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VICE-CHANCELLOR'S MESSAGE

In recent months, St Joseph's University (SJU) experienced the profound loss of two esteemed individuals: Rev Fr Swebert D'Silva SJ, Pro-Chancellor of SJU and Rector of Arrupe Nivas, and Rev Fr Ralph da Costa SJ, Counsellor, Curator, and Archivist of the SJU Museum and Arrupe Nivas. Their departures have created a deep void within both Arrupe Nivas and the broader Josephite community.



Revered as exemplars of faith, wisdom, and compassion, both individuals profoundly impacted the lives of many and inspired countless generations. The Jesuit community, along with family, friends, alumni/ae, and the staff and students of SJU, collectively honours their legacy with gratitude for the remarkable lives they led.

Reflecting on the semester that passed, we take pride in the expanding cohort, the increasing accolades, and the flourishing community within our institution. Each semester, the members of the Josephite family have demonstrated excellence on domestic, national, and international platforms. I would like to commend our faculty for their unwavering dedication to academic rigour and our students for their enthusiastic engagement in both curricular and extracurricular activities. The accomplishments highlighted in this newsletter are a testament to the passion that propels our institution forward.

As we look ahead, let us continue to work collaboratively as a unified team to advance our institution to new heights. I extend my best wishes to all for a successful and enriching year to come.

Rev Dr Victor Lobo SJ
Vice-Chancellor
St Joseph's University

UNIVERSITY EVENTS

Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC)

The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of St Joseph's University continued to play a pivotal role in fostering a culture of continuous improvement, academic excellence, and institutional benchmarking through systematic initiatives and collaborations for this term.

The term began with the completion of staff evaluation for the Odd Semester 2024–2025, with the office compiling the evaluation data for analysis and record maintenance. The reports are sent to the HR office and the administration for further process. On January 6, IQAC successfully uploaded the institutional data on the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) portal as part of the annual reporting cycle. In October, the release of NIRF 2025 results reflected notable progress: Teaching-Learning and Resources (TLR) improved from 34.47 to 40.26, Graduation Outcomes (GO) rose to 48.84, Outreach and Inclusivity increased to 60.65, while Perception stood at 31.39, resulting in an overall score improvement from 174.57 to 182.82. In his message to staff, the Director commended both teaching and non-teaching members for their

collective effort, noting that the results closely matched the team's earlier projections.

In February, IQAC worked extensively on compiling and organizing the data for the India Today–MDRA ranking submissions across several programs including B.Sc., B.Com., B.A., B.C.A., Mass Communication, and Master of Social Work. By March 21, all files for the India Today Ranking Survey had been submitted, and on March 24, IQAC coordinated The Week–Hansa Research Survey involving students, professors, and recruiters to assess institutional performance and satisfaction levels.



In The India Today–MDRA National Rankings 2025, announced on June 21, the University's Bachelor of Computer Applications program was ranked 6th in India and 3rd in Bengaluru, while the Bachelor of Science programme achieved an outstanding 8th position nationally and 1st in the city. The science programmes have entered the top 10 in the country ranking and moved to the top spot in the city this year. The Mass Communication programme stood 12th in India and 2nd in Bengaluru, followed closely by the Bachelor of Arts programme at 14th nationally and 2nd in the city. The Master of Social Work programme was placed 18th in India and 3rd in Bengaluru, while the Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Business Administration programmes secured 44th and 54th national positions, ranking 7th and 10th respectively within the city.

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 [erstwhile ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE(AUTONOMOUS)]
 Affiliated to St. Joseph's College, Bangalore
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 by Ministry of Science and Technology, Govt. of India

INDIA TODAY **MDRA**
Congratulations!
 TO THE CHANCELLOR, PRO-CHANCELLOR, VICE-CHANCELLOR, PRO-VICE-CHANCELLORS, REGISTRAR, CONTROLLER OF EXAMINATIONS, DEANS, DIRECTORS, STAFF AND STUDENTS FOR ACHIEVING IMPROVED NATIONAL AND CITY-LEVEL RANKINGS IN THE "INDIA TODAY RANKING - 2025".

INDIA TODAY RANKING 2025	
Bachelor of Computer Applications 6 th in India 3 rd in City	Bachelor of Science 8 th in India 1 st in City
Mass Communication 12 th in India 2 nd in City	Bachelor of Arts 14 th in India 2 nd in City
Master of Social Work 18 th in India 3 rd in City	Bachelor of Commerce 44 th in India 7 th in City
Bachelor of Business Administration 54 th in India 10 th in City	

In the Week–Hansa Research Survey 2025 results, published on June 25, the University secured the 2nd rank among private and deemed universities in Bengaluru city, the 4th rank in Karnataka, and an impressive 10th position at the state level. Nationally, St Joseph's University was ranked 16th among top Mass Communication Colleges, 17th among top Arts Colleges, and 17th among top Science Colleges, reaffirming its multidisciplinary strength and commitment to quality education. Within Bengaluru, SJU emerged as the 1st in Mass Communication, 2nd in Arts, and 3rd in Science, underscoring its leadership in the city's higher

education landscape. These achievements stand as a testament to the collective dedication of the University's leadership, faculty, staff, students, and alumni toward excellence in teaching, research, and holistic development.

Visit of Sacred Heart College, (Autonomous), Tirupattur, Tamil Nadu to St. Joseph's University on 13 June 2025



A 47-member delegation from Sacred Heart College (Autonomous), Tirupattur, affiliated with Thiruvalluvar University, Tamil Nadu, and managed by the Salesians of Don Bosco (SDB), visited St. Joseph's University (SJU) on 13th June 2025. The delegation included administrators such as the Rector, Principal, Vice-Principals, Controller of Examinations (COE), Deans, and Heads of Departments—comprising 9 priests and 38 lay collaborators. The purpose of the visit was to gain a comprehensive understanding of SJU's academic programs, teaching and learning practices, research initiatives, examination and administrative systems, extension and consultancy services, and student soft skill training.



On April 5, a Core Committee Meeting was convened to review ongoing quality initiatives and strategize upcoming academic and administrative enhancements. The IQAC Core Committee Meeting held on April 5, 2025, at St Joseph's University reviewed several key quality enhancement initiatives and institutional strategies. The committee discussed the implementation of Bloom's Taxonomy, noting that it had been successfully adopted across 92 papers, with plans to make it mandatory for all departments in the coming semester. The meeting also addressed the development of the Institutional Development Plan (IDP), proposals for visiting faculty appointments to strengthen NIRF performance, and the documentation of seed money utilization to support research activities. Further discussions included the expansion of hostel capacity, enhancement of staff evaluation processes through

Linways, and departmental budget reviews with external benchmarking. The committee emphasized student and faculty engagement, promoting student feedback, sustainability initiatives, and placement-readiness programs. The meeting concluded with clear action points and timelines for each agenda, reaffirming the University's commitment to continuous quality assurance and academic excellence.

During May 2025, IQAC initiated the Staff Evaluation Mapping Process for the Even Semester 2024–2025 and coordinated data validation for The Week Rankings 2025, the results of which were later published.

June was marked by several milestones: on June 8, St Joseph's University was featured in The Week Magazine 2025 section of Infocus and the cover page. On June 12, the University hosted an Institution-cum-Faculty Development Programme (ICFDP) for an 18-member delegation from Xavier Institute of Social Service (XISS), Ranchi, coordinated by Dr Syed Wajeed, Deputy Registrar, focusing on NEP 2020 implementation; and on June 13, a 47-member delegation from Sacred Heart College (Autonomous), Tirupattur—comprising 9 priests and 38 lay collaborators—visited the campus to study SJU's academic, research, and administrative best practices. On both occasions the IQAC director Dr Madappa presented the institutional best practices and conducted an open discussion with panel members from the administrations.

On June 18 2025, IQAC requested AQAR data from all Heads of Departments and PG Coordinators for the academic years 2023–24 and 2024–25.

In July, IQAC members participated in meetings related to the National Award to Teachers and assisted Capt. Akshay Mandlik with the application process. They also initiated work on Academic Performance Indicator (API) documentation and assisted the HR office with faculty promotion files. On July 19, an institutional visit from Anugraha Institute of Social Sciences, Dindigul, was organized in collaboration with the Department of Psychology. In August, IQAC initiated Bloom's Taxonomy mapping for the Even Semester examinations, finalized the Student Progression Form, and conducted rigorous follow-ups with mentors and PG coordinators to ensure completion, cross-verifying the data with the Convocation List. On August 18, SJU was listed among the Top 50

State Private Universities in India in the Outlook Magazine Rankings 2025.

September marked the commencement of preparations for QS Rankings submission. This is the first time we are going in for the QSiGauge ranking. Dr Ronald Mascarenhas, the Pro-Vice chancellor initiated the process. The QS I-GAUGE India Ranking is a comprehensive, evidence-based rating framework designed to evaluate Indian higher education institutions across key quality parameters. It assesses performance in areas such as Teaching and Learning, Faculty Quality, Employability, Research, Diversity and Inclusiveness, Facilities, and Governance, with optional components like Innovation and Social Responsibility. Each criterion is supported by verified institutional evidence, including academic outcomes, research output, infrastructure data, and outreach initiatives. Unlike the global QS rankings, which assign numerical ranks, QS I-GAUGE awards ratings such as Gold, Diamond, or Platinum based on the institution's performance. For St Joseph's University, the IQAC coordinates the preparation of these datasets—covering teaching, research, employability, and outreach—to ensure strong performance and national benchmarking through transparent quality metrics.



The Staff Evaluation Mapping for the Odd Semester 2025–2026 was also initiated. On October 23, IQAC hosted an institutional visit by the Principal and two faculty members from ST JOSEPH'S UNIVERSITY | 4

St Xavier's College, Ranchi, fostering further academic collaboration.

Through all these initiatives, the IQAC of St Joseph's University reaffirmed its commitment to promoting excellence through evidence-based planning, and transparent quality assurance processes.

Institution-cum-Faculty Development Program (ICFDP) for XISS Delegation at SJU | 12th June 2025

On 12th June 2025, St. Joseph's University (SJU), Bengaluru, hosted an Institution-cum-Faculty Development Program (ICFDP) for an 18-member delegation from the Xavier Institute of Social Service (XISS), Ranchi. The visiting team comprised senior administrators and heads of departments, and the program was coordinated by Dr. Syed Wajeed, Deputy Registrar of SJU.

The primary objective of the FDP was to provide insights into the implementation of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, address challenges in its execution, and offer actionable suggestions for its effective adoption at XISS.



Bembala

International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking- A series of events

The Bembala Outreach Programme of St. Joseph's University organized and participated in a range of awareness activities to mark the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, from June 16-26, 2025. The initiatives aimed to educate communities, promote awareness about the harmful effects of drug abuse, and encourage a drug-free society through active student involvement in both urban and rural areas.

Awareness Campaign at Traffic Signals and Junctions

A major component of the programme was an awareness campaign conducted at prominent traffic signals and junctions near the university, including Richmond Circle, Double Road, and Nanjappa Circle. Around 250 students participated

by displaying placards with strong anti-drug messages, chanting slogans, and engaging with commuters during peak hours, ensuring high visibility and public impact.

Public Interaction and Opinion Collection on Drug Abuse

In addition, 65 students interacted directly with the public around the university premises to collect opinions and perceptions regarding drug abuse. These interactions provided valuable insights into societal attitudes toward substance abuse and emphasized the need for effective preventive and awareness strategies.

Awareness in the Campus: Interaction and Flash Mob Event

On campus, students conducted interactive sessions with peers and staff to promote open discussions on substance abuse, mental well-being, and informed decision-making. A highlight of the campus activities was a flash mob performance that creatively conveyed an anti-drug message, attracting significant attention and encouraging dialogue among the university community.

Awareness Talk on Drug abuse and its Ill-Effects

Further strengthening the initiative, Outreach Coordinators delivered seven awareness talks across various departments, reaching over 750 students. These sessions addressed the physical, psychological, social, and legal consequences of drug abuse, while emphasizing the importance of mental health, peer support, and early intervention.

Awareness Programmes in Nelamangala Villages

As part of the Rural Exposure Camp in Nelamangala, students conducted culturally relevant awareness programmes using folk songs, skits, and local interactions to raise awareness about the dangers of drug abuse. Additionally, over 2,000 students participated in the state-wide 'Say No to Drugs' event organised by the Bengaluru City Police, reinforcing the university's commitment to social responsibility and community well-being.

Reusable Plastic Distribution Drive and Sapling Distribution Drive

On June 28, 2025, a Reusable Plastic Distribution Drive and a Sapling Distribution Drive were

organized by the Bembala Outreach Programme in collaboration with BHOS, the event aligned with the global theme 'Beat Plastic Pollution' and aimed at fostering eco-consciousness and sustainable practices among the community. The event began with an opening address by the coordinators, highlighting the initiative's objectives and the importance of reducing single-use plastics. Volunteers and students then actively participated in distributing over 100 saplings—including Neem, Tulsi, Guava, and Hibiscus—accompanied by planting instructions and informative pamphlets. Simultaneously, a drive to promote eco-friendly alternatives was conducted, where reusable plastic items like water bottles and grocery bags were handed out to the local community. These items were either upcycled or sustainably sourced, reinforcing the message of responsible consumption. To enhance public engagement, students led an awareness campaign using handmade posters, placards, and catchy slogans such as "Say No to Single-Use Plastics" and "Plant Trees, Not Plastic." They also distributed educational pamphlets to encourage long-term behavioral change. With the participation of 60 students, 8 teachers, and enthusiastic public involvement, the event successfully combined hands-on environmental action with community education. The public response was overwhelmingly positive, with many pledging to reduce plastic usage and contribute to greener surroundings by planting the distributed saplings.

Cleanliness Drive Project : Nirmal Jal with an Agenda to Clean the Community Lake

On September 28, 2025, a group of nineteen students from B.Sc. Physics–Chemistry, B.Sc. Chemistry–Zoology, and B.Sc. Chemistry–Biotechnology visited Halasur Lake, Bengaluru, at 6:30 am to carry out a cleanliness and environmental observation drive titled Nirmal Jal. The initiative was undertaken in alignment with the proposal submitted to the Bembala Outreach Department and reflected St. Joseph's University's commitment to the motto, "Service through Knowledge". Ulsoor Lake, one of the city's historic urban water bodies, presented a concerning ecological picture. During the field visit, students documented bird activity around the lake. Instead of native aquatic birds, large numbers of pigeons were found along the periphery. Regular feeding by visitors, often with bread, rice, and packaged foods, has led to the accumulation of wrappers and plastic waste. Leftover food entering the water also contributes to nutrient overload and

ecosystem imbalance. From the feeding areas alone, the team collected more than 2 kg of litter. Preliminary readings from the in-built water quality monitoring system indicated a pH of 4.9, suggesting high acidity. Dissolved oxygen levels were nearly zero, pointing to severe hypoxic conditions that make survival difficult for fish and other aquatic organisms. The lake surface was covered with dense green algal mats, a clear indicator of eutrophication, further reducing light penetration and oxygen availability.

Additional pollution sources were observed near a construction labour camp adjacent to the lake, where plastic bottles, detergent packets, and food containers were discarded close to the shoreline. Over 3 kg of waste was estimated from this area. At the overflow drain, a metal net was found choked with plastic debris, posing risks of blockage and microplastic spread during rainfall. Due to safety restrictions, students focused on cleaning walkways, embankments, and drainage points while also engaging residents in conversations about responsible practices. In 3.5 hours, approximately 5 kg of waste was collected. The activity highlighted the urgent need for sustained community awareness, scientific monitoring, and collaborative action to restore urban lake ecosystems.

PG Rural Camp

St. Joseph's University, Bengaluru, through its outreach initiative Bembala Outreach Programme, successfully organized Postgraduate Rural Exposure Camps as part of its institutional commitment to social responsibility and experiential learning. Participation in these camps was mandatory for all postgraduate students, with the objective of sensitizing them to rural realities and encouraging meaningful engagement with marginalized communities across Karnataka, particularly in Sindagi, Manvi, and Mundgod.

The Sindagi Rural Exposure Camp, conducted between June and September 2025, involved 343 postgraduate students from seven academic programmes. The camp emphasized immersive community-based learning, beginning with an orientation conducted by Sangama–Centre for Integrated Rural Development (CIRD). Students undertook migrant surveys in villages and slum areas, conducted awareness sessions in government schools, and engaged in interactions with Devadasi women, Panchayat members, and local leaders. Cultural programmes addressing

pressing social issues, campus cleaning drives, fieldwork activities, and expert presentations on regional developmental challenges enriched the learning experience.

The Manvi Rural Exposure Camp engaged 300 students from five postgraduate programmes and was coordinated by the Bembala Outreach Department in collaboration with the Loyola Centre for Social Concern. Following orientation sessions, students conducted awareness programmes in government schools focusing on child safety, hygiene, career guidance, and the POCSO Act. They also participated in agricultural fieldwork, household surveys on migration, and interactive sessions with villagers. Cultural programmes highlighted critical social concerns such as child marriage, education, and substance abuse. Additional activities included campus cleaning and motivational sessions with hostel children.

The Mundgod Rural Exposure Camp involved 150 students from Economics, English, Computer Science, and Environmental Science, and was hosted by Loyola Vikas Kendra. After orientation sessions, students were placed in villages across Mundgod, Haliyal, and Yellapur, where they stayed with Siddi, Golla, and Gouli communities. Activities included school and anganwadi engagement, community surveys, Participatory Rural Appraisal exercises, environmental initiatives, and agricultural work. Awareness programmes on welfare schemes, digital literacy, and sustainability strengthened community engagement.

UG Rural Camp

St. Joseph's University, Bengaluru, through its outreach initiative Bembala Outreach Programme, successfully organised Undergraduate Rural Exposure Camps as part of its institutional commitment to social responsibility and experiential learning. Participation in these camps was mandatory for all Undergraduate students, with the objective of sensitising them to rural realities and encouraging meaningful engagement with marginalised communities across Nelamangala, nearby villages, Karnataka. The UG Rural Exposure Camps at Nelamangala, conducted from August to October 2025, offered students a meaningful opportunity to engage with rural communities and understand grassroots realities. Across seven batches, students participated in cleanliness drives, farm work, lake cleaning, and campus maintenance

activities. They visited government schools, interacted with villagers, and gained insights into their daily struggles, healthcare challenges, livelihoods, and resilience. Visits to brick factories exposed them to the labour-intensive processes and hardships faced by migrant workers. Each day began with interreligious prayer, meditation, walks, and physical activities, fostering discipline and reflection. Evening house visits and cultural programmes allowed students to connect deeply with villagers while raising awareness on education, health, hygiene, and social issues. The camp concluded with discussions, social analysis, report writing, and planning for their Class Special Activity. Overall, the camp nurtured empathy, teamwork, social responsibility, and a profound appreciation of rural life.

Achievements

Recognition

On June 26 2025, students of St. Joseph's University actively participated in the State-wide 'Say No to Drugs' awareness event organized by the Bengaluru City Police in collaboration with the Aarohan Foundation, in observance of the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking. In recognition of its consistent and impactful community engagement, the Bembala Outreach Programme of St. Joseph's University was honoured as one among Bangalore's Top 10 Institutions for Social Outreach. This prestigious recognition was conferred by the Honourable Home Minister of the Government of Karnataka and the Commissioner of Police, Bengaluru City. The award acknowledged the university's sustained efforts in promoting social awareness, public well-being, and preventive education related to substance abuse. The honour was received by the Rev. (Fr) Dr. Victor Lobo SJ, Honourable Vice Chancellor of St. Joseph's University along with the Bembala Outreach team. The recognition reflects the university's dedication to nurturing socially responsible citizens and its continued commitment to addressing critical societal issues through meaningful outreach initiatives.

Certificate of Appreciation from ITC Limited

Bembala Outreach Programme received a Certificate of Appreciation from ITC Limited in recognition of its active partnership in the Well-being Out of Waste (WOW) initiative. As part of this collaborative effort, Bembala successfully contributed 6,024 kilograms of dry recyclable

waste, thereby supporting ITC's mission of promoting sustainable waste management and fostering a cleaner and greener India. The collected waste was responsibly recycled and transformed into 3,500 notebooks, demonstrating the effective conversion of waste into valuable educational resources. In appreciation of this contribution, ITC Limited has provided 500 stationery kits, which will be distributed to government school children and residents of villages in Nelamangala. This initiative not only addresses environmental concerns but also supports educational needs in underserved communities.

Campus Ministry

Eucharistic Celebration: Feast of St Ignatius of Loyola

The Eucharistic Celebration marking the Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola and the inauguration of the activities for the academic year 2025–26 was held on July 30, 2025, at 12:20 pm in the University Auditorium. The celebration was attended by all Catholic students and staff of the university. The main celebrant of the Holy Eucharist was Rev. Dr. (Fr) Bala Kiran Kumar Hrudayaraj SJ joined by Jesuit priests from the campus as co-celebrants. The solemn celebration also brought to a close the Ignatian Week 2025, a week-long series of events organized by the All India Catholic University Federation (AICUF) for students across the university. Rev. Dr. (Fr) Bala Kiran Kumar Hrudayaraj SJ was warmly welcomed and felicitated by Dr Melwin Colaco, Registrar, along with Pro Vice-Chancellors Dr Ronald Mascarenhas and Dr Regina Mathias. A brief reflection on the life and spirituality of St. Ignatius of Loyola was shared by Dr. Ronald Mascarenhas, highlighting the relevance of Ignatian values in contemporary education and service. The celebration was coordinated by the Campus Ministry team, which ensured a meaningful liturgy and smooth organization. The Eucharistic celebration was followed by a fellowship lunch for university staff and snacks for students, fostering a spirit of communion and gratitude within the campus community.

Achievements

International Training on Mental Health and Mentorship

Ms. Litty Joseph, Assistant Professor at the Department of Commerce, was selected to participate in the prestigious Asian Academy

Visit of Students from Singapore Management University

St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, hosted 11 students from Singapore Management University on July 17, 2025. Rev Dr Victor Lobo SJ, Vice-Chancellor, and Dr Regina Mathias, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, graced the visit. An engaging interactive session facilitated meaningful discussions with SJU faculty members. This platform facilitated dialogue about academic programmes and student life at St Joseph's University, Bengaluru. Participants took turns introducing themselves, sharing their backgrounds, and expressing their interests. A documentary showcasing the history, achievements, and unique features of St Joseph's University was screened. A guided tour of the Astronomical Observatory, led by Rev Dr Roshan Castelino SJ, Dean, Research and Innovation Council, allowed students to explore the excellent research facilities available at St Joseph's University, Bengaluru. Students from Singapore Management University participated in friendly matches of basketball and carrom, led by Mr Newton, Assistant Professor, Department of Sports. A concluding lunch facilitated informal networking and strengthened institutional ties. This successful visit lays the foundation for future international collaborations with Singapore Management University.



Commemoration of the 80th Hiroshima-Nagasaki Day and Indo-Japan Friendship Day

The event commenced with a warm welcome address by Dr Anaurene Roy, Associate Director, Global Collaborations. The Vice-Chancellor, Rev Dr Victor Lobo SJ, warmly welcomed and felicitated the chief guest, Deputy Consul-General of the Consulate of Japan in Bengaluru. A sapling was presented to the Vice-Chancellor, Rev Dr Victor Lobo SJ, by HE Mr Kaya Hokuto, symbolising growth and the commitment to the bond between



for Campus Ministry (AACM) 2025, held from April 30 to May 7, 2025, at Hong Kong Baptist University (HKBU). Organized by the United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia (UB) and hosted by HKBU, this fully sponsored, residential training program brought together 30 campus ministers and university chaplains from across Asia—including India, Indonesia, Vietnam, Thailand, East Timor, Sri Lanka, Cambodia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Korea, and the Philippines. This year's academy, themed 'Nurturing Minds, Empowering Lives: Advancing Mental Health and Mentorship in Campus Communities', focused on building spiritual, emotional, and leadership capacity in campus environments. The week-long program incorporated theological perspectives on mental health and holistic well-being, workshops on peacebuilding, contemplative dance, and resilience building, reflections on chaplaincy in pluralistic and multicultural contexts, mentorship and spiritual companionship frameworks, and a cultural immersion visits to the Hong Kong Museum of Art and History, promoting intercultural understanding and spiritual formation through the arts. Through interactive seminars, group discussions, creative expression, and spiritual reflection, participants engaged in a deeply enriching and holistic learning experience.



St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, and Japan. The chief guest, HE Mr Kaya Hokuto, delivered an insightful address emphasising the importance of peace and understanding between India and Japan. This was followed by a presidential address from Rev Dr Victor Lobo SJ, Vice-Chancellor, which further highlighted themes of remembrance, unity, and the contributions of Rev Fr Pedro Arrupe SJ, the first Jesuit Provincial for Japan in 1958. Through his care for hundreds of victims affected by the Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombings, Rev Fr Pedro Arrupe SJ has left a lasting and profound impact on people around the world. The session concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks from Dr Karamala K Areesh. To add a ceremonial touch, the National Anthems of Japan and India were played, symbolising solidarity between the two nations.



St Joseph's University Hosts Warm Welcome for International Students

St Joseph's University held a vibrant Welcome Get-Together event for its international student community on August 26, 2025, at Aloysius Hall, located within the university's Auditorium Block. The event was jointly organised by the Office of International Affairs (OIA) and the International Students Association (ISA) to foster camaraderie amongst students from diverse backgrounds. This year, 29 international students representing 17 countries gathered to introduce themselves and connect with university officials, including Vice-Chancellor Rev Dr Victor Lobo, Pro-Vice-Chancellors Prof Dr Ronald Mascarenhas and Dr Regina Mathias, Registrar Prof Dr Melwin Colaco, Controller of Examinations Dr Godwin J D'Souza, and Chairman of the OIA, Dr JW Lobo. The programme commenced with an invocation song performed by Ms Shreya, followed by a welcome address from Dr Sunita Rajamani, Assistant

Professor of Chemistry and Convener of the International Students Services Unit. Students then entertained attendees with a welcome dance, along with a solo performance by Ms Tenzin Choenyi from Tibet. Each international student delivered a brief self-introduction, fostering a sense of community amongst the diverse attendees. A badge ceremony followed, recognising the new core committee members of the International Students Association. Additionally, Ms Shruti Sarawagi from Nepal was honoured by Vice-Chancellor Dr Lobo for her notable achievements. University officials took the opportunity to share words of encouragement and support, emphasising that international students have a strong support network on campus. The event concluded with a vote of thanks from ISA President Matthew Cherian, a group photograph, and a celebratory dinner. The welcoming get-together reaffirmed SJU's commitment to providing a home away from home for all international students, ensuring they feel valued and supported throughout their academic journey in Bengaluru.

Visit by Dr Dave Schippers from Walsh College, Michigan, USA

On August 21, 2025, St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, had the privilege of hosting Dr Dave Schippers, Vice President and Chief Academic Officer/Academic Dean, Walsh College, Michigan, USA. Dr Dave Schippers, a distinguished speaker at regional, national, and global conferences, offers his knowledge and insights on cybersecurity, information technology, and project management. During his visit, Dr Dave Schippers shared his extensive knowledge with postgraduate research students and faculty. The discussion included real-world examples, statistics, and practical advice, which sparked vibrant discussions amongst participants. Dr Dave Schippers highlighted the latest trends and challenges in cybersecurity, including innovative defences in a rapidly changing technological landscape that organisations must navigate in the digital age.

The Signing Ceremony of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, India, and Ferris University, Yokohama, Japan

The Signing Ceremony of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, and Ferris University, Yokohama, Japan, was held on August 29, 2025. The event commenced with a prayer led by Rev Fr Francis Pinto SJ, Director, Shift-III, followed by



a warm welcome address from Mr P Venugopal, Associate Director, Office for International Affairs. The dignitaries from Japan were felicitated by Prof Dr Ronald Mascarenhas, who represented the Vice-Chancellor, Rev Dr Victor Lobo SJ. The strengths and unique features of both universities were highlighted through engaging video presentations. Prof Dr Ronald Mascarenhas, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Dr Rui Kohiyama, President, Ferris University, and Dr V Christo Selvan, Director, Office for International Affairs, addressed the audience, elaborating on the purpose of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). The agreement outlines several collaborative initiatives, including academic engagement, research collaboration, and student exchange programmes, thereby establishing a framework for future partnerships. The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) encourages international academic collaboration and reflects a shared dedication to global education, aligned with the Jesuit mission of developing 'men and women for others'. The partnership between Ferris University and St Joseph's University represents an opportunity to enrich educational experiences and strengthen international relations. This collaboration is not only expected to enhance the educational capabilities of both institutions but also aims to strengthen bilateral ties between Japan and India.

The United Nations and the Quest for a Culture of Peace: From Peacekeeping to Peacemaking

Spectrum, in collaboration with the Office for International Affairs and the International Students' Association, organised a special lecture on "The United Nations and Quest for a Culture of

Peace: From Peacekeeping to Peacemaking". The lecture focused on the United Nations' evolving role and the shift from traditional peacekeeping methods towards active peacebuilding. The session began at 10:05 am, hosted by Kavipriya. Krish Marwein delivered the welcome speech, followed by Dr Neil Tannen Lincoln felicitating the speaker, Dr Paul Newman. Mr Suhas C Mohan then gave a brief note on the theme. Dr Paul Newman opened the lecture with an address on the United Nations and its functioning since its establishment, noting that the UN celebrated its 80th anniversary in 2025 at its headquarters in New York. He discussed the four pillars of peace: Peacebuilding Commission, Peacebuilding Support Office, Peacebuilding Fund, and General Assembly and Security Council. He highlighted peacebuilding initiatives, the UN's contributions to member countries, and the roles of its organs such as the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council. The issue of veto power was critically examined. Countries with veto rights, China, France, Russia, the United Kingdom, and the United States, continue to dominate, whilst developing countries receive no real benefits. The suggestion that veto powers be expanded or abolished was presented as a practical discussion point. The lecture also touched upon the history and current affairs of countries such as India, Africa, America, Japan, and Russia in relation to the UN. The speaker further emphasised that the power of the United States rivals that of the UN itself. Since the UN cannot interfere in the internal affairs of sovereign states, the recent Manipal episode in India was cited as an illustration of its limitations. In order to advance world well-being, the UN has created agencies like the WHO,

UNHRC, and UNESCO, whilst still playing their role in defending human rights. The event concluded with a Q&A session, followed by the vote of thanks delivered by Sahaana Ilayaperumal.

Internal Complaints Committee (ICC)

POSH ACT 2013 awareness programs

Internal Complaints Committee (ICC), a statutory committee was constituted in SJU in November 2025 to receive and redress the complaints of sexual harassment (SH) at work place as per the POSH Act 2013. In order to create awareness of the Act and to create a safe environment for all the staff and students of the University, ICC conducted several programs. The first semester students were addressed about the POSH Act and the redressal mechanism existing in the University during the orientation held from July 17-20, 2025 at the University. The awareness programs for the academic staff, the non-teaching staff as well as the house-keeping staff were conducted between June 21 and July 26, 2025. The resource persons effectively conveyed the provisions of the POSH Act and the need for sensitivity towards preventing sexual harassment at work place.



Public Relations Office

Open Heart

Investiture

The Investiture Ceremony of Open Heart'26- the celebrity symposium of St Joseph's University, was held with great enthusiasm and grandeur on July 23, 2025 in the Main Auditorium of the University. The event was graced with the presence of Mr Sharaf U Dheen, the renowned Malayalam film actor, as the Guest of Honour. Mr Sharaf U Dheen became a household name through his work in Premam, Padakkalam, and Anjaam Paathira, among many others. The ceremony was further graced by Dr Regina Mathias, Pro Vice Chancellor, St Joseph's University, and Mr P Venugopal, staff coordinator of Open Heart and Public Relations Officer. The event commenced with the lamp lighting ceremony, symbolising divine energy, wisdom, and enlightenment. Ms Neha Moncy, the Convenor of Open Heart'26, delivered the Welcome Address. The Introduction of the Guest of Honour was done by Ms Reema Ashraf, Assistant Convenor of Open Heart'26. The entire auditorium erupted in excitement as Mr Sharaf U Dheen was welcomed on stage. He captivated the audience with his charm, wit, and lively interaction. The energy of the audience resulted in thunderous applause for the Guest of Honour. Keeping the energy high on the cultural front, an energetic performance choreographed by Ms Juniya and team was showcased. The highlight of the ceremony was when Mr Sharaf U Dheen himself joined the dancers on stage. The audience erupted in thunderous applause and cheers, making it a true moment of celebration.

The formal function was further resumed with the Investiture Ceremony of the newly elected Core Committee of Open Heart 2026. The Guest of Honour, Mr Sharaf U Dheen, handed over the badges to the committee members. The badging ceremony was followed by a solemn oath-taking ceremony led by Mr P Venugopal, the Staff Coordinator of Open Heart'26. The newly elected Core Committee and the Organising Committee pledged to uphold the legacy, commitment and responsibilities of the symposium. The event ended with a Vote of Thanks by the Co-Convenor of Open Heart'26, Mr Saqlain Shakeel. The Emcee of the event was Ms M Gayathry, who smoothly handled the entire programme.



Job Fair for Seniors

The Nightingales Empowerment Foundation and Nightingales Medical Trust, in association with St. Joseph's University and the Archdiocese of Bangalore, organized a Job Fair for Senior (60+) Citizens on September 10, 2025 at the SJU Campus. The job fair featured 60 employers with over 630 vacancies in engineering, marketing, administration, accounts, supervisory roles, security and more. There were also over 500 opportunities for self-employment through insurance streams. Around 1,000 senior citizens participated, and 348 were shortlisted by employers, with 58 selected on the spot. Data from Elders Helpline 1090, a joint project of the Bengaluru Police and Nightingales Medical Trust, revealed a steep increase in complaints related to financial issues faced by senior citizens, from 10% in 2023-24 to over 20% in 2024-25.



SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Department of Commerce

Departmental Achievements

ACCA Faculty Orientation

An orientation session for faculty members handling ACCA subjects was organised to strengthen academic delivery and ensure alignment with global standards on June 20, 2025. Held in A102, Arrupe Block, the session featured Dr Fathima Farzana J, Professional Programme Coordinator, and Mr Cyril.

Dr Fathima Farzana J provided an in-depth demonstration of the ACCA Study Hub and its digital resources. She guided faculty members on navigating the platform to access updated syllabus content, technical articles, practice materials, and examiner insights. Emphasis was placed on incorporating these tools into lesson plans, improving classroom engagement, and tracking student performance through the platform's analytics for personalised academic support.

The second segment, conducted by Mr Cyril, focused on the significance of ACCA examinations in developing globally competent finance professionals. He explained the exam structure, assessment standards, and practical applications of ACCA knowledge. He motivated faculty to enhance student exam readiness through conceptual clarity, consistent practice, and adherence to ethical academic practices. The session concluded with an interactive discussion that encouraged knowledge sharing and collaborative teaching approaches. Overall, the orientation empowered 20 faculty members with practical strategies and digital tools to effectively guide students along the ACCA qualification journey.

ACCA PER Session

The Department of Commerce organised a session on Practical Experience Requirements (PER) for ACCA membership on March 15, 2025, at A307, Arrupe Block. The session was conducted by Mr Nithin Raju, ACCA Affiliate and Sales Audit Associate at Hudson's Bay. He provided valuable insights into the requirements for attaining ACCA membership.

Mr Nithin Raju explained the employment filing process, guiding students on how to add employment details through the ACCA dashboard, specify roles, and select relevant performance objectives. He emphasised that all roles must be verified by an IFAC-qualified supervisor, such as a CA or ACCA member, to ensure credibility. He further discussed the procedure for claiming time and work experience, noting that candidates must write detailed descriptions explaining how their tasks align with ACCA objectives.

A key focus of the session was ethics in PER, highlighting that candidates must complete nine out of 22 performance objectives, with ethics being mandatory. Mr Nithin Raju stressed that ethical conduct, governance, and accountability are vital for professional growth. He encouraged the 85 participants to pursue internships in tax, audit, and financial reporting to gain diverse experience and efficiently complete their PER.



Orientation on Professional Courses

The School of Business organised a guest lecture titled 'Unlocking Professional Career Opportunities and the Importance of Professional Courses' on July 4, 2025, at the University Auditorium. The session featured Mr Christopher Gautham, CS and ACCA Affiliate from ARIVUPRO Academy, and Ms Anjana Nahar, University Relations Specialist at the CFA Institute.

Mr Christopher Gautham emphasised the importance of professional courses such as Chartered Accountancy (CA), Company Secretary (CS), and Enrolled Agent (EA) in shaping a strong career foundation. Drawing from his own journey, he shared experiences of perseverance and growth to motivate students. He provided detailed insights into the CS course structure, covering

CSEET, CS Executive, and CS Professional, while also introducing students to EA courses and global career opportunities.

Ms Anjana Nahar complemented the session by advising 600 participants on effectively utilising their degree years for professional growth. She discussed the global relevance of the CFA qualification in finance and investment. The session concluded with an interactive Q&A where both speakers addressed student queries with clarity. Overall, the lecture inspired students to pursue professional certifications confidently, demonstrating how such qualifications enhance career prospects, global exposure, and personal growth.

Guru Utsav

MCom students of the Postgraduate Department of Commerce organised the first edition of Guru Utsav, an inter-college competition, on April 4, 2025. Held at Xavier Hall, the event aimed to recognise and nurture students with exceptional teaching aptitude from BEd, MEd, MCom, and MBA programmes. The competition comprised four rounds: Guru Gyan, Beyond the Blackboard, Pedagogy, and Teacher Persona, designed to assess participants' knowledge, creativity, and teaching skills.

The inauguration ceremony featured Mr Thomas Varghese, Leadership Coach and Mentor, as the Chief Guest. He emphasised the pivotal role of teachers in shaping society and encouraged participants to embrace teaching as a noble profession. All rounds concluded by 3:30 pm, followed by the valedictory session in De Nobili Hall, presided over by Dr Christo Selvan, Dean of Commerce.

Ms Aleena Johnson from St Joseph's College of Commerce (SJCC) emerged as the winner, while Ms Ashwini Jino from Kristu Jayanti College was the runner-up. The event, coordinated by Dr Sangeetha Peter and Dr Anitha Mary Ge

Industrial Visit to Bisleri International

The Department of Commerce organised an industrial visit to Bisleri International Pvt Ltd, Devanahalli, for III BCom D students on September 12, 2025. Coordinated by Dr Josphin, Assistant Professor, the visit aimed to provide 56 participants with practical exposure to large-scale manufacturing operations. The session linked academic concepts such as batch costing, quality control, and regulatory compliance with real-

world industrial practices.

During the visit, students explored the manufacturing plant, gaining insights into water sourcing, purification, mineral re-addition, and the production of carbonated and flavoured beverages. Plant supervisors explained the stepwise treatment process, carbonation, blending, and packaging techniques while emphasising compliance with FSSAI standards. Students also learned about branding, anti-counterfeiting measures, and sustainability initiatives under the 'Bisleri Greener Promise', including plastic recycling and water conservation efforts.

The visit highlighted how batch costing is applied to determine per-unit production costs and showcased the importance of maintaining quality, cost control, and brand consistency in the beverage industry. Students observed the integration of operational efficiency with sustainability and regulatory requirements. Overall, the industrial visit enhanced the understanding of production processes and quality standards, successfully bridging theoretical knowledge with practical industrial experience.



International Educational Visit

The School of Business organised an international educational visit to Europe from May 21, 2025, to May 28, 2025, in collaboration with C Near Me Agency. Led by Dr Hariharan and Dr Padma Nandan, the trip offered 22 students cross-cultural learning experiences and global perspectives.

The journey began in Paris, where students visited iconic landmarks including the Eiffel Tower, Palais Garnier, Champs-Élysées, and Arc de Triomphe, alongside a Seine River Cruise. In Brussels, Belgium, the group undertook an academic visit to KU Leuven, allowing students to interact with peers and gain insights into the European

education system. This was followed by visits to the Grand Place and Atomium.



In Frankfurt, Germany, students explored the Zeil shopping street and local architectural sites. The itinerary also included a visit to the Rhine Falls and the Black Forest, where students experienced a boat ride and visited Lake Titisee. The trip concluded in Switzerland with visits to Lake Lucerne, the Lion Monument, and a cable car ride to Mount Titlis. Through this eight-day expedition, students immersed themselves in diverse cultural and scenic environments, fostering higher learning goals and international exposure.

Open Day – Elixir 2025

The Department of Commerce organised ‘Elixir’, an exhibition providing a platform for students to showcase innovative models, on July 28, 2025. Held in rooms A102 and A103 of the Arrupe Block, the event was convened by Dr Christo Selvan and coordinated by Ms Sana Begum M, Department Coordinator. The exhibition encouraged interdisciplinary learning and knowledge sharing among students from various departments.

The inaugural ceremony commenced at 9:00 am, after which visitors explored exhibits featuring creative models and interactive displays. Participants engaged with the audience, answering questions and explaining their projects. By 12:00 pm, a jury evaluated the models based on creativity, functionality, and clarity of presentation. Faculty members and university students also visited the displays, providing feedback and encouragement to the participants.

The valedictory ceremony at 4:30 pm concluded the event with the announcement of results. ‘Aurum Chronicles’ (COM02) secured the first

prize for exceptional ideas and execution. Overall, the exhibition successfully enhanced student engagement, communication skills, and collaboration between different academic schools. It highlighted the ability of the Department of Commerce to organise high-impact academic events while inspiring participants to innovate and collaborate.

Orientation Programme on Professional Qualifications

The Department of Commerce organised a seminar on professional qualifications, including CA, CS, EA, CMA, and CPA, on September 11, 2025. Held at the University Auditorium, the session targeted BCom, BPS, and MCom students. The programme was led by Mr Sripal Jain, CA, CPA, and Co-founder of Simandhar Education, Hyderabad, with teacher coordinators Dr Josphin and Dr Princy Nisha, Head of the Department of Commerce.

Mr Sripal Jain emphasised the growing importance of professional visibility on platforms like LinkedIn and explained how top firms evaluate candidate profiles. He noted that while a graduation degree is a basic requirement, professional certifications are essential for remaining competitive in the global job market. The session provided a detailed overview of eligibility criteria, exam structures, and career opportunities for various qualifications.



The 1020 participants gained clarity on pathways to becoming a CA, CPA, CMA, or EA, including realistic expectations regarding timelines and salary packages. The seminar successfully helped students plan their academic and career paths strategically while highlighting the significance of building a professional online presence. Many students expressed motivation to pursue these certifications alongside their degree programmes to enhance their global career prospects.

ACCA Practical Experience Requirement Session

The Department of Commerce conducted a session on ACCA's Practical Experience Requirement (PER) for III BCom IFA students on March 25, 2025. The session was led by Ms Hanna Rajan, ACCA Affiliate and Trainer at ISDC. The primary objective was to guide 85 students through the process of achieving ACCA membership by fulfilling performance objectives and documenting their professional journey.



Drawing from her professional experience, Ms Hanna Rajan provided an in-depth understanding of the benefits of PER and the significance of gaining work experience under ACCA-approved employers. She explained how students can strategically align internships and employment with practical experience requirements. The session outlined a step-by-step process for recording performance objectives and ensuring compliance with global ACCA standards.

Through real-life examples, she demonstrated methods to complete objectives effectively and manage documentation seamlessly. The event concluded with an interactive Q&A session where students clarified doubts regarding supervisor approvals, role descriptions, and experience tracking. Overall, the session provided valuable guidance and clarity for students aiming to complete the PER for their ACCA qualification successfully.

Faculty Achievements

Dr Christo Selvan, Dean of the School of Business, received the 'Rising Men Award' and the 'Global Diamond Achievers Award' from the Friendship Forum, New Delhi, on September 2, 2025. He was also invited as the Chief Guest for the Doctoral Symposium 2025 at Acharya Institute of Technology on September 12, 2025. Dr Padma Nandan K, Associate Dean, published a book chapter titled "Integration of AI and Blockchain with Digital Twins for Smart Grid" with Taylor and Francis on March 28, 2025. Dr Sayantani Bannerji presented research on AI's impact on academic performance at Confab 360 Degree and published a book chapter on sovereign green bonds on September 18, 2025. Dr Hariharan completed several professional development programmes, including an NSE training on equity research and the Wadhvani Ignite entrepreneurship course.

Dr Shankar R was granted a patent for an adaptive AI-powered communication training system designed for deaf learners. Ms Thejaswini GB published a framework for human capital accounting in an international journal and received a patent for an AI-powered data encryption device. Ms Litty Joseph received the 'Best Paper Award' at DBS Global University and participated in an international mental health and mentorship programme in Hong Kong. Ms Maha Shriesha V published research on cookieless digital marketing in European Economic Letters and attended advanced workshops on SPSS and AI. Mr Mohammed Umair published a book chapter on hyperlocal supply chains for quick commerce through IGI Global on June 30, 2025.

Dr Josphin participated in a 30-day national-level workshop on SPSS for data analysis. Dr Usha Priyadarshini completed multiple training sessions focused on digital teaching tools, AI in research, and Scopus publishing. Ms Raj Kiran C A published a bibliometric analysis on green supply chains and completed several UGC-sponsored faculty induction and refresher programmes. Ms Grace Prerna, Ms Shree Lakshmi, and Ms Sushmitha Vincent Chemmannoor successfully completed refresher courses in commerce management and AI applications in higher education. Mr Aravind Nandakumar participated in the Wadhvani Ignite entrepreneurship course. All aforementioned faculty members attended the university-level workshop on 'Enhancing Teaching and Learning: A Two-Day Workshop on Outcome-Based Education' from July 25–26, 2025.

Student Achievements

Falak Sultana of I BCom C secured the first prize in the ramp walk competition at Bharat Utsav, organised by RV University. Muhammad Minhaj Ali Kirmani of I BCom C earned the first prize in the language workshop during the university Open Day and participated in the poster competition organised by the Inter-Religious Harmony Committee. Riva Rachel S Nathan of I BCom B represented the university in the Graphiti competition at the university level.

Ganga RS of II BCom BPS achieved multiple top positions in vocal music, including second place in the Indian acoustic group at Dhvani and third place in classical solo categories at Artemis, Parva, and Prathibha. Shan Michael of II BCom BPS secured first prize in Mock Rock at Prathibha and achieved second place in group dance events at Celosia, Naissance, and Prathibha. Adam Smith of II BCom BPS won first prize in Indian group dance at Antharagni and Celosia, and first place in Mock Rock at Prathibha.

Monica C, Hema Shree, Ahliya Jhon, and Mary Jennifer of II BCom BPS secured the first prize in the Elixir Open Day exhibition. Monica C also earned second place in the drawing competition at Semozhli. Anna Rose, Kishore K, and Joel Benny of III BCom A secured second place in the Ignatian Week quiz competition. Sheeba K of III BCom A won first place in the reel-making competition during Ignatian Week.

Leo Stephen Manuel of III BCom A achieved first place in the 'Air Crash' event and third place in the English debate at Mysore Medical College and Research Institute. John Varghese of III BCom A won the first prize in the 'Reel It' competition at Prathibha. Dhanunjaya Roopa Shree, Hita Shree, and Vaishnavi N J of III BCom A won the treasure hunt competition during Prathibha. A Shreen Dass, Anushree S, Supriya, and Siddarth K of III BCom A secured the first prize at the Elixir Open Day 2025.

Rahul Moses of III BCom B secured the first prize in futsal at Utopia, organised by the Symbiosis Institute of Business Management. Tharunya V of III BCom B earned second place in the case study competition at RV Yuva. Anushka Ganesh of III BCom D secured the first prize in the 'Shark Tank' event at Conservia.

A group dance team from III BCom A, comprising Dorthy Rosario, Jennifer S, Karis, Sheeba K, Sanath

Naik, Wasim Akram, Kishore K, Pranesh Kamaraj, Chiranth G, and Avinash Paul, secured the first prize at Tharang. Chiranth G and Avinash Paul also won the first prize in the finance and mock stock events during Tharang.

Vidhya Sharadha R of I BCom B successfully cleared the CSEET examination in July 2025. Dhanush M of II BCom A and Paul Preetham P of III BCom A cleared the CA Foundation examination. Kishore K and Ankeet Kumar of III BCom A achieved national-level success by clearing the CA Intermediate and CMA Intermediate examinations, respectively.

In the III BCom IFA stream, several students cleared the ACCA professional papers in June 2025. Pavithra Harish, Hannah Susan, Vrindha Sajith, Neysa Elaine Philip, Dheeraj Anil, Johana Bovas, Reina Thresia, Joesph Thomas, and Vedraj D successfully cleared the SBR paper. Hana Anjillath, Nihal Sudheep, Rhea Verghese, and Mohamed Haseeb cleared the SBL paper. Kommatothy Maanini Anchal of II BCom A cleared the ACCA Paper 1 in June 2025.

Vasanth A of II BCom BPS secured a gold medal in the State Taekwondo Championship. Bollamma P M of II BCom IFA won the first prize in the Dasara Krida Kuta, organised by the Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports. Riuthu Shree Mudigundam S P of II BCom A represented the university in floorball at the 10th National Floorball Federation Cup in Madhya Pradesh.

Roshni P of III BCom A secured third place in the football tournament at Christ University. Johnson KV of II BCom BPS won first place in the Utopia event at Shanows. During Pegasus, the III BCom A Kho Kho and Throwball teams, featuring students such as Sheeba K, A Shreen Dass, Ankeet Kumar, and Joel Benny, demonstrated exceptional teamwork to secure the runner-up positions in both categories.

Prem Sagar V of the BCom IFA department actively participated in diverse university platforms, including TEDx SJU, the Institutions Innovation Council, and the Economic Forum. Ricky Stalin of II BCom BPS represented the university in NCC activities. Monica C and Nisha Devi of II BCom BPS participated in the Neerathon organised by the university.

Students of II BCom A, including Abin Saibu, Thanisha, Maria Anslin, Kevia Mary Moncy, and Joel S, contributed to the success of the Elixir

Open Day. Similarly, Shifaa Fathima, Poojitha K, Jeena Mathew, and Syeda Gul Fatima of III BCom D represented their department at the exhibition. Rex Raphael and Pavan of I BCom D participated in the throwball event during Pegasus.

Department of Management

Department Events

Professional Interface Forum: Global Accounting and AI

The Department of Management organised a session titled "Accompanying Young People in Global Accounting Using AI Chatbots" to address the evolving intersection of technology and finance. Mr Sripal Jain introduced 400 students from I and II BBA SF, II and III BBA C & D, and II BBA IFA to the dynamic transformation of the accounting field driven by Artificial Intelligence.

The forum focused on how AI chatbots are being integrated into global financial reporting, analytics, and audit practices. Mr Jain shared first-hand industry insights on how AI is redefining



traditional roles and encouraged students to pursue international certifications such as CPA and CMA to remain competitive. The session successfully bridged the gap between theoretical classroom learning and the cutting-edge technological demands of the international finance landscape.

Professional Interface Forum: Entrepreneurship Awareness

A Professional Interface Forum on Entrepreneurship Awareness was conducted for 210 final-year III BBA and III BBA SF students. The session aimed to expose students to the realities of the Indian startup ecosystem, focusing on skill building and government policy. Mr S Sadashiva introduced the Association of Women Entrepreneurs of Karnataka (AWAKE) and detailed various methods of raising funds for startups through DICs and MSME incubation centres.

The second speaker, Mr TP Jagadeesha Murthy, provided a reality check on market competition and the necessity of grassroots empowerment. He shared insights into government portals like myscheme.gov.in and emphasised that successful entrepreneurship should also serve as a vehicle for societal impact. The event concluded with an address by Dr Christo Selvan, Dean of the School of Business, highlighting the importance of fostering a robust entrepreneurial culture within the University.

Professional Interface Forum: Current Trends in Global Economics

The Department of Management hosted Dr Narendra Adnoor for a session on "Current Trends in Global Economics" for 210 students of I BBA and I BBA SF. The objective of the forum was to simplify complex macroeconomic indicators and explain their direct impact on the Indian business environment.

Dr Adnoor deconstructed core concepts such as Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and inflation, providing a clearer picture of the challenges and opportunities facing modern businesses. By connecting academic theories with real-world



applications, the session equipped aspiring young professionals with practical insights relevant to their future careers. The high level of student engagement during the Q&A session reflected a deep interest in understanding the nuances of global economic shifts.

Faculty Achievements

Dr Prabhakar K

Dr Prabhakar K, Head of the Department of Management, was awarded his PhD in Management from the University of Technology, Jaipur, on October 27, 2025. This milestone reflects his dedication to academic excellence and advanced research leadership within the School of Business.

Dr Shakila P

Dr Shakila P contributed extensively to the field of AI and automation through patents and high-impact publications. In March 2025, she filed two patents: an 'AI-Driven smart management system for dynamic resource allocation' and an 'AI-powered business process automation and optimization equipment'.

Her research was published in several prestigious journals, including three Scopus-indexed papers on AI-driven cybersecurity for Industry 4.0, ethical leadership, and blockchain for ESG accountability. She also published a study on the impact of contemporary retail services on customer satisfaction in an ABDC 'C' category journal in July 2025.

Ms Sarah John

Ms Sarah John engaged in rigorous professional development focused on modern research methodologies. She participated in a five-day national programme, 'The Future of Research: AI Tools as a Game Changer', and a national workshop on 'Research Methodology and Innovative Techniques' in March 2025. Furthermore, she completed a national FDP on 'AI Powered Research Excellence' in July 2025 and a specialized seven-day workshop on 'Data Analysis Using SPSS and AMOS' in September 2025.

Ms Greeshma Francis

Ms Greeshma Francis presented a paper titled 'Decoding the Investor's Mind: Exploring Neurofinance in Financial Decision-Making' at the ANVESHANA 2025 National Multidisciplinary Conference in April.

She also attended an FDP at ISME Bengaluru focused on optimizing the research-to-publication journey using AI strategies and completed a Structural Equation Modeling (SEM) workshop using AMOS in September 2025.

Mr Sathyanarayana R

Mr Sathyanarayana R successfully participated in

a six-day online Faculty Development Programme titled 'Research Methods & Data Analysis - Unlocking Contemporary Research Potential' in July 2025. The programme, conducted by the Bishop Jerome Institute, focused on enhancing contemporary research skills and unlocking data analysis potential for academic excellence.

Student Achievements

- Varsha P Nayak (II BBA A) secured second place in cultural events at Regalia 2025.
- Teresa Cheryl Paul (II BBA A) earned second place in cultural categories at Regalia 2025.
- Ryka Tamara (II BBA A) placed second in the cultural events at Regalia 2025.
- Sterling Cyrus B (II BBA A) achieved second place in cultural competitions at Regalia 2025.
- Krishnitha KM (II BBA A) won first place in cultural events at Regalia 2025.
- Nidhi Rajpurrohit (II BBA A) secured second place in cultural events at Regalia 2025.
- Zaara Mirza (II BBA A) earned second place in cultural events at Regalia 2025.
- M Divya (II BBA A) placed second in cultural competitions at Regalia 2025.
- Advaita Renjith (II BBA A) achieved second place in cultural events at Regalia 2025.
- Srikant N (II BBA A) won first place in the cultural category at Regalia 2025.
- Ratanjali Easa (II BBA A) secured second place in cultural events at Regalia 2025.
- Persis Sony (II BBA A) earned second place in cultural events at Regalia 2025.
- Episba N (II BBA A) placed second in cultural competitions at Regalia 2025.
- Angelina Adharsh (II BBA A) achieved second place in cultural events at Regalia 2025.
- Samantha Maria D'Silva (II BBA A) won second place in cultural events at Regalia 2025.
- Gretel Dennis (II BBA A) secured second place in cultural competitions at Regalia 2025.
- Joanna George Theckel (II BBA A) earned second place in cultural events at Regalia 2025.
- Nikhil K (II BBA A) achieved first place in cultural categories at Regalia 2025.
- Bharath A (II BBA A) placed second in cultural events at Regalia 2025.
- Sangeeta AV (II BBA A) won second place in cultural events at Regalia 2025.
- Roshini P (II BBA A) secured second place in cultural competitions at Regalia 2025.
- Anthony Shawn (II BBA A) earned second place in cultural events at Regalia 2025.
- Ranjan Kumar Katta (II BBA A) placed second in cultural events at Regalia 2025.
- Akshaya J (II BBA A) achieved second place in

cultural categories at Regalia 2025.

- Taha Mstafa Dahodwala (II BBA A) won second place in cultural events at Regalia 2025.
- Purvi S (III BBA) secured second place in cultural events at Regalia 2025.
- Thejeswini L Gowda (III BBA) won first place in cultural events at Advathya 2025, Kristu Jayanti College.
- Shivangi Praveen (III BBA) secured first place at JEET (RV University) and second place at GAME ON (Transcend College) in sports.
- K R Ashish Gowda (III BBA) placed first in cultural events at Anikethanam, Mount Carmel College.
- Inchara Bheemaiah (III BBA) earned first place in sports at JEET and second place in cultural events at Regalia 2025.
- Sayee Palshikar (III BBA) achieved first place in sports at the JEET meet, RV University.
- Hemanth Y (III BBA) secured second place in the Udbhav 25 short film competition at MS Ramaiah Institute of Technology.
- Shaan Devaiah (III BBA) earned second place in sports at the university Sportstakes event.
- Ashish Janapareddi (III BBA) placed second in the Academix management event at St Claret College.
- Keagan (III BBA) secured second place in the Academix management event at St Claret College.
- Arebah Wasim (III BBA) achieved third place in sports at both Sportstakes and CUBYC, Christ University.
- Rachel Sara Thomas (III BBA) won first place in cultural events at Synergy 2025.
- Afrah Sana (III BBA) earned first place in cultural events at Synergy 2025.
- Lingjel L (III BBA) secured first place in cultural events at Synergy 2025.
- Melvin Josh M (I BBA A) won first place in 'Best Manager' and 'International' events at Synergy, and was runner-up at Crescentia and Fusion 2.0.
- Farhaan Asif (I BBA A) achieved runner-up positions in management events at Crescentia and Fusion 2.0.
- George Matthew (I BBA A) earned first place in the HR event at Fusion 2.0, T John's College.
- Disha Agarwal (I BBA A) won first place in the HR event at Fusion 2.0, T John's College.
- Prerana S (I BBA A) secured first place in the International Business event at Synergy 2025.
- Ashwini S (I BBA A) earned first place in the International Business event at Synergy 2025.
- Chehak A Munoyet (I BBA SF) participated in the treasure hunt event at Jain Deemed-to-be University.
- Gaurav (I BBA SF) participated in the Eatalon event at Spandan JIPMER, Pondicherry.
- Angelina (I BBA SF) participated in the treasure hunt event at Jain Deemed-to-be University.



SCHOOL OF CHEMICAL SCIENCES

Department of Biochemistry

Association Events

Investiture Ceremony, Biochemical Society and Freshers' Welcome

The Biochemical Society held its investiture ceremony for the academic year 2025–2026 on July 8, 2025, at Aloysius Hall. The ceremony commenced with the lighting of the diyas by the dignitaries. Dr Melwin Colaco, Registrar, shared a few words of inspiration, emphasising the importance of dedication and excellence in all endeavours. Subsequently, Dr Libi Thomas, Dean of Chemical Sciences, shared her insights and encouraged students to remain curious, creative, and build a stronger and more trustworthy society. Following this, Dr Shraddha KN, Head of the Department, delivered an inspiring and motivating address. Students performed a graceful dance performance and captivated the audience with their elegance. The newly elected office bearers received their badges and took the oath, pledging to uphold the values and duties. The outgoing office bearers were honoured with letters of appreciation for their dedicated service. This was followed by an address by the newly elected president, who shared the vision for the year ahead, followed by the vote of thanks delivered by the vice president. After a short break, the freshers' welcome party was organised to welcome the first-year students.



Journal Club Meeting

The Journal Club arm of the Biochemical Society organised a paper discussion session on August 6, 2025, at 1:00 pm. The speakers for the day, Agilesvar NK and Suhotra Das, fifth-semester BCBT students, discussed Dr Kelath Murali Manoj's PLoS One paper, "Atypical reaction profiles of heme

enzymes with a novel mechanistic hypothesis and kinetic treatment". A brief question and answer session followed. One of the student organisers, Mr Suhotra Das, discussed his project plans on 'The computational chemistry of Antioxidants and Peroxidases'. The session encouraged critical thinking and enhanced understanding of recent advances in biochemical research on enzyme mechanisms. Working with Dr Daniel Gideon, Suhotra is pursuing advanced computational methods to ratify in-vitro observations of novel reaction rate enhancements by antioxidants in heme peroxidase reactions. After the presentation, an interactive session was held in which the participants analysed the strengths and limitations of the research. The session concluded with remarks from Dr Daniel Gideon, who emphasised the importance of regularly engaging with primary research articles to build scientific literacy and critical reasoning skills. Forty participants attended the event, held at S308, Science Block.



Escape Room

The Journal Club of the Biochemical Society hosted an Escape Room on August 28, 2025, at room S303 from 1:00 pm. The event saw significant participation from students across all streams from the university. The event had multiple rounds, each with tasks that the participants had to complete within the stipulated time limit. The event concluded with the fastest team emerging as winners. Thirty participants attended the event.

Flash Mob

As a part of the promotional activities for Biochemia 3.0, the intra-collegiate fest of the Biochemical Society, a flash mob was organised on September 10, 2025, at Arrupe Atrium. The event took place at three different time slots: 8:45 am to 9:10 am, 12:50 pm to 1:45 pm, and 6:30 pm to 6:55 pm. Music was played and students danced to the tune of the music. The main aim of the programme was to reduce student stress and promote mental well-being. Overwhelmingly positive feedback

was obtained and biochemistry students who organised the event were motivated to organise more such events. The flash mob featured a series of energetic dance performances by students from the core committee and the biochemistry department, spanning across first, second, and third years. The performances captivated the audience, setting an electrifying atmosphere for the upcoming fest, Biochemia 3.0.



Biochemia 3.0

The Department of Biochemistry organised its annual intra-collegiate fest Biochemia 3.0 on September 24, 2025. The event aimed to combine learning and creativity, encouraging students to explore the fun and engaging side of science through a variety of competitions. The day began with an inaugural ceremony at De Nobili Hall, where Dr Libi Thomas, Dean of Chemical Sciences, addressed the gathering with her insightful words. This was followed by a series of exciting and intellectually stimulating events. These included Canvas Connect (Art Competition), Reactography (Online Photography Competition), Terpene Mix (Pot Pourri), Escape the Formula (Escape Room), Debate, and ChemIQ (Quiz Competition). Each event was meticulously organised and designed to test participants' scientific understanding, creativity, and teamwork. The events witnessed enthusiastic participation from students across all academic years. The organising team ensured smooth coordination and strict adherence to the general guidelines. Judges evaluated entries based on creativity, relevance, presentation, and clarity, and winners were felicitated during the valedictory ceremony held in the afternoon. The ceremony marked the successful conclusion of the fest, celebrating the efforts of all participants, winners, and organisers. Fifty participants from the biochemistry, zoology, and microbiology departments, along with faculty members of the biochemistry department, attended the event.



School Achievements

MoU with Merck

The School of Chemical Sciences signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Merck, a global leader in science and technology, on October 17, 2025. This landmark partnership aims to combine the expertise of Merck Life Sciences, Merck Performance Materials, and Sigma-Aldrich to advance innovation and excellence in both research and education. The MoU is expected to foster collaborative research and development initiatives that will bring cutting-edge science directly into academic and industrial settings. Additionally, the agreement will provide opportunities for industry internships and specialised training programmes, bridging the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical application. Enhanced academic offerings, driven by this collaboration, will also empower students to gain hands-on experience with the latest tools and technologies in the field. This partnership marks a significant step towards fostering a stronger link between academia and industry, benefiting students, faculty, and researchers alike.

Faculty Achievements

Dr Sangita Das filed for an Indian patent with St Joseph's University affiliation titled "ZnO thin films and a method for fabricating the same thereof".

Dr Daniel completed nearly 30 review reports for WoS/SCOPUS indexed journals published by Elsevier, Springer, Frontiers, and RSC journals between June and September 2025.

Dr Daniel received acceptance confirmation for a research paper titled "Quantitative treatments for explaining the mechanism and kinetics of catalytic electron transfers in murburn processes, particularly involving heme-enzymes like peroxidases and P450s" submitted to BioMed Research International, 2.3 IF (Wiley), in which his UG project student, Mr Suhotra Das, and trainee, Mr Philip Moses Samuel (UG PCM from St Joseph's College, Bengaluru), are co-authors. The work was done in collaboration with Prof Kelath Murali Manoj, Professor at Amrita Vishwa Vidhyapeetam, Coimbatore.

Dr Daniel delivered an invited lecture at St Joseph's College, Tiruchirappalli, on September 24, 2025, in the one-day national conference titled "Advances in Biological Sciences and Phytotherapeutics

Research (ABSPR 25)".

Dr Austin Richard Surendranath published a paper in a SCOPUS indexed journal, Human Gene (0.7 IF), titled "Role of the TLR4 pathway in the development of chronic suppurative otitis media" with St Joseph's University affiliation.

Dr Shraddha K Nammanavar, Head of the Department, Dr Daniel, and Dr Lekha attended JESCOL-1 on September 29 and 30, 2025.

Student Achievements

Sooraj Sunil Nair from III BcZ spent six months at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) as a Har Gobind Khorana Fellow. He worked on pancreatic adenocarcinoma and phytomedicine. He developed crucial skills in advanced biochemistry methods such as cancer cell culture, microscopy, FACS analysis, apoptosis assays, and Western Blotting.

Suhotra Das from III BcBt completed an internship at the prestigious NIT Durgapur. He learnt critical skills like molecular dynamics simulations, density functional theory (DFT), and BSL3 (Biosafety Level 3) training.

Suhotra Das is a co-author with Dr Daniel Gideon, Department of Biochemistry, St Joseph's University, in an international journal article titled "Quantitative treatments for explaining the mechanism and kinetics of catalytic electron transfers in murburn processes, particularly involving heme-enzymes like peroxidases and P450s". The paper was recently accepted for publication in BioMed Research International, 2.3 IF (Wiley), a SCOPUS/WoS indexed journal (Q2).

Suhotra Das won first prize for his oral presentation on the topic "Kinetic analysis of heme peroxidase reaction with azide reveals non-Michaelis Menten behaviour". He competed with Master's and PhD students who presented their work at St Joseph's College, Tiruchirappalli, on September 24, 2025, in the one-day national conference titled "Advances in Biological Sciences and Phytotherapeutics Research (ABSPR 25)".

Juwayria M won first place for debate at Christ University in the intercollegiate fest, Chemoz-25. She also won third prize in debate in the event, Bioaura, organised by Kristu Jayanthi, Deemed to be University. She also won first prize in debate

at the intracollege fest, Intron, organised by the Department of Biotechnology, St Joseph's University.

Neeha Subair from II BCMZ, Deboshree Datta from III BcZ, and Lisa Rex from III BcZ won first prize in the event 'Adtomic' in the intercollegiate programme, Chemoz-25, organised by the Department of Chemistry at Christ University, Bengaluru.

Ansh Badoo from III BcZ, who is in the NCC squadron of St Joseph's University, received a commendation certificate from the Chief Minister of Karnataka.

Sarah Irene Sunil from III BcMb completed internships at various institutes: Bioinformatics internship from Progenome Life Sciences Pvt Ltd, internship from Novitech R&D Pvt Ltd in Data Analytics, internship from Novitech R&D Pvt Ltd in Machine Learning, and internship from Novitech R&D Pvt Ltd in Artificial Intelligence.

Sunaina R from III BcBt completed internships at Business Associate (The Bodhi Tree, Bengaluru), Gen AI Engineer intern (MIT Innovation Centre, MAHE, Manipal), and intern at Anthem Biosciences, Bengaluru. She also completed certificate courses in Fundamentals of Finance (UC Irvine) and BCG Introduction to Strategy Consulting Job Simulation on Forage.

Siri Kaparthi from III BcBt completed an internship at Business Associate (The Bodhi Tree, Bengaluru). She won various prizes in intercollegiate events organised by St Joseph's University. She is a co-founder of Version Two, a deep-tech start-up incubated at MIT and Xelevate Features. She also was selected for the McKinsey Forward Program, a global learning initiative for future consultants and students.

Department of Chemistry

Departmental Events

Bridge Course 2025

Recognising the diverse academic backgrounds of postgraduate students, the Department of Chemistry introduced a Mathematics Bridge Course to support MSc Chemistry students who had not pursued mathematics at the pre-university or undergraduate level. The programme

aimed to strengthen students' basic mathematical skills, ensuring a smoother transition into the rigorous demands of postgraduate chemistry. The initiative was coordinated by Dr Cisy Abraham, who designed the course curriculum in collaboration with Dr Libi Thomas, Dean, Dr Nalini G Sundaram, Head of the Department, and Ms Christine Nigli, PG Coordinator, along with faculty members Dr Sunita Rajamani, Dr Valeen Rashmi Pereira, Dr Anchal Singhal, and Dr Joyce D'Souza. The classes were conducted online during the semester vacation from April 4 to June 23, offering an engaging platform for conceptual clarity and problem-solving practice. Six students successfully completed the course and certificates were awarded during the valedictory ceremony of Alchemy. The department conducted the bridge course for the second consecutive year and plans to continue it for future batches.



Industrial Visit to SABIC Technology and Research Centre

On August 8, 2025, 44 students from the final-year MSc Analytical and Organic Chemistry class visited the SABIC Technology and Research Centre in Sarjapura, Bengaluru, accompanied by Dr Libi Thomas, Dean of the School of Chemical Sciences, and Ms Christine Nigli, Postgraduate Coordinator. The day began with a welcome from Ms Ananya Saha, HR Business Partner at SABIC, followed by a comprehensive EHSS orientation by Mr Venkata Aditya. Dr Ashok Menon, Site Director, SABIC Research Technology Centre, India, delivered an inspiring corporate overview. Ms Maheshwari highlighted SABIC's CSR initiatives in Anekal Taluk. Dr Libi Thomas presented an overview

of St Joseph's University. The highlight was the interactive "Concept to Commercialisation" activity, where teams brainstormed sustainable solutions for plastic waste management. Students enjoyed an extensive guided tour of SABIC's state-of-the-art laboratories, including GPC Lab, Mass Spectrometry Lab, Elements Lab, Polymer Catalysis Lab, GC Lab, Thermal Lab, Spectroscopy Lab, and Sample Preparation Lab. The visit concluded with students engaging informally with SABIC teams and exchanging career insights.

Elixir 2025

St Joseph's University hosted its annual intercollegiate exhibition, Elixir 2025, on August 26, 2025, bringing together students from diverse academic disciplines to present their creative and research-driven projects. The Department of Chemistry made a significant impact with nine undergraduate and two postgraduate exhibits, demonstrating the power of chemistry in addressing real-world challenges through innovative and practical solutions. Undergraduate projects such as "Fungus Amongst Us: Building the Future with Mycelium", "Cooling Cities by Turning Waste into Cool Coats with a Thermochromic Twist", and "Bioplastic from Banana Peels" impressed visitors and judges with their creativity. "Green Charge: Soil-Based Electrochemical Cell Using Agricultural Waste Redox Compounds" and "Preparation of Paper from Fallen Dried Leaves" secured first and second place respectively in the UG category. The MSc Organic Chemistry team won first place in Category One with their project "Detergent from Waste Cooking Oil and Incorporating Recycled Papers for Packaging". The active participation reflected the department's commitment to fostering scientific curiosity and research excellence.



Remedial Classes

The Department of Chemistry conducted

remedial classes during the study holidays to provide additional academic support for students. These sessions gave students a chance to revise important topics and clarify their doubts with the guidance of faculty members. The extra support helped many students, especially those who found some subjects difficult, to gain confidence and improve their performance in the End Semester Examinations.

Association Events

Undergraduate Chemical Society Investiture

The Investiture Ceremony of the Undergraduate Chemical Society (UGCS) for the academic year 2025–2026 was held on July 22, 2025, at S411, Science Block. The occasion was graced by the chief guest, Dr Kiran Bettadpur, Co-founder and CEO, Flask AI, along with Dr Libi Thomas, Dean, School of Chemical Sciences, Dr Anchal Singhal, Dr Vinutha V Salian, and Dr Cisy Abraham, UGCS Staff Coordinators. The programme commenced with a prayer song and the lighting of the lamp. Dr Bettadpur delivered an insightful address on the integration of chemistry with artificial intelligence, highlighting both the limitations of human research and the immense possibilities offered by AI in practical chemistry. His interactive session generated enthusiastic participation. Following the address, the badge distribution ceremony was conducted, formally inducting the office bearers into their roles with the oath of office. The ceremony concluded with a vote of thanks by Sargam Datta, President of UGCS, and a group photograph with the chief guest and volunteers.



Open Day Flash Mob

On the Institutional Open Day, the Undergraduate Chemical Society (UGCS) staged a lively flash mob showcase in the Arrupe Atrium, blending theatrics with chemistry demonstrations to

engage students, faculty, and guests. The flash mob commenced with a brief skit performed by Akshata and Menaka, which served as both an icebreaker and an allegorical introduction to the world of chemical phenomena. The skit was followed by experiments such as fake blood chemistry, the chemical chameleon reaction, elephant toothpaste, and the blue bottle reaction, each designed to simplify and visually highlight concepts like redox reactions, catalysis, and reversibility. The articulate commentary and stage presence by Neha and Menaka ensured smooth transitions and high energy throughout. The demonstrations captivated the audience, sparking curiosity and conversation, whilst the presence of faculty members lent academic support. The event successfully combined education with entertainment, reflecting UGCS's commitment to innovative science communication and making chemistry both accessible and exciting.

Elementia'25 Flash Mob

The Department of Chemistry successfully organised a flash mob at the Arrupe Atrium on August 21, 2025, to promote Elementia'25, an intercollegiate fest specifically designed for PU students. The event comprised two engaging sessions held at 8:45 am and 1:00 pm respectively. The morning session commenced with an introduction to Elementia'25, followed by an energetic dance performance by UGCS office bearers and ceremonial dropdown of the Elementia'25 banner. The afternoon session added an exciting dimension with an open mic segment, where students captivated the audience with their singing performances. This interactive element was effectively designed to engage prospective students and faculty, creating an atmosphere of enthusiasm and anticipation for the upcoming fest.





Elementia 2025

The Undergraduate Chemical Society (UGCS) of St Joseph's University hosted Elementia 2025 on August 26, 2025, marking one of the most anticipated academic-cultural intersections of the year, including participants from nine PU colleges across Bengaluru. The programme commenced with a welcome address by Sargam Datta, President of UGCS, followed by an invocation from the University Choir. The ceremonial lamp lighting was performed by the dignitaries. Sequential keynote remarks by the Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Registrar, and Dean underscored the society's mandate to integrate intellectual rigour with creativity. An inaugural performance by Kirupa set an inspiring tone for the day. The formal proceedings concluded with a vote of thanks by Urvashi. The session transitioned into a vibrant showcase of talent and competition through Treasure Hunt, Potpourri, Quiz, Mad Ads, School Wars, Painting, Reel Making, and Photography. Participation was robust, underscoring the society's ability to drive engagement across diverse cohorts. Elementia 2025 reinforced UGCS's reputation as a hub of innovation and community.

Teacher's Day Appreciation

Teacher's Day was celebrated on September 4 by the institution. The Department of Chemistry organised an appreciation notice board for all the teachers in the chemistry department. Students were allowed to stick post-its with messages for the teachers as a means to say 'Thank you' for their teaching. It was very successful in bringing the students together, making Teacher's Day a wholesome project.

Peer Mentoring

The Peer Mentoring Programme, initiated on July 26, 2025, has been an invaluable experience for both UGCS peer mentors and mentees. With all classes scheduled at least two days in advance, the programme ensured clear communication and effective planning from the start. Over the past few months, peer mentors from first, second, and third years have gained significant insights into teaching. They have improved their pacing, handling of doubts, and class management skills with every session. The feedback from the class has been overwhelmingly positive, with students feeling comfortable enough to share their thoughts and suggest improvements. Several enthusiastic students have played an active role in gathering peer input on topics to cover, making the programme even more responsive to the group's needs. The programme has fostered mutual growth of peer mentors refining their teaching techniques and students addressing their learning challenges. Feedback is collected after each class, ensuring continuous improvement in the learning experience.

PGCS Valedictory 2024–2025

On March 15, 2025, the Postgraduate Chemical Society (PGCS) hosted its Valedictory Ceremony for the academic year 2024–2025 in Room S303 at 3:00 pm. The gathering drew nearly 70 attendees. The programme commenced with an inspiring lecture by Dr Debashis Ghosh, Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry, titled "From a PhD Research Scholar to an Assistant Professor: A Journey through Postdoctoral Research in Chemistry". Following the session, Ms Christine Nigli, PG Coordinator, felicitated Dr Ghosh with a sapling. The formal proceedings began with

the Valedictory Address delivered by Dr Libi Thomas, Dean of Chemical Sciences, followed by an address from Dr Nalini G Sundaram, Head of the Department. Mr Sai Subramanian, President of the PGCS, presented a comprehensive report highlighting the Society's activities for the year 2024–2025, covering outreach programmes, industrial visits, expert talks, workshops, seminars, and weekly group activities. The audience was treated to a vibrant video montage curated by first-year PG Chemistry students as part of the "Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat" initiative. The Bhojpuri Boranes emerged as winners of the Best Weekly Activity Competition.



Freshers' Party

The Freshers' Day celebration was organised by the PG Chemistry seniors on July 11, 2025, at 2:00 pm in Loyola Hall. The event aimed at warmly welcoming the new batch of postgraduate students into the university. The programme was skilfully planned and executed by the final-year MSc Chemistry students. A total of 100 attendees, including faculty members and students, created an atmosphere of enthusiasm and excitement. The event commenced with a formal welcome, followed by a prayer song and an address by Dr Libi Thomas, Dean. Students were dressed in red and black as per the dress code and enthusiastically participated in various activities like games, dance, and singing. There were dance performances by Organic and Analytical seniors and a fashion show for the juniors. The programme also featured song performances by second-year students and a DJ dance session. The highlight of the event was the awarding of Mr and Miss Fresher titles. The programme concluded marking the beginning of a new academic journey for the first-year MSc Chemistry students.

Postgraduate Chemical Society Investiture 2025–2026

The Investiture Ceremony of the Postgraduate Chemical Society of St Joseph's University was held on July 25, 2025. The occasion marked the formal induction of the newly elected office bearers for the academic year 2025–2026. The ceremony

commenced with a melodious prayer song rendered by the choir team, followed by a welcome address by Ms Aparna Arun. The gathering was addressed by Dr Melwin Colaco, Registrar of St Joseph's University, Dr Libi Thomas, Dean of Chemical Sciences, and Ms Christine Elizabeth Nigli, PG Coordinator for Chemical Sciences. The highlight was the oath-taking ceremony of the newly elected office bearers. Badges of honour were conferred upon them by Dr Melwin Colaco, followed by Dr Libi Thomas and Ms Christine Nigli. The office bearers pledged to serve with integrity and dedication. In his presidential address, Mr Arghya Biswas outlined the society's vision to organise workshops, seminars, industrial visits, and student-led research forums. The audience was intellectually enriched by a special lecture delivered by Dr Sourav Bej on Functional Molecular Platforms for Detecting Emerging Pollutants. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks from Ms Aparna Arun, followed by a dance performance by Ms Hema A and Ms Ananya US.



Alchemy 2025

The intercollegiate chemistry fest, Alchemy, organised by the Postgraduate Chemical Society of the Department of Chemistry at St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, was held on September 16, 2025. The event brought together 170 students and faculty from the university along with participants from other institutions. The day began with the traditional lighting of a lamp. The Pro-Vice-Chancellor and the Dean of the School of Chemical Sciences delivered inspiring addresses before formally declaring the fest open. Alchemy showcased five dynamic events designed and hosted by students that brilliantly blended academic rigour with creativity, competition, and entertainment. Quizz Rizz was a vibrant quiz competition with 47 participants. Christ (Deemed to be University) bagged first place, St Joseph's University were runners-up, and Mount Carmel College secured third place. FissiUN was a



Chemistry MUN designed for chemistry students at the bachelor's level. Mount Carmel College bagged first and third place, whilst Christ (Deemed to be University), Bengaluru, secured second place. Catalytic Conundrum was a murder mystery investigation with 42 participants. Mount Carmel College secured first place, Christ (Deemed to be University), Bengaluru, secured second place, and BMS College for Women secured third place. The valedictory session, presided over by Dr Syed Wajeed, Registrar, celebrated the winners.

Faculty Achievements

Dr Ronald J Mascarenhas published a paper titled "Biowaste-Derived Activated Carbon-Based Sensor for the Electrochemical Analysis of Hesperetin and Co-Existing Flavonoids in the presence of Triton X-100" in *Journal of The Electrochemical Society*, 172 (2025) 067502, with Preemal N Rodrigues, an MSc student, as co-author.

Dr Ronald J Mascarenhas published a paper titled "Carbon quantum dots derived from Lablab purpureus peels and Cu₂S nanocomposite sensor for p-hydroxybenzoic acid detection in cosmetic and environmental samples" in *Diamond & Related Materials* 159 (2025) 112798, with Chanchal K Sharma, an MSc student, as co-author.

Ms Preemal Rodrigues, under the guidance of Dr Ronald Mascarenhas, presented a paper at the National Symposium on Electrochemical Science and Technology (NSEST-2025), held on August 28 to 29, 2025, jointly organised by the Electrochemical Society of India, Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru, SRM Institute of Science and Technology, and Indian Institute of Technology, Madras.

Roshal Carmel Paul, under the guidance of Dr

Ronald Mascarenhas, presented a poster at the National Symposium on Electrochemical Science and Technology (NSEST-2025) and received the Best Poster Presentation award.

Ms Chanchal Sharma, under the guidance of Dr Ronald Mascarenhas, presented a poster titled "Development of 2D Graphene Oxide Sheets-Based Voltammetric Sensor for Electrochemical Sensing of Fungicide, Carbendazim" at the Rasaayan Sangooshti Research Symposium, organised by the Department of Chemistry, IIT Dharwad, on March 22, 2025.

Ms Roshal Carmel Paul, under the guidance of Dr Ronald Mascarenhas, presented a poster titled "Direct and sensitive Electrochemical evaluation of pramipaxole using graphite carbon nitride (gCN) sensor" at the Rasaayan Sangooshti Research Symposium, organised by the Department of Chemistry, IIT Dharwad, on March 22, 2025.

Ms Preemal Rodrigues, under the guidance of Dr Ronald Mascarenhas, presented a research paper at the International Conference on Electrochemistry for Industry, Health, and Environment (EIHE-2025), held at the DAE Convention Centre, BARC, from January 21 to 25, 2025.

Ms Preemal Rodrigues, under the guidance of Dr Ronald Mascarenhas, presented a research paper at the International Conference on Materials for Energy and Environmental Sustainability, conducted by The Oxford College of Science, Bengaluru, in association with the Core Facility Center for Photochemistry and Nanomaterials, Gyeongsang National University, South Korea, from March 5 to 6, 2025.

Ms Preemal Rodrigues, under the guidance of Dr Ronald Mascarenhas, presented a research paper at the National Conference on Chemical Sciences for a Sustainable Tomorrow: Synergy and Solutions (CSSTSS-2025), organised by the Department of Chemistry, St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, and secured first place in the Oral Presentation competition under the theme "Nanotechnology: Small-Scale Innovations Driving Big Solutions in Chemical Sciences".

Dr Shanty Mathew, Associate Professor, was promoted as Professor (Academic level 13A to 14) as per the proceedings of the Department of Collegiate Education, Government of Karnataka order DCE/PP/PLA/20/2025-PP PVT dated September 9, 2025, with effect from March 26, 2024.

Dr Suhas DP served as the Convener of the Parents' Orientation held from June 17 to 20, 2025, at St Joseph's University.

Dr Suhas DP was the Convener of the workshop "Decoding Gen Z: A Parents' Guide to Communication and Connection" held on August 9, 2025, at St Joseph's University.

Dr Valeen Rashmi Pereira participated in the "Capacity Building Workshop for the Early Career Researchers-Level 2" under the Inspiring India in Research, Innovation, and STEM education (iRISE) Programme held at IISER, Pune, from September 16 to 26, 2025.

Dr Nalini G Sundaram was invited to the Royal Society of Chemistry's select committee for the roundtable discussion on 'From Lab to Market: The Journey of Scientific Entrepreneurship' on February 4, 2025, from 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm at Taj Land's End, Mumbai, presided by Dr Helen Pain MBE, Chief Executive Officer of the Royal Society of Chemistry.

Dr Nalini G Sundaram was invited to do a podcast with the Royal Society of Chemistry for World Science Day. The theme was 'Chemistry for Development'. The podcast was chaired by Dr Helen Pain, CEO, RSC.

Dr Nalini G Sundaram delivered an invited talk titled "Nanomaterials Applications" for the first-year engineering students from Dayanand Sagar College of Engineering on May 8, 2025, at 10:00 am.

Dr Nalini G Sundaram was invited to deliver a talk titled "Research Opportunities in the Sciences" at St Joseph's University on May 23, 2025, at 10:15 am as part of the Faculty Development Program for school teachers across Bengaluru.

Dr Nalini G Sundaram was invited as a resource person to deliver an enrichment lecture titled "Exploiting Functional Nanomaterial for Energy and Environment" on May 20, 2025, for the Orientation-Cum-Selection Camp (OCSC) for the students selected for the Indian National Junior Science Olympiad (INJSO) at the Talent Development Centre (TDC), IISc, Challakere.



Dr Nalini G Sundaram participated in the 28 Days (Online) Faculty Induction Programme (Guru Dakshata) organised by UGC-Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre (UGC-MMTTC), Central University of Kerala, from July 4, 2025, to July 31, 2025.

Dr Nalini G Sundaram participated in the Online Refresher Course in Material Sciences, organised by UGC-Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre at Karnatak University, Dharwad, from August 11, 2025, to August 23, 2025, for 12 working days as approved by the UGC.

Dr Nalini G Sundaram published a paper titled "Bi₂WO₆ as sensors for low concentration CO sensing: Experimental and computational studies" in *Materials Science and Engineering: B*, 313, 2025, 117960, with Chethana Aranthady, Abhishek Kumar Mishra, Kapil Gupta, and Ganapati V Shanbhag as co-authors.

Dr Vinutha V Salian participated in the five-day international-level online faculty development programme on AI Driven Innovations for Chemistry Education and Research organised by Holy Cross College (Autonomous), Tiruchirapalli, Tamil Nadu, from August 4 to 8, 2025.

Dr Vinutha V Salian was appointed as an External Examiner to set the question paper for the End Semester Examinations of UG Programmes (Autonomous) of NMKRV College for Women, Bengaluru, to be held during June/July 2025.

Dr Vinutha V Salian acted as External BoE member of BMS College for Women, Autonomous, Bengaluru.

Dr Vinutha V Salian attended a workshop on Enhancing Teaching and Learning: A Two-Day Workshop on Outcome-Based Education organised by St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, from July 18 to 19, 2025.

Dr Vinutha V Salian published a paper titled "Substitution induced solvatochromism behaviour of blue emissive N-aryl pyrazoline derivatives and DFT studies" in *Journal of Luminescence* (2025), 121200, with P Praveena, BK Sarojini, and T Vishwanath as co-authors.

Mr Tobin V Simson acted as a Chemistry Resource Person at the Orientation-cum-Selection

Camp (OCSC) for the International Junior Science Olympiad (INJSO), hosted by the Talent Development Centre (TDC), Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Challakere, from May 15 to 28, 2025, facilitating hands-on experimental chemistry sessions and problem-solving workshops.

Mr Tobin V Simson delivered an invited lecture titled "From Balloons to Breathing: The Science of Gas Laws in Everyday Life" at the INJSO OCSC, Talent Development Centre (TDC), IISc, Challakere, on May 18, 2025.

Mr Tobin V Simson was appointed as an External Examiner for the III Semester Undergraduate Chemistry Theory Examination at Garden City University, Bengaluru, on May 29, 2025.

Mr Tobin V Simson participated in the six-day NIUS Teachers' Camp for Chemistry faculty, organised by the Homi Bhabha Centre for Science Education (HBCSE, TIFR), Mumbai, from September 21 to 26, 2025.

Dr Reena Saritha Serrao attended a two-day online workshop on "Molecular Docking" organised by Nirmala College for Women (Autonomous), Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, from May 15 to 16, 2025.

Dr Reena Saritha Serrao participated in the Guru-Dakshata Faculty Induction Program (FIP-12) conducted by UGC-Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre (UGC-MMTTC), Gauhati University, Guwahati, from May 28 to June 30, 2025.

Dr Bramhaiah Kommula published a paper titled "Oxygen-harvesting carbon dot photocatalysts for ambient tandem oxidative synthesis of quinazolin-4 (3 H)-ones" in *Green Chemistry*, 2025, 27, 7160-7166, with Bidyutjyoti Dutta, Kiran Kanwar, Ankur K Guha, Ujjal K Gautam, and Diganta Sarma as co-authors.

Dr Bramhaiah Kommula published a paper titled "2, 2': 5', 2'': 5''', 2''''-Quaterthiophene Nanoparticles and Single-Walled CNT Composite: An Organic Nanohybrid for Solar H₂ Production and Simultaneous Photoreformation of Plastic Wastes" in *ChemCatChem*, 2025, 17, e202500307, with Ramesh Mandal, Jyoti Ranjan Biswal, and Santanu Bhattacharyya as co-authors.

Dr Bramhaiah Kommula published a paper titled

“Layer Width Engineering in Carbon Nitride for Enhanced Exciton Dissociation and Solar Fuel Generation” in ACS Materials Letters, 2025, 7, 1385-1393, with Raj Sekhar Roy, Supriya Sil, Samita Mishra, Maqsuma Banoo, Abhishek Swarnkar, Arijit K De, and Ujjal K Gautam as co-authors.

Dr Bramhaiah Kommula published a paper titled “A two-step strategy for residue-free chemical conversion of plastic waste to carbon dots: Upscaling and solvent recycling prospects” in Carbon, 2025, 234, 119960, with Vaibhav Gehlot, Kiran Kanwar, Supriya Sil, Maqsuma Banoo, Abhishek Swarnkar, Bhawna Rawat, Kamalakannan Kailasam, and Ujjal K Gautam as co-authors.

Student Achievements

The students of the Department of Chemistry and Department of Biochemistry of St Joseph's University secured the Overall Championship Trophy at Chemoz 2025, an intercollegiate chemistry fest held at Christ University on August 23, 2025. Guided by teacher coordinators Dr Pramod and Dr Laveena, the team showcased exceptional talent and teamwork, winning seven gold medals and four silver medals across various events. The winners included Aparna Arun, Sam Daniel S, and Aditya Jaiswal for Alchemy Quiz; Deboshree Datta, Lisa Rex, and Neeha Subair for ADtomic; Juwayria M and Anish Samuel S for Verbal Valence; Aparna Arun, Shravan Gowda YN, and Jackson Christ D'Souza for Chem Knots; Nahid Majid, Suryan K Isaac, and Mansi Thoppay Sudha Balaji for Reaction Relay; Chelsi PB Mark and Hawra Rangwala for Henna Hybridisation; Sreelaxmi Nandakumar, Simra Sardar, and Anna Rose Hanse for Catalyst Clash; Sargam Datta, V Shaina, and S Samantha Premavathy for Creative Ensemble; Poojita LV and Malvika M Nair for Wikifield Elements; Shraddha BR, Karnajit Longjam, and Disha R for Lab Coats and Heels; and Khush Jain, Rishika S, and Akshaya R for Molecular Pitch.

MSc students V Sai Subramanian and Ramitha DK, under the guidance of Dr Nalini G Sundaram and Dr Rita Pal from the Department of Chemistry, presented a poster titled “Enhancing Soil Health and Nutrient Efficiency Using Controlled-Release Urea Fertiliser Coated with Biocompatible Nanomaterials” at the golden jubilee celebrations of KSCST and 48th annual state-level Poster Presentation and Exhibition hosted by the Karnataka State Council for Science and Technology (KSCST) held on August 1 to 2, 2025,

at Jawaharlal Nehru New College of Engineering, Shivamogga. One hundred and seventy-one projects were selected for poster presentation from a total of 1,497 projects assessed during the mid-term project evaluation.

Sargam Datta from III BSc Chemistry and Physics was one of the 14 participants from India who attended the prestigious Asian Science Camp 2025 in Thailand, funded by the DST, from July 31 to August 6, 2025. The camp brought together students from 22 countries, including Australia, Japan, and South Korea. Several keynote presentations were delivered by Nobel Laureates and leading scientists such as Prof Dr Sir Gregory Paul Winter, Prof Dr Drew Weissman, Prof Dr Takaaki Kajita, and Prof Dr Jay S Siegel. She presented a poster and earned an Honorary Mention amongst 50 participating groups.

School Achievements

MoU with Merck

The School of Chemical Sciences signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Merck, a global leader in science and technology, on October 17, 2025. This landmark partnership aims to combine the expertise of Merck Life Sciences, Merck Performance Materials, and Sigma-Aldrich to advance innovation and excellence in both research and education. The MoU is expected to foster collaborative research and development initiatives that will bring cutting-edge science directly into academic and industrial settings. Additionally, the agreement will provide opportunities for industry internships and specialised training programmes, bridging the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical application. Enhanced academic offerings, driven by this collaboration, will also empower students to gain hands-on experience with the latest tools and technologies in the field. This partnership marks a significant step towards fostering a stronger link between academia and industry, benefiting students, faculty, and researchers alike.

SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATION AND MEDIA STUDIES

Department Events

Public Lecture: Global Narratives, Local Lenses

On August 6, 2025, the School hosted a public lecture by Dr Frank Barnas, a Fulbright specialist and Professor at Middle Tennessee State University. Addressing an audience of nearly 2,000 participants in the University Auditorium, Dr Barnas explored the evolution of documentary filmmaking. The session, "Global Narratives, Local Lenses," emphasised how local storytelling serves as a cornerstone for shaping global perspectives. Students engaged in an interactive dialogue regarding the impact of non-fiction narratives in the contemporary digital media landscape.



UI/UX Design

On September 12, Mr Manivanna R led a hands-on session, "From Design to Development," introducing 41 students to the professional workflows of full-stack development.

Museum of Art and Photography (MAP) - Field Visit

A field visit on September 16 provided 60 students with exposure to contemporary digital installations and classical paintings, bridging the gap between history and modern visual culture.

Personal Branding session by Mr Nihal Colaco

Mr Nihal Colaco (Reliance Foundation) conducted a session on September 4 for II BVoc students, focusing on maintaining authentic online presence and content consistency.

Game Art & VFX

Alumni Nishil Bhartiya and Naveen Kumaran conducted workshops on game design and VFX workflows, respectively, introducing students to AI-simplified editing and graphic novel layout design.

History of Art Trip

36 students visited Talakadu on September 25 to study Dravidian temple architecture and its influence on visual heritage.

Industry Insider Sessions

Ms Geetha Shiv (VP, WPP Media) provided a deep dive into Media Strategy Frameworks, while Ms Riya Joseph (Britannia Industries) discussed D2C strategies and the success of the Britannia Marie Gold campaigns.

B2B Marketing

Mr Binoy Wilson enlightened students on the often-overlooked strategies of business-to-business communication, focusing on long-term relationship building and institutional credibility.



Association Events

IMAGES: Visual Storytelling and Photography

The IMAGES Association organised a visit to the Indian Cartoon Gallery on August 29, 2025, where 50 students studied the works of legends like RK Laxman and Mario Miranda. On September 11, the association hosted Mr Cletus Rebello for a Commercial Photography Workshop. Mr Rebello provided 39 students with practical insights into lighting, composition, and professional client management in corporate and wedding photography.

Art and Animation: Art Roulette 2.0

The Association of Art and Animation, led by Jenil K George, hosted "Art Roulette 2.0" on August 2, 2025. Over 150 participants engaged in a high-energy live painting event where canvases were switched every three minutes to represent different emotional spectra. This event successfully promoted a vibrant creative culture near the university entrance.

Rushes Film Society: Auteur Month

The Rushes Film Society celebrated "Auteur Month" in September with a series of high-profile screenings and workshops

Documentary Screenings

Screened My Radio and My Life and Samarth Mahajan's Borderlands, featuring deep-dive discussions on social impact and editing.

Director's Workshop

Rohan Kanawade shared his journey from Mumbai's slums to international film festivals, discussing his upcoming film Sabar Bonda.



The Palette Walk

An online reel-making competition where participants used the VIBGYOR sequence to

demonstrate storytelling through colour.

Global Cinema Series

Screenings included Kurosawa's Rashomon, the Tamil realist film Visaranai, the classic Scarface, and the Kannada cult hit Om.

Brandstorm: Advertising and PR Insights

The Brandstorm Association facilitated several industry-student interfaces:

Ad-Filmmaking: Alumnus Mr Maria Vivek discussed budgeting and the technicalities of shooting for brands like Rapido and Colgate.

Consumer Insights: Ms Kavitha Patil delivered a talk on "The Symbiotic Future of Consumer Insights," explaining how AI augments media research without replacing the "human element."

PR Pitching: Ms Melissa Arulappan (Director of Communication, Target) conducted a workshop on the nuances of crafting persuasive PR hooks versus traditional press releases.

Faculty Achievements

Dr Ravinandan BB

Dr Ravinandan BB successfully qualified for his PhD from the University of Mysore on July 19, 2025. His thesis, "Integrating and Teaching Data Journalism," explores modern pedagogical shifts in media education. He was also invited as a subject expert for an AI-based e-learning workshop at EMMRC and delivered the keynote address at the National Conclave, SAMAGAMA 2025.

Dr Devapriya Sanyal

Dr Devapriya Sanyal published two significant works: an academic monograph titled Bollywood and the First Decade of Independence (Routledge UK, July 2025) and a biography, Aparna Sen: A Life in Cinema (August 2025). She represented the university at the Book Brahma Festival 2025 in conversation with Dr Manu Chakravarti.

Dr Richard Rego SJ

Dr Richard Rego SJ enhanced his expertise in digital ethics by attending the "Teaching Responsibly with AI" workshop by GPTZero Foundation, USA, and a week-long FDP on "AI and Media 2040" with certification from UpGrad.

Dr Anupama Sharma

Dr Sharma was appointed as a member of the Research Advisory Committee for PhD candidates at Dayananda Sagar University in June 2025.

Mr Suhas Srinivas

Mr Suhas Srinivas extended the school's outreach by conducting a technical session on mobile content production at Loyola Degree College, Bengaluru.



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Student Achievements

Anish Agarwal (I BVoc Filmmaking) secured second place in the Powerlifting Competition at BMS College of Law.

Mahek Bhiani (III BA Visual Communication) won multiple first prizes in Duet and Group Dance at Varchasva'25 and Samskruthi'25.

Romil Udayakumar TNV (MA Journalism) published his creative literary work, Umber Oblivion.

Joseph Morera (MA Advertising and PR) authored the entrepreneurial guide From Idea to Income, now available on Amazon.

Vivian (II BVoc Filmmaking) emerged as the runner-up in Boys Singles Badminton at the Game On Inter-Collegiate Tournament.

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Department of Economics

Departmental Events

Open Day'25 – Beyond Rupees and Coins and The Crossover Chronicles

The Economics Forum, on behalf of the Department of Economics, presented a carnival-themed exhibition under the title "Beyond Rupees and Coins" on July 26, 2025, from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm at N101. The forum featured two engaging exhibits. Exhibit One, Echoes of Behaviour, explored the intersection of AI and behavioural economics, focusing especially on the world of e-commerce. Visitors were welcomed into an interactive storefront where their preferences were analysed privately and securely based on fictional search histories and consumer profiles. AI then simulated product suggestions tailored to different personas, such as a student or a businessman. The behavioural aspect followed, with team members explaining why certain choices were made, drawing on concepts like Loss Aversion, Framing Effect, Hyperbolic Discounting, and Anchoring Effect. Participants could also spin a wheel to land on one of these biases and dive deeper into how it influences everyday economic decisions. Exhibit Two, Growth & Welfare – The HDI Model, compared how capitalist and socialist economies perform in relation to the Human Development Index (HDI), which includes health, education, and income. The model illustrated that whilst pure capitalism can lead to extreme growth at the cost of welfare, and pure socialism can stagnate due to overemphasis on welfare, both systems require balance and adaptation for long-term sustainability. The carnival also included mini-games like DIY bookmark-making, Pick Your Fortune, and The Price is Right. Eighteen participants attended the event.

Association Events

Investiture Ceremony

The Economics Forum proudly hosted its Investiture Ceremony for the newly elected office bearers on July 15, 2025. The President, Yashovardhan, warmly welcomed an enthusiastic

gathering. The ceremony was graced by the esteemed presence of the chief guest, Dr Krishna Raj, Professor of Economics at CESP, ISEC, the guest of honour, Dr Godwin J D'Souza, and beloved Economics faculty members. The core committee was ceremoniously badged by Dr Krishna Raj. Ms Saylie, dedicated teacher coordinator, led the oath-taking ceremony, guiding students with her unwavering support and mentorship. Dr Keshav Murthy, Head of the Humanities Department, shared valuable insights on the vision and objectives of the Forum, adding immense value to the occasion. The vice president, Anan, presented a thoughtful roadmap for the year ahead, a blend of creative initiatives, skill-building sessions, and collaborative academic engagements that reflect the team's commitment to meaningful impact. The event concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks by Anagha Girish, general secretary, who ensured that every effort behind the success of the ceremony was recognised and appreciated. Seventy participants attended the event at De Nobili Hall.

Crisis Seva Kendra

The Economics Forum at St Joseph's University successfully hosted its inaugural Modern Society event, "Crisis Seva Kendra", fostering intellectual engagement and applied learning. The event provided a platform for students to showcase their critical thinking and problem-solving skills by addressing pressing real-world challenges. Participants demonstrated creativity, analytical ability, and teamwork in proposing innovative solutions. The panel of judges, Yashovardhan, Janvi Jagan Mohan, Anagha Girish, Burra Amarthya, and Madhav Shilendran, enriched the event by sharing their valuable feedback and insights, encouraging students to refine their approach to socio-economic issues. The competition concluded with the following winners being recognised: first place went to Vaishnavi Jha, Stuti, and Keerthi Mohan, whilst second place was awarded to Sanketh Reddy, Tanay Reddy, and Maria Sebastian. Nineteen participants attended the event held on August 4, 2025, at 12:50 pm in A102.

Forum Stock Exchange (FSE)

The Economics Forum, Department of Economics, brought the world of trading alive through its first-ever mock stock exchange programme, a two-day journey where learning met strategy and competition blended with collaboration. On Day One, the event was inaugurated by Dr Keshava Murthy, Associate Dean, School of Humanities and

Social Sciences. Anan Zahra, Vice President of the Forum, welcomed the Finlatics team, sponsors of the event, and introduced Sushant Vasishta, Head of Growth, and Sahil Alwe from Finlatics, who led a masterclass that captivated participants with an insightful exploration of market dynamics. On Day Two, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, participants dived into a dynamic day of trading, strategy, and decision-making. The energy in the room reflected sharp analysis, bold moves, and the ability to adapt to market shifts. Gaurav S, Dhruv R, and Krish Patel made a profit of 75 lakhs, securing first position. The valedictory ceremony was graced by Dr Christo Selyan V, Dean of the School of Business, Director, International Affairs & AICTE-SJU, and Dr Keshava Murthy. The event was smoothly anchored by emcees Chirag R Kathrela, Assistant Head of Modern Society, and Afarin P Anil, Joint General Secretary. Madhav Shilendran, Head of APT, closed the ceremony with the vote of thanks. Nineteen participants attended the event held on August 17 and 18, 2025, at S402.

Graphiti

The Economics Forum hosted its second Modern Society event, Graphiti, a Pictionary competition filled with creativity, speed, skill, and collaboration. Across four rounds, teams battled it out with energy and imagination. The rules of Graphiti were simple: each team sent one member to pick a chit containing an economic concept and draw it on the board for the team to guess. A member could serve as the artist only once. All rounds were rapid-fire, but the concepts became progressively more difficult. In Round One, teams were given 30 seconds to draw and guess the concept, with each correct guess rewarded with 10 points. In Round Two, the stakes were raised with harder concepts and a 45-second time limit. Only five teams advanced from this round. In Round Three, the remaining five teams had one minute to draw and guess the concepts. At the end of this round, only two teams survived. Round Four introduced riddles and memes, testing quick thinking and teamwork. Both teams competed simultaneously in a sudden-death challenge, where the team to guess first won. In a thrilling finish, the team of four, Nayana EK, Vandana EK, Riva Rachel, and Jeni K, swooped in with a winning guess at the last minute, securing first place. Each participant also received a mini postcard from Modern Society as a souvenir to commemorate the event. Forty-four participants attended the event held on September 11, 2025, at 12:50 pm in the AV Room.

Department of History

Departmental Events

Guest Lectures for Holistic Growth

The Department of History organised two significant guest lectures aimed at the personal and professional development of undergraduate students. On July 7, 2025, alumna Ms Khushi Kaur (Batch of 2019–2022) delivered a talk titled ‘Navigating Life after SJC’, where she shared insights on balancing competitive exam preparation with leadership roles. This was followed on August 7 by Mr Lloyd, CEO of the Lloyd Group of Companies, who spoke on ‘Purpose, Passion and Paycheck: Designing a Life that Matters’. Drawing from the Japanese concept of Ikigai, Mr Lloyd encouraged 100 students at De Nobili Hall to align their career goals with personal meaning and global impact.



Inauguration of Parishodhana and Investiture Ceremony

On July 15, 2025, the History Association, Parishodhana, commenced its activities for the academic year 2025–2026. The event featured a lecture by distinguished architect and urbanist Mr Naresh V Narasimhan on ‘Bengaluru—Its History and its Legacy’. He provided 120 participants with a deep dive into the city’s historical evolution and urban heritage. The session concluded with the formal investiture ceremony of the newly elected office bearers.



Educational Visit: BLR Design Centre

On July 18, 2025, 15 students of IBA HEP visited the BLR Design Centre at Cobalt Building to explore an exhibition on Bengaluru's Mega Infrastructure Projects. The visit focused on mobility-centric planning and urban history, allowing students to witness how infrastructure development has transformed the city's identity and socio-economic landscape over time.

Internship at SL Bhatia Museum

Om Thekki Kashyap of III BA completed a specialised two-week internship in Medical History at the SL Bhatia Museum, St John's Medical College, in June 2025. The internship explored the intersection of science and humanities, covering themes such as the history of Ayurvedic and Unani systems, the evolution of women's roles in medicine, and ancient healing practices.



Association Events: Parishodhana

Inter-Class Academic Competitions

World Revolutions Quiz

To mark Bastille Day on July 14, 2025, an Inter-Collegiate Quiz was held involving 14 teams. The competition celebrated global movements for liberty and equality.

Atomic History Quiz

On August 7, 2025, 50 students participated in a quiz commemorating the history of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, fostering discussions on global peace and the impact of warfare.

The Liaison Debate

In collaboration with Epigram, a debate on the partition of India was held on August 29, 2025, encouraging critical analysis of political strategies in mid-20th-century India.

Pottery and Indigenous Crafts Workshop

On August 5, 2025, at the Arrupe Atrium, over 100 students participated in a hands-on Pottery Workshop led by artisan Mr Babu. The event aimed to revive indigenous art forms and traditional craftsmanship, providing a creative platform for students to explore clay work and sustainable heritage.

Elixir 3.0: Tribes and Thrones

At the University Open Day on July 28, 2025, the department presented 'Tribes and Thrones: Threads of Time'. The exhibit featured a detailed replica of the Vijayanagara Empire, including the Hampi Bazaar and Stone Chariot, and a model of the Khond Tribe of Odisha. The Vijayanagara team secured first place in the School of Humanities, marking a hat-trick victory for the department at Elixir.

Yoga and Indigenous Knowledge

To promote holistic health, a workshop on Yoga was conducted on August 30, 2025, by alumnus and Yoga Acharya Mr Vasanth R. Twenty-three participants practiced Surya Namaskaras and breathing techniques while discussing the philosophy of Yoga as an Indigenous Knowledge System.

Historia 3.0: A Cultural Odyssey

The flagship inter-collegiate history fest, Historia 3.0, was held on September 23, 2025. Chief Guest Dr PE Somaiah delivered a keynote on 'Jesuit Legacy and the Future of Humanities'. 150 students from various colleges competed in events ranging from cultural dance and role play to treasure hunts, all celebrating world heritage and cultural diversity.



Student Achievements

The department saw a surge in research excellence under the guidance of Ms Jane D'Souza, Head of the Department of History.

Nima Thendup Bhutia (II BA) and Tsheten Doma Lamassa (III BA) presented a paper on the Gorkhaland Movement at the Baptist College, Kohima, Nagaland (June 11–12).

Jyoti Dhruw and Hongsha Towarmoi (III BA) presented research on 'Traditional Indian Games' at the International Conference at Kalinga University, Raipur (September 19–20).

The following students presented research at Mount Carmel College on July 30–31, 2025:

Ashy Roy & Joshu M Jacob (II BA HEP): 'Uniform Policies, Diverse Realities: Tribal Health Justice'.

M Kavipriya (II BA HEP): 'Governance that Listens: Centering Tribal Voices'.

Khudrath Unnissa & Syed Suheb (II BA HEP): 'Micro Study of the Koraga Community'.

Nidigasri S & Kavya A (II BA HEP): 'Ecological Knowledge of the Soliga Tribe'.

Shravan Kumar & Subiesha S (II BA HPS): 'Healing Practices of the Hakki Pikki Tribe'.

M Tharini & Prerana Gupta (III BA HPS): 'Tribal Health Justice Case Studies'.

Sandrell Tabitha & Hongsha Towarmoi (III BA HPS): 'History of Tribal Resistance in Jharkhand'.

Following the established style guidelines, here is the curated report for the Department of International Relations, Peace and Public Policy and its student association, ASPIRE.

Department of International Relations, Peace and Public Policy

Departmental Activities & Seminars

Investiture and Meet and Greet

On July 9, 2025, the department hosted the ASPIRE Association Investiture Ceremony and a 'Meet and Greet' for I-year students at Loyola Hall. The event commenced with a solemn moment of silence to honour the memory of deceased university students. In a display of the association's commitment to inclusivity, an inter-religious prayer was conducted with readings from the Bhagavad Gita, Quran, and Bible. Dr Karamala Areesh, Head of the Department, and Dr Anitha, Association Coordinator, welcomed the freshers and inducted the newly elected student council for the 2025-26 academic year.



Commemoration of Hiroshima and Nagasaki Day

Marking the 80th anniversary of the atomic bombings, St Joseph's University, in collaboration with the SCEAD Foundation India, observed Hiroshima and Nagasaki Day on August 6, 2025. Mr Kaya Hokuto, Deputy Consul General of Japan in Bengaluru, delivered the keynote address on global nuclear non-proliferation. The event, attended by 107 participants, reaffirmed the importance of the Indo-Japan friendship and the moral imperative of pursuing global peace.

Young Scholars' Seminar 5.0

The fifth edition of the Young Scholars' Seminar was held on August 30, 2025. Inaugurated by Dr Madhumathi Deshpande (Christ University) and Dr Paul Newman (Dean of Humanities), the seminar provided a platform for postgraduate researchers to discuss e-governance, digital transparency, and climate diplomacy. The event successfully

fostered an interdisciplinary culture of research and innovation within the School of Humanities.

Inter-Religious Seminar: Faith and Conflict

On September 6, 2025, the Inter-Religious Harmony Committee and the department jointly organised a seminar titled 'Religion as a Source of Conflict and a Means of Conflict Resolution.' Distinguished speakers, including Dr Suba Chandran and Dr Jeevan Kumar, explored the dual role of religion in society. The sessions focused on a Gandhian perspective on reconciliation and the profound capacity of shared spiritual values to transform global conflicts.



Conversations of Peace 2025

Continuing the theme of harmony, "Conversations of Peace" was held on October 4, 2025. The seminar featured Mr Jigme Tsultrim from the Central Tibetan Administration, who spoke on 'Peace and Resilience in Exile,' and Mr Harsh Vardhan Umre, who addressed the concept of 'Ecological Peace.' The event concluded with a collective Peace Pledge led by Ms Margaret Rebello.

ASPIRE Association Highlights

Kargil Vijay Diwas: Valor Beyond Heights

To honour the spirit of the Indian Armed Forces, ASPIRE organised a special lecture on July 26, 2025. Mr Shreyas Sudip Mitra, a distinguished NCC cadet, delivered a keynote address on Operation Vijay. The session provided 55 participants, including NCC cadets, with actionable ways to embody patriotism through daily value-driven actions rather than just symbolic gestures.

Open Day: Elixir 2025

During the university's annual Open Day on July 24, 2025, the department presented an interactive

exhibit on the Kakatiya Dynasty. The display featured detailed models of the dynasty's naval prowess and regalia. The exhibit was lauded by judges and visitors alike for its creative application of historical governance structures to modern public policy understanding.

International Day of Peace

On September 25, 2025, the Arrupe Atrium became a hub for cultural expression to celebrate the UN International Day of Peace. The programme featured classical dance by Laasya and team, followed by diverse musical performances by Daryl, Celina, and Dev Chandekar. A 'Peace Board' activity allowed the university community to share personal reflections on harmony and justice.

Epigram Debate Society: Liaison and Collaboration Executive Debates

The Presidential and Vice-Presidential debates were held on July 18 and 21, 2025. Candidates presented their visions for the student body, resulting in the election of Lohit as President and Aishwarya Lakshitha as Vice-President.

Liaison Debate I (WACC)

Collaborating with Environmental Studies on July 28, participants debated the dual role of tourism in conservation versus exploitation.

Liaison Debate II (Parishodhana)

In partnership with the History Department on August 29, students analysed the inevitability of the Partition of India. Zaid was awarded Best Speaker.

Quanta Debate (Physics)

Held on September 2, this session tackled the ethical dilemma of prioritising space exploration over poverty alleviation. Urvashi and Agnes emerged as the top speakers.

Clash of Claws (EVS)

As part of Conservia, this debate on September 16 addressed cultural practices that impact avian wildlife, arguing the ethics of tradition versus conservation.

Swagath Freshers' Debate

On August 5 and 7, in collaboration with MUNSOC, the society hosted extempore and 2v2 rounds specifically for incoming students to build oratory confidence.

Currents of Conflict

On September 9, as part of Wild 15.0, Epigram hosted a major inter-university debate on deep-sea mining. The event saw participation from Christ University, Mount Carmel College, and St John's Medical College.

Department of Political Science

PG Association Events

Art Interpreted – Film Screening

As part of Rostrum Politica's 'Art Interpreted' series, the film *Grave of the Fireflies* was screened on July 14, 2025, from 11 am to 1:15 pm at Aloysius hall. The event saw the participation of students from I and II MA, along with Dr. Thalapelli Praveen, Assistant Professor in the Department of Political Science. Zaid Bin Manzoor, President of Rostrum Politica, began the session with an introduction to the movie and the concept of what the war entails, offering insights into its significance during World War II and its impact on the civilians of Japan. His introduction set the context for the screening, helping the audience appreciate the historical and political relevance of the film. The film revolved around themes which highlighted the plight of civilians in the warfare, the role of family and their misery in the conflict-ridden areas, and the socio-political implications of the military power. The movie screening was followed by a discussion initiated by Padma Gyalstan, General Secretary of Rostrum Political, where he, along with other students, shared their interpretation of the film and how they, as budding political science scholars, could connect to it. Dr. Praveen spoke after students and delivered a brief speech on the essence and relevance of the film, especially in the domain of Political Science where he connected it with the contemporary issues of international relations. The event concluded with a formal vote of thanks delivered by Anindita Dev, vice-president of Rostrum Politica. This screening marked a successful beginning of the academic year for the association with the first event of Art Interpreted series, which continues to offer students a platform to engage with critical historical and political narrative through powerful pieces of Art.

Open Day

As part of the University Open Day 2025, the MA Political Science first and second-year batches collaboratively presented a model titled 'Democracy in Action: Myth or Reality' on July 28, 2025. The exhibit drew a wide audience of

students, faculty, and visitors, sparking lively discussions on the Indian electoral process. The model traced the trajectory of elections in India through three segments: Pre-Poll, Polling, and Post-Poll. The Pre-Poll section highlighted voter registration, candidate nominations, and election campaigns. The Polling segment recreated the voting experience, showcasing election day protocols and the role of technology in ensuring transparency. The highlight was the life-like replica of an Electronic Voting Machine (EVM) with a Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT), allowing visitors to simulate voting. The Post-Poll section illustrated the counting of votes, announcement of results, and the democratic significance of elections, culminating with a student performance of a winning leader's speech. Ten students worked as an integrated team to conceptualize and execute the project: Sagar, Zaid, Sumaiyya, Anindita, and Bartholomeo from II MA; and Arushika, Neha, Sangeetha, Merin, and Kishan from I MA. Their combined effort brought depth and creativity to the exhibit. The model generated strong audience engagement, with over 90 percent of visitors rating it as highly informative and enriching. The positive feedback underscored both the success of the initiative and the commitment of the students to fostering democratic awareness.



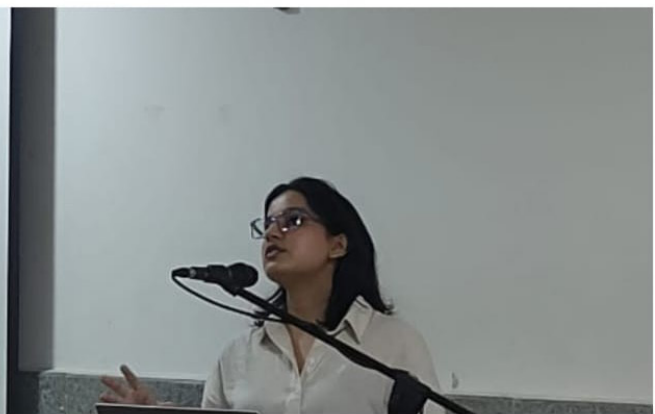
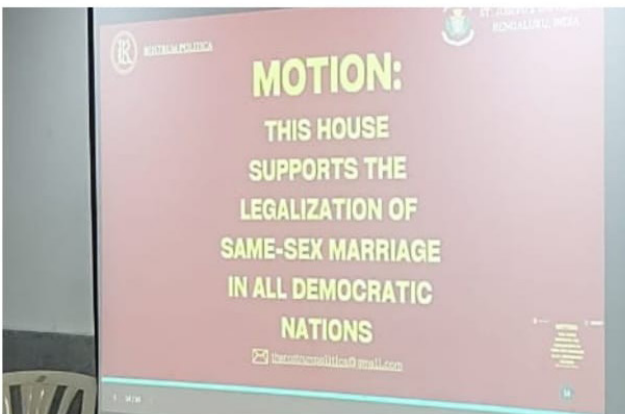
Emerging Scholars Lecture Series – 08

The Department of Political Science, St. Joseph's University, in collaboration with Rostrum Politica, organized the eighth lecture under the Emerging Scholars Lecture Series on September 17, 2025 from 11 am to 1 pm. The session, titled 'The Being of Belonging: Statelessness and Citizenship Questions', was delivered by Dr Chandraprakash Y, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, St. Joseph's University. The event was organized and coordinated by the office bearers of Rostrum Politica, with active participation from students of I and II MA. Students from

both the batches engaged enthusiastically with the lecture, raising questions and contributing to a dynamic discussion. Dr Chandraprakash, drawing from his extensive research in migration studies, citizenship, and conflict zones in South Asia, provided a nuanced understanding of statelessness and belonging. He situated these issues within broader debates on democracy, identity, and the political economy of migration, enriching the students' comprehension of contemporary challenges in political theory and practice. The event stimulated critical reflections among students, who actively responded with queries and comments that highlighted the relevance of citizenship questions in today's socio-political context. The interactive nature of the session ensured that it went beyond a lecture format, becoming a genuine space of dialogue. The lecture concluded with remarks from the student coordinators of the event, underlining the significance of fostering academic spaces where emerging scholars can share research and engage young minds.

Debate: Politically Speaking

Rostrum Politica successfully organized an engaging debate session on August 26, 2025 from 11 am to 1 pm, that brought together participants from both I and II MA. The event that was widely anticipated by the students of both of the classes, witnessed the active involvement of participants who spoke with conviction and clarity on the motion under discussion. The debate was chaired and moderated by the office bearers of Rostrum Politica, who ensured the smooth conduct of proceedings and provided a fair platform for participants to voice their perspectives. Each speaker displayed keen analytical ability, strong argumentative skills, and a readiness to respond to counterpoints, which elevated the quality of deliberation. Students from both batches participated enthusiastically, reflecting a healthy culture of intellectual exchange and critical engagement. The diversity of arguments and real-world examples made the session particularly stimulating. The audience consisted of students and faculty members who greatly appreciated



the depth of perspectives with which participants presented their arguments. The debate concluded with observations from the chairs, who highlighted the importance of dialogue and reasoned disagreement in political discourse and based on it declared the best speaker of the day. The event not only gave students an opportunity to refine their debating skills but also strengthened camaraderie between I and II MA students. Overall, the session marked another successful initiative by Rostrum Politica, reinforcing its role as a vibrant forum for academic discussion, leadership, and student-led intellectual growth.

Formal Debate Workshop



As part of Rostrum Politica's initiative to foster analytical rigor and oratory skills among postgraduate students, a Formal Debate Workshop was held on July 22, 2025, from 11 am to 1 pm at Faber Hall. The event saw the participation of over 50 PG students, reflecting strong engagement across batches. The session opened with remarks by Vice President Anindita Dev, who highlighted the significance of debate in sharpening critical thinking, public reasoning, and the ability to present complex ideas in structured formats. The main workshop was led by President Zaid Bin Manzoor, who introduced participants to the fundamentals of structured debating, including motion interpretation, speech format, roles of speakers, and rebuttal strategies. His presentation, enriched with real debate scenarios, encouraged active interaction and prepared students for participation in future Rostrum and intercollegiate debates. The second half of the event featured a mock debate, supported by sub-committee members Sagar, Harshini, Merin, and Jaziellie. Beginning on a light note, the debate soon

evolved into thoughtful discussions on themes such as cultural diversity, same-sex marriage, and democracy. Twelve students spoke formally, while others engaged as Non-Speaking Members (NSMs) through polling and motion declaration. Each speaker received detailed feedback from Chair Zaid Bin Manzoor, Vice President Anindita Dev, and General Secretary Padma Gyalstan, who acknowledged strengths and suggested improvements.

Spectrum Events

Special Lecture on "City Governance and Citizenship"

Spectrum, in collaboration with CIVIC Bangalore, organized a special lecture on 'City Governance and Citizenship' on July 21, 2025 from 10 am to 11:30 am, highlighting the implications of the 74th Constitutional Amendment and Bengaluru's governance challenges. A Krishna Prashanth opened the discussion by stressing that democracy thrives when citizens are informed and aware of their rights. He emphasized that access to facts and clarity on civic needs are essential for meaningful participation. Without this, governance cannot reflect public opinion. Speaking online, Sandeep Anirudhan described Bengaluru as a "work in progress" plagued by poor planning and unresponsive governance. He criticized the decade-long delay in implementing the 73rd and 74th Amendments and highlighted the absence of a planning authority even decades later. Referring to frequent flooding and congestion, he linked these crises to systemic failures. He urged students to read Hind Swaraj and the Constitution, understand urban local body provisions, and demand accountability. Stressing SDG 11, he argued that sustainable transport systems like public transit should replace car-centric planning. Ms Kathyayani Chamaraj critiqued the proposed Greater Bengaluru Governance Act (GBGA), calling it unconstitutional in the absence of BBMP elections for over five years. She stressed empowering the Metropolitan Planning Committee and prioritizing suburban railways over costly tunnel roads. The lecture concluded with a call for participatory democracy and active citizenship, with around 60 students actively engaging in discussion and raising relevant questions.

Open Day

On July 28, 2025 Spectrum participated in the university's annual Open Day with the theme

'Regimes and Relics – A Political Odyssey' and constructed two creative, interactive exhibits with exhibit 1 - 'Speak or Serve', exhibit 2 - 'Guess Auction.' 'Speak or Serve' was an escape room and partially drama style exhibit with audio tracks designed to take visitors through an immersive experience of dictatorship and democracy. After going through the escape room, visitors were welcome to take photos at a mugshot-like photobooth frame. 'Guess Auction' was an auction style exhibit of replicas of artifacts with participants clad in traditional Indian clothing, immersing visitors into the experience of learning Indian history and politics. Both exhibits were sustainable with replicas carefully hand-crafted, reusing environment friendly materials like paper, wood, cardboard, cloth and obtaining light/sound systems, and paints pre-owned by participants. Both saw 23 participants and 12 volunteers from all years, and shifts of the university. Through substantial hard work and dedication, Spectrum and students under the Department of Political Science led both exhibits to success, winning second place in the Open Day exhibition competition, marking a new era for Spectrum, and shining light onto the Department of Political Science.

Investiture Ceremony

Spectrum conducted its investiture ceremony on August 4, 2025 with chief guests Dr Regina Mathias, Pro Vice Chancellor, Dr Keshavmurthy K, Associate Dean of the School of Humanities & Social Sciences, Dr Neil Tannen Lincoln - Head of the Department of Political Science, and faculty coordinators Ms Roshni and Mr. Bhanu Prakash as well as Spectrum members, and a general audience. After the felicitations, the President of Spectrum was called upon to mark the ceremony and reveal the association's new theme – 'One Spectrum, Infinite Possibilities'. Vice-President of Spectrum was called upon to share a few words as well. Mr Bhanu Prakash then introduced the office bearers of Spectrum for the year, and requested Dr Regina Mathias, Dr Keshavmurthy K, and Dr Neil Tannen Lincoln, to confer the badges to the office bearers and team members. Ms. Roshni then led the oath-taking ceremony, where the office bearers and core committee in-charges and members pledged to uphold their duties as students of political science, and as a part of the association Spectrum. The ceremony concluded with a vote of thanks by the Joint Secretary, appreciating the chief guests, faculty coordinators and the audience for their time and participation.

Anti-Ragging Rally.

Spectrum in collaboration with the Anti-Ragging Committee, YRC, and NSS Units 3, 4, and 5, organized an Anti-Ragging Rally on August 11, 2025 to promote awareness and reinforce the university's zero-tolerance stance on ragging. The rally, held on campus, witnessed the enthusiastic participation of nearly 200 students carrying posters and placards with strong anti-ragging messages. The event commenced at 1:10 pm from the Arrupe Atrium and proceeded towards the Science Quadrangle (Banyan Tree). Students from Spectrum performed a thought-provoking skit, highlighting the harmful consequences of ragging and the severe punishments it entails. The rally then returned to the Arrupe Atrium, where a human chain was formed. As part of the program, Joint Secretary of Spectrum recited a poem against ragging, while the President of YRC, rendered a song emphasizing the theme. The gathering was addressed by Dr Lokesh A, Convener of the Anti-Ragging Committee, along with faculty member Mr Satish. Finally, Spectrum's President concluded with resounding slogans against ragging. The rally successfully spread awareness, reaffirming the university's commitment to ensuring a safe, respectful, and fear-free learning environment.



Special Lecture

On September 24, 2025 Spectrum organized a special lecture from 10:05 am to 11:15 am on The United Nations and quest for a culture of peace: from peacekeeping to peacemaking in collaboration with the Office for International Affairs International Student's Association. The lecture focused on the United Nation and Peacekeeping to Peacebuilding. The session began at 10:05 am, hosted by Kavipriya. Krish Marwein delivered the welcome speech, setting the tone for the event. Dr Neil Tannen Lincoln felicitated the speaker Dr Paul Newman. Mr Suhas C Mohan gave a brief note on the theme. The session began with a

brief address by Dr Paul Newman, who expounded on the concept of the United Nations, starting from the years that the UN has been functioning, followed by an explanation on the four pillars of peace. The relationships between the UN and many other countries was briefly discussed, highlighting the implication of veto powers that are held by few powerful countries. The role of UN in maintaining and enhancing world peace was also extensively discussed. The lecture was followed by a question-and-answer session and concluded with a vote of thanks by Sahaana Ilayaperumal.

GoverNext: The Election Game

Governext: The Election Game was a simulation-based competition held on September 15 and 20, from 12:50 pm to 1:50 pm and 12:50 pm to 4:30 pm respectively, that allowed students to step into the shoes of politicians and experience the thrill of elections. Participants formed mock political parties, crafted manifestos, designed campaign materials, and presented their ideas before an audience and judges. The event combined elements of policy-making, public speaking, and media interaction, testing participants' ability to handle pressure and persuasion in a political setting. The event was held in two rounds on different days. A total of seven teams with 2-3 members each participated. Teams were given a common crisis issue on the spot and were required to draft a manifesto, create campaign slogans, and design posters reflecting their stance and solutions. Participants took on diverse ideological stances and came up with interesting party names ranging from People's Renewal Party to Chill-Pill Party. Policies relating to tax, transparency, anti-corruption, ensuring stress-free life, bridging gaps, growth, development, private and public education systems, inclusivity, mental health provisions and more were proposed. Logos were also introduced, with symbolism explained, unique to each party. Finalists participated in campaign rounds involving policy pitches, mock press conferences, and crisis management challenges. Participants faced impromptu questions from a media panel and audience, testing their communication and quick-thinking skills. The final round saw each team give their very best, displaying remarkable enthusiasm, originality, and confidence in their campaigns. Judges congratulated the participants for their active participation and gave relevant feedback. The event ended with announcement of results and prize distribution. Fraternal Party, consisting of Meghana S, (232HSO51) Nayana K (232ECSO10) and L. Sudeep Raj (232ECPS012) won the first place. The New Dawn Alliance, consisting

of Ridah Arham Fathima (232ECPS009) Shivadhi (232ECPS042) and Anush Joseph won the second place. People's Renewal Party, consisting of Ashly Roy (242HEP76) Ishita Das (242HEP10) and Joshu M Jacob (242HEP05) won the third place.

Staff Achievements

Dr Roshni Sharma

Invited as a resource person to take Master Class on 'Identity, Power and Knowledge: Understanding the Theory of Postmodernism' on May 8, 2025, organised by the Centre for Research in Social Sciences and Education, Jain (Deemed-to-be) University.

Successfully completed an online refresher course in Political Science and Public Administration, organized by UGC-Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre, Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Hyderabad held from August 1-14, 2025.

Dr Shreejita Biswas

Attended and completed an FDP Programme organized by the Malviya Mission Teacher Training Programme (MM-TTP) of UGC from May 27 to June 4, 2025.

Dr Praveen

Invited as a Guest speaker to speak on 'Youth and Social change', by Unit 5 of NSS, SJU on September 24, 2025.

Mr Bhanuprakash R

Invited to deliver special lectures on Constitutional Values at St. Joseph's College of Commerce on August 14, September 1, and September 9, 2025.

Department of Psychology and Counselling

Association Events

Investiture ceremony

The investiture ceremony of Sumana was conducted on July 29, 2025 from 1 pm to 2 pm. The event opened with a melodious song by first year PG students, Vathsala and Meren, setting a warm and welcoming tone. This was followed by a lively dance performance by Cassandra, Darrel, Sanjana, Amruta, Greeshma, Nivedita, and Allwin which added vibrant energy to the programme. The badge distribution for the office bearers followed.

The office bearers officially took up their posts when Dr Maria, Ms Keerthana, and Mr Vishanth bestowed their respective badges upon them. This was followed by a heartfelt message by Dr Maria Wajid, the PG Coordinator. Ms Keerthana and Mr Vishanth then introduced the idea of a mental health blog to the participants. Following this was a dance by the Second year PG students, and the event concluded with a vote of thanks, followed by refreshments.

Interactive talk

An interactive talk was organised on August 28, 2025 from 9:15 am to 11 am at De Nobili Hall. Dr Sandhya spoke to the students about her challenges and her path to becoming a counsellor. She discussed the pros and cons of being a therapist, as well as the challenges associated with burnout. This talk helped students understand how they can navigate their own journeys in becoming effective therapists. The students realised that self-development is a vital part of being an effective therapist. The talk also helped students understand the importance of work-life balance in the field of counselling.

account, contributing to an important conversation about the digital landscape we navigate daily.



Department of Sociology

Association Events

Inauguration & Investiture Ceremony

The Department Association, Social Zest, held its Inauguration and Investiture Ceremony on July 14, 2025 under the guidance of Dr Maria, Coordinator of Social Zest. The event marked the official start of the association's activities for the academic year. The ceremony began with a vibrant classical dance performance, followed by the traditional lighting of the lamp, symbolizing the illumination of knowledge and wisdom. Faculty members, student representatives, and the esteemed Chief Guest, Dr Regina Mathias, were present for the occasion. The highlight was the oath-taking ceremony, where newly elected office bearers pledged to uphold the values and mission of Social Zest. This was followed by the distribution of badges to the student leaders. In her inspiring address, Chief Guest Dr. Mathias encouraged students to take leadership roles and become agents of positive social change. She emphasized youth engagement in social initiatives and urged students to use their creativity and energy to address real-world challenges. Her words inspired a strong sense of responsibility and purpose among the students. The ceremony concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks by President Dimpi Deka, expressing gratitude to all who contributed to the event's success.



Essay Writing Competition

Wordwave, an essay writing competition, was organised from September 15 to October 2, 2025. This initiative aimed to shed light on the profound impact of digital media on mental health, while also marking the exciting launch of the Sumana Blog. In this endeavour, students received detailed instructions on crafting their essays, beautifully presented in an informative brochure. The chosen topic, 'Social Media: Friend or Foe?' invited them to explore the complexities of online interactions. With pens poised and minds ignited, students carefully composed their thoughts and submitted their insightful essays to the Sumana Gmail

Workshop by U & I NGO

The Department of Sociology, under the initiative of Dr Maria, organized a one day workshop in collaboration with U & I NGO on July 19, 2025. The event aimed to bridge academic learning with real-world community engagement, offering students a platform to explore the practical dimensions of sociology through civic participation. The representatives from U & I NGO conducted a series of engaging activities, beginning with creative icebreakers that helped foster a sense of camaraderie and openness among the participants. This was followed by thought-provoking discussions on civic responsibility, where students reflected on the role of youth in shaping inclusive, responsible communities. The sessions emphasized the significance of volunteering as a tool for both personal growth and societal transformation. The NGO also shared various volunteer opportunities, inspiring students to take initiative beyond the classroom. The interaction highlighted how sociological concepts and theories can be effectively applied in the field to understand, address, and contribute to real social issues. The event concluded on a positive note, with students expressing keen interest in participating in future outreach programs and internships offered by U & I NGO. Dr Maria's efforts in organizing this insightful session were deeply appreciated by both students and faculty members.

Open Day

The Department of Sociology actively participated in the University Open Day, a creative exhibition that showcased sociological concepts through engaging exhibits. Highlights included the 'House of Broken Selves' puppet show by Second year students, 'Stigma Theory' by the third year students of Shift II, and 'Understanding Sociology' by the third year students of Shift III, featuring interactive models like a quiz, segregation cityscape, snakes & ladders, and a career chart. The event successfully blended creativity with theory, making sociology interactive and accessible.

Intra Fest

Under the guidance of Dr Maria, Social Zest organized its two-day intra-department fest, L'État des Choses on September 12 and 13, 2025, exploring themes of society, sustainability, and culture. Day One featured events like monoact, debate, eco-friendly solutions, talent hunt, policy-making, and best-out-of-waste. Day Two included poster making, photo essays, quiz, and extempore.

The fest encouraged teamwork, creativity, and critical thinking, with enthusiastic participation from students across all years.

Staff Achievements

Dr Maria Wajid

Served as a judge for the Interreligious Poster Competition organized by the Interreligious Committee on July 19, 2025.

Organized 'Confessional 2025' on July 24, 2025 at Aruppe Atrium, offering students a safe space for anonymous self-expression.

Served as a judge for the collage-making competition at DISHA'25 – DHAARA, an inter-collegiate fest celebrating culture on September 25, 2025 at Bishop Cotton Women's Christian College.

Ms Melissa C Remedios

Presented a paper titled 'The Impact of Spiritual Influencers on Youth Through Social Media' at the national conference on Youth Religion and Spirituality held on September 16, 2025 at Christ University, Bengaluru.

Presented a paper titled 'Navigating Faith: Class, Gender, and the Uneven Terrain of Youth Spirituality in Contemporary India' at the national conference on Youth Religion and Spirituality held on September 15, 2025 at Christ University, Bengaluru.

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Department of Advanced Computing

Association Events

Investiture Ceremony of Sigma Squared and Analytica

On July 24, 2025, the Department of Advanced Computing at St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, hosted the Investiture Ceremony for its student associations, Sigma Squared and Analytica. This event inducted new office bearers to lead student academic initiatives. 200 students and staff attended the event, which was held at Xavier Hall, St Joseph's University.

The ceremony commenced with dignitaries being welcomed, followed by a prayer song, a welcome dance, and the lighting of the lamp. Dr Jayati Bhadra, Head of the Department of Advanced Computing, delivered the welcome address. In his speech, the chief guest, Dr Vishnu Vinekar, Assistant Professor of Information Systems and Operations Management, Fairfield University, emphasised the power of data analytics in solving real-world problems. The attendees were then addressed by Fr Denzil Lobo, SJ, Director, School of Information Technology, and Dr Regina Mathias, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, St Joseph's University, reiterated the critical role that data analytics plays in the modern world.

The new office bearers took an oath of commitment and received their badges. The event concluded with a vote of thanks from the Chairperson of Sigma Squared, formally closing a ceremony that inspired ethical and responsible leadership in the field of data science.



Staff Achievements

Dr Sivakannan S (Assistant Professor)

Published a paper titled "Harnessing the power of MAGRes-UNet with progressive cyclical convolutional neural networks for effective skin lesion segmentation in dermoscopic image analysis." in Biomedical Signal Processing and Control, 2025.

Published a paper titled "Ear image classification using picture augmentation and Relu." in AIP Conference Proceedings, 2025.

Delivered a talk titled "AI and Data Analytics for healthcare: Transforming the Future of medicine" at Panimalar Engineering College, Chennai, on June 14, 2025.

Dr Francis Densil Raj V (Assistant Professor)

Published a paper titled "Ear image classification using picture augmentation and Relu." in AIP Conference Proceedings, 2025.

Delivered a talk titled "AI driven education: Transformation (Virtual Mode) - AI tools for effective teaching in classroom applications" at Holy Cross College, Trichy, on August 13, 2025.

Dr Asha K (Assistant Professor)

Published a paper titled "Crime Analytics on Location Based Borough Prediction Using Deep Learning," in Bio-Inspired computing (IBICA), in June 2025.

Published a book chapter titled "Enhancing Epilepsy Care in Resource-Constrained Settings Through Streamlined EEG Data Analysis," in Lecture Notes in Computer and Networks, in May 2025.

Published a paper titled "Ear image classification using picture augmentation and Relu." in AIP Conference Proceedings, 2025.

Published a paper titled "Novel and Comprehensive Performance Metric for Identifying Sports Talent in IPL T20 Cricket Match" in Recent Trends in Sports Engineering, in March 2025.

Received the Best Paper Award for the paper titled "Enhanced Customer Lifetime Value Prediction at Online Shopping," in 'the International

Conference on Computing for Sustainability and Intelligent Future (COMP-SIF),’ in 2025.

Presented a paper titled “Risk Analysis and Classification of Maternal Data to Enhance Women’s Health” at ‘the IEEE International Conference on Interdisciplinary Approaches in Technology and Management for Social Innovation (IATMSI 2025),’ in March 2025.

Invited as a speaker for the Academic Enrich Event, organised by St Francis De Sales College (Autonomous), Bengaluru, on July 2, 2025.

Dr Sanjay Dutta (Assistant Professor)

Published a paper titled “Improvising Language Conversation–Hindi & Urdu.” in ‘the IEEE International Students’ Conference on Electrical, Electronics and Computer Science (SCEECS),’ in 2025.

Served as a reviewer for the journal OPSEARCH, Springer, India, in 2025.

Served as a reviewer for the Water Resources Management journal, Springer, Netherland, in 2025.

Dr Puneeth S (Assistant Professor)

Published a paper titled “Amplified eccentric connectivity energy of a graph,” in Boletim da Sociedade Paranaense de Matemática, in 2025.

Department of Computer Science

Departmental events

Visit to the Army Base Workshop

The Department of Computer Science, St Joseph’s University, organised a visit to the Army Base Workshop on July 16, 2025. 63 students participated in the event, supervised by Mr Timothy Paul L, Department of Computer Science.

Students were divided into two groups, with each group exploring different sections of the army base. The tour featured informative displays covering topics like technology in aerospace applications, army tech tools and equipment, and simulation software. After the guided tour concluded, students interacted with simulations in groups.

The visit greatly enriched student learning by connecting theoretical concepts from the classroom to real world scientific discoveries and innovations. It supported the university’s goal of promoting interdisciplinary knowledge and critical thinking, while also fostering appreciation for India’s defence and security.

Workshop on Penetration Testing

On July 23, 2025, the Department of Computer Science hosted Mr Mohammed Rahman Shareff S, Cybersecurity Professional, for a workshop on penetration testing. Held at Conference Hall 2, Magis Block, St Joseph’s University, the event was attended by 59 participants.

Mr Shareff introduced the audience to the core concepts of cybersecurity, including penetration testing and the various types of hackers. He elaborated on Kali Linux with insights into the functionalities of the operating system. Further, Mr Shareff gave a live demonstration using Virtualbox, walking participants through the process of configuring and using it to establish a secure system.

The event successfully enforced skill-development in cybersecurity. Mr Shareff also enlightened participants on potential job roles in the field, providing a comprehensive environment for learning.

Soft Skills Training Session

On August 8, 2025, the Department of Computer Science organised a soft skills training session in Conference Hall 2, Magis Block, St Joseph’s University. Mr Naveen Kumar, Director, Great Learnpro Academy, served as the resource person for the event, attended by 65 III BCA students.

The workshop focused on three major areas – Resume Writing, Group Discussion Skills, and Interview Techniques. Mr Kumar shared practical



tips on resume writing, including organising technical skills, highlighting strengths, and avoiding common mistakes. The session on group discussions involved student participation through role-play and live demonstrations, emphasising the impact of body language, eye contact, and confident gestures. Mr Kumar also provided strategies for excelling in interviews, addressing common mistakes freshers make. A Q&A segment allowed students to clarify doubts and seek personalised advice.

The workshop concluded with a motivating reminder on the importance of continuous learning and self-improvement in a competitive job market. Students expressed that the session was both informative and enjoyable due to its interactive nature.

NeoStats Internship Assessment Report

The Department of Computer Science organised an online session, coordinated by the Placement Cell at St Joseph's University, for the NeoStats Analytics Solutions Internship Assessment. Conducted on August 2, 2025, 15 MSc Computer Science students undertook the assessment for Data Engineering and AI Engineering roles.

This initiative enabled students to gain practical insights into the field of computer science, especially in data and AI engineering. The Assessment successfully gave students a platform to understand their capabilities and further develop their skills.



Visit to the Science Gallery

The Department of Computer Science organised a visit to the Science Gallery, Bengaluru, on July 12, 2025. Ms Mythli, Mediator, Science Gallery, guided 31 participants throughout the three-hour visit.

Students were divided into groups, with each group exploring different sections of the gallery, rotating between floors to view all exhibits. The tour featured informative displays covering topics like history of Bangalore's scientific growth, astronomy tools, and the history of aviation in India.

After the guided tour concluded, students were allowed to explore the exhibits independently and leave at their convenience. The visit provided valuable insights into both historical and modern scientific advancements.



Visit to Museum of Art and Photography and Visvesvaraya Industrial and Technological Museum

The Department of Computer Science organised a visit to the Museum of Art and Photography (MAP) and Visvesvaraya Industrial and Technological Museum on August 5, 2025. 79 students participated in the event, gaining a comprehensive understanding of the evolution of technology through exposure to historical artifacts and modern innovations. Ms Abhirami, Guide Staff at MAP, guided students through the museum.

Groups of students explored different sections of the museum, rotating between floors to view the exhibits. The tour at the Museum of Art and Photography featured informative displays covering various topics, including technology. After the guided tour, students proceeded to Visvesvaraya Industrial and Technological Museum to learn about the different generations of computers, such as vacuum tubes and the IBM 1401, which are the first and second generations of computers.

The visit aimed to enhance participants' appreciation of technological progress, bridge theoretical knowledge with historical context, and inspire a deeper interest in the development of computer science.

Guest Lecture on UI/UX Basics That Matter

The Department of Computer Science organised a guest lecture by Mr Muralidhar Koteswar, SimpliTrain, Uplad Digiconnect, and Purnatvam, titled “UI/UX Basics That Matter,” on September 9, 2025. The session was conducted separately for III BCA B and III BCA C students, with a total of 120 students in attendance.

Mr Koteswar began by introducing the fundamentals of UI/UX design. He explained the importance of designing based on user requirements, citing create user-friendly and satisfying digital experiences as key to effective UI/UX design. Further, the session focused on industry-relevant design practices, helping students gain practical insights. The session was successful in conveying the key concepts of UI/UX design through examples.



AWS- Sponsored Webinar titled: DEMYSTIFYING DATA AND AI - Women In Cloud

The Department of Computer Science, St Joseph’s University, collaborated with SoftwareOne to conduct a webinar on AI-powered maintenance, digital workflow assistants, and emerging career opportunities in data-driven fields. Conducted on September 10, 2025, the event brought together industry experts, faculty, and students, offering both technical insights and career guidance. Ms Hayley Lor, Solution Architect - Data and AI, SoftwareOne, and Dr Sara Kutty, AWS Academy Coordinator, St Joseph’s University, served as coordinators for the event.

The discussion covered an overview of AWS Cloud Solutions and their applications in industrial digital transformation. The resource persons then went on to introduce SoftwareOne and their collaboration with AWS in AI and cloud integration. Further, speakers set the context on how industries are shifting toward predictive maintenance and AI-

driven automation, emphasising the importance of AI in workflow management.

70 students from St Joseph’s University, all women, attended the webinar. The session successfully elaborated on AWS in context of developments in AI and cloud computing, while empowering women in the field.

Seminar Series

On September 10, 11, 16 and 17, 2025, the Department of Computer Science conducted a seminar series, hosting experts in the fields of machine learning and deep learning. 33 participants attended the event across the four days.

The program began with a two-hour workshop by Dr Heena Gupta, Assistant Professor, Christ (Deemed to be) University, on the first day, where students were introduced to the foundations of machine learning, including its definitions, applications, and algorithms. On the second day, Dr Gupta delved deeper into the concept of deep learning and its practical applications.

The third day opened with a recap of earlier sessions led by Mr Aaron Lawrence Dlima, Department of Advanced Computing, St Joseph’s University, following which he engaged the students with thought-provoking questions that deepened their comprehension of complex topics. Mr Dlima focused on an advanced discussion on machine learning program implementations on the final day.

The event followed a clear progression from fundamentals to advanced applications, balancing theory with practical insights. Students walked away with a comprehensive understanding of Machine Learning and Deep Learning, feeling confident and inspired to apply these concepts in future studies and careers.

Association Events

Inauguration and Investiture Ceremony 2025–26 of the Cybernetics Association (UG) and Technophite Association (PG)

The Department of Computer Science organised the inauguration and investiture Ceremony of the Cybernetics and Technophite Associations on July 9, 2025. Mr Roger Doss, Senior Manager, Diageo, graced the event as the chief guest.

The ceremony began with a prayer, followed by the



ceremonial lighting of the lamp. Key dignitaries and coordinators, including Fr Denzil Lobo, SJ, Director, School of Information Technology, were present and participated in the formalities. The audience was then addressed by Fr Denzil Lobo and Mr Doss.

The ceremony proceeded with the felicitation of the chief guest, badge distribution, and oath-taking of the new office bearers. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by the President of the Technophite Association.

“Hello World” – Introduction Event for First Year Students

The Cybernetics Association, Department of Computer Science, organised “Hello World,” an introductory programme for first-year students, on July 15, 2025. 24 students attended the event, which was held at Lab 2, Magis Block, St Joseph’s University.

The session began with the event heads introducing the association and encouraging students to join its initiatives. Two activities were conducted to create a fun and welcoming environment: Sugar Honeycombs and a quiz. The event fostered teamwork and friendly competition amongst students, providing a platform for creative thinking through games.

Multiplexer

On September 12, 2025, the Cybernetics Association organised Multiplexer, an intra-collegiate fest. 176 participants from various departments at St Joseph’s University engaged with six events throughout the day.

The event was conducted in two sessions, the

morning session from 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM, and the afternoon session from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM. The morning session included an IT Quiz and ‘How I Met Your Manga,’ both of which were team events, and the afternoon session included ‘Flag Fest,’ ‘Minutes To Win It’ and ‘Pitch ‘N’ Giggle,’ which were individual events. A gaming event was also organised, ensuring engagement beyond the physical campus.

The fest comprised a balanced mix of technical, non-technical, gaming, and creative activities, creating a lively and inclusive atmosphere. The smooth execution of the fest was made possible by the dedicated efforts of the Cybernetics Association team in managing logistics, décor, and coordination.

Faculty Achievements

Dr AM Bojamma (Associate Professor and Dean, School of Information Technology)

Successfully completed the NPTEL Soft Skill Development, held from January 1 to March 31, 2025.

Participated in Faculty Development Program on R Programming for budding data analysts, organised by the Research Foundation of India from July 7-17, 2025.

Completed the NEP 2020 Orientation and Sensitisation Programme under Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Programme (MMTTP) of University Grants Commission (UGC) as coordinator, organised by Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre, North-Eastern Hill University, Shillong, from May 21-30, 2025.

Participated in the first Faculty Induction Programme from June 5, 2025 to July 5, 2025.

Dr BG Prasanthi (Associate Dean, School of Information Technology and Head of the Department of Computer Science)

Published a paper titled “Development of a tool to cartoonify an image using Artificial Intelligence powered python framework” in the IEEE technical sponsored ‘4th international Conference on Advances in Computing, Communication and Applied Informatics, ACCAI-25-T1-892,’ in 2025.

Published a paper titled “Experimental evolution of deep learning assisted coconut disease prediction using neural classification logic” in the IEEE technical sponsored ‘4th international Conference on Advances in Computing, Communication and Applied Informatics, ACCAI-25-T1-892,’ in 2025.

Published a paper titled “An intelligent wireless power transfer (WPT) system with multiload operating ability for serial and parallel current compensation” in the IEEE technical sponsored ‘4th international Conference on Advances in Computing, Communication and Applied Informatics, ACCAI-25-T1-892,’ in 2025.

Published a paper titled “Novel preemptive intelligent artificial intelligence-model for detecting inconsistency during software testing” in the IAES International Journal of Artificial Intelligence, in June 2025.

Participated in the “National Level Awareness Program on Institutional Development Plan (IDP) for Higher Education Institutions” held on March 6, 2025, jointly conducted by Telangana Council of Higher Education (TGCHE) and the Institute for Academic Excellence (IAE), Hyderabad.

Participated in the six-day national-level Faculty Development Program (Online) on “Research Methodology: Data Analysis & Role of AI,” organised by Union Christian College, Meghalaya, in collaboration with Tura Christian College, Ri Bhoi Synod College, Mawlai Presbyterian College, and Nabon Women’s Synod College, from July 7-12, 2025.

Completed the NEP 2020 Orientation and Sensitisation Programme under Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Programme (MMTTP) of

University Grants Commission (UGC), organised by Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre, North-Eastern Hill University, Shillong, from May 21-30, 2025.

Participated in Faculty Development Program on R Programming for budding data analysts, organised by the Research Foundation of India from July 7-17, 2025.

Participated in a Faculty Development Program on “Accelerate Research,” organised by Anurag University, from September 23-27, 2025.

Served as a subject expert for the Board of Studies - MCA and MSc Computer Science at Jyothi Nivas College, in 2025.

Dr B Nithya (Associate Professor and PG Coordinator)

Published a paper titled “Experimental Design of smart children safety system using IOT and logical sensors” in ‘the International Conference on Advances in Computing, Communication and Applied Informatics, ACCAI - 25 - T1 -892,’ in July 2025.

Published a paper titled “A voice based Intelligent smart stick for blind Assistance using IOT technology” in ‘the International Conference on Advances in Computing, Communication and Applied Informatics, ACCAI - 25 - T1 -892,’ in July 2025.

Published a paper titled “Design of NFC Powered ATM Card Blocking System using IoT enabled Smart Sensors” in ‘the 4th international Conference on Advances in Computing, Communication and Applied Informatics, ACCAI-25-T1-892,’ in July 2025.

Dr Mrinmoyee Bhattacharya (Assistant Professor)

Successfully completed the Guru Dakshta-Faculty Induction Programme (Online) under Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Programme (MM-TTP) of the University Grants Commission (UGC), organised by MMTTC, Tezpur University, from June 3, 2025 to July 2, 2025.

Successfully completed the NPTEL Soft Skill Development, held from January 1 to March 31, 2025.

Ms Sara Kutty (Assistant Professor)

Published a book chapter titled “AI-Powered System for Water Leakage Monitoring: A Sustainable Solution for Urban Infrastructure,” in Lecture Notes in Networks and Systems, published by Springer, in 2025.



Invited as a resource person for a talk titled “Theory of Computation for the Author’s perspective,” an expert-led session on occasion of World Quantum Day, organised by the Acharya Institute of Management & Sciences on April 16, 2025.

Delivered an expert talk on “Theory of Computation” for MCA students, organised by RJS first Grade College on May 7, 2025.

Served as a Member (External) of the Board of Examiners for the UG program in BVoc (IT) at B.M.S College for Women, in 2025.

Participated in an IP Awareness/Training programme under the National Intellectual Property Awareness Mission, held on September 16, 2025.

Dr Annie Syrien (Assistant Professor)

Attended a five-day online Faculty Development Programme on “Blockchain-Powered Machine Learning: Future of AI Security and Transparency,” organised by the Department of Computer Science & Engineering, O. P. Jindal University, Raigarh, from May 19-23, 2025.

Participated in a five-day offline Faculty Development Programme on Innovation and Entrepreneurship, organised by AICTE and Ministry of Education’s Innovation Cell, and hosted by the School of Computer Science & IT, JAIN (Deemed-to-be University) from July 14-18, 2025.

Ms Pooja A (Assistant Professor)

Participated and completed the AICTE Training And Learning (ATAL) Academy Faculty Development Program on “Exploring the Foundations and Applications of Quantum Computing: Bridging Theory and Practice” at the School of Computer Applications and IT, Jain Deemed-To-Be University, from September 8-13, 2025.

Certified as an Entrepreneurship Educator by Wadhvani Entrepreneur, from April 22, 2025 to May 22, 2025.

Mr Melwyn Amrithraj (Assistant Professor)

Published a book chapter titled “CYBERSECURITY THREATS AND SOLUTIONS IN 2025” in The Edge: Expert Insights on Commerce, Management and Computer Science for 2025, published by Cognizance Academia & SecForgTek Solutions, in 2025.

Published a book titled Humans in the Loop: The Funny, Flawed, and Fascinating Side of Data Security, on June 2025.

Ms Junaida Nallakkandy (Assistant Professor)

Attended Wadhvani Faculty Development Program, organised by the Wadhvani Foundation from June 1, 2025 to July 1, 2025.

Successfully completed the NEP 2020 Orientation and Sensitization Programme, organised by IISER Pune from May 27 to June 4, 2025.

Participated in IP Awareness/Training programme under the National Intellectual Property Awareness Mission, held on September 16, 2025.

Certified as an Entrepreneurship Educator by Wadhvani Entrepreneur, on from July 1, 2025 to August 1, 2025.

Dr Periyasamy P (Assistant Professor)

Published a paper titled “An Integrated Network Model with Sequential Approach to Elevate Irrigation in Smart IoT Environment,” in ‘the 5th International Conference on Pervasive Computing and Social Networking (ICPCSN),’ organised in Salem, 2025.

Published a paper titled “Fuzzy-based Bidirectional Long Short Term Memory (f-BiLSTM) based Interpretable Framework for Soil Nutrient Analysis

in Precision Agriculture” in ‘the 5th International Conference on Pervasive Computing and Social Networking (ICPCSN),’ organised in Salem, 2025.

Published a paper titled “A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY ON SUSTAINABLE WIRELESS SENSOR NETWORKS: EVALUATING ENERGY-EFFICIENT CLUSTERING APPROACHES” in the International Development Planning Review, 2025.

Published a paper titled “A Weighted Fuzzy-Based Model for Thyroid Prediction in Distributed Environment” in the Journal of Neonatal Surgery, on May 13, 2025.

Dr Deepa Nagalavi (Assistant Professor)

Presented a paper titled “Enhancing RealTime Language Processing via Advanced PET Signal Analysis and Deep Learning” in ‘the International Conference on Intelligent Computing and Knowledge Extraction,’ organised by the School of Engineering and Technology, CMR University, Bengaluru, and won the best paper presenter award.

Dr Manivannan T (Assistant Professor)

Completed the NEP 2020 Orientation and Sensitisation Programme under the Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Programme (MMTTP) of University Grants Commission (UGC), organised by the Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre (MMTTC), Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University, Jammu and Kashmir, held from February 10-19, 2025.

Published a paper titled “AI Driven Inventory Optimization Framework Using Deep Learning and Metaheuristic Algorithms” in the International Journal of Basic and Applied Sciences, 2025.

Dr P Selvaperumal (Assistant Professor)

Published a paper titled “Explainable Deep Temporal Modeling for Stroke Risk Assessment Using Attention-Based LSTM Networks” in the International Journal of Advanced Computer Science and Applications (IJACSA), in 2025.

Coordinated the Intellectual Property Awareness programme under the National Intellectual Property Awareness Mission, held on September 16, 2025.

Student Achievements

- Manasa from III BCAC served as the Student

Council Vice President for the academic year 2024–25.

- Manasa from III BCAC was selected as one of the 100 students across India for the U25 Boot Camp on July 6, 2025.
- John Mathew from III BSc Computer Science participated in the Coding Hackathon on September 15, 2025.
- Christina D’Silva and Rithik Shekar C from III BCA won second place in Capture the Flag (CTF) at Multiplexer 2025, organised by St Joseph’s University on September 12, 2025.
- Sahana LK from III BCA won first place in “Pitch n Giggle” at Multiplexer 2025, organised by St Joseph’s University on September 12, 2025.
- Sahana LK and Dharani L from III BCA cleared the E-business certification course offered by NPTEL in 2025.
- Tejashwini J, Nisha R, and Tanya Lennard from III BCA completed the Cyber Analyst Level-1 Certificate Course, the E-business course from NPTEL, and the AWS Academy Cloud Foundations Course in 2025.
- Sahil Saini from III BCA completed the NPTEL certification on E-Business and “Natural Language Processing with Python” in 2025.
- Sahil Saini, Stanly PS, and Jennita Angel A from III BCA won second place in Open Day 2025, organised by St Joseph’s University on July 28, 2025.
- Sahil Saini from III BCA won first place in the FLUX event organised by Christ University in 2025.
- Prathiksha BM from III BCA completed courses on the AWS Academy Cloud Foundation, E-business, “Natural Language Processing” and “Big Data Computing,” from NPTEL in 2025.
- Dharani L, SV Kaushik, Jelisha I, and Jennita Angel A from III BCA presented a research paper at ‘the International Conference on Current Trends in Information Technology,’ organised by the Department of Computer Science, St Joseph’s University, from March 10-11, 2025.
- Nidhi B Lund from III BCA completed the AWS Academy Graduate – Cloud Foundations course, Cyber Security Consulting Simulation with PwC via Forage, the Network Basics course from Cybrary, and an E-Business course from NPTEL, in 2025.
- Jennita Angel A from III BCA completed the E-business certification course offered by NPTEL and the AWS Academy Cloud Foundations Course, in 2025.

- Jennita Angel A from III BCA completed the Student Internship - 2025 from the IEEE EMBS Pune chapter, in 2025.
- SV Kaushik from III BCA was selected as a Google Student Ambassador for St Joseph's University, and hosted the 'Pitch n Giggle' event as part of the ambassador programme in 2025.
- SV Kaushik from III BCA completed the IBM Cybersecurity Analyst professional certification in 2025.
- SV Kaushik from III BCA attended the Google Cloud Community Days event hosted by GDG BLR in 2025.
- SV Kaushik from III BCA attended a workshop on AI Tools and GPT by be10x in 2025.
- SV Kaushik from III BCA completed Deloitte Cyber Job Simulation in 2025.
- Prajwal VM from III BCA completed an internship at MicroGenesis CADSoft Pvt Ltd under the guidance of the Chief Financial Officer, from May 29, 2025 to June 26, 2025.
- Jelisha I from III BCA won first place in the IT Quiz event at Multiplexer 2025, organised by St Joseph's University on September 12, 2025.
- Jelisha I from III BCA completed the certificate course on Exploring ChatGPT by Rayarammandla with an "O" Grade in 2025.
- Jelisha I from III BCA won first place in Fashion Walk at Historia 3.0, an intercollegiate fest, in 2025.
- Mohammed Rayaana Pasha from II BCA won first place in Appathon at City College in 2025.
- Mohammed Rayaana Pasha from II BCA, Charles Mervin from II PMCA, and Allendon X Bernard from II PMCA secured the third place in Code Break at Bishop Cotton Women's Christian College in 2025.
- Joy Yoshahua from I BCA won first place in Code Crafting at City College in 2025.
- Joy Yoshahua from I BCA won first place in Coding at Illumina 2025, organised by Lowry Adventist College.
- Tushar Tiwari from III BCA won first place in Business Quiz and Logo & Tagline Creation at City College in 2025.
- Allendon X Bernard, Gopika K, and Soniya Jain from II PMCA won first place in Hijingo at Interface 2025, organised by Christ University.
- Chitraksh BG from III BCA won first place in Best Manager in the Algorithms event at Mount Carmel College in 2025.
- Chitraksh BG III BCA secured the third place in Debugging at Illumina 2025, organised by Lowry Adventist College.
- Hemanth, Rameitha, and Esha Kumari from II PMCA won second place in Hijingo at Interface 2025, organised by Christ University.
- Abhinav Sukla, Thuin, and Praveen Kumar from II PMCA won first place in Code Freeze at Interface 2025, organised by Christ University.



SCHOOL OF LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES

Department of English

Association Events

The Literary Society

Inauguration

On June 30, 2025, students and faculty of the Department of English joined to inaugurate The Literary Society. A 314 was crowded with about 100 enthusiastic students who attended the meeting. Ms Vijeta addressed the gathering and spoke about the history of the association and provided a brief insight into the various events hosted by The Literary Society. Grace Treesa, a student from final year Optional English and Psychology and Convenor of The Literary Society then announced the calendar of events and festivals planned for the academic year. Dr. Arul Mani, the dean, encouraged the students to participate in the events after which former convenor Havya C, a student of Theatre & Performance Studies and Psychology shared her experiences with the association. The meeting concluded with an introduction of all the office bearers of the Literary Society.

Mixer Day

Mixer day is a unique fusion of the five associations of the Department of English organised by The Literary Society. The event brings together the Literary Society, the Linguistics Society, Nous, Quiz Club, and the Performing Arts Society. The programme was held on July 9, 2025 at Xavier Hall. Each of the five associations introduced their office bearers who then presented short demos of all of the exciting events which were to be organised in the coming weeks. After the office bearers for each association were introduced, Ms. Gayathri announced the calendar for Metonym, the interclass literary championship, Meta Schools – an exclusive event for school students, and META – the Josephite Festival of Literature. The Literary Society presented a fun and modern recital of a Shakespeare Sonnet, ‘Shall I Compare Thee to A Summer’s Day’ as a demo of their event ‘Skibbidi Sonnets’ where famous sonnets and poems are presented with different accents and Bangalore slang. They also gave the audience origami Goobes (owls), mascot of The Literary Society. The other associations similarly performed a demo event

each. Then came the most-awaited part of the event, where Dr Mini Mark Bonjour, Head of the Department of English, handed out the badges to the conveners of the five associations. The teachers were not left out either, as they received their own set of badges. Dr. Arul Mani then addressed the gathering, highlighting how different associations offer a place for learning that takes place outside the four walls of classrooms. This marked the beginning of a new academic year filled with events and a lot of fun.

Weekly Event - The Reading Room I

The Literary Society held its first weekly event for The Reading Room on July 14, 2025. The Reading Room brings students and teachers together to discuss a chosen book and the themes underlying it. The session was chaired by Ms. Drishti Rakhra who introduced the novelist Sarah Waters. The book chosen for the session was The Paying Guests. Ms. Drishti talked about the novel thematically: Being, Watching/Being Watched, Reading, Loving, and Indulging in Diabolical Delight (a phrase borrowed from Sarah Waters herself who aimed at “punching a queerless past with her presence”). Laughter echoed through the room as she admitted to being so smitten by the book that she kept giving away her copies of the book to others because she was so excited at the prospect of others reading and loving the book like she did. The session ended with Ms. Drishti opening the floor for questions, comments or observations on the book.

Weekly Event - The Reading Room II

The Literary Society held the semester’s second Reading Room event on August 25 at 4:30 pm. Dr Arul Mani chaired the session ‘The first sentence of a research paper’, a very aptly chosen title for something that causes undergrads, postgrads, and faculty immense difficulty – writing the research paper. The title was chosen keeping in mind the stress scholars go through to start the process of writing a research paper. Dr Arul Mani mentioned that about 9/10th of research papers written by students are done under duress, which leads to a boring and stiff paper. He spoke about the importance of writing for pleasure and proved to the audience that it is possible to write academic research papers that are not boring. He emphasised how the art of writing research papers must begin with curiosity and the desire to fulfil it. The audience were then provided with a research paper by Francis Cody and Janaki Nair to observe. He concluded that there are two trajectories to research: Take the curiosity you initially had

and return to it, and look at the familiar closely and find the unfamiliar. The session ended with questions and comments on the session and papers by members of the audience.

Open Day

As part of the University Open Day, held on July 28, 2025, the Literary Society conducted a Shakespeare Elocution Workshop at 1:20 pm in the Communicative English Lab. The session was led by Dr. Cheriyan Alexander. He began the workshop by engaging the students in a brief interactive exercise, before delving into key concepts of elocution, such as tone, voice modulation, and more. He encouraged the participants to get on stage to deliver a few chosen lines from Shakespeare's plays. The workshop came to an end after an hour and twenty minutes filled with multiple recitations of monologues from plays such as Hamlet and Macbeth, with Dr. Alexander inviting students to repeat after him and experiment with delivery.

Metonym – Blackout Poetry

Blackout Poetry is an event where participants are provided with news articles, which they are then required to cut out lines from to create poetry around the chosen theme. This particular edition required participants to produce love poetry. The event was held on July 17, 2025, at 1:15 pm and 6:30 pm in A310. A total of 77 students from various streams participated in the event. The event was open for both solo participation as well as teams of two. The article that was circulated was 'Vir Das Recalls Rishi Kapoor and Neetu Kapoor Fighting Over a Piece of Cake in Business Class: 'Heard chikad chikad'' by Sugandha Rawal. Students struggled attempting to dissect any ounce of love in the article which was actually about hate and bitterness. Even so, the event was fun because after the first few minutes of challenge, looking for love became a metaphysical exercise more than anything else. Emma Rose (III JIN) and Liza Vyas (I CZBT) secured the first prize, Brea Shah and Amritha Dutta (II EJP B), Hannah Nathania (II EJP A) the second, and Shreya and Naila (I HEP), Nifty Kurivilla (I MA English) the third prize.

Metonym – Mismatched

Mismatched is a cosplay event where two characters from two different worlds come together to defend their situation to the audience. A total of 7 teams participated: Clancy from 21 Pilots and Captain Jack Sparrow, Jo March and Elizabeth Bennet, Barbie and Oppenheimer, Batman and

Wednesday, Juliet and Anarkali, Anna (Frozen) and Shaggy, and a plot twist with a second Captain Jack Sparrow and Antonio. The judge, Mr Pranav VS then announced the result which was assessed based on the outfits, chemistry, characters chosen, and their ability to handle questions. Hannah And Celina (I EJP) won the first prize, Emma And Mariyam (III JIP) the second, and Jerry And Ashny (III OEPY), Heeral and Vaibjavi (I EJP B) and, Pavitra And Stuthi the third. Manish and Joanne (II TEP And II EJP) received a special mention. Karthik and Sai Varsha (II EJP A And II MA Shift III respectively) won the Best Outfit award.

Mismatched - Second Edition

The Literary Society held the second edition of Mismatched, a cosplay event on September 22, 2025. Mismatched brings two characters from two different worlds together to defend their situation to the audience. Four teams performed - Hannah (II EJP) and Celina (III JPY), Karthik and Mahek (II EJP), Brea and Abir (II EJP), and Pavitra and Ananya Shankar (II EJP). The first act was performed by Kartik and Ananya which then led to the introduction of other characters through various comical and musical prompts. The event saw a variety of characters like Flynn Rider, Geet (Jab We Met) to Jo March (Little Women), Enola Holmes to Prof Snape who were not only contrasting in their natures and quirks but also from completely different worlds which made the event fun and interesting to watch. The programme concluded with a collective dance sequence, followed by closing remarks and announcements by Mr. Pranav VS. The event ended successfully with applause and encouragement for the participants.

Metonym – The Fr. Hedwig Da Costa Shakespeare Elocution Contest

The Fr. Hedwig Da Costa Shakespeare Elocution Contest was held on July 19, 2025 at Metonym 2025, the interclass literary championship. The contest is held biannually in memory of Rev Fr Hedwig da Costa SJ, the former principal of St Joseph's Boys High School (1972-1977), and a Shakespeare elocutionist. The 12 contestants were prepared to present monologues from plays like Macbeth, Merchant of Venice, Twelfth Night and Hamlet. There was a nervous energy in the room as they delivered the lines, as some succumbed to their nerves and struggled to recall lines while others incorporated acting and movement as well. Before announcing the results, Dr. Sujoy delivered a few lines from Macbeth at the request of the

audience which left them in cheer. Nihal (IIITPY) won the first prize, Rhea (I CPE) the second, and Niharika (II INJP) the third prize. Rudransh Mehra (III JNOE) and Joshua (I MA ENG) received special mentions.

Meta Schools

Meta Schools, an inter-school festival organized jointly by the associations of the Department of English was organized on August 1 and 2, 2025. The Eighth edition of Meta Schools was inaugurated by Dr. Arul Mani, Dean of the School of Languages and Literatures. The six schools that competed in the event were, St. Claret PU College, Mount Carmel PU College, St. Joseph's PU College, Christ Junior College, Baldwin Girls' High School, and The Frank Anthony Public School. The participants were divided into 2 categories: Juniors (Class 8 - 10) and Seniors (Class 11 & 12). Baldwin Girls' High School bagged the Junior Championship and the second position was awarded to The Frank Anthony Public School. Christ Junior College won the Rolling Trophy for the Senior Championship and the second position was awarded to St. Claret's Pre-University College with Mount Carmel PU College taking the third place.

Meta Schools – Fandom Menace

Fandom Menace, a fan fiction writing contest was held on August 1, 2025 as part of Meta schools. It was an on-the-spot fanfiction contest for Junior category school students. The prompt given was an excerpt from A Bear Called Paddington. Students from Baldwin Girls' High School and The Frank Anthony Public School participated in the event. Saanvi Dalan (The Frank Anthony Public School) won the first prize, R. Siddhi (Baldwin Girls High School) the second, and MK Swathi (Baldwins Girls High School) the third prize.

Meta Schools – Takedown

It is not easy to voice out your opinion, especially against something that is held in great regard among people. Takedown is an event that gives the participants a chance to do the same. Participants are expected to write an argumentative piece against an overrated topic. This event was held at Aloysius Hall in the Auditorium Block on August 1, 2025. There was a palpable excitement among the 41 students who participated in the event when they entered the venue at 11:40 am. The topic was 'Morning Assembly.' Participants had 40 minutes to take down morning assemblies. Shikha Pradeep (St. Claret Pre-University College) bagged the first place, while Bhanu M. Yadav (Christ Junior

College) won the second.

Reading Room I: Tribute to Mario Vargas Llosa

The Peruvian writer and journalist Mario Vargas Llosa passed away in April this year. In tribute to this master novelist and Nobel prize winner, the Literary Society in collaboration with The Reading Room decided to host a year-long engagement with the author's work. Every month the reading room would meet to read and discuss one of Mario Vargas Llosa's novels. The sessions will be led by Dr Arul Mani whose doctoral thesis titled 'The Ludic fiction of Latin America' focuses several chapters on the writings of the late Mario Vargas Llosa. The introductory session was held on August 30, 2025 in The Black Box. The War at the End of the World was the chosen novel for the inaugural meeting. The book covers the Canudos rebellion that took place during the 19th century in Brazil. Dr Arul shared his memory of reading Mario Vargas Llosa and traced the reading and quizzing culture of Bangalore in the 1990s which led him to Gangaram's book house in Bengaluru which gave him his first encounter with Mario Vargas Llosa's book. This unusual miracle compounded with many others and soon Dr Arul was smitten with the author. The session concluded with Dr Arul preparing the readers with a few questions to be examined in the next meeting. The event came to a close with refreshments.

Reading Room II: Tribute to Mario Vargas Llosa

The Literary Society held its first of the year-long series of tribute to the late Mario Vargas Llosa on October 18, 2025. Dr Arul Mani chaired the inaugural session where the book in focus was The War at the End of the World. Five members in the audience had finished reading half of the epic novel. Dr Arul congratulated them and encouraged them to finish reading. The introduction set the stage by exploring Mario Vargas Llosa's curiosity and motivations to research the Canudos rebellion before delving into the novel's literary language, characters, and its thick historical and cultural landscape of the 1890s. The discussion then turned to Portuguese journalist Euclides Da Cunha, whose work interspersed and influenced Llosa's narrative. The session further explored Llosa's unconventional storytelling techniques, including his manipulation of time, narrative length, and linearity, showing how he reshapes traditional structures to create layered, immersive narratives. The event concluded with a question-and-answer session, followed by refreshments.

The Performing Arts Society (PAS)

Weekly Event - Do Your Own Thing

PAS held its first weekly event 'Do Your Own Thing', an event where students perform to showcase their range of talents. The event was held on August 8, 2025, across all the shifts at 1:00 pm, 4:30 pm and 6:45 pm, respectively, in A314. One of the office bearers, Agniv, was the Emcee for the event. There were a total of 23 participants who were all welcomed by an energetic crowd. The participants had a range of talents from singing in various languages and different styles of music, ranging from Indian classical to hip hop. Some played musical instruments such as the piano and did beat-boxing, while others enacted scenes from Shakespeare. The event also saw a PowerPoint presentation explained as satirical business ideas. The audience was entertained and participants thoroughly enjoyed themselves as they brought life to their skills by performing..

Weekly Event - Just a Minute (JAM)

The first weekly JAM event of the year was held on August 29, 2025, at Black Box from 4:30 pm. Being the very first in a series that will contribute to the year-long JAM-PIONSHIP scoreboard. Faculty members, Ms. Priscilla and Ms. Gayathri took the stage as the Jam-Masters, setting the tone for a generous dose of laughter. A total of 12 participants were split into two groups of six. The topics varied from recipe demonstrations and rants about orange juice, to tales of neighbours who valued perfume over water. Finally, after a gripping finale, the winners emerged. Jerry Joby claimed the first place with 275 points, followed by Manish J S with 178 points, and Shane Savio Fernandes with 177 points. In addition, other participants for the year-long Jam-pionship were : Christina with 148 points, Aryan with 112 points, Sophia L with 87points, Ann Claire with 87 points, Neerja with 51 points and Nithin with 44 points. Thus, the JAM journey for the year kicked off on a high note, leaving everyone eager for the next round and battling for the title of Jam-pionship.

Weekly Event - Just a Minute (JAM)

The last JAM session for the odd semester 2025 introduced a unique twist to the classic format. The participants took on the role of the JAM Master one round each. The event was held on September 25, 2025 in the Black Box at 4:30 pm. The usual mission of speaking on a given prompt without hesitation, repetition, or deviation remained but the new twist also meant that participants had to

be strategic. The JAM session saw participation from Shane Savio Fernandes, Jerry Joby, Hridya Nair, Grace, Manish, Ashish, and Ida Parker. Each of these participants came up with interesting rules when they took up their role as JAM Master. One of the rounds required the participants to sing before raising their objections. This rule caused a lot of fun chaos as there were many strong objections but they were not counted because the participants forgot to sing first. Another notable instance was the storytelling skills that many participants employed. Grace from III OEPY bagged the first place, Manish from II TEP came in second and Shane from I MA was placed in third.

Metonym - Just a Minute (JAM)

JAM Metonym 2025 Finals was held at Blackbox on July 21,2025. The event was held from 4:30 pm onwards and was presided by Dr Arul Mani as the JAM Master. The event started off with Dr Arul explaining the rules of JAM: No deviation, hesitation, and repetition. He also introduced the PAS office bearers Ananya Ajith and Yash Chopra as timekeeper and score keeper respectively, and the office bearers Joanne and Soukhya as the spotters. The topics were picked by paper chits. The first rounds of JAM included trial rounds, where the participants were allowed to score the maximum points they could. The final round of JAM was conducted at 5:45 pm, with topics such as 'Dietary Restrictions' and 'Sighs Matters' adding a twist to the tension and fun. The final round determined the top three winners, with Grace Tressa securing the top position with 157 points. Manish JS followed with 108 points and Shane Fernandes secured the third position with 81 points. The event ended with Dr Arul Mani addressing the crowd and thanking the Office Bearers for hosting a successful Metonym 2025.

Metonym - Bhoot Polish

As part of Metonym 2025, PAS organized Bhoot Polish, an event to share thriller and horror stories on July 21, 2025. The event took place at 1:00 pm, in A314. The class room was set up for the horror atmosphere. The conveners turned off all the lights, pulled the curtains, and began the show. Ananya and Havya were the two emcees of the event. Ms. Priscilla Bernice was the judge. The participants came up with some stories that were fictional and some that were real. The audience were kept engaged and scared throughout and they were on the edge especially when office bearers Manish and Ananya clapped to announce the time. The winners of the event were Siri (II MA

ENGLISH), Shane (I MA ENGLISH) and Heeral (I EJP B).

META Schools - Just a Minute (JAM)

JAM META Schools 2025 was held on August 1, 2025, at Loyola Hall, Auditorium Block. It was held from 10:30 am onwards by PAS. The event consisted of fourteen participants. They were divided into groups of two. Ananya Mehta, St. Joseph's University alumni, was the JAM Master for the event. She explained the rules of JAM to the participants: No deviation, hesitation, and repetition with rules of her own in the final round to add fun competition. In the finals, topics like 'Childhood dream job' with the requirement of singing the first sentence, 'That one English teacher' with the imitation of the teacher and other such interesting rules added laughter in the room. The finals ended with Benigna, Hima and Leiling from Christ Junior College securing first, second and third places, respectively, in the Senior category. Sidhi and Pavana from Baldwin's Girls High School secured the first and second places, respectively, in the Juniors category.

Intramural 2025 - Short Play

The first event of Intramural 2025, Short Play, took place on September 9, 2025. The event started at 1:30 pm in Xavier Hall (the PG block). Ms. Elisha Alex, St Joseph's University alumni and former TPy student, was the Judge for the event. The event started with III TPy performing 'Lost', a short play of how three people of different linguistic backgrounds are brought together due to the uncertainty of going to heaven. The next performance was by II TEP 'The Asylum', a psychological thriller that showcased the reality of government asylums. The audience were moved by both the performances. At the end of the event, Ms. Elisha Alex, the judge, shared a few words about the performance. She was excited and mesmerized to watch her juniors perform and compete. She was able to trace a significant development in skill and artistry with both the teams. 'The Asylum' by II TEP won first place for the Short Play. The event ended with the audience requesting a dance with their former senior. The participants, the judge and audience took to the stage and danced with immense energy.

Intramural 2025 - Sthree Things

The PAS held Sthree Things on the second Day of Intramural 2025, on September 10. Sthree things is an event where women come and show any three talents of theirs. This can be anything from an art

form, to crocheting and even dramatic reading. The event was held in the Black Box in the Arrupe basement at 4:30 pm. Faculty member, Ms Priscilla Bernice was the judge for the event. There were 10 participants and each one of them showcased something unique. Emma of JIP with her history of South Asia kept the audience engaged. Sarvagya from III TPy with her interesting make-up skills experimented on office bearer Manish. Kathryn from I TEP with her simple gymnastics moves which were not simple at all, put the room to silence. She also had the audience grooving to her rendition of Olivia Rodrigo's song and her amazing K-Pop dance. Ida from III TPy with her very interesting scary performance, a romantic poem which was told with the background song of the Tamil movie OK Kanmani and her unique dance moves on a Tamil song won many hearts. The final performance of the evening was by Nayanika of I CPE with her interesting impression of Shinchan and Peppa pig. She also amazed the audience with her melodious singing of the famous Dancing Queen with a guitar.

Intramural 2025 - Voice So Serious

The third event of Intramural 2025 was Voice So Serious which took place on September 11. The event started at 4:30 pm in A308. The event was about creating a voice-over to a movie clip. The prompt for the event was from the film Rush Hour 3. The event started with first year TEP students Ayush and Harris. The dialogue delivery showed a mix of humour, with good voice changes that made it funny. The next performance was by third TPy (Ananya and Nihal). They mixed Tamil with some English, and made their event very interesting. The final performance was by third TPy (Yash and Mythri). The conversation started with both participants playing around with different accents and tones. The audience had a blast with all the multilingual performances, laughing loudly and applauding for all. It was a memorable showcase of students' creativity and humour. The event saw participation from seven teams.

Intramural 2025 - What If?

The fourth event of Intramural 2025 was What if?, a fun improv style contest. The event was held on September 12, 2025 at BlackBox from 4.30 pm. The event was judged by Ms. Shweta Philip, an alumnus of St. Joseph's University, who currently works at Jyoti Nivas Pre-University College. The event consisted of changing the plot for the popular film Bahubali. This event had theatrics, dramatics, filmy background music and multiple

renditions of Bahubali in Bollywood, Kollywood, and Hollywood. Participants from I TEP brought out a queer love story for the film, focusing on romance between two characters from the film, Bahubali and Kattappa. II TEP Team 1 participants showcased hilarious and multilingual Bahubali skits. At one point Sivagami Devi was heard calling Kuttappa instead of Kattappa. The performance from III TPy imagined 'Kokilaben' from the Television serial 'Saathiya', 'Khalibali' from the film Padmavat' and Rajnikant from the Tamil film Baasha fighting with Bahubali. The II TEP Team 2 performance gave us a love triangle between three characters from the film: Bahubali, Devasena and Kattappa. All three were seen being enticed by a samosa.

Intramural 2025 - Tappang

On September 13 Tapang, the last event of Intramural, started at 4:35 pm, with Ms Florisa as the judge. Ms Florisa is an alumnus of the St. Joseph's University and she teaches at St. Claret PU College. In this event, participants showed off their impromptu dance skills by grooving to a song played on the spot. This was a team event and the teams consisted of seven to ten participants. They were required to keep the energy level for 2+1 minute and dance without a break, even if there was a pause in the music. Six teams performed with energy still ingrained in our minds. How the participants were able to keep the energy up even when their fellow performers were tired or struggling is still a mystery to the audience. The event ended at 6 pm, with all the participants dancing for one last time, with everyone, including the PAS Office Bearers, Co-Ordinator, Ms. Gayathri and the judge, Ms. Florisa.

Department of Kannada

Departmental Events

Theatre Performance

On October 9, 2025, a play titled Agantuka was staged at the main auditorium from 11 am to 1 pm by the Kannada Department's Theatre Forum – Rangaratha. The play was directed by Dr. Hanumantharayappa S.B, Coordinator of Kannada Sangha, Dr. Eraiah Hampapura, HOD, along with the department's faculty members.

Coffee with Kavitha

The new literature forum started under the department of Kannada, Pampavana Nalbara

Matugatte, had its first program on September 14, 2025 at 10 am. Dr. T Yallappa, a poet, critic, and a Kannada professor served as the Chief Guest of the event. The event had around 20 participants who wrote poems on various topics. Faculty members shared poems written by them too. The Chief Guest addressed the audience and encouraged them to write poetry, before sharing few of his own poems with an explanation of the inspiration behind writing them.



Constitution Reading and Kuvempu Vicharakrantige Ahvahana

The department organized an engaging discussion on the Constitution of India and the literary and philosophical contribution and the revolutionary ideologies of the Jnapeeth Awardee Kuvempu on February 20, 2025, from 11 am to 1 pm at Xavier Hall. The Chief guest and resource person for the event was a well-recognized senior journalist, writer, and thinker Raghunath Cha. Ha. The event began with the singing of the state anthem along with a short video introduction on the importance of the Indian Constitution and the contribution of the its maker Dr. B.R Ambedkar. Dr. Kumarasawamy Bejjihalli shared his thoughts on the purpose behind the theme of discussion. This was followed by the lighting of the lamp and paying their respects to Dr. B. R. Ambedkar and Kuvempu by the dignitaries. Dr. Hanumantharayappa shared the importance of the personalities chosen for the discussion. Charan Gowda B.K. spoke about the speech that Kuvempu delivered 50 years ago in Bengaluru University and the relevance of Kuvempu's revolutionary ideology in today's world. The Chief guest addressed the audience, highlighting the importance and role of the Constitution.

Theatre Workshop

The theatre troupe, Rangaratha, organized a

theatre workshop on August 2, 2025 from 10 am to 12 pm at De Nobili Hall to teach drama and theatre concepts. The workshop aimed to teach concepts, discover talent, develop artistic abilities, and introduce theatre techniques to both beginners and experienced artists. It provided practical lessons on acting, dialogue delivery, body language, group performance, and stage preparation.

Open Day

As part of the University Open Day, Elixir 2025, the department organized Kannada Bhasha Vikasana on July 28, 2025 in A202.



Association Events

Inauguration

The Inaugural and Investiture Ceremony of the Kannada association, Kannada Sangha, was held with great pride and cultural richness on August 2, 2025 from 1 pm to 3:30 pm at Faber Hall marking the beginning of a new chapter for the student-led association. The event celebrated the vibrant spirit of Kannada language, literature, and heritage while formally appointing the newly elected council members who will lead the Sangha for the academic year 2025-2026. The event was hosted by Ms. Swathi. The ceremony began with an invocation song sung by Ms. Anagha, setting the tone for a meaningful occasion. The lighting of the lamp by the dignitaries followed, symbolizing the spreading of knowledge, unity, and enlightenment within the Sangha and the university community. It was then followed by a beautiful dance performance. The Head of department, Dr. Eraiah, followed by Association coordinator Dr. Hanumantharayappa addressed the gathering with a motivational speech that emphasized the importance of preserving one's mother tongue and cultural identity in a globalizing world. He also applauded the Kannada Sangha for consistently

upholding the values of inclusivity, creativity, and social awareness through their various programs and initiatives.



Staff Achievements

Dr. Kumaraswamy Bejjihalli

Participated as a special guest and delivered a lecture on the occasion of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's birthday celebration, held at BMS college of commerce and management, VV Puram, Bengaluru.

Participated as a resource person and chaired a session at a national level seminar held at Christ College, Alambadi, Malur Taluk, Kolar District on May 13, 2025.

Participated as a researcher of the project in a workshop held at the Dr. G.S. Shivarudrappa Foundation of the Government of Karnataka on August 15, 2025.

Participated in a five-day Faculty Development Programme organized by Kristu Jayanthi University, Bengaluru from September 15-19, 2025.

Presided over a two-day National Research Conference organized by the Kannada Department of Kuvempu University, Shimoga, on July 8, 2025.

Dr. Hanumantharayappa S B

Attended the Board of Studies meeting of the Department of Kannada at St. Claret College, Autonomous, Bangalore, on July 15, 2025.

Attended the Board of Studies meeting of the Department of Kannada at Ramaiah College of Arts, Science & Commerce, Autonomous, Bangalore, on May 28, 2025.

Participated in a five-day National Level Online Faculty Development Programme on 'AI-Powered Research Excellence' held from July 21-25, 2025 organized by the Internal Quality Assurance Cell of De Paul College, Mysore in association with Xavier Board of Higher Education in India. Achieved an Outstanding Research Engagement for active involvement, reflective learning, and demonstrated research potential.

Participated in a five-day National Level Online Faculty Development Programme on 'Kannada Research is a New Possibility', held from September 15-19, 2025 organized by the Kristu Jayanti University, Bengaluru in association with Kuvempu Kannada Research Institute. Achieved an Outstanding Research Engagement for active involvement, reflective learning, and demonstrated research potential.

Served as a resource person at Satyameva Jayate Workshop organised by Samajamukhi at Shri Ramakrishna Samagra Shikshana Kendra, Gottigere, Bengaluru, on July 26 and 27, 2025.

Participated in a two-day Offline Faculty Development Programme on 'Enhancing Teaching and Learning : A Two-Day Workshop on Outcome-Based Education', held from July 11 to 12, 2025 organized by St. Joseph's, University, Lalbagh Road, Bengaluru.

Dr. Eraiah Hampapura

Successfully participated in a five-day National Level Online Faculty Development Programme on 'AI-Powered Research Excellence', held from July 21-25, 2025 organized by the Internal Quality Assurance Cell of De Paul College, Mysore in association with Xavier Board of Higher Education in India. Achieved an Outstanding Research Engagement for active involvement, reflective learning, and demonstrated research potential.

Successfully participated in a five-day National Level Online Faculty Development Programme on 'Classical Kannada Texts: Reading-Definitions-Research' held from September 15-19, 2025 organized by the Department of Kannada, Kristhu Jayanthi college(Deemed to be University, Bangalore, in association with Classical kannada Studies centre, Bharateeya bhasha samstana, Higher Education in India, Mysore. Achieved an Outstanding Research Engagement for active involvement, reflective learning, and demonstrated research potential.

Dr. Poornima S

Participated in a two-day Offline Faculty Development Programme on 'Enhancing Teaching and Learning: A Two-Day Workshop on Outcome-Based Education', held from July 11 to 12, 2025 organized by St. Joseph's, University, Lalbagh Road, Bengaluru.

Completed a thirty-day national-level workshop on 'How to Write and Get Your Research Paper Published', held from February 8 to March 3, 2025.

Department of Hindi

Association Events

Formal Foundation: Leadership and Induction

The semester formally commenced with the Investiture Ceremony on July 29, 2025 from 2 pm to 2:45 pm at Aloysius Hall, coordinated by Mr. Satish and Dr. Gurudatta, along with the Student Coordinator, Ms. Masoomi Santosh. Presided over by Chief Guest Dr. Regina Mathias, Pro Vice Chancellor, the event was pivotal, formally inducting the new committee and establishing a professional structure and clear cultural mandate for the academic year. The objectives of the event was to formally induct the newly elected office bearers of Hindi Parishad, to foster leadership among students through cultural responsibilities, to uphold and celebrate the spirit of Hindi language and literature. After the lighting of the lamp, mementos were gifted as a token of appreciation, followed by a dance and song performance by the students. Following a brief address by faculty members, formal induction of the new representatives took place. The event concluded by conferring the new office bearers with their badges.



Garba Utsav

On October 4, 2025, the Hindi Parishad organized a vibrant Garba Utsav in the Auditorium Basement from 3 pm to 5 pm. The event saw enthusiastic participation from students across various departments, who immersed themselves in the festive spirit through dance, music, and colorful attire. The program began with an inaugural address by the organizers, setting the tone for an energetic and joyous celebration. The traditional Garba dance performances, accompanied by mesmerizing music, electrified the atmosphere. The event's highlight was the infectious energy of the participants, who danced with abandon, showcasing their love for Garba and Raas. The Hindi Parishad's initiative provided a platform for students to experience the rich cultural heritage of India, while fostering a sense of community and camaraderie. The event concluded with memories that will be cherished by the participants, making Garba Utsav 2025 a notable celebration in the university's calendar.

Literary and Creative Engagement

Literary activities were robust and multilayered, beginning with the observation of Premchand Jayanti on August 2, 2025, which included a special lecture by Dr. Ganashatwar Sainath. This foundation was followed by Mehfil-e- Ghazal on September 10, 2025 which, in collaboration with the Kalah club, provided a platform for classical poetry and lyrical recitations. Furthermore, Izhaar served as a vital competition for students to showcase original prose and poetic compositions, fostering internal literary creation and confidence.

Izhaar

Hindi Parishad organized its monthly program, 'Izhaar' for this session on September 23, 2025 at Arrupe Atrium. 'Izhaar' is a platform that provides students with an opportunity to share their emotions, thoughts, and artistic expressions. In this open mic session, several students participated and captivated the audience with their creative works. Some recited their own poetry, while others expressed life experiences through shayari and short stories. A few students presented humorous poems, creating a lighthearted and enjoyable atmosphere. The program aimed to promote love for the Hindi language and enhance students' expression skills. At the end of the program, the council members thanked all participants and expressed hope for even more student participation in future Izhaar events.

The Hindi Parishad successfully concluded an impactful semester, executing five flagship events that effectively balanced formal responsibility, deep literary appreciation, and vibrant cultural celebration. The calendar demonstrated the Parishad's commitment to academic rigor, leadership development, and community engagement.



Mehfil-e-Ghazal

On September 10, 2025, the Hindi Council organized an event called 'Mahfil-e-Ghazal' at St. Joseph's University, Bengaluru, in collaboration with Indian Music Association 'Kalaa'. The program took place in the main auditorium from 3:30 pm to 6:30 pm. The event began with the lighting of the lamp by Fr. Denzil, accompanied by Dr. Hasan Pathan and Mr. Satish. A prayer dance was performed by Manyaa, and Fr. Denzil Lobo SJ was introduced by Jayashree Rajpurohit. The dignitaries on the dias included Fr. Denzil Lobo SJ, Dr. Hasan Pathan, Dr. Gurudatt, and Mr. Satish. After the presidential address by Dr. Hasan Pathan, Fr. Denzil delivered the chief guest's speech, and Mr. Satish expressed his gratitude. The main event, Mahfil-e-Ghazal, featured performances by Aditya, Dr. Sujoy, Mr. Satish, Shreekrishna, Kalaa (Ghazal and Qawwali), Vani and Nikita, Aryan and Yashi, and Kalaa. The program concluded with an open mic session, where students recited poetry and shayari. The event was successful due to the continuous support of the audience, students, coordinators, Kalaa, and volunteers.

Premchand Jayanti

To commemorate the birth anniversary of the renowned writer Munshi Premchand, the Hindi Council organized a special program in the AV Room from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm. The program was presided over by Dr. Ganshetwar T. Sainath. The event began with a symbolic planting of a sapling, representing knowledge and growth. Mr. Satish, Coordinator of the Hindi Council and Assistant Professor, welcomed the gathering and

outlined the purpose of the celebration. The chief guest, Dr. Ganshetwar T. Sainath., delivered an inspiring lecture on Premchand's life, works, and values, highlighting his contributions to modern Hindi literature and his profound understanding of Indian society. Following the lecture, Assistant Professor Dr. Gurudatt delivered a vote of thanks, appreciating Premchand's legacy. The Head of the Department, Dr. Hasan Pathan, emphasized the significance of Premchand's thoughts and writings, underscoring the relevance of his ideas. The program concluded with a group photograph, capturing memories of the special day. The event was attended by faculty members, staff, and students.



Faculty Antakshari

On the occasion of Hindi Diwas, the Hindi Parishad organized a fun and cultural event, the Antakshari Competition on September 25, 2025, from 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm at Aloysius Hall with the aim of promoting love, enthusiasm, and a sense of belonging towards the Hindi language. The program saw enthusiastic participation from teachers, who showcased their exceptional talent and delighted the audience. The competition began in a lively atmosphere, where participants demonstrated their memory power, musical knowledge, and team spirit through old and new Hindi songs. The melodies and tunes filled the air, and the audience thoroughly enjoyed the performances, applauding the participants with enthusiasm. Several faculty members participated in the competition, and the top three teams were awarded prizes. The team consisting of Beena Ambrose, Arpita Jain, Sujoy Chakraborty, and Rajul K. secured the first position. The second position was awarded to the team of Mohammad Yusuf Rather, Harshita Awasthana, Aparnananda J. Adams, and Kumar M., while the third position was secured by Mrs. Thansi and Mrs. Benita's team. All

the winners were felicitated by the Hindi Parishad. The event not only provided entertainment but also instilled a sense of pride and love for the Hindi language among teachers and students. The council members expressed gratitude to the participants.

Open Day

The Hindi Department participated in the Open Day organized by the University on July 28, 2025 to showcase the richness of Hindi literature and language. The event featured various posters and models created by students, highlighting key aspects of Hindi literature, poetry, and cultural heritage. Students presented posters on prominent Hindi authors, poets, and literary works, sparking interesting discussions and debates. Creative models and displays illustrated the evolution of Hindi literature, its various forms, and notable literary movements. The exhibition was a resounding success, fostering a deeper appreciation for Hindi among students and faculty.



Staff Achievements

Mr. Satish

Attended a seven-day FDP on 'Hindi Sahitya aur Shodh Pravidhi' organized by Kristu Jayanti (Deemed to be University) College, Bengaluru from September 22-29, 2025.

Served as a judge for a Debate Competition organized by Rashtreeya Military School, Bengaluru on September 6, 2025.

Delivered a talk on 'Rabis' at Government Primary School, Nanjappa Circle as part of NSS Unit 4 activity on September 29, 2025.

Dr. Gurudatta

Attended an online Intra Institutional five-day Faculty Development Programme on July 11, 2025 at City College, Bengaluru.

Presented a Paper at National Seminar at Kristu Jayanti College 'हन्दि आलोचना की दृष्टियाँ, संभावनाएँ और चुनौतियाँ' from April 21-28, 2025.

Presented a research paper 'हिन्दी कविति में हिन्दुस्तानी संस्कृति की खोज' at International Seminar organized by Department of Kannada at St Joseph's university, Bengaluru from April 7-8, 2025.

Department of Tamil

Association Events

Inauguration

Inauguration of Tamil Sangam was held on August 1, 2025. The ceremony featured two distinguished Chief Guest; Lieutenant Colonel Nithyanandham, an officer in the Indian Army, and Mr. A. Velupillai, grandson of Kavimani Desika Vinayagam Pillai, a scholar, author, and filmmaker.



Open Day

At the University Open Day, the department showcased exhibits of Tamil Thai, Thirukkural verses, and honoured great Tamil poets like Thiruvalluvar and Kamban. The exhibit also featured ancient Tamil war weapons on July 28, 2025 in A303.



Other Events

The Tamil Sangam organized a guest lecture by M. Karuppusamy, Assistant Professor, that highlighted the importance of preserving Tamil as a mother tongue, a Tamil-Kannada Unity Conference showcasing Tamil traditions and

student volunteerism, the first intra-collegiate fest, Senmozhi 1.0 celebrating Tamil culture with competitions in speech, dance, and creative writing, a Pongal celebration, and a Women's Day Debate that engaged in discussions on gender equality, reflecting on societal norms and the progress towards women's rights.

Department of Sanskrit

Association Events

Investiture Ceremony

Samskruta Tarangini, the Sanskrit Association, held its investiture ceremony on August 12, 2025 from 12:30 pm to 1:45 pm. The programme started with a welcome address, followed by lighting of the lamp by the chief guest, faculty coordinator, and students. Shloka chanting, welcome song and a dance performance were the highlight of the event. The chief guest delivered a talk, following which he was honoured by the Head of the Department. The office bearers were conferred with badges. The event marked the beginning of the association for the academic year.



Department of French

Departmental Events

Symposium and Literary Fest on Victor Hugo & Alumni Meet

St. Joseph's University achieved remarkable success at the prestigious Victor Hugo Literary Fest organized by Bengaluru City University's Centre for Global Languages on September 3, 2025 as part of their 40th Anniversary Celebration. The inter-university event featured distinguished guests including the French Consul General and Alliance Française representatives. The highlight was SJU's exceptional performance of Hernani, Victor

Hugo's iconic romantic drama. The compelling theatrical presentation became one of the fest's most appreciated segments. Distinguished faculty members unanimously praised SJU students' theatrical skills and deep understanding of Hugo's literary work. The performance team comprised Karthik Mahesh Sulegai, Soukhya U. Vasistha, Arbina Thapa, Nayanika Verma, and H. Shashthi. The media team comprised Abir Safiya Hiraam, Raimy Susan Paul. Mohammed Faizan Nawaz secured 2nd place in the digital poster design competition featuring Victor Hugo's quotes, showcasing our students' creative excellence. This success enhanced SJU's reputation in French literature and performing arts while strengthening inter-university relationships and demonstrating our commitment to excellence in liberal arts education and cross-cultural academic engagement.



Open Day

The Department of French successfully conducted its Open Day exhibition on July 28, 2025, from 9:30 am to 4 pm in A205. The event attracted over 150 visitors and was awarded recognition as the Best Departmental Exhibit under the School of Languages and Literatures. The exhibition, themed "France: Génies et Idéaux | Styles et Sensations", featured an innovative interactive cultural installation. Twenty students participated, divided into two teams presenting different aspects of French culture. The 'Génies et Idéaux' section honoured legendary French figures including Gustave Eiffel, Napoleon III, Victor Hugo, Louis Pasteur, and Marie & Pierre Curie. The 'Styles et Sensations' segment celebrated French creativity through portrayals of Coco Chanel, Yves Saint Laurent, Auguste & Louis Lumière, and other cultural icons. The event demonstrated exceptional commitment to sustainability, utilizing only cloth from personal wardrobes and paper-based exhibits, generating zero waste.

Students performed as live exhibits, engaging visitors through character narrations, question-and-answer sessions, and mini-performances. Visitor feedback was overwhelmingly positive, praising the creativity, interaction, and authentic cultural experience. This successful initiative enhanced the French Department's visibility while promoting interdisciplinary and performative language learning.



Association Events

Bastille Day celebrations

Rendez-Vous, the French Association, celebrated Bastille Day on July 14, 2025, with a unique 'Environment Awareness' Poster Competition. The event aimed to combine historical commemoration with a focus on environmental protection. Participants were asked to submit their posters in either a traditional, physical format or as a digital soft copy. In addition to the competition, the association also hosted a photo booth in the Arrupe Basement Labs from 8 am to 4:30 pm on the same day. Attendees were invited to take part in a short photo session to capture memories and immerse themselves in the celebratory spirit. Abhyanikaa Tripathy (251BCTZ11) was the winner of the event.



MAD ADS

The Rendez-Vous Association in collaboration with Season's Nature Club (SNC) conducted Mad Ads event on September 15, 2025 from 12:50 pm to 1:50 pm at Loyola Hall, under the leadership of Raimy, Sharon, and Apoorbo, the event heads and SNC members. The event challenged four finalists to creatively advertise products in a humorous and witty manner. They were required to maintain originality and avoid vulgar language while showcasing their advertising skills. Some participants used products supplied by the organizers, such as deodorant, while others brought their own products to advertise.

The competition was fierce, with the following results: the first place was awarded to Rianna and Rosanne, second place to Hiren and Alexius, and third place was secured by Abhay. The event was well-received for its fun approach to advertising and the creative talent displayed by all participants, marking a successful component of the larger Conservia fest.



Department of German

Association Events

Investiture Ceremony

The German Association of St. Joseph's University, Treffpunkt, conducted its annual investiture ceremony on July 22, 2025 at Aloysius Hall. The program began at 9 am with an address to the gathering, setting a tone of anticipation and excitement. The ceremonial lamp was then lit by Ms. Sri Vidhya and Ms. Gayathri Krishnan, marking the official commencement of the day's proceedings and symbolizing wisdom and new beginnings. Ms. Vidhya addressed the students, stressing the importance of teamwork and cultural engagement in university life. She reminded the

audience of the German saying, *Zusammenarbeit ist ein Schlüssel zum Erfolg*, which translates to "Cooperation is the key to success." Ms. Gayathri also spoke warmly, encouraging members to use the platform of Treffpunkt to explore language, culture, and collaboration while creating opportunities for creativity and growth. Ahead of the Elixir day performances, the team in charge of the skit, performed their revised version of the popular German fairy tale, 'Hansel and Gretel'. At 10 am the formal announcement of the new leadership roles in the association took place. The position of President was entrusted to Karen, while Sanjana took charge as General Secretary and Sarah as Treasurer. Neha Elizabeth assumed responsibilities as Public Relations Head, Gouri as Documentation Head, and Antarip as Social Media Coordinator. The Cultural Head position was taken up by Shweta. Supporting the core team are the office bearers-Carol, Saket Marda, Shem, John Joseph, Joanna, Gayathri Paleru, Himmel, and Niharika, who will contribute actively to the association's activities. A group picture capturing the newly invested team was taken at 10:45 am. The event concluded at 11:00 am on a note of enthusiasm, with students and faculty looking forward to a vibrant year ahead for the association.



Open Day

Treffpunkt hosted a vibrant exhibition on University Open Day, Elixir 2025 on July 28 in A304. Participants and volunteers arrived as early as 7 am to set up the elaborate displays, which represented the hard work of over a hundred students. By 10 am school groups began arriving to explore the stalls, and the atmosphere quickly filled with excitement. The entrance welcomed visitors with a Black Forest theme that led into a model castle highlighting German architecture. A literature corner celebrated German writers, while an Oktoberfest stall recreated the festive spirit

with colorful decorations and life-sized cutouts in authentic Bavarian attire, which proved especially popular for photos. The automobile stall stood out as one of the most interactive, with quizzes that engaged both guests and judges, sparking lively participation. Cultural performances added another dimension to the event. Students staged a short play on the popular German Folktale, 'Hansel & Gretel' and performed German songs with guitar and keyboard accompaniment. The highlight came when Fr. Denzil Lobo SJ, joined the musicians, surprising the audience with a Spanish song that drew enthusiastic applause. The exhibition concluded with high praise from visitors and judges, and Treffpunkt proudly secured second place at Open Day 2025, marking the day a resounding success.

D-A-CH Wichtige Merkmale

On September 9, 2025, Treffpunkt, the German Association of St. Joseph's University, held its second event of the semester, D-A-CH Wichtige Merkmale from 10-10:35 am at De Nobili Hall. The session offered students an engaging overview of three prominent German-speaking countries—Deutschland, Austria, and Confoederatio Helvetica (Switzerland). In continuation of the association's resolution to adopt the 80-20 learning approach, the event opened at 10 am with the recital of a German rhyme. This interactive start was aimed particularly at first-year German learners, helping them acquire new vocabulary and develop listening skills through rhythm and repetition. The formal program commenced at 10:10 am with Ms. Sri Vidhya's presentation on the D-A-CH region. She explained the geographical significance of these nations in central Europe and highlighted how their shared cultural and economic ties contributed to the prominence of German as a common language, despite variations in dialects. Students explored the capitals, flags, national anthems, and consumer behavior unique to each country. The session also included simple but useful greetings from the three dialects, giving participants a practical takeaway. The event concluded at 10:35 am with attendance and a group photograph, leaving students with a stronger appreciation of the cultural and linguistic diversity of the German-speaking world.

Workshop

On September 1, 2025, Treffpunkt organized a workshop titled 'Das Ziel' from 1-1:30 pm at Faber Hall. The session was designed to help students set effective language learning goals and to launch

a new proposal aimed at making German more approachable for learners. The event drew nearly forty participants and was supported by first year volunteers who helped prepare the venue. The program opened with a reading of a German short story that exposed students to fresh vocabulary and grammar concepts. Shortly after, Ms. Sri Vidhya, the Head of the Department, addressed the audience, presenting the association's resolution and vision for the year ahead. She emphasized the importance of the 80-20 rule in language acquisition, noting that while German has a vast vocabulary and complex grammar, everyday communication relies primarily on 1,000 to 2,000 common words. By focusing on essential vocabulary, students can achieve fluency in conversation more quickly and with greater confidence. Ms. Vidhya encouraged students to strengthen their foundation by mastering *haben* and *sein*, practicing modal verbs, focusing on everyday nouns, and working consistently on tense conjugation and case challenges. The workshop also celebrated the association's recent achievement of securing second place in Open Day, with certificates distributed to participants. The event concluded with a group photograph at 1:28 pm.

SCHOOL OF LIFE SCIENCES

General School Events

Outreach

As a part of its science outreach initiatives, the School of Life Sciences welcomed twenty students from St Joseph's Indian Composite PU College, accompanied by their Biology faculty, Ms Shirley Udaya, on September 25, 2025. The Dean of the School of Life Sciences welcomed them, and over an interactive session, gave them an overview about the programs offered by the School.

At the Department of Biotechnology labs, students enthusiastically participated in extracting DNA from banana samples. They explored how common reagents like SDS, salt, and chilled alcohol work together to break open cells and reveal DNA as visible white strands.



In the Botany Department labs, students were introduced to various techniques involved in plant tissue culture and observed specimens of medicinally important mushrooms. They also examined different types of pollen under microscopes and learned about their significance.

In the Microbiology Department labs, students observed and learnt about the Catalase Test, an essential biochemical test used for differentiating bacterial species based on their ability to produce the enzyme catalase. They also gained insights into the Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR), a widely used molecular biology technique for amplifying DNA.

In the Department of Zoology labs, students explored a wide range of preserved invertebrate specimens, representing various phyla—from delicate mollusc shells to carefully pinned insect samples. They were then introduced to preserved foetal specimens, which serve as valuable tools for understanding human development. This session also highlighted examples of developmental disorders that can be studied through such specimens. Moving on to the human skeletal system, students examined a real skeleton maintained in the department. They were quick to identify bones they had previously learned about and showed great curiosity, asking numerous questions about bone structure and identification.

In the Department of Environmental science, students enhanced their understanding of mineralogy and petrology and were introduced to various meteorological instruments used in analyzing weather parameters and climate science.

Students expressed keen interest, asked thoughtful questions, and actively engaged with the demonstrations and hands-on experiments. From the discussions and their evident curiosity, it was clear that the tour sparked in them a deeper interest in the Life Sciences. At the concluding session, students reported that the visit was both engaging and educational. It provided the students with hands-on experience and first-hand exposure to specimens and models that they might not ordinarily encounter at the PUC level. The visit concluded at 2 pm with lunch for all participants at the Magis Canteen.

Student Achievements

- Saanvi Basu, Akanksha Srivastava and Swathishree CM of MSc Microbiology cleared CSIR NET examination, held in June 2025.
- Annapoorna B, final year ESBY student was selected for and completed a research project under the prestigious Indian Academies of Sciences' Summer Research Fellowship, at Smart microbiological services, Secunderabad, under the guidance of Dr. Ch. Sasikala.
- Aditya Bari and Paul Antony, final year undergraduate students of the School of Life Sciences, were invited to conduct a workshop on iNaturalist data utilisation at SCCS Bangalore.
- Paul Antony and Mohammed Hamza Hussai won the First Prize in the National-level Apollo Tyres Environment and Nature Quiz 2025 –

Preliminary Round held on September 19, 2025 at 10 am at Jyoti Nivas College, Bengaluru.

- Abhijith S, final year Botany-Zoology student, participated and led a team in the Herpetofaunal Survey conducted at the Periyar Tiger Reserve from June 7-10, 2025, jointly organized by the Kerala Forest Department and the Aranyakam Nature Foundation.
- Abhijith S participated in a faunal survey conducted at the Periyar Tiger Reserve from September 11-14, 2025, jointly organized by the Kerala Forest Department and the Travancore Natural History Society (TNHS), and in the Kole Odonata Survey and Ramsar Bird Monitoring conducted on 28th September 28 2025 at the Thrissur-Ponnani Kole Wetlands, jointly organized by the Kerala Forest Department and the Kole Birders collective.
- Abhijith S secured the First Prize in the National Level Photography Competition (2025-26) organized by the Department of Zoology, IQAC, and Alumni Association of Veer Wajekar A.S.C. College, Phunde, on the occasion of World Photography Day.
- Abhijith S undertook a short-term field internship in Dr. Nandini Rajamani's research group at IISER Tirupati between May 1 and 20, 2025.

Department of Biology

Association Events

Investiture Ceremony of BioGen

The department's student association, BioGen, launched its 2025-2026 activities with an inspiring Investiture Ceremony on July 23, 2025, in S411, Science Block. The event drew 65 participants and featured talks by Dr Yadukrishnan Premachandran,

DST-INSPIRE Faculty, IISc, on plant sensory biology and Dr Fathima Benazir J, Co-founder, Azooka, on biotech entrepreneurship, motivating students towards research and innovation. The event was held from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm.

Staff Achievements

All faculty attended the university's two-day workshop on Outcome-Based Education from July 18 to 19, 2025.

Dr Praveen Kumar

Co-authored a paper in the Journal of Sustainable Forestry describing the novel species *Ganoderma swietenium*.

Dr Jincy George

Published a paper on Microbial Metabolites as Mosquito Hormone Inhibitors in Journal of Applied and Natural Science.

Published a paper as corresponding author on colorectal cancer diagnostics in Russian Journal of Gastroenterology.

Dr Md Rafiq Khan K

Co-authored a study in Plant Science Today on the chemical composition and bio-efficacy of *Chenopodium ambrosioides* essential oil and secured a design patent for an aeroponic home gardening device (Design No. 451950-001). He also participated in multiple FDPs, including bioinformatics, AI in research, and OBE workshops.

Dr Santosh Jagadeeshan

Signed an MoU with Ovum Fertility Centre, opening avenues for reproductive biology research.



Dr Anisha

Completed the UGC-sponsored Faculty Induction Programme from May to June 2025.

Dr Theresa Kara

Successfully defended her PhD thesis on July 17, 2025.

Dr Md Rafiq Khan K and Dr CN Rahul attended the Induction Programme and JESCOL I from June 9 to 14, 2025.

Department of Biotechnology

Departmental Events

Open Day

At Elixir 2025, the Department of Biotechnology took innovation up a notch with multiple future-ready ideas in one stall: purifying water from heavy metals using fennel seed residue, a DIY Peltier-powered thermocycler built in their own lab, and turning text into DNA code so words can live forever in nature's storage system. From cleaning water to coding life, the team showed the impact biotechnology has on our lives. The undergraduate students of the Department of Biotechnology showcased the future of green living with their self-sustaining village run entirely on algae biofuel and algae power cells, with no waste, no external fuel, just a perfect loop of clean energy from ponds and sunshine. Their exhibit was awarded first place under the School of Life Sciences. In addition to this, another exhibit sweetened the deal, serving up caffeinated gummy candies in strawberry, lemon, and peach flavour, leaving visitors both amazed and sweet-toothed. An exhibit demonstrated cutting-edge research that literally involves cutting by showcasing planaria, flatworms that are studied for their ability to regenerate when cut. The postgraduate students of the Department of Biotechnology turned heads with their innovative exhibit, "Applications of Plant Biocircuit". By decoding plant signals in real-time, they built a system that lets us listen to what plants need, from detecting stress to optimising growth. Forty participants attended the event from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm on July 28, 2025, at S303, Science Block.

Career Talk: Postgraduate Opportunities for Science Students

The Department of Biotechnology organised a talk on postgraduate opportunities for science

students on August 28, 2025, at Loyola Hall, St Joseph's University, from 11:10 am to 11:50 am, in collaboration with IDP, an organisation that specialises in education abroad. The session was led by Ms Ebronah from the University of Melbourne's India division, and the talk highlighted the study opportunities at the Master's level in the University of Melbourne. Students were briefed about the research-focused MSc in Biosciences and the industry-focused MSc in Biotechnology, allowing them to tailor their desired career paths by choosing an appropriate degree. The session left students inspired to consider postgraduate opportunities abroad. Ninety participants attended the event.



Guest Lecture

Dr Aswin Sai Narain Seshasayee from NCBS gave an incredibly engaging talk on Evolving Gene Regulation, focusing on bacterial evolution and phylogenetics, on August 29, 2025, at 1:00 pm at Faber Hall. The session shed light on how bacterial genomes act as "molecular fossils", helping us trace evolutionary lineages and reconstruct the microbial tree of life. Dr Seshasayee illustrated this through studies on gene expression and the role of transcription factors in *E. coli*, showing how their presence, or striking absence in other species, offers important clues to evolutionary divergence. These comparative insights reveal how bacteria adapt, regulate their functions, and evolve distinct survival strategies. Ninety participants attended the event.

Industrial Visit to ITC Gardenia

Final-year MSc Biotechnology students, as part of their Environmental Biotechnology course, visited ITC Gardenia, Bengaluru, a hotel renowned for its commitment to sustainable development and eco-friendly practices, to learn about its sustainable hospitality practices on August 29, 2025. The ITC Gardenia property is India's first LEED India Platinum certified hotel and operates on the principle of Responsible Luxury. During the visit,

students observed several sustainability initiatives, such as energy-efficient infrastructure, use of renewable resources, solid waste segregation, composting, and eco-sensitive procurement systems. A notable feature was their on-site water treatment and recycling plant, which processes wastewater and recycles it for landscaping, cooling systems, and flushing. This significantly reduces freshwater consumption and serves as a model for sustainable water management in the hospitality sector. The team explained how the lobby is designed for natural cooling without air-conditioning and how solar panels and windmills generate electricity to power four of their hotels. Students observed their eco-friendly operations such as no plastic usage, chiller-based ventilation for rooms, and electric boilers for steam in cooking and laundry. Thirty-two students and two faculty members attended the visit from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm.



Industrial Visit to Thermo Fisher Scientific

Final-year MSc Biotechnology students, accompanied by faculty members of the Department of Biotechnology, visited the Thermo Fisher Scientific R&D site in Whitefield on September 11, 2025. The visit provided insights into instrumentation, experimental workflows, and industrial practices involved in antibody purification, testing, validation, and production. The visit covered a wide range of platforms, including Octet biosensors for real-time binding kinetics, flow cytometry for immune cell profiling, and AKTA chromatography systems for antibody purification. Students also explored workflows from mRNA to cDNA, cloning, sequencing, and validation, along with applications of Western blotting, immunohistochemistry, and advanced imaging systems. Insights into cell culture, transfection, and automated liquid handling highlighted how automation and precision are

integrated into modern biopharma workflows. Thirty-two students and seven faculty members attended the visit from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Workshop on Protein Purification and Characterisation

The Department of Biotechnology, School of Life Sciences, St Joseph's University, in collaboration with Prime Minister's Research Fellows (PMRF) from the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru, organised a Protein Purification and Characterisation Workshop on September 12 and 13 under the PMRF Teaching Assistantship Program for first-year MSc Biotechnology students. The sessions were facilitated by Ms Ananya Chatterjee, Mr Arnab Ghosh, Ms Harshitha Dutta, Mr Manish Nag, and Mr Sainath Polepalli, PhD scholars from the Molecular Biophysics Unit, IISc. Drawing from their research experience, they blended theory with hands-on demonstrations to strengthen student's understanding of protein biochemistry. Day One focused on protein handling and purification, including sonication, Ni-NTA affinity chromatography, and dialysis, highlighting the principles of buffer exchange and removal of impurities. Day Two centred on protein visualisation and analysis using SDS-PAGE, followed by silver and Coomassie Brilliant Blue staining to assess purification efficiency. A key highlight was the facilitator's inquiry-based teaching, which encouraged students to reason through each step and derive solutions independently. The workshop successfully bridged theoretical concepts with real-world laboratory practice, fostering confidence and critical thinking amongst participants. Thirty-one participants attended the workshop from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm at the PG Lab, Department of Biotechnology.



Association Events

Investiture Ceremony 2025

The Department of Biotechnology ushered in a new academic year with the launch of its UG and PG student associations, GGG and Chiasma, along with the Investiture Ceremony for Team 2025 on July 24, 2025. The event celebrated student leadership, collaboration, and the vibrant academic spirit of the department. The programme began with words of encouragement from the Head of the Department of Biotechnology and the Coordinator of the GGG Association, who congratulated the newly elected members and emphasised the importance of teamwork, innovation, and responsibility in shaping the future of young biotechnologists. Faculty coordinators introduced the office bearers, who were formally invested with their roles in the presence of faculty and peers. The ceremony concluded on an enthusiastic note, with Team 2025 stepping forward with renewed purpose and energy to lead the department towards another year of excellence and engagement. Fifty participants attended the event at 12:50 pm at Loyola Hall.

Intron 2025

Green Gene Guild and Chiasma, the student associations of the Department of Biotechnology, School of Life Sciences, organised Intron 2025, a student science fest on September 15, 2025. Dr Deepti Trivedi, Director of Research Facilities at the National Centre for Biological Sciences, Bengaluru, delivered the Inaugural Address. Dr Trivedi shared insights from her journey as a scientist and talked about the importance of fostering innovation in life sciences that is specific to the Indian context. A very engaging Q&A session followed the talk. Ninety participants attended the event from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm at Xavier Hall.

Staff Achievements

Dr Dyna Susan Thomas

Published an article titled "Genetically engineered silk fibroin with antibacterial and antioxidant properties" in 3 Biotech 15, 132 (2025), with C Manoharan, RS Yashwant, and others as co-authors.

Attended and successfully completed a hands-on training programme "Cancer cell culture technique" organised by Cancer Biology Lab, International Research Center, Sathyabama Institute of Science

and Technology, Chennai, from August 22 to 23, 2025.

Dr Gnanaraj M

Attended an online Faculty Development Program "Computational Genomics" organised by NPTEL-AICTE, New Delhi, from January to April 2025.

Attended an online Faculty Development Program "Wadhvani-Ignite FDP India" organised by Wadhvani Foundation, New Delhi, from April 23 to May 13, 2025.

Attended a UGC-sponsored 18th Online Faculty Induction Program organised by UGC Malviya Mission Teacher Training Centre, Bharathidasan University, Trichy, from May 7 to June 3, 2025.

Attended a talk titled "Genomics, Bioremediation capability of Horse gram Rhizobial isolate (AGR 25) that confers tolerance to heavy metals—A step forward in Bioremediation" at the National Conference on Advances in Biological Sciences and Phytotherapeutics Research (ABSPR-2025) organised by Department of Biochemistry, St Joseph's College (Autonomous), Trichy.

Dr AM Anthony Johnson

Attended an International Conference on Genome Informatics Across Scales, organised by National Centre for Biological Sciences, from April 23 to 26, 2025.

Attended and successfully completed a hands-on offline workshop on "Hydra model system in teaching and research" organised by the Science Education Office of NCBS from May 27 to 29, 2025, at Bengaluru.

Attended and successfully completed a hands-on training programme "Cancer cell culture technique" organised by Cancer Biology Lab, International Research Center, Sathyabama Institute of Science and Technology, Chennai, from August 22 to 23, 2025.

Delivered an invited talk titled "Genomics, Bioremediation capability of Horse gram Rhizobial isolate (AGR 25) that confers tolerance to heavy metals—A step forward in Bioremediation" at the National Conference on Advances in Biological Sciences and Phytotherapeutics Research (ABSPR-2025) organised by Department of

Biochemistry, St Joseph's College (Autonomous), Trichy.

Dr Sneha Paul

Presented an e-poster on "Eco-Friendly Sacchachitosan-Silver Nanoparticle Transdermal Film for Diabetic Wound Healing-clinical trial" at a National Seminar organised by Dr RK Diabetic Foot and Podiatry Institute on the occasion of International Clinical Trial Day on May 20, 2025.

Dr Nishanth MJ

Attended the 6th International Caparica Conference on Splicing, held at Costa da Caparica, Lisbon, Portugal, from July 20 to 24, 2025, and gave a talk titled "Functional conservation and diversification of hnRNP interactomes in eukaryotes".

Dr Archana A Malhari

Attended and successfully completed a hands-on training programme "Cancer cell culture technique" organised by Cancer Biology Lab, International Research Center, Sathyabama Institute of Science and Technology, Chennai, from August 22 to 23, 2025.

Dr T Satgurunathan

Delivered a guest lecture and facilitated a workshop on "Hydra as a model organism for teaching and research" at RVS College of Arts and Science, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, organised by the Department of Biochemistry and the Institution's Innovation Council, RVSCAS, on August 29, 2025.

Dr Madappa MB

Attended the seven-day hands-on residential workshop on "Using Drosophila Melanogaster for Biology laboratory Classes" organised by DBT-Sponsored Centre for Teacher Training and Cytogenetics Laboratory, Institute of Science, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, at NCBS, Bengaluru, from September 3 to 9, 2025.

Department of Botany

Association Events

Inauguration of CMCB Association and Investiture Ceremony

The inauguration of the CMCB Association for the academic year 2025–2026 of the Department of Botany was held on July 12, 2025, at Aloysius

Hall with great enthusiasm and participation from students and faculty members. The event was graced by the esteemed chief guest, Dr R Govindarajan, Chief Innovation Officer at Kapiva, a leading plant-based wellness company. In his keynote address, Dr Govindarajan shared inspiring insights on the potential of plants as "golden mines", highlighting their significance as rich and invaluable sources of pharmaceutical and therapeutic compounds. His talk emphasised the importance of blending traditional botanical wisdom with modern scientific innovation. The occasion also witnessed the Investiture Ceremony of the newly elected CMCB office bearers, who took their oaths and officially assumed their responsibilities for the academic year. The ceremony reflected the department's commitment to fostering leadership and academic excellence amongst its students. The event concluded with a vote of thanks and a renewed sense of purpose amongst the attendees to explore the wonders of plant science and contribute meaningfully to the field of botanical research. Eighty participants attended the event from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm.



Staff Achievements

Dr Paramesha M

Participated in a five-day FDP on 'Indian Knowledge System' organised by IOT Academy, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, from February 18 to 22, 2025.

Participated in a Faculty Development Programme on Digital Teaching Tools organised by the Online Teaching and Digital Programme Committee of St Joseph's University from January 16 to 18, 2025.

Participated in a one-day National Level Awareness Program on 'Institutional Development Plan for Higher Educational Institutions' jointly conducted by Telangana Council of Higher Education

(TGCHE) and Institute for Academic Excellence (IAE), Hyderabad, on March 6, 2025.

Participated in a half-day hands-on workshop on 'Using Scopus' organised by St Joseph's Research and Innovation Council (SJRIC), St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, on April 9, 2025.

Mr Amit M Shetty, Mr Chandan R, and Dr Paramesha M presented a co-authored paper titled 'Assessment of Water Quality Parameters and Biodiversity: A Comparative Study Between Bheemanakuppe Lake and Madiwala Lake, Bangalore, India' at the National-level Conference on 'New Paradigms in Life Sciences for A Sustainable Future (NPLSSF-2025)' organised by the Department of Botany, St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, from March 14 to 15, 2025.



Ms Tarushi Vikram and Dr Paramesha M presented a co-authored paper titled 'From Soil to Bean: Understanding the Impact of Edaphic and Climatic Factors on Growth of Coffee Plants in Chikkamagalur District of Karnataka, India' at the National-level Conference on 'New Paradigms in Life Sciences for A Sustainable Future (NPLSSF-2025)' organised by the Department of Botany, St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, from March 14 to 15, 2025.

Association Events

Investiture Ceremony of BioGen

The department's student association, BioGen, launched its 2025–2026 activities with an inspiring Investiture Ceremony on July 23, 2025, in S411, Science Block. The event drew 65 participants and featured talks by Dr Yadukrishnan Premachandran, DST-INSPIRE Faculty, IISc, on plant sensory biology and Dr Fathima Benazir J, Co-founder,

Azooka, on biotech entrepreneurship, motivating students towards research and innovation. The event was held from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm.

Staff Achievements

All faculty attended the university's two-day workshop on Outcome-Based Education from July 18 to 19, 2025.

Dr Praveen Kumar

Co-authored a paper in the Journal of Sustainable Forestry describing the novel species *Ganoderma swietenium*.

Dr Jincy George

Published a paper on microbial metabolites as mosquito hormone inhibitors in Journal of Applied and Natural Science.

Published a paper as corresponding author on colorectal cancer diagnostics in Russian Journal of Gastroenterology.

Dr Md Rafiq Khan K

Co-authored a study in Plant Science Today on the chemical composition and bio-efficacy of *Chenopodium ambrosioides* essential oil.

Secured a design patent for an aeroponic home gardening device (Design No. 451950-001).

Dr Santosh Jagadeeshan

Signed an MoU with Ovum Fertility Centre, opening avenues for reproductive biology research.

Dr Anisha

Completed the UGC-sponsored Faculty Induction Programme from May to June 2025.

Dr Theresa Kara

Successfully defended her PhD thesis on July 17, 2025.

Dr Md Rafiq Khan K and Dr CN Rahul

Attended the "Induction Programme and JESCOL I" from June 9 to 14, 2025.

Department of Environmental Science

Departmental Events

National Conference

A two-day National Conference on Environment, Climate Change and sustainability was inaugurated by Dr. Prabhakar Sangurmath, former Director of Hutti Gold Mines Co. Ltd., Bengaluru, who highlighted opportunities for aspiring professionals in the fields of environmental science and geology, and emphasized the growing scope in these areas. The keynote address was delivered by Dr. Haritha Saranga, Chairperson of the Sustainability Task Force, IIM Bangalore. Over the course of two days, six plenary sessions were conducted, followed by oral and poster presentations. The best oral and poster presentations were recognized with cash prizes. A distinctive feature of the conference was the SJU Alumni Interaction, organized as the Youth Sustainability Conclave, where alumni shared their experiences in the corporate world and discussed the expectations of the industry from academia. This session served as a platform for industry-academia interaction, identifying gaps and exploring ways to bridge them. The event concluded with a valedictory function, with Dr. T.V. Ramachandra, CES, IISC Bangalore, as the chief guest. He spoke on the conservation of Western Ghats biodiversity and emphasized ecosystem-based adaptation strategies to climate change.

Association Events

Investiture Ceremony

The Seasons Nature Club had its investiture ceremony on July 22, 2025 at 12:50 pm. The newly appointed office bearers received their badges of honour and took the responsibility of leading our sustainability driven journey.

Intercollegiate Fest - Conservia

The Seasons Nature Club inaugurated the first-ever Conservia on September 15, 2025 at Loyola Hall. The Chief Guest Mr. Akshay Heblikar, a distinguished alumnus, encouraged students to embrace sustainability. Day One witnessed events like Birds of Banter where teams performed humorous advertisements, showcasing with creativity, and audience engagement, and The Hidden Nest, where teams armed with Survival Cards (3 lifelines) solved clues across 7 campus stations (Magis, Science Block stairs, Audi Block, PG Skywalk, Arrupe Bridge, basement, library). Day Two had Nest Quest, a quiz competition with two rounds that tested knowledge, speed, and presence of mind. Followed by EcoNest, as Shark Tank event, where students pitched sustainable business ideas. "Sharks" evaluated feasibility, innovation,

and impact while simulating negotiations. Clash of Claws, a debate, had teams debate on environment and sustainability themes. Judged on logic, persuasiveness, and clarity, it promoted critical reasoning and respectful argumentation. The fest concluded with a valedictory ceremony on September 17, 2025 at 12:50 pm in Aloysius Hall. The chief guest, Dr. Susan Mary Philip, the dean, delivered the valedictory address.

Department of Food Science and Technology

Departmental Events

Lecture Workshop

The lecture workshop 'Rethinking Food for a Sustainable Future' held at St Joseph's University on September 18, 2025, explored sustainability through two insightful sessions. The program was coordinated by Dr. Mohan Kumar S, with Dr. Sunita Adak as MC. It began with a prayer by Ms. Anugraha Lalu, followed by inaugural addresses from Dr. Susan Mary Philip, the Dean and Dr. Anupriya Mazumder the Head of the Department. Dr. Pratima Khandelwal, Co-Founder of HNM Food Pro Academy, delivered the first lecture on circular food systems. She highlighted the shift from linear to circular models that emphasize resource regeneration and waste minimization. Covering the three sustainability pillars—social, economic, and environmental—she linked her talk to global SDGs and practical steps such as local sourcing, plant-based diets, organic farming, and reducing food waste. She stressed the role of digital technologies (AI, IoT, blockchain) and the 4Cs (communication, collaboration, critical thinking, creativity) in building resilient systems. The second session, led by Dr. Savita S. Manganavar from UAS, GKVK, focused on 'Traditional Grains, Modern Solutions: Millets'. She explained millets' climate resilience, nutritional value, and modern applications,



while also highlighting challenges like market gaps, farmer pricing, and consumer preferences. Policy support, innovation, and awareness were recommended as solutions. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Ms. Navya Siby. Attended by MSc Food Science students, the workshop effectively connected technology, tradition, and policy to inspire sustainable practices for future food security.

Open Day

The Department of Food Science and Technology participated in the Open Day 'Elixir 2025' on July 28, 2025 to showcase innovative exhibits and projects to students from outside schools. The exhibit titled 'From Mycelium to Meal: Functional and Sustainable Product Development using *Pleurotus ostreatus*' attracted enthusiastic feedback from a diverse audience of over 150 attendees. It included 3 novel products: an edible bowl composed of mushroom and multi millet flour, a mushroom based gelato and a mushroom based ice cream. Visiting students had the opportunity to interact with FST students, gaining exposure to scientific principles and new product development applied in



food technology. The program created awareness, inspired curiosity, and motivated young learners to explore future opportunities in the field of food science.

Association Events

Investiture Ceremony

The Department of Food Science and Technology conducted the Investiture Ceremony of the Food Miles Association on August 2, 2025 to formally induct the newly elected office bearers. The event began with the handing over of responsibilities, symbolizing leadership and teamwork among students. On this occasion, a distinguished alumni of the department Ms. Anisha Albert, R&D

Manager at Evolved foods delivered a lecture on recent advancements and opportunities in the field of food science and technology, inspiring students to take an active role in academic, professional, and societal development. The event was graced by faculty members and students, creating a sense of pride and motivation among the new team.

Fruits and chocolate day

A vibrant and fun-filled event was organized on July 9, 2025, to celebrate Fruits and Chocolate Day. The celebration took place in the PG block and featured a variety of stalls curated and run by students of both I and II Year MSc Food Science and Technology. The stalls aimed to showcase the creativity and innovation through fruit and chocolate-based treats and activities. The event was a lively initiative that brought together food, fun, and flavor. Students and faculty thoroughly



enjoyed the creative dishes and interactive stalls. The successful organization and enthusiastic participation made Fruits and Chocolate Day a delightful mid-week celebration in the department calendar.

National Nutrition Week Celebration

The Food Miles Association, celebrated National Nutrition Week with a series of themed activities conducted from August 30 - September 2, 2025. The program aimed to create awareness on balanced diets, food safety, and the impact of food colourants, while encouraging student participation through informative sessions and interactive-activities.

Day 1 (Vegetable Charcoal Theme)

The celebration began with students and faculty dressed in black attire, representing the vegetable charcoal theme. A group photograph was taken to mark the beginning of the week. The day also

featured an online webinar on “Food, Mood and Beyond: Understanding the Gut and Its Influence in the Food Processing Industry”, delivered by Ms. Srishti D. Chatlani, Founder & Sports Nutritionist at Nutri with Ti. The session provided insights into the link between gut health, nutrition, and mood, and highlighted the importance of functional-foods.

Day 2 (Erythrosine Red Theme)

On the second day, students dressed in red to match the erythrosine theme. The program featured awareness talks on healthy dietary practices, emphasizing balanced nutrition using the My Plate model. A session on food colourants was also conducted, highlighting commonly used synthetic colours, their applications in foods, and potential health concerns. The discussions helped students understand both the advantages and risks associated with food additives.

Day 3 (Brilliant Blue Theme)

The final day of the celebration was marked by an interactive quiz activity based on the theme of National Nutrition Week. Questions tested knowledge on nutrition, food safety, and dietary guidelines, creating a lively and engaging atmosphere. Winners were awarded small treats as a token of appreciation. The three-day celebration of National Nutrition Week proved to be a meaningful blend of education



and participation. By combining colour-themed activities, informative sessions, and interactive competitions, the program successfully spread awareness on nutrition and encouraged students to adopt healthier food choices.

Edesia 2025

The fourth edition of Edesia, an inter-college food fest organized by the Food Miles Association was held on September 3, 2025. As part of the series of programs conducted for National Nutrition Week, this fest served as the concluding celebration, bringing together students and faculty for an afternoon of fun and friendly competition. The

fest was coordinated by the I and II Year MSc Food Science and Technology students. This year, Edesia witnessed enthusiastic participation from various colleges including St. Joseph’s University Bangalore, MS Ramaiah University, RNS First Grade College, Maharani Cluster University, Mount Carmel College, Reva University, Kristu Jayanti College and St. Claret PU College. Their involvement transformed the campus into a vibrant space of cultural exchange, interaction and celebration. The stalls opened at 12:30 pm in the PG Block quadrangle.

Staff Achievements

Dr Anupriya Mazumder

Appointed as a Question Paper Setter for the BSc. Food Technology Theory examination of Food Processing of Cereals, Pulses and Oil Seeds on June 9, 2025 at Padmashree Institute of Management and Sciences.

Participated in ‘Enhancing Teaching and Learning: A two-day

Workshop on Outcome-Based Education’ from July 18-19, 2025 conducted by St. Joseph’s University, Bengaluru.

Appointed as an External Examiner for the BSc. Food Technology Practical examination of Food Processing of Cereals, Pulses, Millets and Oil Seeds on July 11, 2025 at Padmashree Institute of Management and Sciences.

Organised and Participated in a Lecture workshop on ‘Rethinking Food for a Sustainable Future’ on September 18, 2025.

Dr Mohan Kumar S

Served as a resource person and delivered a talk titled ‘The power of Food Science- Why Study Food Technology?’ organized by Department of Food Technology, M S Ramaiah College of Arts, Science and Commerce (Autonomous), on August 6, 2025.

Served as an external subject expert of the Board of Studies for BSc Food Technology Programme at M S Ramaiah College of Arts, Science and Commerce (Autonomous) Bengaluru and attended a meeting on May 26, 2025.

Received a Consolation Prize for the presentation

of Research paper titled 'Oleamide, A fatty acid amide isolated from Coprinopsis cinerea is a potential Antimicrobial compound against multidrug resistant ESKAPE pathogens' at National conference on 'Antimicrobial Resistance: Strategies for Prevention and Alternatives', organized by Karnataka Science and Technology (KSTA), Bengaluru from May 14-16, 2025.

Serves as an associate editor for MOJ food Processing and Technology Journal published by Medcrave Group, Budapest, Oklahoma from June 2025.

Completed MOOCS-SWAYAM in Food Chemistry organised by SWAYAM-Mysore University held from January to May, 2025.

Completed MOOCS-SWAYAM in 'Food Microbiology and Food Safety' organised by SWAYAM-Central University of Haryana held from January to May, 2025.

Completed the Faculty Development Program 'AI Mastery for Educators' from May 15 - June 7, 2025 organised by Vishlesan i-HUB IIT Patna.

Participated in the National Workshop on 'IKS' organized by Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) on May 31, 2025.

Participated in a 7-day National faculty Development programme, 'Research, innovation and Industry Connect: Empowering Excellence in Education', organized by the IQAC cell, Jyotivas college, Autonomous from April 21-27, 2025.

Participated in JESCOL-III Inter-Religious Retreat held at Dhyanaashrama, Mount St Joseph, Bengaluru from April 8 - 12, 2025.

Participated in State Level Hands-on Workshop on 'Processing and Value Addition in Millets' on March 6, 2025 organized by Department of Food Science and Technology, St Joseph's University, Bengaluru.

Participated in a Workshop on 'Enhancing Teaching and Learning: A two-day Workshop on Outcome-Based Education' from July 18-19, 2025 conducted by St. Joseph's University, Bengaluru.

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Reviewed a Research paper titled 'Biofunctional and Physicochemical changes During the transition from Fresh to Black Garlic: A comparative Review' For Discovery Molecules, Springer Nature in September 2025.

Reviewed a research paper titled 'Effect of Inverted Sugar Syrup and Raw Sugar on the Quality and Sensory Acceptability of White Bread Production' for MOJ food Processing and Technology Journal published by Medcrave Group, Budapest, Oklahoma in August 2025.

Reviewed a research paper titled 'Proximate and Antimicrobial Analysis of Some Under-Utilized Leafy Vegetables Consumed in Ebonyl State Nigeria' for MOJ food Processing and Technology Journal published by Medcrave Group, Budapest, Oklahoma in August 2025.

Reviewed a research paper titled 'Nutrient and Sensory Properties of Meat Analogues From SoyaBean, Pigeon Pea and Cowpea' for Research Journal of Food Science and Technology in June 2025.

Dr. Sunita Adak

Participated in State Level Hands-on Workshop on 'Processing and Value Addition in Millets' on March 6, 2025 organized by Department of Food Science and Technology, St Joseph's University, Bengaluru.

Participated in Workshop on 'Enhancing Teaching and Learning: A two-day Workshop on Outcome-Based Education' from July 18-19, 2025 conducted by St. Joseph's University, Bengaluru.

Reviewed a chapter for a book titled Biomass-Based Green Technology for Bioeconomy in May

2025.

Reviewed a research paper titled 'Molecular Engineering of Polycaprolactone-grafted Nanocellulose copolymer by grafting from Homopolymerization: A Revisit to Temperature Condition' for Industrial Crops and Products Journal, Elsevier publisher in June 2025.

Reviewed a review paper for 3Biotech Journal, Springer Nature in August 2025.

Reviewed a Doctoral Research Proposal for Ph.D Student in Biotechnology, Banasthali Vidyapith, Rajasthan, India in September 2025.

Student Achievements

Students of 242FST, A Froilanmark Chrsihone, Shireen Fathima, Dabria Heleena Moniz, Naisha Asiya Shaheer, Megha R Ullal, Shwetha S Yazhini participated and won Second prize at the University level Open Day 'Elixir 2025' held on July 28, 2025 at St Joseph's University, Bengaluru for their exhibit and received many accolades.

Department of Microbiology

Departmental Events

Workshop

The Department of Microbiology organized a Computational Workshop on 'Structure Based Drug Design: Molecular Docking and Beyond' on August 2, 2025. The resource persons for the workshop were Dr. G. Mohanraj, Assistant Professor, Department of Microbiology, St.

Joseph's University, and Dr. Sugumar, Associate Professor, Saveetha Engineering College, Tamil Nadu. A total of 61 M.Sc. Microbiology students actively participated in the workshop. The sessions provided hands-on training in Bioinformatics tools and approaches, with a special focus on molecular docking and structure-based drug design. The primary aim of the workshop was to equip students with computational skills in Bioinformatics, thereby enhancing their knowledge base and preparing them for future research and career opportunities.

Industrial Visit

The department conducted an industrial visit to Chennai and Pondicherry from August 20-23, 2025, that proved to be a highly enriching and memorable experience for the students. The visit began at Madras University, where students gained valuable insights into advanced research facilities and the legacy of renowned mathematician Srinivasa Ramanujan, whose contributions continue to inspire generations. At the TICEL Biopark, students were introduced to a wide range of sophisticated instruments and technologies used in biotechnology and life sciences, such as fermenters, chromatography systems, and molecular biology tools. This exposure offered a practical understanding of how modern equipment supports cutting-edge research and industrial applications. The journey continued with a visit to Pondicherry University, where students explored laboratories, interacted with experts, and observed the application of advanced techniques in microbiology and related fields. The trip not only broadened their academic perspectives but also strengthened their curiosity, teamwork, and appreciation for real-world scientific research and



industrial practices. The visit was coordinated by Dr. Mamatha S. the PG Coordinator, Dr. Popy Dutta, the Head of the Department, and Ms. Shalmali Kamath.

Open Day

The Department of Microbiology hosted interactive and educational exhibitions as part of the University Open Day on July 28, 2025. Two student teams presented thematic exhibits focused on real-world applications of microbiology. Team One presented the exhibit- 'Bringing Gene Editing to Life: Baby KJ's Story', using six physical models to explain how CRISPR gene editing was used to correct a deadly genetic disorder. Team Two created an immersive exhibit on HIV, tracing its historical context, societal stigma, and current scientific understanding. PG students displayed their exhibit on 'Disrupting Biofilms Naturally: Plant-Based Anti-Quorum Sensing Strategies for Sustainable Control'. The event attracted a

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wide range of visitors, offering both visual and interactive displays that simplified complex scientific ideas. The exhibits combined creativity with academic accuracy, aiming to educate and inspire.

The Open day was a memorable event for the Microbiological Society as well. This year, the spotlight was on biofilms, a fascinating aspect of microbiology that the students explored with

creativity and depth. Through models, posters, and demonstrations, they showcased the process of biofilm formation, its structural complexity, and its significance in different fields such as healthcare, industry, and the environment. The exhibits not only highlighted the scientific relevance of biofilms but also made the concept accessible and interesting to the audience. Visitors appreciated the clarity, innovation, and teamwork that went into the displays, making the exhibition both informative and enjoyable.

Association Events

The Launch

The Dept. of Microbiology at St. Joseph's University officially launched MICROCOSM, the Undergraduate Association, Dept of Microbiology, for the Academic Year 2025-26, on August 7, 2025, at the Aruppe Atrium. The event marked the formal commencement of the association's activities for the academic year 2025-2026 and served as a celebration of student-led scientific engagement and academic spirit. The launch took place during both the breaks of shift I and shift II at 8:45 am and 12:50 pm respectively. On both occasions, the Aruppe Atrium was transformed into a vibrant space filled with music, movement, and enthusiasm. The program featured a lively flash mob and a series of dance performances, followed by an open mic event (during shift I launch), drawing large student audiences and setting a dynamic tone for the association's journey ahead. A QR code placed at the venue provided a convenient means for students to become part of the growing Microcosm community. A significant moment of the event was the unveiling of the official Microcosm banner, which symbolized the society's vision for the upcoming year. Designed to represent the themes of exploration and scientific curiosity, the banner served as a visual declaration of Microcosm's commitment to academic excellence and collaborative learning. The successful execution of the event reflected the dedication and enthusiasm of the association's Core Committee and affirmed the Department's ongoing efforts to foster scientific inquiry, student leadership, and interdisciplinary collaboration. The launch of Microcosm for the academic year 2025-2026 marked the beginning of a promising chapter, with a series of academic, cultural, and outreach activities planned to enrich the student experience and promote a deeper understanding of microbiological sciences.

Inauguration - Microcosm

The inauguration of the Undergraduate Microbiological Society—MICROCOSM—and the Postgraduate Microbiological Society for the academic year 2025–26 was held on July 10, 2025 at De Nobili Hall. The programme began with a prayer song by the departmental choir, followed by a welcome address by Dr Popy Dutta (HOD), and the introduction of the Chief Guest, Dr. Arjun Guha by the Staff Coordinator of Microcosm, Dr Debalina Chaudhuri. The lighting of the lamp symbolised the pursuit of knowledge and the commencement of a new academic journey. The Presidents of both societies presented the Annual Report for 2024–25. The Annual Plan for 2025–26 was later outlined by the Editor of MICROCOSM and the PG society's Secretary, highlighting the vision and proposed activities for the year. The event's highlight was the keynote lecture by Dr. Arjun Guha on 'Muco-ciliary Clearance', focusing on the role of the Notch signalling pathway in regulating ciliary length and its implications for respiratory health. An interactive question-and-answer session followed, encouraging student engagement. The ceremony concluded with a vote of thanks, reaffirming the department's commitment to academic excellence and student-led scientific initiatives.

Inauguration - Microbiological Society

The inauguration of the Microbiological Society and Microcosm for the academic year 2025–2026 took place on July 10, 2025 in a ceremony that beautifully combined tradition and academic pride. The event brought together both UG and PG students, with around 200 participants attending. It began with the warm welcome of distinguished guests—Chief Guest Mr. Arjun Guha who is the Associate investigator professor at BRIC-inStem, Dr. Popy (Head of Department), Ms. Mamatha (PG Coordinator), and Ms. Vanitha (Staff Representative). A soulful invocation and the

ceremonial lighting of the lamp created a solemn and reverent atmosphere, symbolizing the triumph of knowledge over ignorance. Ms. Mamatha delivered a heartfelt welcome address, appreciating the collaborative spirit of the department. The newly elected office bearers of Microcosm and the Society were then introduced and honored with badges, signifying responsibility and trust. Chief Guest, Mr. Guha, delivered an inspiring keynote address, highlighting microbiology's crucial role in addressing global challenges and encouraging students to cultivate curiosity, resilience, and passion. The highlight of the inauguration was the much-awaited release of 'Microlens', the annual newsletter of the department, proudly unveiled by the Chief Guest, Mr. Arjun Guha. Entirely conceptualized and prepared by students, Microlens reflected their creativity, dedication, and commitment to showcasing the spirit of the department. The newsletter featured student achievements, research explorations, and glimpses of vibrant activities that marked the past academic year. It also presented an exciting outlook on upcoming events, initiatives, and opportunities, serving as a blueprint for the year ahead.

Inoculum 2025

Microcosm hosted its annual fresher's celebration, Inoculum 2025, on August 30, 2025 at Loyola Hall.. With the theme 'Bringing Back the 2000s (Y2K),' the event blended nostalgia with youthful energy to welcome the freshers of 2025 and 2024. The programme began at 1:15 pm with a warm welcome by the Microcosm core team, whose lively introductions and interactive activities created a sense of belonging. The entertainment sequence featured Match with Hookstep, where students performed popular dance moves; Heads Up, a fast-paced guessing game; a creative solo dance performance; and the humorous Wrong Song Karaoke, which had the audience in splits. Adding to the Y2K spirit, Pictionary challenged



participants to sketch and identify iconic objects and trends from the 2000s, ensuring enthusiastic participation from both seniors and juniors. The highlight of the afternoon was the announcement and crowning of Mr. and Ms. Inoculum 2025, celebrating the spirit, confidence, and talent of the newcomers. The event concluded with a formal wrap-up and refreshments, marking the close of an afternoon filled with camaraderie, creativity, and departmental unity. Inoculum 2025 successfully strengthened bonds between seniors and freshers, upholding Microcosm's vision of 'Inoculating the future, one streak at a time'.

Guest Lecture

The Microbiological Society organized a guest lecture on 'Intellectual Property Rights' on September 20, 2025 as part of its academic enrichment initiatives. Dr. Siddarth Jain who was the guest speaker holds an MPhil-PhD from Center for Studies in Science Policy, JNU. His areas of Research are STS, IPR and Innovation Studies. He closely follows the Intersection of Law and Biological Sciences. He is currently associated with 'Geneva Health Files' as a Fellow. He explained the fundamentals and importance of IPR, covering patents, copyrights, trademarks, and the legal frameworks in India and globally. He highlighted how protecting intellectual property fosters innovation, safeguards researchers' interests, and contributes to national development. Students actively engaged in discussions on the ethical, legal, and social aspects of IPR, gaining a deeper understanding of its relevance in scientific research.

Intercollegiate Fest

The Microbiological Society successfully organized MicroVerge 2.0, an intercollegiate fest aimed at fostering scientific enthusiasm, creativity, and collaboration among young microbiologists. The event witnessed an overwhelming response with 115 participants from five esteemed institutions – Jain University, Maharani Cluster College, Mount Carmel College, Bishop Cotton's Women's Christian College, and Vijaya College. The day began with a formal inauguration ceremony, graced by faculty members and student representatives, followed by a brief introduction to the objectives of the fest. The atmosphere was charged with excitement as participants geared up for a day filled with knowledge, innovation, and fun. A total of six events were conducted – Survival of the Fastest, Rhythm and Resonance, Memeiosis, Biopreneur, Reel-o-clock, and Catch Me If You Culture –

each designed to challenge different aspects of scientific thinking, creativity, and teamwork. The events combined learning with entertainment, providing participants an opportunity to apply microbiological concepts in engaging ways. The fest concluded with a valedictory ceremony, where the first and second place winners of each event were awarded trophies with certificates, and all participants received e-certificates for their active involvement. Mount Carmel College was declared the overall winner of MicroVerge 2.0. The event was highly appreciated for its organization, innovation, and student participation, marking yet another successful chapter in the department's academic and cultural endeavors.

Staff Achievements

Dr. G. Mohanraj

Resource Person the workshop 'Application of Computational Tools in the Discovery of Drugs for Zoonotic Diseases' conducted by Department of Zoology of St. Joseph's University on August 30, 2025 at 2 pm in the Zoology Lab.

Dr. Mamatha S

Successfully defended her thesis, "Studies on the bioactive properties of Putranjiva roxburghii Wall" under the guidance of Dr Manjunath K, Retd. Professor, Department of Microbiology, Biotechnology and Food Technology, Bangalore University on September 23, 2025.

Department of Zoology

Association Events

Natural Sciences Association Launch

The Zoology Association successfully inaugurated its activities with a vibrant event that saw enthusiastic participation from students of various departments on July 14, 2025. Starting at 9 am, the programme included interactive stalls, fun games, and creative corners, along with animal-themed stickers and a lively photo booth that added excitement. The specimen display, featuring skulls, bones, nests, reptiles, and marine organisms, became the main attraction, offering both curiosity and learning. Junior volunteers managed the day efficiently, and the event concluded at 4 pm with great joy.

Investiture Ceremony

The Investiture Ceremony of the Natural Sciences

Association (NSA) took place on July 26, 2025 in Loyola Hall at 1:15 pm, following the arrival of faculty members. The event opened with an address by the Head of the Department and the traditional lamp lighting by faculty, and newly elected presidents, Rama Dikshit and Abhijith. Inspiring speeches were delivered by Mr. John Paul on NSA's history, Rama on its significance, and former president Farhan on his 2024 journey. The core team and members were then badged and sworn in with an oath, concluding with a vote of thanks by Documentation Head, Sanjana K M.



Freshers Day

The Fresher's event, centred on the theme Biomimicry, was a lively and energetic celebration that warmly welcomed the new batch. The program that was held on July 26, 2025 from 2-4 pm in the Loyola Hall, was filled with engaging activities, including fun games like musical chairs, dumb charades, and an entertaining character dress-up competition that had everyone laughing and participating with enthusiasm. The highlight of the evening was the DJ session, where students joined together on the dance floor, creating a joyful and energetic vibe. The event not only provided entertainment but also fostered bonding among students, leaving behind lasting memories. It truly marked a vibrant and exciting start for the freshers.

Nature Walk

The Nature Walk conducted on August 3, 2025 focused on ecological exploration and species observation. Participants studied the dynamics of a freshwater lake ecosystem, noting extensive water hyacinth coverage and its impact on habitat structure. The group documented diverse flora, insects, and avifauna, including Grey Heron, Purple Heron, Black-crowned Night Heron, Streak-throated Swallow, Long-tailed Shrike, and Painted Stork. Divided into smaller teams, they investigated different transects to maximize

biodiversity observations. The activity emphasized field-based learning, ecological awareness, and the importance of conserving wetland ecosystems. The walk provided participants with a scientific yet enriching experience, fostering curiosity and appreciation for nature.

Another Nature Walk was conducted on August 24 at 7 am to Varthur Lake, a critical urban wetland ecosystem. During the survey, participants documented the presence of diverse avifauna, including Painted Stork (*Mycteria leucocephala*), Spot-billed Pelican (*Pelecanus philippensis*), Black-winged Stilt (*Himantopus himantopus*), Purple Heron (*Ardea purpurea*), Grey Heron (*Ardea cinerea*), and Crag Martin (*Ptyonoprogne rupestris*). The activity facilitated direct observation of wetland-associated species, enhancing ecological awareness among volunteers. The serene environment, combined with notable bird diversity, provided both scientific insights into wetland biodiversity and an immersive learning experience fostering conservation-oriented perspectives.



Greenpeace India Initiative

In response to the oil spill off the Kerala coast in May 2025, which resulted in extensive ecological damage and disrupted the livelihoods of coastal communities, the Natural Science Association (NSA), in collaboration with the Wildlife and Aquatic Conservation Cell (WACC), organized a postcard campaign. Students and faculty members composed scientifically framed appeals addressed to Mr. Deepak Krishna Tiwari, Managing Director of the MSC Agency, Kurla Road, Mumbai. The messages emphasized corporate accountability, ecological restoration, and social justice, urging the company to acknowledge responsibility and ensure adequate compensation. The consolidated postcards were submitted to MSC to strengthen the demand for remedial action.

Guest Lecture

On August 7, 2025, the Natural Science Association (NSA) hosted a lecture by Dr. Gaurav Srivastava, a leading gharial conservation biologist. Dr. Srivastava presented the case study of Hope, a gharial that survived despite severe ecological pressures, symbolizing resilience within threatened populations. He outlined his long-term conservation initiatives in the Katarniaghat Wildlife Sanctuary, where strategies such as habitat restoration, nest protection, and systematic population monitoring were implemented. Central to this success was the active participation of local communities in conservation practices, which transformed Katarniaghat into India's second-largest gharial stronghold. He emphasized that sustained gharial conservation depends on community-based stewardship.

Webinar

The association hosted a Webinar on clouded leopards on July 27, 2025 at 7:30 PM. The webinar featured Dr. Urjit Bhatt from the Wildlife Institute of India. Dr. Bhatt provided an overview of the species' behavioral ecology, biogeographic distribution, and taxonomic distinction between *Neofelis nebulosa* and *Neofelis diardi*. Drawing on his research in Manas National Park, he elaborated on field methodologies employed in surveying these cryptic carnivores, including camera trapping and habitat assessments. He discussed key ecological findings, population insights, and the methodological constraints associated with



studying such elusive species. While concluding, Dr. Bhatt emphasized the critical role of student engagement in advancing carnivore research and conservation initiatives.

Inauguration and Investiture of Zoologia

The Department of Zoology conducted the Inauguration and Investiture Ceremony of its association Zoologia on July 12 2025. The event was graced by Dr. Godwin J. D'Souza, who emphasized research, innovation, and student participation in shaping the future of zoological sciences. The event also saw the investiture of new office bearers, who pledged to uphold the association's values.

Online Lecture for Moth Week

The Department of Zoology hosted an online lecture series on Moth Week, on July 26, 2025, featuring a lecture by Rachit Prathap Singh from the University of Göttingen. The session, titled 'Winged Jewels of the Night and Day – Moth Biology and Citizen Science' emphasized moth diversity, ecological importance, and citizen science's role in biodiversity research.

Three-Day Lecture Series

Zoologia organized a three-day lecture series featuring distinguished experts in research and conservation, addressing critical environmental and biodiversity issues. Ms. Babitha P. S., a member of the Women and Gender Constituency of the UNFCCC, spoke on 'Ecofeminism', emphasizing the link between environmental conservation and gender justice and the vital role of women in climate action. Prof. K. Padmakumar, Director of the Centre for Marine Biodiversity, University of Kerala, discussed the 'Status of Marine Biodiversity and Bioprospecting in India', highlighting marine resource conservation and sustainable bioprospecting. The series concluded with Mr. Joel Correa, Co-founder of Kanana Conservation, who focused on ethical wildlife observation, habitat protection, and promoting human-wildlife coexistence.

Educational Trip

An educational trip was conducted to Mysore on August 23, 2025. Students visited Mysore Zoo, a renowned biodiversity and conservation center, and the Planet Earth Aquarium, a diverse aquatic ecosystem. They observed and handled exotic species, enhancing their understanding of aquatic ecosystems.

Flash Mob and Banner Drop for Zooventure

A flash mob for the annual "Zooventure" event was held on August 25, 2025 at 8:45 am at the PG block, attracting students and faculty members. The event, featuring energetic performances and a banner drop, generated excitement and participation, setting the tone for the upcoming festivities.

Intercollegiate Fest

Zooventure, a departmental intercollegiate fest, was organized on August 29, 2025 from 9:15 am to 3 pm. The fest aimed at fostering creativity, scientific curiosity, and student engagement. It featured various events, including Photography and Reel Making, a Shark Tank competition, a Potpourri quiz, an Escape Room challenge, and



a Stress Interview. The event attracted students from various institutions, promoting diversity and vibrancy. Vijaya College was awarded the overall trophy for the event, recognizing the efforts of the organizing committee, faculty, and participants.

Workshop

A hands-on workshop on 'Application of Computational Tools in the Discovery of Drugs for Zoonotic Diseases', facilitated by Dr. Mohanraj Gunasekaran, Assistant Professor, Department of Microbiology, SJU was conducted on August 30, 2025 from 2-4:30 pm in UG Lab 2. The session shed light on the importance of molecular docking studies in biological sciences, especially in relation to diseases. Hands-on training was provided on software such as PyMOL and PyRx. The session helped students to understand the novel approaches in drug discovery.

Staff Achievements

Dr. Kavya K

Delivered a talk on Research writing and Publication for One week Faculty Development Programme, themed on Research Methodology and IPR, organised by DCTE conducted on March 21, 2025 at S. J. (Govt) Polytechnic, Bengaluru-01.

Published a research article on Interplay between ERK1/2 Signalling pathway and estradiol receptor modulates ER targeted genes involved in progression of estrogen responsive breast cancer in the Journal 'Cancer Investigation' indexed in Clarivate and Scopus with Impact factor 1.9.



Dr. M. Jayashankar

Addressed students on 'Understanding the applications of Conservation Genetics' during the Genetics Day organised by the School of Applied Sciences, Reva University on September 25, 2025.

Dr John Paul

Presented on 'Climate Literacy and Environmental Governance: Empowering the Next Generation', at the national conference held at St. Aloysius (Deemed to be University) in Mangalore on September 29 and 30, 2025.

Dr Pratibha R.D.

Presented her research findings on 'Vembanad Lake: An Ecological and Socioeconomic Lifeline' at the national conference 'Climate Literacy and Environmental Governance: Empowering the Next Generation,' held at St. Aloysius (Deemed to be University) in Mangalore on September 29 and 30, 2025.

SCHOOL OF PHYSICAL SCIENCES

Department of Electronics

Association Events

Investiture Ceremony

The Department of Electronics, organised the Investiture Ceremony of JET Club on August 11, 2025, at Xavier Hall, PG Block. The event, which commenced at 9:00 am, brought together students, faculty members, and distinguished guests in a celebration of leadership and commitment. The ceremony marked the formal installation of new office bearers, symbolising the beginning of a new academic year filled with enthusiasm, innovation, and teamwork. The Chief Guest, Mr Chetan Naik J, Lead Application Engineer at Ramaiah Skill Academy, graced the occasion and delivered an inspiring leadership address, motivating students to pursue excellence through faith and work, in line with the University's motto 'Fide et Labore'. The event also provided valuable networking opportunities for students and faculty members, fostering collaboration and growth within the academic community. Refreshments were served, promoting fellowship and informal interaction among participants. Organised efficiently by the JET Club Committee, the Investiture Ceremony stood as a testament to the University's commitment to nurturing leadership, professionalism, and holistic development among its students.



Expert Talk

The Department of Electronics organised an enlightening expert talk titled 'Decoding the Future: Skills That Speak Electronics' on September 18, 2025, at 9:00 am in Aloysius Hall. The session featured Dr TN Srikantha Dath, Director, Ramaiah Skill Academy, as the distinguished speaker. Dr

Srikantha Dath shared his valuable insights on emerging trends and industry-relevant skills in the field of electronics, emphasising the growing need for students to align academic learning with evolving technological demands. The session included expert-led discussions, interactive question-and-answer segment and guidance on internship opportunities, making it both informative and engaging for participants. The event provided a unique platform for students, educators, and lifelong learners to gain exposure to the latest innovations and skill-based learning approaches essential for future-ready professionals. The programme was coordinated by Dr Naveen Kumar R and Dr Neethu Joseph, whose efforts ensured the smooth conduct of the event. Overall, the expert talk successfully inspired participants to embrace continuous learning and skill enhancement in the ever-evolving domain of electronics and technology.



Workshop

On September 29, 2025, the Department of Electronics at Mount Carmel College (Autonomous) conducted a highly engaging and immersive four-hour workshop on KiCad, titled 'From Idea to Design'. The event was meticulously planned and organised by Ms Suma N, Dr Upendra Raju A, and Mr Mahantesh SH, with the goal of providing participants a hands-on experience in the complete PCB design workflow. The workshop guided attendees through all essential stages, starting from schematic capture and component placement, progressing to PCB layout and routing, and culminating in generating manufacturing-ready outputs and 3D visualisations. What made the session truly remarkable was the delivery and engagement, as it was primarily led by three talented MSc Electronics students from the college. These student instructors employed an effective peer-to-peer teaching methodology, making the complex KiCad software accessible, understandable, and practical for all participants. Through their guidance, attendees were able to gain hands-on experience, build confidence, and learn essential techniques in electronic design automation. The collaborative effort between faculty and student instructors made the workshop not only informative and skill-building but also inspiring, leaving a lasting impact on students from various academic backgrounds and equipping them with valuable, industry-relevant skills for future projects and professional growth.



Internship: 16-inch RC Cassegrain Telescope Project

SARS (Science Activity and Research School), launched in 2012, engages youth in science projects, telescope making, and night sky observation. It offers workshops, research guidance, and achiever interactions, extending activities to schools and fostering creativity, astronomy interest,

and hands-on learning through experiments and mentorship. Under the guidance of Dr Ajay Saxena, students learn about optics theoretically and practically. Dr Saxena, who holds a PhD in Physics, has over 50 years of experience in Photonics and Instrumentation. A former Dean of Science at Indian Institute of Astrophysics, he has conducted solar corona experiments during four solar eclipses worldwide. He developed the passive radiant cooler for INSAT satellites for ISRO, earning the 1994 Republic Day Award. With over 75 research publications, he has contributed to optical technology and telescope design. Sourasish Batabyal, Vicky Kumar R, and Sahana S from I MEC and I PEM are active participants of the ongoing project titled 16-inch RC Cassegrain Telescope Project organised by SARS, under the guidance of Dr Saxena.

Photography Event

The Department of Electronics, through its student association JET Club, successfully organised a vibrant Photography Event that brought together creativity, technology, and artistic expression. Held on September 17, 2025, from 12:50 pm to 1:50 pm, the event saw enthusiastic participation from students across the department who showcased their talent in capturing unique moments and perspectives through their lenses. The session provided a wonderful platform for budding photographers to display their skills, experiment with innovative techniques, and engage in healthy competition. Participants shared their passion for storytelling through images, whilst also gaining valuable insights into the art and science of photography. The event not only highlighted the creativity of students but also encouraged them to look at everyday scenes with a fresh perspective. The event was conducted online, where the theme for photography was shared with participants and photographs were collected through Google Forms. Dr Neethu Joseph served as the judge for evaluating the photographs, and winners were selected adhering to the rules and theme of the event.

Virtual Internship on Embedded Systems, IoT, and PCB Design

IEEE Robotics & Automation Society (Hyderabad Section Chapter) and IEEE Communication Society (Hyderabad Section Chapter), in collaboration with IIRPD, organized a Free Virtual Internship Programme on Embedded Systems, IoT, and PCB Design. This initiative is designed to provide practical learning opportunities for 2,030 students,

empowering them with hands-on skills in cutting-edge technologies. The programme was conducted in remembrance of Dr APJ Abdul Kalam, marking ten years since his passing, as a tribute to his vision of empowering youth through science and technology. The internship ran virtually, with classes scheduled from Monday to Thursday, 8:45 pm to 9:15 pm, ensuring accessibility for students across diverse academic levels. The structured modules began with Embedded Systems (starting August 11, 2025), covering Arduino, Proteus simulation, sensors, actuators, and mini projects. This was followed by PCB Design (from August 18, 2025), where participants learned about design rules, schematics, layout, routing, and PCB fabrication. Finally, MicroPython for Embedded Systems & IoT (from August 25, 2025) introduced ESP32 microcontrollers, sensors, and actuators with real-time programming. Arhaanuddin M, Sreekar AV, and Krithika D from III ELCS took part in this internship programme.

Department of Mathematics

Association Events

Investiture Ceremony

Abacus Association held its Investiture Ceremony on July 16, 2025, graced by the presence of Dr Maria Ancy, Head of the Department, Dr Deepa Mathew, PG Coordinator, Ms Sowmya KG and Mr Leonard Aiman, teacher coordinators, along with esteemed faculty members of the Mathematics Department. Students from both UG and PG programmes were also in attendance, adding to the spirit of the occasion. The ceremony began on a soulful note with a prayer song, invoking God's blessings, followed by a warm welcome address delivered by Dr Deepa Mathew. Dr Maria Ancy inspired the gathering with her creative interpretation of the acronym ABACUS, leaving the audience motivated. The highlight of the event was the formal introduction of new office bearers. The event concluded gracefully with a heartfelt vote of thanks proposed by Mr Leonard Aiman, marking the beginning of yet another promising year for Abacus Association.

Intra-Collegiate Fest

Intra-Collegiate Fest was held on September 3, 2025. The day was filled with energy and enthusiasm, showcasing a blend of academic rigour and creative talent across various disciplines. The fest featured a wide range of engaging and competitive events. The department hosted popular events like

Integration Bee, Math-a-Thon, Wheel of Math, and Blackout, attracting participants keen on solving complex mathematical challenges. Expanding beyond mathematics, the fest included a Coding Event and the business-focused Shark Tank Event. A unique inter-departmental collaboration was seen in Pixel and Pattern, which was conducted in partnership with Images Association. Similarly, CalcAttack involved a collaborative effort with Seasons Nature Club, blending quantitative skills with an awareness of the natural world. The efficient execution of the fest was facilitated by the collective efforts of Event Heads from different departments. This collaboration ensured a high level of participation and smooth coordination throughout the day. The fest was well-received, achieving its goal of fostering academic and extracurricular excellence among the student body.



Quaternis-I

Quaternis-I brought together the worlds of mathematics, statistics, and cinema in a fun-filled three-round competition that kept everyone on the edge of their seats. The opening round set the tone with movie stills from blockbusters like Interstellar. Teams had to identify the concept behind each scene. Whilst the images acted as helpful hints, they did not carry points as accuracy mattered the most, with negative marking keeping participants on their toes. The second round, hosted with flair, raised the stakes with eliminations. Only one team member could access the buzzer via www.multibuzz.opp. Quick reflexes alone were not enough as pressing the buzzer before the full question was read meant instant penalties. The questions fused maths and movies in creative ways, from Euler's method and gravitational puzzles to frequency analysis and graph-based twists inspired by Inception. The finale brought the thrill of risk and reward as Teams 2, 8, and 10 went head-to-head. Each chit drawn contained three unique questions, challenging not just knowledge but also strategy.

After a nail-biting finish, Team 8 emerged as the ultimate champions.

Quaternis 2: Maths Jeopardy

The second edition of Quaternis for this semester was conducted on September 12, 2025. It was held in N104 during the lunch break from 12:50 pm to 1:50 pm. The event constituted fun mathematical riddles. It was a fun-filled, intriguing, and engaging experience for the three teams participating in the event.



Quaternis 3: Maths Myth

The third event under the Quaternis banner, Maths Myth, was jointly organised by Abacus Club and Quiz Club on September 22, 2025, at S203. The programme commenced at 1:20 pm and witnessed a decent turnout, with five teams comprising two to three participants each. The event successfully blended mathematics with mythology, providing participants with a unique platform to test both their logical reasoning and cultural knowledge. The competition was conducted in two rounds: Round 1 involved maths trivia and riddles related to mythology, whilst Round 2 was a more dynamic buzzer round where participants had to quickly identify mythological and mathematical figures and images, testing both speed and accuracy. The event concluded on a competitive yet lively note, ensuring both engagement and learning. Overall, Maths Myth succeeded in fulfilling its objective of combining analytical skills with cultural knowledge, leaving participants enriched and entertained.

Department Colloquia Of Monsters and Moonshine

A talk was delivered by Dr. Michael Griffin, Senior Lecturer, Vanderbilt University, USA, on July 3, 2025, at 2:00 pm in Lab 8, Mathematics Department on 'Of Monsters and Moonshine'. The lecture focused on how symmetries in nature are encoded by mathematical groups and explored the role and significance of Monstrous Moonshine.

In Conversation with Professor Alladi Sitaram

The Department of Mathematics hosted an interactive session with Prof Alladi Sitaram, PhD (Washington), a distinguished mathematician and a Fellow of Indian Academy of Sciences since 1991. Prof Sitaram, born in 1947, served as a professor at Indian Statistical Institute from 1976 to 2014 and held the prestigious Raja Ramanna Chair at Indian Institute of Science (IISc). His contributions lie in the field of Harmonic Analysis on Euclidean Spaces and Lie Groups. He also served on the council of Indian Academy of Sciences during 2001-2003. This student interaction aimed to inspire and engage young minds with one of India's leading mathematical thinkers. In a session filled with clarity, warmth, and intellectual elegance, Prof Sitaram walked the audience through a beautiful application of Fourier series to show that summation of $1/n^2$ where n ranges from 1 to infinity is $\pi^2/6$. His talk was more than a lecture; it was an invitation to love mathematics. Students left inspired not just by the result, but by the style of thinking - calm, insightful, and grounded in a lifelong engagement with ideas. This session was held on July 11, 2025, at 2:00 pm in S411.

How to Store a Graph?

A talk was delivered by Dr Kshitij Gajjar, Assistant Professor, IIIT Hyderabad, on July 16, 2025, at 3:00 pm in De Nobili Hall on 'How does one store a graph in a database?'. The talk explored a simple yet insightful way of labelling vertices of a graph, called sum labelling. The project is a joint work of Dr Kshitij Gajjar, IIIT Hyderabad, with Prof Henning Fernau.

Fisher's Inequality, Odd-Town Theorem, and Q-Analogues

A talk on the theorems of Fisher's Inequality, Odd-Town and Q-Analogues was delivered by Dr. Hiranya Kishore Dey on July 30, 2025, at 3 pm in S411. The talk explored their results, the proofs, and how linear algebra unveils powerful combinatorial truths.

The Impossibility of Trisecting an Arbitrary Angle

The Department Colloquium featured an enlightening talk by Dr Anita Naolekar, Associate Professor at Indian Statistical Institute, Bengaluru, on 'The Impossibility of Trisecting an Arbitrary Angle'. Dr Naolekar took the audience through the fascinating history of one of the oldest unsolved problems of classical geometry, whether every angle can be divided into three equal parts

using only a straightedge and compass. She explained why this problem, despite centuries of attempts, was proven impossible through the works of great mathematicians. The session also introduced the audience to Evariste Galois's groundbreaking contributions, which translated geometric problems into algebra and ultimately revolutionised the subject. With clear explanations and examples, Dr Naolekar demonstrated how impossibility results are not limitations but rather doorways to new ideas and deeper insights. The

further illustrated how analogies with the maximum principle explain empirical sparsity in optimal portfolios and how similar ideas help approximate dynamical systems in a controlled way. With clear definitions, insightful examples, and real-world applications, the talk enriched the audience's understanding of Hilbert spaces and their powerful role in modern mathematics. This session was held on September 3, 2025, at 3:15 pm in S411.



DR MICHAEL GRIFFIN
Senior Lecturer Vanderbilt University, USA

lecture beautifully combined history, geometry, and algebra, leaving students and faculty with a greater appreciation of how abstract mathematics shapes the way we understand the world today. This session was held on August 6, 2025, at 3 pm in S411.

Kernel Embedding and Approximating Dynamical System

The Department of Mathematics organised an engaging colloquium by Dr James Eldred Pascoe, Assistant Professor at Drexel University, USA, on 'Kernel Embeddings and Approximating Dynamical Systems'. Dr Pascoe began with an introduction to Hilbert spaces, laying the groundwork for understanding Reproducing Kernel Hilbert Spaces (RKHS) and their significance in mathematics. He explained how RKHS appear in diverse areas such as complex analysis, statistics, machine learning, and portfolio theory. The session highlighted how embedding probability distributions into RKHS has provided both deep theoretical insights and practical computational methods. Dr Pascoe

Introduction to Geometric Group Theory: Hyperbolic Groups

The Department of Mathematics organised a colloquium on 'Introduction to Geometric Group Theory: Hyperbolic Groups' on September 17, 2025. The talk was delivered by Dr Swathi Krishna, Postdoctoral Fellow at TIFR Centre for Applicable Mathematics, Bangalore. The session introduced participants to the field of geometric group theory, a branch of mathematics that studies algebraic groups using geometric tools and ideas. Dr Swathi began by explaining the concept of the Cayley graph associated with a finitely generated group, describing how it can be viewed as a metric space that captures both algebraic and geometric information about the group. She then focused on the notion of Gromov hyperbolic groups. Through examples and intuitive explanations, she demonstrated how hyperbolic groups behave differently compared to groups associated with flat or positively curved spaces. The talk also explored several interesting properties of hyperbolic groups. The session highlighted the deep connections

between algebra and geometry and showed how geometric methods provide new perspectives for studying group theory. Overall, the colloquium was highly informative and engaging, giving the audience a clear introduction to an important area of modern mathematics. This session was held at 3 pm in PG 108.

Conference on The Practice of Teaching Undergraduate Mathematics

The conference aimed to bring together college mathematics teachers from various institutions to share and reflect on their teaching practices. The emphasis was on creating a supportive community of teachers to have conversations about obstacles students and teachers face in the teaching and learning process, and pedagogical and other methods that help overcome them. The conference was hosted jointly by Azim Premji University and the Mathematics Teachers' Association (India). The two-day conference was held on October 10 and 11, 2025, at Faber Hall. On October 10, sessions ran from 9 am to 5:30 pm, and on October 11, from 9 am to 4:15 pm. Approximately 70 participants attended the conference.



Staff Achievements

Ms Wilma Laveena DSouza (Assistant Professor)

Defended her thesis 'Some Recent Developments in Theory of Domination in Graphs' on September 22, 2025, under the guidance of Dr Chaitra V of BMS College of Engineering.

Ms Deepika S (Assistant Professor)

Defended her PhD thesis titled 'Studies on Properties of Chaotic Dynamical Systems within the Frame of Fractional Calculus Using Numerical Approaches' on July 1, 2025. She worked under the supervision of Dr P Veerasha from Christ (Deemed to be University), Bengaluru.

Department of Physics

Departmental Events

MCC Visit to SJU

St. Joseph's University (SJU) was delighted to host a 50-member delegation from the Department of Physics at Madras Christian College (MCC), marking a significant step in academic collaboration. Coordinated by Fr. Dr. Roshan Castelino SJ, the visit included 47 students and 3 faculty members from MCC. Dr. Lora Goveas formally welcomed the gathering, setting the stage for a captivating talk on radio astronomy by Dr. Rabbi Akkiba Angiras. Dr. Poulose then delved into particle physics, followed by Dr. Parul Goel's insightful presentation on material science trends. A key highlight was the campus tour, which included an interactive demonstration at the PG Observatory led by Dr. Rabbi. The visit also featured a guided tour of the Central Instrumentation Facilities by Dr. Mohan A, showcasing SJU's research infrastructure. The event concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks from an MCC student and the exchange of mementos as a gesture of appreciation. This immersive experience successfully provided a vibrant platform for knowledge sharing, inspiring students, and fortifying the academic bond between these two esteemed institutions.

Association Events

Inauguration Ceremony of PhySeekSee - PG Physics Association

The inauguration of the PG Physics Association, PhySeekSee, was held on July 11, 2025 setting a vibrant and intellectually stimulating tone for the academic year. The ceremony was graced by Chief Guest Prof. B Ananthanarayan from the Indian Institute of Science, alongside esteemed faculty deans and heads. Following a traditional lamp lighting and invocation, the new student office bearers were introduced, ready to lead their peers. A key highlight was Prof. Ananthanarayan's inspiring lecture, 'The Joy of Discovery and a Career in Science'. He eloquently captured the essence of scientific pursuit, emphasizing curiosity, resilience, and the profound satisfaction of exploration. An engaging question-and-answer session allowed students and faculty to interact directly with the distinguished physicist. The event concluded with a formal vote of thanks, marking a successful and promising start for the Physics Associations. It has undoubtedly ignited a spirit of inquiry and collaboration, paving the way for a year rich in discovery and discussion.



Guest Lecture

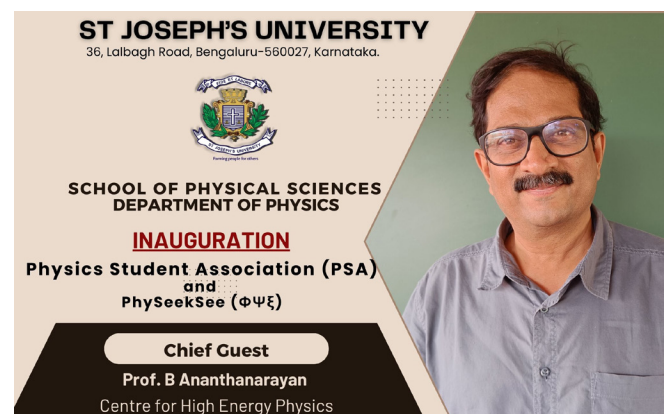
The Department of Physics hosted a guest lecture by distinguished alumnus Mr. Dinesh Reddy, on August 29, 2025 offering current MSc students a glimpse into cutting-edge research. Mr. Reddy, now a PhD scholar at the prestigious Max Planck Institute in Germany, presented his work on 'When Two Molecules Talk: Coherent Coupling in Organic Dimers.' His talk demystified complex concepts in nano-optics, inspiring an audience of 50 students. The event culminated in a vibrant interaction, where students engaged directly with the speaker, fostering a valuable connection between academic studies and global research frontiers.

gathered at the observatory. Dr. Thampan and the student volunteers once again explained the science behind the eclipse, using models to demonstrate the alignment of the Sun, Earth, and Moon. As the skies partially cleared, participants were able to view the spectacle through the SJU's 8-inch telescope, making it a memorable experience for all. The outreach program included visits to St. Joseph's School (CBSE) and St. Joseph's Pre-University College. Both visits were facilitated by Dr. Fr. Roshan Castelino SJ from the University side and Ms. Jennifer Bernard on behalf of SJS, as well as Ms. Asha Eunice on behalf of the SJPUC Physics Department.

Public Viewing of Lunar Eclipse

The St. Joseph's Astrophysics Society (SAPS) successfully hosted a public viewing of the total lunar eclipse, also known as a "Blood Moon," on the evening of Sunday, 7 September 2025, at the St. Joseph's University premises. In the days leading up to the event, Dr. Arun Thampan, Associate Professor in the Department of Physics, along with Physics students, visited several high schools and senior secondary schools in the city, explaining the physics of the eclipse and related astronomical phenomena. These sessions also provided an opportunity for our physics students to hone their science communication skills by interacting with the pupils and answering their questions.

On the evening of the event, despite inclement weather, a curious crowd of approximately 70 students, faculty, and members of the public



Inauguration of Physics Students Association

The event commenced with a formal inauguration held at De Nobili Hall on July 11, 2025 at 2 pm. Distinguished guests such as Prof. B Ananthanarayan from IISc, Dr. Rabbi Akkiba Angiras, the Dean of Physical Sciences, Dr. Lora Rita Goveas, Head of the Department Of Physics and Dr. Parul Goel, Associate Dean were warmly

welcomed. The inauguration began with the traditional lighting of the lamp by the dignitaries. A soulful prayer song was performed by a student, creating a serene atmosphere. Following this, Dr. Parul delivered the welcome speech, setting the tone for the event. The council members of both PhySeekSee and the Physics Student Association (PSA) were introduced to the audience. The new council members of PG association was announced by Dr. Mohan, the PG coordinator, while the new officers of PSA were announced by the association president Ms. Disha Anne Maria. The technical session commenced with the talk by the guest speaker.



Guest Lecture

A guest lecture was delivered by Professor Poulse, a renowned expert in particle physics and high-energy physics, titled 'Cosmic Recipes on Quantum Clues: Uncovering the Hidden Syntax of the Universe' on August 22, 2025 from 3-5 pm in S411. He began by discussing new developments in dark matter, dark energy, and black holes. Finding the link between these main goals of high-energy research—which include examining the birth of stars, galaxies, and other universes after the universe's first expansion, or the Big Bang event—has recently piqued his interest. These entities subsequently underwent cooling to assume their current shape at the center of the universe. From their place of origin, these structures are moving away from the center of the universe. Numerous factors have hindered the explanation of the post-Big Bang recession of stars and galaxies. He clarified that, from the perspective of observation, the current rate of expansion or recession is probably caused by dark energy and dark matter. The integration of this scientific event necessitates substantial contributions from quantum gravity and other fields of study. There were many scientific discussions during the question-and-answer session at the end of the event. Many faculty members, Research scholars, students,

and Astrophysics enthusiasts were part of these fruitful discussions. The event was concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by the event coordinator, Dr. G. Vignesh.

Staff Achievements

Dr. Mohan A

Served as the Chairperson for the Oral Presentation Sessions at the National Conference on Advancing Renewable Energy and Smart Materials (NARESMA 2025), organized by the Department of Physics, Rathinam College of Arts and Science, Coimbatore, on September 11th and 12th, 2025, with support from the Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF-SERB), Government of India.

Department of Statistics

Departmental Events

National Statistics Day

The Department of Statistics celebrated National Statistics Day on June 28, 2025 from 10 am to 11 am to commemorate the birth anniversary of Prof. P.C. Mahalanobis, the Father of Indian Statistics. The event, titled 'Role of Statistics in Governance, Economy, and Societal Growth,' highlighted the significance of statistics in evidence-based policymaking, economic planning, and sustainable development. The programme began by paying tribute to Prof. Mahalanobis and his pioneering contributions to India's statistical system. Dr. Lakshmi led the session, illustrating how policymakers and statisticians collaboratively influence government programs, welfare schemes, and policy formulation. The lecture concluded with an engaging discussion on the use of statistics in GDP estimation, inflation control, and economic forecasting. The event effectively connected classroom learning to real-world applications, helping students understand the vital role of data in governance and nation-building. It also introduced potential career paths in data science, government statistical services, and economic research, inspiring students to explore these areas. Feedback from students reflected their appreciation for the session's practical insights and exposure to employment opportunities. The event received media coverage in 'The Beacon,' St. Joseph's University's newspaper, recognizing its educational and professional relevance.

International Conference

The Department of Statistics successfully organized a two-day International Conference on Statistical Theory and Application for Trends (STAT-2025) on July 18 and 19, 2025. The conference served as a platform for researchers, academicians, and professionals to exchange ideas and discuss recent developments in statistical theory and its diverse applications. The event received an enthusiastic response, featuring 13 keynote/invited speakers, 10 chairpersons, 70 paper presentations, and 20 participants from premier institutions and universities across India. The conference comprised keynote addresses, invited lectures, and technical sessions, offering a comprehensive academic experience. A major highlight was the keynote address by Prof. Debasis Kundu of IIT Kanpur, a distinguished student of Prof. C.R. Rao, whose insights added depth to the proceedings. Eminent speakers from international institutions, IITs, ISI, ICMR, and various universities enriched the discussions on topics spanning statistical theory, biostatistics, data science, and interdisciplinary applications. To recognize academic excellence, Best Paper Presentation and Best Research Paper awards were conferred for outstanding contributions. The conference concluded with resounding appreciation from participants for its academic rigor, engaging deliberations, and seamless organization, marking STAT-2025 as a milestone event fostering collaboration and innovation in the field of statistics.

Intercollegiate Quiz Competition

The Department of Statistics successfully organized its Intercollegiate Quiz Competition on September 13, 2025 in S411. The event aimed to foster academic excellence, encourage healthy competition, and promote interest in Statistics among undergraduate students. A total of 10 teams comprising 30 participants from five colleges took part in the event, displaying enthusiasm and strong analytical aptitude. The quiz comprised three rounds—“Statistically Speaking,” which tested basic concepts such as mean, median, and dispersion; “Data Detectives,” which assessed applied knowledge in hypothesis testing, probability distributions, and sampling; and the final round, “Inference & Beyond,” which focused on regression, design of experiments, and applied statistics. The event was judged by Dr. Mallapa, Assistant Professor, Bangalore University (External Judge), and Dr. Archana V, Head of the Department of Statistics, St. Joseph’s University (Internal Judge). St. Joseph’s University

emerged as the First Place winner, followed by St. Claret College in Second Place, and Nrupathunga University in Third Place. The competition successfully enhanced students’ critical thinking, teamwork, and problem-solving skills while deepening their appreciation for the practical relevance of statistics. The competition concluded as a great success, achieving its objective of fostering a dynamic and competitive learning environment.

Guest Lecture

The Department of Statistics organized a guest lecture titled ‘Ask Me Anything: Unlocking the Future — Career Opportunities and Industry Expectations’ on September 26, 2025 from 1-3 pm at the A.V. Room, PG Block. The lecture was delivered by Dr. Sakthivel Sivam, Director – Biostatistics at Bristol Myers Squibb, who shared his extensive industry insights on the evolving role of statisticians in research, pharmaceuticals, and data-driven decision-making. The event commenced with a prayer and a welcome address by the faculty coordinator, Dr. Victor Seelan D, who also introduced the speaker. Dr. Sivam’s engaging session highlighted the transition from academic learning to industry practice, emphasizing the increasing demand for statistical expertise across sectors and strategies for building a rewarding career in biostatistics and data science. Around 25 M.Sc. Statistics students actively participated in the interactive question-and-answer session posing insightful questions that enriched the discussion. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Babitha N, who appreciated Dr. Sivam’s valuable contribution and encouraged students to pursue emerging opportunities in the field of statistics.



SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

Staff Achievements

Dr Alan Godfrey A, Dean, Department of Social Work, participated and presented papers at the International Conference 'Spandana' organised by the School of Social Work, Roshni Nilaya, Mangaluru.

Dr Alan Godfrey A was invited as a resource person for an international workshop on "Navigating Gender Intersectionality, Governance, and Emotional Well-being in the Backdrop of UN Beijing+30" hosted by the School of Social Work in collaboration with Schumacher Society, YWCA, and Gender Academy, Ecclesia 2025, where he spoke on Gender Intersectionality and Emotional Well-being at the Workplace.

Dr Alan Godfrey A moderated a session on "Suicide and role of Media" in the International Conference hosted by the School of Social Work, St Joseph's University, in collaboration with University of Houston, Downtown, Texas, USA, in 2025.

Capt Akshay Deepakrao Mandlik, Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work, served as a speaker in an international seminar organised by Centre for Military History and Conflict Studies & United Service Institution of India (USI) on September 1, 2025, in New Delhi.

Capt Akshay Deepakrao Mandlik served as a guest lecturer in a seminar organised in Bengaluru.

Ms Viola Maria Noronha, Head of Department, Department of Social Work, participated and presented papers at the International Conference 'Spandana' organised by the School of Social Work, Roshni Nilaya, Mangaluru.

Dr Mary Princess Lavanya, Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work, was invited as a curriculum advisory member by Kristu Jayanti College on July 6, 2025.

Fr Simon Paul D'Souza, Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work, completed a two-month certificate course at MSME Technology Development Centre PPDC, Government of India Society.

Fr Simon Paul D'Souza attended a one-month on-line internship on research training.

Fr Simon Paul D'Souza participated in an Educational Leadership Summit on September 12, 2025, organised by Question Pro at Hotel Tamarind.

Dr S Rama Gokula Krishnan, Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work, published four papers in Web of Science and Scopus Indexed journals and had the highest number of Scopus and Web of Science Indexed Publications in social sciences as per the list released by the Research Director in April 2025.

Dr S Rama Gokula Krishnan published papers titled "Factors associated with a meaningful life for transgender women in India: Implications for social work practice" in Social Work in Mental Health, "A Scale to Measure the Effectiveness of Casework (CES-10)" in Research on Social Work Practice, "A scale to measure workplace exploitation (Wex-5)" in Journal of Workplace Behavioral Health, and "Effectiveness of mindfulness-based interventions to reduce stress among social workers- a meta-analysis" in Journal of Social Work Practice.

Dr S Rama Gokula Krishnan was invited as a resource person for programmes on "Unlocking Research Potential: A Workshop on Effective Publication Strategies" at St Joseph's College of Law, Bengaluru, in November 2024, "Road to Scopus Indexed Publication" at St Joseph's University with an invitation from the Research and Innovation Council in June 2025, and "Workshop on Research and Publication" at Loyola Degree College, Bengaluru, in July 2025.

Dr Premajyothi D, Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work, participated in a seven-day training programme on Labour Courts organised by the VV Giri National Labour Institute, Noida.

Dr Premajyothi D conducted a workshop on the POSH Act for employees of TVS Company, Bengaluru, on June 24, 2025.

Dr Premajyothi D organised an Academia-Industry Connect session with the Ministry of Labour and Employment on July 24, 2025.

Dr Premajyothi D organised an Academia-Industry Connect with ACE Company and KMF, Bengaluru.

Dr Premajyothi D conducted a workshop on the POSH Act for first-year MSW students at St Joseph's University on July 30, 2025.

Dr Premajyothi D coordinated Elixir—Open Day at St Joseph's University on July 28, 2025, where second-year MSW students secured victory.

Dr Premajyothi D organised the HR Forum Inauguration at St Joseph's University on July 9, 2025.

Dr Premajyothi D organised Fieldwork Orientation for MSW-HRM students at St Joseph's University on June 26, 2025.

Dr Premajyothi D attended a two-day Management Development Programme on August 7 and 8, 2025, organised by Christ University, Bengaluru.

Dr Premajyothi D organised a workshop on Career Readiness at St Joseph's University on August 2, 2025.

Dr Premajyothi D organised a workshop on Decoding Interview Success at St Joseph's University on October 6, 2025.

Dr Premajyothi D organised a workshop on Employability Enhancement and Resume Building at St Joseph's University on October 11, 2025.

Dr Premajyothi D organised a workshop on Advanced Excel at St Joseph's University on October 6, 2025.

Dr Premajyothi D organised a webinar on the Role of Professional Social Work on October 8, 2025, featuring Dr Ipe Varghese, Secretary, Indian Network of Professional Social Work Associations, for first-year MSW students.

Prof Rajendra YJ, Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work, advocated for Devadasi rights and the Karnataka Cabinet approved the Karnataka Devadasi (Prevention, Prohibition, Relief and Rehabilitation) Bill.

Prof Rajendra YJ acted as the Academic Coordinator for the fact-finding team, leading a multidisciplinary collaboration for the study on Homelessness in Bengaluru.

Prof Rajendra YJ partnered with civil society and shelter agencies to facilitate comprehensive re-

search on shelter homes in Bengaluru.

Departmental Events

Alumni Meet

St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, School of Social Work, held its Alumni Meet on June 28, 2025, in Loyola Hall. Alumni from all 10 graduating classes, from 2015 to 2025, inaugurated the event. This gathering focused on reflecting on the journey, celebrating achievements, and cherishing the lasting connections formed over the years. The event started with registration and tea, followed by a beautiful invocation by Chinnu and her team. Fr Dr Augustine Lourdu delivered a welcome address that set the tone for the day, highlighting the department's achievements and its evolving vision. A vibrant classical dance performance by Laksmitha and her team provided a cultural interlude and created an engaging atmosphere for the rest of the event. The ice-breaking session, led by Dr Mary Princess Lavanya, encouraged alumni to share their experiences. This part of the meet aimed to illustrate the growth of the department and the important contributions alumni have made in various areas of social work. Attendees recounted their personal stories from their time at the university, emphasising how their academic and practical experiences shaped their careers and personal development. Capt Akshay D Mandlik, an Assistant Professor, discussed potential fieldwork opportunities and career paths for social work graduates. A special segment titled "Emerald Celebration: Way Forward" examined the future directions for the department, reaffirming its commitment to academic excellence and community engagement. Ms Viola Noronah, an Assistant Professor, concluded the event with a vote of thanks, appreciating the active participation of alumni and the efforts of the organising team. A fellowship lunch at Dolphin Canteen provided a welcoming setting for further discussion and connection. The Alumni Meet strengthened the sense of unity and purpose that defines the School of Social Work, honouring its past and looking ahead to its future. The event was held from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Industrial Visit to ACE Designers Limited

On August 30, 2025, students of I MSW and II MSW HRM from the School of Social Work, St Joseph's University, participated in an enriching industry visit to ACE Designers Limited, Machining Center Division, located at Peenya Industrial Area, Phase 4, Bengaluru. The visit, held from 2:00 pm

to 4:00 pm, was coordinated by student leaders Mr Amalan Jerome and Ms Sita Krasta under the guidance of faculty coordinators Dr Premajyothi D and Fr Francis Pinto SJ. The programme began with a brief orientation for students on industry protocols and safety instructions. Students were divided into two teams, each guided by Mr Darshan and Mr Ravindran from the HR department. Both teams were taken on a detailed tour of the industry shop floor, where they were shown various machineries, explained their functions, the preparation processes, and the nature of work carried out in each section. Students were also introduced to the safety precaution area and the training area, with HR representatives explaining the company's organisational policies and strategies, including recognition schemes for employees with better attendance. During the visit, students observed that the organisation places a strong emphasis on work-life balance, equality, and employee welfare. One notable practice was that all employees, regardless of rank, wore the same uniform to foster equality. They also maintain effective leave policies and demonstrate a clear focus on employee well-being. Mr Nagesh Adiga, DGM, gave a valuable orien-

by Aditi from II MSW, expressing gratitude to the company representatives, faculty coordinators, and fellow students.

Industrial Visit to Karnataka Milk Federation (KMF)

As part of the Industrial Connect initiative, the MSW–HR Forum of St Joseph's University organised an industrial visit to the Karnataka Milk Federation (KMF) on September 23, 2025. A total of 52 first and second-year MSW HRM students participated, accompanied by faculty mentors Dr Premajyothi D, Fr Francis Pinto SJ, and Fr Simon Paul D'Souza. The visit aimed to bridge the gap between academic learning and real-world HR practices within a cooperative industrial setup. Students were welcomed by KMF officials and introduced to the organisation's history, cooperative model, and operational hierarchy. A guided tour of the dairy production and packaging units provided insight into workflow coordination, safety protocols, and workforce engagement. A key highlight was an interactive session with Shri DK Suresh, President of Bamul, who emphasised the role of HR leadership, employee welfare, and skill development in fostering organisational success. The visit offered practical exposure to HR operations, including motivation strategies, training programmes, and recognition systems. Students reported that the experience deepened their understanding of cooperative management and industrial HR practices, reinforcing classroom concepts through observation and dialogue.

MSW orientation programme



tation on the company's functioning, highlighting how the organisation considers employees' families important whilst issuing appointment letters. The visit concluded with a vote of thanks delivered

World Hospice and Palliative Care Day Programme

St Joseph's University, in collaboration with Karunashraya Bengaluru, organised a special programme to commemorate World Hospice and Palliative Care Day on October 11, 2025. The event aimed to raise awareness about the importance of hospice and palliative care whilst addressing myths and misconceptions surrounding it. As part of the initiative, students from the university conducted interactive interviews across the campus, engaging fellow students in discussions about myths and facts related to hospice and palliative care. The activity promoted dialogue and reflection on the value of compassionate end-of-life care and the role of palliative services in improving the quality of life for patients and their families. To mark the occasion, the collected interviews and responses were compiled into a short video presentation, showcasing student perspectives and emphasising awareness and empathy in health-

care. The video served as both an educational and advocacy tool, promoting a deeper understanding of palliative care in the community. The programme successfully engaged students and staff, creating a platform for meaningful discussion and learning. It also strengthened the collaboration between St Joseph's University and Karunashraya Bengaluru in promoting social responsibility and compassionate care. The event was held from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

HR Forum workshop



Active games and activities were organised to promote coping strategies and self-care techniques in creative ways. Participants explored methods for managing stress, maintaining emotional balance, and recognising the importance of seeking timely help. The event successfully conveyed messages of hope, resilience, and support, motivating participants to advocate for mental health awareness within their communities. The programme served as an engaging platform to educate and inspire proactive mental wellness, aligning with the global mission to make mental health care accessible to all. The event was held from 8:45 am to 9:30 am.

Association Events

Investiture Ceremony

The Investiture Ceremony 2025 of the School of Social Work Students' Association (SWSA) commenced at 1:00 pm with a melodious prayer song by the second-year MSW students, setting a serene tone for the event. Dr Fr G Augustine Lourdu, Dean of the School of Social Work, delivered the welcome address, emphasising social transformation and the pivotal role of the SWSA Core Committee in fostering meaningful change. The dignitaries present included Dr Fr G Augustine Lourdu, Dr Mary Princess Lavanya, Ms Vilonia, Ms Shari Tess Mathew, Mr P Jackim, and Ms Namitha Rose Thadevoos. A symbolic watering of plants ceremony followed, representing growth and sustainability. The Investiture Ceremony began with the chief guest, Mr Xavier, conferring badges upon the newly elected SWSA Core Committee members, who then took an oath under the guidance of Dr Mary Princess Lavanya, pledging integrity and dedication. Dr Lourdu subsequently introduced the Green Spartans initiative, encouraging student participation in environmental stewardship. The Green Spartans members received their badges from the chief guest, Mr Songashim Rungsum, who also delivered an inspiring address on perseverance and service. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Ms Vilonia, expressing gratitude to all dignitaries, organisers, and participants for contributing to a meaningful and successful ceremony celebrating leadership and commitment. The event was held on July 21, 2025, at Xavier Hall, St Joseph's University.

Celebrating World Mental Health Day

The School of Social Work, in collaboration with the Medical and Psychiatry Forum, celebrated World Mental Health Day on October 11, 2025, at the PG Quadrangle, St Joseph's University. The theme for the year, "Access to Services: Mental Health in Catastrophes and Emergencies", emphasised the importance of ensuring mental health support and accessibility during times of crisis. The programme began at 8:45 am with an engaging session that captured the attention of students and faculty from various departments. The event aimed to raise awareness about mental health, its role in daily life, and the need to prioritise mental well-being. Informative posters and displays were arranged to spread messages such as "Help is Available", aiming to reduce the stigma associated with seeking mental health support. Interac-

Inauguration of HR Forum 2025–2026 with Focus on Work-Life Balance

On July 9, 2025, the School of Social Work at St Joseph's University inaugurated the HR Forum for the academic year 2025–2026, centring its activ-

ities around the theme "Work-Life Balance". The event took place on campus with students, faculty members, and guests in attendance. The inauguration began with the symbolic watering of a sapling, representing holistic growth and the importance of harmony between work and personal life. The newly elected student core committee of the second year took charge following an oath-taking ceremony, marking the formal beginning of their tenure. The forum's official logo, created collaboratively by students and faculty, was unveiled to signify its vision for the year. The programme featured a keynote address by Ms Jyothi Ganapathy, HR Director at a leading multinational organisation, who highlighted the evolving role of HR in promoting employee well-being. She spoke about various dimensions of wellness—emotional, social, and professional—and encouraged students to embrace empathy and innovation in their future careers. Her address was followed by an interactive discussion that engaged the students actively. The event included remarks from senior faculty members: Fr Augustin Lordu, Dean, Dr Alan Godfrey, Associate Dean, and Dr Viola Maria Noronha, Head of Department, each stressing the value of student-led initiatives like the HR Forum in developing leadership skills and professional readiness. Faculty coordinators Dr Premajyothi D and Fr Francis Pinto SJ played a pivotal role in guiding the programme and shaping the forum's structure for the year. Safa Febin and Don Boss Tomy from II MSW served as emcees for the programme, ensuring a smooth flow of events. The inauguration concluded with reflections from student representatives, setting a positive tone for an enriching academic year ahead. The event was held from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.

MSW Medical & Psychiatry Forum Investiture Ceremony

The Investiture Ceremony of the MSW Medical & Psychiatry Forum was held on August 11, 2025, at Faber Hall, with the participation of 65 students and faculty members. The primary objectives were to formally induct the newly elected office bearers, inaugurate the forum, and raise awareness about mental health through creative engagement. The event began with an invocation, followed by the ceremonial lamp lighting. Chief guest Mr Alphonse Kurian unveiled the official forum logo and delivered an address highlighting the significance of leadership and mental health advocacy. Dr Mary Princess Lavanya presented the forum's vision, and Dr Shari Tess Mathew administered the oath to the office bearers. Prof VJ Rajendra shared insights from his work with marginalised

populations. A skit titled "The Other Side of Them" performed by students depicted various psychiatric disorders, emphasising empathy and the need for mental health support. Key outcomes included strengthened student leadership, enhanced awareness of psychiatric conditions, and improved collaboration between students, faculty, and mental health professionals. Feedback was largely positive, commending the event's organisation and content, with a recommendation for improved time management in future events. The event was held from 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm.

“Employability Enhancement”: A Session on Resume Building

RESUME BUILDING ON 11 OCT 2025



Teacher's Day Celebration

The Teacher's Day celebration began at 12:40 pm on September 3, 2025, in Xavier Hall with students and faculty gathering to honour their mentors. The event opened with a solemn prayer at 12:43 pm, followed by a warm welcome speech by Angelina, Vice President of SWSA, who expressed deep appreciation for the teachers' guidance and dedication. The first-year MSW students then presented a melodious group song at 12:47 pm, creating an atmosphere of gratitude and joy. At 12:52 pm, teachers were felicitated with tokens of appreciation, symbolising the students' respect and admiration. The celebration continued with a vibrant dance performance by the MSW students at 12:59 pm, filling the hall with energy and enthusiasm. The third-year BSW students conducted an engaging ice-breaking activity at 1:08 pm, followed by another lively dance performance at 1:27 pm, adding to the festive spirit. Before the conclusion, Dr Mary Princess Lavanya, Faculty Coordinator of SWSA, addressed the gathering, highlighting the significance of Teacher's Day and expressing

heartfelt thanks to all educators. The event ended at 1:34 pm with a vote of thanks by Harshini M, General Secretary of SWSA.

Workshops and Training Programmes

Workshop on POSH Act

The School of Social Work organised a workshop on the Protection of Women from Sexual Harassment (POSH) Act, 2013, on July 30, 2025, for first-year MSW trainees. Conducted by Dr Premajyothi D, the session aimed to raise awareness about legal safeguards against workplace sexual harassment and promote gender-sensitive, ethical work environments. A total of 67 students participated in the session held at A213, PG and Research Block. Dr Premajyothi provided a comprehensive overview of the POSH Act's provisions, tracing its evolution from the Vishakha Guidelines (1997) and the landmark Banwari Devi case (1992). The session emphasised the legal requirement for organisations to establish Internal Complaints Committees (ICC) and explored different forms of harassment—physical, verbal, non-verbal, and digital. Group discussions on case-based scenarios helped students engage with practical applications of the law and complaint redressal mechanisms. The workshop concluded with remarks by Capt AD Malik, reinforcing the importance of respect and ethical conduct in professional spaces. Students reported that the session deepened their understanding of women's rights and workplace responsibilities. The event effectively empowered participants to advocate for safe, inclusive, and legally compliant work environments. The workshop lasted two hours.

Bridging Theory to Practice: HR Foundations & Human Touch

The School of Social Work, St Joseph's University, organised a workshop titled "Bridging Theory to Practice: HR Foundations & Human Touch" on August 2, 2025, under the MSW–HR Forum. The session, conducted by Mr Manjunatha DN, HRBP–South at DB Schenker, aimed to bridge the gap between theoretical learning and practical HR applications for first and second-year MSW–HR students, with 58 participants in attendance. The programme began with an invocation and welcome address, followed by the felicitation of the resource person by Dr Premajyothi D and Fr Francis Pinto SJ, faculty coordinators of the HR Forum. Mr Manjunatha delivered an insightful and interactive session covering HR foundations, recruitment, training and development, compensation,

payroll management, and statutory deductions like ESI, PF, and CTC. His practical explanations effectively connected academic knowledge to real-world HR practices, encouraging active participation and critical discussion amongst students. The workshop, extended till 1:30 pm due to enthusiastic engagement, concluded with a vote of thanks by Mr Terence (II MSW). Participants appreciated the workshop's relevance and interactive nature, noting improved understanding of HR operations, ethics, and interpersonal skills. The event successfully enhanced professional competencies and inspired students to apply HR concepts with a human-centred approach. The workshop lasted 3.5 hours at PG AV Room.

Workshop on Career Readiness Essentials

The MSW–HR Forum of St Joseph's University conducted a workshop titled "Career Readiness Essentials" as part of its Industrial Connect series on October 4, 2025, aimed at equipping students with essential workplace competencies. The event, held in the AV Room, was attended by 54 students from the first and second-year MSW (HRM) programmes. The primary objectives were to support students in transitioning from academic life to professional environments, enhance employability skills, and bridge the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical application. Mr B Hari Prasad, Program Lead—People & Culture at Mantra4Change, facilitated the session, which emphasised communication, leadership, adaptability, and resilience. The workshop included engaging activities, real-world scenarios, and reflective discussions that encouraged active student participation. Students raised relevant questions regarding interviews, certifications, and soft skills, reflecting their interest in career development. The session successfully deepened participants' understanding of employer expectations and workplace dynamics. Students appreciated the workshop's practical approach and found the content applicable to real-world employment settings. Feedback from participants highlighted the relevance and interactive nature of the workshop, particularly its focus on self-assessment and skill-building for future career readiness. The event was held from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

Women's Cell – Shift III

Association Events

Health Awareness Program on Menstrual Hygiene
The Women's Cell—Shift III organised a Health Awareness Program on Menstrual Hygiene on September 15, 2025, at Xavier Hall. The programme aimed to create awareness amongst young women about the importance of menstrual health, hygiene practices, and breaking the stigma associated with menstruation. The session was conducted by Ms Vedashree RS, Founder of Women's Health Matters, who has been actively working in the field of women's health and well-being. She emphasised the significance of understanding menstrual health as an essential part of overall well-being. The talk highlighted topics such as proper hygiene practices during menstruation, the safe use and disposal of sanitary products, and the importance of breaking myths and misconceptions surrounding menstruation. The interactive session encouraged participants to raise questions and share their concerns, which Ms Vedashree addressed with clarity and sensitivity. She also provided practical tips on maintaining hygiene and spoke about the need for open conversations around menstrual health, both at home and in society. The programme concluded with an interactive discussion and positive feedback from the participants. Forty participants attended the event from 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm.



Department of Sociology and Industrial Relations

Staff Achievements

Dr Chandni Bhambhani, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology and Industrial Relations, presented a paper titled "Contraceptive Decision-Making among Childfree Couples: Cultural and Structural Influences in India and Canada" at the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population Conference 2025 in Brisbane, Australia. The conference participation was supported by a travel grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, whilst the registration fees were

covered by St Joseph's Research and Innovation Council.

Dr Chandni Bhambhani was invited as a resource person for an online workshop on Gender Sensitisation by SK Somaiya College of Arts, Science & Commerce, Mumbai, to deliver a session on gender-based violence as part of their gender sensitisation workshop on August 21, 2025.

Dr Chandni Bhambhani was appointed as Associate Editor for the Social Science Chronicle, an international journal published by Academic Chronicles Private Limited.

Department of Management

Departmental Events

Professional Interface Forum: Career Mastery

On August 11, 2025, St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, organised the Professional Interface Forum—Career Mastery, coordinated by Ms Jhanavi N from the School of Business. The event brought together third-year BBA (C & D) and BBA-SF students for an engaging session on global career and education pathways. The guest of honour, Mr Mohammed Ismail Sait, GM—Sales (South India) at the Education Centre of Australia (ECA), delivered an insightful presentation on international education opportunities offered by institutions such as APIC College, University of Tasmania, Victoria University (Sydney & Brisbane), London Metropolitan University, University of Canberra, HELI, CHS, and UniSC Australia. The session aimed to provide clarity on global education options, practical guidance on admissions, scholarships, and visas, and to motivate students to plan international academic careers. Students gained valuable knowledge about application processes, scholarship opportunities, and pre-departure preparation. Additionally, collaboration with Expert Education & Visa Services offered professional assistance for admissions, visa processing, and travel arrangements. In conclusion, the Career Mastery forum successfully combined inspiration with actionable insights, empowering students to confidently pursue higher education abroad and take meaningful steps towards building successful international careers. One hundred and fifty participants attended the event from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm at Xavier Hall.

Professional Interface Forum: Marketing in the Digital Era

The School of Business, Department of Management, at St Joseph's University organised a Professional Interface Forum on "Marketing in the Digital Era" on August 30, 2025. The event aimed to bridge classroom learning with real-world marketing practices and enhance students' understanding of the evolving digital business landscape. The session featured Mr Akshay Bysani, General Manager—Marketing, Mercedes Benz, as the distinguished resource person. He shared valuable industry insights on how digital platforms are revolutionising marketing strategies, brand communication, and consumer engagement. Drawing from his professional experience, Mr Bysani emphasised the significance of innovation, data analytics, and personalisation in shaping successful marketing campaigns. The session was highly interactive, allowing students to engage in meaningful discussions about current marketing trends, digital tools, and the challenges businesses face in an increasingly competitive environment. Students gained practical exposure to how leading brands utilise digital media to connect with their audiences and enhance customer loyalty. Overall, the forum provided a comprehensive understanding of digital marketing and inspired participants to explore career opportunities in this dynamic field. The event successfully combined academic learning with professional insights, leaving students motivated to adapt and thrive in the digital era of business. One hundred and thirty participants attended the event from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm at De Nobili Hall.

All India Catholic University Federation (AICUF) – Shift III

Association Events

AICUF Investiture Ceremony

The Investiture Ceremony of the All-India Catholic University Federation Association (AICUF) Shift III of St Joseph's University was held on August 27, 2025. The ceremony began with a warm welcome address. Badges and responsibilities were officially conferred upon the newly appointed representatives of AICUF Shift III by the previous office bearers of the academic year 2024–2025. Mr Pradeep P, Faculty Coordinator of AICUF Shift III, appreciated the efforts of the students and assured guidance throughout their tenure. The event concluded with gratitude expressed by the coordinators and the newly inducted

members pledging their commitment. Forty-three participants attended the event at 2:30 pm at De Nobili Hall.



Hiroshima-Nagasaki Day March

On the occasion of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki Bombing Remembrance Day, St Joseph's College of Commerce (SJCC) organised a solemn gathering to honour those lost in the tragic event on August 26, 2025. Students from AICUF Shift III participated in the event by joining the candlelight march to pay tribute. The event concluded with a moment of silence to reflect on the importance of peace and building a world free from violence and war. Thirty-one participants attended the event at St Joseph's College of Commerce (SJCC).



School of Humanities and Social Sciences

Departmental Events

Interactive Session with Faculty Delegates from Ferris University, Yokohama, Japan

On August 29, 2025, the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, in collaboration with the Office for International Affairs, hosted an engaging session for undergraduate students from various

disciplines, including History, Sociology, Political Science, International Relations, Public Policy, Economics, and MA English. Over 300 staff and students attended the event. The Deans of the Schools of Humanities and Social Sciences, Languages, and Business and Management, Prof Dr Paul Newman, Dr Arul Mani, and Dr V Christo Selvan respectively, along with faculty members from various departments, were present at the gathering. The programme opened with Prof Rui Kohiyama, President of Ferris University, delivering a thought-provoking lecture on the history of women's education in Japan, highlighting how Ferris University has contributed since its origins in the Meiji period to expanding educational opportunities for women. Drawing upon its founding mission rooted in Christianity and its evolution into a modern women's university, she discussed shifts in societal expectations, curriculum, and women's roles in Japanese society. Following this, Dr Tatsuya Hikichi spoke on Japanese anime and games as powerful mediums of communication, exploring how these popular culture forms serve not only entertainment but also social commentary, identity formation, and cross-cultural exchange. Then, Ms Saranya Muthumaniraja addressed English education in Japan, classroom practices, and the role of English in both formal schooling and popular culture. An interactive Question & Answer segment followed. Students asked about topics including the role of anime as a means of socialisation, how increased access to education has affected women's employment status in contemporary Japan, and how language education interacts with media and identity. The event succeeded in deepening students' understanding of how education, culture, and gender intersect in Japan, and fostered lively dialogue between delegates and students. The event was held at 3:00 pm at Xavier Hall, PG Block.

Fr Stan Swamy Memorial Meet

The School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Shift III, at St Joseph's University organised a solemn condolence gathering in memory and honour of Fr Stan Swamy, a Jesuit priest and human rights activist who became a symbol of unwavering commitment to justice and the rights of the marginalised. The event brought together the academic community of Shift III in a collective moment of reflection, remembrance, and respect for Fr Stan Swamy's legacy of compassion and resistance. The gathering commenced with a prayer song by the university choir team, which set a contemplative and reverent atmosphere for the programme. This was followed by a prayer

led by Mr Linto Antony, Assistant Professor in the Department of Political Science (Shift III). Rev Fr Dr Victor Lobo SJ, the Vice-Chancellor of St Joseph's University, addressed the students and faculty of Shift III. Fr Dr Victor Lobo SJ highlighted his lifelong struggle for the rights of Adivasis, Dalits, and marginalised communities. Fr Dr Victor Lobo SJ encouraged students to see Fr Stan Swamy's life as a call to uphold truth, dignity, and justice in both personal and public life. Rev Fr Dr Melwyn Sunny Pinto SJ, Dean of the School of Communication and Media Studies, offered a deeply moving recollection of Fr Stan Swamy's contribution to Indian society. He spoke of Fr Stan Swamy's relentless work for tribal rights, legal reforms, and the dignity of life for India's most neglected populations. Fr Dr Melwyn Sunny Pinto SJ also emphasised the spiritual strength and moral courage that Fr Stan Swamy displayed, even whilst incarcerated, and urged the students to let his legacy inspire a socially responsible life rooted in compassion. The most symbolic moment of the event was the candle-lighting ceremony, in which students and faculty members lit candles as a tribute to Fr Stan Swamy's enduring spirit and legacy. The programme was graced by the presence of Fr Francis Pinto, Director of Shift III. The event was also attended by Dr Kanishka, Coordinator of Shift III; Mr Mahesha DK, Coordinator of Shift III Humanities; and Mr Pradeep P, Coordinator of AICUF (Shift III), who stood in solidarity with the students and staff to pay homage to the memory of Fr Stan Swamy. The condolence gathering concluded with a shared sense of solemnity and inspiration. The event was held on July 5, 2025, from 6:20 pm to 6:50 pm at the Main Entrance of the New Block.



Guest Session on Media and Ethics Around Us: Realities and Issues

On September 15, 2025, Fr Dr Arun Prakash D'Souza

delivered a compelling lecture on Media and Ethics, steering students through a nuanced inquiry into the self, society, and moral accountability. He opened with the triad of self-awareness, social awareness, and spiritual awareness, asserting that only a strong inner grounding can uphold a media professional's ethical core. Building on that foundation, he navigated the complexities of media ethics, invoking Benedict Anderson's concept of the imagined community to illustrate how our sense of "community" is often mediated and constructed through media narratives. Dr D'Souza stressed that propaganda and bias are increasingly shaping media coverage, making self-awareness indispensable in resisting external influence. He encouraged students to revisit their principles continuously and to challenge institutional pressures that diminish fairness and balance. The ensuing Q&A turned into a rich, stimulating discussion. Amongst the queries: How can one stay ethical when an organisation demands biased portrayal? and What threats do principled media professionals confront today? D'Souza answered with candour, warning that resisting bias might provoke backlash, isolation, or even job loss, yet he maintained that the price of acquiescence is far steeper. The lecture concluded on a hopeful, motivating tone, leaving attendees more conscious of the ethical demands they will face in media careers. One hundred and thirty-five participants attended the event from 7:00 pm to 8:45 pm at De Nobili Hall, Auditorium Block.

Guest Talk: Inequality in Disability: Towards an Inclusive Society

The Department of Political Science organised an interactive guest talk in association with the EquiBeing Foundation on the theme "Inequality in Disability: Towards an Inclusive Society" on September 26, 2025, at 3:00 pm. The session aimed to create awareness about the challenges faced by persons with disabilities and to promote an inclusive environment within academic and social spaces. The discussion was specifically focused on the experiences of the visually impaired and the need for greater inclusivity in education, employment, and everyday life. The resource persons for the session were Mr Nidheesh Philip, Project Associate for Advocacy and Policy, EquiBeing Foundation, and Mr Mohd Kashif, Project Associate for Sports and Well-being, EquiBeing Foundation. Both resource persons led the session in a highly engaging and activity-oriented manner, encouraging students to participate and reflect on the realities of disability and inclusion. Mr Nidheesh Philip, who is himself visually impaired and possesses an outstanding academic background, shared his personal journey and experiences, inspiring students to look beyond physical limitations and to foster empathy and understanding. The session began with a welcome address by Dr Neil Tannen, Head of the Department of Political Science, who highlighted the importance of inclusivity and social responsibility in higher education. Mr Bhanu Prakash, Assistant Professor,



also addressed the gathering and motivated the students to take forward the message of equality and participation. The programme was well-coordinated by Dr Chandraprakash Y and Mr Linto Antony, who ensured the smooth conduct of the event. The session concluded with a vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to the guests, faculty, and students for their active participation. Ninety-two BA Shift III students attended the event from 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm at De Nobili Hall.

An Orientation Visit to Bangalore Traffic Management Centre

The students of III BA ECPS Shift III, along with the Political Science students of Shift II, participated in an orientation visit to the Bangalore Traffic Management Centre (BTMC) located at Infantry Road, Vasanth Nagar, on September 3, 2025, at 2:30 pm. The purpose of the visit was to gain a practical understanding of the functioning of traffic management and the police system, which forms an integral part of the vocational course on Police Administration. The visit was effectively coordinated and supervised by faculty members Mr Linto Antony, Dr Chandraprakash Y, and Mr Bhanu Prakash. The officials at BTMC provided the students with an informative session on the use of technology in traffic regulation, real-time monitoring systems, coordination between traffic police and control rooms, and the challenges of managing vehicular flow in a growing metropolitan city like Bengaluru. Demonstrations on CCTV surveillance, traffic violation tracking, and data-driven decision-making in road safety management enabled students to link theoretical knowledge with practical application. The interaction with traffic management authorities helped students appreciate the role of the police

in maintaining urban order, implementing public safety policies, and adopting modern methods of governance. The visit not only enhanced their academic learning but also encouraged them to critically reflect on the importance of discipline, civic awareness, and effective law enforcement in society. The orientation was an insightful and enriching academic experience, reinforcing the relevance of Police Administration as a vocational course and strengthening the students' practical exposure to the field of public governance. Twelve students attended the visit from 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm.

Finsphere 2025

The Finsphere 2025 workshop explored fintech and stock markets. Keynote speaker Karthik Jeyraj, along with two panellists Mr Ajay Agastya and Prof K Venkataraman, discussed fintech's evolution, digital loan services, and neo-banks. Dr Vedapradha led sessions on stock analysis using Screener and TradingView, covering fundamental and technical analysis. The workshop aimed to enhance financial literacy, address trading fears, and provide practical exposure. Participants gained insights into fintech trends and innovations, digital banking and loan services, AI applications in finance, stock market analysis and trading practices, and risk management and financial literacy. The event concluded with participants having gained practical knowledge and confidence in navigating financial markets. The workshop successfully blended academic learning with real-world insights, empowering students to make informed investment decisions. All BBA (first, second, and third) students of Shift III attended the event from 5:00 pm to 8:30 pm on September 20, 2025, at SJU Auditorium.



National Service Scheme

NSS Cell

Leadership Workshop

The NSS Cell organized a leadership workshop for council members on July 26, 2025 from 2 pm to 4 pm to strengthen their leadership abilities and sense of responsibility. The programme focused on developing skills required to manage activities, support volunteers, and uphold NSS values. Alumni served as resource persons, sharing experiences and offering practical insights on initiative, teamwork, and problem-solving. Participants were guided on maintaining proper documentation and records of activities. The sessions also highlighted effective communication, decision-making, and coordination. Interactive discussions made the workshop engaging and informative. The programme motivated student leaders to become more confident, responsible, and proactive in contributing to their unit's development.

Investiture and Inauguration

The Investiture and Inauguration ceremony held on August 4, 2025 from 1 pm to 2 pm formally welcomed new NSS volunteers, highlighting responsibility, leadership, and social commitment. The programme included a formal greeting, role assignments, and task briefings to familiarize volunteers with their duties. Deputy Registrar Dr Usha Priyadarshini addressed the audience, emphasizing cooperation and discipline in social service. Activities such as role-playing, oath-taking, and motivational speeches encouraged active participation and teamwork. Volunteers gained practical experience in leadership and collaborative work, while the well-planned event reinforced a sense of purpose and mission. Overall, the ceremony laid a strong foundation for social projects and inspired meaningful community engagement.

Advisory Committee Meeting

An Advisory Committee Meeting was conducted on August 12, 2025 from 10 am to 12 pm to review ongoing activities and plan future initiatives. The session included participation from dignitaries, programme officers, NGO representatives, and student coordinators. It began with a formal address, followed by presentations on annual progress, financial updates, collaborations, and volunteer enrollment. Discussions emphasized completion of service hours through structured activities, maintaining balanced volunteer

strength, and proper registration processes. Key guidelines on responsibilities, neutrality, and reducing dropout rates were highlighted. The importance of regular meetings and approvals was stressed. Collaboration opportunities and area adoption strategies were explored, while alumni shared insights, concluding the session with a formal note of gratitude.

Har Ghar Tiranga

A week-long campaign was organized from August 9-15, 2025 as part of the Har Ghar Tiranga initiative to promote patriotism and national unity. The programme commenced with a flag pledge, where participants expressed their commitment to the nation. Activities included an online quiz to create awareness about the history and significance of the national flag. A flag distribution drive encouraged people to hoist the flag at their homes. Volunteers also visited a government school, interacting with students and spreading awareness about national pride. The campaign concluded with a flag hoisting ceremony, successfully bringing together participants and the community to celebrate unity, patriotism, and respect for the nation.

Independence Day

The NSS unit organized the Independence Day celebration on August 15, 2025 from 8 am to 10 am at the university grounds, filled with patriotic spirit and enthusiasm. The event began with the hoisting of the national flag by the Vice-Chancellor, followed by the national anthem. Volunteers coordinated the programme, ensuring active participation from students, faculty, and staff. Cultural performances, including patriotic songs, dances, speeches, and a special skit by NSS volunteers, highlighted the sacrifices of freedom fighters and the role of youth in nation-building. The event concluded with a vote of thanks and refreshments. Overall, it fostered pride, unity, and a sense of responsibility toward the nation.

First Aid Awareness

The First Aid Awareness Event for NSS Volunteers was held on August 23, 2025, from 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm at the Main Auditorium. The event aimed to create awareness among students about handling first aid emergencies, provide training on CPR and basic life support, and educate volunteers on handling medical emergencies responsibly. Dr Srinath, a medical professional, delivered a session on first aid awareness, covering topics such as handling fits, dog bites, chest pain, and broken bones. He emphasized the importance of staying

calm and contacting the right hospital. A live CPR training session was conducted by Dr Sudhakar Reddy, where volunteers practiced CPR techniques. The event concluded with an interactive question-and-answer session, prize distribution, and a vote of thanks. The programme enhanced students' awareness and preparedness for emergency situations, fostering confidence and responsibility among volunteers. Participants appreciated the hands-on CPR training and suggested organizing more frequent practical workshops.

Blood Donation Awareness Rally

The NSS Unit, in collaboration with NCC and YRC, organized a Blood Donation Awareness Rally under the theme 'Donate Blood, Save Lives' on August 26, 2025 from 12:50 pm to 1:50 pm to promote the significance of voluntary blood donation. Student volunteers actively participated, carrying banners and placards while raising slogans to highlight how a single blood donation can save multiple lives. The rally aimed to inspire a culture of compassion, social responsibility, and service within the university community. Volunteers demonstrated teamwork, enthusiasm, and dedication, creating a vibrant and impactful environment that engaged both participants and onlookers. Attendance was duly recorded, ensuring proper organization and coordination. The rally concluded successfully, leaving a strong message about the importance of humanity, care, and selfless contribution. Overall, the event effectively raised awareness, motivated students to participate in life-saving initiatives, and reinforced the values of empathy, teamwork, and commitment to community service.

Blood Donation Camp

On August 28, 2025 from 7 am to 12:30 pm the NSS units, in collaboration with NCC and YRC, organized a Blood Donation Camp in partnership with Lions International 317 A, St. Martha's Hospital, YRC, and BMST, aiming to promote voluntary blood donation and save lives. The event was efficiently managed, with Unit 3 volunteers overseeing setup, registrations, donor guidance, and maintaining order. Medical teams ensured safe and hygienic procedures, supervising donations and providing care before and after the process. Students, faculty, and staff participated actively, contributing to the collection of several units of blood. The camp exemplified compassion, service, and humanity, reflecting the theme: 'One donation can be the reason a family smiles again'. Volunteers' dedication and coordination ensured a smooth operation throughout the day. The event

concluded successfully, leaving a lasting impact on donors and participants while spreading awareness about the significance of regular voluntary blood donation.

Sports Day

Sports Day was organized at the university basketball court on August 30, 2025 from 10 am to 4 pm to encourage physical fitness, teamwork, and sportsmanship among students. The event included traditional games such as Kabaddi and Tug of War, attracting enthusiastic participation from both boys' and girls' teams. The Kabaddi matches were a highlight, with teams displaying impressive skill, coordination, and strategic play, securing first place in both categories. Tug of War competitions further enhanced excitement and team spirit. The event concluded with the distribution of medals and certificates, offering a vibrant platform for showcasing athletic talent while fostering unity, camaraderie, and a sense of pride among participants.

Health Awareness Camp

A health awareness camp was conducted on September 12, 2025 from 1 pm to 3 pm to highlight the challenges faced by visually impaired individuals. The programme began with a blind walk activity, where participants experienced guided movement while blindfolded, fostering empathy and understanding. The session included a welcome address and a song performed by a visually impaired student, adding emotional depth. A resource person delivered an inspiring talk on inclusion, awareness, and compassion. Participants also took an eye pledge, promoting eye care and support for the visually impaired. Certificates were awarded to competition winners. The event concluded with a vote of thanks, leaving a meaningful and impactful impression.

Plantation Drive

A plantation drive was organized on September 13, 2025 from 7 am to 4:30 pm to promote environmental awareness and strengthen community participation. Volunteers assembled near a local temple, where they received guidance on safety measures, discipline, and proper planting techniques. They were divided into groups and actively engaged in preparing soil, planting saplings, and watering them around the village well. The participants worked in coordination, displaying enthusiasm and dedication toward environmental care. The programme concluded with refreshments, allowing volunteers to interact

and share their experiences. Overall, the event provided a rewarding opportunity to contribute to sustainability while fostering teamwork and a sense of collective responsibility.

Social and Educational Survey Awareness Campaign

An awareness campaign was conducted from September 16-20, 2025 from 1 pm to 3 pm to educate citizens about the importance of the Social and Educational Survey in shaping welfare policies and development programmes. Volunteers carried out door-to-door interactions, sensitizing households and explaining the purpose of the survey. They clarified doubts and emphasized the responsibility of families to participate actively. Residents were guided to keep essential documents ready, ensure proper verification processes, and provide accurate information related to education, employment, and household details. The initiative helped build trust between the community and volunteers, encouraged responsible participation, and contributed to smoother data collection while reinforcing a sense of collective responsibility.

Foundation Day

The 56th NSS Foundation Day was celebrated on September 24, 2025 with great enthusiasm, involving active participation from all units of the university. The programme began with a flag hoisting ceremony, followed by an invocation dance and the NSS anthem. The chief guest reflected on the history and legacy of the NSS, emphasizing its commitment to service. Various activities were conducted, including a cleanliness drive, essay writing, and poster-making competitions. An inspiring talk on youth and nation-building motivated volunteers to contribute meaningfully to society. The celebration concluded with a talent show and ceremonial flag lowering, reinforcing unity, service, and the positive impact of youth engagement.

NSS Unit 1

Orientation

The NSS Orientation Program held on August 8, 2025 from 2 pm to 3:30 pm introduced new volunteers to the objectives, values, and activities of the National Service Scheme. The session began with a warm welcome and briefing, highlighting the importance of discipline, teamwork, leadership, and commitment. Volunteers were informed about upcoming projects, special camps, and community initiatives for the academic year. The interactive

session encouraged questions, reflections, and discussion on contributing to society through NSS. It fostered empathy, social responsibility, and leadership skills, motivating participants to actively engage in meaningful community service and laying a strong foundation for their involvement in nation-building activities.

Communal Harmony Day

The Communal Harmony Day event organized on September 2, 2025 from 1 pm to 3:30 pm promoted unity, peace, and social cohesion among participants. The programme began with a welcome speech and performances including a dance and a fusion song, creating an engaging and positive atmosphere. An art competition allowed 36 students to express their understanding of harmony and togetherness through creative drawings. Faculty members appreciated the thought and creativity behind each artwork. The event encouraged reflection on communal harmony, equality, and standing against social discrimination. Overall, it was a meaningful initiative that celebrated diversity, fostered awareness, and strengthened participants' appreciation for unity and collective responsibility.

Teacher's day

The Teacher's Day celebration was organized on September 6, 2025 from 2 pm to 3:30 pm to honor educators while engaging volunteers in creative activities. A poster-making competition provided students with a platform to express gratitude and admiration for their teachers. The enthusiastic participation of volunteers reflected their dedication, and the appreciation from faculty added significance to the event. It encouraged artistic expression, strengthened student-teacher relationships, and created a joyful, respectful atmosphere. The programme was executed smoothly and left a lasting impression on all participants. With the guidance of the faculty in-charge and leadership of the programme officer, the event successfully combined creativity, appreciation, and community spirit.

Environmental Day

The leadership workshop of the National Service Scheme (NSS) held for executive council The NSS cleanliness drive organized on September 15, 2025 from 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm aimed to promote environmental conservation and support the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan. Thirty volunteers and faculty coordinators gathered at the NSS Cell before proceeding to Cubbon Park,

where they were divided into groups for the cleaning activity. Equipped with garbage bags, participants collected litter across designated areas, demonstrating teamwork, responsibility, and civic engagement. The collected waste was properly disposed of, and the drive concluded successfully. Key highlights included active participation, efficient waste management, and raising public awareness. Overall, the initiative fostered environmental consciousness, social responsibility, and enthusiasm among students, encouraging continued involvement in community and sustainability efforts.

Gandhi Jayanti

Gandhi Jayanti event held on October 2, 2025 on Google Meet from 5 pm to 5:55 pm, focused on the discussion topic: 'Is the partition of India an unavoidable consequence of independence, or a missed opportunity for a united nation?' Participants shared perspectives on the historical complexities and lasting impacts of partition. The discussion lasted 45 minutes and was followed by a short quiz submitted through Google Forms. Despite a small turnout, the session proceeded smoothly without technical issues, allowing for thoughtful exchange. The event aimed to promote Gandhian values, encourage critical reflection on history, and provide a platform for independent learning and discussion among participants.

Peace and UN Day

Peace and UN Day event was organized on October 3, 2025 from 12:30 to 2 pm to commemorate International Peace Day and United Nations Day. The event was themed 'United for Peace' emphasizing harmony and unity. Students and council members participated in symbolic activities, including tying white satin ribbons on each other's wrists as a gesture of peace. Each table was managed by a council member and volunteers, ensuring smooth coordination. Faculty and student coordinators supervised the event, providing safety instructions and first-aid arrangements. The celebration was conducted in an eco-friendly, disciplined, and organized manner, with enthusiastic participation. Overall, the event promoted peace, unity, and awareness through symbolic engagement.

NSS Unit 2

Orientation

The orientation program held on August 11, 2025 from 2 pm to 3:30 pm at Xavier Hall, began

with a warm welcome, creating an enthusiastic atmosphere for the event. A graceful invocation dance set an inspiring tone, followed by the ceremonial lighting of the lamp, symbolizing a positive beginning. The NSS song was performed, reflecting unity and dedication to service. An informative address highlighted the objectives, values, and significance of volunteerism, along with details about participation, activities, and camp structure. This helped new members understand their roles and responsibilities. A lively group dance added cultural vibrancy to the program. The event concluded with a vote of thanks, marking a promising start to future service initiatives.

International Women's Equality Day

The celebration of International Women's Equality Day was held on August 26, 2025 from 1 pm to 3 pm. It featured Dr Sayantani Banerjee as the guest speaker, who delivered a motivating talk on the significance of gender equality. She stressed on the importance of providing equal opportunities, dignity, and empowerment for women across all areas of life, highlighting its role in social and economic progress. She also encouraged individuals to challenge stereotypes and promote inclusivity. The latter part of the program included an interactive activity where volunteers performed skits portraying real-life situations of women facing discrimination and oppression. These performances conveyed strong messages of resilience and change, concluding with recognition of the best-performing team.

National Wildlife Week

As part of National Wildlife Week, a survey-based awareness activity was conducted on September 6, 2025 from 1:15 pm to 3 pm to assess public understanding and attitudes toward wildlife conservation. Volunteers actively gathered information by interacting with students and individuals around the campus. The survey covered areas such as awareness of endangered species, perspectives on wildlife protection, knowledge of animal adoption, and the importance of preserving natural habitats. This initiative allowed volunteers to engage directly with the community while spreading awareness about the decline in wildlife populations. The activity also helped identify gaps in knowledge, emphasizing the need for increased education and stronger conservation efforts.

World Suicide Prevention Day

World Suicide Prevention Day was observed on September 10, 2025 from 12 pm to 2 pm with

an interactive session led by Mr Joyson John Barboza, focusing on mental health awareness and emotional well-being. The session emphasized the importance of understanding depression, building resilience, and seeking support during difficult times. Participants were encouraged to express themselves through activities like poster making and writing positive notes, promoting self-reflection and optimism. The programme created a supportive environment for open discussions, helping to reduce the stigma around mental health. It concluded with an uplifting message highlighting the value of life and the possibility of recovery through the right mindset and support.

Swasth Bhojan Swasth Jeevan

The 'Swasth Bhojan, Swasth Jeevan' programme held on September 13, 2025 from 1 pm to 3 pm aimed to promote awareness about healthy eating habits and the importance of nutritious food for overall well-being. The event highlighted the role of a balanced diet in maintaining both physical and mental health. A 'Cooking Without Fire' activity was conducted, where volunteers actively participated by preparing a variety of healthy dishes. Items such as salads, fruits, sprouts, and traditional snacks were creatively presented, reflecting knowledge of nutrition and teamwork. The activity encouraged participants to adopt simple and healthy food choices in daily life, successfully spreading the message of healthy eating for a better lifestyle.

Public Place Adoption: Arocha (Week 1)

On September 21, 2025 from 7 am to 1 pm, an environmental awareness and sustainability initiative was conducted in collaboration with an NGO dedicated to conservation. The programme began with an orientation session highlighting the importance of environmental protection, waste segregation, and responsible consumption. The speaker emphasized how small individual actions can contribute to overall ecological balance and community well-being. Following the session, volunteers actively participated in a dry waste collection drive around the campus, gathering plastic, paper, and other non-biodegradable materials. The collected waste was properly segregated and sent for recycling. The activity promoted cleanliness and encouraged participants to adopt environmentally responsible habits for a greener future.

World Peace Day

World Peace Day was celebrated on September

22, 2025 from 1 pm to 2:30 pm with enthusiasm, focusing on the promotion of harmony, unity, and non-violence. The event began with an inspiring talk highlighting the significance and purpose of the day, emphasizing that true peace lies in understanding, respect, and compassion. Volunteers were then grouped and engaged in activities across the campus, symbolizing hope and solidarity. Participants expressed their thoughts on peace through written reflections, sharing creative and meaningful ideas. Additionally, posters conveying messages of global peace and togetherness were prepared. The programme concluded with a powerful reminder that peace begins within individuals and spreads through kindness and empathy.

NSS Talent Day

NSS Talent Day was conducted on September 26, 2025 from 1 pm to 3 pm to celebrate the creativity and diverse abilities of volunteers. The event offered a vibrant platform for participants to showcase their skills through performances such as singing, dancing, poetry, and beatboxing, blending both cultural and modern art forms. Volunteers also displayed talents in sports, drawing, and painting, reflecting their versatility. A unique segment on crochet pattern explanation added a creative touch to the program. The event encouraged self-expression, boosted confidence, and strengthened unity among participants. Filled with energy and appreciation, the celebration highlighted teamwork, creativity, and the spirit of coming together.

Public Place Adoption: Arocha (Week 2)

Participation in the second phase of a forest restoration programme held on September 28, 2025 from 7 am to 1 pm focused on promoting sustainable practices and engaging students in conservation activities. Volunteers attended informative sessions on biodiversity protection, waste management, and the impact of human actions on forest ecosystems. This was followed by fieldwork at an adopted site, where participants assessed the implementation of the 2-bin, 1-bag system, interacted with local residents, and distributed awareness pamphlets on waste segregation. The initiative provided hands-on experience and a deepened understanding of community-based environmental efforts. It also encouraged collaboration with residents, supporting long-term goals of ecological balance and sustainability.

Tribute To Unsung Heroes

A 'Tribute to Unsung Heroes' initiative was conducted on October 4, 2025 from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm to appreciate individuals who work selflessly for society's well-being. The programme aimed to recognize those whose efforts often go unnoticed but are essential for maintaining cleanliness, safety, and order. Volunteers actively participated by distributing thank-you cards and chocolates to housekeeping staff, security personnel, traffic police, and petrol bunk workers within and beyond the campus. This gesture of gratitude created a sense of respect and appreciation, bringing joy to the recipients. The initiative emphasized valuing every contribution and encouraged students to develop empathy, gratitude, and social responsibility in their daily lives.

Public Place Adoption: Dry Waste Management center, Jayanagar (Week 3)

A visit to a dry waste management center was organized on October 5, 2025 from 9 am to 11 am as part of an environmental activity to provide practical exposure to sustainable waste practices. Volunteers gained insight into the detailed segregation of dry waste into multiple categories, highlighting the precision required for effective management. The session included a guided tour of the facility, where systematic processes of sorting, recycling, and reducing landfill waste were explained. Emphasis was placed on the importance of proper segregation in maintaining a cleaner environment. The visit proved informative and motivating, encouraging participants to adopt responsible waste management practices in their daily lives and communities.

World Mental Health Day

World Mental Health Day was observed on October 10, 2025 from 1 pm to 3 pm to raise awareness about emotional well-being and the importance of mental health. The programme began with an informative session highlighting the need to break stigma and prioritize mental wellness in everyday life. It emphasized that seeking help is a sign of strength and that mental health is equally important as physical health. Volunteers were then grouped and engaged in spreading awareness across the campus through meaningful interactions. Participants also shared personal reflections on mental health through written expressions. Additionally, creative posters promoting positivity and stress management were displayed, encouraging a supportive and

understanding environment.

World Smile Day: Visit to an Old Age Home

Daan Utsav was celebrated at an old age home on October 16, 2025 from 8 am to 3 pm to spread joy, compassion, and kindness among the elderly. Volunteers organized meaningful activities such as cleaning and beautifying the surroundings, creating a pleasant environment. Creative sessions like art and craft encouraged both students and residents to express themselves through drawings and colors. A letter-writing activity added emotional value, where volunteers shared thoughtful messages of love, respect, and gratitude. The programme highlighted how small acts of kindness can bring happiness and strengthen connections. It created a warm and cheerful atmosphere, fostering meaningful interactions and leaving lasting memories for everyone involved.

Achievements

Sports Day

The team delivered an impressive performance during the sports event held on October 16, 2025 from 9 am to 5 pm, achieving top positions in several competitions. Female participants demonstrated exceptional strength and coordination, securing first place in tug of war and second place in kabaddi through teamwork and determination. The men's team also performed commendably, displaying resilience and unity to earn second place in tug of war. The event highlighted strong sportsmanship, collaboration, and a competitive spirit among all participants. These accomplishments reflected the teams' dedication, consistent practice, and enthusiasm, making the event a memorable and successful experience while encouraging active participation and mutual support.

NSS Unit 3

Student council election duty

The Student Council Election was conducted successfully on July 22, 2025 from 4:30 pm to 6 pm with the active participation of students and the dedicated support of volunteers. The smooth execution of the election was ensured through the volunteers' efficient management of key responsibilities. They guided voters to the polling area, assisted the Election Committee, and maintained order and discipline throughout the process. NSS Volunteers played an essential role

in regulating the flow of participants, preventing overcrowding, and ensuring a transparent and unbiased voting environment. Their cooperation helped create a calm and fair atmosphere that encouraged active and responsible participation from the student body. The Election Committee, supported by the volunteers, handled the proceedings with professionalism, reflecting democratic values and teamwork. The entire process was marked by efficiency, discipline, and unity, making the Student Council Election a successful and well-organized event.

General Body Meeting I

The General Body Meeting of NSS Unit-3 held on August 6, 2025 from 1 pm to 1:30 pm began with the Unit President, Mr. Abdul Haroon, introducing the volunteers to the Programme Officer, Dr. Magesh Daniel. Dr. Magesh extended a warm welcome and spoke about the meaning, motto, and responsibilities of NSS volunteers. He encouraged everyone to register on the My Bharat government portal, explaining the various opportunities, recognitions, and learning experiences it offers to young volunteers. The meeting agenda included the introduction of council members, recital of the NSS Anthem, briefing on the upcoming Investiture Ceremony, learning of the NSS Clap, and an open session for clarifications. Volunteers actively participated, demonstrating enthusiasm and unity throughout the session. The meeting concluded with the NSS Song and Claps led by the President and Council Members. Overall, the session successfully familiarized volunteers with the vision and objectives of NSS Unit-3, motivating them to serve with commitment and pride.

Investiture Ceremony

The Investiture Ceremony of NSS Units 3, 4, and 5 held on August 9, 2025 from 2 pm to 3:38 pm began with an introduction by the Master of Ceremonies, followed by a warm welcome address by the Programme Officer, Dr. Magesh Daniel. The event commenced gracefully with an invocation dance and the lighting of the lamp, symbolizing knowledge and service. The NSS Anthem was sung in unison, followed by a brief presentation showcasing the vision, motto, and key activities of NSS. In an eco-friendly gesture, saplings were presented to the Chief Guest, Dr. Regina Mathias, and other dignitaries. Dr. Regina, in her inspiring address, encouraged volunteers to uphold discipline, dedication, and selfless service. The highlight of the event was the oath-taking ceremony, where newly elected council

members officially assumed their roles. A lively cultural performance followed, adding vibrance to the occasion. The event concluded with the National Anthem and a vote of thanks, marking a memorable celebration of leadership and service.

Anti-Ragging Rally

The Anti-Ragging Rally was jointly organized by the NSS, YRC, and Spectrum volunteers on August 11, 2025 from 12:50 pm to 1:50 pm to promote awareness about the harmful effects of ragging and to encourage a culture of respect and inclusivity on campus. The event commenced with a thought-provoking skit performed by volunteers, depicting the emotional and psychological trauma caused by ragging while advocating empathy and mutual respect among students. This was followed by a touching poem recited by the Spectrum General Secretary, emphasizing themes of unity, equality, and compassion. Adding to the spirit of the rally, the YRC President performed a soulful song that inspired harmony and togetherness. The event concluded with the slogan 'No More Ragging' chanted by all participants, symbolizing a strong stance against the practice. The rally effectively conveyed its message, fostering awareness and reinforcing the institution's commitment to a safe and supportive campus for all.

Independence Day

The Independence Day celebrations at St. Joseph's University held on August 15, 2025 from 7:30 am to 9:50 am commenced with the flag hoisting ceremony, where the tricolor was unfurled with pride, accompanied by the national anthem sung by students, staff, and NSS volunteers. The Vice Chancellor delivered an inspiring address, highlighting the sacrifices of freedom fighters and urging students to contribute to the nation's progress and unity. A key highlight of the event was the Piping Ceremony of the NCC cadets, during which cadets were conferred with their ranks, symbolizing discipline, leadership, and service. The program concluded with a grand salute to the national flag, leaving the audience with a renewed sense of patriotism and pride. The celebration not only honored the spirit of freedom but also reinforced values of responsibility, unity, and dedication among the participants, fostering a strong commitment to national ideals and community service.

Unsung Heroes

NSS Unit 3 organized 'Unsung Heroes' on August 23, 2025 from 1 pm to 3 pm to recognize

and appreciate the silent contributors of society whose efforts often go unnoticed. The programme began with an introduction by the Vice President, Amrutha Varshini, highlighting the aim and significance of the event. This was followed by an inspiring address from Mr. Rajul, the staff coordinator of the event, who stressed the importance of gratitude and respect towards service providers. The central activity involved volunteers creating handmade greeting cards as tokens of appreciation for individuals such as security guards and support staff. These cards were personally handed to the recipients, leaving a lasting impact on both volunteers and staff. The event concluded with refreshments, fostering a warm and inclusive atmosphere. Overall, the program successfully encouraged participants to acknowledge everyday heroes, promoting empathy, gratitude, and a culture of respect within the NSS community.

National Sports Day

The Department of Physical Education, in collaboration with NSS, organized the National Sports Day celebration on August 30, 2025 from 10 am to 3:30 pm under the theme 'Sports, Spirit & Unity – Ek Ghanta Khel Ke Maidaan' to promote fitness, discipline, and teamwork among students. The event featured exciting matches of Kabaddi and Tug of War, with students participating enthusiastically and creating a lively and energetic atmosphere. NSS volunteers played a key role in organizing and coordinating the activities, ensuring smooth conduct and maintaining discipline throughout. A special highlight was the Unit 3 Women's Tug of War team securing second place, bringing pride and recognition to the unit. The event concluded successfully, spreading awareness about the importance of sports in daily life. It inspired students to embrace fitness, perseverance, and teamwork, while celebrating sportsmanship and unity. Overall, the celebration fostered enthusiasm, discipline, and camaraderie among participants.

Mega Job Fair

The Mega Job Fair was held on September 7, 2025 at St. Joseph's University from 7 am to 6 pm, organized in collaboration with Nightingale Medical Trust. The event provided a dynamic platform for aspiring candidates to connect with recruiters from various reputed organizations. NSS volunteers reported at 7 am to assist with essential preparations, including ID card distribution, desk arrangements, and setup activities. By 8

am, applicants began arriving, and the venue quickly became vibrant with energy. A tea stall was arranged to cater to the participants, while interactive games and activities were organized for elderly attendees, ensuring inclusivity and engagement. The event began with an inauguration ceremony, setting an enthusiastic tone for the day. Interviews commenced shortly after and continued until 5 pm. Informative sessions and career talks were conducted alongside the interviews, offering valuable guidance to job seekers. Lunch and refreshments were provided to all participants, ensuring a welcoming and supportive atmosphere. With over 1,000 applicants and numerous companies actively participating, the fair achieved remarkable success. The event highlighted the dedication and service-mindedness of NSS volunteers, whose commitment played a key role in ensuring smooth execution and impactful outcomes.

Plantation Drive

The NSS Unit organized a Plantation Drive at Heggunde on September 13, 2025 from 7 am to 4:30 pm to promote environmental conservation and community service. Volunteers departed early and reached the site by 9 am, after a brief breakfast at SINS Hotel. The programme officially began with a short assembly in front of a local temple, where Mr. Satish, the staff coordinator of the event, addressed the volunteers, emphasizing discipline, safety, and proper conduct. Detailed instructions on plantation techniques and guidelines were provided by Mr. Satish and Dr. Magesh Daniel. Volunteers were divided into teams and actively participated in digging, planting, and nurturing saplings near the village well. Their enthusiasm and coordinated efforts reflected a strong spirit of service and environmental responsibility. The activity concluded by 12:30 pm with refreshments distributed among the participants. Some volunteers also enjoyed a tractor ride back, adding a memorable touch to the day. Overall, the drive successfully reinforced teamwork, discipline, and environmental stewardship among the participants.

Walkathon

The NSS volunteers of St. Joseph's University actively participated in the third edition of the CRY (Child Rights and You) Walkathon, titled 'Walk to Empower Her', held on September 14, 2025 from 7:30 am to 11:30 am aimed at advocating for child rights and the empowerment of girls. The event brought together volunteers, families, and well-

wishers, creating an energetic and supportive atmosphere. Inspiring stories of young girls from rural areas, who overcame adversities to pursue their dreams, highlighted the importance of education, equal opportunities, and resilience, leaving a lasting impression on participants. NSS volunteers played a vital role in managing the event, assisting with registrations, guiding attendees, and ensuring smooth coordination throughout the walk. On-spot registrations encouraged broader community involvement, and refreshments were provided to keep participants energized. The Walkathon successfully combined advocacy with active volunteer service, inspiring both volunteers and attendees to promote social equity and contribute to a just and inclusive society.

International Literacy Day

NSS Unit 3 of St. Joseph's University organized a lively celebration of International Literacy Day on September 20, 2025 from 1:15 pm to 2:15 pm to promote awareness about literacy and its significance. The programme began with an address by the Unit President, Abdul, emphasizing the importance of literacy in personal and societal development. The event featured interactive activities designed to enhance creativity, communication, and teamwork. The first round was a quiz on literacy and general knowledge, with Team B emerging as winners after a tie-breaker. A creative writing competition followed, centered on the theme 'A boy who is interested in studying but is financially poor' where participants showcased empathy and originality. The final round included icebreaker games such as Dumb Charades and Chinese Whispers, creating a fun and engaging atmosphere. The celebration concluded with volunteers sharing thoughts on literacy, including a heartfelt poem recitation, and chocolates were distributed to all participants. The event successfully fostered creativity, team spirit, and literacy awareness.

General Body Meeting II

The NSS Unit 3 of St. Joseph's University conducted its second General Body Meeting on September 23, 2025 from 1 pm to 1:50 pm to engage volunteers in planning and understanding the objectives of the unit. The session began with a silent prayer, followed by the NSS anthem, setting a tone of unity and discipline. Prizes for the Literacy Day celebrations were distributed, recognizing the creativity and active participation of volunteers. Dr. Magesh Daniel addressed the

gathering, appreciating the dedication of the students and providing guidance to inspire greater responsibility. The agenda for the academic year was presented, including an explanation of NSS history, motto, logo, and guiding principles, alongside ground rules for effective functioning. Volunteers were briefed on past achievements and upcoming events, including opportunities to participate in state and national-level camps. The meeting concluded with renewed enthusiasm, fostering commitment, teamwork, and a deeper understanding of NSS ideals, motivating volunteers to actively contribute to the unit's initiatives.

NSS day

The NSS Unit 3 of St. Joseph's University celebrated NSS Day with a series of activities highlighting service, patriotism, and cultural expression. 80 volunteers participated. The day began with a campus cleaning drive, where volunteers were assigned different sections to maintain cleanliness and hygiene. Following the drive, the formal programme commenced with the escort of the Chief Guest, an address by the Unit 2 President, a cultural performance by a Unit 3 volunteer, and the recitation of the NSS song. The flag hoisting ceremony, led by the Chief Guest and Programme Coordinator Mr Selwyn Paul, was followed by an inspiring speech appreciating volunteers' efforts and encouraging service with unity and dedication. Volunteers reaffirmed their commitment through the NSS pledge and song. In the afternoon, competitions such as quiz, essay writing, solo singing, and dance performances allowed volunteers to showcase talent and creativity. The programme concluded with the lowering of the NSS flag, reflecting the NSS motto, 'Not Me, But You'.

Catch the Rain

The NSS Unit 3 of St. Joseph's University organized an awareness programme titled 'Catch the Rain' on September 25, 2025 from 1 pm to 1:50 pm to promote water conservation and sustainable practices among 48 volunteers. The session began with an enlightening address by Unit 3 President, Abdul, who highlighted the importance of saving water and shared practical conservation methods, setting an engaging tone for the programme. The 48 volunteers were then divided into small groups and participated in a poster-making activity, creatively presenting ideas to encourage water conservation. This activity not only fostered teamwork and critical thinking but also allowed participants to visually communicate the importance of

sustainable practices. The programme concluded with a motivating speech by Gurudatta Sir, urging volunteers to implement water-saving habits in daily life and to lead efforts in spreading awareness within their communities. The event successfully combined learning, creativity, and participation, reinforcing social responsibility and the NSS commitment to environmental sustainability.

International Peace Day

The NSS Unit 3 of St. Joseph's University celebrated International Peace Day on September 26, 2025 from 1 pm to 1:50 pm at Aloysius Hall to promote awareness of peace, harmony, and unity among the youth. The event featured a debate competition with the topic 'Whether or not social media spreads peace or conflict'. Participants were divided into two teams: Team Peacemakers (18 members) supporting the motion, and Team Unity (19 members) opposing it. Representatives from each side presented arguments emphasizing social media's potential for community building, philanthropy, and peace promotion, alongside concerns regarding misuse, misrepresentation, and divisive content. The debate encouraged volunteers to critically analyze the impact of social media on modern society and explore its role in fostering harmony. Team Unity was declared the winner, while Harshita and Ashu were awarded Best Speaker, and Sai Charan received the Man of the Show title. The programme successfully inspired reflection on responsible social media use and reinforced the values of peace and unity.

Webinar: Vegan Outreach

The NSS Unit 3 of St. Joseph's University organized a webinar titled 'Vegan Outreach – Promoting Healthy Diet' on September 30, 2025 from 7 pm to 7:50 pm featuring Dr Mohan Kumar from the Department of Food Science and Technology as the guest speaker. The session aimed to raise awareness among students about the significance of nutrition and mindful eating for overall health. Dr Kumar explained that food provides essential nutrients necessary for growth, energy, and survival, emphasizing the importance of a balanced diet with more natural and raw foods while minimizing processed foods. Key nutrients such as minerals, calcium, and micronutrients were discussed, along with their roles in maintaining body functions. Types of food were categorized into five groups—fruits, vegetables, grains, proteins, and dairy—highlighting their specific benefits. The session also referenced the Japanese Diet Pyramid, stressing moderation and

variety. The webinar concluded with the impactful message: 'You are what you eat'. Volunteers were motivated to adopt healthier dietary habits.

Cleanliness Drive

The NSS Unit 3 of St. Joseph's University organized a Cleanliness Drive within the university campus on October 3, 2025 from 12:30 to 1:30 pm to promote hygiene, environmental awareness, and responsibility among 20 volunteers. The initiative aligned with the principles of the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan and aimed to instill sustainable habits. Volunteers were divided into two groups and assigned specific areas, including classrooms, the stock room, and other campus spaces. The drive began with a brief address by faculty members, highlighting the importance of cleanliness, waste management, and maintaining a healthy environment. Volunteers actively participated by collecting waste materials such as papers, plastic wrappers, and food cartons, while also cleaning benches, floors, and windows. The stock room was organized and cleared of clutter. At the conclusion, collected waste was segregated into biodegradable and non-biodegradable bins for proper disposal. The drive successfully reinforced teamwork, responsibility, and environmental consciousness among participants, highlighting the significance of collective efforts for a cleaner and healthier campus.

World First Aid Day

The NSS Unit 3 of St. Joseph's University organized a First Aid Awareness Programme on October 14, 2025 from 12:50 pm to 1:50 pm to educate volunteers on essential life-saving techniques. The session was led by Dr Swapan from Martha Hospital, accompanied by Sister Jacqueline, who shared valuable insights on handling medical emergencies. The event began with a welcome speech by the Joint Secretary, Harshita, followed by an address by the staff coordinator, Dr. Ance Tersea Varghese, who highlighted the importance of being prepared to save lives. Dr Swapan delivered an informative presentation on first aid procedures and explained how to respond to emergencies such as snake bites, choking, seizures, and fractures. A live demonstration of CPR techniques using a dummy provided participants with practical exposure. The interactive doubt-clearing session further enhanced understanding and engagement among the volunteers. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by Harshita, appreciating the guests for their valuable time and guidance.

Daan Utsav

The NSS Cell of St. Joseph's University organized the Daan Utsav initiative on October 14, 2025 from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm to promote compassion and the spirit of giving. Essential items such as blankets, groceries, and other necessities were collected by the volunteers and prepared for distribution. On the day of the event, all volunteers assembled near the NSS unit, where Unit President Abdul delivered an inspiring speech on the importance of sharing and helping the less fortunate. The teacher in charge provided instructions to ensure smooth coordination and safety during the drive. The volunteers then proceeded to the Majestic Railway and Bus Stations, dividing themselves into two teams to identify and reach out to needy individuals and families. They distributed the collected items with kindness and empathy, bringing comfort to those in need. The event embodied the true essence of the NSS motto – 'Not Me, But You' – fostering unity, selflessness, and service among the volunteers.

World Food Day

The World Food Day activity was organized by Unit 3 on October 16, 2025 from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm in collaboration with Rise Against Hunger. The event was conducted at the Rise Against Hunger Warehouse from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. The programme was coordinated by Mr. Rajul K, with Amrutha Varshini and Vanishkha Tomar serving as the student coordinators. Volunteers reached the venue at 9:30 am, after which the team received a brief orientation about the organization's mission to combat hunger and malnutrition across India. The primary task assigned to the volunteers was the packing of dehydrated nutritious food packets designed to support children suffering from malnutrition. Under the guidance of the warehouse staff, volunteers worked efficiently and collaboratively to ensure the quality and accuracy of each food pack. During the three-hour session, the volunteers successfully packed around 50 boxes of nutrient-rich meal kits. These boxes were later distributed by Rise Against Hunger to various regions across India, reaching children and communities in need. The activity provided students with a valuable hands-on experience in social service and highlighted the importance of collective efforts in addressing hunger. Overall, the event was meaningful and impactful, fostering a sense of responsibility and awareness among the volunteers while contributing to a significant humanitarian cause.

NSS Unit 4

First Aid Awareness Day

The First Aid Awareness Day session was conducted on August 23, 2025 at 2 pm to educate volunteers on essential emergency care techniques. A medical professional led the session, explaining basic first aid methods such as treating minor injuries, controlling bleeding, and providing immediate assistance during emergencies. The concepts were presented in a simple and clear manner, making them easy to understand. Participants actively engaged by asking questions and clarifying doubts. The session included practical insights, helping volunteers gain confidence in handling emergency situations. Overall, the programme was informative and beneficial, equipping participants with the necessary knowledge and skills to respond effectively when needed.

Awareness Rally On Blood Donation

The Awareness Rally on Blood Donation was organized on August 26, 2025 at 12:50 pm to highlight the significance of donating blood and its role in saving lives. Students participated enthusiastically by carrying banners and raising slogans to inspire others. Faculty members shared insights on how a single unit of blood can benefit multiple patients in need. The rally encouraged students to engage in social service and recognize their responsibility towards the community. It also fostered a sense of unity, compassion, and teamwork among participants. The event created awareness and motivated more individuals to actively support and participate in future blood donation initiatives.

National Sports Day

National Sports Day was observed on August 30, 2025 at 11 am to emphasize the value of physical activity, teamwork, and overall well-being. Students actively engaged in a variety of sports and recreational activities organized on campus, creating an atmosphere of enthusiasm and participation. The event highlighted how sports contribute to developing discipline, confidence, and a positive mindset. Faculty members encouraged students to adopt regular physical exercise as part of their daily routine. The celebration also reinforced the importance of sportsmanship, unity, and mutual respect. It served as an energetic and enjoyable occasion that fostered collaboration, strengthened bonds among students, and promoted a healthy and active lifestyle.

NSS Day

NSS Day was observed on September 24, 2025 at 7 am with the meaningful theme 'Service Beyond Self' highlighting the importance of community service and social responsibility. The programme centered on a cleanliness drive, encouraging volunteers to actively participate in maintaining a clean and sustainable environment. The initiative emphasized the dignity of labor and the need for collective efforts to keep shared spaces neat and hygienic. It also instilled a sense of respect and appreciation for individuals who contribute to maintaining cleanliness. Through this activity, participants developed teamwork, environmental awareness, and a spirit of selfless service, reflecting the true essence of the NSS motto, 'Not Me But You'.

NSS Unit 5

Orientation

The NSS orientation meeting held on August 6, 2025 from 3 pm to 3:45 pm focused on introducing new volunteers to the scheme's core mission of 'Service Above Self'. The Unit President outlined the motto and upcoming annual activities, emphasizing the essential discipline and responsibilities required of every member. Key sessions included a detailed briefing on the Republic Day and National Integration Camps, highlighting their role in fostering leadership and national unity. The Cultural Head further discussed how diverse traditional art forms promote social harmony and community engagement. The orientation concluded with a powerful call to action, motivating volunteers to uphold high ethical standards and dignity while actively serving society through various outreach programs.

Inauguration and Investiture

The inauguration and investiture ceremony held on August 9, 2025 from 2 pm to 4 pm celebrated a renewed commitment to community service, formally inducting new council leaders. The event opened with a symbolic lighting of the lamp and a presentation highlighting the mission and impactful achievements of the National Service Scheme. The keynote address emphasized empathy, humility, and responsibility, reminding students that their roles represent both honour and duty. During the investiture, newly appointed members took a solemn pledge to uphold the organization's core ideals. Complemented by cultural performances, the ceremony successfully

strengthened the collective spirit and motivated all participants to serve society with dedication and resolve.

Protest Day

On August 22, 2025, the students and volunteers of NSS Unit 5 under the guidance of Fr Francis Pinto SJ, actively participated in a peaceful protest held at Freedom Park, Bengaluru. The protest was organized to extend support and solidarity to Sr Vandhana Francis and Sr Preethi Mary, who were falsely accused of human trafficking and forced religious conversions. Volunteers assembled at the college campus by 2 pm. The team proceeded to Freedom Park by 3 pm. The protest was conducted peacefully, with active participation from NSS volunteers, reflecting discipline and unity. The team returned to the college by 4:45 pm, slightly delayed due to traffic conditions. The protest witnessed wholehearted participation from the volunteers, who stood together in unity and raised their voices for justice and human rights. Through this initiative, the NSS members reaffirmed their commitment to societal welfare and their readiness to stand up against injustice. The event also served as a platform for students to understand the significance of non-violent resistance and the importance of expressing solidarity with those who are wronged.

Teachers' Day Celebration

The Teachers' Day celebration held on September 6, 2025 from 3:30 pm to 4:40 pm was a heartfelt tribute marked by enthusiasm and gratitude. Volunteers organized a vibrant program to honor their mentors, beginning with a warm welcome and an energetic series of appreciation activities. The event featured interactive games and lighthearted sessions that fostered an atmosphere of joy and laughter. Cultural performances, including soulful singing and spirited dance, showcased student talent while conveying deep respect for the teaching community. Complemented by refreshments and informal social time, the celebration strengthened the bonds between educators and students. It served as a meaningful testament to the creativity and dedication of the student body.

Plantation Drive

The joint plantation drive held on September 13, 2025 from 7 am to 5:30 pm brought together over 50 volunteers dedicated to environmental conservation. After a briefing on proper techniques, teams used specialized tools to plant saplings across the site. The activity emphasized teamwork

and hands-on participation, with volunteers working enthusiastically under the guidance of experienced leaders. This initiative served as a meaningful way to instill a sense of ecological responsibility. By the end of the day, the effort successfully contributed to local reforestation goals while fostering a strong commitment to social service. The event concluded as a success, leaving participants motivated to engage in future environmental sustainability projects.

Walkathon

The NGO CRY (Child Rights and You) organized a Walkathon titled 'Walk to Empower' on September 14, 2025 at Bal Bhavan. 45 volunteers from Unit 5 participated in the walkathon. The event aimed to inspire and encourage girls to pursue higher education and careers in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Medicine). The programme began at 8 am, with volunteers and participants from various colleges and universities assembling at Bal Bhavan. The atmosphere was vibrant, with students, teachers, and community members turning up in large numbers to show support for the cause. Before the walk commenced, the CRY team engaged the gathering through fun quizzes on science and social themes, fitness activities, including planks, to boost energy and promote teamwork. The event chief guest Dr Tara Anuradha emphasized the urgent need to break gender barriers in STEM. The highlight of the morning was when three underprivileged girls addressed the gathering, sharing their personal journeys of overcoming hardships to pursue science. Their powerful stories of courage and determination moved the audience and drew loud applause. At 9:30 am, the Walkathon was flagged off under the banner 'Walk to EmpowHer'. The route spanned 1.5 kilometers, covering the streets around Bal Bhavan. Participants carried placards and slogans promoting women's empowerment and equal access to education in STEM. By 11 am, the walk concluded back at Bal Bhavan. Volunteers and participants were felicitated with medals followed by refreshments. The joy, enthusiasm, and positive feedback highlighted the resounding success of the initiative. The Walkathon not only spread awareness about the importance of equal opportunities for girls in STEM, but also provided a platform for underprivileged students to voice their dreams and aspirations.

Gandhi Jayanti

To commemorate Gandhi Jayanti, an online

competition titled 'Modern Problems, Gandhian Solutions' was organized on October 2, 2025 from 9 am to 6 pm to promote the relevance of Mahatma Gandhi's ideals. Participants selected contemporary challenges and presented solutions through creative formats like essays, digital art, and videos. The initiative encouraged volunteers to apply philosophies of truth, non-violence, and self-reliance to modern contexts. The activity saw enthusiastic engagement, with contributors providing unique perspectives on social harmony and simple living. By translating traditional values into practical applications, the competition successfully showcased the participants' deep understanding of how Gandhian principles can effectively address today's global and local issues.

Literacy Day

The Literacy Day celebration held on October 9, 2025 at 1 pm embraced learning and innovation, emphasizing literacy as a powerful tool for empowerment and social awareness. The event featured engaging competitions, including multilingual poetry writing, poster making, and rapid collage creation. These activities allowed participants to articulate diverse perspectives and showcase artistic talents through meaningful visuals. A key focus was promoting digital literacy by encouraging the use of design tools for original creation without relying on automated shortcuts. This approach fostered critical thinking and ethical media use. The session concluded as a vibrant success, highlighting the participants' unique imagination and their ability to express complex ideas creatively.

Art therapy and Sketching session

World Mental Health Day was celebrated on October 10, 2025 from 12:30 pm to 2:15 pm with a focus on embracing positivity and prioritizing emotional well-being. The session began with council members sharing personal stories of resilience and self-acceptance, creating an open environment for volunteers to reflect on their own journeys. Therapeutic activities followed, including an art therapy session where participants translated their feelings into creative sketches centered on peace and hope. A symbolic balloon activity allowed volunteers to release emotional burdens, while a gratitude note exercise reinforced optimism. The event successfully combined reflection with creative expression, reminding everyone that vulnerability and appreciation are essential components of mental wellness.

National Integration Day

National Integration day was observed on October 11, 2025 from 1 pm to 3:30 pm with a focus on unity in diversity and India's rich cultural heritage. The event featured multilingual musical performances and traditional dances representing various states, symbolizing the nation's diverse identity. Guest lectures provided deep insights into social justice, constitutional values, and the importance of overcoming cultural divisions to foster a genuine sense of belonging. An interactive session encouraged participants to question biases and discuss political awareness and language as tools for mutual respect. The celebration concluded by emphasizing the cultivation of the mind and the transformative power of youth in driving progress toward a more integrated society.

Commemoration of the RTI Act

The 20th Commemoration of the Right to Information (RTI) Act was held on October 14, 2025 at Yavanika Auditorium, Bengaluru, from 8:30 am to 12:20 pm. The event was organized by the Karnataka Information Commission and witnessed the participation of 36 NSS Unit 5 volunteers along with students from various colleges. The programme commenced with the National and State Anthems, followed by a welcome address highlighting the importance of transparency and accountability in governance. Distinguished dignitaries, including Hon'ble Governor Sri Thaawarchand Gehlot, Sri N. A. Haris, and senior RTI officials, addressed the gathering. Sri Ashit Mohan Prasad elaborated on the history and impact of the RTI Act, emphasizing proactive disclosure and citizen empowerment. Speakers reflected on the responsible use of RTI, digital governance, and reforms introduced over the years. The release of a commemorative newsletter marked two decades of RTI implementation in Karnataka. The event concluded with a vote of thanks and the National Anthem, reinforcing the message that transparency strengthens democracy.

Outreach Visit

The 'Empathy for the Elderly' outreach visit on October 16, 2025 from 8 am to 4 pm focused on providing support and companionship to residents of a local care home. Volunteers contributed essential donations, including food, clothing, and blankets, which were systematically organized to meet the residents' needs. The day included hands-on service through gardening and cleaning, followed by an orientation on the institution's

history and mission. Participants engaged in heartfelt interactions with the elderly through music, conversation, and creative activities. This immersive experience fostered a deep sense of compassion and fulfillment, successfully enriching the volunteers' understanding of empathy and the vital importance of dedicated social service.

Job Fair

As part of NSS activities all NSS units of St. Joseph's University collaborated in supporting the tenth Edition of the Free Job Fair for Senior Citizens, organised by the Nightingale Empowerment Foundation in association with NMT, hosted on the St. Joseph's University campus. NSS Unit 5, with a team of 17 dedicated volunteers, contributed significantly to the success of the event. The volunteers took responsibility for hospitality arrangements assisting senior citizens throughout the fair Maintaining discipline and decorum, and photography and documentation ensuring smooth coordination of the proceedings. The job fair witnessed an overwhelming participation of 930+ senior citizens and 52 employers.

All India Catholic University Federation (AICUF)

Ignatian Week

The Ignatian Week 2025, organized by AICUF, St. Joseph's University was celebrated from July 23-30, 2025 to commemorate the life and teachings of St. Ignatius of Loyola. The celebration began with the Inauguration and Investiture Ceremony of the AICUF Council, setting a reflective and spiritual tone for the week.

Creative and literary events such as poetry recitation, essay writing, drawing, and a quiz competition saw enthusiastic participation from students across departments. The highlight was the 'Choreo Clash' duo dance competition at Faber Hall, where four teams showcased outstanding performances judged on creativity, synchronization, and theme. The week concluded with the Valedictory Ceremony and the St. Ignatius Mass, attended by the university community, celebrating unity, gratitude, and Ignatian values of faith and service.

Orientation

The AICUF Orientation 2025 was held on September 4, 2025 at Xavier Hall from 12:50 pm to 1:45 pm led by Fr Arun and Ms Jessica

(National AICUF Convener). The session introduced new members to AICUF's mission through engaging talks and interactive activities. The event fostered belongingness, collaboration, and a deeper understanding of Ignatian ideals among students.

Model United Nations Society (MUN)

Internal Events

The SJU MUN Society successfully conducted seven internal events between March and September 2025. Highlights included the Meet and Greet conducted on July 5, and Training Workshop on July 19, introducing juniors to MUN procedures, international law, and lobbying. The Investiture Ceremony conducted on July 30, formally inducted new office bearers, while three Mock Committees, UNHRC (Yemen), AIPPM (UAPA 2019), UNSC (Gaza), and a Futuristic Crisis Simulation on WWIII, provided members with hands-on debating and diplomacy experience. Additionally, Dialectica, an Oxford-style debate, was held as part of the fest 'Pratibha', on September 19, drawing 25 teams. These initiatives enhanced public speaking, research, and policy analysis skills among participants while strengthening the society's academic culture.

External Events

Awards

The SJU MUN Society represented the University at three major external MUNs, winning multiple accolades. At CAMUN'25 (Christ Academy, August 22–24), members secured four awards, including High Commendations and Special Mentions across committees. At MEDIAMUN'25 (Christ University, Sept 1–3), the delegation excelled with three Best Delegate awards, two High Commendations, and multiple Verbal Mentions across UNSC, HCC, DISEC, SPECPOL, and IPC. Finally, at DSIMUN'25 (Dayananda Sagar University, Sept 20–21), the society won two Best Delegate awards and one Verbal Mention. These achievements underscore the society's excellence in diplomacy, negotiation, and research, showcasing the University at intercollegiate platforms.

Executive Board Members

Members of the SJU MUN Society were invited to serve in distinguished Executive Board positions at external conferences. Anagha Girish served as Vice-Chairperson of Interpol at Jain University's

Jigyasa 4.0 and as Chairperson of the UNHRC at KJMUN'25. Farhaaz Rashid Ahmed chaired the AIPPM at GMUN'25, Gopalan International School. Zaid Sheriff was appointed Co-Chairperson of the UNSC at Christ Academy MUN, while Adwitiyo Das served as Vice-Chairperson of the UNSC at Jigyasa 4.0. These invitations reflect the recognition of Josephite delegates as skilled moderators, mentors, and leaders in the MUN circuit.

The Wildlife and Awareness Conservation Club (WACC)

The Wildlife Awareness and Conservation Club (WACC) is dedicated to promoting environmental conservation and raising public awareness about wildlife. Our flagship events, WILD—an annual intercollegiate fest focused on endangered species—and Neerathon, a marathon promoting water conservation, embody this mission. Additionally, WACC organises plantation drives, treks, and clean-up initiatives to engage the community actively with nature. Between March and September 2025, WACC conducted four key events.

Investiture

The investiture ceremony held on July 22 featured eco-artist Mr Vishwanath Mallabadi and urban planner Ms Chinmayi Naik, who delivered inspiring speeches on sustainable waste management. This was followed by a badging ceremony led by Staff Coordinators Mr Jayashankar and Mr Mohmd Yousuf.

Plantation Drive

On August 10, a plantation drive was organized in collaboration with Green Army Force NGO at the Manvith Foundation, that resulted in planting 50 saplings consisting of tamarind, mango, and jamun trees.

Wild 15.0

Wild 15.0 conducted on September 9 and 10, focused on marine life with Olive Ridley Turtle as the theme animal. The event was supported wholeheartedly by dedicated volunteers whose efforts in organising contests, managing logistics, and spreading awareness were invaluable. Mrs Jayanthi Kallam (International Wildlife Rehabilitation Council) and Mr Rahul L (CARE NGO) graced the inauguration and valedictory sessions, respectively, addressing enhanced conservation efforts. Mount Carmel College won the rolling trophy, marking a successful event with the enthusiastic participation of 100+ SJU students

and around 110 non-SJU participants.

Trek to Uttari Betta

A sunrise trek to Uttari Betta on September 28 involved 78 participants and was celebrated as an enriching experience, encouraging appreciation and conservation of nature.

Women's Cell

Talk on Menstrual Health and Hygiene

The Women's Cell of St. Joseph's University organized an informative online talk on 'Menstrual Health and Hygiene' on July 26, 2025 at 6:30 pm, in collaboration with the Global Hunt Foundation. The event aimed to create awareness and encourage open conversations around menstrual health, a topic often surrounded by stigma and misinformation. The session focused on educating students about the importance of maintaining proper menstrual hygiene, understanding bodily changes, and adopting healthy practices. It also worked towards breaking societal taboos and promoting a more informed and supportive environment. Experts from the Global Hunt Foundation shared valuable insights, offered practical guidance, and addressed common myths and concerns related to menstrual health. The programme reflected the Women's Cell's commitment to empowering students through awareness and education. It provided a safe and inclusive space for participants to learn, ask questions, and engage in meaningful discussions. The initiative encouraged students to prioritize health, dignity, and well being.

Positive Thinking and Stress Management Awareness Session

A Positive Thinking and Stress Management Awareness Session was conducted on September 27, 2025 at St. Joseph's University, Bengaluru. The programme was designed to help students understand the importance of maintaining a healthy mindset and effectively managing stress as part of their overall well-being. The session focused on developing positive thinking habits, recognizing sources of stress, and adopting practical strategies to manage daily challenges. It aimed to raise awareness about the impact of stress on mental and physical health, while providing tools to build resilience and emotional balance. Participants learnt techniques such as mindfulness, relaxation exercises, and cognitive approaches to improve their outlook and handle pressure more effectively. In addition to stress management, the programme emphasized the

role of a positive mindset in personal growth and success. Experts guided attendees on building self-confidence, improving focus, and cultivating habits that contribute to a balanced and optimistic life. This initiative reflected the institution's commitment to student wellness and holistic development, encouraging individuals to prioritize mental health and adopt positive lifestyle practices in their daily lives.

PERSONAL ANNOUNCEMENT



Dr. Theresa Karra from the Department of Biology, is blessed with a baby girl named Tiana Mary on June 7, 2025. Congratulations to Dr. Theresa.

Dr Jincy George from the Department of Biology, is blessed with a baby boy named Jaden John on June 5, 2025. Congratulations to Dr Jincy.

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