಿಳಾದಲ್ಲಿ ಕನ್ನಡ ಸಂಘದ ಜಾಲತಾಣ ದೊರೆಯುತ್ತದೆ

• **ಅಂತರಂಗ:** ಕನ್ನಡ ಸಂಘದ ಹೆಮ್ಮೆಯ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮಗಳಲ್ಲೊಂದಾದ "ಅಂತರಂಗ" ಅಂತರ ತರಗತಿ ಸ್ಪರ್ಧಾ ಮೇಳವು ಸೆಪ್ಟೆಂಬರ್ ತಿಂಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಜರುಗಿತು. ಪ್ರಸ್ತುತ ಮೇಳದ 12 ಸಾಂಸ್ಕೃತಿಕ ಮತ್ತು ಸಾಹಿತ್ಯಕ ಸ್ಪರ್ಧೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ನೂರಾರು ಕನ್ನಡ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳು ಉತ್ಸಾಹದಿಂದ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಿದರು.

• **ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಓದು 2 ;** ಉಪನ್ಯಾಸ ಸರಣಿಯ ಎರಡನೆಯ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮವಾಗಿ "ಕನ್ನಡ ಮತ್ತು ಕಲಿಕೆಯ ಒಡನಾಟ" ಎಂಬ ವಿಷಯವಾಗಿ ಉಪನ್ಯಾಸವನ್ನು ಆಯೋಜಿಸಲಾಗಿತ್ತು. ನಾಗಾರ್ಜುನ ಕಾಲೇಜಿನ ಕನ್ನಡ ಅಧ್ಯಾಪಕರಾದ ಡಾ.ಚಲಪತಿ ರವರು ಕನ್ನಡ ಭಾಷೆಯ ಸೊಗಡನ್ನು ಸುಂದರವಾಗಿ ವಿಶ್ಲೇಷಿಸುವುದರ ಜೊತೆಗೆ ಭಾಷೆಯ ಬಳಕೆಯಲ್ಲಿ, ಬರವಣಿಗೆಯಲ್ಲಿ, ಬೆಳವಣಿಗೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಆಗುತ್ತಿರುವ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಗಳನ್ನು ಸೂಕ್ಷ್ಮವಾಗಿ ವಿವರಿಸಿದರು. ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮದ ಕೊನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ 'ಅಂತರಂಗ' ಮೇಳದ ವಿಜೇತರಿಗೆ ಬಹುಮಾನ ವಿತರಣೆ ಮಾಡಲಾಯಿತು.

ಕುವೆಂಪು ಓದು–ಕನ್ನಡ ಸಂಸ್ಕೃತಿ ಶಿಬಿರ

ಕುವೆಂಪು ಭಾಷಾ ಭಾರತಿ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರದ ಸಹಯೋಗದಲ್ಲಿ 'ಕುವೆಂಪು ಓದು' ಎಂಬ ವಿಶೇಷವಾದ ಸಂಸ್ಕೃತಿ ಶಿಬಿರವನ್ನು ಕನ್ನಡ ಸಂಘ ಶಿವಮೊಗ್ಗ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ಕುಪ್ಪಳಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಆಯೋಜಿಸಿತ್ತು. ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರವು ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಿರುವ "ಕುವೆಂಪು ಓದು" ಪುಸ್ತಕದಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಪುಟ್ಟಪ್ಪನವರ ಆಯ್ದ ಲೇಖನಗಳನ್ನು ಓದಿ ಅದರ ವಿಮರ್ಶೆಯನ್ನು ಕೈಗೊಳ್ಳಲು ಈ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮ ರೂಪುಗೊಂಡಿತು. ಈ ವಿಶೇಷ ಸಾಹಿತ್ಯ ಮತ್ತು ಸಂಸ್ಕೃತಿ ಶಿಬಿರಕ್ಕೆ 41 ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳು ಆಯ್ಕೆಯಾದರು. ದಿನಾಂಕ 29–10–2014 ಶಿವಮೊಗ್ಗಕ್ಕೆ ರೈಲಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಯಾಣಿಸಿದ ಶಿಬಿರಾರ್ಥಿಗಳು 30ರಂದು ಬೆಳಗ್ಗೆ 9.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ ನಡೆದ ಉದ್ಘಾಟನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾಲ್ಗೊಂಡರು.

ಶಿಬಿರವನ್ನು ಉದ್ಘಾಟಿಸಿ ಮಾತನಾಡಿದ ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರಕವಿ ಕುವೆಂಪು ಪ್ರತಿಷ್ಠಾನದ ಸಮ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿ ಶ್ರೀ ಕಡಿದಾಳ್ ಪ್ರಕಾಶ್ ಅವರು ಕನ್ನಡ ಸಂಘದ ಈ ವಿನೂತನ ಕಾರ್ಯವನ್ನು ಶ್ಲಾಘಿಸಿದರು. ದಟ್ಟ ಕಾಡಿನ ನಡುವೆ ಅರ್ಥಗರ್ಭಿತ ಲೇಖನಗಳನ್ನು ಓದುವುದು ಮಾತ್ರವಲ್ಲದೆ. ಅದರ ವಿಚಾರವಾಗಿ ಚರ್ಚೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಸಂವಾದ ಮಾಡಲು ಇದು ವೇದಿಕೆಯಾಯಿತು. ಗುಂಪುಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳು ಲೇಖನದ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಚರ್ಚಿಸಿ ಅನಂತರ ಅದನ್ನು ಎಲ್ಲರ ಮುಂದೆ ವ್ಯಾಖ್ಯಾನಿಸುತ್ತಿದ್ದರು.

ಈ ರೀತಿಯಾಗಿ ಕುವೆಂಪು ಮೇರು ರಚನೆಗಳ ಆಂತರ್ಯವನ್ನು ಸಮಕಾಲೀನ ನೆಲೆಯಲ್ಲಿ, ಕುಪ್ಪಳಿಯ ನೆಲದಲ್ಲಿ ಅರಿತುಕೊಂಡ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳು ಹಿಂದೆಂದೂ ಆಗದ ಅನುಭವಕ್ಕೆ ಸಾಕ್ಷಿಯಾದರು. ಮೂರು ದಿನದ ಈ ಸಾಹಿತ್ಯ ಶಿಬಿರದ ಮಧ್ಯೆ ಕುವೆಂಪುರವರ "ಕವಿಮನೆ", ಅವರ ಸಮಾಧಿ ಸ್ಥಳವಾದ 'ಕವಿಶೈಲ' ಹಾಗೂ ಅವರಿಗೆ ಸ್ಫೂರ್ತಿ ನೀಡಿದ ಸ್ಥಳವಾದ "ನವಿಲುಕಲ್ಲು ಗುಡ್ಡ" ಮುಂತಾದ ನೈಸರ್ಗಿಕ ಸೌಂದರ್ಯದ ಸ್ಥಳಗಳನ್ನು ವೀಕ್ಷಿಸಿದರು.

ಶಿಬಿರದ ಕೊನೆ ದಿನವಾದ ಒಂದನೇ ನವೆಂಬರ್‌ನಂದು ಶಿಬಿರಾರ್ಥಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಪ್ರಮಾಣ ಪತ್ರ ನೀಡಲಾಯಿತು ಒಟ್ಟಾರೆ, ಸುಂದರವಾದ ವಿಶ್ರಾಂತ ಮನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ, ರುಚಿಕರ ಭೋಜನಗಳೊಂದಿಗೆ ಸತ್ವಭರಿತ ಸಾಹಿತ್ಯದ ಸವಿಯ ಮಧ್ಯೆ ಎಂದೆಂದಿಗೂ ಮರೆಯಲಾಗದ ಅನುಭವವನ್ನು ನೀಡಿ ಕನ್ನಡ ಕುಟುಂಬದ ಕಂಪು ಮೂಡಿದೆ. ಈ ಶಿಬಿರವು ಕನ್ನಡ ಸಂಘ ಇನ್ನಷ್ಟು ಸದೃಢ ಮತ್ತು ಸಕ್ರಿಯಗೊಳ್ಳಲು ಸಹಾಯ ಮಾಡಿದೆ.

• **ಮೂಢನಂಬಿಕೆ ಕುರಿತು ಕಾರ್ಯಗಾರ:** ಜನರಿಂದ ಸಮಾಜದಲ್ಲಿ ಹೆಚ್ಚಾಗುತ್ತಿರುವ ಕಂದಾಚಾರಗಳ ವಿರುದ್ಧ ಜಾಗೃತಿ ಮೂಡಿಸಲು ಕನ್ನಡ ಸಂಘವು ಕಾರ್ಯಗಾರವೊಂದನ್ನು ಆಯೋಜಿಸಿತ್ತು ಪವಾಡ ಪುರುಷರು ಮಾತ್ರ ಮಾಡಬಹುದು ಎಂದೆನಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳುವ ತಂತ್ರಗಳನ್ನು ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳ ಮುಂದೆ ಪ್ರದರ್ಶಿಸಲಾಯಿತು. ಇಂಥ ಕೈಚಳಕವನ್ನು ನೋಡಿದವರು ಬೆರಗಾದದ್ದಷ್ಟೇ ಅಲ್ಲದೇ ಇಂಥ ಮೂಢ ಆಚರಣೆ ವಿರುದ್ಧ ಹೋರಾಡಲು ಮಾನಸಿಕವಾಗಿ ಸಿದ್ಧರಾದರು.

• **ಅರಿವಿನ ಹಾಡು ಹಬ್ಬ:** ಜನಪದ, ಜನಪರ ಹಾಗೂ ಭಾವ ಗೀತೆಗಳ ಗೀತೋತ್ಸವವನ್ನು "ಹಾಡು ಹಬ್ಬ" ಎಂಬ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮದಡಿ ಹಮ್ಮಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲಾಯಿತು. 16ನೇ ಡಿಸೆಂಬರ್ 2014ರಂದು ನಡೆದ ಹಾಡು ಹಬ್ಬದಲ್ಲಿ "ಭೂಮ್ತಾಯಿ ಬಳಗ" ತಂಡದ ಗಾಯಕರು ಮೈನವಿರೇಳಿಸುವ ಗೀತೆಗಳನ್ನು ಹಾಡುವ ಮೂಲಕ ನೈಜತೆಯ ಪ್ರಪಂಚಕ್ಕೆ ಕೊಂಡೊಯ್ದರು. "ಕೋಕಾಕೋಲಾ" ಮತ್ತು "ಎಲ್ಲಿ ಹೋದವೊ" ಎಂಬ ಹಾಡುಗಳು ಎಲ್ಲರನ್ನು ಚಿಂತನೆಗೆ ಹಚ್ಚಿದವು. ಇದರೊಂದಿಗೆ "ಜಣಜಣ ಕಾಂಚಣ", "ಶರಣಯ್ಯ ಶರಣು" ಮುಂತಾದ ಅರಿವಿನ ಗೀತೆಗಳನ್ನು ಮಧುರವಾಗಿ ಹಾಡುವ ಮೂಲಕ ಕಾಲೇಜಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಕನ್ನಡದ ಸವಿಗಾನಲಹರಿ ಗುನುಗುವಂತಾಯಿತು. ಸುಮಧುರ ಗೀತೆಗಳನ್ನಾಲಿಸಿದ ಪ್ರಾಂಶುಪಾಲರು ಇವರ ಈ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ಕೆ ಮೆಚ್ಚಿ ಶ್ಲಾಘಿಸಿದರು–ಗೀತೆಗಳ ಸಂದೇಶ ಎಲ್ಲರಲ್ಲಿಯೂ ಮನೆ ಮಾಡಲೆಂದು ಆಶಿಸಿದರು.

• **ಕಲರವ:** ಅಂತರ ಕಾಲೇಜು ಕನ್ನಡ ಸಂಸ್ಕೃತಿ ಉತ್ಸವ: ನಗರದ ಕಾಲೇಜಿನ ಕನ್ನಡ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳು ಕಾತುರದಿಂದ ಕಾಯುವ "ಕಲರವ 2015" ಹೆಚ್ಚು ಉತ್ಸಾಹ ಹಾಗೂ ಹೆಮ್ಮೆಯಿಂದ ಜರುಗಿತು. 25 ಫೆಬ್ರವರಿ 2015ರಂದು ನಡೆದ ಈ ಉತ್ಸವದಲ್ಲಿ ನಗರದ ಸರ್ಕಾರಿ , ಖಾಸಗಿ ಮತ್ತು ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರ ಪ್ರದೇಶದ ಮೂವತ್ತ ಮೂರು ಕಾಲೇಜುಗಳ ಒಟ್ಟು ಐನೂರ ಐವತ್ತು (550) ಯುವಜನರು ಇದರಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಿದ್ದರು. ಅಂತ್ಯಾಕ್ಷರಿ, ಆಶುಭಾಷಣ, ಗಾಯನ ಸ್ಪರ್ಧೆ ಮುಂತಾದ ಕನ್ನಡ ಸಂಸ್ಕೃತಿ ಬಿಂಬಿತ ಸ್ಪರ್ಧೆಗಳೊಂದಿಗೆ ಕಲರವ ಸವಿರುಚಿ, ರಂಗೋಲಿ ಮುಂತಾದ ಸ್ಪರ್ಧೆಗಳು ನಡೆದವು.

ಈ ಸಂಸ್ಕೃತಿ ಉತ್ಸವವು ಸಾಂಕೇತಿಕವಾಗಿ ದೀಪ ಬೆಳಗುವುದರ ಮೂಲಕ ಆರಂಭವಾಯಿತು. ಕಾಲೇಜಿನ ಉಪ–ಪ್ರಾಂಶುಪಾಲರಾದ ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ಡಾ. ನಿರ್ಮಲ ಜೋಸೆಫ್, ಫಾ.ರೋಶನ್ ಪರೇರಾ.ಯೇ.ಸ ಗೌರವ ಅತಿಥಿಗಳಾಗಿ ಉತ್ಸವವನ್ನು ಉದ್ಘಾಟಿಸಿದರು. ಕನ್ನಡ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳ ಶ್ರಮ ಮತ್ತು ಅಭಿಮಾನವನ್ನು ಮೆಚ್ಚಿ ನುಡಿದರು. ಎಲ್ಲರನ್ನೂ ಸ್ವಾಗತಿಸಿ ಮಾತನಾಡಿದ ವಿಭಾಗದ ಮುಖ್ಯಸ್ಥರಾದ ಟಿ.ಎಚ್.ಲವಕುಮಾರ್ ಅವರು ಕನ್ನಡ ಭಾಷೆಯನ್ನು ಎಲ್ಲರೂ ಎಲ್ಲೆಡೆಯೂ ಬಳಸುವಂತಾಗಬೇಕು ಮತ್ತು ಕನ್ನಡಿಗರು ಒಗಟ್ಟಿನಿಂದ ಭಾಷಾಭಿಮಾನವನ್ನು ಮರೆಯಬೇಕು. ಎಂದರು ಆರೋಗ್ಯಕರ ಸ್ಪರ್ಧೆಯಿಂದ "ಕಲರವ" ಯಶಸ್ವಿಯಾಯಿತು ಸಂಜೆ 5.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ ಬಹುಮಾನ ವಿತರಣೆಯ ನಂತರ ನಾಡಗೀತೆ ಹಾಡುವ ಮೂಲಕ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರಿನ ಕನ್ನಡದ ಕಲರವ ಮೇಳಕ್ಕೆ ತೆರೆ ಎಳೆಯಲಾಯಿತು.

ಕನಸುಗಳು ಸಾಯಬಾರದು. . .

'ರಂಗಭೂಮಿ ತನ್ನ ಪಾಡಿಗೆ ಮಾತ್ರ ಏನನ್ನೂ ಸಾಧಿಸಲಾರದು. ಆದರೆ ಅದು ಪ್ರಜಾಪ್ರಭುತ್ವವಾದಿ ಆಂದೋಲನದ ಅವಿಭಾಜ್ಯ ಅಂಗವಾಗಿ ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಹಿಸಬೇಕು. ಈ ಮಾಧ್ಯಮದಿಂದಲೇ ನಾವು ಹೊಸ ಜಾಗತಿಕ ದೃಷ್ಟಿಕೋನವನ್ನು ಬೆಳಸಬಹುದು' ಹೀಗೆ ರಂಗಭೂಮಿಯ ಸಾಧ್ಯತೆಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ಪರಿಣಾಮದ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಅಧಮ್ಯವಾದ ಆಸೆ ಇಟ್ಟುಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದ ಖ್ಯಾತ ರಂಗಕರ್ಮಿ, ಸಾಮಾಜಿಕ ಕಾರ್ಯಕರ್ತ 'ಸಫ್ದರ್ ಹಶ್ಮಿ'ಯವರ ಹತ್ಯೆಯಾಗಿ ಎರಡು ದಶಕಗಳೇ ಕಳೆದಿವೆ. ಈ ಸಂದರ್ಭದಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಸ್ತುತ ಬೀದಿ ರಂಗಭೂಮಿ ಇಂದು ತಲುಪಿರುವ ಸ್ಥಿತಿ ಮತ್ತು ಪ್ರಗತಿಪರ ರಂಗ ಚಳುವಳಿಗಳ ಕುರಿತು ಆಲೋಚನೆ ಮಾಡುವುದು ಮುಖ್ಯವಾಗುತ್ತದೆ.

ರಂಗಭೂಮಿ ವಲಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ಕುರಿತು ಎಷ್ಟು ಮಂದಿ ಸ್ಪಂದಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ ಕನಿಷ್ಟ ಪಕ್ಷ ಯೋಚಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ ಎಂದರೆ ಕೇವಲ ಬೆರಳೆಣಿಕೆಯಷ್ಟು ಜನಮಾತ್ರ ಕಣ್ಣಿಗೆ ಸಿಗುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಅದು ಸಹ ವೈಯಕ್ತಿಕವಾದ ಬಿಡಿಬಿಡಿ ಪ್ರತಿಕ್ರಿಯೆಗಳು ಬಿಟ್ಟರೆ ಒಟ್ಟಾರೆ ರಂಗಭೂಮಿ ಈ ವಿಚಾರಗಳಿಗೆ ಸ್ಪಂದಿಸಿರುವುದು

ಕಡಿಮೆಯೆಂದೆ ಹೇಳಬೇಕು. ಅದರಲ್ಲೂ 'ಪ್ರತಿಭಟನೆಯ ಮಾಧ್ಯಮ' ಎಂದೇ ಕರೆಯಲ್ಪಡುವ ಬೀದಿನಾಟಕ ತಂಡಗಳು ಹೆಚ್ಚುಕಡಿಮೆ ಕಣ್ಮರೆಯಾಗಿವೆ. ಬೀದಿ ರಂಗಭೂಮಿ ಎಂದಾಕ್ಷಣ 'ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಹಿಡಿದವರಂತೆ' ಮುಂದೆ ಬರುವ ಬಹುತೇಕ ಜನ ಈಗ ಅದನ್ನು ಬರೀ ಒಂದು 'ಪ್ರಚಾರ ಮಾಧ್ಯಮ'ವಾಗಿಯೇ ಬಳಸುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

ಇವತ್ತಿನ ಈ ಸ್ಥಿತಿಗೆ ಕಾರಣ ಬಹಳ ಸ್ಪಷ್ಟವಾಗಿದೆ. ಪ್ರಮುಖವಾದವುಗಳೆಂದರೆ, ಸಿನಿಮಾದಲ್ಲಿನ ಜನಪ್ರಿಯತೆ, ಶ್ರೀಮಂತಿಕೆಯ ಚಪಲ, ಸ್ಪಷ್ಟವಾದ ಸೈದ್ಧಾಂತಿಕ ನಿಲುವಿನ ಕೊರತೆ, ವೈಧಿಕರ ನಾಯಕತ್ವ, ಸರ್ಕಾರಿ ಯಂತ್ರದ ಅಸ್ತಕ್ಷೇಪ ಎನ್.ಜಿ.ಒ ತಂತ್ರಗಾರಿಕೆ, ವಿಘಟನೆ ಗೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತಿರುವ ಚಳುವಳಿಗಳು ಹಾಗು ಚಳುವಳಿಗಳ ಸಂಪರ್ಕ ಇಲ್ಲದಿರುವುದು ಹೀಗೆ ಕಾರಣಗಳನ್ನು ಪಟ್ಟಿ ಮಾಡಬಹುದು.

ಪ್ರಸ್ತುತ ನಮ್ಮೆದುರುಗಿರುವ ಸವಾಲೆಂದರೆ. ನಮ್ಮ ಕಣ್ಣೆದುರೇ ಪ್ರಜಾತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥೆ ಕುಸಿಯುತ್ತಿರುವಾಗ ನಾವು ಅಂದರೆ ರಂಗಭೂಮಿಯವರು ಸೌಂದರ್ಯದ ಜಪ ಮಾಡುತ್ತ ಕೊತರೆ ಫಲವಿಲ್ಲ. ಪ್ರಜಾಪ್ರಭುತ್ವ ಮೌಲ್ಯಗಳನ್ನು ಉಳಿಸುವಂಥ ನಿಜವಾದ ಜನಪದ ಚಳುವಳಿಯ ಹುಟ್ಟಿಗೆ ನಾವು ಕಾರಣರಾಗಬೇಕಾಗುತ್ತದೆ. ಈ ಹಿಂದೆ ಬಾದಲ್ ಸರ್ಕಾರ್, ಅಬೀಬ್ ತನ್ವೀರ್, ಸಪ್ದರ್ ಹಷ್ಮಿ, ಒಂದು ಯುವ ಜನಾಂಗವನ್ನೇ ತಯಾರು ಮಾಡಿದಂತೆ ನಾವು ಪ್ರಯತ್ನಿಸಬೇಕಾಗಿದೆ. ಆಕಾರಣದಿಂದ 'ಸೈದ್ಧಾಂತಿಕ ಜಡತ್ವದ, ಇರುವ ಮುಖ್ಯವಾಹಿನಿಯ ರಂಗ ಸಂಘಟನೆಗಳಿಗಿಂತ ಭಿನ್ನವಾದ ವೈಜವಾದ ಜನಪದ ಕಾಳಜಿಯ, ಯುವ ಸಂವೇದನೆಯ, ಚಳುವಳಿಯನ್ನು ಕಟ್ಟ ಬೇಕಿದೆ. ಆ ನಿಟ್ಟಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಯುವ ರಂಗಾಸಕ್ತರು ಸಕ್ರಿಯವಾಗಿ ಆಲೋಚಿಸಬೇಕಿದೆ.

ಹಾಗಾದಾಗ ಮಾತ್ರ ನಾವು ರಂಗಭೂಮಿಗಾಗಿ ಪ್ರಾಣ ತೆತ್ತ 'ಸಪ್ದರ್ ಹಶ್ಮಿ' ಯಂತವರಿಗೆ ನ್ಯಾಯಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿದಂತೆ ಆಗುತ್ತದೆ. ಇಲ್ಲವಾದರೆ ನಾವೆಲ್ಲಾ ಬೇಕಾಬಿಟ್ಟಿ ಮಾತುಗಳ ಮುಖವಾಡಗಳ ಹಿಂದೆ ಅವಿತ ಚಿತ್ರಗಳಾಗುತ್ತೇವೆ. ಇಲ್ಲವೇ ಈ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಚಳುವಳಿಯ ಮಾದರಿಗಳು ಯಾವುದೋ ಎನ್.ಜಿ.ಒಗಳ ಇಲ್ಲವೆ ಇಲ್ಲವೇ ಎಮ್.ಎನ್.ಸಿಗಳ ತೀಟಿಗೆಸಿಕ್ಕು ತಮ್ಮ ಮಾತನ್ನು ಕಳೆದುಕೊಂಡು 'ಚಿಜತಜಡಿಣಖಜಟಜಟಿಣ' ಮಟ್ಟಕ್ಕೆ ಇಳಿಬೇಕಾತ್ತುದೆ. ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ ಈ ಕಲಾಮಾದ್ಯಮವನ್ನು ನಾವು ಅರಸೊತ್ತಿಗೆಯ ಅಮಲಿನಿಂದ ಪಾರು ಮಾಡಬೇಕಿದೆ. ನಮ್ಮ ಕಾಲೇಜಿನ ಹಶ್ಮಿ ರಂಗವೇದಿಕೆ ಅಂತಹ ಕನಸುಗಳ ವ್ಯವಸಾಯ ಮಾಡುವ ಒಂದು ಪ್ರಯತ್ನ ಅನ್ನುವುದು ನಮಗೆ ಹೆಮ್ಮೆಯ ವಿಚಾರವಾಗಿದೆ.

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ತಮ್ಮ ಬದುಕನ್ನು ಚಿತ್ರಿಸಲು ಎಲ್ಲರಿಗೂ ಸಾಧ್ಯವಿಲ್ಲ. ಬದುಕು ಎಂದರೆ ಹೇಗಿರಬೇಕೆಂಬ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಎಲ್ಲರ ವಿಚಾರ ಬೇರೆ ಇರುತ್ತದೆ. ಎಲ್ಲರಿಗೂ ಕನಸೆಂಬುದು ಇರುತ್ತದೆ. ಆ ಕನಸನ್ನು ನೆರವೇರಿಸಲು ಬಹಳ ಶ್ರಮ ಪಡಬೇಕಾಗುತ್ತದೆ.

ನನ್ನ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಹೇಳಬೇಕೆಂದರೆ, ನಾನು ಬಹಳ ಸರಳ ಸ್ವಭಾವದವಳು. ನನಗೆ ಒಬ್ಬರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಬೇರೆಯವರು ಕೆಟ್ಟದಾಗಿ ಮಾತನಾಡುವುದು ಇಷ್ಟವಿಲ್ಲ. ನನಗೆ ಬೇರೆಯವರ ಒಳ್ಳೆಯತನವನ್ನು ಗುರುತಿಸಲು ಬಹಳ ಇಷ್ಟ. ಬದುಕು ನಮಗೆ ತನ್ನೆಲ್ಲಾ ಸವಾಲುಗಳ ನಡುವೆಯೂ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ ನೀಡುತ್ತದೆ, ಕಷ್ಟ ಸುಖಗಳನ್ನು ಹಂಚಿಕೊಂಡು ಬಾಳಲು ಕಲಿಸುತ್ತದೆ.

ನನ್ನ ಶಾಲೆಯ ಮೊದಲದಿನ ನನಗೆ ಇಂದು ಸಹ ನೆನಪಿದೆ. ನಾನು ನೀಲಿ ಬಣ್ಣದ ಫ್ರಾಕ್ ಧರಿಸಿ ತರಗತಿಯನ್ನು ಪ್ರವೇಶಿಸಿದಾಗ ತರಗತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕುಳಿತಿದ್ದ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಮಕ್ಕಳು ನನನ್ನು ದುರುಗುಟ್ಟಿ ನೋಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದರು. ಪಕ್ಕದಲ್ಲಿ ಕುಳಿತಿದ್ದ ಒಬ್ಬ ಹುಡುಗ ನನನ್ನು ಗಿಂಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದ ಅವನಿಗೆ ಕೂರಲು ಜಾಗವಿಲ್ಲವೆಂದು ಗೋಳೈಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತಿದ್ದ. ಸ್ವಲ್ಪ ದಿನಗಳ ನಂತರ ನಾನು ಅವನು ಒಳ್ಳೆಯ ಸ್ನೇಹಿತರಾದೆವು. ಈ ಘಟನೆಯಿಂದ ಜನರ ನಡುವೆ ಹೇಗೆ ಹೊಂದಿಕೊಳ್ಳ ಬೇಕೆಂಬುದನ್ನು ಕಲಿತೆನು. ನಾನು ಐದು ವರ್ಷದವಳಿದ್ದಾಗಲೆ ಓದುವುದರಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾತ್ರವಲ್ಲ ನಾಟಕ, ನೃತ್ಯ, ಸ್ಟೋಟ್ಸ್ ಮುಂತಾದವುಗಳಲ್ಲೂ ಆಸಕ್ತಿ ಬೆಳೆಸಿ ಕೊಂಡೆ.

ನನಗೆ ಜೀವನದಲ್ಲಿ ಏನಾದರೂ ಹೊಸ ವಿಷಯವನ್ನು ಪ್ರಯೋಗ ಮಾಡಲು ಅವಕಾಶ ಕೊಟ್ಟರೆ ನಾನು ಖಂಡಿತ ಮಾಡಲು ಸಿದ್ಧಳಾಗುತ್ತೇನೆ. ನನ್ನ ಪ್ರಥಮ ಪಿ.ಯು.ಸಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ನಾನು ಈಜಲು ಕಲಿತದ್ದು. ಎನ್.ಸಿ.ಸಿಯ ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಯ ಮಟ್ಟದ ಕ್ಯಾಂಪನ್ನು ಮುಗಿಸಲು ಈಜು ಕಲಿಯಲೇ ಬೇಕಿತ್ತು ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ ನಾನು ಅದನ್ನು ಕಲಿತೆ.

ನನ್ನ ತಾಯಿ 1992ರಲ್ಲಿ ಆರ್.ಡಿ.ಸಿ [Republic Day Camp]ಅನ್ನು ಮುಗಿಸಿದರು. ಈ ಕ್ಯಾಂಪ್ ಮುಗಿಸಿದವರಿಗೆ ಬ್ಲೇಜರ್ ಹಾಗೂ ದೆಲ್ಲಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಉಪಯೋಗವಾಗುವಂತಹ ಹಲವಾರು ವಸ್ತುಗಳನ್ನು ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದರು. ಒಂದು ದಿನ ನನ್ನ ತಾಯಿ ಅದನ್ನು ನನಗೆ ತೋರಿಸಿದಾಗ ನಾನು ಬ್ಲೇಷರ್‌ನನ್ನು ಹಾಕಲು ಕೇಳಿದೆ ಆಗ ನನ್ನ ತಾಯಿ "ರಿಶಿ ಅದು ನನ್ನದು, ನಾನು ಶ್ರಮ ಪಟ್ಟು ಪಡೆದದ್ದು ನೀನು ಅದನ್ನು ಧರಿಸಬೇಡ ನಿನಗೂ ಅದನ್ನು ಧರಿಸಲು ಆಸೆ ಇದ್ದರೆ ನೀನು ಅದನ್ನು ನಿನ್ನ ಸ್ವಂತ ಪರಿಶ್ರಮದಿಂದ ಪಡೆಯಬೇಕು'. ಎಂದರು. ಈ ಮಾತು ನನ್ನಲ್ಲಿ ಛಲ ಹುಟ್ಟಿಸಿತು. ನನ್ನ ತಾಯಿ ಹೇಳಿದ

ಹಾಗೆಯೇ ನಾನು 2013ರಲ್ಲಿ ಸರಿಯಾಗಿ 20 ವರ್ಷಗಳ ನಂತರ ಆರ್.ಡಿ.ಸಿ ಮುಗಿಸಿದೆ ಈಗ ನನ್ನ ಹತ್ತಿರವು ಬ್ಲೇಜರ್ ಇದೆ.

ನನ್ನ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಸೋಲು ಗೆಲುವು ಜೀವನದಲ್ಲಿ ಇದ್ದೇ ಇರುತ್ತದೆ. ಸೋಲನ್ನು ತಲೆಕೆಡಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳದೆ ಹಾಗು ಗೆಲುವಿನಿಂದ ಜಾಸ್ತಿ ಖುಷಿ ಪಡದೆ ಮುಂದೆ ಸಾಗಬೇಕು ಛಲ, ಶ್ರಮ ಹಾಗೂ ಬೆಂಬಲವಿದ್ದರೆ ಏನನ್ನು ಸಹ ಪಡೆಯಲು ಸಾಧ್ಯ.

'ಡಾನ್ಸ್' ಈ ಪದಕ್ಕೆ ನನ್ನ ಜೀವದಲ್ಲಿ ಎಷ್ಟುಮಹತ್ವವಿದೆ ಎಂದು ಬರವಣಿಗೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ತೋರಿಸಲು ಸಾಧ್ಯವಿಲ್ಲ. ನಾನು ಸುಮಾರು ಆರು ವರ್ಷದವಳಿದ್ದಾಗಲಿಂದಲೂ ಡಾನ್ಸ್ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದೇನೆ. ನಾನು ಟಿ.ವಿ ನೋಡುತ್ತಲೆ ಡಾನ್ಸ್ ಮಾಡಲು ಕಲಿತವಳು. ನಂತರ ನನ್ನ ತಂದೆ–ತಾಯಿ ನಾನು ಡ್ಯಾನ್ಸಿನ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ತೋರಿದ ಇಂಟ್ರೆಸ್ಟ್‌ನ್ನು ನೋಡಿ ಕ್ಲಾಸಿಗೆ ಸೇರಿಸಿದರು. ಅದಾದನಂತರ ಶಾಲೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಡ್ಯಾಂಸ್ ಮಾಡಲು ಪ್ರಾರಂಭಿಸಿದೆ. ಈಗ ಜನರು ನನ್ನನ್ನು ನನ್ನ ಡ್ಯಾನ್ಸ್‌ನಿಂದಲೇ ಗುರುತಿಸುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಮತ್ತು ಇಷ್ಟ ಪಡುತ್ತಾರೆ.

ಇದು ಬಹಳ ವರ್ಷಗಳ ಹಿಂದೆ ನಡೆದ ಘಟನೆ. ಒಂದು ಬಾರಿ ನಾನು ನನ್ನ ಮನೆಯವರೊಡನೆ ಗೊಮ್ಮಟೇಶ್ವರ ದೇವಸ್ಥಾನಕ್ಕೆ ಹೋಗಿದ್ದಾಗ ಅದರ ಮೆಟ್ಟಲಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಬಹಳಷ್ಟು ಕೋತಿಗಳು ಕುಳಿತಿದ್ದವು. ನಾನು ಅವೆರಡು ಕೋತಿಗಳ ಹಿಂದೆ ಫೋಟೊ ತೆಗೆಯಲೆಂದು ನಿಂತರೆ ಅವೆರಡು ಕೋತಿಗಳು ಭಯವೋ ಏನೋ ನನ್ನ ಮೇಲೆ ಎಗರಿದವು. ಒಂದು ಕೋತಿ ನನ್ನ ಲಂಗವನ್ನು ಹಿಡಿದುಕೊಂಡು ಜೋಕಾಲಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಆಡಿದಂತೆ ಆಡುತ್ತಿತ್ತು ಇನ್ನೊಂದು ಕೋತಿ ನನ್ನ ಕೈಯನ್ನು ಹಿಡಿದುಕೊಂಡು ಆಟವಾಡುತ್ತಿತ್ತುಇವುಗಳಿಂದ ಬಿಡಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ಸುಸ್ತಾಗಿಹೋಯಿತು.

ಇದಷ್ಟೇ ಅಲ್ಲ ಇನ್ನೊಮ್ಮೆ ನಾನು ತುಮಕೂರಿಗೆ ಹೋಗಿದ್ದಾಗ ಅಲ್ಲಿ ಇದ್ದ ಒಂದು ಕೋತಿಗೆ ಬಾಳೆಹಣ್ಣು ಕೊಟ್ಟು ಅದರ ತಲೆ ಸವರಿದೆ ಅಯ್ಯೋ! ಅದೇ ನಾನು ಮಾಡಿದ ದೊಡ್ಡ ತಪ್ಪು. ಅದು ನನನ್ನು ಅಟ್ಟಿಸಿಕೊಂಡು ಬಂದಿತು. ಅಂದಿನಿಂದ ನನಗೂ ಕೋತಿಗಳಿಗೂ ಸಂಬಂಧ ಬೇಡ ಎಂದು ನಿರ್ಧರಿಸಿದೆ. ಈ ಘಟನೆ ನನಗೆ ಬೇರೆಯವರನ್ನು ತಿಳಿಯುವ ಮುನ್ನ ಅವರಿಗೆ ಬಹಳ ಪ್ರೀತಿಯನ್ನು ತೋರಬಾರದು ಎಂದು ತಿಳಿಸಿತು. ಅಷ್ಟೆ ಅಲ್ಲದೆ ಇದರಿಂದ ಮೂರ್ಖತನವನ್ನು ಮಾಡಬಾರದೆಂದು ಕಲಿತೆ.

ಇವುಗಳೆಲ್ಲ ಮಕ್ಕಳಾಗಿದ್ದಾಗ ಆಡಿದ ಆಟ. ಈಗ ನಾವು ದೊಡ್ಡವರಾಗಿದ್ದೇವೆ. ನಮ್ಮ ಜೀವನದಲ್ಲಿ ಹೇಗೆ ಮುಂದೆ ಸಾಗಬೇಕೆಂದು ನಾವೇ ನಿರ್ಧರಿಸಬೇಕು. ಜೀವನದಲ್ಲಿ ಮುಂದೆಸಾಗಲು ಶ್ರಮ, ಆಸಕ್ತಿ ಎಲ್ಲವೂ ಬೇಕು. ಇರುವ ಅವಕಾಶ ಮತ್ತು ಸಾಧ್ಯತೆಗಳನ್ನು ಉಪಯೋಗಿಸುತ್ತಾ ಮುಂದುವರೆದು ಜೀವನದಲ್ಲಿ ಒಬ್ಬ ದೊಡ್ಡ ವ್ಯಕ್ತಿ ಆಗಬೇಕೆಂಬುದು ನನ್ನ ಪುಟ್ಟ ಆಸೆ.

ನಾನು ನೋಡಿದ ನಾಟಕ

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ಹಲವಾರು ದಿನಗಳ ನಂತರ ನಮ್ಮ ಹಶ್ಮಿ ರಂಗ ತಂಡ ಅರ್ಪಿಸಿದ ಲವಕುಮಾರ್ ಸರ್ ನಿರ್ದೇಶನದ ಪಿ.ಲಂಕೇಶ್ ವಿರಚಿತ 'ಗುಣಮುಖ' ಎನ್ನುವ ನಾಟಕವನ್ನು ನೋಡಿದೆ. ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯವಾಗಿ ನನಗೆ ರಾಜರ ನಾಟಕಗಳು ಬಹಳ ಇಷ್ಟ ಏಕೆಂದರೆ ಅವರು ಮಾತನಾಡುವ ವಿಧ ಮತ್ತು ಆ ಅರಮನೆಯ ವಾತಾವರಣ ಎಲ್ಲವೂ ತುಂಬ ಸುಂದರವಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಎಲ್ಲರೂ ತುಂಬ ಗರ್ವದಿಂದ ಮಾತನಾಡುವ ರೀತಿ ನನಗೆ ತುಂಬ ಇಷ್ಟ.

ಅದೇ ರೀತಿ ಈ ನಾಟಕದಲ್ಲೂ ಎಲ್ಲರೂ ತುಂಬ ಚೆನ್ನಾಗಿ ನಟಿಸಿದ್ದರು. ಈ ನಾಟಕದಲ್ಲಿ ನಟಿಸಿದ ಹಲವಾರು ಜನ ನನ್ನ ಸ್ನೇಹಿತರು. ಹಾಗಾಗಿ, ಈ ನಾಟಕವನ್ನು ನೋಡಿದಾಗ ನನಗೆ ತುಂಬ ಆಶ್ಚರ್ಯವಾಗುತ್ತದೆ. ಏಕೆಂದರೆ ನನ್ನ ಸ್ನೇಹಿತರು ಮಾಡಿದ ಒಂದೊಂದು ಪಾತ್ರವನ್ನು ನೋಡಿದಾಗ, ನನಗೆ ಅವರು ನನ್ನ ಸ್ನೇಹಿತರೆಂದೇ ನಂಬಲಾಗುತ್ತಿರಲಿಲ್ಲ. ಇದು ರಾಜರ ಬಗ್ಗೆಯ ನಾಟಕವಾದುದರಿಂದ, ಆ ಅರಮನೆಯ ವಾತಾವರಣವನ್ನು ಉಂಟುಮಾಡುವುದು ಬಹಳ ಮುಖ್ಯವಾಗಿದೆ. ಅದೇ ರೀತಿ ಈ ನಾಟಕದಲ್ಲಿ ಆ ವಾತಾವರಣವನ್ನು ಉಂಟುಮಾಡಿದ್ದರು.

ಈ ನಾಟಕದಲ್ಲಿ ಬಹು ಮುಖ್ಯವಾಗಿ, ನನಗೆ ರೋಗದಿಂದ ನರಳುತ್ತಿದ್ದ ರಾಜನ ಪಾತ್ರ ತುಂಬ ಇಷ್ಟವಾಯಿತು ಹಾಗೂ ಆ ಪಾತ್ರವೇ ತುಂಬ ಕಷ್ಟವೆಂದು ಅನಿಸುತ್ತಿತ್ತು. ಏಕೆಂದರೆ, ಅವನು ಇಡೀ ನಾಟಕ ಪೂರ್ತಿ ಕಿರುಚುತ್ತ, ಆ ರೋಗದಿಂದ ನರಳುತ್ತಿದ್ದುದ್ದನ್ನು ತೋರಿಸಬೇಕಾಯಿತು.

ಒಂದೊಂದು ದೃಶ್ಯ ಆದಮೇಲೂ, ನಾಟಕದಲ್ಲಿ ನಟಿಸಿದವರೇ ಮುಂದೆ ಬರುವ ದೃಶ್ಯಕ್ಕೆ ಸಾಮಾನುಗಳನ್ನು ಜೋಡಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತಿದ್ದರು. ಅದು ನನಗೆ ತುಂಬ ಇಷ್ಟವಾಯಿತು. ಅದೂ, ಸಮಯ ತಪ್ಪದೆ ಎಲ್ಲವನ್ನು ಸರಿಯಾಗಿ ಮಾಡಿದರು. ಈ ನಾಟಕವು ಬರೀ ಒಂದು ಗಂಟೆ ನಡೆಯಿತು. ಆದರೆ, ಒಬ್ಬ ರಾಜನ ಜೀವನದಲ್ಲಿ ನಡೆಯುವ ಎಲ್ಲ ವಿಷಯಗಳನ್ನು ಈ ನಾಟಕದಲ್ಲಿ ತೋರಿಸಲಾಯಿತು.

ಮತ್ತು ಈ ನಾಟಕದಲ್ಲಿ ನಿತಿನ್‌ರವರ ಪಾತ್ರ ತುಂಬ ಇಷ್ಟವಾಯಿತು. ಅವರ ಗುಣಕ್ಕೆ ತಕ್ಕಂತೆ ಪಾತ್ರ ಅವರಿಗೆ ನೀಡಲಾಯಿತೆಂದು ನನಗೆ ಅನಿಸಿತು. ಅವರು ಮಾತನಾಡಿದ

ರೀತಿ, ಆ ಪ್ರೀತಿ ಸ್ವಭಾವ, ಇವೆಲ್ಲವೂ ಅವರನ್ನು ಎಲ್ಲರೂ ಇಷ್ಟಪಡುವಂತೆ ಮಾಡಿತು. ಒಬ್ಬ ವೈದ್ಯನು ಹೇಗೆ ಶಾಂತವಾಗಿರಬೇಕೆಂದು ಅವರು ಈ ನಾಟಕದಲ್ಲಿ ತೋರಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ರಾಜರ ಪಾತ್ರವನ್ನು ಮಾಡಲು ತುಂಬ ಕಷ್ಟವಾಗುತ್ತದೆ. ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ ಆ ಪಾತ್ರವನ್ನು ಮಾಡಲು ಸರಿಯಾದವರನ್ನು ಹುಡುಕಬೇಕು. ಈ ನಾಟಕದಲ್ಲಿ ರಾಜರ ಪಾತ್ರವನ್ನು ತಕ್ಕ ಜನರಿಗೆ ನೀಡಲಾಗಿತ್ತು. ಎಲ್ಲ ರಾಜರು ತುಂಬ ಚೆನ್ನಾಗಿ ನಟಿಸಿದ್ದರು.

ಇನ್ನೊಂದು ಮುಖ್ಯವಾದ ಪಾತ್ರವೆಂದು ಹೇಳಬೇಕೆಂದರೆ, ಅದು ಸಂಜಯ್‌ರವರ ಪಾತ್ರ. ಅವರು ಸೈನಿಕ ಹಾಗು ಹುಡುಗಿಯರನ್ನು ಕರೆದುಕೊಂಡು ಬರುವ ಪಾತ್ರವನ್ನು ಮಾಡಿದರು. ಎರಡನೆಯ ಪಾತ್ರ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದು ತುಂಬ ದೊಡ್ಡ ವಿಷಯ ಏಕೆಂದರೆ ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯವಾಗಿ ಆ ಪಾತ್ರ ಮಾಡಲು ಯಾರೂ ಮುಂದೆ ಬರುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಎಲ್ಲರೂ ನಾಚಿಕೆ ಪಡುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಆದರೆ ಇವರು ತುಂಬ ಧೈರ್ಯದಿಂದ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

ಮತ್ತೊಂದು ವಿಷಯ ಹೇಳಬೇಕೆಂದು ಆಸೆ ಪಡುತ್ತೇನೆ. ಅದು ಏನೆಂದರೆ, ಕೊನೆಗೆ ಎಲ್ಲರು ಮಸೀದಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಜನರು ಬೇಡುವಂತೆ ಇವರು ಬೇಡುವರು. ಈ ರೀತಿ ಬೇಡಬೇಕೆಂಬುದು ಹಾಗೂ ಈ ಬೇಡಿಕೆಗಳ ಮಾತುಗಳನ್ನು ನಮ್ಮ ಕಾಲೇಜಿನ ಅಕ್ಕೌಂಟ್ಸ್ ಡಿಪಾರ್ಟ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಕೆಲಸ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿರುವ ಪಾಷಾ ಸರ್ ಹೇಳಿಕೊಟ್ಟರೆಂದು ನಾನು ಕೇಳಿಬಂದೆ. ಇದರಿಂದ ನಮ್ಮ ಕಾಲೇಜಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಎಲ್ಲರಿಗೂ ನಾಟಕದಲ್ಲಿ ಎಷ್ಟು ಇಷ್ಟ ಹಾಗೂ ಆಸಕ್ತಿ ಇದೆ ಎಂಬುದನ್ನು ನಾನು ತಿಳಿದುಕೊಂಡೆ.
ಯಾರೂ, ಕನ್ನಡ ನಾಟಕಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಆಸಕ್ತಿ ತೋರುವುದಿಲ್ಲ ಎಂದು ಎಲ್ಲರೂ ಹೇಳುವರು. ಆದರೆ ಈ ನಾಟಕವನ್ನು ನೋಡಿದ ಮೇಲೆ, ಕನ್ನಡಕ್ಕೆ ಎಷ್ಟು ಮುಖ್ಯತ್ವವನ್ನು ಎಲ್ಲರೂ ಕೊಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ ಎಂಬುದನ್ನು ತಿಳಿದುಕೊಂಡೆ. ಈ ನಾಟಕದಲ್ಲಿ, ನನ್ನ ಸ್ನೇಹಿತರಲ್ಲಿ, ಸ್ವಲ್ಪ ಜನರಿಗೆ ಕನ್ನಡವೇ ಸರಿಯಾಗಿ ಮಾತನಾಡಲು ಬರುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಆದರೆ ನಾಟಕವನ್ನು ನೋಡಿದಾಗ, ಎಲ್ಲರೂ ಅಷ್ಟು ಸ್ಪಷ್ಟವಾಗಿ ಕನ್ನಡ ಮಾತನಾಡಿದುದನ್ನು ನೋಡಿದಾಗ ನನಗೆ ತುಂಬ ಆಶ್ಚರ್ಯವಾಯಿತು. ನನ್ನ ಸ್ನೇಹಿತರು ಹೀಗೆ ಮಾತನಾಡುತ್ತಿರುವರೆಂದು ನಾನು ಬೆರಗಾದೆ.

ಎಲ್ಲರೂ ತುಂಬ ಕಷ್ಟಪಟ್ಟು ಹಗಲುರಾತ್ರಿ ಅಭ್ಯಾಸ ಮಾಡಿ ಈ ನಾಟಕವನ್ನು ತುಂಬ ಚೆನ್ನಾಗಿ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದರು. ಇದೇ ರೀತಿ ಇನ್ನೂ ಹಲವಾರು ಒಳ್ಳೆಯ ನಾಟಕಗಳನ್ನು ನೀಡುತ್ತಾರೆಂದು ನಾನು ನಂಬುತ್ತೇನೆ. ಹಾಗೂ ಇನ್ನೂ ದೊಡ್ಡ ದೊಡ್ಡ ನಾಟಕಗಳನ್ನು ಮಾಡಬೇಕೆಂಬುದು ನನ್ನ ಬೇಡಿಕೆ.

ಈಗೀನ ಸಂದರ್ಭದಲ್ಲಿ ರೈತನ ಪರಿಸ್ಥಿತಿ.

"ಸಿಗರೇಟ್"ಗಳಿಲ್ಲದೆ ನಾವು ಬದುಕಬಲ್ಲೇವು
ಆದರೆ ಸಿಗರೇಟ್ ತಯಾರಕರು ಕರೋಡ್‌ಪತಿಗಳು.
"ಮದ್ಯ" ಇಲ್ಲದೆ ನಾವು ಬದುಕಬಲ್ಲೆವು
ಆದರೆ ಮದ್ಯ ತಯಾರಕ ಕಂಪನಿಗಳು ಕರೋಡ್‌ಪತಿಗಳು.
"ಮೊಬೈಲ್" ಇಲ್ಲದೆ ನಾವು ಬದುಕಬಲ್ಲೆವು
ಆದರು ಮೊಬೈಲ್ ತಯಾರಕರು ಕರೋಡ್‌ಪತಿಗಳು.

ಈಗ ಕೇಳಿ ಸತ್ಯ

"ಅನ್ನ" ಇಲ್ಲದೆ ಯಾರೂ ಬದುಕಲಾರರು
ಆದರೆ ಅನ್ನ ತಯಾರಿಸುವ ಅನ್ನದಾತನು
ಇಂದು "ಬಡವ"ನಾಗಿದ್ದಾನೆ ಹಾಗೂ ದರಿದ್ರ ಜೀವನ ನೆಡೆಸುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾನೆ.

– ರಾಕೇಶ್. ದ್ವಿತಿಯ ಬಿ.ಕಾಂ.

ಗಂಗವ್ವ – ಎನ್ನುವ ಕಾಡುವ ಬದುಕು

–ಮಧುರ ದ್ವಿತಿಯ ಬಿ.ಕಾಂ (ಟಿಟಿ)

ನಮ್ಮಮ್ಮ ನಾನು ನಮ್ಮಜ್ಜಿ ಮನೆ ಕಡೆ ಹೊರಟಿದ್ವಿ. ದಾರೀಲಿ ಇಬ್ರು ಹುಡುಗಿಯರು ಸುಮಾರು 13–14 ವರ್ಷ ಇರ್ಬೇಕು. ಲಂಗ, ಲಂಗದ ಮೇಲೆ ಅವ್ರಪ್ಪನ ಹರಿದ ಫುಲ್ ಆಮ್ ಶರ್ಟ್ ತಲೆಗೆ ಟವಲ್ ಕಟ್ಕೊಂಡು ಬಾಂಡಲಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸೈಜು ಗಲ್ಲು ಸಾಗಿಸ್ತಿದ್ರು. ಒಂದು ಸೆಕೆಂಡ್ ಅವ್ರಿಬ್ರನ್ನ ಗಮನಿಸಿದೆ. ಒಬ್ಬಳು ತಿದ್ದಿದ ಗೊಂಬೆ, ನಿರಾಭರಣ ಸುಂದರಿ. ಇಷ್ಟು ಚಿಕ್ಕ ಮಕ್ಕಳು ಗಾರೆ ಕೆಲ್ಸ ಮಾಡ್ತಿದ್ದಾರಲ್ಲ? ಅಂತ ನನ್ ಹೊಟ್ಟೆ ಚುರುಕ್ ಅನಿಸಿತ್ತು. ಶಾಲೆಗೆ ಹೋಗಿ ಕಲಿತು ಆಡುವ ವಯಸ್ಸಲ್ಲಿ, ಕೆಲಸ ಮಾಡುವುದನ್ನ ನೋಡಿ ನನ್ನ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ನನ್ಗೆ ಬೇಸರವಾಯ್ತು. ಅಲ್ಲೇ ನಿಂತು ನಕ್ಕಿದ್ವಿ. ಅವ್ರಿಬ್ರು ನಗ್ಲಿಲ್ಲ. ನಮ್ಮನ್ನೇ ಎವೆಯಿಕ್ಕದೆ ನೋಡ್ತಿದ್ರು. ಅಲ್ಲೇ ಎರಡು ಸೆಕೆಂಡ್ ನಿಂತ್ಬಿ ಕಿಂದರಿ ಜೋಗಿ ತರಹ ಒಂದರ ಹಿಂದೆ ಒಂದರಂತೆ ನಾಲ್ಕೈದು ಹೆಣ್ಣು ಮಕ್ಕಳು ಆ ಇಬ್ಬರು ಹುಡುಗಿಯರ ಹಿಂದೆ ಬಚ್ಚಿಟ್ಕೊಂಡು, ಲಂಗದ ಸಂದಿಯಿಂದ ಇಣುಕಿ ಇಣುಕಿ ನಮ್ಮನ್ನ ನೋಡ್ತಿದ್ರು. ಹೀಗೆ ದಿನಾ ಹೋಗ್ತಾ ಬರ್ತಾ ನೋಡ್ತಿದ್ವಿ. ಚಾಕೋಲೇಟ್, ಬಿಸ್ಕೇಟ್ ಆ ಪುಟಾಣಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಕೊಡ್ತಿದ್ವಿ. ನಿಧಾನಕ್ಕೆ ಅವು ನಗೋಕೆ ಶುರು ಮಾಡಿದ್ವು. ಈಗ ಅಕ್ಕ, ಅಕ್ಕ ಅಂತ ಓಡಿ ಬರ್ತಾವೆ ನಮ್ಮ ಮುಖ ನೋಡಾಕ್ ಮುಂಚೆ, ನಮ್ ಕೈಗಳನ್ನ ನೋಡುತ್ತವೆ.

ಒಂದಿನ ಆ ಮಕ್ಕಳ ಪೈಕಿ, ಒಬ್ಬಳು ನನ್ಗೆ 'ಅಕ್ಕ, ನಮ್ಮವ್ವನ್ಗೊಂದು ಸೀರೆ ಕೊಡ್ರಲಾ? ಆಕೆ ಹತ್ರ ಒಂದು ಸಿರೀನೂ ಇಲ್ಲ" ಅಂದ್ಲು. ಅಬ್ಬಬ್ಬ ಅಂದ್ರೆ ಆ ಹುಡುಗಿಗೆ 9 ವರ್ಷ ಇರ್ಬೇಕು.

ಹೆಸರು ಗಂಗವ್ವ. ಯಾವಾಗ್ಲೂ ಸೊಂಟದ ಮೇಲೆ 8 ತಿಂಗಳ ಮಗೂನ ಕೂರಿಸ್ಕೊಂಡಿರ್ತಾಳೆ. ಅವಳ ಹಿಂದೆ 4 ತಂಗಿಯರು. ಕೊನೆಯವಳೇ 4 ತಿಂಗಳ ಮಗು. ಅವ್ರಮ್ಮ ಆ ಮಗುವನ್ನು ಹೆತ್ತಿರೋದು ಅಷ್ಟೇ, ಆದ್ರೆ ಆ ಮಗುವಿನ ಪಾಲನೆ, ಪೋಷಣೆ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಗಂಗವ್ವನದೆ. ಯಾಕಂದ್ರೆ ಅವ್ರಮ್ಮನೂ ಗಾರೆ ಕೆಲ್ಸಕ್ಕೆ ಹೋಗ್ತಾರೆ. ಆ ತಾಯಿಯ ಬೆನ್ನು, ಹೊಟ್ಟೆ ಒಂದಕ್ಕೊಂದು ಅಂಟಿಕೊಂಡಿದೆ. "ನಿಮ್ಮನೇಲಿ ಒಂದು ಹಳೆ ಡಬ್ಬಿ ಇದ್ರೆ ಕೊಡಿ ನಿನ್ನೆ ಇಲಿ ಬಂದು ಜ್ವಾಳದ ಹಿಟ್ಟೆಲ್ಲಾ ತಿಂದಾ ಕದೆ" ಅಂದ್ರು ಆ ತಾಯಿ ಅವ್ರ ಮನೆಯೊಳಗೆ ಕಾಲಿಟ್ಟೆ. ಸೈಜು ಕಲ್ಲು ಜೋಡಿಸಿದಂತೆ 4 ಗೋಡೆಯಿರುವ ಮನೆ , ಒಳಗೆ ನೋಡಿದ್ರೆ ಒಂದ್ ಕಡೆ ಪೆಟ್ಟಿಗೆ, ಹರಿದಿರುವ ಸೂಟ್‌ಕೇಸ್, ಹಾಸಿಗೆ, ಚಿಲ್ಲಾಪಿಲ್ಲಿಯಾಗಿರುವ ಬಟ್ಟೆಗಳು ಒಂದ್ ಕಡೆ ಸೌದೆ ಒಲೆ, ಧಗಧಗ ಅಂತ ಉರೀತಿದೆ. ಆ ಉರಿಯುವ ಒಲೆಗೆ 1 ಅಡಿ ಮುಂದೆ ಮೂರು ವರ್ಷದ ಮಗು ಒಲೆಯ ಕಡೆ ಕಾಲು ಚಾಚಿ ಸುಖವಾಗಿ ನಿದ್ದೆ ಮಾಡ್ತಿದೆ. ಒಂದು ನಾಲ್ಕು ಪಾತ್ರೆಗಳು ತೂತು ಬಕೆಟ್, ಇನು ಸಾಲ್ದು ಅಂತ ಮೇಸ್ತ್ರಿ ಕಟ್ಟಡದ ಸಾಮಾನುಗಳನ್ನ ತುಂಬಿಸಿಟ್ಟಿದ್ದಾನೆ. ಮನೆ ಮುಂದೆ ಮರಳು, ಜಲ್ಲಿ ಕಲ್ಲಿನ ರಾಶಿ, ಮನೆ ಹಿಂದೆ ಸಿಮೆಂಟ್ ಮೂಟೆ, ಮೆನೆ ಮೇಲೆ ಶೀಟ್ ಮುಚ್ಚಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

ಶೀಟ್ ತೂತಿನಿಂದ ರಾತ್ರಿಯಲ್ಲಾ ಇಲಿಗಳದೆ ರಾಜ್ಯಭಾರ ಪಕ್ಕದಲ್ಲಿ ಎರಡು ಅಡಿ ಜಾಗ. ಅಲ್ಲೇ ಸ್ನಾನ, ಆದ್ರೆ ಅದಕ್ಕೆ ಬಾಗಿಲಿಲ್ಲ ಒಂದು ಡ್ರಮ್ ಅಡ್ಡಯಿಟ್ಟಿದ್ದಾರೆ ಮಕ್ಕಳ ಸ್ನಾನ, ಒಂದು, ಎರಡು ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಅಲ್ಲೇ. ಇದೇ ಅವರ ಅರಮನೆ. ಈ ಮನೆಯೊಳಗೆ 6 ಮಕ್ಕಳು, ತಂದೆ ತಾಯಿ ಎಲ್ರೂ ಮಲಗ್ತಾರೆ. ದೊಡ್ಡ ಮಗಳು 15 ವರ್ಷ. ಮದುವೆ ಆಗಿದೆ. ಅವಳ ಮದುವೆ ಆಗಿದ್ದಾಳೆ ಅನ್ನೋಕೆ ಕರಿಮಣಿಯೊಂದೇ ಸಾಕ್ಷಿ ಯಾಕಂದ್ರೆ ಅವ್ಳೂ ಲಂಗ, ಬ್ಲೌಸ್ ಹಾಕ್ತಾಳೆ. ಅವಳ ಗಂಡ ಏನಾದ್ರೂ ಬಂದ್ರೆ, ಉಳಿದವರೆಲ್ಲಾ ಜಲ್ಲಿ ಕಲ್ಲು, ಮರಳಿನ ರಾಶಿಯ ಮೇಲೆ ರಾತ್ರಿ ಮಲಗೋದು.

ಒಂದು ಸಂಜೆ ಗಂಗಮ್ಮ ತನ್ನ ಮೂರು ತಂಗಿಯರನ್ನು ಕರ್ಕೊಂಡು ನಮ್ಮನೇಗೆ ಬಂದ್ಲು. ಉಗಾದಿ ಹಬ್ಬ. "ಊಟ ಮಾಡಿದ್ರ"? ಅಂತ ಕೇಳಿದ್ದಕ್ಕೆ ಉಂಡು ಬಂದ್ವಿ ಅಂದ್ರು. ಪಕ್ಕದ ಮನೆಯವ್ರು ಹೋಳಿಗೆ, ಚಿತ್ರಾನ್ನ, ಕೀರು ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ರು ಅದ್ರಲ್ಲಿ ಸ್ವಲ್ಪ ಈ ಮಕ್ಕಳಿಗೂ ನಮ್ಮಮ್ಮ ಕೊಟ್ಟು. ಬೇರೆ ಬೇರೆ ತಟ್ಟೆ ಕೊಡೋಕೆ ಹೋದಾಗ, "ಇದೇ ತಟ್ಟೆನಾಗ್ ಉಣ್ತೀವಿ ಬಿಡಿ" ಅಂದ್ಲು "ಗಂಗವ್ವ ಒಂದೇ ತಟ್ಟೇಲಿ ನಾಲ್ಕು ಮಕ್ಕಳು ಹಂಚ್ಕೊಂಡು ತಿಂದ್ರು. ಮಾವಿನಕಾಯಿ ಚಿತ್ರಾನ್ನ ಖಾರ ಖಾರವಾಗಿತ್ತು. ಆ ಚಿಕ್ಕ ಮಗು ಮೂಗಲ್ಲಿ ಸುರೀತಿತ್ತು. ಗಂಗವ್ವ ಊಟ ಮಾಡ್ತಿದ್ ಕೈನಲ್ಲೇ ಮಗುವಿನ ಮೂಗು ಒರೆಸಿ, ಊಟ ಎಲ್ಲಾರ್ಗೂ ತಿನ್ಸಿ, ತಾನೂ ತಿಂದ್ಲು. ಈ ಮಕ್ಕಳು ಯಾವತ್ತೂ ಪಿಸ್ತಾ, ದ್ರಾಕ್ಷಿ, ಗೋಡಂಬಿ, ಕೋವ ತಿಂದಿರೋಲ್ಲ ಅನ್ನೊಂದು ನಮ್ಮಮ್ಮ ಕೀರು ಕೊಟ್ರು ರುಚಿ ನೋಡಿ "ನಾವು ಸೀ ಜಾಸ್ತಿ ತಿನ್ನಲ್ರಿ. ಇದು ಬ್ಯಾಡ" ಅಂತ ಕೀರು ಪಕ್ಕಕ್ಕಿಟ್ರು.

ಗಂಗವ್ವ ಮಾತಾಡೋಕೆ ಶುರುಮಾಡಿದ್ಲು. ನಾವು ಗುಲ್ಬರ್ಗ ಕಡೆಯವ್ರು. ನಮ್ಮವ್ವಗ್ಗೆ 8 ಮಕ್ಕಳು ಒಂದು ಗಂಡು, ಒಂದು ಹೆಣ್ಣು ಊರ್ನಾಗೆ ಸತ್ತೋದ್ವು ನಮ್ಮಪ್ಪ, ನಮ್ಮವ್ವ ದಿನಾ ರಾತ್ರಿ ಅಳ್ತಾರೆ. ಅಂದ್ಲು ಯಾಕೆ? ಅಂದೆ. ನಮ್ ಊರ್ನಾಗೆ ಎಲ್ರೂ ನಮ್ಮಪ್ಪನ್ನ 'ಸನ್ಯಾಸಿ, ನಿನ್ ಯೋಗ್ತೀಗೆ ಒಂದು ಗಂಡ್ ಮಗ ಹುಟ್ಟಿಸ್‌ಲಿಲ್ಲ ಅಂತ ಬೋತಾರೆ (ಬೈಯ್ತಾರೆ) ಅಂದ್ಲು. (ನನ್ಗೆ ನಗು ಬಂತು ಜೋರಾಗಿ ನಕ್ಕ್ ಬಿಟ್ಟೆ ಅವ್ಳು ಪೆಚ್ಚಾಗಿ ನನ್ನ ನೋಡಿದ್ಲು) ಗಂಡು ಮಗು ಬೇಕು, ಗಂಡು ಮಗು ಬೇಕು ಅಂತ 6 ಹೆಣ್ಣು ಮಕ್ಕಳನ್ನು ಹೆತ್ತಳು ಆ ತಾಯಿ. "ನಿಮ್ಮವ್ವ ಕೆಲ್ಸಕ್ಕೆ ಹೋಗ್ತಾರೆ ಅಂತಿ ಅಡಿಗೆ ಯಾರ್ ಮಾಡ್ತಾರೆ? ಅಂತ ಕೇಳಿದಕ್ಕೆ.

"ನಾನೇ ಮಾಡ್ತೀನಿ'
"ಏನೇನ್ ಮಾಡ್ತಿ"?
"ಅನ್ನ, ರೊಟ್ಟಿ, ಸಾರು....."
'ಏನ್ ಸಾರು ಮಾಡ್ತಿ?'
'ಬೆಳ್ಳೆ ಬೇಯಿಸಿ, ಖಾರ, ಉಪ್ಪು ಹಾಕಿ ಸಾರು ಮಾಡ್ತೀನಿ'.
'ಈರುಳ್ಳಿ, ಬೆಳ್ಳುಳ್ಳಿ ಟೊಮೊಟೋ ತರಕಾರಿ ಹಾಕಲ್ವ'?
'ಕಾಸಿದ್ರೆ ನಮ್ಮಪ್ಪ ತರ್ತಾನೆ ಇಲ್ಲಾಂದ್ರೆ ಹಂಗೆ ಉಣ್ತೀವಿ"
'ಹೋಗ್ಲಿ ಬಿಡು ಹೊಟ್ಟೆ ತುಂಬ ಊಟ ಮಾಡ್ಬಾರ್ದ?'
"ನಮ್ಮವ್ವ ರಾತ್ರಿ 10 ರೊಟ್ಟಿ ಮಾಡ್ತಾಳ'
'ಆಳಿಗೊಂದೊಂದು ರೊಟ್ಟಿ, ಅಷ್ಟೇ ಸಾಕಾ?'
"ನಾವು ಬಡುವ್ರು ಅಕ್ಕ, ನಾವಷ್ಟೇ ಉಣ್ಣೋದು"
'ನಿಮ್ಮಪ್ಪ, ಅವ್ವ, ಅಕ್ಕ ಎಲ್ಲ ಗಾರೆ ಕೆಲ್ಸ ಮಾಡ್ತಾರೆ. ಪಗಾರ ಜಾಸ್ತಿ ಬರತ್ತಲ್ಲ'

'ಮೇಸ್ತ್ರಿ ಸರ್ಯಾಗಿ ರೊಕ್ಕ ಕೊಡೋಲ್ಲ. ನಮ್ಮಪ್ಪ ನಮ್ಮಕ್ಕನ ಮದ್ವಿಗೆ 1 ಲಕ್ಷ ಸಾಲ ಮಾಡವ್ನೆ. ನಮ್ಮಪ್ಪ ಸಂಪಾದನೆ ಮಾಡಿದ ರೊಕ್ಕನ ಚಿಕ್ಕಮ್ಮನ ಕೈಯಾಗ್ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ರೆ, ಆಕಿ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಕುಡಿದು, ರೊಕ್ಕ ಖರ್ಚು ಮಾಡವ್ಳೆ ಬಡ್ಡಿಗೆ ಬಡ್ಡಿಗೆ ಸೇರಿ. 2 1/2 ಲಕ್ಷ ಆಗದೆ. ಸಾಲ ತೀರಿಸಿಲ್ಲ ಅಂದ್ರೆ ಬೆಂಗ್ಳೂರಿಗೆ ಬಂದು ನಮ್ಮಪ್ಪನ್ ಸಾಯಿಸ್ತಾರಂತೆ, ದಿನಾ ರಾತ್ರಿ ಫೋನ್ ಮಾಡಿ ಬೆದರಿಸ್ತಾರೆ". ಅಂತ ಅಳೋಕೆ ಶುರು ಮಾಡಿದ್ಲು.

ನಾನು 'ಏಯ್ ಈ ಬೆಂಗ್ಳೂರ್ನಾಗೆ ಹಾಗೆಲ್ಲ ಮಾಡಿದ್ರೆ ಪೊಲೀಸ್ನೋರು ಬಿಡ್ತಾರ ಅಳ್ಬೇಡ ಸುಮ್ನಿರು ಅಂದೆ.

ಈ ಇಕೆ ಗಂಗವ್ವ ದಿನಾ ಬೆಳ್ಳಿಗ್ಗೆನೇ School Uniform ಹಾಕ್ಕೊಂಡು, ತಲೆ ಬಾಚ್ಕೊಂಡು, ಮಗೂನ ಸೊಂಟದ ಮೇಲೆ ಎತ್ಕೊಂಡಿರ್ತಾಳೆ. ಸಂಜೆ ಆದ್ರೂ ಅದೇ Uniformನಲ್ಲಿರ್ತಾಳೆ.

ಶಾಲೆಗೆ ಹೋಗ್ಲಿಲ್ವ? ಪಕ್ಕದ ರೋಡ್‌ನಲ್ಲೇ ಸರ್ಕಾರಿ ಶಾಲೆಯಿದೆ ಅಲ್ಲಿರೋ ಮೇಡಂ ಇವ್ರನ್ನ ಶಾಲೆಗೆ ಬನ್ನಿ ಅಂತ ಕರ್ದಿದ್ದಾರೆ ಅಂದ್ರೆ 'ಇಲ್ಲ ಅಕ್ಕ ಈ ಮಗೀನ ಹೆಂಗ್ ಬಿಟ್ಟ್ ಹೋಗೋದು? ಇವ್ನನ್ನ ಯಾರ್ ನೋಡ್ಕೊತ್ತಾರೆ? ಅಂದ್ಲು. ಹಾಗೂ ಹೀಗು ಒಂದೆರಡು ದಿನ ಆ ಮಗುವನ್ನು ಸೊಂಟಕ್ಕೆ ಹಾಕ್ಕೊಂಡು ಎರಡು ತಂಗಿಯರ್ನ ಕರ್ಕೊಂಡು ಶಾಲೆಗೆ ಹೋಗವ್ಳೆ ಆದ್ರೆ ಅವ್ರ ಮಾಮ ಬಂದ್ನಂತೆ ಅವರ 6ತಿಂಗಳು ಮಗೂನನೂ ಇವ್ಳೇ ನೋಡ್ಕೋಳೋ ಜವಾಬ್ದಾರಿಯಿಂದ ಎರಡು ಮಕ್ಕಳನ್ನು ಎರಡು ಸೊಂಟದ ಮೇಲೆ ಎತ್ಕೊಂಡು ಆಡಿಸ್ತಾ ಶಾಲೆಗೆ ಹೋಗೋ ಕನಸನ್ನ ಕನಸಾಗೆ ಇರಿಸಿಕೊಂಡವ್ಳೆ. ಶಾಲೆ ಯೂನಿಫಾರಂ ಮಾತ್ರ ದಿನಾ ಹಾಕ್ಕೊಳ್ತಾಳೆ. ಆಕೆನ ನೋಡ್ತಿದ್ರೆ ಇಷ್ಟು ಸಣ್ಣ ವಯಸ್ನಲ್ಲೇ ಎಂಥ ತಾಯಿಯ ಮನಸ್ಸು, ಅವ್ಳು ಎಷ್ಟು ಪಕ್ವ ಆಗಿದ್ದಾಳೆ ಅನ್ಸತ್ತೆ. ಒಂದು ಎರಡು ಎಣಿಸೋಕ್ ಬರಲ್ಲ. ಆದ್ರೂ ತನ್ನ ತಂದೆ ಮಾಡಿದ ಸಾಲದ ಲೆಕ್ಕ ತಿಳಿದಿದೆ. ಹಟಮಾಡಿ ತರಿಸ್ಕೊಂಡು ತಿನ್ನುವ ವಯಸ್ನಲ್ಲಿ, ಇರುವಷ್ಟು ಊಟವನ್ನು ಎಲ್ರೂ ಹಂಚ್ಕೊಂಡು ತಿನ್ಬೇಕು ಎಂಬ ಅರಿವಿದೆ. ನಾವು ಬಡವರು ಹೊಟ್ಟೆ ತುಂಬ ತಿನ್ನುವಂತಿಲ್ಲ ಎಂಬ ಕಹಿ ಸತ್ಯ ಅವಳ ತಲೇಲಿ ಅಚ್ಚಾಗಿದೆ.

ಹೀಗೆ ಮಾತಾಡ್ತಾ ಮಾತಾಡ್ತ ಕೈಯಲ್ಲಿ ಏನೋ ಇಟ್ಕೊಂಡು ಅದುಮುತ್ತಾ ಇದ್ಲು. ಏನದು ಕೈಯಲ್ಲಿ? ಅಂದೆ. ಜೋಳದ ರೊಟ್ಟಿ ಮಾಡೋಕೆ ಕಲಿಸಿದ ಹಿಟ್ಟಿನ ಒಂದು ಉಂಡೆ. ಆ ಹಿಟ್ಟು ಆಗ್ಲೆ ಕರ್ರಗಾಗಿತ್ತು. ಇದ್ಯಾಕ್ ತಂದೆ? ಅಂತ ಕೇಳಿದಕ್ಕೆ ಈ ಉಂಡೆನಾ ಚೆಂಡು ತರಹ ಮಾಡ್ಕೊಂಡು ಕಾಲ್ಡು ಬೋರ್ಡ್ (Card board) ಚೌಕಟ್ಟಾಗಿ ತುಂಡು ಮಾಡಿ ಆಟ ಆಡ್ತೀವಿ (Badminton) ಅಂದ್ಲು ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಇವಳ ಬುದ್ಧಿ ಇವ್ಳೇನಾದ್ರೂ ಶಾಲೆಗೆ ಹೋಗಿದ್ರೆ ಕಸವನ್ನ ತಗೊಂಡು ರಸ ಮಾಡ್ತಾಳೆ ಅನ್ಕೊಂಡೆ. ಆ ಮಕ್ಕಳಿಗೆ ಆಡೋಕೆ ಆಟದ ಬೊಂಬೆಯಿಲ್ಲ. ಅವ್ರ ಕೊನೇ ತಂಗಿ ಎಂಟು ತಿಂಗಳ ಮಗೂನೇ ಅವ್ರಿಗೆ ಜೀವಂತ ಬೊಂಬೆ. ಆ ಮಗೂನ ನಗಿಸಿ, ನಗಿಸಿ, ಚಪ್ಪಾಳೆ ತಟ್ಕೊಂಡು ಇವ್ರೆಲ್ಲಾ ಖುಷಿ ಪಡ್ತಾರೆ. ಅವ್ರಪ್ಪ ಬರುವ ತನ್ಕ ಯಾರೂ ಊಟ ಮಾಡ್ದೆ ಕಾಯ್ತಾರೆ. ರಾತ್ರಿ ಕತ್ತಲಾದ ಮೇಲೆ ಎಲ್ರೂ ಜಲ್ಲಿ ಕಲ್ಲಿನ ಮೇಲೆ ಕೂತು. ಮಾತಾಡ್ತಿರ್ತಾರೆ. ಟಿ.ವಿ ಇಲ್ಲ ಮೊಬೈಲ್ ಇಲ್ಲ ಮೃಷ್ಟಾನ್ನ ವಿಲ್ಲ. ಚಳಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಬೆಚ್ಚಗೆ ಮಲಗೋಕೆ ಹೊದಿಕೆಯಿಲ್ಲ. ಜಾಗವಂತು ಮೊದಲೇಯಿಲ್ಲ. ಸೊಳ್ಳೆ, ಇಲಿ, ನಾಯಿ, ಹಾವು ಇದ್ಯಾವುದರ ಭಯವಿಲ್ಲ. ದುಡಿದು ದಣಿದ ದೇಹ. ನೆಲಕ್ಕೆ ತಲೆ ಹಾಕಿದ್ರೆ ನಿದ್ರಾದೇವಿಯ ತೆಕ್ಕೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸುಖದ ನಿದ್ದೆ.

ನಮ್ಮ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಕಡ್ಡಾಯ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ, ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ ಹಕ್ಕು, ಸ್ವಚ್ಛ ಭಾರತ, ಬಾಲ್ಯವಿವಾಹ, ಬಾಲಕಾರ್ಮಿಕರು, ಜನಸಂಖ್ಯೆ ನಿಯಂತ್ರಣ, ಈ ರೀತಿಯ ನೂರೆಂಟು ಸುಧಾರಣೆಗಳು, ಹಕ್ಕುಗಳು ಇವರನ್ಯಾಕೆ ತಲುಪಿಲ್ಲ? ಇವ್ರಿಗೆ ನಾನು ಏನು ಮಾಡೋಕೆ ಸಾಧ್ಯ? ಇವರ ಸುಧಾರಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನನ್ನ ಪಾತ್ರವೇನು? ಎನ್ನುವ ಗೊಂದಲ ಅವರನ್ನು ನೋಡುವಾಗಲೆಲ್ಲಾ ಕಾಡುತ್ತೆ. ನನ್ನ ಮತ್ತು ನೂರು ಹೆಜ್ಜೆ ದೂರವಿರುವ ಈ ಮಕ್ಕಳ ಮಧ್ಯೆ ಎಷ್ಟು ಅಂತರ? ಎಂಥ ತಾರತಮ್ಯ? ಅವರೂ ನಮ್ಮಂತೆ ಮಕ್ಕಳಲ್ಲವೆ? ನನ್ನನ್ನ ನೋಡುವಾಗ ಆ ಮಕ್ಕಳಲ್ಲಿ ಎಂಥ ಭಾವನೆ, ಎಂತಹ ಆಸೆ, ನಿರಾಶೆ ಹುಟ್ಟಬಹುದು? ಅಥವಾ ಅವರ ಬಡತನದ ಇತಿಮಿತಿಗಳು ಅವರ ಆಸೆ, ನಿರೀಕ್ಷೆಗಳಿಗೂ ಕಡಿವಾಣ ಹಾಕಿದ್ಯ?

ಒಂದಂತೂ ಸತ್ಯ, ಗಂಗವ್ವ ಇನ್ನೊಂದು ಮೂರ್ನಾಲ್ಕು ವರ್ಷದಲ್ಲಿ ಮಡಿಲಲ್ಲಿ ತನ್ನದೇ ಮಗುವನ್ನು ಆಡಿಸ್ತಿರ್ತಾಳೆ. ಇವೆಲ್ಲ ಏನೇ ಇರ್ಲಿ. ಇವ್ರೆಲ್ಲಾ ಕತ್ತಲಲ್ಲಿ ಜಲ್ಲಿ ಕಲ್ಲಿನ ಮೇಲೆ ಕೂತ್ಕೊಂಡು ಒಬ್ಬರಿಗೊಬ್ಬರು ಮಾತಾಡ್ತಾ, ಒಟ್ಟಿಗೆ ಒಂದೇ ತಟ್ಟೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಊಟ ಮಾಡುವುದನ್ನ ನೋಡುವಾಗ ಎಂಥ ನಿಸ್ವಾರ್ಥ, ನಿಷ್ಕಪಟ ಮನಸ್ಸು ಇವರದು ಅನ್ಸತ್ತೆ ಈ ಸುಖ ನಮ್ಮ ಕುಟುಂಬದಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾಕಿಲ್ಲ? ಅಂತ ನನ್ನನ್ನ ನಾನೇ ದಿನಾ ಪ್ರಶ್ನಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ತೀನಿ.

ಅಂಡಮಾನ್ ಎನ್ನುವ ಮಾನವೀಯ ಜಗತ್ತು

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ನನ್ನ ಜೀವನದಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾರಿ ಪ್ರಭಾವವನ್ನು ಬೀರಿದ ಒಂದು ಪ್ರಯಾಣ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ನಾನು ಬರೆಯುತ್ತಿದ್ದೇನೆ. ನಾನು ಪಿ.ಯು.ಸಿಯಲ್ಲಿದಾಗ ನಮ್ಮ ಕಾಲೇಜಿನಿಂದ ನಮ್ಮನ್ನು ಅಂಡಮಾನ್‌ನಿಗೆ ಕರೆದುಕೊಂಡುಹೋದರು. ಅಂಡಮಾನಿನಲ್ಲಿ ನಡೆದ ಹಲವಾರು ವಿಷಯಗಳು ನನ್ನ ಜೀವನದ ರೀತಿ ಮತ್ತು ನನ್ನ ಜಗತ್ತಿನ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಇರುವ ಮಾನಸಿಕ ಯೋಚನೆಯನ್ನು ಬದಲಾಯಿಸಿತು. ನಾನು ಅಲ್ಲಿ ಇದ್ದ ಐದು ದಿನಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಹಲವಾರು ವಿಷಯಗಳನ್ನು ಕಲಿತೆ ಅಂಡಮಾನನಿನ ಪ್ರಯಾಣವೆ ನನ್ನ ಜೀವನದ ವಿಶೇಷ ಪ್ರಯಾಣ.

ನನ್ನ ಜೀವನದಲ್ಲಿ ನಾನು ಮೊದಲ ಬಾರಿಗೆ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ರೀತಿಯ ಸಾರಿಗೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಯಾಣ ಮಾಡಿದೆ (ವಿಮಾನ, ರಸ್ತೆ, ದೋಣಿ, ರೈಲು) ನಾವು ಅಂಡಮಾನಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಉಳಿದಿದ್ದಾಗ ಕಡಲುಗಳು ಸೆರೆಮನೆ, ವಸ್ತು ಸಂಗ್ರಾಲಯ ಮುಂತಾದ ಸ್ಥಳಗಳನ್ನು ಭೇಟಿ ಮಾಡಿದೆವು. ನಾವು ಅಲ್ಲಿ ಉಳಿದಿದ್ದ ಐದು ದಿನಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಎಂದೂ ಒಬ್ಬ ಭಿಕ್ಷುಕನನ್ನು ಕಂಡಿರಲಿಲ್ಲ ಆ ಊರಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಇರುವ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಜನರು ಒಂದೆಲ್ಲ ಒಂದು ರೀತಿಯ ಕೆಲಸವನ್ನು ಮಾಡುತ್ತಾ ತಮ್ಮ ತಮ್ಮ ಜೀವನವನ್ನು ತೃಪ್ತಿಯಿಂದ ಬಾಳುತ್ತಿದ್ದರು.

ಇದನ್ನು ಕಂಡ ನಾನು ಒಂದು ವಿಷಯವನ್ನು ಕಲಿತೆ ಏನೆಂದರೆ ನಾವು ಯಾವುದೇ ಸ್ಥಳದಲ್ಲಿರಬಹುದು, ಹೊಟ್ಟೆ ಬಟ್ಟೆಗೆ ಏನೂ ಇಲ್ಲದಿರಬಹುದು, ಕೆಟ್ಟ ಸ್ಥಿತಿಯಲ್ಲಿರಬಹದು, ಆದರೆ

ಎಲ್ಲ ಕಷ್ಟಗಳಿಂದ ಹೊರ ಬರುವುದನ್ನು ಕಲಿಯಬೇಕು, ಸ್ವಲ್ಪ ದುಡ್ಡು ಸಿಕ್ಕಿದರು ಕಷ್ಟ ಪಟ್ಟು ಕೆಲಸ ಮಾಡಬೇಕು. ಯಾವುದೇ ಶ್ರಮವನ್ನು ಪಡದೆ ಎಂದೂ ಬೇರೆಯವರಿಂದ ಕೈ ಚಾಚಿ ನಿಲ್ಲುಬಾರದೆಂಬ ವಿಷಯವನ್ನು ಒಂದು ಘಟನೆಯಿಂದ ಕಲಿತೆ.

ನಾವು ಅಲ್ಲಿರುವ "ಸೆಲ್ಲೂಲಾರ್ ಜೇಲ್' ಅನ್ನು ಭೇಟಿಮಾಡಿದೆವು ಆ ಸೆರೆಮನೆಯಲ್ಲಿದ್ದ ನಮ್ಮ ಸ್ವಾತಂತ್ರಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ತಮ್ಮ ಜೀವನವನ್ನೇ ತ್ಯಾಗ ಮಾಡಿದ ಹಲವಾರು ಭಾರತೀಯರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಮತ್ತು ಅವರ ಹೋರಾಟದ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಕಲಿತೆವು.

ನಾವು ಅಲ್ಲಿ ತಂಗಿದ್ದಾಗ, ಅಂಡಮಾನಿನ ಹತ್ತಿರ ಇದ್ದ ನಾರ್ತ್ ಬೇ ಎಂಬ ದ್ವೀಪವನ್ನು ಹೋಗಿದ್ದೆವು ಅಲ್ಲಿ ನನಗೆ "ಸ್ಕೂಬಾ ಡೈವಿಂಗ್" ಹೋಗಲು ಅವಕಾಶ ಸಿಕ್ಕಿತು. ಸ್ಕೂಬಾ ಡೈವಿಂಗ್ ಹೋಗಬೇಕೆಂಬುದು ನನ್ನ ಕನಸಾಗಿತ್ತು, ಅದು ಅಂದು ನೆನಸಾಯಿತು ಅದು ನನ್ನ ಜೀವನದ ಸ್ವರ್ಗದಲ್ಲಿರುವಂತ ಸುಂದರವಾದ ಅನುಭವ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿತು. ನೀರಿನೊಳಗೆ ಇರುವ ಜೀವನ ಭೂಮಿಯ ಮೇಲೆ ಇರುವ ಬಾಳಿಗಿಂತಲು ಅತಿ ಸುಂದರವಾದುದು. ನೀರಿನ ಪ್ರಾಣಿಗಳು ತಮ್ಮ ಜೀವನವನ್ನು ಸಂತೋಷದಿಂದ ಸಾಗಿಸುವಂತೆ ಕಾಣಿಸಿತು. ಒಂದರೊಂದಿಗೆ ಒಂದಾಣಿಕೆಯಿಂದ ಬಾಳುವುದನ್ನು ಅಲ್ಲಿ ನಾನು ಕಂಡೆ.

ಅಂಡಮಾನಿನಲ್ಲಿ ನಾವು ತಂಗಿದ್ದಾಗ ನನ್ನ ಬಾಳಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾರಿ ಪ್ರಭಾವವನ್ನು ಬೀರಿದೆ ಘಟನೆ ಹೇಳುತ್ತೆನೆ. ಅದು ಆ ಊರಿನ ಒಬ್ಬ ಆಟೋ ಡ್ರೈವರ್‌ನ ಘಟನೆ. ಈ ಘಟನೆ ನನ್ನ ಜೀವನದ ಯೋಚನೆಯನ್ನೇ ಬದಲಾಯಿಸಿತು. ನಾವು ಎಂದೂ ಜನರನ್ನು ಸರಿಯಾಗಿ ತಿಳಿಯದೆ ಅವರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಯಾವುದೇ ನಿರ್ಧಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಬರಬಾರದೆಂಬುದನ್ನು ನಾನು ಕಲಿತೆ.

ನಾನು ಮತ್ತು ನನ್ನ ಗೆಳತಿಯರು ತಂಗಿದ್ದ ಹೋಟೆಲಿನಿಂದ ಹತ್ತಿರದಲ್ಲಿದ್ದ ಒಂದು ಪಾರ್ಕ್‌ಗೆ ಆಟೋನಲ್ಲಿ ಹೋದೆವು. ಆ ಆಟೋವಿನ ಚಾಲಕ ನಮ್ಮೊಂದಿಗೆ ಸಾಧಾರಣವಾಗಿ ಮಾತನಾಡತೊಡಗಿದ, ನಾವು ಯಾವ ಊರಿನವರು? ಮುಂತಾದ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಗಳನ್ನು ನಮಗೆ ಕೇಳುತ್ತಿದ. ನಮಗೆ ಆ ಸಮಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಚಾಲಕನ ಮೇಲೆ ಯಾವುದೆ ಅನುಮಾನವಿರಲಿಲ್ಲ ಹಾಗೆಯೆ ಸ್ವಲ್ಪ ಸಮಯದ ನಂತರ ನಾವು ಸೇರಬೇಕಾದ ಜಾಗವನ್ನು ತಲುಪಿದೆವು. ಆಚಾಲಕ ನಮ್ಮನ್ನು ಬಿಡಲಿಲ್ಲ ನಾವು ಹೋದ ಜಾಗಕ್ಕೆಲ್ಲ ನಮ್ಮನ್ನು ಹಿಂದುವರೆದ.

ಆ ಪಾರ್ಕಿನ ಕೆಲಸಗಾರರೊಂದಿಗೆ ನಮ್ಮನ್ನು ಕುರಿತು ಮಾತನಾಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದುದನ್ನು ನಾವು ಕಂಡೆವು. ಚಾಲಕನ ಮೇಲೆ ನಮಗೆ ಅನುಮಾನವಾಯಿತು ಆಟಗಳನ್ನು ಆಡಿದ ನಂತರ ನಾವು ಹೋಟೆಲಿಗೆ ಹಿಂದಿರುಗಲು ಹೊರ ಬಂದಾಗ ಬೇರೆ ಯಾವುದೇ ಆಟೋವಿರಲಿಲ್ಲ ಮತ್ತೇ ಆ ಚಾಲಕನ ಗಾಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಬರಬೇಕಾದ ಸ್ಥಿತಿಯಾಯಿತು. ಆಟೋನಲ್ಲಿ ಕುಳಿತ್ತಿದ್ದಾಗ ಚಾಲಕ ನಮ್ಮೊಂದಿಗೆ ಮಾತನಾಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದರು ನಾವು ಅವನ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಗಳಿಗೆ ಉತ್ತರಿಸಲಿಲ್ಲ. ನಮ್ಮ ಗುರಿ ಹೋಟೆಲ್‌ನನ್ನು ಸುರಕ್ಷಿತವಾಗಿ ಸೇರಬೇಕೆಂಬುದಾಗಿತ್ತು. ಸ್ವಲ್ಪ ಸಮಯದ ನಂತರ ನಾವು ಹೋಟೆಲ್‌ನನ್ನು ತಲುಪಿದೆವು ಎಷ್ಟು ಆಯಿತೆಂದು ಕೇಳಿದಾಗ ಆ ಚಾಲಕ ಪ್ರಾಮಾಣಿಕವಾಗಿ ಸ್ವಲ್ಪ ಕೂಡ ಹೆಚ್ಚು ಹಣ ಕೇಳದೆ ಮೀಟರ್ ತೋರಿಸಿದ ಅಮೌಂಟ್‌ನನ್ನು ಕೇಳಿದ ಈ ಚಾಲಕನ ನಡುವಳಿಕೆಯನ್ನು ನೋಡಿದಾಗ ನಮ್ಮಗೆ ಆಶ್ಚರ್ಯವಾಯಿತು ಏಕೆಂದರೆ ಆ ಚಾಲಕ ನಮಗಾಗಿ ಎರಡು ಗಂಟೆ ಕಾಯುತ್ತಿದ್ದನು.

ಆ ಚಾಲಕ ಹೊರಡುವಾಗ ನಮ್ಮನ್ನು ನೋಡಿ 'ನೀವು ಹುಡುಗಿಯರು ಈ ರೀತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಬೇರೆ ಊರಿನಿಂದ ಬಂದು ಸ್ಥಳವನ್ನು ತಿಳಿಯದೆ ಹೊರಗಡೆ ಹೋಗುವುದು ಸುರಕ್ಷಿತವಾದುದಲ್ಲ. ಆದರಿಂದಲೇ ನಾನು ನೀವು ಹೋದ ಸ್ಥಳಕೆಲ್ಲ ನಿಮ್ಮ ಹಿಂದೆ ಬಂದೆ" ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದ ಕೊನೆಯದಾಗಿ 'ಹಾವ್ ಎ ನೈಸ್ ಡೇ ಅಟ್ ಅಂಡಮಾನ್' ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿ ಹೊರಟಹೋದ ಆ ಚಾಲಕನ ಮಾತುಗಳನ್ನು ಕೇಳಿಸಿಕೊಂಡ ನನಗೆ ತುಂಬಾ ಸಂಕಟವಾಯಿತು ಏಕೆಂದರೆ ಆ ಚಾಲಕನನ್ನು ಸರಿಯಾಗಿ ತಿಳಿಯದೆ ಅವನ ಮೇಲೆ ಕೆಟ್ಟ ಅಭಿಪ್ರಾಯವನ್ನೇ ಹೊಂದಿದ್ದೆ ಈ ಘಟನೆ ನನ್ನ ಯೋಚನೆಯನ್ನು ಬದಲಾಯಿಸಿತು ಏಕೆಂದರೆ ಸಾಮಾಜದಲ್ಲಿ ಒಳ್ಳೆಯವರು ಇದ್ದಾರೆ. ಅವರನ್ನು ಸರಿಯಾಗಿ ತಿಳಿಯದೆ ನಿರ್ಧಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಬರಬಾರದು ಯಾರ ಬಗ್ಗೆಯೂ ಸರಿಯಾಗಿ ತಿಳಿಯದೆ ಹೀಗೆ ಹಾಗೇ ಎಂಬ ಅಭಿಪ್ರಾಯವನ್ನು ಹೊಂದಿರಬಾರದೆಂಬುದನ್ನು ಕಲಿತೆ.

ಒಟ್ಟಾಗಿ ಅಂಡಮಾನಿನ ಪ್ರವಾಸ ನನ್ನಲ್ಲಿ ಹಲವಾರು ಬದಲಾವಣೆಗಳನ್ನು ತಂದಿದೆ. ಯಾವುದೇ ಕೊನೆಯ ನಿರ್ಧಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಬರುವ ಮುನ್ನ ಎರಡು ಬಾರಿ ಯೋಚಿಸಿ ನಿರ್ಧಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಬರ ಬೇಕೆಂಬುದನ್ನು ಕಲಿತೆ.

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मैं एक मुसाफिर
टूटे सपनों को झोली में लेकर
अकेले निकल पड़ा हूँ
वही पुराने रस्ते
वहीं पड़े पत्थर कंकड
थका-हारा-सबसे बचते-बचते
आगे कदम बढ़ाता रहता हूँ ।
दिल में आशाओं के बाग लिए
हवा में महल बनाता हूँ
मंज़िल की तलाश में मैं चलता रहता हूँ ।
सोचता हूँ कभी कि तोड़-काट लूँ
इन सारे पुराने नाते-रिश्तों को
इन बंधनों से मुक्त हो जाऊँ,
हँसते-हँसते, खुद को फंसाते
अंधियारी राह में भटकता रहता हूँ-
रास्ते ही बेइमान है,
सुनसान हैं गलियाँ,
मैं कौन हूँ, कहाँ चल रहा हूँ -
किस उम्मीद पर कि फिर से
किसी से जुड़ पाऊँ
ऐसे सपनों के पुड़िये लिए मैं
मदहोशी में चलता रहता हूँ

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ये तब की बात है जब मैं कॉलेज में पढ़ाई कर रहा था। शाम के वक्त मैं भैया के साथ स्नुकर और बिलियर्डस खेलने जाता था। रोज उनके साथ खेलते-खेलते मेरी उस खेल में रुचि बढ़ने लगी थी। अब मैं पहले से ज्यादा खेलने लगा था। इसका असर मेरी पढ़ाई में पड़ने लगा था और मैं ज्यादातर देर से घर आने लगा । जब मेरी माँ मुझसे पूछती तो मैं उनसे कहता दोस्तों के साथ पढ़ाई करने जाता हूँ । लेकिन साल के अंत में जब मुझे अटेंडन्स कम होने की वजह से परीक्षा देने के लिए मना किया गया। तब मेरी माँ और पिताजी को यह बात मालूम हो गयी और उन दोनों का गुस्सा सातवें आसमान पर था। तब मुझे बहुत डाँट पड़ी । मेरी वजह से भैया को भी डाँट पड़ी । तेरी वजह से ये सब हुआ है। तब मैंने सोचा अब मैं हर रोज झूठ नहीं बोलूँगा और फिर भगवान का नाम लेके मैंने हिम्मत करके बोल ही दिया। मुझे पढ़ाई नहीं करनी । मुझे खेलने दो । लेकिन दोनों ही मान नहीं रहे थे। तब मैं खाना-पीना छोड़ दिया था। और कहा कि अगर आप मेरी बात नहीं मानेंगे तो घर से भाग जाऊँगा। आप प्लीज मुझे सपोर्ट कीजिए । और उन्होंने फिर कहा ठीक है अगर खेलना चाहते हो। तो खेल सकते हो। लेकिन पढ़ाई के साथ । पढ़ाई नहीं छोड़नी है। तब मैं चुप बैठा और एक बार फिर मेरा कॉलेज शुरू हुआ। और दूसरी तरह मैं प्रैक्टीस में भी जा रहा था। लेकिन फिर एक बार पढ़ाई से ज्यादा मेरा ज्यादा वक्त फिर खेलने में लग रहा था। जब ये बात मेरी माँ को मालूम हुई तो उसने मुझे और भाई दोनों को उसी क्यूस्टीक से मारने लगी और मेरे भाई को इसका जिम्मेदार ठहराया गया। फिर मेरी माँ ने मुझसे कहाँ अगर तू पढ़ाई नहीं करेगा, कल तेरा भविष्य क्या होगा। तुझे नौकरी कहाँ मिलेगी। मैं चुपचाप सारी बातें सुन रहा था इस बार । अब माँ को पूरी तरह से मालूम हो गया था। मैं बिल्कुल भी कॉलेज नहीं जाता। उन्होंने मुझसे कहा बेटा, दो साल तूने खेल की वजह से बर्बाद किए । इसकी कीमत तुझे आज नहीं कल जब तू बड़ा होगा तब मालूम होगी। अब माँ ने मुझे बोला अगर पढ़ाई नहीं तो खेल भी नहीं और आज से तू घर से बाहर कहीं नहीं जाएगा। लेकिन फिर मैंने माँ से कहा ऐसा मत कर। मुझे सपोर्ट कर । मैं एक दिन इसी खेल में तुम दोनों का नाम रोशन करूँगा। और कुछ दिन बाद आखिर माँ मान गयी और मैं फिर से खेलने लगा था। उसके बाद मैंने हमेशा खेल में अच्छा किया। तीन साल तक मैंने स्टेट में नंबर वन का खिताब हासिल किया। नेशनल गेम्स में भी भाग लिया। खेलेने के लिए बाहर जाने लगा। बहुत सारे अवॉर्ड भी जीते। अब माता-पिता दोनों खुश थे। फिर मेरी माँ ने मुझसे क्षमा भी माँगी। और मुझे बहुत सारी शुभकामनाएँ और बधाई दी। एक दिन चुपके से फिर बोली ''बेटा तुमने जो चाहा तुम्हें मिल रहा है। अब तो पढ़ाई फिर से शुरू करो ।''इस जगह से अब मुझे सब लोग कहते थे। तुझे पढ़ाई नहीं छोड़नी चाहिए। कोई बात नहीं अगर दो साल पीछे गए। तब मैंने सोचा जैसे मेरी माँ ने मुझे खेलने से मना किया। लेकिन मैंने उसी खेल की वजह से इतनी शाबाशियाँ ली। तो मुझे माँ की बात माननी चाहिए। ऐसा न हो कि मुझसे ये गलती हो और कल को पछताना पड़ें । और फिर मैंने अपनी पढ़ाई पूरी की। और बारहवीं कक्षा में अच्छा मार्क से उत्तीर्ण हुआ। और अब मैं सेंट जोसेफ कॉलेज में मेरी बी.बी.एम की पढ़ाई कर रहा हूँ। और यहाँ मुझे मेरे प्रिन्सिपाल फादर ने भी खूब समझाया कि खेलना जरूरी है। लेकिन साथ-साथ पढ़ाई भी जरूरी है। अब मैं बहुत खुश हूँ । मैं अब खेल के साथ-साथ पढ़ाई भी कर रहा हूँ। मैं माता-पिता को धन्यवाद करता हूँ। जिन्होंने मुझे गलती करने से बचाया । मुझे सपोर्ट किया। और मुझे अच्छी सीख दी। अगर वक्त रहते हम सही फैसला लेते हैं। तो ज़िंदगी सही मायने में खुशहाल रहती है। लेकिन अगर गलती होती भी है । तो भी डरने की जरूरत नहीं । उस गलती को सुधार के आगे चलना ही मनुष्यधर्म है। इसलिए हमेशा बड़ों की सुनना चाहिए। उनकी बात मान लेनी चाहिए। माँ- बाप हमेशा हर वक्त बच्चे का अच्छा ही सोचते हैं।

मैं भी सब से यही कहना चाहता हूँ । हमेशा माँ-बाप की बात मानो। वो कभी भी हमारा गलत नहीं चाहेंगे। उनके बिना हमारा कोई वजूद

नहीं और हाँ यहाँ मेरे भाई भी इसी खुशी का हकदार है। क्योंकि उसके बिना तो मैं यहाँ तक पहुँच नहीं सकता। और उसी के वजह से मैं आज तो कुछ भी हूँ । थेंक्यू भैया । और इन सबके आशीर्वाद के साथ ही मैं चलना चाहता हूँ।

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काँटों को जिसने मुझसे दूर हटाया
मेरी खुशी के लिये, चुने जिसने दुःख का साया
हो जाती कभी हमें जो बीमारी से परेशान,
छोड़ काम सारे, हम पर ही देती पूरा ध्यान
सुनाकर अच्छी बातें जिसने हमें चलना सिखाया
दुनिया के सामने, एक अच्छा इन्सान बनाया ।

सेवा में हमारी जिसने दिन रात एक बनाये
देख खुशी मेरी, जो सबसे ज्यादा खुश हुए
दुःख से मेरे सबसे ज्यादा दुःखी होती ।

सबसे प्यारी मेरी माँ । मेरी सबसे अच्छी सहेली बनती ।
मेरी माँ के आने से कली खिल जाती है,
राह भी मिल जाती है । सब कंटिया दूर भी हो जाती है ।

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जी हाँ आज हमारा देश ऐसे स्तर पर खड़ा है जिसकी आशा किसी भी नागरिक को न होगी। जब भी भारतके विषय पर बातचीत होती तो अधिकतर लोगों का यही मानना था कि भारत अपने बल पर जरूर कुछ कर पायेगा, लेकिन उन्नति के मार्ग पर वह ज्यादा सफल न हो पायेगा । परन्तु हमारी सरकार ने यह ठान ली है कि वह सब कुछ करेंगे जिससे हमारे देश की प्रगति होगी और लोगों के जीवन में विकास होगा।

आर्थिक स्थिति (अर्थव्यवस्था) के अनुसार आज हमारा देश तीसरे स्थान पर खड़ा है। भारत का निर्यात दस गुना से भी अधिक बढ़ता जा रहा है और विदेशी मुद्रा के सामने हमारा रूपया भी मज़बूत रहा है। पिछले सालों में अन्य देशों से लिया हुआ उधार भी घटता जा रहा है और साथ ही कई विदेशी कंपनियों ने अपने शाखाएँ भारत में खोल रखी है जिससे हमारे देश को बहुत लाभ हो रहा है । हमारे प्रधानमंत्री का एक ही लक्ष्य है - ''भारत का विकास'' और इसी को ध्यान में रखकर मोदी ने विदेशी प्रधानमंत्रियों के साथ बड़े अच्छे सौदे किए है। हर क्षेत्र में (बीमा, रेलपथ, कृषि आदि) में उन्होंने बढ़ावा लाने की कोशिश की है और कही हद तक वे सफल भी हो रहे हैं ।

इन सब चीज़ों के अलावा अपने देश के नागरिकों के लिए भी मोदी बहुत कुछ कर रहे हैं। अपनी कुर्सी पर बैठने के बाद उन्होंने हमारी भलाई के लिए इतनी सारी योजनाएँ निकाली है जिससे हमारा जीवन में बहुत बदलाव आया है ।''जन धन योजना'' द्वारा उन्होंने हर एक नागरिक को बैंकों की सुविधाएँ का लाभ उठाने का मौका दिया है।''बेटी बचाओ, बेटी पढ़ाओ'' योजना द्वारा मोदी चाहते की हमारे गाँव के हर एक छात्रा शिक्षित हो और अपने बल पर कुछ कर सके ।

''मेड इन इनड़िया'' जो कि हमारे देश की सबसे बड़ी और अनोखी योजना है, द्वारा उन्होंने हमारे देश की औद्योगिक स्थिति को बहुत प्रोत्साहन दिया है। इन सब के अलावा उन्होंने और भी अनोखे और लाभदायक योजनाएँ निकाली है, जैसे कि - ''स्वच्छ भारत, स्मार्ट सिटीस'', प्रधान मंत्री योजना, नीति आयोग लाडली बेटी, अंतर्राष्ट्रीय योग दिवस आदि ।

उनके व्यक्तित्व में ऐसे गुण हैं जिससे सब उनको चाहने लगे हैं । अपने अनोखे ''चाय पे चर्चो '' द्वारा उन्होंने कई प्रधानमंत्रियों को अपनी तरफ कर लिया है । इन सब चीज़ों से हमारे देश पर बहुत प्रभाव पड़ा है । पूँजीनिवेश द्वारा हमारे देश और नागरिकों की आर्थिक स्थिति में बहुत प्रभाव पड़ा है ।

यह नहीं है कि मोदी को कोई कठिनाई का सामना न करना पड़ा । बहुत सारी विपदा आयी परन्तु मोदी ने अपने सरल और शान्त व्यक्तित्व द्वारा सब विपदाओं पर सफलता पायी है

अब हमारे आगे केवल दो देश हैं - अमरीका और चीन । हर साल हमारे देश पाँच प्रतिशत लगभग की बढ़ाई कर रही है । इसके अनुसार २०२५ तक हम चीन को भी पीछे छोड़ देंगे और दुनिया के दूसरे शक्तिशाली देश बन जाएँगे। हर क्षेत्र में (खेल, औद्योगिक, बिजली आदि) हमारा विकास हो रहा है और आज हम गर्व से कह सकते हैं कि हमारा देश किसी भी क्षेत्र में कमज़ोर नहीं है। अब बस उसी दिन का इन्तज़ार है जब पूरे विश्वभर में केवल भारत का ही बोलबाला होगा।

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जब मैंने कविता लिखने की सोची ...

एक रोज़ एक कविता पढ़ते-पढ़ते मुझ में भी जोश भर आया,
मैंने भी कवयित्री बनने की ठान कोपी का पन्ना पलटाया
कविता रचने के प्रयास में दिमाग के घोड़ों को दौड़ाया ।

सोचा । पिछले युग के छायावाद पर लिखूँ, कि आज के युग के उपभोक्तावाद पर,
देश की परिस्थिति पर लिखूँ, कि आम आदमी की स्थिति पर ।

आजकल के स्टूडेंट्स पर लिखूँ, कि आजकल के एडवटाइज़मन्टस पर,
देश में बढ़ते भ्रष्टाचार पर लिखूँ, कि बच्चों में घटते शिष्टाचार पर .

नए युग के मार्केटिंग गिमिक्स पर, कि रेडीटू ईट फुड मिक्स पर,
सामानों की बढ़ती कीमत पर लिखूँ, कि इन्सान की घटती नीयत पर ।
दिमाग हज़ारों मील दौड़ा पर घूम-फिर कर खाली हाथ लौट आया,
जब आँख खुली तो सामने अपने दोस्तों को पाया ।

लाख कोशिश करने पर भी मैं अपनी नज़रें उनसे हटा न पाई,
और उन मुस्कुराते चेहरों के बीच,
मैं अपनी कवयित्री बनने की चाह
न जाने कहाँ भूल आई ।

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मेरा अतुल्य भारत

1947 में अंग्रेजों से आज़ादी पाकर भी क्या हमारा प्यारा भारत आज़ाद है? कुछ मायने में, हाँ, कुछ में नहीं पर मेरा भारत महान है। तो प्रश्न यह उठता है कि कहाँ से आया आखिर ये ''अतुल्य भारत'' की पहचान । वैसे तो भारत के लोग देश की बुराई करते थकते नहीं पर टी.वी. पर आमिर खान, या अतिमाभ बच्चन का एक विज्ञापन देख लिया और उसमें भारत के लिए एक सुंदर गीत को याद कर बना दिया भारत को अतुल्य, वैसे भारत के अतुल्य होने पर कोई गहरा शक मुझे तो नहीं क्योंकि यहाँ की अनोखी ही कहानी है जो किसी और देश से बिल्कुल विरल दिखता है ।

सड़क पर थूकना मना है, फिर भी यह काम बड़ी सहजता से किया जाता है और घर बैठे मोदी जी कि ''स्वच्छ भारत अभियान'' पर टिप्पणी की जाती है कि ''कैसे होगा यार भारत साफ'' और सही भी है। आखिर जब रोड़ पर थूकना है तो कहीं कोने शौचालय बना देने से आखिर कैसे होगा भारत साफ ।

एक और बात यहाँ बड़ी अजीब है। लड़कियाँ बन-ठन कर बाहर निकले तो वाह देखो ''कितनी प्यारी लग रही है'' पर खुद की बेटी ज्यादा सज ले तो ''शादी में जा रही हो क्या?'' देश की राजधानी को ही सबसे अधिक बलात्कारों के सम्मान से नवाज़ा गया है, आखिर कितनी इज़्ज़त होती है यहाँ औरतों की यह जानना भी ज़रूरी है आप सब को। एक और बात पर मुझे आश्चर्य होता है, देश के सारे आदमी फिल्मी हिरोइनों की बड़ी इज्ज़त करते हैं और क्यों न करें, आखिर वह पूरे पूरे लिवाज़ में कितनी सादगी से रहती हैं, उन आदमियों के घर की बहु बेटियों में कहाँ इतनी सुशीलता ।

कहने को तो बेटी रानी है, खूब तरक्की करेगी पर स्कूल जाने की भी पांबंदी है। प्रधानमंत्री की जन धन योजना में खाता खुलवाना है पर पैसे हर महीने किसी को नहीं बचाना है।''सत्यमेव जयते '' के एपीसोड़ में शराब पीकर गाड़ी चलाने पर सबको दुःख हुआ पर शराब पीकर गाड़ी चलाना नहीं छोड़ा । दहेज प्रथा के खिलाफ यहाँ लोग ज़ोर ज़ोर का नारा लगाते हैं परंतु जब खुद का बेटा ब्याहता है तो सबसे पहले,मन दहेज पर जी ललचाता है। कन्या भ्रूण हत्या तो पाप है पर खुद को बेटी से नफरत है।

पिज़्ज़ा, बरगर खाकर चटकारे लेने में सभी माहिर हैं पर कहने को दूसरे देश की परम्परा ने भारत पर कब्जा कर लिया है।

एक और व्यंग्य है। चलचित्रों में चाहे जितने भी दृश्य दिखाए जाए जो बच्चों के मानसिक संतुलन पर बुरा असर डाल सकते हैं, पर सेक्स और इनसे जुड़ी बातों से बच्चों को दूर रखा जाता है। लड़का और लड़की के बीच की दीवार तो कभी नहीं गिरने वाली और उदाहरणों की भी कमी नहीं। कहने को तो बड़े बड़े उद्योगपति जनता की सेवा करते हैं पर न जाने कितने अनगिनत गाँव आज भी बिजली से वंचित हैं ।

बॉर्डर पर लड़ रहे जवानों की मौत पर हमें जितना शोक नहीं होता, उतना तो भारत के क्रिकेट मैच हार जाने पर होता हैं। और मैच जीतने पर तो शेयर बाज़ार 400 पॉईंट ऊपर भाग जाता है। कहने के लिए तो सभी जात धर्म एक हैं पर खुद का बेटा जब एक दूसरे जात की लड़की से शादी कर ले तो अपनी चौखट पर चढ़ने नहीं देती।''अतिथि देवो भवः'' पर क्या सच में ? दूसरे देश की लड़कियों का रेप, टूरिस्ट के सामानों की चोरी, बुरा व्यवहार, यह सब क्या नहीं होता हमारे देश में?

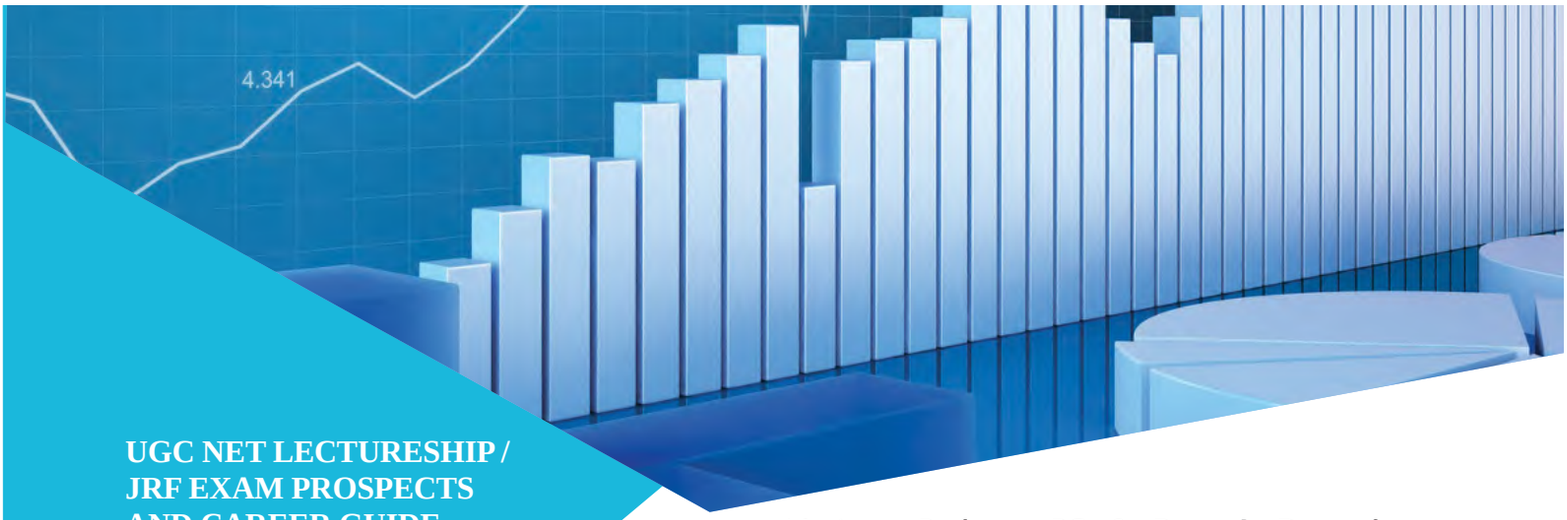
फिर भी मेरा भारत महान है, और अतुल्य तो है ही। एक बार भारत दर्शन कर देखो, न जाने कितनी और ऐसी बातें आपको और भी आश्चर्यचकित कर देंगी ।

अगर सच में कुछ करना चाहते हो तो कुछ अच्छा करो, भारत को सही मायनों में अतुल्य बनाने की ओर, प्रगति की ओर ।

रुचि तिवारी
NMKRV College

(यह लेख''नक्षत्र 2014''में प्रथम पुरस्कार से पुरस्कृत हुआ।)

(प्रत्येक लेख में विद्यार्थियों ने अपने विचार प्रकट किये हैं, आवश्य नहीं कि संपादक मंडल उन विचारों को समर्थन करें)



UGC NET LECTURESHIP / JRF EXAM PROSPECTS AND CAREER GUIDE-

Dr.D.Raja Jebasingh*

"The highest education is that which does not merely give us information but makes our life in harmony with all existence"

- Rabindranath Tago

Higher Education - Statistical Glance

Higher education plays a pivotal role in the overall development of the country. The Indian Higher education today placed second largest higher education system in the world with over 692 Universities, 46,430 colleges and 25.9 million students. The country has witnessed a very high growth rate with student enrolment increasing at a Compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 10.8% and institutions at a CAGR of 9% in the last decade. Higher Education in India suffers from various quality deficits are improving the quality of teaching-learning in a majority of non-elite Universities and colleges, improving equity and access, enhancing the focus on research & innovation and ensuring employability of students. Acute Faculty shortage continues to impact the quality of Higher Education. Currently, about 25% of Faculty positions in Universities remain vacant while 24% of faculty in universities and 57% in colleges are without PhD degrees. According to the UGC statistics (2014), 1,176 professors, 2,044 associate professors and 2,487 assistant professors posts are lying vacant in the central universities. Over 37% of faculty posts in the existing 16 IITs are vacant.

What is UGC NET Exam?

UGC NET Exam is one of the important parameter to determine eligibility for lectureship both in Indian universities and colleges and for award of Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) for Indian nationals in order to ensure minimum standards for the entrants in the teaching profession and research.

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Objectives of UGC NET / JRF Exam

- To standardize the higher education system.
- To ensure minimum standards for the entrants in the teaching profession and research at College and University Level.
- To award of Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) for Indian nationals (for doing PhD In Universities / Colleges / Research Institutes)

Eligibility Conditions

- Aspirants who secured at least 55 percent marks (without rounding off or grace) in Master's degree or equivalent examination. (50 percent marks in case of SC/ST/PC/PH candidates).
- Candidates who have appeared or who are appearing or whose results are awaited are also eligible to apply. However such candidates will be admitted provisionally and shall be considered eligible for award of lecturership only after they have passed masters degree examination with minimum aggregate of 55 percent marks (50 percent marks in case of SC / ST/PC/PH candidates).
- Such candidates must obtain their PG degree mark sheet within 02 years from the date of SET result with required percentage. If they fail to do so they will be disqualified.
- Candidates have to appear for exam in the subject of their post graduation only.

N E T Exam calendar:

UGC conducts NET twice a year, i.e., in the months of June and December. The notifications announcing the June and December examinations are published in the months of March and September.

Syllabus: The subject-wise syllabus for all the paper can be accessed by the given below link: http://www.ugc.ac.in/net/syllabus.aspx

Exam Schedule	Results Declaration
June Exam	Month of October
December Exam	Month of April

How to apply - Online Registration Form (ORF)

Candidates have to apply only 'online' by browsing the URL: http://cbsenet.nic.in/cbsenet/Welcome.aspx

Job Opportunities & Career Prospects

• Eligibility to teach at University / College Level: Clearing of NET confers eligibility for lectureship upon Indian nationals, i.e. the NET qualified candidates are eligible to apply for the post of Assistant Professor in all Indian universities/Institutes/colleges. The candidates clearing SET were eligible for appointment to the post of Assistant Professor at Universities / Colleges anywhere in India. There will be very good openings in the universities, Colleges.

• Research Associates / Research Officer: Several research institutes and government organizations employ research Associates / officers in various research oriented programmes.

• Industry: Experience and the expertise in research knowledge and handling data can serve as valuable assets for jobs in industry.

Junior Research Fellowship (JRF)

• Objective: The objective of the JRF scheme is to provide opportunities to NET-qualified candidates to undertake advanced studies and research leading to M.Phil /Ph.D. Degrees in Humanities and Social Sciences including Languages and Sciences.

• Structure: UGC has allocated a number of fellowships to the universities for the candidates who qualify the test for JRF.The candidates who qualify for the award of Junior Research Fellowship are eligible to pursue research in the subject of their post-graduation or in a related subject. They can peruse their research work in universities, institutions, IITs, NITs and other national Important Institutions. ***However, the candidates qualifying exclusively for Assistant Professor will not be considered for award.***

• Eligibility: Candidates who have qualified in NET JRF test. However, the selection for the JRF is made by the respective universities/institutions/colleges.

• Age: Junior Research Fellowship: Not more than 28 years. A relaxation up to 5 years is provided to the candidates belonging to OBC SC/ST/PWD categories and to women applicants.

• Validity: The tenure of fellowship is initially for two years under the JRF scheme. Upon expiry of this period, the work of the Fellow will be evaluated by experts. If the research work is found satisfactory, his/her tenure will be extended for a further period of three years under the enhanced emoluments of the Senior Research Fellowship (SRF). The Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) is available maximum for five years subject to fulfillment of certain conditions. There will be no further provision for extension of fellowship.

• How to apply: The qualified candidates have to apply against the advertisements given by the universities/institutions/colleges recognized under Sec. 2 (f) and 12 (B) of the UGC Act. The selection is made as per the procedure of respective institutions.

Table: 1. UGC-JRF Financial Support Arrangement

S.No	Nature of Assistance	Financial Support
1.	Fellowship	@ Rs.12,000/-p.m. for initial two years JRF @ Rs.14,000/-p.m. for remaining tenure SRF
2.	Contingency A	@ Rs.10,000/-p.a. for initial two years Humanities @ Rs.20,500/-p.a. for remaining tenure Social Sciences
3.	Contingency B	@ Rs.12,000/-p.a. for initial two years Science Rs.25,000/-p.a for remaining tenure
4.	Departmental	@ Rs. 3,000/-p.a. per student to the host Assistance institution for providing infrastructure
5.	Escort/Reader Assistance	@ Rs. 2,000/-p.m. in case of physically handicapped & blind candidates
6.	HRA	HRA as per rule of the concerned institution or Categorization of cities

Source: Compiled from MHRD / UGC Schemes.

Scheme of Examination
All eligible candidates should appear for the following Examinations conducted by the nodal Authority.

Table: 2. Scheme of Examination

Paper	Number of Question	Marks	Time Allowed
I	60 out of which 50 question to be attempted	100	1¼ Hours
II	50 questions all are compulsory	100	1¼ Hours
III	75 questions all are compulsory	150	2 ½ Hours

Source: http://www.ugcnetonline.in/

Exam Pattern: All three Papers Consists of Multiple-choice type of questions.

*Paper -I - This is compulsory for all and is meant to test research / teaching aptitude of the candidate. *Paper -II & II - To test core subject knowledge of the candidate.

Test Subjects: The Test is conducted in Humanities (including languages), Social Sciences, Forensic Science, Environmental Sciences, Computer Science and Applications and Electronic Science.
Table: 03. List of Post Graduation Subjects

(Related with Commerce and Management)

S.No	Course Name
1.	M.Com
2.	MBA
3.	M.F.T
4.	M.I.B

Source: Compiled from UGC Documents



Old Question Papers: Accesses the below given link for the previous year question papers http://www.ugcnetonline.in/previous_question_papers.php

NET - JRF - Exam Key Success Factors

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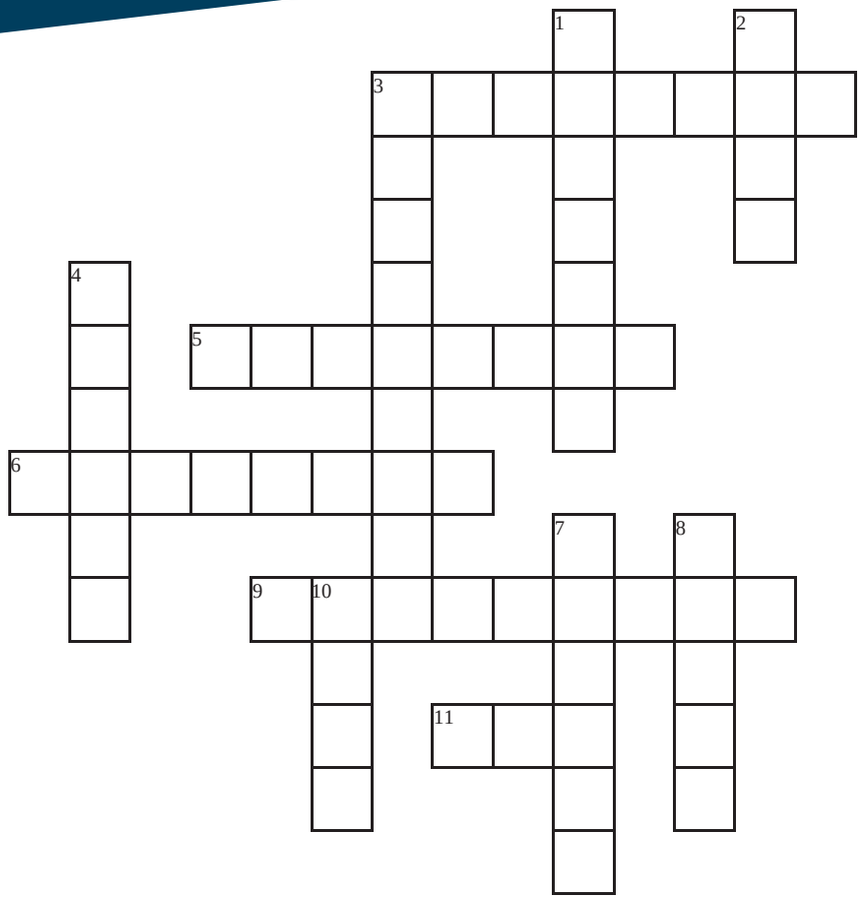
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CROSSWORD

Think you know all about college? Attempt this crossword to find out if all you know is all you need to know!



Across

3. Ms. Veenu Joy was the Student _____ for 2014-15

5. President of SJCC for 2014-15

6. Annual inter-collegiate business fest

9. Dhwani 2013: "____"

11. Subject created by a member of the faculty(abbreviated)

Down

1. Founders of the institution

2. The year in which B.Com Travel & Tourism was started

3. Name of the security guard

4. Name of the theatre forum

7. Name of the hall on the fourth floor

8. Room 003 is also called the ____ room

10. Chetta's specialty milkshake

Crossword created by Mario D'Vaz

IN OTHER NEWS

"Faithless is he that says farewell when the road darkens."

-J.R.R. Tolkien

FOND FAREWELL

The college places on record the services rendered to the institution by Ms. Vinitha Philip and Ms. Rose Mary Thomas and wishes them all the best in their future endeavours.



OBITUARIES

Mr. Arockia Dass

'Cheerful', 'committed' and 'dedicated' are just a few words used to describe Mr. Dass. Born on 23rd February 1957, Mr. Dass joined St. Joseph's College of Commerce as an Office Superintendent on 1st October 1979. He contributed towards college by taking up the responsibility to deal with UGC and Convocations. His untimely demise on 29th July 2014 came as a shock to all of us. In his memory, the college organized a special condolence and prayer service, highlighting his achievements and praying for his soul and family. Our sincere condolences lie with his family and close friends.

Sajjan David

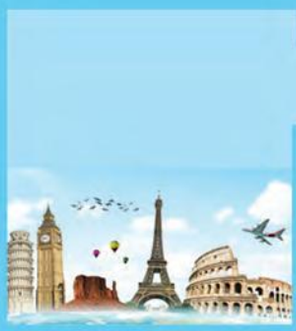
Another shock that rudely greeted the Josephite family was the news of the passing away of Sajjan David on 17th September, 2014. A third year student of B.Com, Sajjan was known to be of a reserved and well-behaved nature. His friends describe him as 'shy yet fun'person. Our heartfelt condolences lie with his family members.













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Ring out the battle call of Duty !
Unfurl the flag of Faith and Toil !
We deem our soul's eternal beauty.
A life-long Victor's worthy spoil.
A thousands such are proudly gone before us
To win and spread our College's renown;
'tis ours to swell with our voices the chorus
And with our deeds enrich her crown.

Chorus

Faith and Toil ! conquerless alliance
Wherein we clasp human hands unto God's !
In his control find we true self-reliances;
My hand and God's - what`er the odds -
My hand and God's - what`er the odds -
My hand and God's
Evil's onset hold in defiance !

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