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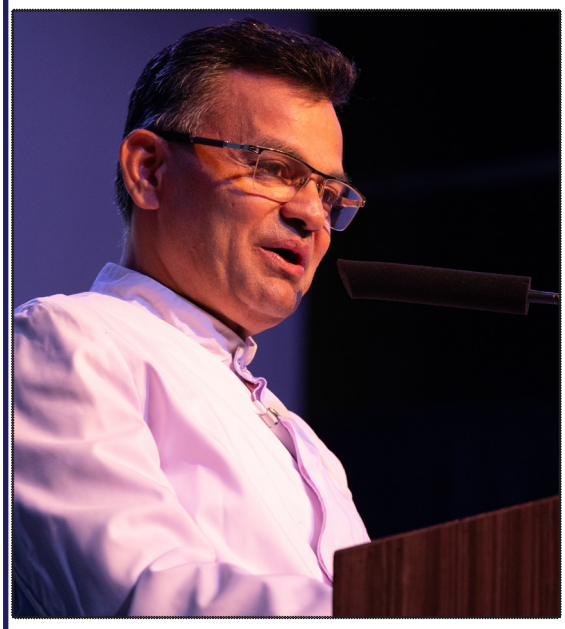
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VICE-CHANCELLOR'S MESSAGE

When a Dream Refuses to Stop

October 2025, Kota, Rajasthan

For thousands of young Indians, Kota is where dreams of IIT take shape. For Gunjan Kumar, a student from Sitamarhi, Bihar, that dream nearly ended before it began.While preparing for JEE, Gunjan was diagnosed with a collapsed lung. Surgery followed, then nearly three months confined to bed—all while living with over 70% vision loss. His preparation seemed to have stopped completely.



But one person refused to let the dream die: his mother. She attended his online classes, took detailed notes, and became his eyes, his classroom, and his constant encouragement—turning a sickbed into a place of learning.

By December, Gunjan was back in preparation. By January 2026, with only weeks of study behind him, he scored 91.8 percentile in JEE Main. Then came JEE Advanced—and Gunjan secured PwD-OBC Rank 50, Common PwD Rank 120. He is now set to join IIT Delhi.

There's an old story, often attributed to Socrates, of a teacher who holds his student underwater until he gasps for breath. Asked what he wanted most in that moment, the student answers: "Air". The lesson: we must pursue knowledge with the same intensity with which we seek air when we cannot breathe.

Gunjan's story reminds us that behind every achievement lies a quiet journey of courage and sacrifice. To all our students, parents, and staff who continue striving for knowledge and wisdom—your dedication shapes more than results. It shapes resilient, compassionate, responsible human beings.

This newsletter is not just a record of our activities. It is a testimony to your faith, perseverance, and toil. May we continue to uphold the Josephite spirit—pursuing knowledge with courage, sharing it with compassion, and turning it into service.

Circumstances may interrupt a journey. They need not determine its destination.

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

UNIVERSITY EVENTS / COMMITTEES

IQAC

QS Gold Level Rating

St Joseph's University (SJU), Bengaluru, was awarded the Gold level rating in its maiden QS iGauge assessment following a preparation drive initiated in September 2025 by Pro Vice-Chancellor Dr Ronald Mascarenhas. The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) coordinated datasets covering teaching, research, employability, and outreach. The initiative establishes national benchmarking for the university through transparent quality metrics and validated performance indicators.

Launching of National Institutional Ranking Framework

The IQAC at St Joseph's University systematically launched the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) data collection and verification process on December 3, 2025, applying across Overall, SDG Institutions, and Innovation categories. The NIRF process compiles departmental data across the campus to evaluate university performance. The application highlights early-stage innovation through a DPIIT-recognized startup developing a multimodal AI platform, backed by growing pre-incubation programs and structured courses in entrepreneurship and Intellectual Property Rights (IPR).

AIU South Zone Vice Chancellor's Meet

SJU delegates Fr. Victor Lobo and Dr Madappa attended the AIU South Zone Vice Chancellors' Meet 2025–26 at M S Ramaiah University of Applied Sciences, Bengaluru, from January 20–21, 2026. The SJU team participated to exchange higher education practices and represent the university among regional academic leaders. During the event, Dr. Madappa presented a dedicated poster highlighting SJU's institutional best practices.

Visit from St. Xavier's College, Jaipur

The IQAC hosted staff and administrators from St. Xavier's College, Jaipur, at the SJU campus on February 3, 2026. The academic visit aimed to facilitate inter-institutional knowledge exchange and present SJU's quality practices. IQAC coordinated campus tours and administrative briefings to showcase institutional infrastructure and operational workflows.

Faculty Exposure Visit

IQAC organized a Faculty Exposure Visit for educators from VVM's Shree Damodar College of Commerce & Economics (Margao, Goa) at SJU on February 4, 2026. The event was held to foster academic collaboration and institutional benchmarking between the two colleges. IQAC structured sessions focusing on quality assurance, curriculum delivery, and academic procedures.

Inspection by The Karnataka State Higher Education Council (KSHEC) committee

The Karnataka State Higher Education Council (KSHEC) inspection committee evaluated SJU during an official campus review on February 12, 2026. Managed under the leadership of Registrar Dr Syed Wajeed, the review assessed institutional standards and statutory compliance. IQAC member Dr Madappa M.B. delivered a comprehensive presentation detailing university operations, earning commendations from the inspecting committee.

Webinar on "AI in Education"

IQAC conducted a virtual webinar titled "AI in Education" for SJU Academic Council members on February 23, 2026, featuring guest speaker Philip Varghese. Organized as an Action Taken Report (ATR) initiative following a direct request from the Academic Council, the session addressed institutional innovation. The presentation covered AI-driven transformations in personalized learning, data-based administrative decision-making, and ethical considerations in higher education.

Official Visit by Director of St. Vincent College, Pune

Fr. Anish, Director of St. Vincent College, Pune, conducted an official visit to SJU on April 13, 2026. The visit focused on reviewing SJU's quality assurance framework and educational infrastructure. IQAC facilitated the program by presenting campus facilities, academic infrastructure, and internal quality policies.

Registration under Unnat Bharat Abhiyan

St Joseph's University officially registered under the Government of India's Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA) program to adopt local rural villages. The initiative aims to connect higher education institutions with rural communities to support sustainable developmental solutions. SJU received an initial seed grant of ₹50,000 to launch baseline community surveys and village development activities.

Constitution of Disability Support Cell

St Joseph's University formally constituted a dedicated Disability Support Cell on campus. The cell was formed to enhance accessibility, inclusion, and specialized assistance for students and staff with disabilities. A comprehensive policy framework has been drafted and will be presented to the Policy Review Committee (PRC) for formal approval.

Statutory Meeting of IQAC Committee

The IQAC Committee convened its statutory meeting at the university campus on March 26, 2026, to determine quality policies for upcoming terms. Key operational directives established include:

- Mandating departmental placement brochures.
- Initiating adjunct faculty enrollments across departments.
- Integrating Outcome-Based Education (OBE) templates via the Linways portal in collaboration with the NAAC team.
- Enforcing compulsory Bloom's Taxonomy mapping.
- Pursuing formal green campus certification.
- Planning end-of-term Student Satisfaction Surveys (SSS).

The SJU IQAC office compiled Appraisal Reports for approximately 60 faculty members to support career advancement under the Vice Chancellor's guidance. The process establishes structured performance evaluations for academic advancement. IQAC officially initiated the 2026 faculty promotion cycle, currently conducting file verifications, while preparing for the 2026–27 Academic and Administrative Audit (AAA) and launching Even Semester 2025–26 teaching evaluations.

BEMBELA

The Bembala Outreach Programme of St Joseph's University organised awareness, sustainability, rural engagement, and community-service initiatives during the academic year. The activities encouraged students to practise social responsibility, environmental care, civic action, and inclusive service through direct engagement with communities across Bengaluru, Nelamangala, and other rural locations.

Activities Conducted

International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking

Bembala organised a 10-day series from June 16 to 26, 2025, to mark the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking. Activities included traffic-signal awareness campaigns, public interactions, campus sessions, and a flash mob. Awareness talks reached more than 750 students, while rural programmes in Nelamangala villages used folk media to spread anti-drug messages. Around 2,000 students participated, strengthening social responsibility and the call for a drug-free society.

Rally on Awareness Against Drug Abuse

On June 26, 2025, students participated in the statewide 'Say No to Drugs' rally at Sri Kanteerava Stadium, organised by Bengaluru City Police and Aarohan Foundation. More than

2,000 students engaged in public awareness and outreach. Bembala was recognised among Bengaluru's Top 10 Institutions for Social Outreach. The award was presented by the Karnataka Home Minister and Bengaluru Police Commissioner and received by the Vice-Chancellor, Dr (Fr) Victor Lobo, SJ, with the outreach team.

Reusable Bag and Sapling Distribution Drive

On June 28, 2025, Bembala, in collaboration with BHOS, organised a reusable bag and sapling distribution drive on the theme 'Beat Plastic Pollution'. Around 60 students and 8 faculty members distributed more than 100 saplings, including neem, tulsi, guava, and hibiscus, along with reusable bottles and bags. Posters, slogans, and pamphlets encouraged the public to reduce plastic use and adopt eco-friendly habits.

Cleanliness Drive at Halasuru Lake

On September 28, 2025, 19 students from BSc Physics-Chemistry, BSc Chemistry-Zoology and BSc Chemistry-Biotechnology conducted a cleanliness drive at Halasuru Lake under Project Nirmal Jal. Students observed ecological concerns such as plastic waste, excessive feeding of birds, water pollution, algal growth, and low oxygen levels. They collected around 5 kg of waste and interacted with residents on responsible practices for protecting urban water bodies.

WOW - Wellbeing Out of Waste Initiative

St Joseph's University received a Certificate of Appreciation from ITC Limited for participating in the WOW - Wellbeing Out of Waste initiative from July to September 2025. The University contributed 6,024 kg of dry recyclable waste, which was converted into 3,500 notebooks. ITC provided 500 stationery kits for distribution to government school children and rural communities in Nelamangala, supporting sustainability and community service.

Chemistry for All

On August 3, 2025, Bembala organised 'Chemistry for All - Discovering Science Beyond Sight' for children of Mathrushree Manovikasa Kendra. The activity aimed to make chemistry accessible and enjoyable through interactive and inclusive learning. It combined scientific concepts with creativity, encouraged curiosity, and helped children experience science through engaging methods suited to their needs.

Paper Bag Making for Kadale Kayi Parishe

On October 12, 2025, MSc Big Data Analytics students collaborated with Bharavase Group to prepare eco-friendly paper bags for the Malleshwaram Kadlekai Parishe. The activity was held from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm at Shri Kadu Malleshwara Swamy Temple, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru. Students made around 1,700 newspaper bags, supporting the goal of a plastic-free festival.

Cleanliness Drive and Public Space Revival

On November 1, 2025, II MSc Biotechnology students conducted an outreach activity in Malleshwaram, Bengaluru, with Bharavase NGO. The initiative commemorated Kannada Rajyotsava through the cleaning and revival of a neglected public space. Students worked on waste segregation, wall preparation, and mural painting reflecting Karnataka's heritage. The activity promoted civic responsibility, sustainability, teamwork, creativity, and cultural appreciation.

Digital Awareness Programme for School Children

On December 16 and 17, 2025, II MA Journalism and Mass Communication students conducted a digital awareness programme at Government Tamil Higher Primary School, Puduparcheri, Shanthi Nagar, Bengaluru. Sessions addressed future goals, education, online safety, and personal boundaries through child-friendly activities. Physical fitness, sports, drawing, performances, games, and value-based discussions on empathy, respect

and equality made the programme engaging for children and student volunteers.

Blind Walk 2026

Blind Walk 2026 was organised by Bembala in collaboration with Project Vision on March 7, 2026, at St Joseph's University, with more than 450 students participating. The event promoted awareness of eye donation and empathy for people with visual impairments. After an orientation by Project Vision, Fr Merwyn flagged off the walk from the main entrance. Participants walked around 800 metres and concluded at the Science Block with felicitation and refreshments.

Financial Literacy Drive

The Financial Literacy Drive, organised by III BCom and III BPS students on March 3, 4 and 7, 2026, promoted financial awareness and responsible money management. Informative stalls were set up near Arrupe Block, Banyan Tree, and the Magis Block entrance. Through discussions, materials, and activities, students engaged peers on financial freedom and planning, demonstrating teamwork and practical learning.

PG Rural Camp

The PG Rural Camp was conducted across Sindagi, Manvi and Mundgod between June and September 2025 for postgraduate students. Around 850 students participated in five-day camps involving village surveys, school awareness programmes, agricultural work, and interactions with local communities, Panchayat members, and marginalised groups. Cultural programmes addressed social and environmental issues, fostering experiential learning, empathy, and commitment to inclusive development.

UG Rural Camp

The UG Rural Camp was held in Nelamangala and nearby villages from October to December 2025 for undergraduate students across courses. Around 1,500 students participated in three-day camps involving cleanliness drives, farm work, lake cleaning, school visits, and interactions with villagers and migrant workers. The camp encouraged discipline, reflection, teamwork, empathy, and a deeper understanding of rural livelihoods, healthcare challenges, and social issues.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Christmas Celebrations

The Christmas Mass on December 19, 2025, was celebrated in the Auditorium by Fr Sandeep Menezes, CSSR, at 12:15 pm for students and staff from Shifts I and II and at 8:00 pm for Shift III.

On December 20, 2025, students gathered at the Science Quadrangle for carols, dance performances, talks, and cake distribution. Staff celebrations in the Auditorium featured Ms Caitlin Searle, Counsellor, Australian Consulate General, Bengaluru, as chief guest. The programme included staff dance and music performances, carols, games, gifts, fellowship, and lunch.

Heralds of Christmas: Campus Carol Trail was introduced for staff. The Josephite Choir visited departments from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm, singing carols and fostering a festive atmosphere. Some departments were grouped school-wise to enable wider participation.

Lenten Season and Retreats

Lenten observances included Way of the Cross, confessions, and retreats in the Auditorium on March 8 and 22, 2026. Led by the Jesus Youth team, the programmes drew more than 1,800 participants. A supplementary retreat on April 8, 2026, ensured participation by those who had been absent and supported spiritual renewal across the campus.

Feast of St Joseph

The Feast of St Joseph was celebrated on March 18, 2026, with Fr Ronald Pais, SJ, as the main celebrant. In keeping with the Archdiocese of Bangalore's focus on families, the celebration

presented St Joseph as a model of the Holy Family.

OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Visit of a Delegation from Sophia University, Japan

On November 11, 2025, a delegation from Sophia University, Tokyo, visited St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, with the objective of strengthening academic collaboration between the two institutions. The delegation comprised Fr Sali Augustine, Chancellor, Prof Mariko Iijima, and Mr Kento Ueda. The discussions focused on fostering academic partnerships, enhancing faculty and student engagement, and exploring future collaborative programmes. A key highlight was the introduction of Sophia University's upcoming English-taught programme in Digital Green Technology. The visit concluded with a campus tour, followed by a felicitation ceremony and a group photograph, marking a significant step towards deeper international cooperation.

St Joseph's University Expands Outreach through UAE Education Fair

St Joseph's University Bengaluru participated in The Hindu Education Fair 2025, held across the United Arab Emirates from November 12–16, 2025. Represented by Dr Christo Selvan and Dr Anaurene Roy, the university actively engaged with students and parents in Abu Dhabi, Fujairah, Ras Al Khaimah, and Dubai. The visit also featured a masterclass conducted at GEMS Education and discussions towards a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), further strengthening the university's global outreach and prospects for academic collaboration.

Visit of Mr Jimmy Anklesaria and Mr Aman Singh to St Joseph's University, Bengaluru

St Joseph's University, Bengaluru hosted an engaging interaction with Mr Jimmy Anklesaria, Founder of Anklesaria Group Inc., and Mr Aman Singh, Co-Founder of GradRight. The programme commenced with a prayer led by Fr Denzil Lobo SJ, followed by a welcome address by Dr Regina Mathias. The session centred on fostering industry–academia collaboration, encouraging innovation, and exploring global opportunities for students. Both speakers shared valuable insights drawn from their professional experiences, inspiring the audience to think beyond conventional pathways. Dr Syed Wajeed, Registrar proposed vote of thanks.

Academic Interaction with International Business University (IBU), Canada

An interaction was held on November 28, 2025 at the University Board Room, St. Joseph's University, Bangalore, with delegates from International Business University (IBU), Ontario, Canada. The meeting included the Vice Chancellor, Registrar, IQAC Coordinator, School of Business faculty, and other members. The session featured introductions, a university presentation, and discussions focused on potential areas of collaboration. Dr Asima Vezina (President & Vice-Chancellor) and Ms Ilham Punjani (Chief of Strategy & Growth) shared their vision for global, future-ready education and emphasized building meaningful international partnerships.

Key discussions explored opportunities for joint academic programmes, student and faculty exchanges, internships, and hybrid or dual-degree pathways. The delegates also presented postgraduate options, including an online MBA and a 16-month on-campus MBA with post-study work opportunities in Canada. Both institutions expressed a shared commitment to developing globally competent graduates through international exposure and cross-cultural learning. Potential for future research collaboration and doctoral programmes was also highlighted. Overall, the interaction was constructive and forward-looking, with strong mutual interest in establishing a long-term academic partnership.

Faculty Participation in an International Conference organised by the International Society for Sport Psychology

Dr Anaurene Roy represented St Joseph's University Bengaluru at the 16th World Congress of the International Society for Sport Psychology (ISSP), held in Hong Kong, China. At the conference, she presented two research papers, one co-authored with Prof. Judy Vaan Raalte of Springfield College, New York, and another with Dr Etianne of St Joseph's University. Her research received special recognition from the organising council and was acknowledged as a significant contribution to the field of sport science, particularly in the area of cultural sport psychology.

International Student Exchange – Magis Program (AY 2025–26)

Pablo Enrique Diaz Gomez from El Salvador has joined St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, under the International Association of Jesuit Universities (IAJU) Magis Exchange Program for the academic year 2025–26 (even semester from December 2025 till May 2026). He undertook a semester of undergraduate study at the University from November 26, 2025 to May 2026. The Magis Program fosters intercultural learning, academic collaboration, and global engagement, strengthening connections among Jesuit institutions worldwide while providing students with meaningful international exposure.

UNCW Student Exchange Programme 2026

St Joseph's University, Bengaluru hosted a student exchange programme in collaboration with the University of North Carolina Wilmington from January 4–12, 2026. The programme facilitated academic engagement through interactive sessions and participation in the SPARKS 26 International Conference on "Social Work in the Age of Unrest." As part of the experiential learning component, students visited Mysuru and engaged with organisations such as Visthar, gaining valuable insights into community development, social justice, and grassroots social work practices. The exchange provided a meaningful platform for cross-cultural learning and a deeper understanding of contemporary social challenges.

Visit of Boston College Delegation to St Joseph's University

The Office for International Affairs hosted a delegation from Boston College on January 17, 2026, comprising Dr James F Keenan SJ and Dr Bryan C Fleming. The visit included institutional presentations and discussions focused on academic cooperation, student exchange, and collaborative research opportunities. The programme concluded with remarks by Dr (Fr) Victor Lobo SJ, followed by interactions with faculty and students, and a campus tour. The visit further strengthened the university's commitment to global academic engagement.



Faculty Participation in the International Programme on Social Entrepreneurship

Dr Neeta Pereira, Associate Professor, Dept of Psychology and Counselling and Mr Ebenezer K., Asst. Director, Bembala from St Joseph's University Bengaluru, participated in the international programme "Seeds of Change: Initiating Social Entrepreneurship in University Education" held at Payap University, Chiang Mai, Thailand, from January 21–23, 2026. Organised by the United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia, the programme focused on integrating social entrepreneurship into university curricula and fostering socially responsible leadership. Their participation contributed to strengthening academic engagement with global initiatives in social innovation and higher education.

Ms Saylie Mekhale Invited as Resource Person for the University of Sydney's India Exchange Program

Ms Saylie Mekhale, Assistant Professor from

the Department of Economics at St Joseph's University Bengaluru, was invited as a Resource Person for the Second India Exchange Programme organised by the University of Sydney on February 9, 2026. The programme, themed "Food and Social Justice," focused on issues related to food systems, equity, and sustainability. In her session, Ms Mekhale offered valuable insights into the intersection of food security, economic frameworks, and social justice, drawing connections between global perspectives and the Indian context. Her contribution enriched discussions by highlighting the socio-economic dimensions of access, distribution, and sustainability within contemporary food systems.



Visit of Ferris University Student Delegation from Japan

The Office for International Affairs hosted a student delegation from Ferris University, Japan for a Short Study Immersive Programme from February 10–13, 2026, led by Dr Tatsuya Hikichi, Associate Professor. The programme featured academic interactions with university leadership, along with engaging cultural exchange activities and campus experiences. As part of their visit, the delegation explored prominent landmarks, including Vidhana Soudha, gaining valuable insights into India's heritage and governance. The programme fostered meaningful academic engagement and strengthened cultural ties between the two institutions.

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, India and EDEX Academy, New Zealand St Joseph's University has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with EDEX Academy, New Zealand, marking a significant step towards strengthening international academic collaboration. The partnership aims to foster student and faculty exchange, promote joint research initiatives, and create diverse global learning opportunities. A key highlight of this collaboration is the establishment of a Global Satellite Centre, envisioned as a hub for knowledge sharing, innovation, and industry engagement. This initiative is expected to enhance academic excellence, support internationalisation efforts, and enrich the overall learning experience within the global academic community

Cultural Heritage Visit to Shravanabelagola, Belur, and Halebeedu

The Office for International Affairs organised a cultural heritage visit for the benefit of International Students on March 15, 2026 to Shravanabelagola, Belur, and Halebeedu. The programme offered international students an immersive experience of Karnataka's rich historical and architectural legacy.

At Shravanabelagola, students visited the iconic Gommateshwara (Bahubali) Statue, gaining insights into Jain philosophy, art, and heritage. The visit continued to Belur, where participants explored the intricately carved Chennakeshava Temple, renowned for its exquisite Hoysala architecture. The final stop at Halebidu featured the majestic Hoysaleswara Temple, celebrated for its detailed sculptures and historical significance. The visit provided a valuable platform for cultural exchange and global interaction, enabling students to deepen their understanding and appreciation of India's diverse heritage.

PRO

7th Annual Rev Dr Ambrose Pinto, S.J. Memorial Lecture

The Public Relations Office of St Joseph's University organised the 7th Annual Rev. Dr Ambrose Pinto, S.J. Memorial Lecture on January 8, 2026. The lecture honoured the legacy of Rev. Dr Ambrose Pinto SJ. Noted Academic and Social activist, Dr L.K. Atheeq, IAS (Retd), delivered a lecture on "The Role of Critical Thinking in Understanding Today's World and Promoting a More Just and Equitable Society." He highlighted the importance of questioning assumptions and analysing inequalities beyond surface indicators. The event was attended by university leadership and successfully coordinated by PR Office interns, serving as a platform for meaningful reflection and dialogue.

Open Heart ' 26 Main Event

The Open Heart'26 Main Day Event, the flagship celebrity symposium of St Joseph's University Bengaluru, was held on February 19, 2026 at 4:30 pm in the University's Main Auditorium. The event featured Kalyani Priyadarshan as the Guest Speaker, celebrated for her work across Malayalam, Tamil, and Telugu cinema. The session was moderated by Pranava VS, who facilitated an engaging and insightful discussion.

The programme was graced by dignitaries, including Dr (Fr) Victor Lobo, SJ, Dr Syed Wajeed, and Dr Regina Mathias, along with Mr P Venugopal. The event began with a welcome address by Neha Moncy, followed by remarks from Mr P Venugopal. Ms Reema Ashraf formally introduced the guest speaker. The highlight was an interactive conversation with Kalyani Priyadarshan, who shared her journey and experiences, followed by an enthusiastic student interaction session. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Saqlain Shakeel. Overall, the programme was a resounding success, fostering dialogue, inspiration, and meaningful engagement among students.



Kalyani Priyadarshini at Open Heart '26

TEDx SJU

TEDx SJUBangalore 2026, held on March 3, 2026 at St. Joseph's University, Bengaluru, centred on the theme "The Universal Blueprint: One Story at a Time." Organised by the TEDx SJU Bangalore student team with support from the Public Relations Office, the event brought together eleven speakers from diverse fields, despite the absence of two scheduled speakers due to travel disruptions. The programme began with a formal inauguration, followed by insightful sessions exploring personal growth, innovation, and societal change. The morning session focused on individual agency and transformation. Speakers highlighted the impact of small decisions, the value of creative problem-solving through "play thinking," and the importance of discipline, integrity, and collaboration in achieving long-term success. Emphasis was also placed on self-awareness and reframing adversity as a pathway to growth. The afternoon session expanded to broader themes, including the role of artificial intelligence in creativity, mental health awareness, and the ethical use of technology in healthcare. Discussions also addressed gaps in the education system and the need for preventive, community-based healthcare approaches. The final talk examined human behaviour in the context of financial ethics. The event concluded with a vote of thanks. Overall, TEDxSJUBangalore 2026 successfully demonstrated how individual stories and choices contribute to larger societal and institutional outcomes.

Startup Mela 5.0: The Nexus

Startup Mela 5.0: The Nexus was organised by the Entrepreneurship Development Cell (EDC) and the Institution's Innovation Council (IIC) of St. Joseph's University, Bengaluru, on March 13, 2026. The event aimed to promote innovation, entrepreneurship, and problem-solving among students through exhibitions, demo booths, competitions, and panel discussions. The programme attracted over 5,000 visitors, with 22 startups showcasing diverse innovations across sectors such as technology, sustainable products, and consumer goods. The event was inaugurated by Shri Kishor Jagirdar, who highlighted the importance of innovation-driven entrepreneurship. Two panel discussions addressed key themes: sustainable business practices and career opportunities in the age of artificial intelligence. Industry experts and leaders shared insights on emerging trends and skills required for future success.

The Pitching Competition recognised innovative student ideas, with Biolean and Trana winning a total cash prize of ₹10,000. Another competition, "Brand stormers," encouraged creative product development, with unique brand combinations emerging as winners. The event concluded with a valedictory address by Shri CM Patil, who emphasised entrepreneurship as a means of solving real-world problems. Startup Mela 5.0 successfully reinforced the university's commitment to fostering innovation and entrepreneurial thinking.

Chief Guest felicitation at Startup Mela 5.0



STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council Election

The Student Council elections at the university were held on July 22, 2025, with overwhelming participation from both undergraduate and postgraduate students. A total of 6,589 UG students and 1,284 PG students cast their votes, underscoring the student community's commitment to democratic processes.

In the days leading up to the elections, candidates actively campaigned across campus for two days, sharing their manifestos, engaging with peers, and participating in lively discussions. The highlight of the campaign was the Presidential and Vice Presidential debate organized in association with Epigram, which gave candidates a platform to articulate their vision and answer questions raised by fellow students. The debate drew a large audience and was praised for its thoughtfulness and respectful exchange of ideas.

The results were officially announced in the evening by the Election Commissioner, Mr. Anuplal, in the presence of the Registrar, Prof Dr Melvin Colaco, the Pro Vice Chancellor, Prof Ronald Mascarenhas and the Student Council Governor, Dr Achuth A. The following students were declared elected to the Student Council:

President: Lohit N (221BCOMA031)
Vice President: R B Aishwarya Lakshita (232INPP09)
General Secretary-I: Abhishek Patel K (241BPS53)
General Secretary-II: Tom Abraham (242INJPP054)
General Secretary-III: Hamza Zakey A G (233IFA050)
Treasurer: Prem Sagar V (231IFA028)

The candidates for the positions of Cultural Secretary and Sports Secretary were interviewed and selected by a panel comprising faculty members of Student Council Committee, based on merit, past involvement, and plans for campus activities.

Cultural Secretary: Joanna Jonathan (241TEP35) (till November 2025);
Inchara G V N (231BCOMB033) (From November 2025)
Sports Secretary: Chakradhar G (231BCOMB060)

The university congratulated all elected representatives and acknowledged the efforts of every candidate, volunteer, and organising team.

Investiture Ceremony

The Student Council Investiture Ceremony was held on August 2, 2025 at 12 PM in the Main Auditorium. The event was graced by Chief Guest Mr Bansy Kalappa, Political Editor of The New Indian Express, and attended by the Pro-Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor, Pro-Vice-Chancellors, Registrar, Controller of Examinations, Deans, faculty members, student representatives from other institutions, and elected class representatives.

The ceremony began with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp, followed by the felicitation of the Chief Guest and addresses by the Chief Guest and Vice-Chancellor. During his speech, Mr Kalappa reminisced about his experience serving in the Student Council of St Joseph's College and spoke on the importance of social conviction in student leadership. This was followed by the conferment of badges and oath-taking by the newly elected Student Council. Following this solemn occasion, elected class representatives were led by their respective Coordinators in taking an oath. It was announced that all elected class representatives will be provided badges for their position. The event concluded with the Pro-Chancellor's address and a luncheon hosted by the Vice-Chancellor.

Onam Celebration

Onam was celebrated on campus on September 4, 2025, at the Arrupe Atrium during lunch breaks for Shift 1 and 2, and the evening break for Shift 3. The venue was beautifully decorated with pookkalams (floral designs) and Onam-themed décor. Stalls offering traditional food items added to the festive spirit. Students participated enthusiastically, dressed in vibrant ethnic wear.

The event featured lively performances by various cultural associations and the Student Council.

A major highlight was the chendamelam, a traditional drum and percussion performance by skilled artistes, which created an energetic and authentic festive atmosphere, making the celebration memorable for all attendees.

Teachers' Day

The Teachers' Day Celebrations were held on September 11, 2025, during the lunch break in the Main Auditorium and at the Arrupe Atrium during the evening break. The event featured vibrant dance and music performances by students, expressing gratitude and appreciation for their teachers. A special highlight was the participation of teachers themselves – a special dance performance by Ms Sree Lakshmi and Ms Leena Baptist, Hindi melodies by Mr Satish H and Kannad songs by Mr Shankar Guddad – who showcased their talents through engaging dance and music performances. The celebrations created a warm and joyful atmosphere, strengthening the bond between students and teachers. As a token of appreciation, teachers were presented with sweets and cups bearing personalized messages, making the occasion memorable and heartfelt.

Swagath – Freshers' Day Programme

Swagath, the Fresher's Day celebration at St. Joseph's University, was held on September 18, 2025, at 04:30 p.m. at the University Grounds, welcoming around 2000 first-year students. A series of events and competitions were held leading up to the day, allowing first year students to showcase their talents and abilities. The programme aimed to help freshers feel comfortable, build connections, and adapt to campus life.

The evening featured a vibrant lineup of music, dance, fashion, and drama performed by various university associations. The event began with an energetic introduction, followed by performances from the Western Music Association, Indian Music Association, dance groups, and dramatics. Despite unexpected rain, the enthusiasm remained high, with the Mrityunjaya dance group performing in the rain, creating a memorable highlight. The band Short Circuit further energized the crowd, and the titles of Mr. Swagath (Mr Mark Anthony) and Ms. Swagath (Ms Bhumika) were announced.

The event successfully fostered inclusivity, encouraged interaction, and provided students with opportunities to develop teamwork, leadership, and creative skills, contributing to their overall growth beyond academics.

Prathibha – Intramural Cultural Festival

Prathibha 2025, held on September 19, 2025, at St Joseph's University was a vibrant intramural fest that brought together creativity, talent, and competition across a wide range of events. The inauguration ceremony, conducted at Xavier Hall, set a graceful tone with a choir performance and lighting of the lamp. The guest of honour, Rev Fr Dr Denzil Lobo, SJ, delivered a spirited inaugural speech. Keeping to the spirit of "Vintage Vroom" and the theme of motosports, the university officials inaugurated Prathibha with a flagging off, officially marking the beginning of the fest.

The event lineup showcased diversity in both cultural and intellectual domains. Highlights included performances like Indian and Western dance, solo and group singing, instrumental music, and fashion shows, all of which displayed strong creativity, coordination, and stage presence. The fest also featured an electrifying DJ night held at the basketball court, which became one of its most energetic highlights. Students gathered in large numbers, fully immersed in the music, creating a charged and lively atmosphere.

Kannada Rajyotsava

The Kannada Rajyotsava celebration was held on December 4, 2025, in collaboration with the Department of Kannada and the Kannada Sangha. The event took place during the lunch and evening breaks, celebrating the pride, language, and spirit of Karnataka. Students participated enthusiastically, dressed in traditional attire, adding vibrancy to the occasion. The programme featured engaging cultural and music performances that showcased the richness of Kannada heritage. A highlight of the celebration was the traditional tamate performance, which brought energy and authenticity to the event, making it a memorable tribute to Karnataka's cultural legacy.

Petopia

Petopia, a "bring your pet to campus" initiative, was held on December 14, 2025, at the Science Block Quadrangle from 10 AM onwards. The event saw enthusiastic participation, with over 30 pets—including dogs of multiple breeds, a cat, and a turtle—brought by students, faculty members, and external participants. A highlight of the event was the pet ramp walk, where each pet was introduced by its owner. The celebration also featured fun activities and photobooths, creating a lively and engaging atmosphere for both participants and attendees, making it a delightful and memorable campus experience.

Christmas Celebrations

The Christmas Celebrations for university students were held on December 20, 2025, at the Science Block Quadrangle at 08:45 AM. The event began with a prayer and a mime performance by AICUF, followed by carols sung by the Josephite Choir and Christmas-themed songs by WMA. A lively dance performance by Mrityunjaya added to the festive spirit.

The Vice-Chancellor, Rev Fr Dr Victor Lobo, SJ, delivered a meaningful Christmas message, highlighting the essence of the occasion. The celebration also included a set of fun games, engaging students enthusiastically, and concluded with the distribution of cakes, spreading joy and warmth among all attendees.

Visages 2026 – Inter-Institutional Cultural Festival

The annual inter-institution cultural festival, Visages, took centre-stage at St Joseph's University on February 24 and 25, 2026. Visage 2026 focused on the theme, "The Spirit of Namma Bengaluru", brought together students from over 15 colleges and universities across Bengaluru in a celebration of talent and culture.

The two-day event saw a range of cultural activities and competitions. Over 35 events – ranging from Western dance and singing to Classical music and dance, Mad Ads to Futsal, Treasure Hunts to Fashion Walks – were organized by various cultural and departmental associations. All events saw active participation from students from multiple institutions.

The valedictory session was held at 04:30 PM on February 25, 2026, where Jain Jayanagar was declared as the overall champions.

The most anticipated events on each day were the musical line-ups in the evening. On Day 1, the festivities began with student entry at 4:10 PM after a smooth security check. By 5:20 PM, Swahaara, a Metallica-inspired Bangalore band, energized the crowd with performances of Santhosh Shakke and Urvashi. The much-awaited Arivu took the stage at 06:30 PM, delivering an electrifying performance that had the audience singing along. Pro Night 2 opened with a vibrant performance by Anurag Halder, followed by an energetic set from DJ Maverick. The night reached its peak with the grand entry of Killa K, closing the fest on a high note. Overall, Visage 2026 was a dynamic celebration of music, talent, and student spirit, leaving the audience thrilled and energized.

Social Zest – Social Awareness Day

The Student Council of St. Joseph's University organized Social Zest, a social awareness initiative, on March 16 and 17, 2026, with the aim of creating meaningful awareness among students on important social issues. The event brought together various NGOs and social organizations, turning the campus into a space for learning, interaction, and real conversations. Over the two days, the campus saw a series of engaging stalls, live demonstrations, and interactive sessions. Stalls were set up at the Science Block Quadrangle on the first day and near the Arrupe Block on the second day. Rather than just being informative, the event focused on giving students practical exposure and experiences they could relate to and apply in real life.

One of the most engaging parts of the event was the self-defense sessions where students participated in boxing drills and self-defence techniques. Another stall introduced students to various women's safety mobile applications, with live demonstrations showing how these tools can be used effectively during emergencies. Students gained awareness about hygiene, health, and sustainable options like menstrual cups at an interactive session which helped break common taboos around menstrual health. Various NGOs shared insights on substance abuse, while another major highlight was learning about mental health through interactive games and activities.

Utsaah 2026 – Ethnic Day

Utsaah, the annual ethnic day programme, was celebrated on April 2, 2026, bringing together diverse cultures and traditions. The event, held in collaboration with the International Students Association, featured series of cultural programmes at the Main Auditorium, capturing the diversity of cultural traditions in our campus. Associations such as Kalaah, MIMA, Mrityunjaya, AICUF, NETSF, Nrityasara, ISA, etc., entertained over 1200 students who were present. Students dressed in their traditional cultural attires created a lively and inclusive atmosphere. The event also served as a special occasion to recognize and appreciate the efforts of our core committee members and volunteers of the Student Council for their dedication and hard work throughout the year. Utsaah not only celebrated unity in diversity but also strengthened the spirit of togetherness and

cultural pride among everyone present.

Participation in Inter-Institutional Fests

The Student Council led cultural associations and the broader student community in participating in various inter-institutional cultural programmes over the past academic year. Under the leadership of the Cultural Secretaries, the university contingent and non-contingent teams put up excellent performances, capping a year of remarkable success. The University was placed as Overall Winners in the following inter-institutional festivals: Verve (St Joseph's Institute of Management), Chittara (St Joseph's College of Law), Yuvtarang (Indian Academy Group of Institutions) and Samyoga (Jain-Jayanagar). Apart from this, the University secured Runners Up positions at Ranvita (CMR University) and Dhwani (St Joseph's College of Commerce). Over 250 students secured first or second prizes while representing the University in inter-institutional cultural programmes, allowing them to claim credits for extra-curricular activities.

PLACEMENT CELL

A Promising Placement Season

The placement season commenced in August 2025, witnessing the participation of a wide spectrum of recruiters from diverse industries. Leading organizations such as Ernst & Young (EY), Thomson Reuters, KPMG, Deloitte, ICICI Bank, Federal Bank, ANZ, Cognizant, TCS, Empower, GainPro, Accenture, LTM, Ditto Insurance, Bluevine, Randstad, Bennett Coleman, and MNP Spark, among others, have actively engaged in the recruitment process.

Some of the highest salary packages secured by our students this season include ₹12.50 LPA with Sobha Developers, ₹10.00 LPA with Bluevine, ₹ 8.00 LPA British Investment International ₹7.76 LPA with Federal Bank, ₹7.70 LPA with Digit Insurance, ₹7.50 LPA with KPMG, ₹7.48 LPA with ICICI Bank, ₹7.25 LPA with Aakash Educational Services, ₹7.20 LPA with LeadSquared, and ₹6.50 LPA with Thomson Reuters, among others. These offers reflect the strong industry demand for our students across diverse sectors.

A major highlight of this placement season has been the remarkable success achieved with Ernst & Young (EY), one of the Big Four global professional services firms. Approximately thirty students from the School of Business, who had completed a six-month internship with the organization, secured full-time employment offers. Notably, this reflects a 100% conversion rate from internship to full-time placement, underscoring the quality of student performance and the strong industry-academia partnership fostered by the University.

Another thirty-three students (2027 graduating batch) from the School of Business and School of IT have completed a six-month internship at EY.



Academia–Industry Connect: Strengthening Career Readiness

As part of its efforts to enhance student employability, the Centre for Placements and Skill Development conducted a series of Academia–Industry Connect programmes. These interactive sessions brought together industry professionals who shared valuable perspectives on emerging industry trends, skill development, effective communication, personal branding, and other essential aspects of career preparation. Such initiatives have played a significant role in aligning academic learning with industry expectations, equipping students with the knowledge, confidence, and professional competencies required to succeed

in today's competitive job market.

YOUTH RED CROSS

The Youth Red Cross (YRC) unit of St Joseph's University proudly marks its third successful year of dedicated service and active engagement. Guided by the principles of humanity, voluntary service, and social responsibility, the unit has consistently contributed to the welfare of both the campus and the wider community. Through a diverse range of initiatives, including awareness programs, health campaigns, and community outreach activities, YRC has fostered a spirit of compassion and leadership among students.

Investiture Ceremony

The Investiture Ceremony was held on August 9, 2025, to induct the Youth Red Cross office-bearers for the academic year. Prof Dr Godwin J D'Souza, Controller of Examinations, St Joseph's University, delivered an address on leadership, discipline and accountability. Badges were distributed to symbolise the assignment of responsibilities. The ceremony marked the beginning of office for the elected members.

Peace Rally

A Peace Rally was organised on August 9, 2025 at St Joseph's College of Commerce to promote harmony and social cohesion. Volunteers actively participated in spreading messages of unity, tolerance, and non-violence. The rally encouraged students to reflect on their role in building a peaceful society. It served as an extension of service beyond the campus. The initiative reinforced values of empathy and responsible citizenship.

Anti-Ragging Rally

The Anti-Ragging Rally was held on August 11, 2025 on campus to raise awareness of the harmful effects of ragging. Volunteers actively promoted a safe and respectful environment through impactful slogans. The initiative emphasised inclusivity and mutual respect among students. It reinforced the institution's commitment to a harassment-free campus. The rally helped foster a culture of dignity and safety.

Independence Day Celebration

The Independence Day celebration was observed on August 15, 2025, with great enthusiasm and patriotic fervour. Volunteers participated with discipline and unity, reflecting their respect for national values. The event highlighted the importance of freedom, responsibility, and civic duty. It encouraged students to contribute meaningfully to society. The celebration instilled a strong sense of national pride and identity.

Blood Donation Awareness Rally

A Blood Donation Awareness Rally was organised on August 26, 2025 to educate students about the importance of voluntary blood donation. Volunteers actively interacted with peers, emphasising its life-saving significance. The initiative aimed to dispel misconceptions and encourage participation. It reflected the humanitarian spirit of the Youth Red Cross. The rally effectively raised awareness across the campus.

Blood Donation Drive

The Blood Donation Drive was conducted on August 28, 2025 as a major humanitarian initiative in collaboration with reputed organisations. Volunteers from YRC, NSS, and NCC worked together to ensure smooth coordination. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from students and staff. Proper arrangements ensured safety and efficiency throughout the process. The drive stood as a testament to compassion and social responsibility.

Orientation Program

The Orientation Programme was conducted on September 1, 2025 to introduce new members to the principles and objectives of the Youth Red Cross. Ms Rajesh MS, Secretary, Indian Red Cross Society, Karnataka State Branch, addressed the gathering and provided

valuable insights into humanitarian service and volunteerism. The session inspired students to actively engage in service initiatives. It fostered a sense of purpose and commitment among volunteers. The program laid a strong foundation for future activities.

Volunteer Interaction Session

A Volunteer Interaction Session was held on September 15, 2025 to help members become acquainted with one another. Volunteers introduced themselves and shared their interests and motivations. The session encouraged open communication and collaboration. It strengthened unity and teamwork within the group. The initiative fostered a supportive and inclusive environment.

Prathibha And Swagath Initiative

The Prathibha and Swagath initiative was conducted to ensure the safety and availability of first aid for all students at the university during these two big fests. Marking a significant milestone, students set up booths for the first time in the college's history. Volunteers actively organised help desks and support camps to assist new students. The initiative aimed to improve accessibility and provide guidance on campus. It reflected innovation and proactive engagement by volunteers. The event enhanced the overall student experience.

Psychological First Aid Session

A session on Psychological First Aid was conducted on December 10, 2025 to equip volunteers with essential skills to support individuals in distress. Mr Ryan Peter, Counsellor at St Joseph's University, and Mr Reghunath Prakash, Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychology at St Joseph's University, conducted the session and provided practical guidance on emotional support and crisis management. The session enhanced awareness of mental health concerns. It encouraged empathy and responsible intervention. The initiative strengthened volunteer preparedness.

Social Media and Body Image Session

A session on "Social Media and Body Image" was conducted on December 11, 2025 to address the psychological impact of digital platforms. Dr Lakshmi Jithendran, a faculty member at Mount Carmel College, Bengaluru, led the session and provided valuable insights into self-perception and mental well-being. The discussion encouraged students to develop a positive and healthy self-image. It promoted awareness and critical thinking. The session contributed significantly to personal growth and confidence.

New Year Address

The New Year Address was delivered on January 9, 2026, marking the beginning of renewed commitment and reflection among volunteers. Lt Dr Lokesha A, Nodal Officer, Youth Red Cross, St Joseph's University, delivered an inspiring address emphasising discipline, goal-setting, and active participation.

Youth Day Celebration

Youth Day was observed on January 12, 2026 in honour of Swami Vivekananda, celebrating his ideals and vision for the youth. Volunteers reflected on his teachings and their relevance in modern times. The celebration encouraged students to embody his values in their daily lives.

Sports Day Initiative

The Youth Red Cross organised a Sports Day on January 20, 2026 for the first time in the history of St Joseph's University. The event promoted physical fitness, teamwork, and sportsmanship among students. Volunteers actively participated and contributed to the initiative's success. Nirupama V had the honour of serving as the flag bearer, marking a moment of pride.

Republic Day Celebration

The Republic Day celebration was observed on January 26, 2026. The event emphasised the importance of constitutional values and

civic responsibility. During the celebration, outstanding volunteers of the Youth Red Cross were honoured for their achievements. Nirupama V was recognised for her participation in national and state-level camps. Additionally, Sharkesh, Lakshya, and Dhanush were honoured for their participation in state-level camps, in recognition of their dedication and contributions.

Disaster Management Drill

A Disaster Management Drill was conducted on February 5, 2026 to train volunteers in handling emergency situations, particularly flood scenarios. The session provided practical knowledge on safety measures and response strategies. Volunteers actively participated in simulated exercises. It enhanced their preparedness and confidence during crises.

Fire Safety Drill

A Fire Safety Drill was conducted on February 10, 2026 in collaboration with the Mayo Hall Fire Station, marking the first such initiative in the university's history. Officials demonstrated fire prevention techniques and emergency response procedures. Volunteers gained hands-on experience in handling fire-related emergencies.

Vaccination Awareness Flash Mob

A Vaccination Awareness Flash Mob was conducted on February 15, 2026 to promote public health awareness among students. Volunteers recited impactful slogans and disseminated essential information regarding vaccination. An energetic dance performance was presented to attract attention and engage the audience. The initiative aimed to address misconceptions and encourage responsible health practices.

Community Volunteering Initiative

Volunteers actively continued their service in villages on February 20, 2026, upholding the legacy of community engagement. The initiative focused on extending support and awareness to underserved communities. Students participated with dedication and compassion.

CHRISTIAN STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Orientation Meeting

The Christian Students' Association conducted its orientation meetings in two batches on November 27 and 28, 2025 where the students were introduced to the association and its objectives. The programmes that may be undertaken by the association during the academic year were presented by Ms Viola Maria Noronha, CSA Coordinator, along with Ms Grace Prerana, Assistant Coordinator and members, Ms Jeshma D'Souza and Dr Stephen.

Investiture Ceremony

The investiture ceremony of the Christian Students' Association was held on December 12, 2025. The ceremony was coordinated by Dr Neethu Joseph and Ms Navya Dennis. This was the first official event where the core committee members were awarded badges and entrusted with their responsibilities. The Chief Guest was Fr Simon Paul D'Souza, Assistant Professor, School of Social Work and the Guest of Honour was Dr (Fr) Bala Kiran Kumar Hrudayaraj, SJ, Director, Centre for Religion and Culture.

Outreach Activity at Alverna Bhavan

On January 26, 2026, the Christian Students' Association embarked on its first outreach community programme at Alverna Bhavan Home for Destitutes. Seventeen enthusiastic students participated in interactive sessions, cultural activities and games, spreading joy and positivity. The students carried the love of Jesus, bringing happiness to the people they met. The outreach activity was coordinated by Ms Viola Maria Noronha, Ms Grace Prerana and Dr Mary Princess Lavanya.

Talk on Christian Faith and Spirituality Among Youth

The Christian Students' Association, in collaboration with the Inter-Religious Harmony

Committee, organised a talk on February 23, 2026 on "Christian Faith and Spirituality among Youth." The resource person was Dr Sujatha Christopher, Principal, Goodwill Christian College. Around 60 students participated in the event. The talk focused on trusting God's plan and timing, the role of faith in facing challenges, the importance of diligence, and living with gratitude.

UBUNTU '26

Ubuntu '26, a community outreach programme, was jointly organised by the Christian Students' Association and the Social Work Students' Association. The event was coordinated by Ms Viola Maria Noronha and Dr Mary Princess Lavanya and brought together 130 children from communities supported by Global Concerns India. Fr Don Prem Lobo, SJ, was the chief guest, and Rev Solomon was the guest of honour. The programme included cultural performances, a life skills session led by Fr Simon Paul D'Souza, a puppet show, and lunch. The students of CSA participated in the annual Christmas celebration held at the University campus. They also actively involved in the sessions conducted by the Centre for Religion and Culture. Guided by faith and strengthened by unity, the journey of the Christian Students' Association continues with a vision to serve, uplift, and inspire.

NCC

ACTIVITIES

- On November 28, 2025, 50 cadets (27 SDs & 23 SWs) of 40 KAR BN NCC celebrated Christmas together, with the dress code being casuals. The event commenced with the arrival of the III years at 3:00 pm. The celebrations started off with a group song, followed by gift distribution, group dance along with Santa Claus embracing the room and fun games. Short speeches from the seniors provided a meaningful conclusion to the celebration.
- On November 29, 2025, 43 cadets (23 SDs & 20 SWs) of 40 KAR BN NCC initiated the Intra-troop quiz competition for the year 2025-26. All Troop cadets reported in A1 uniform. The event commenced at 7:30 am in the PG Block. All four troops Arjuna, Vijayantha, Bhishma, and Karna were seated as the appointees, who were the judges, took charge of the event. The event was divided into questions related to the NCC handbook, general knowledge, current affairs, statistics and abbreviations. The Vijayanta troop placed first, with Arjuna being the second, followed by Karna in the third position and Bhishma in the fourth position. The event concluded with the active participation of the last round open to everyone of the Cadets.
- On December 4, 2025, 48 cadets (26 SDs & 22 SWs) of 40 KAR BN NCC initiated the Inter-troop debate competition held in PG Block. The event was divided into three rounds, which were verbatim, rebuttal and group discussion. The topic for the debate was, "Is Atmanirbhar Bharat truly steering India toward self-reliance, or has the mission struggled to take off?" The results of the event were announced by the prestigious ex-cadet, CQMS Sharath Shaji. A group discussion round was conducted to encourage public speaking among the cadets. The event was a test of the knowledge and communication skills of the cadets. The event ended successfully with the active participation of the Cadets.
- On December 6, 2025, 35 cadets (28 SDs & 22 SWs) of 40 KAR BN NCC initiated the Inter-troop Basketball competition for the year 2025-26. The cadets reported in Tracks and Sports Shoes. The competition commenced in Basketball Court at 1:00 pm. There were four troops competing. The cadets participated in the Basketball match with great enthusiasm and showcased their skills. There was tough competition among all four troops which made the audience

curious which team might win. Troop Vijayanta won the final match against Troop Bhishma, with Troop Arjuna and Troop Karna occupying the third and fourth positions respectively. The competition successfully ended with the energetic participation by the cadets.

- On January 25, 2026, 48 cadets (21 SDs & 27 SWs) of 40 KAR BN NCC initiated the Intra-troop football match for the year 2025-26. All cadets reported to the college ground in tracks and sports shoes. The four teams gave their full efforts for the competition. Troop Vijayanta won the match against Arjuna in the final match, with Troop Karna and Bhishma occupying the third and fourth positions respectively. The competition ended with active participation from all the cadets.

CATC

From December 15 to 25, 2025, 30 cadets (16 SDs & 14 SWs) of 40 KAR BN NCC took part in the Combined Annual Training Camp organised by 40 KAR BN NCC in Brindavan College of Engineering, along with Pre RDC-III cadets and Yuva Atmanirbhar Bharat cadets. Cadets from different institutions under the 40 KAR BN NCC were present. All the cadets of St. Joseph's University reported to the college on December 15, 2025, and set their luggage in their respective barracks. From December 16, 2025, the schedule started, and cadets had to Fallin at 6:00 am on the ground for PT, followed by breakfast. At 9:00 am, the drill session took place with the PI staff and instructors. After a tea break, theory sessions were held on different topics like map reading, field signals, public speaking, etc. 1:00 pm lunch was provided, followed by rest time, and 4:00 pm games time continued. The final roll call happens at 6:00 pm, and cadets disperse for dinner.
On December 19, 2025, high tea party of ex-cadet Jayant Jhabak of St. Joseph's University was conducted to get commissioned into the Air Force as a flying officer. On December 21, 2025 various sports competitions were held, like volleyball for SD/JD and throwball for SW/JW. These sports played with different colleges increase the confidence in cadets. On December 24, 2025, cultural programs were held, including participation from various colleges and schools. The camp ended. On December 25, 2025, the 10-day CATC ended, and cadets cleared their barracks.

On January 17, 2025, 52 Cadets (30 SD's & 22 SW's) of 40 KAR BN NCC initiated the ITC Volleyball. All cadets were in sports attire and in their troop t-shirts. The ITC Volleyball match was commenced in the volleyball court at 12:50 pm. There were four troops taking part for the match, the cadets participated the volleyball match with great enthusiasm and showcased their skills in playing volleyball. There was tough competition among all the four troops and the audience were enthusiastically cheering for their troop. The final match was between troop Bhishma and Vijayanta where there was tough competition between the two teams, finally team Bhishma won the match and celebrated it by taking josh push-ups. At the end every cadet is a winner and the event successfully ended with everyone's active participation.

Commando March

On January 22, 2026, 48 cadets (20 SDs & 18 SWs) of 40 KAR BN NCC participated in the Sports Day for the year 2025-26. All cadets reported to HQ in combats and commenced the Commando March till college grounds. The contingent was headed by CJUO MS Yashwanth, with SGT Naatya Decchakka as the flag bearer. The event ended with active participation from all the cadets.

On January 23, 2026, 50 cadets (28 SDs & 22 SWs) of 40 KAR BN NCC initiated the Intra Troop Flag Area competition for the year 2025-26. The participating cadets reported to the Hostel Block in A1 uniform with ceremonials. The topic was 'Wildlife Conservation in Karnataka' and each troop had two cadets presenting the flag, in both English and Hindi

for a minute each. Every troop got 45 minutes to prepare the drawing. Troop Karna bagged the first position, with Troop Arjuna, Troop Vijayanta and Troop Bhishma following closely. The event ended with active participation from all the cadets who showcased their creativity.

On January 24, 2026, 43 cadets (23 SDs & 20 SWs) of 40 KAR BN NCC initiated the Intra-troop Talent Hunt competition for the year 2025-26. All the participants reported to the Auditorium Block in their respective costumes. The others reported in tracks and sports shoes. The talent hunt commenced at 1:00 pm in the Faber Hall. The participants showcased their talent with enthusiasm and creativity. The results of the event were announced by the prestigious ex-cadet Ananya P Kumar. Troop Arjuna placed first, followed by Troop Vijayanta, Troop Bhishma and Troop Karna. The event ended successfully with active participation from all the cadets.

On December 4, 2025, 35 cadets (18 SDs & 17 SWs) of 40 KAR BN NCC initiated the Fifteenth Parade for the year 2025-26. All cadets reported in combats, while the First Years donned formals. The parade commenced at 9:00 am in the Hostel Block, followed by theory classes at 8:55 am conducted by the Sub Sunil Kumar Sharma for all three years on the topic Field craft and Battle craft. At 12:30 pm, all cadets proceeded to Magis Canteen for lunch. Following tradition, the Martyrs' table was set and served first. Eventually, the parade concluded with the rendition of the NCC Song, followed by the National Anthem and the Visarjan, marking a dignified and fitting close to the proceedings.

On January 8, 2026, 35 cadets (18 SWs, 17 SDs) of 40 KAR BN NCC initiated the Sixteenth Parade for the year 2026-27. All the cadets reported to hostel block in A1 uniform. The parade commenced at 08:30 am in Hostel Block, followed by the theory classes on Map reading. At 12:00 pm all the cadets proceeded to magis canteen for lunch. Following the tradition, the Martyrs' table was set and served first. Eventually, the parade concluded with the rendition of the NCC Song, followed by the National Anthem and the Visarjan, marking a dignified and fitting close to the proceedings.

On January 30, 2026, 50 Cadets (27 SD's & 23 SW's) of 40 KAR BN NCC participated in a Walkathon for Drug awareness and Anti – trafficking drive. The cadets reported in proper A1 uniform. The event commenced at 7:30 am and started from St. Joseph's University till Kanteerava Stadium. The event witnessed 90 more cadets from different colleges, totaling 140 cadets, coming together to tackle drug abuse and trafficking through posters to spread awareness. The cadets participated actively and showcased their spirit to forge a better future for the upcoming generations.

REPUBLIC DAY

On January 26, 2026, 50 cadets (28 SDs & 22p SWs) of 40 KAR BN NCC conducted the



Republic Day for the year 2025-26.

The event commenced with all the cadets reporting to the HQ in A1 uniform with ceremonials. The day's proceedings began with the entry of the chief guest, Honorable Vice Chancellor Dr (Fr) Victor Lobo, followed by the flag hoisting ceremony. The cadets paid tribute to the nation, showcasing their pride and patriotism. The drill on Republic Day is meant to showcase the discipline of each troop as they march in unison. They were closely observed for their coordination, postures and command response.

Following the drill Mission Yudh was conducted

where the cadets were tested for their own skills and teamwork. Donned in their combats, the cadets were made to display their problem solving skills and were engaged in various fun activities.

ITC

Following lunch, the cadets participated in Intra troop cultural performances, where they



got the opportunity to display their artistic skills through singing and dancing.

The last of the day's event was an exciting match of Tug of War between the troops. It was a true test of strength and team work. The day then concluded with the announcement of the results of the competitions. The winner of the ITC 2025-26 was announced to be Troop Vijayanta. Troop Bhishma held the second position, with Troop Karna being third and Troop Arjuna being fourth.

The troops celebrated for each other and themselves, showcasing the unity among the cadets. Regardless of the results each troop gave their best efforts into each event, leaving them in anticipation of more such events to come.

ITC EVENTS

Quiz

On November 29, 2025, 43 cadets (23 SDs & 20 SWs) of 40 KAR BN NCC initiated the Intra-troop quiz competition for the year 2025-26. All Troop cadets reported in A1 uniform. The event commenced at 07:30 am in the PG Block. All four troops, Arjuna, Vijayantha, Bhishma, and Karna, were seated as the appointed judges took charge of the event. The event was divided into sections related to the NCC handbook, general knowledge, current affairs, statistics, and abbreviations.

Debate

On December 4, 2025, 48 cadets (26 SDs & 22 SWs) of 40 KAR BN NCC initiated the Inter-troop debate competition held in PG Block.

The event was divided into three rounds, which were verbatim, rebuttal and group discussion. The topic for the debate was, “Is Atmanirbhar Bharat truly steering India toward self-reliance, or has the mission struggled to take off?” The results of the event were announced by the prestigious ex-cadet, CQMS Sharath Shaji. A group discussion round was conducted to encourage public speaking among the cadets.

Football

On January 25, 2026, 48 cadets (21 SDs & 27 SWs) of 40 KAR BN NCC initiated the Intra-troop football match for the year 2025-26. All cadets reported to the college grounds in tracks and sports shoes. The four teams gave their full efforts for the competition.

Basketball

On December 6, 2025, 35 cadets (28 SDs & 22 SWs) of 40 KAR BN NCC initiated the Inter-troop Basketball competition for the year 2025-26. The cadets reported in Tracks and Sports Shoes.

The competition commenced in Basketball Court at 1:00 pm. There were four troops taking part in the competition. The cadets participated in the Basketball match with great enthusiasm and showcased their skills in playing basketball. There was tough competition among all four troops, which made the audience curious which team might win. Troop Vijayanta won the final

match against Troop Bhishma.

Volleyball

On January 17, 2026 52 Cadets (30 SD's & 22 SW's) of 40 KAR BN NCC initiated the ITC Volleyball. All cadets were in sports attire and in their troop t-shirts. The ITC Volleyball match commenced in the volleyball court at 12:50 pm. There were four troops taking part in the match. The cadets participated in the volleyball match with great enthusiasm and showcased their skills in playing volleyball. There was tough competition among all four troops, and the audience was enthusiastically cheering for their troop. The final match was between troop Bhishma and Vijayanta, where there was tough competition between the two teams. Troop Bhishma won the match and celebrated it by taking a josh push-up.

Talent Hunt

On January 24, 2026, 43 cadets (23 SDs & 20 SWs) of 40 KAR BN NCC initiated the Intra-troop Talent Hunt competition for the year 2025-26. All the participants reported to the Auditorium Block in their respective costumes. The others reported in tracks and sports shoes. The talent hunt commenced at 1:00 pm in the Faber Hall. The participants showcased their talent with enthusiasm and creativity. The results of the event were announced by the prestigious ex-cadet Ananya P Kumar.

Flag Area

On the 23rd of January 2026, 50 cadets (28 SDs & 22 SWs) of 40 KAR BN NCC initiated the Intra Troop Flag Area competition for the year 2025-26. The participating cadets reported to the Hostel Block in A1 uniform with ceremonials. The topic was 'Wildlife Conservation in Karnataka' and each troop had two cadets presenting the flag, in both English and Hindi for a minute each. Every troop got 45 minutes to prepare the drawing.

Drill

The drill on Republic Day is meant to showcase the discipline of each troop as they march in unison. They were closely observed for their coordination, postures and command response. The winner of the competition was Troop Karna.

MISSION YUDH

Following the drill, Mission Yudh was conducted, where the cadets were tested for their own skills and teamwork. Donned in their combats, the cadets were made to display their problem-solving skills and were engaged in various fun activities. Troop Karna won the competition.

Culturals

The cadets participated in inter-troop cultural performances, where they got the opportunity to display their artistic skills through singing and dancing.

The troops celebrated for each other and themselves, showcasing the unity among the cadets. Regardless of the results, each troop gave their best efforts into each event, leaving them in anticipation of more such events to come.

List of Awardees:

1. CSUO Nandita - Letter of Appreciation from the Deputy Director General (DDG).
2. SGT Debantik Das - All India Thal Sainik Camp (Firing); secured 4th position in firing.
3. CPL Vishakha C. Kabadi - Basic Mountaineering Course.
4. L/CPL Ansh Battoo - Basic Mountaineering Course, Chief Minister's Commendation, and Mission Dakshin Sagar Cycling Expedition.
5. CDT Sanjith Sriram - Mission Dakshin Sagar Cycling Expedition.
6. CQMS Milan - Sports Climbing at Uttarkashi; won Silver Medal in the Bouldering Event.
7. CDT Akash Sharma B - All India Thal Sainik Camp 2025; secured 1st place in Line Area Competitions and 7th position in Obstacle Training.
8. CDT Justin Arul Rohan - TSC IGC in Judging Distance and Field Signals.
9. CDT Ananyaa - All India Thal Sainik Camp

2025; Silver Medal in Health and Hygiene.

On behalf of 40 Karnataka Battalion NCC, St Joseph's University, we congratulate all the achievers for their exemplary accomplishments and wish them continued success in their future endeavours.

NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME
NSS – UNIT 2

World Smile Day
NSS Units 2 and 5 visited the Little Sisters of the Poor old age home on October 16, 2025. Volunteers cleaned the premises, conducted art and craft activities, wrote letters to residents, and spent time interacting with the elderly. The visit promoted compassion, empathy, and meaningful community engagement.

Walkathon for Women Empowerment
NSS Unit 2 participated in the Walkathon for Women Empowerment on September 14, 2025. Students and faculty walked from Bal Bhavan to Cubbon Park carrying banners and slogans advocating gender equality, women's rights, and safety. The programme encouraged civic participation and public awareness.

Orientation Programme
The NSS Orientation Programme, held on August 11, 2025, introduced volunteers to the objectives, values, and responsibilities of the National Service Scheme. Interactive sessions encouraged teamwork, leadership, and active participation in community service throughout the academic year.

NSS Day Celebration
NSS Unit 2 celebrated NSS Day on September 24, 2025, with a flag-hoisting ceremony, poster-making competition, quiz, and talent show. The celebration reinforced the NSS motto, Not Me But You, while encouraging volunteerism, leadership, creativity, and community service.

Nightingale Job Fair
NSS Unit 2 supported the Nightingale Job Fair for senior citizens on September 7, 2025. Volunteers assisted with registration, career guidance, and event coordination, contributing to an initiative that promoted employment opportunities and workplace inclusivity for senior citizens.

National Sports Day
NSS Unit 2 participated in the National Sports Day celebrations on August 30, 2025, featuring Kabaddi and Tug of War competitions. The event promoted physical fitness, teamwork, sportsmanship, and healthy competition among volunteers from different NSS units.

Investiture Ceremony
The NSS Investiture Ceremony, held on August 4, 2025, inducted new volunteers and assigned leadership responsibilities. The programme introduced members to the objectives of the National Service Scheme while encouraging discipline, teamwork, and commitment to community service.

Independence Day
NSS volunteers participated in the University's Independence Day celebrations on August 15, 2025, assisting with event coordination and ceremonial arrangements. The programme commemorated India's Independence and reinforced the values of patriotism, unity, and civic responsibility.

Heritage Conservation
NSS Unit 2 observed Heritage Conservation Day on December 17, 2025. Volunteers presented short talks on historical monuments and heritage sites, highlighting their history, architecture, and cultural significance. The programme promoted awareness of India's rich cultural heritage and the importance of its preservation.

Forest Restoration – Plantation Drive
NSS Unit 2 participated in a plantation drive at A Rocha, Bannerghatta, on January 25, 2026. Volunteers planted native saplings after

an orientation on biodiversity conservation and forest restoration, contributing to ongoing environmental sustainability efforts.

Blood Donation Camp
NSS Unit 2 collaborated with the Youth Red Cross, NCC, Indian Red Cross Society, St Martha's Hospital, and Lions Club to organise a Blood Donation Camp on August 28, 2025. Volunteers managed registration, donor assistance, and event coordination, supporting a successful campus-wide donation drive.

World Suicide Prevention Day
NSS Unit 2 observed World Suicide Prevention Day on September 10, 2025, with awareness rallies, poster-making, expert talks, and interactive sessions. The programme encouraged conversations on mental health, promoted available support services, and reinforced the importance of empathy and timely intervention.

World Peace Day
To mark World Peace Day on September 22, 2025, volunteers tied white ribbons across the campus as symbols of peace and unity. A peace pledge and an interactive session encouraged reflection on compassion, harmony, and non-violence.

National Wildlife Day
NSS Unit 2 observed National Wildlife Day on September 6, 2025, with a guest lecture on biodiversity and wildlife protection, followed by an interactive campus photography activity. The programme encouraged greater awareness of conservation and environmental stewardship.

Har Ghar Tiranga
As part of the Har Ghar Tiranga campaign, NSS Unit 2 organised awareness activities at the University campus and a Government school from August 9 to September 15, 2025. The initiative promoted patriotism, civic responsibility, and respect for the National Flag through community outreach programmes.

World Mental Health Day
NSS Unit 2 observed World Mental Health Day on October 10, 2025, through interactive games and team-building activities that encouraged communication, collaboration, and stress relief. The programme highlighted the importance of mental well-being in an engaging and supportive environment.

Women's Equality Day
Women's Equality Day was observed on August 26, 2025, with talks, student skits, and symbolic ribbon displays promoting gender justice and women's empowerment. The programme encouraged dialogue on equality, inclusion, and social responsibility.

Tribute to Unsung Heroes and Cleanliness Drive
NSS Unit 2 organised an online programme, Tribute to Unsung Heroes, on October 4, 2025. Volunteers presented video tributes celebrating individuals whose contributions often go unrecognised, followed by discussions on service, gratitude, and community responsibility. The programme reinforced the values of humility and selfless service central to the NSS.

NSS – UNIT 3

Investiture Ceremony
NSS Units 3, 4, and 5 inaugurated the academic year with the Investiture Ceremony on August 9, 2025. The programme featured the NSS anthem, an introduction to the vision and objectives of the National Service Scheme, the oath-taking ceremony, and cultural performances. The event formally inducted new volunteers and reaffirmed the values of leadership, service, and social responsibility.

Anti-Ragging Rally
NSS, in collaboration with the Youth Red Cross and Spectrum, organised an Anti-Ragging Rally on August 11, 2025. Skits, poetry, music,

and a campus rally highlighted the importance of mutual respect, inclusivity, and a ragging-free campus, reinforcing the University's commitment to a safe learning environment.

Blood Donation Awareness Rally
In collaboration with NCC and the Youth Red Cross, NSS Unit 3 conducted a Blood Donation Awareness Rally on August 26, 2025. Volunteers carried banners and raised awareness about voluntary blood donation, encouraging students to contribute to life-saving initiatives.

Plantation Drive
NSS Unit 3 organised a plantation drive at Heggunde on September 13, 2025. Volunteers planted and nurtured saplings under expert guidance, contributing to environmental conservation while encouraging teamwork and ecological responsibility.

CRY Walkathon – Walk to Empower Her
NSS volunteers participated in the third edition of the CRY Walkathon, Walk to Empower Her, on September 14, 2025. Volunteers assisted with registrations and event coordination while supporting a campaign promoting child rights, girls' education, and gender equality.

International Literacy Day
NSS Unit 3 observed International Literacy Day on September 20, 2025, through quizzes, creative writing, games, poetry, and volunteer reflections. The programme celebrated the importance of literacy while encouraging creativity, collaboration, and active participation.

General Body Meeting
The second General Body Meeting of NSS Unit 3 was held on September 23, 2025. Volunteers reviewed previous activities, discussed upcoming programmes, and familiarised themselves with the objectives and functioning of the National Service Scheme, strengthening collective planning and participation.

NSS Day Celebration
NSS Unit 3 celebrated NSS Day on September 24, 2025, with a campus cleanliness drive, flag-hoisting ceremony, volunteer pledge, cultural activities, and competitions. The celebration reaffirmed the NSS motto, Not Me But You, and recognised the spirit of volunteerism and community service.

Catch the Rain
NSS Unit 3 organised the Catch the Rain programme on September 25, 2025, to promote water conservation. Through poster-making and interactive discussions, volunteers explored practical approaches to sustainable water management and environmental responsibility.

International Peace Day
NSS Unit 3 observed International Peace Day on September 26, 2025, with a student debate on the role of social media in promoting peace or conflict. The event encouraged critical thinking, respectful dialogue, and reflection on peace-building in the digital age.

Vegan Outreach
NSS Unit 3 organised an online session, Vegan Outreach – Promoting Healthy Diet, on September 30, 2025. The programme explored balanced nutrition, healthy eating habits, and sustainable food choices, encouraging volunteers to adopt healthier lifestyles.

Cleanliness Drive
As part of the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, NSS Unit 3 conducted a campus cleanliness drive on October 3, 2025. Volunteers cleaned classrooms and common spaces, segregated waste, and promoted hygiene, environmental responsibility, and collective action.

First Aid Awareness Programme
NSS Unit 3 organised a First Aid Awareness Programme on October 14, 2025. Medical professionals demonstrated essential first-aid techniques, including CPR and emergency response procedures, equipping volunteers with practical life-saving skills.

Daan Utsav

NSS Unit 3 celebrated Daan Utsav on October 14, 2025, by collecting essential supplies for distribution to people in need. Volunteers visited public spaces to distribute donated items, reflecting the NSS spirit of compassion, generosity, and community service.

Vigilance Awareness
NSS Unit 3 organised an online essay competition on November 9, 2025, under the theme Envisioning a Corruption-Free India. The competition encouraged students to reflect on integrity, transparency, and ethical citizenship.

Constitution Day
NSS Unit 3 observed Constitution Day with a pledge and an awareness session on the Indian Constitution, fundamental rights, duties, and democratic values. The programme honoured the legacy of Dr B. R. Ambedkar while encouraging constitutional awareness among students.

Community Outreach – Maarga Organisation
NSS volunteers visited the Maarga Organisation at Shastri Nagar, the unit's adopted community, on November 29, 2025. Volunteers assisted in cleaning and organising the premises while learning about the organisation's work with underprivileged communities, strengthening their commitment to community engagement.

World AIDS Day
NSS Unit 3 observed World AIDS Day through awareness activities focusing on HIV/AIDS prevention, reducing stigma, and promoting empathy. Volunteers created awareness collages and symbolic ribbons, encouraging informed and compassionate responses to public health issues.

International Day of Persons with Disabilities
NSS Unit 3 observed the International Day of Persons with Disabilities on December 3–4, 2025, under the theme Youth Against Exclusion. The programme included a sensitisation workshop, campus accessibility audit, and inclusive sports activities, promoting accessibility, inclusion, and equal opportunities.
General Body Meeting

The third General Body Meeting of NSS Unit 3 was held on December 6, 2025. Volunteers reviewed activities undertaken during the semester, discussed plans for the Annual Rural Camp, and recognised outstanding participation through prize distribution.

Human Rights Day
NSS Unit 3 commemorated Human Rights Day on December 10, 2025, through workshops, panel discussions, and street theatre on citizenship, employment rights, transparency, and public accountability. The programme encouraged students to become informed, responsible, and socially engaged citizens.

Community Library and Outreach Programme
As part of its community outreach initiatives, NSS Unit 3 visited Shastri Nagar to organise the community library and conduct educational and cultural activities for children. Awareness programmes on education and drug prevention strengthened the partnership between the University and the adopted community.

Environmental Camp
NSS Unit 3 organised an Environmental Camp at Cubbon Park on December 15, 2025. Volunteers participated in herbarium documentation and an environmental reel challenge that encouraged observation, creativity, and awareness of biodiversity and sustainable environmental practices.

Sexual Harassment Prevention Awareness Programme
As part of Sexual Harassment Prevention Week, NSS Unit 3 conducted an awareness programme on December 17, 2025. Volunteers created posters and slogans promoting dignity, safety, and mutual respect before displaying them across the campus to encourage awareness

and responsible behaviour.

National Youth Day
NSS Unit 3 observed National Youth Day on January 12, 2026, with a campus walk commemorating the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda. The programme celebrated youth leadership, social responsibility, and nation-building inspired by his ideals.

National Voters' Day
To mark National Voters' Day on January 24, 2026, NSS Unit 3 organised an awareness programme on the importance of voting and democratic participation. A student debate on Paper Ballot vs Online Voting was followed by a campus campaign encouraging voter registration.

Autism Awareness Programme
NSS Unit 3 observed Autism Awareness Day on January 25, 2026, through an interactive session on autism spectrum disorders and inclusive practices. Activities and discussions promoted empathy, awareness, and understanding of neurodiversity.

ARIVU – Childhood Cancer Awareness Programme
NSS volunteers participated in the ARIVU – Childhood Cancer Awareness Programme at Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology. Expert sessions on early detection, treatment, nutrition, psychosocial care, and blood donation enhanced volunteers' understanding of childhood cancer and community health.

Zero Tolerance to Female Genital Mutilation and Female Foeticide
NSS Unit 3 organised an awareness programme on February 14, 2026, addressing female genital mutilation and female foeticide. Documentary screenings and interactive discussions encouraged participants to advocate for the rights, safety, and dignity of the girl child.

Literacy Awareness and International Women's Day Outreach
As part of a community outreach initiative, NSS Unit 3 organised a literacy awareness programme in Shastri Nagar alongside celebrations marking International Women's Day. Volunteers led an awareness rally, promoted women's empowerment, and donated books to the community library, encouraging literacy and social inclusion.

World Sustainable Energy Day
NSS Unit 3 observed World Sustainable Energy Day through interactive activities highlighting renewable energy sources and sustainable living. A puzzle-based learning exercise introduced volunteers to solar, wind, and hydro energy in an engaging format.

NSS - UNIT 4

Investiture Ceremony
NSS Unit 4 inaugurated the academic year with its Investiture Ceremony on August 9, 2025. Newly elected office-bearers took the oath of office and formally assumed their responsibilities. The ceremony reaffirmed the NSS motto, Not Me But You, while inspiring volunteers to uphold the values of leadership, teamwork, and community service throughout the academic year.

Independence Day
NSS Unit 4 participated in the University's Independence Day celebrations on August 15, 2025. Volunteers assisted with event coordination and ceremonial arrangements, joining students and staff in commemorating India's Independence. The programme celebrated patriotism, national unity, and civic responsibility.

Blood Donation Awareness Rally
In collaboration with NCC and the Youth Red Cross, NSS Unit 4 organised a Blood Donation Awareness Rally on August 26, 2025. Volunteers carried placards and raised awareness about voluntary blood donation, encouraging students to become regular donors and contribute to life-saving healthcare initiatives.

Blood Donation Camp
NSS Unit 4 participated in the campus Blood Donation Camp on August 28, 2025. Volunteers assisted with registrations and donor support while students and faculty contributed to the initiative. The programme promoted voluntary blood donation and reinforced the values of compassion, service, and social responsibility.

National Sports Day
NSS volunteers participated in the University's National Sports Day celebrations on August 29, 2025. Indoor and outdoor sporting events encouraged teamwork, sportsmanship, and physical fitness. The programme provided volunteers with an opportunity to demonstrate discipline, coordination, and healthy competition.

Ozone Day
To mark Ozone Day on September 16, 2025, NSS Unit 4 organised an awareness programme on environmental conservation and ozone layer protection. An expert session highlighted the causes and consequences of ozone depletion while encouraging students to adopt environmentally responsible practices.

Peace Day
NSS Unit 4 observed Peace Day on September 22, 2025, through essay writing and drawing competitions centred on the themes of harmony, tolerance, and mutual respect. The programme encouraged students to express their perspectives on peaceful coexistence through creative and reflective activities.

NSS Day Celebration
NSS Unit 4 celebrated NSS Day on September 24, 2025, with a campus-wide cleanliness drive. Volunteers cleaned classrooms and common spaces, taking responsibility for maintaining the campus environment while recognising the dignity of labour and reaffirming their commitment to community service.

Rabies Awareness Programme
NSS Unit 4 conducted a Rabies Awareness Programme at a nearby school on September 29, 2025. Interactive talks, cultural performances, and a quiz introduced students to rabies prevention, responsible pet care, and the importance of timely medical treatment following animal bites.

Gandhi Jayanti
NSS Unit 4 commemorated Gandhi Jayanti through an online poster-making competition inspired by the ideals of Mahatma Gandhi. Students created posters highlighting peace, truth, non-violence, and cleanliness, reflecting the continued relevance of Gandhian values in contemporary society.

Swachh Bharat Awareness Drive
As part of the Swachh Bharat initiative, NSS Unit 4 organised a cleanliness drive in a nearby public space on October 9, 2025. Volunteers collected and segregated waste while promoting responsible waste disposal and environmental stewardship through community participation.

Cybersecurity Awareness Programme
NSS Unit 4 organised a Cybersecurity Awareness Programme on October 14, 2025. An expert session introduced students to online safety, digital privacy, phishing, cyber fraud, and responsible internet use. Volunteer skits reinforced key messages on safe digital practices through engaging performances.

World Mental Health Day
NSS Unit 4 observed World Mental Health Day with an awareness session on stress management, emotional well-being, and the importance of seeking support when needed. A bookmark-making competition encouraged students to share positive messages promoting mental health and emotional resilience.

International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women
NSS Unit 4 observed the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women on

December 1, 2025, through a poster-making competition, an awareness rally, and interactive discussions. The programme encouraged students to reflect on gender equality, women's rights, and the importance of creating safe and inclusive spaces for all.

AIDS Awareness Programme
NSS Unit 4 organised an AIDS Awareness Programme on December 2, 2025, featuring a skit, human chain, and dance performance to raise awareness about HIV/AIDS prevention and challenge social stigma. The initiative promoted informed health practices, compassion, and community responsibility.

Human Rights Day – Constitution in Defence of the Vulnerable
As part of the Human Rights Day observance, NSS Unit 4 organised a debate, documentary screenings, and a campus-wide reading of the Preamble to the Constitution. Volunteers distributed printed copies of the Preamble, encouraging constitutional awareness and discussions on gender justice, equality, and human rights.

Human Rights Day – Sadbhavana and Constitutional Democracy
NSS Unit 4 concluded its Human Rights Day celebrations with an Interfaith Harmony Meet under the theme Sadbhavana and Constitutional Democracy: Youth Against Fundamentalism. Sacred readings from different faith traditions, cultural performances, and an essay competition promoted interfaith dialogue, mutual respect, and democratic values.

International Mountain Day
To mark International Mountain Day on December 11, 2025, NSS Unit 4 organised a documentary screening and quiz competition highlighting the ecological significance of mountain ecosystems. The programme encouraged environmental awareness and reinforced the need to protect fragile natural landscapes.

National Energy Conservation Day
NSS Unit 4 observed National Energy Conservation Day on December 15, 2025, with a documentary screening and student skits promoting sustainable energy practices. The programme highlighted responsible energy consumption and encouraged environmentally conscious habits among students.

Volunteers' Day Celebration
NSS Unit 4 celebrated Volunteers' Day on January 28, 2026, with cultural performances, a social awareness skit, and a volunteer pledge reaffirming the values of service, discipline, and social responsibility. An interactive reflection session provided volunteers with an opportunity to share their experiences and strengthen their commitment to community service.

Prayaag 6.0
NSS Unit 4 organised Prayaag 6.0, an inter-collegiate fest held on February 2–3, 2026. Students from twelve colleges participated in debates, art, photography, cultural events, and performances that celebrated creativity, collaboration, and social engagement while fostering inter-collegiate camaraderie.

Annual Rural Camp
NSS Unit 4 conducted its seven-day Annual Rural Camp from February 21–27, 2026. Volunteers undertook cleanliness drives, awareness programmes, and community outreach activities in the adopted village, contributing to environmental improvement while developing leadership, teamwork, and a deeper understanding of rural life.

World Day of Social Justice
NSS Unit 4 observed the World Day of Social Justice on February 20, 2026, through expert sessions on equality, gender justice, and legal awareness. Discussions on the POSH and POCSO Acts encouraged students to understand their rights and responsibilities in creating safe and inclusive communities.

World Wildlife Day

In collaboration with a local NGO, NSS Unit 4 conducted a World Wildlife Day awareness programme for children in a nearby community. Creative activities, including drawing and slogan-writing, introduced participants to biodiversity conservation while encouraging teamwork, environmental awareness, and responsible citizenship.

International Day for the Eradication of Poverty

NSS Unit 4 observed the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty under the theme Everyone Has Something to Share. Peer-learning activities and an open mic session encouraged volunteers to exchange skills, reflect on empathy and dignity, and recognise the importance of collective growth through community engagement.

Road Safety Awareness Programme

NSS Unit 4 organised a Road Safety Awareness Programme on March 16, 2026, featuring poster presentations and a student skit highlighting the importance of following traffic regulations. The programme promoted responsible road behaviour, the use of safety measures such as helmets and seat belts, and awareness of the consequences of negligent driving.

National Girl Child Day

NSS Unit 4 celebrated National Girl Child Day on March 18, 2026, through a documentary screening, appreciation letter-writing activity, and interactive discussions on gender equality. The programme encouraged participants to recognise the importance of empowering girls and fostering respect for women in everyday life.

Swachh Bharat Awareness Drive

As part of the Swachh Bharat initiative, NSS Unit 4 organised a cleanliness drive in a nearby public space. Volunteers collected and segregated waste while promoting hygiene, environmental responsibility, and community participation through practical action.

World Animal Day

NSS Unit 4 observed World Animal Day with a documentary screening and student skits highlighting animal welfare, conservation, and compassion. The programme encouraged participants to recognise the importance of protecting animals and respecting biodiversity.

Cybersecurity Awareness Programme

NSS Unit 4 organised a Cybersecurity Awareness Programme featuring an expert session on digital safety, cyber threats, and responsible online behaviour. Student skits reinforced key messages on safe internet practices through engaging and interactive performances.

Road Safety Awareness Programme

NSS Unit 4 conducted a Road Safety Awareness Programme through poster presentations and a skit illustrating the consequences of unsafe road practices. The initiative promoted responsible road behaviour and reinforced the importance of following traffic regulations.

World Wildlife Day

In collaboration with a local NGO, NSS Unit 4 organised a World Wildlife Day awareness programme for children in a nearby community. Drawing and slogan-writing activities introduced participants to wildlife conservation while fostering creativity, teamwork, and environmental awareness.

NSS – UNIT 5

Peaceful Protest for Justice

NSS Unit 5 participated in a peaceful protest at Freedom Park, Bengaluru, on August 2, 2025, expressing solidarity with Sr Vandhana Francis and Sr Preethi Mary. The demonstration reaffirmed the volunteers' commitment to justice, truth, human dignity, and peaceful civic engagement.

NSS Inauguration and Investiture Ceremony

The NSS Council held its Inauguration and Investiture Ceremony on August 9, 2025. Chief Guest Dr Regina Mathias inspired volunteers

to embrace empathy, humility, and selfless service through her keynote address. Newly elected council members took the NSS Pledge, reaffirming their commitment to community service. The event concluded with a cultural performance and the National Anthem, marking the beginning of a new term dedicated to leadership, unity, and service.

Anti-Ragging Awareness Rally

On August 11, 2025, Spectrum, in collaboration with YRC and NSS Units 3, 4, and 5, organised an Anti-Ragging Awareness Programme at St. Joseph's University under the theme "No for Ragging – Break the Chain, Break the Pain." The event included a street play, awareness talks, musical performances, and an address by the Programme Officer of NSS Unit 5.

Independence Day Celebration

The 79th Independence Day was celebrated on August 15, 2025. NSS Unit 5 actively supported the event by assisting with coordination, discipline, seating arrangements, guest hospitality, and campus cleanliness. Volunteers also participated in the flag-hoisting ceremony alongside NCC, YRC, and other student bodies.

Blood Donation Campaign

The NSS, in collaboration with NCC, YRC, the Indian Red Cross Society, Lions Club, BMSIT, St. Martha's Hospital, and St. Victoria Hospital, organised a Blood Donation Campaign on August 28, 2025. The drive successfully collected 400 units of blood, reflecting the commitment of students, staff, and volunteers towards community welfare.

National Sports Day

National Sports Day was celebrated on August 30, 2025 with enthusiastic participation from all five NSS units. NSS Unit 5, under the guidance of Mr Satish and Ms Benita, fielded 20 volunteers who competed in Kabaddi and Tug of War. The boys' team secured fourth place in Kabaddi and first place in Tug of War, bringing laurels to the unit.

Teachers' Day Celebration

NSS Unit 5 celebrated Teachers' Day on September 6, 2025, at Faber Hall to honour and appreciate the teaching fraternity. The programme featured fun games, interactive sessions, cultural performances, and refreshments, creating a warm and joyful atmosphere for the faculty. Volunteers organised the event with enthusiasm, expressing their gratitude through music, dance, and thoughtful activities.

Free Job Fair for Senior Citizens

On September 7, 2025, NSS Unit 5 participated in the 10th Edition of the Free Job Fair for Senior Citizens organised by the Nightingale Empowerment Foundation at St. Joseph's University. The job fair attracted over 930 senior citizens and 52 employers, resulting in 348 shortlisted candidates and 58 on-the-spot job offers.

Health Awareness Campaign

NSS Units 1 and 5 jointly organised a Health Awareness Campaign on September 12, 2025, to promote awareness about visual impairment and eye donation. Around 150 volunteers participated in a blindfolded awareness walk, symbolising the experiences of visually impaired individuals.

Plantation Drive

NSS Units 3 and 5 jointly organised a plantation drive at Heggunda on September 13, 2025, with 51 volunteers participating.The initiative encouraged environmental conservation and strengthened the volunteers' commitment to sustainable development and responsible citizenship.

Walkathon

45 volunteers from Unit 5 participated in the CRY Walkathon – “Walk to EmpowHer” on September 14, 2025, at Bal Bhavan, an event promoting girls’ education and equal opportunities in STEM. The programme featured interactive activities, inspiring speeches, and a 1.5 km awareness walk. Participants carried placards advocating women’s empowerment

and were felicitated with medals. The initiative successfully encouraged awareness, fitness, and social responsibility among volunteers.

NSS Foundation Day

The 56th NSS Foundation Day was celebrated on September 24, 2025, with active participation from all five NSS units at St. Joseph's University. The programme included flag hoisting, a cleanliness drive, essay writing and poster-making competitions, a special talk on "Youth for Change" by Dr Praveen, a talent show, and ceremonial flag duty by Unit 5. Mr Selwyn Paul highlighted the legacy and values of NSS, while Mr Satish concluded the special talk with a message on responsible citizenship.

Literacy Day

Literacy Day was celebrated on October 9, 2025, with 23 participants under the guidance of Ms Srivaideshwari and the coordination of Ms Nandhini Nandhakumar. The programme featured poetry writing, poster-making, and rapid collage competitions, encouraging creativity and meaningful expression. Participants also designed digital posters promoting ethical and responsible use of technology.

World Mental Health Day

On October 10, 2025, World Mental Health Day was celebrated to promote emotional well-being and self-expression. The programme began with council members sharing personal experiences of resilience and mental health. Volunteers then participated in art therapy, sketching, a symbolic balloon activity, and gratitude note writing, encouraging reflection and emotional expression. The activities created a safe and supportive environment, fostering self-awareness, empathy, and positivity.

National Integration Day

National Integration Day was observed on October 11, 2025, at Aloysius Hall with 43 NSS volunteers. The programme featured cultural performances representing different Indian states and guest lectures by Dr Chandra Prakash and Dr Madhu on national integration, social justice, constitutional values, and belongingness. An interactive session encouraged volunteers to reflect on political awareness, migration, and cultural diversity.

Empathy For The Elder

On October 16, 2025, volunteers from NSS Units 1, 2, and 5 visited Little Sisters of the Poor, Richmond Town. Volunteers donated essential supplies, cleaned the premises, attended an orientation, and interacted with elderly residents through music, dance, and conversation.

Vigilance Week

NSS Unit 5 participated in a number of events as part of Vigilance Week. Vigilance Awareness Day was observed on October 30, 2025. The programme, featuring 30 volunteers across the NSS Units included, discussions on integrity, anti-corruption, and civic responsibility, followed by the formation of a symbolic human eye and a campus awareness walk.

Unit 5 organised "The Mirror of Truth" on November 8, 2025, under the theme "Stand for Integrity." Volunteers reflected on the meaning of integrity by writing personal commitments on sticky notes and placing them on a symbolic mirror. The activity encouraged self-awareness, ethical responsibility, and honesty while reinforcing the core values of the NSS.

Government Programs

77th Republic Day Celebration

The 77th Republic Day was celebrated on January 26, 2026, at St. Joseph's University with participation from NSS, NCC, YRC, Student Council members, faculty, and students. The programme began with the National Flag hoisting by Rev Dr (Fr) Victor Lobo, SJ, followed by the National Anthem. Addresses by the Registrar and Vice-Chancellor highlighted constitutional values, responsible citizenship, and resilience.

Workshop on Gender Inequality and the

POCSO Act

A workshop was organised on January 26, 2026, at Xavier Hall to promote awareness of gender equality, child protection laws, and legal literacy. Dr Sharanya Sreepad led an interactive session on the POSH and POCSO Acts, addressing abuse, cyber safety, discrimination, and reporting mechanisms through discussions, demonstrations, and short films. The workshop concluded with a question-and-answer session, encouraging students to become informed and proactive in creating a safe and inclusive society.

National Youth Day Walkathon

To commemorate National Youth Day on January 12, 2026, NSS Units 1–5 organised a walkathon celebrating the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda. Volunteers marched across the campus carrying placards displaying his inspirational messages on youth, discipline, and nation-building. The event promoted awareness of Vivekananda's ideals while encouraging leadership, responsibility, and active citizenship among students.

Talk on "Education as Character Building – Vivekananda's Vision"

As part of the National Youth Day celebrations, a talk was held on January 12, 2026, at De Nobili Hall. Dr Stephen Babu spoke on education as a means of developing character, self-discipline, resilience, and compassion. Drawing on psychological insights and practical examples, he encouraged students to cultivate moral values and emotional balance.

Viveka Deepti Programme

The VivekaDeepti Programme was held at Krishna Vihar Palace Grounds, Bengaluru, with active participation from NSS volunteers. Volunteers assisted in crowd management, hospitality, cleanliness, stage coordination, and logistical support throughout the event.

Karnataka Olympic Association Award Ceremony

NSS volunteers from St. Joseph's University, led by Mr Satish Honnagar, attended the Karnataka Olympic Association Award Ceremony held at Raj Bhavan on December 21, 2025. The ceremony was graced by the Hon'ble Governor of Karnataka, the Chief Minister, and other dignitaries. The event celebrated sporting excellence while inspiring students to appreciate dedication, perseverance, and achievement in sports.

WILDLIFE AWARENESS AND CONSERVATION CLUB (WACC) PLANTATION DRIVE

A plantation drive was organised on August 10, 2025 in collaboration with Green Army at Manvith Foundation, Bannerghatta, an alcohol rehabilitation centre. The plantation drive aimed to enhance the centre's serene environment while contributing to local biodiversity. Mango, tamarind, and jamun saplings were planted. The landscape is an ecologically sensitive elephant corridor. The day blended environmental action with community healing, reinforcing the connection between nature and human well-being.

WILD 15.0 – Save the Sea

Held over September 9 and 10, 2025, WILD 15.0 was themed "Save the Sea," on marine conservation with special emphasis on the Olive Ridley Sea Turtle. The intercollegiate fest, witnessed over 150 non-SJU participants actively participating in events viz., Coral Quest (Treasure Hunt), Sink or Sell (Business Pitch), Seaquence (Quiz), Currents of Conflict (Debate), The Bottle of Extinction (Creative Writing), Silent Waters (Painting), Deep Sea SOS (Escape Room), Sea the Change (Digital Poster Making), BluePrint (Conservation Planning), and Reef Riddle Rally (Strategic Thinking Challenge).

SUNRISE TREK TO UTTARI BETTA

A sunrise trek to Uttari Betta, a scenic hill located about 86 km from Bengaluru. Seventy-eight participants gathered at the venue by 3:30 am on the morning of September 28, 2025 and began trekking at 4:30 am, reaching the summit by 6:07 am. Before commencing

the climb, the group warmly gathered around a bonfire to prepare for the journey ahead and strengthen camaraderie among all participants. This memorable experience fostered teamwork, deepened appreciation for nature, and reaffirmed WACC's commitment to conservation and outdoor learning.

CHARITY MATCH

WACC organized a Charity Match to raise awareness about water conservation and promote Neerathon '26. The event was held on January 24, 2026 and featured two sporting competitions: basketball and volleyball. The event had 84 participants. The day concluded with a valedictory session presided over by Chief Guest Rev.Fr. Denzil Lobo SJ, with Staff Coordinators Dr Yousuf and Dr Jayashankar M., felicitating the winners.

NEERATHON '26

Neerathon '26, held on February 22, 2026, commenced at 4:45 AM in support of water conservation. The 2K, 5K, and 10K runs were flagged off by the Vice Chancellor, Rev. Dr Victor Lobo, and the Chief Guest, Shri. Anand Malligavad. As runners returned to campus after completing their routes, each participant received a medal and certificate in recognition of their effort and commitment. Shri. Anand Malligavad delivered an inspiring speech, highlighting the urgency of addressing the water crisis and the importance of community-driven initiatives like Neerathon.

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Food Fest

The Annual Food Fest, held on September 13 2025, celebrated the rich culinary traditions of North- Eastern and Tibetan communities, encouraging cultural exchange and serving as a successful fundraising initiative. This event\ witnessed strong participation from students and guests, effectively promoting cultural awareness, unity, and appreciation of diverse traditions within the university community.

WOMEN'S CELL

A Talk on Menstrual Health and Hygiene

The Women's Cell of St. Joseph's University organised 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 was designed to create awareness and encourage open conversations around menstrual health, a topic that is often surrounded by stigma and misinformation.

The session aimed to educate students about the importance of maintaining proper menstrual hygiene, understanding bodily changes, and adopting healthy practices. It also sought to break societal taboos and promote a more informed and supportive environment for individuals. Experts from the Global Hunt Foundation shared valuable insights, 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 education and awareness initiatives. It provided a safe and inclusive platform for participants to learn, ask questions, and engage in meaningful discussions. Students were encouraged to attend and benefit from this initiative that promotes health, dignity, and well-being.

Positive Thinking and Stress Management Awareness

A session on "Positive Thinking and Stress Management Awareness" 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, recognising 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 emphasised 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.

Women Empowerment

An awareness programme on women's safety was conducted on March 5, 2026 at St Joseph's University, Bengaluru. The event featured a guest lecture by Adv Ruth A, who addressed key issues related to women's rights, safety measures, and legal awareness. The programme aimed to educate students on the importance of personal safety, legal protections, and proactive measures to handle challenging situations.

The session focused on empowering women through knowledge, encouraging them to understand their rights and seek support when needed. It also highlighted the role of community awareness, collaboration, and responsible citizenship in creating a safer environment. Practical insights on self-protection, legal remedies, and support systems were shared to help participants respond effectively in real-life situations.

This initiative reflected the university's commitment to promoting gender equality, safety, and student well-being. By organising such programmes, the institution encouraged open discussions, awareness, and collective action toward building a secure and supportive environment for women.

International Women's Week Launch

The SJU Women's Cell successfully organised the launch of International Women's Week on March 7, 2026 at the Science Block Quadrangle. The event was conducted between 8:45 am and 12:50 pm, marking the beginning of a week dedicated to celebrating the strength, achievements, and empowerment of women. The theme for the event, "Balance, Brilliance, and Boldness," highlighted the importance of recognizing women's multifaceted roles in society.

The programme commenced with an enthusiastic gathering of students and faculty members, creating a vibrant and inclusive atmosphere. Various activities and addresses emphasized the significance of gender equality, self-confidence, and leadership among women. The event also aimed to inspire participants to embrace their individuality and contribute positively to society.

The visuals and arrangements reflected diversity and unity, portraying women from different backgrounds coming together in celebration. The launch set a motivating tone for the upcoming events planned throughout the week. Overall, the programme was engaging, meaningful, and impactful, encouraging everyone present to support and promote women's empowerment in all spheres of life.

International Women's Day Celebration

The Women's Cell, Shift III of St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, organised an event to commemorate International Women's Day on March 7, 2026 at 7:00 pm in the Main Auditorium. The programme was conducted under the theme "Rights. Justice. Action. for All Women and Girls," aiming to create awareness about gender equality and women's empowerment.

The highlight of the event was an insightful

talk delivered by Dr Sheeba Thomas, Executive Director of Glocon Training and Research Pvt Ltd. In her address, she emphasized the importance of self-confidence, resilience, and leadership among women. She also discussed the challenges faced by women in various spheres and encouraged students to actively contribute towards building an inclusive and equitable society.

The session was engaging and thought-provoking, with enthusiastic participation from students and faculty members. The event was successfully coordinated by Ms Lakshmi S and Ms Sruthi Surendran, under the guidance of Dr Kanishka K and Fr Francis Pinto SJ.

Overall, the programme was impactful and inspiring, reinforcing the significance of collective efforts in promoting women's rights and social justice.

Seminar on Postpartum Depression

The School of Social Work, Medical and Psychiatry Forum of St Joseph's University, in collaboration with the Women's Cell, organised a seminar on "Postpartum Depression" on March 9, 2026 at PG 214. The session was conducted from 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm and was attended by students and faculty members with keen interest. The seminar aimed to spread awareness about postpartum depression, its causes, symptoms, and the importance of timely intervention.

The resource person for the session, Dr Preetha Thomas, Consultant Psychologist and Academician at HOPE – Worldwide Bangalore, delivered an informative and engaging talk. She explained the emotional and psychological challenges faced by women after childbirth and emphasised the need for empathy, support, and professional care. Through real-life examples and practical insights, she highlighted how early identification and counseling can significantly improve mental well-being.

The session also encouraged open discussion, allowing participants to ask questions and share perspectives. It helped in breaking the stigma associated with mental health issues, especially among new mothers. Overall, the seminar was highly enlightening and meaningful, fostering awareness and sensitivity towards maternal mental health among the attendees.

International Women's Day Festive Programme

The Women's Cell, Shift III of St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, organised a festive programme on March 13, 2026 at 6:30 pm in the Arrupe Atrium as part of the International Women's Day celebrations. The event was held under the theme "Rights. Justice. Action. for All Women and Girls," celebrating womanhood and promoting gender equality.

The programme featured a variety of engaging activities, including a powerful vocal performance, an energetic flash mob by students and faculty members, and fun games open to all with exciting prizes. These activities created a vibrant atmosphere, encouraging student participation and fostering a sense of unity and celebration.

The performances highlighted creativity, confidence, and teamwork, while the games added an element of enjoyment and inclusivity. The event successfully combined entertainment with a meaningful message, reinforcing the importance of women's empowerment and collective action.

The programme was efficiently coordinated by Ms Lakshmi S and Ms Sruthi Surendran, under the guidance of Dr Kanishka K and Fr Francis Pinto SJ. Overall, the event was a grand success, leaving participants with a sense of joy, motivation, and awareness.

A Talk on Women Empowerment

The Women's Cell of St Joseph's University, in association with the Institution's Innovation Council, organized an insightful talk on women empowerment on March 17, 2026 at the Main Auditorium. The session commenced at 12:00 pm and witnessed enthusiastic participation from students and faculty members. The event

aimed to create awareness about the importance of empowering women and encouraging them to take leadership roles in various fields.

The keynote speaker, Ms Nazneen Banu, IDSE, Commander Works Engineers, Military Engineer Services, Tezpur (Assam), and former Director of the National Gallery of Modern Art, Bengaluru, delivered an inspiring and thought-provoking address. She shared her personal journey, professional experiences, and challenges she overcame in a male-dominated field, motivating the audience to pursue their goals with confidence and determination.
The session highlighted key aspects such as gender equality, resilience, and the need for innovation and leadership among women. The speaker also encouraged young minds to break stereotypes and contribute positively to society. Overall, the event was highly engaging and informative, leaving a lasting impact on the audience and reinforcing the importance of women's empowerment in today's world.

School of Business

Department of Commerce

Department Activities

Business Espresso
Department of Commerce, St. Joseph's University organised this event on March 9, 2026 at the University Auditorium for final-year B.Com students. Around 450 students participated in the session, which was designed to bridge the gap between theoretical knowledge and real-world professional experiences; coordinated by the faculty members Dr Mohammed Umair, Ms Grace Prerana, and Mr Karthick R V, who served as the teacher coordinators for the event. The keynote speaker for the event was Dr Saji Varghese, Associate Professor of English at Christ University, and a social entrepreneur with over 23 years of teaching experience.

Dr Varghese discussed his innovation of biodegradable straws made from coconut leaves, an initiative that earned the fastest patent granted in India in 2018. His venture has also created employment opportunities for more than 200 women in coastal regions of India with support from the Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India. He emphasized the importance of innovation, sustainability, and social entrepreneurship in today's business environment. By sharing his entrepreneurial journey, he inspired students to think creatively and pursue meaningful career paths. The session successfully motivated participants to explore impactful opportunities.

Emporio
Department of Commerce, St. Joseph's University organised this event on February 16–17, 2026, a national-level commerce fest coordinated by Ms Thejaswini Balaji, Mr Abhishek P, and Ms Lakshmi S. The two-day event brought together commerce and management students from institutions across India. The fest featured a variety of competitions, including Best Manager, Finance and Mock Stock, Marketing, HR & PR, Entrepreneurial Development, and Corporate Fashion Walk.

The inauguration ceremony included cultural performances, a trophy reveal, and addresses by distinguished guests while the valedictory ceremony celebrated participants' achievements, with RV University emerging as overall winners. The event successfully fostered networking, learning, and professional growth among students. Overall Emporio 2026 achieved its objective of bridging academic knowledge with practical corporate exposure while also strengthening teamwork, coordination, and organizational excellence among student coordinators and volunteers.

Guru Utsav
Department of Commerce, St. Joseph's University organised the second edition of Guru Utsav, held on January 20, 2026; an inter-collegiate academic competition coordinated by Dr Sayantani Banerjee, Dr Ranganatha B, and

Ms Rakshitha. It aimed to nurture postgraduate students' teaching aptitude through structured rounds assessing knowledge, communication, and skills; featuring expert sessions and competitive evaluations, the event promoted academic excellence, innovation, and motivation among aspiring educators.

Guru Gyaan

Department of Commerce, St. Joseph's University organised this session on December 1, 2025 at Xavier Hall for M.Com postgraduate students. The event aimed to provide students with meaningful exposure to career development, professional readiness, and the evolving expectations of the modern corporate environment. The event was coordinated by Ms Shree Lakshmi KS and Ms Aashitha with additional support from Ms Lakshmi (Shift III). Approximately 90 students participated in the offline session, which was designed to bridge the gap between academic learning and industry realities.

The resource person for t he event was Mr Thomas Varghese, a leadership coach and mentor who previously served as Business Head at Aditya Birla Textile. During the session, Mr Varghese highlighted the significance of adaptability, emotional intelligence, and strategic thinking in achieving career success. He also explained how organizations increasingly seek individuals who can collaborate effectively, analyze situations critically, and take responsibility with maturity. Overall, the event proved to be highly enriching, motivating students to focus on personal growth and prepare confidently for future professional challenges.

Industrial Visit to Akshayakalpa Farm

Department of Commerce, St. Joseph's University, organized an industrial visit to Akshayakalpa Farm on January 20-21, 2026 to provide students with practical exposure to organic dairy farming and sustainable agricultural practices. The visit was conducted as a departmental activity at Akshayakalpa Farm and involved 97 student participants, accompanied by Mr Santhosh and Ms Litty, who served as the teacher coordinator for the program. The objective of the visit was to help students understand real-world farm management practices and the operational structure of an organic dairy enterprise.

The farm representatives welcomed the group and offered refreshments before conducting an interactive orientation session. During this session, students were introduced to the company's background, its mission of promoting organic dairy production, and the sustainable farming techniques used in its operations. A video presentation further explained the farm's production processes and quality management practices. Following the interaction, students were taken on a guided tour of the farm where they observed the facilities and gained insights into organic dairy production and farm management; it enabled students to connect theoretical learning with real-life agricultural practices. The visit enhanced students' understanding of sustainable farming and responsible production systems.

Industrial Visit to Karnataka Silk Industries Corporation (KSIC), Mysuru

Department of Commerce, St. Joseph's University, organised an industrial visit to the Mysore Silk Factory of Karnataka Silk Industries Corporation (KSIC), Mysuru. The visit took place on January 29, 2025 at the KSIC manufacturing unit in Mysuru and involved 81 students from the 3rd B.Com IFA batch (2023–26). The visit was coordinated by Dr J Fathima Farzana and Mr Karthick R V, who accompanied the students during the program.

Upon arrival at the factory, students were briefed about safety regulations and entry restrictions before being allowed into the production area in small groups. Factory personnel guided the students and explained the functioning of the machines used in silk weaving. The visit mainly focused on the pre-

weaving and weaving sections, where silk yarn is prepared, aligned, and woven using automated looms. The process demonstrated how technology ensures uniform design, speed, and precision in saree production. The visit also highlighted the importance of industrial discipline, teamwork, and quality standards. Overall, the program helped students gain practical insights into textile manufacturing and the integration of traditional craftsmanship with modern technology.

Industrial Visit to Welcome Hotel ITC

Department of Commerce, St. Joseph's University, organised an industrial visit to Welcome Hotel ITC, Bengaluru to provide students with practical exposure to the hospitality industry. The visit was conducted between February 21-27 2026. It aimed to help students understand hotel operations, organizational hierarchy, service standards, technical systems, and safety protocols followed in a five-star hospitality environment. The visit was coordinated by Dr Christo Selvan V, with support from Dr Shankar R and Ms Sindhu, who assisted in organizing and guiding the students during the visit.

The visit began with visitor formalities and an induction session conducted by hotel executives, including Rakshadha and Yamini. Students were introduced to the history of the hotel, its management structure, services, architectural design, and facilities such as accommodation categories, restaurants, banquet halls, spa, gym, pool, and board rooms. The hotel also highlighted its sustainability initiative known as Responsible Luxury, which includes windmills for power generation, rainwater harvesting, atmospheric water generation systems, and building designs that maximize natural light and ventilation. The visit helped students practically connect classroom theories with real hospitality operations while also emphasizing professional etiquette, service quality, and operational coordination within large hospitality establishments.

Academic Visit to RBI, Bengaluru

Department of Commerce, St. Joseph's University, organised a visit to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), Bengaluru on January 28, 2026 for Mcom fourth-semester students studying Public Finance. The visit took place at the RBI Regional Office on Nrupathunga Road and aimed to provide students with practical exposure to the structure, functions, and responsibilities of the RBI as India's apex monetary authority. A total of 40 students participated in the offline visit, which was coordinated by Dr. Sayantani Banerjee with support from Dr. Padma Nandanan.

The program began with a pre-session orientation where informative videos introduced students to the historical evolution, organizational structure, and core functions of the RBI.

Two expert sessions were conducted by RBI officials. The first session focused on the RBI's role as a regulatory authority and currency manager, explaining monetary policy formulation, supervision of banks and non-banking financial institutions, currency printing processes, and the functioning of banking chests. The second session emphasized financial inclusion and digital payment systems, covering topics such as consumer protection, financial literacy, RTGS and NEFT transactions, and prevention of digital frauds. Overall, the visit enhanced students' understanding of the Indian financial system, currency management practices, and modern banking operations while strengthening their analytical perspective on monetary governance.

Association Activities

Inauguration of Financial Literacy Club & Amp

The Financial Literacy Club of the Department of Commerce, St. Joseph's University was inaugurated on March 23, 2026 at the University Auditorium, followed by an interactive session at De Nobili Hall. The event conducted as an

association activity, witnessed participation from 130 students along with faculty members. The programme began with the formal inauguration, introducing the vision and objectives of the club, which aims to promote financial awareness and responsible financial decision-making among students. The Chief Guest, Ms Sonal Sharma, a Certified Financial Planner (CFP®) and Financial Growth Expert from Ensure Groww Financial Services, delivered an insightful address emphasizing the importance of financial literacy in today's evolving economic environment.

The subsequent interactive session focused on practical aspects such as budgeting, saving, investment awareness, and financial planning. Through real-life examples and engaging discussions, the session enhanced students' understanding of essential financial concepts. Students actively participated by asking questions, making the session dynamic and impactful. The event was coordinated by Abhishek Prakash, under the guidance of Ms Princy Nisha. Overall, the programme was well-organized and successfully established a strong foundation for future activities of the Financial Literacy Club.

Faculty achievements

Ms Gisa George
Ms Gisa George published a research article in international journal SN Social Sciences which was published on January 30, 2026. She participated in a national workshop titled Bibliometric Analysis using RStudio and VOSviewer organised by commacad on January 18, 2026.

Ms Raj Kiran C A
Ms Raj Kiran C A presented a research paper titled Unveiling Green Supply Chain Practices at an international conference organised by Jain Evening College on December 11, 2025.

Dr Josphin
Dr Josphin participated in a programme titled Research Methodology and Academic Writing organised by Xavier Board of Higher Education from March 9-11, 2026.

Dr Jayalakshmi K U
Dr Jayalakshmi K U participated in a refresher course conducted by Human Resource Development Centre of North-Eastern Hill University from December 1-15, 2025.

Dr Usha Priyadarshini S
Dr Usha Priyadarshini S participated in a faculty induction programme organised by Calcutta University - Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre from November 6 to December 3, 2025.

Ms Litty Joseph
Ms Litty Joseph participated in a national workshop titled Wellbeing Within and Wellness Around organised by Conference of Catholic Colleges of Karnataka and hosted by Mount Carmel College on December 3, 2025.

Students Achievements
- Ganga RS (II BCOM BPS) secured second place in Chittrara at St. Joseph's College of Law 2025.
- Leo Stephen Manuel (III BCOM A) placed first in cultural activities at both Magnovite and Moneta 2025.
- Sheeba (III BCOM A) placed third in Reel Making at EL-Shaddhai 2025.
- Anna Spoorthi Theresa P (III BCOM A) secured
- Joel Benny (III BCOM A) earned second place in Kho Kho at Sportstakes 2025.
- Bernard Y (I BCOM B) placed second in Throwball at Sportstakes 2025.
- Preksa Prajapat (I BCOM IFA) secured second place in Kho Kho at Sportstakes 2025.
- Sophia Tomy (III BCOM D) secured second place in cultural activities at both Techkriti and Chaturath, and third place at Ranvita 2026.
- Sirishya Shankar (III BCOM D) earned second place in cultural events at both

Techkriti and Chaturath 2026.

- Nobin Siby (III BCOM D) secured second place in Fashion Execution at Techkriti 2026.
- Infant Joel (III BCOM D) won second place in Fashion Execution at Techkriti 2026.
- Arman Takhar (III BCOM D) earned second place in cultural activities at both Techkriti and Chaturath 2026.
- Vismaya (III BCOM D) earned second place in cultural events at Techkriti and Chaturath, and third place at Ranvita 2026.
- Ekanth Prem (III BCOM D) earned second place in cultural categories at Techkriti and third place at Ranvita 2026.
- Karthink V (III BCOM D) secured second place in cultural activities at Techkriti and Chaturath, and third place at Ranvita 2026.
- Samaira D'souza (III BCOM D) earned second place in cultural events at Techkriti and Chaturath, and third place at Ranvita 2026.
- Joshua Mathew (III BCOM D) won second place in cultural events at Techkriti and Chaturath, and third place at Ranvita 2026.
- Sania Maria (III BCOM D) placed second in Western Singing at Pravega 2026.
- Anushka Ganesh (III BCOM D) placed first in cultural categories at Aurelion, second at Infins and Dhwani, and third at AI Summits 2026.
- Prem Kumar B (III BCOM D) won second place in Face Painting at Dhwani 2026.
- Siddarth K (III BCOM A) earned second place in IPL Auction at Outliers 2026.
- Roshni Phillips (III BCOM D) secured first place in sports categories at SPIEL and second place at Chri-Spo 2026.
- Kavyashri K G (III BCOM D) secured first place twice at SJU Athletic Meet, first place at Parakram and second place at KHEL 2026.
- Bernard Y (I BCOM B) placed first in Throwball at Lex Sportive and second in Throwball at Alliance One 2026.
- Jennifer of III BCOM A secured numerous wins in Western Group Dance at several prestigious institutes such as St. Joseph's Institute of Management, Sindhi College and RV College of Engineering 2025, achieving five first-places, one second-place and two third-places.
- Anna Spoorthi Theresa (III BCOM A) secured first place (100m Butterfly), second place (100m Freestyle) and third place (200m Medley) at XXIV State Short Course Swimming Championship 2025-26 conducted by Karnataka Swimming Association.
- Yashwanth S of III BCOM A earned first place in Cricket at Inter-State Winter Cricket Tournament, (MGR Trophy) State level 2026.

SCHOOL OF CHEMICAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF BIOCHEMISTRY

Department Events

National Symposium: Emerging and Re-emerging Infections with a Focus on Antimicrobial Resistance.

St Joseph's University, in collaboration with the Sun Pharma Science Foundation, organised a one-day national symposium on 'Emerging and Re-emerging Infections with a Focus on Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR)' on January 30, 2026. The symposium brought together over 600 participants from academia and industry to discuss the growing global challenge of antimicrobial resistance, with particular emphasis on India. The inaugural session was attended by the Vice-Chancellor of St Joseph's University, Dr (Fr) Victor Lobo SJ, Dr Hemalatha Balaram of JNCASR and Mr Satyananda Misra, Member Secretary, Sun Pharma Science Foundation. Dr Balaram delivered the welcome address, followed by the presidential address by the Vice-Chancellor and a keynote by Mr Misra, who highlighted the importance of interdisciplinary collaboration, responsible antibiotic use and biomedical research. The scientific sessions explored antimicrobial resistance, host–pathogen interactions, microbial stress responses, phenotypic resistance and antimalarial drug

resistance, while panel discussions focused on translational research and policy challenges. The symposium concluded by emphasising the need for innovative therapies, strengthened surveillance and coordinated efforts across research, clinical practice and public health to combat antimicrobial resistance.

The Secret Life of Hormones

The Journal Club of the Department of Biochemistry, St Joseph's University, organised



an interactive activity titled ‘Secret Life Of Hormones’ on February 20, 2026. The session witnessed the enthusiastic participation of 15 students, who explored the role of hormones through creative storytelling. The activity encouraged participants to move beyond conventional learning by imagining hormones as living characters with distinct personalities and functions within the human body. Students wrote short stories illustrating how hormones communicate, respond to stimuli and maintain physiological balance. This creative approach enabled them to relate complex concepts in endocrine coordination to real-life scenarios, making learning both engaging and memorable. Through imaginative narratives, participants demonstrated their understanding of concepts such as hormonal signalling, feedback mechanisms and physiological responses, thereby strengthening their conceptual knowledge of biochemistry. The activity successfully combined scientific learning with creativity, encouraging students to apply theoretical concepts in an innovative manner. The session concluded on a positive note, promoting scientific curiosity, critical thinking and creative expression while reflecting the Journal Club's commitment to fostering student-centred and experiential learning.

Journal Club – Invited talk on Physics in Biochemistry: From Plasma Thermodynamics to Mild Unrestricted Burning (Murburn)

The Department of Biochemistry organised a Journal Club guest lecture by Dr Allen Lobo on March 9, 2026, at the Physics UG Laboratory. The session, themed 'Physics in Biochemistry: From Plasma Thermodynamics to Mild Unrestricted Burning (Murburn)', included contributions from Dr Daniel Andrew Gideon and explored the intersection of physics and biochemistry. Dr Lobo, one of the few Indian researchers working in the field of cold plasma physics and its biological applications, discussed plasma energy balance, thermodynamics and the Murburn model. He explained the role of reactive species, including superoxide and hydroxyl radicals, in cold plasma systems and highlighted their potential biomedical applications, particularly in wound sterilisation and healing. The lecture was attended by over 50 students and faculty members from the Departments of Physics and Biochemistry and concluded with an interactive discussion. The session fostered interdisciplinary learning and initiated discussions on collaborative research between the two departments, with plans for joint research projects and multidisciplinary publications.

Journal Club – Invited talk on Frustrated Lewis Pairs

The Department of Biochemistry invited Mr Mohammad Faizan, Assistant Professor,



Department of Biochemistry, to share his insights on ‘Frustrated Lewis Pairs’, a novel concept in chemistry that involves the

juxtaposition of a Lewis acid and a Lewis base in close proximity while retaining this reactive pair at a distance from each other. Allowing for molecules such as carbon dioxide to bind and be converted into useful industrial chemicals like formaldehyde. This process is similar to that of Dr Omar Yaghi (Saudi Nobel laureate in chemistry), who discovered a means to trap moisture from atmospheric air to yield potable water with the aid of metal-organic frameworks. The talk, titled 'The Virtual Alchemist: How Computational Chemistry is Helping to Design New Catalysts', was organised on March 17, 2026, at the staff seminar hall, Science Block Quadrangle. It was both insightful and inspiring. The session highlighted how enzymes and catalysts work together to drive complex biological processes. The students and staff found the talk to be exciting and informative and questions were exchanged on the subject.

UG Group Project Presentation -

The UG Group Project Evaluation was conducted on March 31 and April 1, 2026, with 12 research groups presenting their work



carried out over two semesters. Students submitted their research papers in the prescribed format and were evaluated by an expert panel comprising Dr S V Shobha, Dr Mohan Kumar and Dr Mohanraj, along with external members Dr CN Rahul and Mohammad Faizan.

The first prize was awarded to the group for their project titled 'Evaluation of Isatin Derivatives for Selective Action against Mycobacterium smegmatis', presented by S Razmi Fatemay, M Juwayria, Roshan Immanuel, Glory Petricia and Prashansa Kandir. The second prize was secured by the group presenting 'Investigating the Kinetic Mechanisms of Heme Peroxidases and Substrate-Selective Enhancement by p-Hydroxyphenylacetic Acid: Murburn Explanations', by Suhotra Das, Agilesvar NK, Nerissa Rita Paul, Elanza Ann Mahesh, Titas Das and Siri Kaparthi. The evaluation highlighted the students' research skills, teamwork and scientific understanding, making the event a significant academic milestone.

Association Activities

ZYME 4.0

The Biochemical Society of St Joseph's University organised its inter-collegiate fest, ZYME 4.0, on March 16, 2026. The event brought together enthusiastic participants from institutions such as Mount Carmel College, Alliance University and Kristu Jayanti College, creating a vibrant platform for intercollegiate interaction and the exchange of ideas.

The fest combined science with creativity, critical thinking and entertainment through a diverse range of competitions. Events such as the Quiz, Debate and JAM tested participants' scientific knowledge, analytical ability and communication skills, while the Treasure Hunt and Air Crash challenged teamwork, problem-solving and decision-making under pressure. Potpourri encouraged spontaneity and versatility and the Fashion Show emerged as a major highlight, with teams presenting themes that creatively integrated science, sustainability and contemporary trends. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation and was conducted with excellent coordination, contributing to its overall success. Winners received certificates and medals from Dr Libi Thomas, Dr Daniel Andrew Gideon and faculty members. Dr Allen Lobo and Mr Mohammad Faizan were also felicitated for delivering invited lectures. The festival concluded on a successful note, celebrating talent, creativity and interdisciplinary learning.

Biochemical Society Valedictory Programme

The Biochemical Society of St Joseph's University organised its Valedictory Ceremony



on April 1, 2026, at Xavier Hall. The programme commenced with the traditional lighting of the lamp, followed by an address by Dr Daniel Andrew Gideon, who encouraged students to pursue the subject with curiosity, appreciate their parents' sacrifices and wished the outgoing batch success. Dr Libi Thomas offered her blessings and former President Deboshree Datta delivered a heartfelt address. Letters of Appreciation were presented to the core committee, followed by an address from the newly elected President, Rishikesh S Kumar. Faculty members, including Dr Austin Richard, Dr Lekha, Mr Mohammad Faizan and Dr CN Rahul, also shared words of encouragement.

Prizes were awarded for the two-day group project presentations. Suhotra Das received the 'Mr Kelath Murali Manoj' Award for publication-dedicated research. The first prize was awarded to S Razmi Fatemay, M Juwayria, Roshan Immanuel, Glory Petricia and Prashansa Kandir for their project, “Evaluation of Isatin Derivatives for Selective Action Against Mycobacterium smegmatis”. The second prize went to Suhotra Das, Agilesvar NK, Nerissa Rita Paul, Elanza Ann Mahesh, Titas Das and Siri Kaparthi for “Investigating the Kinetic Mechanisms of Heme Peroxidases and the Substrate-Selective Enhancement by p-Hydroxyphenylacetic Acid: Murburn Explanations”. The ceremony concluded with cultural performances, addresses by faculty and outgoing students and refreshments.

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

Dr Sangita Das

Dr Sangita Das, Assistant Professor, crossed



the milestone of 100 citations 2025.

Dr Daniel Andrew Gideon

Dr Daniel Andrew Gideon, Assistant Professor, was invited as a judge for the poster and oral presentation at the SJU Chemistry Conference, CHAINS, on January 14 and 15, 2025.

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DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY

Dr Austin Richard S, Assistant Professor

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STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

- Sooraj Sunil Nair from II BCZ was awarded the prestigious ‘Har Gobind Khorana Fellowship’, a highly competitive, fully funded research internship offered to select students across India. The programme provides an opportunity to undertake research at leading universities in the United States.
- Manoj K. M., Gideon D. A., Samuel P. M., & Das S. (2026). “Quantitative Treatments for Explaining the Mechanism and Kinetics of Catalytic Electron Transfers in Murburn Processes, Particularly Involving Heme Enzymes Like (Per)oxidases and P450s.” BioMed Research International, 2026(1), 3079294. (Impact factor: 2.3)
- Suhotra Das and Gideon D. A. won the First Prize for oral presentation at the National Conference on Advances in Biological Sciences and Phytotherapeutic Research (ABSPR-2025), held at St. Joseph’s College(Autonomous), Trichy, on September 24, 2025.
- Dr Sangita Das was blessed with a baby girl in November 2025.
- Dr Shraddha K. Namannavar delivered a baby girl on February 7, 2026.

Department Activities



Summary of the International Conference at Department of Chemistry

SmartChem 2026: Convergence of Healthcare, Artificial Intelligence, Nanomaterials and Sustainability (CHAINS)

The Department of Chemistry, SJU organised the International Conference on Convergence of Healthcare, Artificial Intelligence, Nanomaterials and Sustainability from January 15 to 17, 2026, marking the launch of the Department's Centennial celebrations. The conference was held under the guidance of Dr (Fr) Ronald J. Mascarenhas.

The inaugural session featured keynote addresses by Mr Rajnish Kumar (IITM), Dr Anshu Pandey (IISc), Mr Nikos Hadjichristidis (KAUST), Dr Kapil Nichani (QuoData, Germany), Mr Prasad Bidwe (Merck) and Dr Sandeep Baluni on carbon sequestration, quantum science, polymers, AI-driven material intelligence, digital synthesis and intelligent

orchestration. A panel discussion explored the applications of Green AI and Edge AI in advancing chemical sciences. The second day featured plenary lectures by Dr Ashok Menon, Dr ST Aruna, Dr Harini Nagendra, Dr Himanshu Goyal, Ms Sibel A Ozkan, Dr Sabu Thomas and Dr Eswaramoorthy Muthusamy on sustainability, advanced materials, nanotechnology and industrial chemistry. The discussion on industry and academic collaboration highlighted strategies to increase innovation, strengthen research partnerships and improve student learning through internships and collaborative projects. The conference attracted 250 participants from 27 institutions across India and featured 12 plenary lectures, six invited lectures, 48 oral presentations and 52 poster presentations, providing a platform for interdisciplinary collaboration and knowledge exchange.

PG ALUMNI MEET

The 4th PG Chemistry Alumni Meet was held on October 11, 2025 at Xavier Hall from 10:00



am to 2:00 pm, attended by approximately 110 alumni and retired faculty. Coordinated by Dr Libi Thomas and Mr Tobin Varkey Simson, the programme featured addresses by the Vice-Chancellor and Pro-Vice-Chancellor. The programme included games, cultural events and reminiscences enriched the day. A key highlight was the election of new office bearers: Mr Anup Chandrakanth (President), Dr Sharon Olivera (Vice-President), Ms Nisal Asim Khan (Secretary) and Ms Betsy Runal Rodrigues (Treasurer). The meet concluded on a warm note, strengthening alumni connections and camaraderie.

Industry Visit to Hindustan Coca-Cola Beverages Pvt. Ltd, Bidadi

The Department of Chemistry conducted



an industrial visit to Hindustan Coca-Cola Beverages Pvt. Ltd., Bidadi, on December 17, 2025, for Chemistry Honours students. A total of 18 students participated, accompanied by faculty members. The visit commenced with a security screening followed by an orientation on industrial safety protocols. Students were introduced to the entire beverage manufacturing process—production, quality assurance, packaging and distribution. A significant focus of the visit was on water treatment systems, where students gained insights into processes such as sedimentation, sand filtration, activated carbon treatment, reverse osmosis, UV filtration and microbial control. Highlighted compliance with the FSSAI and continuous monitoring practices.

The manufacturing process for various product categories, including carbonated beverages, fruit-based drinks and packaged water, were explained. Students were introduced to key



concepts such as Brix measurement, pH validation and filtration technologies. The visit also covered packaging operations, including manufacturing PET bottles, cleaning cycles, labeling and traceability systems. Sustainability initiatives such as recycling and waste management practices were discussed. Finally, the Quality Control department demonstrated laboratory procedures, including microbial

testing and process validation techniques.

Skilling Workshop for BSc. (Hons) Chemistry Students on 'CV Writing

The Department of Chemistry organised a workshop on CV writing for BSc (Honours) Chemistry students on December 13, 2025, from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm in Room S411 to strengthen students' career readiness and professional skills. The session was led by Dr Kiran R Bettadapur, Co-founder of FlaskAI, who guided students on preparing CVs for academic, research and industry pathways. Dr Bettadapur explained the differences between a CV and a résumé and emphasised the importance of structure, relevance and customising CVs to specific career goals. He used real-world examples, including CVs of people he knows and versions of his own CV from different stages of his career, to show how professional profiles evolve over time. The workshop also addressed common mistakes in CV writing and shared best practices for improving clarity and impact.

A major feature of the session was the individual review of students' CVs, during which Dr Bettadapur offered personalized feedback and practical suggestions for improvement. This



helped students identify gaps and better present their achievements, skills and experiences. The interactive session encouraged active participation and meaningful discussions on employability and CV presentation. Participants found the workshop highly informative and valuable. The event was organized by Dr Pramod K M and Mr Tobin Varkey Simson, with support from Dr Rita Pal.

Talk on "Oxide Based Hetero-Interfaces for Optoelectronic Applications

A talk on "Oxide Based Hetero-Interfaces for Optoelectronic Applications" was delivered by Satyaban Bhunia from the Saha Institute of Nuclear Physics, Kolkata, at the Department of Chemistry, St Joseph's University on March 12, 2026. The lecture highlighted recent advances in oxide hetero-interfaces and their significance in developing next-generation optoelectronic devices.

Research project presentation of the UG Honours students

On April 1, 2026, the first batch of UG Honours students completed their research projects under an external examiner Dr Sunaja (Christ University).

Farewell party of Honours Students

The Department of Chemistry bid farewell to its first batch of 20 BSc (Hons) Chemistry students, marking a significant milestone for St Joseph's University. As these students leave behind a strong legacy, they become its newest alumni. The occasion was graced by Dr (Fr) Ronald J. Mascarenhas, Pro-Vice Chancellor, who appreciated the students for their perseverance and for setting a benchmark for future batches. Dr Nalini, Dean of Chemical Sciences, commended their dedication and academic commitment, while Dr Libi Thomas, former Dean, extended her best wishes for their future endeavours. The programme also featured cultural performances that celebrated the students' journey and the bonds they had formed during their time in the Department. The event concluded with a high tea, providing an opportunity for students and faculty to interact, commemorate the occasion and bid farewell.

ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES

Career Opportunities In Pharma & Chemical Industries

The Postgraduate Chemical Society of St Joseph's University organised a guest lecture on "Career Opportunities in Pharma and Chemical Industries" on February 20, 2026. Dr Ganesh Salunke of Aragen Life Sciences, with over 15 years of industrial experience, delivered an insightful session on career

prospects in pharmaceutical research, chemical manufacturing, industrial R&D, regulatory affairs and allied sectors. Dr Salunke emphasised the importance of continuous skill development through value-added courses, workshops and multidisciplinary learning. He also highlighted the need to adhere to industrial safety protocols, develop strong communication skills and maintain a professional presence on platforms such as LinkedIn to enhance career opportunities. The interactive session allowed students to engage with the speaker and seek practical guidance on various career-related topics. Responding to a question on employability, Dr Salunke shared valuable tips on preparing an effective CV that highlights skills, achievements and professional potential. The programme concluded at 4 pm with a vote of thanks proposed by Ms Sreelaxmi, who expressed gratitude to the resource person and everyone who contributed to the successful organisation of the event.

Post Graduate Chemical Society Valedictory 2025-2026

The Postgraduate Chemical Society (PGCS) of St Joseph's University organised its Valedictory Ceremony for 2025–2026 on March 20, 2026, in Room S303, with nearly 60 faculty members and students in attendance. The programme commenced with an insightful talk by Mr Sam Daniel, a II MSc Analytical Chemistry student, who shared his internship experience at the Indira Gandhi Centre for Atomic Research (IGCAR), Kalpakkam. He highlighted career opportunities in nuclear chemistry and research within government institutions. The formal proceedings began with a prayer led by Ms Aileen Joyce, followed by the valedictory address delivered by Dr Libi Thomas, outgoing Dean of the School of Chemical Sciences. Prof Dr Nalini G Sundaram, Dean of the School of Chemical Sciences and Dr Rita Pal, Head of the Department, also addressed the gathering. Mr Arghya Biswas, President of the PGCS, presented the annual report for 2025–2026, after which the first-year PG Chemistry students screened a video montage highlighting the society's activities. The programme concluded with the presentation of certificates to the PGCS office bearers and peer mentors in recognition of their dedicated service during the academic year.

Webinar Series - I & II

The Undergraduate Chemical Society (UGCS) organised two webinars in December 2025, providing students with insights into the applications of chemistry in sustainable technology and everyday life.

The first webinar, held on December 6, 2025, on the theme “Driving Sustainable Tech – Nyobolt”, featured Dr Supreeth Nagendran, an alumnus of St Joseph's University and an R&D Scientist specialising in lithium-ion battery technology. Attended by 50 students and faculty members, the session explored Nyobolt's innovations in ultra-fast charging batteries, advancements in battery materials and their industrial applications. An interactive question-and-answer session followed the lecture.

The second webinar, titled “Chemistry Behind Your Smartphone”, was organised on December 13, 2025 and was delivered by Dr Shilpa Eshwar Rao, an accomplished chemist with experience in academic research and the chemical industry. She explained the role of chemistry in smartphone components, including batteries, touchscreens and semiconductors and highlighted how advances in materials chemistry contribute to improved performance, durability and sustainability. Both webinars concluded with interactive discussions, offering participants valuable insights into the practical applications of chemistry in modern technology.

Aurora 2025

Aurora 2025, the intra-collegiate fest organised by the Undergraduate Chemical Society (UGCS), was held on December 8–9, 2025, bringing together students from the arts, science and commerce streams for two days of vibrant competition and collaboration. The

fest aimed to promote interest in chemistry through engaging and interactive learning activities. The JAM event featured a laboratory-based spot-the-difference puzzle, chemical charades and a chemistry emoji decoder, encouraging teamwork, quick thinking and keen observation. The Memory Game tested participants' cognitive and recall abilities, while the Escape Room, held at Aloysius Hall on December 8, challenged 27 participants to solve a series of clues leading to the final word, “Antidote”, thereby fostering teamwork and problem-solving skills. Potpourri, conducted on December 9, witnessed enthusiastic participation from nine teams comprising three students each and progressed through multiple rounds to an exciting finale. The Quiz Competition fostered a spirit of healthy academic competition, while the Solo Singing Competition provided participants with an opportunity to showcase their musical talents. Aurora 2025 concluded successfully with enthusiastic participation, reflecting a spirit of joyful learning, collaboration and healthy competition.

Elemental Exchange

The Undergraduate Chemical Society (UGCS) of St Joseph's University organised Elemental Exchange, a research event, on December 16, 2025. The programme commenced with a welcome address by Ms Sargam Dutta, President of UGCS, who welcomed the gathering and highlighted the importance of fostering a research-oriented academic environment. The highlight of the event was a research presentation by Ms Varshini, Research Head of UGCS and Ms Ayushi, Documentation Head of UGCS, titled “Graphene Oxide-Based Nanohybrid Materials”. The presentation explored the synthesis, unique properties and diverse applications of graphene oxide-based nanohybrids, with particular emphasis on their role in enhancing material performance in energy storage and environmental applications. The session encouraged active participation through discussions on recent developments in nanomaterials and their practical significance. The event was attended by Dr Libi Thomas, Dean, School of Chemical Sciences; Prof Dr Nalini G Sundaram, Head of the School of Chemical Sciences; Dr Anchal Singhal, UGCS Staff Coordinator; and the UGCS office bearers. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by Ms V Shaina, Vice President of UGCS, reaffirming the society's commitment to promoting research-driven learning, innovation and academic collaboration.

Aurora Valedictory

The valedictory ceremony for Aurora 2025, organized by UGCS and held on January 8, 2026, marked the successful conclusion of a dynamic and engaging intra-collegiate event, celebrating its accomplishments and achievements. The ceremony commenced with an opening prayer and included a warm welcome to the Dean of the School of Chemical Sciences, the Head of the Department, UGCS staff coordinators, faculty members, office bearers and participants. This was followed by a speech from the UGCS President, who highlighted the teamwork and dedication that contributed to the success of Aurora 2025. The event's highlight was the award ceremony, recognizing the outstanding performances and competitive spirit of the winners. The program concluded on a positive note, reflecting a sense of pride and accomplishment while reaffirming UGCS’s commitment to academic engagement and student leadership.

Industrial visit to Prayoga Institute of Educational Research

Students of the Undergraduate Chemical Society (UGCS) visited the Prayoga Institute of Educational Research on February 23, 2026. Twenty-three students, accompanied by Dr Anchal Singhal and Dr Vinuta V Salian, toured five research facilities: the Physical Sciences, Earth Sciences, Life Sciences, Chemical Sciences and Instrumentation laboratories. The guided visit provided valuable insights into ongoing research, with scientists explaining their projects and demonstrating advanced laboratory techniques and instrumentation. In

the Life Sciences laboratory, students learned about research on anacardic acid and its role in glucose metabolism and antioxidant activity, while gaining exposure to instruments such as UV spectrometers, NanoDrop systems, CO_2 incubators and lyophilisers. The Physical Sciences laboratory showcased innovations in flexible electronics, biodegradable sensors and advanced materials, whereas the Earth Sciences laboratory focused on carbon capture techniques and mineral studies. The Chemical Sciences laboratory introduced students to equipment including HPLC systems, rotary evaporators, centrifuges and fume hoods, while the Instrumentation Laboratory demonstrated the in-house development and maintenance of scientific instruments. The visit provided valuable practical exposure to contemporary research practices, strengthening students' conceptual understanding, technical skills and appreciation of interdisciplinary scientific research.

Industrial visit to Chariton Laboratory

Undergraduate students from St Joseph's University visited Chariton Laboratory on March 3, 2026. A total of 26 students,



accompanied by Dr Pramod KM and Dr Cisy Abraham, participated in the visit, which commenced with an introductory session by Dr Kumar A, Managing Director of Chariton. The visit provided practical exposure to advanced analytical instrumentation and environmental monitoring techniques. Students observed demonstrations of instruments including PM10 and PM2.5 analysers for air quality monitoring, High-Performance Thin-Layer Chromatography (HPTLC) for compound separation, Fourier Transform Infrared (FTIR) spectroscopy for functional group analysis, Total Organic Carbon (TOC) analysers for water quality assessment, Atomic Absorption Spectroscopy (AAS) for metal analysis and UV–Visible spectrophotometers based on the Beer–Lambert law. The visit offered valuable hands-on experience in chromatography, spectroscopy and environmental analysis, effectively bridging theoretical knowledge with industrial applications and enhancing students' understanding of modern analytical techniques.

Industrial visit to PPISR, Bangalore

An industrial visit to PPISR, Bangalore was conducted on March 4, 2026, under the guidance of Dr. Anchal Singhal and Dr. Vinuta V. Salian. The purpose of the visit was to offer students practical exposure to advanced research laboratories and scientific instrumentation. The experience was highly informative and engaging, with research staff providing insights into current projects in materials science, catalysis, photochemistry and biotechnology. Students observed the operation of various sophisticated instruments, including reactors, chromatography systems, spectroscopic tools and microscopy techniques. Special focus was given to emerging fields such as photocatalysis, green hydrogen production and sustainable fuel research. Overall, the visit proved to be a valuable educational experience, enabling students to connect theoretical concepts with practical research applications and fostering a deeper understanding of contemporary scientific advancements.

UGCS Valedictory

The Valedictory Ceremony of the Undergraduate Chemical Society (UGCS) took place on March 18, 2026, at Faber Hall, St. Joseph's University, to commemorate the conclusion of the 2025-2026 academic year. The event commenced with an opening prayer by Varshini, followed by a welcome address from V. Shaina. The UGCS President, Sargam Dutta, presented the Annual Report, highlighting the society's activities and achievements throughout the year. The official release of the society's annual magazine, Solaris, was accompanied by a

nostalgic video presentation showcasing key moments from the year. Dr. Libi Thomas, Dean of the School of Chemical Sciences, delivered an address emphasizing the importance of academic excellence and innovation. The ceremony continued with the distribution of certificates and mementos to Office Bearers, Peer Mentors, Volunteers and event winners, acknowledging their valuable contributions. A cultural performance added vibrancy to the event. The program concluded with a vote of thanks, celebrating a successful year and reaffirming UGCS's dedication to academic and cultural excellence.

Faculty Achievements

Prof. Dr Ronald J. Mascarenhas

Publications

- Roshal C Paul, Madasu Sreenivasulu, Preemal N Rodrigues, Ronald J Mascarenhas, Nawal K Almaymoni, Abdullah N Alodhyab and Nagaraj P Shetti. "Graphene flakes modified carbon paste electrode as a sensitive electrochemical sensor for the quantification of dopamine agonist drug pramipexole in biological samples." Electrochimica Acta, 544 (2025): 147649.
- Vaishnavi Vishwanath, Ronald J Mascarenhas, Shweta J Malode, Jamelah S Al-Otaibi, Abdullah N Alodhyab and Nagaraj P Shetti. "Enhanced non-enzymatic electrochemical sensor for 2,6-diaminopurine based on nickel phthalocyanine-modified carbon paste electrode." Materials Chemistry and Physics, 353 (2026): 132090.

Prof. Dr Melwin Colaco

Publications

- Manoj P, N. Tumanov, J Wouters, S Misquith and M Colaco. "Supramolecular Cu^{2+} Sensing: A Mechanochemically Synthesized Imine Ligand and the Impact of β-Cyclodextrin Host–Guest Chemistry." ChemistrySelect, 11, no. 12 (2026): e05569.

Dr Shobha S. V.

Dr Shobha S V organised a visit by Dr Chethana B V and Dr Sai Harshini Tekur from the Physical Sciences Division, Prayoga Institute of Educational Research, Bengaluru, on February 11, 2026. Faculty members of the Department of Chemistry participated in the interaction.

Dr Shobha S V, Department of Chemistry, was invited by Dr Chethana B V and Dr Sai Harshini Tekur to participate in the podcast titled Her Tenure Tracks: Power, Gender and Academic Pathways, supported by the Diversity in Science Grant from the Biochemical Society (UK). The recordings were conducted on the SJU campus between February 12 and 16, 2026. Dr Libi Thomas, Dr Nalini Sundaram and Dr Susan Mary Philip also participated in the podcast.

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Dr Libi Thomas

- Attended the National Workshop on Quantum ESPRESSO organised by S B College, Changanassery, from November 3 to 5, 2025.
- Attended the Women Chemists Conclave jointly organised by IISER Thiruvananthapuram and the Royal Society of Chemistry on March 7 and 8, 2026.
- Served as Co-convener of the National Symposium on Emerging and Re-emerging Infections with a Focus on Antimicrobial Resistance, organised by Sun Pharma Pvt. Ltd. in collaboration with St Joseph's University on January 30, 2026.
- BET Surface Area Analysis: Theory, Experimentation and Data Interpretation (October 24–26, 2025)
- High-Performance Liquid Chromatography (HPLC): Theory, Experimentation and Data Interpretation (November 7–9, 2025)
- Scanning Electron Microscopy (SEM): Theory, Imaging and Analysis (November 21–24, 2025)
- Single Crystal X-ray Diffraction: From Crystal Growth to Structure Elucidation (December 8–26, 2025)
- Cyclic Voltammetry: Theory,

Experimentation and Data Interpretation (January 15–18, 2026)
- Electrochemical Impedance Spectroscopy: Theory, Experimentation and Data Interpretation (March 28–April 2, 2026)

Publications
- Astha Tripathi, Hemanth Kumar Dharmapuri, Dr Libi Thomas, Swetha Manjunathaiah, Madhushree B N, Anchal Singhal and Pratibha Kumari. "Greening the Pharmacy: Sustainable synthesis of heterocycles and their precursors via CO_2 valorization." Results in Chemistry, 25 (2026): 103261.

Dr Joyce D'Souza
- Attended the three-day Conference on Restructuring and Reimagining of the Society of Jesus in South Asia held at Prerana, Mount St Joseph, Bengaluru, from August 29 to 31, 2025.
- Participated in the National Triennial Conference, Empowering Minds, Embracing Change: Reimagining Catholic Higher Education for a Global Tomorrow, organised by the Xavier Board of Higher Education in India and held at St. Aloysius university, Mangaluru, from October 18 to 21, 2025.

Dr Shobha S V
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Dr Sunita Rajamani
- Served as the Convenor of International Student Services and organised the inaugural programme for international students.
- Dr Sunita Rajamani was the Co-convenor of PURASKARA 2026, held in April 2026.
- Served as an external Board of Examiners (BoE) member for question paper setting at Jyoti Nivas College and as an external examiner for the practical examination in January 2026.

Dr Valeen Rashmi Pereira
- Dr Valeen Rashmi Pereira participated in the Women Chemists Conclave, jointly organised by IISER Thiruvananthapuram and the Royal Society of Chemistry, on March 7 and 8, 2026.
- Dr Valeen Rashmi Pereira attended the five-day ORCA Essentials and Advanced Methods Workshop, organised by Scidart Academy, from February 10 to 14, 2026.

Dr Nalini Sundaram
- Dr Nalini G Sundaram was promoted to Professor in November 2025.
- Dr Nalini delivered a lecture at the flagship programme marking International Women's Day 2026, titled Women in STEM: From Participation to Leadership – Barriers, Pathways and Policy Directions, organised by the PSG Institute of Advanced Studies and PSG Institute of Management, Coimbatore, in association with the INSA Women's Association (IWA) and supported by the Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC), on March 9, 2026.

Publications
- Aranthady, C., Mishra, A. K., Gupta, K., Shanbhag, G. V., & Sundaram, N. G. (2025). Bi_2WO_6 as sensors for low concentration CO sensing: Experimental and computational studies. Materials Science and Engineering: B, 313, Article 117960.

Dr Anchal Singhal
- Dr Anchal Singhal completed a two-

week Refresher Course on E-content Development, MOOCs and Outcome-Based Education under the Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Programme (MMTTP) of the University Grants Commission (UGC), organised by UGC-MMTTC, Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Khalsa College, University of Delhi, from October 30 to November 12, 2025.

- Dr Anchal Singhal served as an external Board of Examiners (BoE) member for the PG Examinations held in April 2026 at Jyoti Nivas College Bengaluru.
- Dr Anchal Singhal was a member of the organising committee for the Sun Pharma symposium.
- Dr Anchal Singhal served as the question paper setter for the IV Semester PG Examination paper titled Stereochemistry and Retrosynthetic Analysis at Jyoti Nivas College, Bengaluru, in April 2026. Top of Form

Dr Sreenivasulu Bandi

- Dr Sreenivasulu Bandi completed a two-week Interdisciplinary Refresher Course in Chemical Sciences, organized by Manipur University, held from October 27, 2025 to November 8, 2025.
- Dr Sreenivasulu Bandi completed a workshop on DFT- A versatile tool for molecular modelling, organized by Christ (Deemed to be University), held from December 8, 2025 to December 12, 2025.
- Dr Sreenivasulu Bandi attended an international conference on SmartChem: 2026 on Convergence of Healthcare, Artificial Intelligence, Nanomaterials and Sustainability, organized by St Joseph's University, held from January 15 to 17, 2026.
- Dr Sreenivasulu Bandi was a member of the organising committee for the National Symposium on Emerging and Re-emerging Infections with a Focus on Antimicrobial Resistance, organised in collaboration with Sun Pharma Pvt. Ltd. and St Joseph's University, on January 30, 2026.

Dr Vinutha V Salian

- Participated in the Guru Dakshata (Faculty Induction Programme) under the Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Programme (MM-TTP) of the University Grants Commission (UGC), organised by MMTTC, Mahatma Gandhi Antarrashtriya Hindi Vishwavidyalaya, Wardha, Maharashtra, from October 28 to November 25, 2025.
- Attended a one-week online Faculty Development Programme on Roles of Chemical Science Towards Sustainable Development for Viksit Bharat, organised by the Department of Chemistry under the PM-USHA (MERU) Grant, at Rani Channamma University, Belagavi, from January 5 to 10, 2026.
- Attended a five-day hands-on workshop on Density Functional Theory (DFT) Calculations Using Gaussian Software conducted by Vidyothini Edutech Pvt. Ltd. from February 8 to 14, 2026.
- Dr Vinutha V Salian was appointed as an external examiner for the B.Sc. B.Ed. Undergraduate Programme at NMKRV College, Bengaluru, on February 18, 2026.
- Dr Vinutha V Salian was appointed as an external valuer for the PG theory examinations at BMS College for Women on January 28, 2026.
- Dr Vinutha V Salian participated in the Women Chemists Conclave, jointly organised by IISER Thiruvananthapuram and the Royal Society of Chemistry, on March 7 and 8, 2026.
- Dr Vinutha V Salian participated in JESCOL-II, held at the Human Resource Development Centre (HRDC), Ashirvad, Bengaluru, from December 15 to 17, 2025.

Publication

- P Praveena, BK Sarojini, T Vishwanath and VV Salian. "Substitution-induced solvatochromic behaviour of blue-emissive N-aryl pyrazoline derivatives and DFT studies." Journal of Luminescence (2025), Article 121200.

Mr Tobin V Simson

- Mr Tobin Varkey Simson served as an external examiner for the Semester I B.Sc. Chemistry Practical Examination at Jyoti Nivas College (Autonomous), Bengaluru, on October 16, 2025.
- Participated in the three-day National Workshop on Quantum ESPRESSO, organised by the Departments of Chemistry and Physics in collaboration with the Centre for Theoretical and Computational Chemistry (CTCC) at St Berchmans College, Changanassery, Kerala, in commemoration of the International Year of Quantum Science and Technology (IYQ 2025), held from November 3 to 5, 2025.
- Completed a 20-hour online short-term course on Machine Learning with Python, organised by the Department of Computer Science and Engineering, National Institute of Technology Warangal, from November 24 to December 4, 2025.
- Served as a Board of Examiners (BoE) member for the I M.Sc. Chemistry theory paper at Jyoti Nivas College (Autonomous), Bengaluru, on January 4, 2026.
- Participated in a one-week online Faculty Development Programme on Roles of Chemical Science Towards Sustainable Development for Viksit Bharat, organised by the Department of Chemistry under the PM-USHA (MERU) Grant, at Rani Channamma University, Belagavi, from January 5 to 10, 2026.
- Completed the five-day hands-on workshop on Density Functional Theory (DFT) Calculations Using Gaussian Software (7th Edition) conducted by Vidyothini Edutech Pvt. Ltd. from February 8 to 14, 2026.
- Participated in and presented a paper titled Carbon's New Ring Meets Nature's Building Blocks: Computational Investigation of Non-Covalent Interactions between Cyclo[18]carbon and Biomolecules: A DFT and Machine Learning Approach at the 24th Prof. K. V. Thomas Endowment Seminar and the 5th International Conference on New Trends in Applied Chemistry (NTAC 2026), held at Sacred Heart College (Autonomous), Thevara, Kochi, on February 20 and 21, 2026.
- Appointed as an external evaluator for the I M.Sc. Chemistry theory examination at Jyoti Nivas College (Autonomous), Bengaluru, on February 25, 2026.

Dr Pramod KM

- Dr Pramod KM completed a two-week Interdisciplinary Refresher Course in Chemical Sciences, organised by Manipur University, from October 27 to November 8, 2025.
- Dr Pramod KM participated in the UGC-Sponsored Online Faculty Induction Programme–13, conducted by the UGC Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre, Bharathiar University, from January 28 to February 24, 2026.
- Dr Pramod KM completed the workshop titled DFT – A Versatile Tool for Molecular Modelling, organised by Christ University, from December 8 to 12, 2025.
- Dr Pramod KM was a member of the organising committee for the national symposium on Emerging and Re-emerging Infections with a Focus on Antimicrobial Resistance, organised in collaboration with Sun Pharma Pvt. Ltd. and St Joseph's University, on January 30, 2026.
- As the Institution's Innovation Council (IIC) Convenor, Dr Pramod KM led high-impact initiatives, including the Ideabox competitions, the National Hackathon and Startup Mela. He also coordinated the Ministry of Education (MoE)-mandated observances for National Startup Day, National Science Day, Women's Day and World Creativity and Innovation Day, fostering a strong culture of innovation on campus.

Dr Cisy Abraham

- Dr Cisy Abraham completed the Guru Dakshata under the Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Programme (MM-TTP) of the University Grants Commission (UGC), organised by MMTTC, Mahatma Gandhi

Antarrashtriya Hindi Vishwavidyalaya, Wardha, Maharashtra, from October 28 to November 25, 2025.

- Dr Cisy Abraham participated in the National Symposium on Emerging and Re-emerging Infections with a Focus on Antimicrobial Resistance, organised in collaboration with Sun Pharma Pvt. Ltd. and St Joseph's University, on January 30, 2026.
- Dr Cisy Abraham attended a hands-on workshop on BET Surface Area Analysis: Theory, Experimentation and Data Interpretation, conducted by Vidyothini Edutech Pvt. Ltd. from October 24 to 26, 2025.
- Dr Cisy Abraham attended the workshop titled "DFT – A Versatile Tool for Molecular Modelling", organised by Christ (Deemed to be University), from December 8 to 12, 2025.

Dr Reena Serrao

- Dr Reena Serrao attended the workshop titled "DFT – A Versatile Tool for Molecular Modelling", organised by Christ University, from December 8 to 12, 2025.
- Dr Reena Serrao attended the International Conference on SmartChem: 2026 – Convergence of Healthcare, Artificial Intelligence, Nanomaterials and Sustainability, organised by St Joseph's University, from January 15 to 17, 2026.
- Dr Reena Serrao attended the Three-Day Online Workshop on Research Methodology and Data Analysis – A Smart Learning, organised by the Star International Foundation for Research and Education, Tiruchengode, Namakkal, Tamil Nadu, from February 5 to 7, 2026.
- Dr Reena Serrao attended the five-day online Faculty Development Programme on "AI and Machine Learning: Transforming Multidisciplinary Research and Innovation", organised by Dewan V S Institute of Engineering & Technology, Meerut, from March 16 to 20, 2026.

Dr Ancila Urumese

- Completed the Guru Dakshata under the Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Programme (MM-TTP) of the University Grants Commission (UGC), organised by MMTTC, Mahatma Gandhi Antarrashtriya Hindi Vishwavidyalaya, Wardha, Maharashtra, from October 28 to November 25, 2025.
- Participated in the National Symposium on Emerging and Re-emerging Infections with a Focus on Antimicrobial Resistance, organised in collaboration with Sun Pharma Pvt. Ltd. and St Joseph's University, on January 30, 2026.
- Participated in the four-day Skill Development Workshop on "Advanced Electrochemical and Biomolecular Sensor Technologies (AEBST)", conducted by Vidyothini Edutech Pvt. Ltd. from December 27 to 30, 2025.

Dr Sourav Bej

Publication

Sourav Bej, Sandip Dey, Ranajoy Paul, Priyabrata Banerjee and Biplab Biswas. "Spin Meets the Light: Emergence of Paramagnetic Metal-Organic Frameworks (PMOFs) for Optical and Electrochemical Sensing Over the Last Five Years." Advanced Optical Materials, 2026.

Dr Bramhaiah Kommula

- Joined the Editorial Board of Scientific Reports, a journal in the Nature Portfolio.
- Completed a two-week Interdisciplinary Refresher Course in Chemical Sciences, organised by Manipur University, from October 27 to November 8, 2025.
- Completed the workshop titled "DFT – A Versatile Tool for Molecular Modelling", organised by Christ University, from December 8 to 12, 2025.
- Organised and participated in the International Conference on SmartChem:2026 – Convergence of Healthcare, Artificial Intelligence,

Nanomaterials and Sustainability, organised by St Joseph's University, from January 15 to 17, 2026.

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- Completed the workshop titled "DFT – A Versatile Tool for Molecular Modelling", organised by Christ (Deemed to be University), from December 8 to 12, 2025.

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Student Achievements

- Preemal N Rodrigues and Ronald J Mascarenhas presented the paper "Enhanced Non-Enzymatic Electrochemical Sensor for 2,6-Diaminopurine Based on Nickel Phthalocyanine-Modified Carbon Paste Electrode" at the 44th Annual National Conference of the Indian Council of Chemists, organised by the School of Advanced Sciences, KLE Technological University, Hubballi, Karnataka, from December 22–24, 2025.
- Vaishnavi Vishwanath and Ronald J Mascarenhas presented the paper "Electrochemical Sensor for Detecting Hesperetin Using Activated Carbon from Orange Peel Waste" at the 44th Annual National Conference of the Indian Council of Chemists, organised by the School of

Advanced Sciences, KLE Technological University, Hubballi, Karnataka, from December 22–24, 2025.

- Roshal C Paul and Ronald J Mascarenhas presented the paper "Graphene Flakes-Modified Carbon Paste Electrode as a Sensitive Electrochemical Sensor for the Quantification of Dopamine Agonist Drug Pramipexole in Biological Samples" at the 44th Annual National Conference of the Indian Council of Chemists, organised by the School of Advanced Sciences, KLE Technological University, Hubballi, Karnataka, in late December, 2025. Along with a paper at the International Conference SmartChem 2026: CHAINS, organised by the Department of Chemistry, St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, from January 15–17, 2026.
- Chanchal K Sharma and Ronald J Mascarenhas presented the paper "Carbon Quantum Dots Derived from Lablab purpureus Peels and CuS_2 Nanocomposite Sensorforp-HydroxybenzoicAcidDetection in Cosmetic and Environmental Samples" at the International Conference SmartChem 2026: Convergence of Healthcare, Artificial Intelligence, Nanomaterials and Sustainability (CHAINS), organised by the Department of Chemistry, St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, from January 15–17, 2026.
- Bindu BS, Tarun K and Madhura HP, under the guidance of Dr Ronald J Mascarenhas, presented their research papers at the 44th Annual National Conference of the Indian Council of Chemists, organised by the School of Advanced Sciences, KLE Technological University, Hubballi, Karnataka, from December 22–24, 2025, the International Conference SmartChem 2026: Convergence of Healthcare, Artificial Intelligence, Nanomaterials and Sustainability (CHAINS), organised by the Department of Chemistry, St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, from January 15–17, 2026 and Rasayan Sanghoshti 2026, organised by the Department of Chemistry, IIT Dharwad, on March 13–14, 2026. Their papers were:
  - "Microstructure Design Based on Nano-Hybrids as a High-Performing Electrocatalyst" (Bindu BS)
  - "Nano-Flake-Like ZnO-Doped Structure for Electrochemical Activity as a Sensor for the Detection of Mefenamic Acid" (Tarun K)
  - "Electrochemically Reduced Graphene Oxide Immobilised with an Anionic Surfactant as a Sensor–Temperature-Based Investigation" (Madhura HP)
- Preemal N Rodrigues and Ronald J Mascarenhas won the Best Oral Presentation Award at the 44th Annual National Conference of the Indian Council of Chemists and at the International Conference SmartChem 2026 CHAINS from December 22–24, 2025 and January 15–17, 2026 respectively.
- Bindu BS and Ronald J Mascarenhas won the Best Poster Presentation Award at the 44th Annual National Conference of the Indian Council of Chemists, CHAINS and at Rasayan Sanghoshti during late from December 24 TO 25, 2025, January 15–17 and March 13–14, 2026 respectively.
- Sargam Datta (232PCH04), Suryan Kasinath Isaac (232CHBT07) and Anaparthi Harshitha (222CHBT40) qualified in the IIT JAM Chemistry 2026 examination.
- Diya Kishan Warrier (222CHES01), a BSc Chemistry Honours student, secured AIR 168 in the GATE Ecology and Evolution examination.
- Dhruthi GA, MSc Analytical Chemistry (2023–2025), qualified in the GATE Chemistry examination with AIR 882.
- Nandini and Nagaharsha (PhD scholars), along with Arundhati and Monisha V (MSc 2025 pass-outs) and Aparna (MSc Organic), qualified in the KSET 2025 examination.
- Sujana, MSc Analytical Chemistry (2018–2020), successfully completed her PhD at MIT, Manipal.
- Nikhil N Rao (BSc MCZ, 2015–2018; MSc Analytical Chemistry, 2018–2020)

successfully defended his doctoral thesis on April 16, 2026, under the guidance of Dr Neena S John at the Centre for Nano and Soft Matter Sciences, Bengaluru.

- David AJ, Gotgi Nandini, Udayakumar G, Ibrahim AH, Pullanchiyodan A, Ghosh D and Das A published the paper "Nickel(II)-Driven Activity Enhancement of a Donor–Acceptor Porous Organic Polymer for Selective Photoreduction of Carbon Dioxide" in Chemical Communications on March 9, 2026.
- RJ Singh, Sushma A Kalose, SK Das, A Hajra, S Konar and D Ghosh published the paper "Mesostructured MgO Micro-Rods as Recyclable Heterogeneous Catalysts for the Iodine-Mediated Synthesis of Imidazo[1,2-a]Pyridines" in ChemistrySelect, 2025, Vol. 10, e04573.
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- The following participated at the International Conference SmartChem 2026: Convergence of Healthcare, Artificial Intelligence, Nanomaterials and Sustainability (CHAINS), organised by the Department of Chemistry, St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, from January 15–17, 2026:
- Hannah Harshini Joseph, Prathika Natarajhan and Kathyayini Nagaraju, along with Dr Libi Thomas, presented the paper "Facile Synthesis and Electrochemical Performance of Cu-Doped Nickel Hydroxide Nanomaterials for Supercapacitors".
- Bhavani CN and NA Kavitha, along with Nalini G Sundaram, presented the papers "Comparative Photocatalytic Esterification of Acetic Acid with n-Amyl Alcohol Using Sulphated TiO_2-Based Photocatalysts: A Sustainable Green Synthesis Approach" and "Design of Rare Earth-Substituted Bismuth-Based Nanomaterials for Photocatalytic Degradation of Persistent Organic Pollutants", respectively.
- Geethanjali, along with Sunita Rajamani, delivered an oral presentation titled "Enhancing the Efficiency of Biomass Conversion: Pretreatment of Sugarcane Bagasse Using Nitrogen-Based Ionic Liquids".
- Preemal N Rodrigues and Ronald J Mascarenhas presented the paper "NiS_2/Activated Carbon Composite Derived from Chayote Peel Biochar for Simultaneous Electrochemical Detection of Sulfinpyrazone and Uric Acid"
- Nowsin Khatun and Joyce D'Souza presented the poster "Heterogeneous Catalysis over Metal Oxide, Sulphated Metal Oxides and Mixed Oxides of Al_2O_3, TiO_2 and ZrO_2 in the Synthesis of Menthyl Acetate via Esterification".
- Samanvitha HS and Chandana TS, along with Sunita Rajamani, presented posters titled "Modified Skraup Reaction for Quinoline Synthesis Using Brønsted Acidic Ionic Liquid (BAIL)" and "Synthesis and Characterisation of Zwitterionic Liquids: Application in Polymer Sciences", respectively.
- Madhushree BN, Swetha M, Hemanth Kumar Dharmapuri and Anchal Singhal presented the poster "Amino Acid-Coupled Triazole Hybrids as Potential Biological Targets".
- KP Tushar along with VV Salian presented the paper "In Silico Exploration of Oxadiazole Scaffolds as Potential Antibacterial Agents: Molecular Docking and Pharmacokinetic Studies".
- PB Gaurangi with VV Salian presented the paper "Cyclisation of Chalcone Derivatives: Design, Synthesis and In Silico COX Inhibition Study of Pyrimidine Derivatives".
- Sushma A won the Best Oral Presentation Award.

PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

- Sneha and Vikram Rao were blessed with a baby boy on October 19, 2025. He is the beloved grandson of Dr Shobha SV.
- Dr Suhas and Sahana were blessed with a baby girl, Shanvi, on January 9, 2026.

SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATION AND MEDIA STUDIES (SCMS)

Department Events

MIRRORS

MIRRORS was a two-day creative fellowship event held on March 17 and 18, 2026 at the Art Lab, St Joseph's University. A highlight of the event was the performance Magic Bombe by Mr Dilip Shivgauri on March 17. The performance explored queerness as something remembered rather than newly invented. On March 18, Phoolan Devi Banogi Tum? by Ms Neetu Singh followed the journey of a young woman aspiring to become an independent journalist. Set against the backdrop of Chambal, the performance portrayed resilience, self-authorship, and empowerment as the protagonist navigates her path from village to city.



Workshop with Ms Ishwar Lalitha

On January 12, 2026, a workshop was organized by Mr Thulasi Kumar Marella, providing students with valuable insights from Ishwar Lalitha, an industry expert in documentary filmmaking. The session focused on real-life documentary production experiences including key aspects such as budgeting and funding challenges.

Industrial trip to Coorg

On February 16, 2026, a trip to Coorg was held for the BVC 3rd year students of St Joseph's University. Organized by Dr Nevil D'Souza. The students were accompanied by their mentor Dr Nevil D'Souza, and teaching faculty Mr Jenil K George, and Ms Pooja Kalbalia. They visited the famous Payana car museum which featured vintage cars and other old artifacts donated by the trustees. En route to Jaganmohana Palace, students were able to catch a glimpse of Mysore palace. At Jaganmohana palace, the works of Raja Ravi Verma as well as other Indian painters were showcased. From there, another stop was made at Jin Min Cat World. The trip was concluded after their travel to Namdroling



Monastery.

Seminar- "A Glimpse into the Functions of Print Media"

On February 21, 2026 a seminar titled "A Glimpse into the Functions of Print Media" was successfully conducted by Mr Siddharth, a media professional based in Chennai. The session provided students with a comprehensive understanding of the evolution and functioning of the print industry. The speaker also addressed the transition from mechanical printing to digital printing, highlighting its technological advancements and industry impact. As part of the practical demonstration, he introduced a numbering machine and encouraged students to experiment with it, making the session interactive and experiential.

Film Screening

On February 21, 2026, the School of Communication & Media Studies organized an interactive session with filmmaker Sonia Nepram and film historian Omen. The session was aimed at bridging classroom theory with lived industry experience in the field of documentary filmmaking. The session also included career guidance, helping students understand various opportunities and real-world expectations within the film industry.

Guest lecture by Ms Lizziellet Gracia

The School of Communication and Media Studies, BVOC Digital Media and Animation, St Joseph's University, organized a guest lecture titled "Charting Your Path from Fine Arts to Career in Animation" on December 1, 2025 at De Nobili Hall Main Auditorium. Ms Lizziellet Gracia addressed the students from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. She shared insights on transforming fine arts skills into animation careers, industry expectations, and portfolio development.

Workshop on UI UX in Action: Design to Development

The workshop titled "UI UX in Action: Design to Development" was conducted for 3rd year animation students as part of their curriculum. The session was led by full-stack developer Mr Manivanna R, who shared practical industry insights. It focused on introducing backend development and its relevance to UI/UX design, helping students extend their existing design knowledge toward development. A live demonstration of a project featuring AI chatbot integration was presented, along with an explanation of free APIs and their real-world applications.

Workshop on On-Set VFX

A two-day hands-on workshop was conducted on January 21, 2026 at New Block 107 for II-year BVOC Animation students. The resource person was Mr Prashun Choudhury, a BVOC Animation alumnus and Post-Production Specialist. The session focused on On-Set VFX supervision, lighting techniques, and chroma key usage. Students gained practical knowledge of green screen capturing and post-production workflows.

PRCAI Academia Conclave

The event was hosted by the Master students of Advertising and Public Relations. It was held in the DeNobili Hall. The event started off with a prayer song by Kalyani Prakash and followed by an introduction to the event by Dr (Fr) Melwyn Pinto, SJ, Dean of School of Communication and Media Studies. This was followed up by an introduction of the speakers by Kimberly. The opening statement was given by Mr Girish Balochandran, Founder, ON PURPOSE. This was then followed by a session by Shakambari Thakur. The second session was a panel discussion. The session was called #PR Future and the moderator was Supriyaranjan Kar and the panelists were Chaitali Roy, Brian Carvalho and Prabhakaran B. Students were advised to be adaptable, use AI responsibly as a learning partner and rely on editorials and long-form articles instead of reels for news. The third session #CrackaCareer in PR, moderated by Ms Aishwarya J Badan with panelists Mr Girish Balochandran and Ms Sangita Gopinath highlighted that while PR may appear glamorous, it involves significant hard work behind the scenes.



PRCAI Academia Conclave hosted by students of Advertising and Public Relations

Effects of AI on human innovation

Professor Christopher Hogg started the session with an interactive quizzing session based on general knowledge as an icebreaker to interact with the students. While talking about the uses of AI, he mentioned how 60 percent of teachers incorporated the same in their teaching methods. He then went on to talk about how AI would remain subservient to human thinking and how humans should not lose the ability to get creative or come up with ideas.

Association Events

Josephite Media Forum: Film Screening

The JMF organised a film screening and discussion for the MA MCJ students on

December 15, 2025. Mr Shameem, an independent filmmaker known for screening films across the country, visited SJU to screen 3 of his films. His unique screenings of films by travelling to different parts of the country on his bike also attracted media attention. The films screened were Re, NVC, and T. Mr Shameem explained his journey as a filmmaker and his research on films and the themes they discuss and emphasised the opportunities for independent filmmakers through screenings at film festivals.

IMAGES: Allura 2026

The media fest of St Joseph's University, ALLURA 2026, commenced on January 23 and spanned two days across the campus. Organized by IMAGES, Association of Art and Animation, and The Rushes National Society, the fest carried the theme "Fantasia" and welcomed inter-college participation. Highlights included Editorial-Everyday, where teams designed mythical creature photo shoots judged on costume, photography, and editing, held in the Film Studio at the PG Block, and the Very Short Film, where participants created 60–90 second reels based on soundtracks.



Media fest ALLURA 2026 organized by IMAGES

Art and Animation: Artistica 2026

The Fest Inauguration ceremony was hosted with honored guest Mr Dibakar Banerjee. On January 23, 2026 the first day of Artistica featured an art exhibition, caricature and face painting stalls were set up. On the second day an art competition and cosplay competition took place. The art competition was evaluated by judges Mr Nayan Das and Ms Latha Ranji and the cosplay competition was evaluated by Ms Navya Dennis, Mr Arun Kumar and Mr Junaid Khan. The valedictory ceremony was hosted with chief guest, Mr Ramenahalli Jagannatha.

Samabhav Travelling International Film Festival 2025

The Samabhav Travelling International Film Festival 2025 was hosted on December 1 & 2, 2025. Organised by Rushes Film Society in collaboration with MAVA, the festival featured film screenings followed by interactive discussions on gender rights, filmmaking, and social research. Day 1 showcased award-winning films including Veni, Because, Kuzhantha (Baby), Khuda Hafiz (Goodbye) and Call Me Dancer. Day 2 featured films such as Society Barks, If, Project Priyo, We, The Puffcorns of India, Humare Beech Mein and All We Imagine as Light, sparking conversations around emotional wellbeing, childhood, and social norms.



Samabhav Travelling International Film Festival organised by Rushes Film Society with MAVA

Rushes Film Society: RNFF 2026

The Rushes National Film Festival was held on January 23 & 24, 2026 at St Joseph's University. The festival commenced with a joint inauguration in collaboration with Artistica and Allura, followed by a keynote session with filmmaker Mr Dibakar Banerjee. Film screenings, including both competitive and non-competitive entries from emerging filmmakers, were conducted across the two days. The event concluded with a prize distribution ceremony

and a vibrant band performance, marking a successful celebration of cinematic art and collaboration.

Mediacon 2026

Mediacon was successfully conducted on January 23 & 24, 2026, bringing together scholars, media professionals, and researchers to deliberate on the theme Populism and Media. The conference was inaugurated by filmmaker Mr Dibakar Banerjee, Mediacon 2026 witnessed an enthusiastic academic response, receiving over 75 abstracts from researchers nationwide. After a rigorous review process, 50 research papers were selected and presented across multiple parallel venues during the two-day event. The presentations explored diverse dimensions of populism in media, including political communication, digital propaganda, audience behavior, and the role of regional media.



MediaFluent 2026 Panel Discussion

MediaFluent 2026

MediaFluent is a 2-day event conducted by the students of Masters in Advertising and Public Relations Department. The theme for MediaFluent 2026 was Artificial Intelligence. It was conducted on January 23 & 24. The first day was the inaugural ceremony with Mr Dibakar Banerjee as the chief guest of the event. The masterclass was conducted by performance marketer Mr Sunil Nair. Day 2 started off with Panel Discussion with Dr K Sai Prasad as the moderator and Mr Ankur Modi, Ms Sangita Gopinath, Ms Seema D'Das and Mr Naveen Raman as panelists. There were six competitions in total Logo Sketch off, Prompt Like a Pro, Real or AI, Best Manager, Crisis Simulation, and Mad Ads. After the valedictorian ceremony a band performance by student band Karak Chai marked the end of the event.

Faculty Achievements

Dr Melwyn Pinto SJ

Dr Melwyn Pinto SJ published a book chapter titled Political populism and the media: Journalism in the age of alternative facts on December 1, 2025, in the book of Journalism in the post-truth era: Ethical, political, and social perspectives.

Ms Pooja Kalbalia

Ms Pooja Kalbalia published research papers in Scopus-indexed journals in the month of November and December 2025. The paper she published was titled Epidemiological trends and burden of nutritional deficiencies among infants in India: Evidence from the Global Burden of Disease study, 1990–2021 from the journal Nutrition and Health.

Roy, C., Sati, V. P., Sharma, M., Banerjee, S., & Kalbalia, P. (2023). Explore linkages between shared sanitation facilities and socio-economic drivers: A case study from South Twenty-four Parganas, West Bengal. Discover Public Health, 2, 2794

Dr Mrudhusha Mohana

Dr Mrudhusha Mohana published a research paper titled Green tourism intentions driven by social media: The influence of electronic word-of-mouth and environmental awareness in the journal Turizm/Tourism.

Student Achievements

Best Film Award

In the month of February, 2026, the students (Mr Namadevan, Mr Arjun, Mr John, Mr Nandakishore, Mr Dhaksh, Mr Abhinand, Mr Bharath Vijay, Mr Bharath S, and Ms Serena) from II - year B.Voc Filmmaking have achieved a remarkable milestone. Their film Khalsa was submitted to the Auteur 2025 Short Film Contest, organized by Kristu Jayanti College, Bangalore, where it won the Best Film Award. A special mention to Mr Namadevan, who was also honoured with the Best Director Award.

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Department Of Economics

Association Activities

Ecolibrium 2025–26

The Department of Economics, through its undergraduate and postgraduate associations, The Economics Forum and Oikonomika, organised Ecolibrium 2025–26, an intercollegiate economics fest, on December 12 and 13, 2025, at St Joseph's University. The fest provided a platform for students from various institutions to demonstrate their analytical, research and problem-solving skills through competitions based on contemporary economic themes.

The two-day fest featured a range of academic and simulation-based events, including Budget Parliament, BullNex, Sink or Think, Paradox, Global Economics Summit, Code Breakers, Blueprints of the Economy, Art Attack, Eco Detectives and The Marginal Montage. The competitions encouraged participants to engage with public policy, financial markets, research, economic theory and creative communication while applying classroom learning to real-world scenarios. Ecolibrium promoted academic excellence, interdisciplinary learning and collaboration by bringing together students to explore contemporary economic issues through interactive and experiential activities.



ECO01 Ecolibrium Intercollegiate Fest

Boli Bazaar

The Economics Forum organised Boli Bazaar, a silent auction competition, on January 29, 2026, as part of its Modern Society series. Held with the participation of 32 students, the event introduced participants to the concepts of valuation, strategic bidding and decision-making through a simulated auction environment.

Working in teams, participants bid on items across three categories representing collectibles, cultural artefacts and unique objects, using a fixed virtual budget. The competition required teams to assess the value of each item, allocate resources strategically and maximise their overall score through informed bidding decisions. By combining elements of economics, strategy and teamwork, the event provided students with an engaging platform to apply concepts of resource allocation, value assessment and decision-making in a practical setting.

Industrial Visit to KMF Mega Dairy and Pyramid Valley

The Department of Economics organised an industrial visit to KMF Mega Dairy, Kanakapura and Pyramid Valley on February 25, 2026, to provide students with practical exposure to industrial operations and sustainable practices. A total of 47 students, accompanied by faculty members, participated in the visit.

At KMF Mega Dairy, students observed the large-scale processing of dairy products, including milk, cheese, butter, ghee and milk powder. They gained insights into production processes, quality control measures, waste management practices and sustainable resource utilisation. The visit also highlighted initiatives such as the reuse of production by-products and the supply of milk powder to government nutrition programmes. At Pyramid Valley, students participated in guided meditation sessions and learned about the centre's approach to promoting mental well-being and holistic living. The visit provided participants with practical exposure to sustainable industrial practices while encouraging an understanding of environmental responsibility and personal well-being.

ECO02 Industrial visit to Nandini Factory

Budget Lecture 2026

The Department of Economics, through its postgraduate students' association, Oikanomika, organised Budget Lecture 2026 on March 12,



2026, to provide students with an understanding of the formulation and significance of the Union and Karnataka State Budgets. The programme featured resource persons Dr Kiran Kumar, Assistant Professor, Gulati Institute of Finance and Taxation, Thiruvananthapuram and Dr Ramanjini, Lecturer, Fiscal Policy Institute, Bengaluru. The event was attended by postgraduate students and faculty members of the department.

Dr Kiran Kumar discussed the Union Budget and the role of the Finance Commission in India's fiscal framework, highlighting the relationship between budgetary planning and fiscal governance. Dr Ramanjini examined the Karnataka State Budget, focusing on capital asset creation and fiscal prudence in state finances. The programme concluded with a panel discussion moderated by Dr Athira, during which postgraduate students engaged the speakers through thoughtful questions on contemporary budgetary and fiscal issues. The lecture strengthened students' understanding of public finance and encouraged critical engagement with economic policy.

Symposium on Environment, Economics and the Ignatian Paradigm

The Department of Economics, through Oikanomika, in collaboration with the Centre for Religion and Culture, organised a symposium on Environment, Economics and the Ignatian Paradigm on February 17, 2026, at St Joseph's University, Bengaluru. The symposium explored the intersections of sustainability, economics and Ignatian pedagogy through a series of expert sessions.

Dr Meenakshi Rishi, Professor of Economics, Seattle University, delivered the keynote address on sustainable development and environmental responsibility, while Dr Kumar M, Assistant Professor of Environmental Science led sessions on environmental preference analysis and knowledge transfer. The symposium concluded with a session on Ignatian pedagogy, encouraging interdisciplinary learning and critical engagement with sustainability.

Department of Sociology

Association Events

Career Guidance Workshop for Differently Abled Students

The Department of Sociology organised a Career Guidance Workshop for Differently Abled Students on March 7, 2025, to

create awareness of educational and career opportunities for persons with disabilities. The workshop featured Dr Boniface Prabhu, international wheelchair tennis player, as the chief guest.

The programme included sessions on career planning, legal rights and personal development, encouraging participants to recognise their potential and explore diverse career pathways. Through interactive discussions and guidance, the workshop promoted confidence, inclusivity and informed career decision-making among participants.

Student Achievements

- Shravan Kumar, II BA (HPS), presented a paper titled "Intersectional Vulnerabilities of Female Gig Workers in Bengaluru" at the International Conference '(Re) Thinking Vulnerability: Conditions and Contestations', organised by the Department Research Committee, Department of Liberal Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, Manipal Academy of Higher Education, Bengaluru Campus, on January 29 and 30, 2026.
- A Harshini, II BA (HPS), presented a paper titled "Women, Folk Rituals and Empowerment: A Feminist Reinterpretation of Karva Chauth" at the International Conference '(Re)Thinking Vulnerability: Conditions and Contestations', organised by the Department Research Committee, Department of Liberal Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, Manipal Academy of Higher Education, Bengaluru Campus, on January 29 and 30, 2026.
- Vandana S, II BA (HPS), presented a paper titled "Bharatanatyam: Tradition in Motion and Its Relevance Today" at the National Conference 'Beyond Rhythm: Dance as Expression, Education and Innovation', organised by Mount Carmel College (Autonomous), Bengaluru, on January 16, 2026.

Department of History

Department Activities

Guest Lecture: 'Diverse Origins, One Community: The Historical Development of an Anglo-Indian Identity'

The Department of History, in collaboration with the Centre for Religion and Culture, organised a guest lecture on 'Diverse Origins, One Community: The Historical Development of an Anglo-Indian Identity' on December 19, 2025, at Loyola Hall. The lecture was delivered by Dr Fr Brent Howitt Otto SJ, Postdoctoral Fellow at the College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, USA and was attended by 80 students.

Dr Otto examined the historical development of the Anglo-Indian community, highlighting the role of major port cities in fostering cultural interaction between Indian and European communities. The lecture explored the diversity of Anglo-Indian identities and the historical factors that shaped their evolution, offering students valuable perspectives on colonial and postcolonial South Asian history.



Dr Fr Brent Howitt Otto SJ delivering the guest lecture

Guest Lecture: 'From Institutions to Citizens to Systems: Who Really Shapes the World?'

The Department of History, in collaboration with the Departments of Political Science and International Relations and Public Policy, organised a guest lecture titled 'From Institutions to Citizens to Systems: Who Really

Shapes the World?' on March 23, 2026, at the Science Block. The session was delivered by Ms Meghna Dutta, architect and educator and Mr Shabari Nair, systems thinker associated with the United Nations and attended by 100 students.

The lecture examined the relationship between institutions, citizens and systems in shaping contemporary societies. Drawing on global examples, the speakers discussed the role of international organisations, individual agency and interconnected systems in addressing social and political challenges, encouraging students to adopt a systems-based perspective on governance and social change.



Dr Madhumati Deshpande delivering the guest lecture

Guest Lecture: 'From Campus to Country: The Responsibility of Youth'

The Department of History, through Parishodhana, organised a guest lecture titled 'From Campus to Country: The Responsibility of Youth' on January 21, 2026, at Loyola Hall. The lecture was delivered by Dr Madhumati Deshpande, Professor and Head, Department of International Studies, Political Science and History, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bengaluru and attended by 70 students.

Drawing on the contributions of young changemakers, Dr Deshpande highlighted the role of youth in promoting social responsibility and civic engagement. She encouraged students to recognise their potential as agents of change and emphasised that meaningful societal transformation begins with individual initiative and responsible citizenship.

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Association Activities

Era Nova 2026: Raj & Regency

Parishodhana, the History Association, organised Era Nova 2026, its intra-collegiate fest, on February 18 and 19, 2026, at St Joseph's University. Centred on the theme 'Raj & Regency', the fest brought together students from various departments to engage with history through a range of academic and creative competitions.

The two-day fest featured events including quizzes, poster making, face painting, rangoli, colour hunt, dumb charades and poetry writing. The programme encouraged historical inquiry, creativity and interdisciplinary participation, providing students with opportunities to explore historical themes through collaborative and experiential learning.

Faculty Achievements

Ms Jane D'Souza, Associate Professor and Head

Participated in the Two-Day International Conference on 'Promoting Peaceful and Inclusive Societies for Sustainable Development', organised by the School of Arts and Humanities, St Aloysius (Deemed to be University), Mangaluru, on January 28 and 29, 2026.

Prof Dr Paul Newman, Professor

- Served as a National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) assessor for higher education institutions across India.
- Appointed to the JHEASA Policy Making Committee in March 2026.
- Attended the JHEASA Annual Conference held in Mumbai from January 25 to 28, 2026.
- Delivered keynote addresses and invited lectures at national and international academic forums on higher education, indigenous communities, social analysis and inclusive development.
- Published articles on higher education, caste, human rights and international affairs in Deccan Herald, International Policy Digest, Mainstream Magazine, Freedom and Refugees and Pax Lumina.

Mr Mahesha DK, Assistant Professor

Presented a paper titled 'Imperial Integration and Indigenous Displacement: Reassessing the Absorption of the Mysore Anche into the British Postal System' at the Eighty-fourth Session of the Indian History Congress, held at Government Brennen College, Thalassery, Kerala, from December 28 to 30, 2025.

Student Achievements

- The following papers were presented at the Two-Day International Conference on 'Promoting Peaceful and Inclusive Societies for Sustainable Development', organised by the School of Arts and Humanities, St Aloysius (Deemed to be University), Mangaluru, on January 28 and 29, 2026.
- Ashy Roy and Joshu M Jacob of II BA HEP presented a paper titled 'Algorithmic Archives: How Platforms Shape Public Memory and Identity'.
- M Kavipriya and Sergai Thanabalagan of II BA HEP presented a paper titled 'Shaping Stability: Youth Leadership in an Era of Conflict and Change'.
- Jyoti Dhruw, Shwetha Rajesh and Hongsha Towarmoi of III BA presented a paper titled 'Economic Inequality as a Catalyst for Social Unrest: Understanding the Cycle of Marginalisation and Protest in Contemporary Societies'.
- All the papers were guided by Ms Jane D'Souza, Associate Professor and Head, Department of History, St Joseph's University.

Department of Industrial Relations

Association Activities

Industrial Relations Annual Lecture Competition 2026

The Industrial Relations Forum organised the Industrial Relations Annual Lecture Competition 2026 on March 14, 2026, at A205 under the guidance of Mr G Anuplal, Head and Staff Coordinator. The competition provided a platform for undergraduate students to demonstrate their public speaking and analytical skills on themes related to industrial relations. Six undergraduate students participated in the event.

Abhinava Shastry of I BA IES secured the first place for his outstanding performance. The competition encouraged students to strengthen their communication skills and deepen their understanding of industrial relations through academic discourse.

Industrial Relations Cartooning Competition

The Industrial Relations Forum organised an Industrial Relations Cartooning Competition on the theme 'Work-Life Balance: Married to Wife or Work?' on September 29, 2025, at A205,

under the guidance of Mr G Anuplal, Head and Staff Coordinator. The competition encouraged students to express contemporary workplace issues creatively through cartoons. Twenty-one undergraduate students participated in the competition.

MS Roshan of I BA IES secured the first prize. The competition provided students with an opportunity to reflect on work-life balance through creative expression while promoting awareness of contemporary workplace concerns.

Industrial Relations Logo Redesigning Competition 2025

The Industrial Relations Forum organised the Industrial Relations Logo Redesigning Competition on October 11, 2025, at A205, under the guidance of Mr G Anuplal, Head and Staff Coordinator. The competition invited students to redesign the forum's logo by presenting creative concepts that reflected the identity and objectives of Industrial Relations. Twelve undergraduate students participated in the competition.

Deepankar Uprety of I BA IES secured the first place. The competition encouraged innovation and creative thinking while providing students with an opportunity to contribute to the visual identity of the forum.

Workshop on Career Guidance for Differently Abled Students

The Departments of Industrial Relations and Sociology, in association with their respective student associations, organised a one-day workshop on Career Guidance for Differently Abled Students on March 7, 2026, at A205. The workshop was convened by Dr Maria A and featured Ms Banu, Assistant Professor of Computer Science and Mr Harry Boniface Prabhu, Indian wheelchair tennis player, Padma Shri awardee and Karnataka Rajyotsava awardee, as resource persons. Around 100 participants, including students, parents, representatives from NGOs and participants from Kristu Jayanti University and CHRIST (Deemed to be University), attended the workshop.

The sessions focused on career opportunities, workplace inclusion and the challenges faced by persons with disabilities. Advocate Shreyas, a visually impaired legal professional and distinguished alumnus of St Joseph's College, also addressed the participants and encouraged students to pursue their aspirations with confidence. The workshop promoted awareness of inclusive workplaces while encouraging students to understand diversity and accessibility in professional environments.

Department of Political Science

Department activities

Guest Lecture on "Minority Rights"

On January 14, 2026, the Department of Political Science, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, St Joseph's University, organised a guest lecture on Minority Rights at the PG Seminar Hall. The lecture was delivered by Prof Arshi Khan, Professor of Political Science, Aligarh Muslim University, for postgraduate students as part of the department's academic initiatives.

Prof Khan examined the constitutional, political and democratic dimensions of minority rights, highlighting the role of constitutional safeguards in protecting minority identities and ensuring equality and justice. He also discussed contemporary challenges faced by minority communities in India, relating constitutional principles to current political developments and democratic practice. The lecture concluded with an interactive discussion during which students engaged with the speaker through questions and reflections. The session strengthened participants' understanding of minority rights and their significance within India's constitutional and democratic framework.

Guest Lecture on "Democracy, Federalism

and Nation Building"

On January 14, 2026, the Department of Political Science, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, St Joseph's University, organised a guest lecture on Democracy, Federalism and Nation Building at the PG Seminar Hall. The lecture was delivered by Prof Arshi Khan, Professor of Political Science, Aligarh Muslim University, for undergraduate students as part of the department's academic initiatives.

Prof Khan examined the relationship between democracy and federalism, highlighting the role of federalism in accommodating diversity, promoting decentralisation and strengthening democratic governance in India. He also discussed contemporary issues in Centre-State relations and the evolving nature of democratic institutions, relating theoretical concepts to current political developments. The lecture concluded with an interactive discussion in which students engaged with the speaker through questions and reflections. The session enhanced participants' understanding of democracy, federalism and nation building within the Indian constitutional framework.

Guest Lecture on "Rise of a Multipolar World and the Transformation of Global Security Architecture"

On March 17, 2026, the Department of Political Science, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, St Joseph's University, organised a distinguished guest lecture on Rise of a Multipolar World and the Transformation of Global Security Architecture at De Nobili Hall. The lecture was delivered by Prof Jawaid Iqbal, Vice-Chancellor, Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University, Rajouri and Professor of International Relations, Aligarh Muslim University. Around 180 students and faculty members attended the programme.

Prof Iqbal examined the changing global balance of power, emerging security challenges and India's strategic role in a multipolar world. Drawing on developments in international relations and global security, he discussed the implications of evolving geopolitical dynamics for peace, conflict and international cooperation. The lecture concluded with an interactive discussion, during which participants engaged with the speaker on contemporary global issues. The session strengthened participants' understanding of international relations, global security and emerging geopolitical trends.

Talk on How to Write on a Political Thinker and How Not to Do Academic Writing

The Department of Political Science, St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, organised a talk on How to Write on a Political Thinker and How Not to Do Academic Writing on February 17, 2026, at the Staff Seminar Hall. The session was delivered by Mr Ashok Gopal, author of A Part Apart: Life and Thought of B R Ambedkar and recipient of the 2024 NIF Book Prize and Mr S Anand, author of The Notebook of Kabir and publisher at Navayana. The programme was attended by 50 participants.

Mr Ashok Gopal discussed approaches to studying political thinkers by situating their ideas within their historical and intellectual contexts while examining their contemporary relevance. Mr S Anand focused on the practice of academic writing, encouraging participants to overcome the challenges of writing through consistent practice and emphasising that scholarly writing can adopt diverse forms and styles. The session provided students with practical insights into academic research and writing while strengthening their understanding of interpreting political thought through critical and contextual analysis.

Talk on Anusuya: An Immortal Character from Cinema Meets a Critical Term from Caste Law

The Department of Political Science, St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, organised a talk on Anusuya: An Immortal Character from Cinema Meets a Critical Term from Caste Law on January 29, 2026, at Faber Hall, Auditorium Block. The session was delivered by Dr Soumyabrata Choudhury, Associate Professor, School of Arts and Aesthetics, Jawaharlal

Nehru University, New Delhi. Fifty students attended the programme.

Dr Choudhury examined the character of Anusuya through the intersections of cinema, caste and law. Drawing on the Manava Dharma Shastra, he discussed how caste regulations shape social identities, particularly those of women and analysed the character's liminal position within the social and cultural context of Bengal. The session concluded with an interactive discussion that enabled students to engage critically with questions of caste, gender and representation in cinema.

Association Activities

Rostrum Politica - Panel Discussion on "Religion, Ethics and Society: Conversations Inspired by Vivekananda"

The Department of Political Science, in collaboration with Rostrum Politica, organised a panel discussion on "Religion, Ethics and Society: Conversations Inspired by Vivekananda" on January 12, 2026, at Aloysius Hall to commemorate National Youth Day. The panel featured Dr Varun Wighmal, Faculty, St Stephen's College, University of Delhi, who joined virtually, Dr Shreejita Biswas, PG Coordinator, Department of Political Science and Dr Praveen Thallapelli, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science. The programme was attended by postgraduate students of Political Science.

The panellists examined the relevance of Swami Vivekananda's ideas in contemporary society, focusing on the relationship between religion, ethics and public life. The discussion explored the role of ethical values in addressing contemporary social issues and encouraged students to reflect on the continuing significance of Vivekananda's thought in shaping responsible citizenship. The session concluded with an interactive discussion during which students engaged with the panellists through questions and reflections. The programme promoted critical inquiry and value-based learning among postgraduate students.

Spectrum - Constitution Day Celebration – "Hamara Samvidhan, Hamara Swabhiman"

The Department of Political Science and Spectrum, in collaboration with NSS Unit 4, organised the Constitution Day Celebration titled "Hamara Samvidhan, Hamara Swabhiman" on November 26, 2025, at Aloysius Hall, Auditorium Block. The programme commemorated the adoption of the Constitution of India and reaffirmed the values of justice, liberty, equality and fraternity. Dr Praveen Thallapelli addressed the 77 participants.

Dr Thallapelli delivered a lecture on the Preamble to the Constitution, explaining its principles and their significance in contemporary India. The session also examined constitutional values in relation to social and political justice, equality, dignity and democratic citizenship. The programme concluded with an interactive discussion during which participants reflected on constitutional rights and responsibilities. The celebration reinforced the importance of constitutional values and democratic participation.

Film Screening of Schindler's List

The Department of Political Science and Spectrum organised a screening of Schindler's List on December 2, 2025, at the AV Room, PG Block, as part of the Human Rights Week celebrations. The programme was attended by 22 students and aimed to promote critical reflection on human rights, discrimination and moral responsibility through cinema.

Directed by Steven Spielberg, Schindler's List depicts the Holocaust through the story of Oskar Schindler, whose efforts saved the lives of more than a thousand Jewish people during the Second World War. Following the screening, participants engaged in a discussion on the film's themes, including discrimination, moral courage, empathy and the role of individual action in challenging injustice. The

programme concluded with an interactive discussion that encouraged students to reflect on the importance of empathy, inclusion and the protection of human rights in contemporary society.

Panel Discussion on "Dignity and Welfare of Farmers"

The Department of Political Science and Spectrum organised a panel discussion on "Dignity and Welfare of Farmers" on December 5, 2025, at Faber Hall, Auditorium Block, as part of the Human Rights Week celebrations. The session featured Mr Benson Isaac as the keynote speaker and was attended by 85 participants.

The discussion examined issues affecting the agricultural sector, including land rights, agrarian distress, indebtedness, farmer suicides, gender inequality in land ownership and the challenges faced by Adivasi communities. The panellists also discussed the need for land reforms, tenancy recognition, mental health support for farmers and policy measures to strengthen agricultural livelihoods. The session concluded with an interactive discussion that encouraged participants to reflect on the importance of protecting farmers' rights and promoting equitable and sustainable rural development.

150th Year of Vande Mataram Celebration

The Department of Political Science and Spectrum, in collaboration with NSS, organised the 150th Year of Vande Mataram Celebration on December 8, 2025, at De Nobili Hall, Auditorium Block. The programme commemorated the 150th anniversary of Vande Mataram and reflected on its historical significance in India's freedom movement. Eighty participants attended the programme.

The programme featured a mass rendition of Vande Mataram, followed by a lecture by Dr Shreejita Biswas on the historical origins of the song, its association with Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay's Anandamath and its role in shaping anti-colonial nationalism. The session also examined the historical context of the Bengal famine, the Sanyasi Rebellion and the evolution of nationalist thought. NSS volunteers presented posters highlighting the legacy of Vande Mataram. The programme concluded by reaffirming the historical and cultural significance of Vande Mataram in India's national movement and its continuing relevance in understanding the country's intellectual and political history.

Valedictory Ceremony of Human Rights Week

The Department of Political Science and Spectrum, in collaboration with partner institutions and non-governmental organisations, organised the Valedictory Ceremony of Human Rights Week on December 10, 2025, at Xavier Hall, PG Block. The programme marked the conclusion of a ten-day Human Rights Week campaign comprising lectures, discussions, competitions and awareness programmes. The chief guest was Justice N K Sudhindra Rao, Chairperson, Police Complaints Authority and former Judge of the High Court of Karnataka and the keynote address was delivered by Ms Ashwini Obulesh, Advocate, High Court of Karnataka and Founder, Dhvani Legal Trust. Eighty-seven participants attended the programme.

The speakers highlighted the importance of protecting human rights, promoting legal awareness and strengthening democratic values. The programme also included the distribution of prizes to winners of the Human Rights Week competitions and cultural performances centred on the themes of equality, justice and human dignity. The ceremony concluded with an oath-taking ceremony and a candlelight vigil, reaffirming the participants' commitment to promoting and safeguarding human rights.

Lecture on "Conversations on Understanding Prejudice, Stereotypes, Discrimination and Inclusion"

The Department of Political Science and Spectrum organised a lecture on "Conversations

on Understanding Prejudice, Stereotypes, Discrimination and Inclusion" on December 17, 2025, at the AV Room, PG Block. The session was delivered by Mr Thangminlal Haokip, lawyer and social worker and was attended by 55 participants.

Mr Haokip examined the concepts of prejudice, stereotypes, discrimination and inclusion, highlighting their impact on individuals and communities. Drawing on the experiences of people from North East India, he discussed issues of migration, social exclusion, cultural misunderstanding and discrimination, while emphasising the importance of empathy, diversity and inclusive social practices. The session concluded with an interactive discussion that encouraged participants to reflect on unconscious bias and the role of individuals in fostering an inclusive and equitable society.

Yuvaneeti 2025

The Department of Political Science and Spectrum organised Yuvaneeti 2025, an inter-collegiate fest on the theme "Uniting Regions through Inclusive Growth and Equality in India", on December 18, 2025, at St Joseph's University, Bengaluru. The fest brought together over 150 participants from institutions across Bengaluru to promote critical engagement with politics, governance and public policy through academic and cultural competitions.

The inaugural session featured an address by Dr Priyanca Mathur, who spoke on regional disparities, inclusive growth and balanced development. The fest included competitions such as debates, quizzes, poster presentations, an escape room, art events and a fashion walk, encouraging participants to demonstrate critical thinking, teamwork and creativity while engaging with contemporary political and social issues. The fest concluded with a valedictory ceremony during which winners were recognised for their performances. The programme provided a platform for inter-collegiate interaction and reinforced the importance of democratic participation and civic engagement among young people.



A commemorative group photograph from Yuvaneeti 2025

Documentary Screening and Discussion of Gail and Bharath

The Department of Political Science and Spectrum, in collaboration with Rostrum Politica and Social Zest, organised a screening and discussion of the documentary Gail and Bharath on January 8, 2026, at Xavier Hall, PG Block. The programme aimed to encourage critical engagement with issues of caste, religion, social justice and grassroots activism through documentary cinema. A total of 157 participants attended the programme. Directed by Mr Somnath Waghmare, Gail and Bharath explores the lives and work of Gail Omvedt and Bharath Patankar, highlighting their contributions to anti-caste movements, farmers' rights and social justice. Following the screening, Dr Praveen Thallapelli, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science and Mr Waghmare led a discussion on the documentary's themes, including caste, class, religion and democratic movements. The programme concluded with an interactive discussion that enabled participants to engage with the speakers and reflect on the continuing relevance of social justice movements in contemporary India.

The North-East Youth Civic Engagement Initiative (NYCE)

The Department of Political Science and

Spectrum organised The North-East Youth Civic Engagement Initiative (NYCE) on January 10, 2026, at Faber Hall, Auditorium Block. The programme comprised a digital safety training session and a panel discussion aimed at promoting civic engagement, digital literacy and youth participation in public life. Ninety-four participants attended the programme.

The first session, conducted in partnership with Asia Centre and Google, focused on digital safety and cyber awareness, equipping participants with practical knowledge to identify misinformation, online scams and cyber threats. The second session, titled "Placing Voices at the Centre: Youth Voices in Shaping Policy and Action", brought together experts from public policy, research, journalism and civil society to discuss inclusive governance, representation and the role of young people in policymaking. The programme concluded with an interactive discussion, encouraging participants to engage critically with issues of digital citizenship, public policy and democratic participation.

Power of Vote Workshop

The Department of Political Science and Spectrum, in collaboration with Namaste Democracy, organised the Power of Vote Workshop on January 12, 2026, at De Nobili Hall. The workshop aimed to promote electoral literacy and encourage informed democratic participation among students. Thirty participants attended the programme.

The workshop introduced participants to the Indian electoral system through interactive mock voting exercises simulating the three levels of government. Students explored key features of the electoral process, including universal adult franchise, the first-past-the-post system and the federal structure of governance, while engaging in discussions on the importance of informed voting and civic responsibility. The workshop concluded with an interactive session that encouraged participants to appreciate voting as both a constitutional right and a civic responsibility, strengthening their understanding of democratic participation POL02 A group photograph following the Power of Vote Workshop

Symposium on "The Ambivalent Republic: India between Constitutional Promise and Political Practice"

The Department of Political Science and Spectrum, in collaboration with Jesuit Higher Education in South Asia (JHEASA) and the Karnataka Jesuit Province Higher Education Commission (PCHE), organised a symposium on "The Ambivalent Republic: India between Constitutional Promise and Political Practice" on March 16, 2026, at S411. The symposium brought together scholars, faculty members and students to examine the relationship between constitutional ideals and contemporary political practice. Ninety-six participants attended the programme.

The symposium featured Mr Samar Halarnkar, Founder Editor, Article 14; Dr Khalid Anis Ansari, Associate Professor of Sociology, Azim Premji University; and Dr Sujit Kumar, Assistant Professor, Azim Premji University. The speakers examined constitutional governance, media freedom, caste, minority rights, political economy, pluralism and democratic institutions, encouraging critical reflection on the challenges confronting the Indian republic. The symposium concluded with an interactive discussion during which participants engaged with the speakers on contemporary constitutional and political issues. The programme strengthened academic dialogue on democracy, constitutionalism and public policy.

Distinguished Lecture on "The Electoral Republic: Democracy, Representation and the Integrity of the Vote"

The Department of Political Science and Spectrum, in collaboration with Jesuit Higher Education in South Asia (JHEASA) and the Karnataka Jesuit Province Higher Education Commission (PCHE), organised a distinguished lecture on "The Electoral Republic: Democracy,

Representation and the Integrity of the Vote" on March 23, 2026, at the University Auditorium. The lecture was delivered by Mr SY Quraishi, former Chief Election Commissioner of India and attended by over 600 participants.

Mr Quraishi examined the relationship between democracy, political representation and electoral integrity, highlighting the challenges of conducting free and fair elections in a diverse democracy. He discussed voter education, the role of Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs), the Model Code of Conduct, electoral inclusion and measures adopted by the Election Commission to strengthen transparency and public confidence in the electoral process. The lecture concluded with an interactive discussion, during which participants engaged with the speaker on issues relating to electoral governance and democratic accountability. The programme strengthened students' understanding of India's electoral system and the institutions that uphold democratic values.



Faculty Achievements

Dr Shreejita Biswas, Assistant Professor

- Published a research article titled "The Post-Covid World Order and Ukraine War: Analysing the Normative Trajectory of the R2P Norm in the Global South" in India Quarterly, a Scopus-indexed journal, in 2025
- Published a popular article titled "G20 Africa 2025: How Global South Rewrote Norms of Economic Cooperation" in The Diplomatist on December 24, 2025
- Served as a reviewer for peer-reviewed articles in Cambridge Review of International Affairs, International Affairs and the Journal of Global Responsibility to Protect
- Served as a discussant for an online session on "India's Foreign Policy and Sovereignty Paradox: A Theoretical Framework", organised by The Daak Baithak, on October 25, 2025
- Delivered a masterclass titled "Geopolitical Imaginaries and the Making of World Order: From Cartographic Imperialism to Post-Cold War Power Configurations", organised by the Centre for Research in Social Sciences and Education, JAIN (Deemed-to-be University), on March 5, 2026

Dr Roshni Sharma, Assistant Professor

- Published a book chapter titled "Contesting 'Citizenship': Voices of Pakistani Refugee Women" in New Frontiers in the Register of Migration and Refugee Studies, published by Springer, in 2026
- Presented a paper titled "Gendered Silences in Climate Fortresses: Critiquing Securitised Policy from the Global South" at the International Roundtable on The Geopolitics of Climate Change and the Securitisation of Climate-Induced Migration, organised by the Centre for Research in Social Science and Education, JAIN (Deemed-to-be University), in collaboration with the Pathfinder Foundation, Sri Lanka, on March 26, 2026
- Delivered a special lecture titled "Caught Between Borders: Pakistani Hindu Refugees' Precarious Journey to India" for postgraduate students at the Centre for Research in Social Science and Education, JAIN (Deemed-to-be University), on March 4, 2026
- Published an article titled "The Perpetual Identity Crossroads: Life between Saree,

Salwar and Two Homes" in Kitaab in February 2026

Dr Shaik Sadiqulla Hussain, Assistant Professor

- Presented a paper at the International Conference on Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam and Beyond: Exploring India–West Asia Knowledge Traditions, organised by the Centre for West Asian Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, in March 2026
- Presented a paper at the 9th International Academic Forum on Asia and the Middle East, organised by the Middle East Studies Institute, Shanghai International Studies University, China, in September 2026
- Participated in the eight-day Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Programme organised by Maharshi Dayanand Saraswati University, Rajasthan, under the University Grants Commission, from February 3 to 10, 2026
- Organised a distinguished lecture on "Minority Rights and Legitimacy of the State" by Prof Arshi Khan, Aligarh Muslim University, for postgraduate students on January 14, 2026
- Organised a distinguished lecture on "Democracy, Federalism and Nation Building" by Prof Arshi Khan, Aligarh Muslim University, for undergraduate students on January 14, 2026
- Organised a distinguished lecture on "Rise of a Multipolar World and the Transformation of Global Security Architecture" by Prof Jawaid Iqbal, Vice-Chancellor, Baba Ghulam Shah Badshah University, for undergraduate and postgraduate students on March 17, 2026

Department of International Relations, Public Policy and Peace Studies

Department Activities

Guest Lecture on "Leapfrogging or Layering? India's Path to Advanced Defence Technologies Between Indigenous Manufacturing and Institutional Depth"

The St Joseph's Research and Innovation Council (SJRIC), in collaboration with the Department of International Relations, Peace Studies and Public Policy, organised a guest lecture on "Leapfrogging or Layering? India's Path to Advanced Defence Technologies Between Indigenous Manufacturing and Institutional Depth" on February 20, 2026, at St Joseph's University, Bengaluru. The lecture was delivered by Major Arun Sreedharan (Retd), Deputy Director, Centre for National Security Studies, Ramaiah University of Applied Sciences. Major Sreedharan examined India's evolving defence capabilities, focusing on indigenous manufacturing, technological innovation and institutional preparedness. He discussed the opportunities and challenges associated with developing advanced defence technologies and highlighted their significance for national security and strategic autonomy. The lecture concluded with an interactive discussion, enabling participants to engage with contemporary issues in defence policy, technology and national security.

Association Activities

Talk on "The Power of Compassionate Leadership in Contemporary Times"

The International Students Association and ASPIRE, in collaboration with the Peace Institute, organised a talk on "The Power of Compassionate Leadership in Contemporary Times" on January 12, 2026, at St Joseph's University, Bengaluru. The session was delivered by Geshe Lodoe Sangpo, Director, Science Center, Gaden Jangste Monastic University, Mundgod, Karnataka and explored the role of compassion and ethical leadership in contemporary society.

The speaker discussed the importance of empathy, mindfulness and ethical decision-making in leadership, highlighting how compassion can strengthen personal integrity, social responsibility and inclusive governance. The session encouraged participants to reflect

on leadership as a means of promoting peace and collective well-being. The programme concluded with an interactive discussion, providing students with an opportunity to engage with the speaker on the relevance of compassionate leadership in addressing contemporary social and global challenges.

Talk on "Multipolarity and 'Selective Multilateralism': How States Hedge Without Quitting Institutions"

The St Joseph's Research and Innovation Council (SJRIC), in collaboration with the Department of International Relations, Peace Studies and Public Policy, organised a talk on "Multipolarity and 'Selective Multilateralism': How States Hedge Without Quitting Institutions" on February 13, 2026, at St Joseph's University, Bengaluru. The lecture was delivered by Prof Sujata Ashwarya, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi and examined contemporary shifts in the global political order.

Prof Ashwarya discussed the emergence of multipolarity and the concept of selective multilateralism, explaining how states balance strategic interests while continuing to engage with international institutions. The session examined changing patterns of global governance and their implications for international relations. The lecture concluded with an interactive discussion, providing participants with an opportunity to engage with contemporary debates on global politics and international cooperation.

Guest Lecture on "Through a Diplomat's Lens: Turning Points in Global Politics"

The National Institute of Advanced Studies (NIAS), the St Joseph's Research and Innovation Council (SJRIC) and ASPIRE of the Department of International Relations, Peace Studies and Public Policy organised a guest lecture on "Through a Diplomat's Lens: Turning Points in Global Politics" on February 19, 2026, at St Joseph's University, Bengaluru. The lecture was delivered by Amb (Retd) Sudhir T Devare, who shared insights from his diplomatic career and examined key developments in international politics.

Amb Devare discussed major turning points in global politics, the evolution of India's foreign policy and the role of diplomacy in addressing contemporary international challenges. He also highlighted the changing geopolitical landscape and its implications for global governance and international cooperation. The lecture concluded with an interactive discussion, providing participants with an opportunity to engage with contemporary issues in diplomacy, foreign policy and international relations.

System Failure: A Crisis Simulation Competition

The Department of International Relations, Peace Studies and Public Policy, through ASPIRE, organised System Failure: A Crisis Simulation Competition on February 26, 2026, at St Joseph's University, Bengaluru. The competition challenged students to respond to evolving geopolitical crises, encouraging the application of analytical, strategic and decision-making skills in simulated policy environments.

Participants assumed decision-making roles and developed responses to dynamic international scenarios, requiring them to assess complex political developments, negotiate competing interests and formulate policy recommendations under time constraints. The simulation promoted collaborative problem-solving and practical engagement with contemporary issues in international relations. The competition concluded with the announcement of winners, with Kavyansh Puri (II Semester BA INJPP) securing first place. The event strengthened participants' understanding of crisis management, diplomacy and strategic decision-making.

The Final Episode: Farewell for the Outgoing Batch

The Department of International Relations, Peace Studies and Public Policy, through

ASPIRE, organised The Final Episode, a farewell programme for the outgoing INPP and JIN batches, on March 23, 2026, at St Joseph's University, Bengaluru. The programme celebrated the graduating students' academic journey and recognised their contributions to the department and the association.

The farewell featured addresses by faculty members, cultural performances and the recognition of ASPIRE office bearers and student volunteers. The programme also paid tribute to Mr Ryan James Wilson for his contributions to the department and the association. The event concluded with a formal farewell to the graduating students, reaffirming the department's appreciation for their contributions and wishing them success in their future academic and professional endeavours.

Faculty Achievements

Dr Karamala Areesh Kumar, Professor and Head

- Served as a Research Advisory Committee (RAC) and Doctoral Committee (DC) member for PhD scholars at Alliance University, Bengaluru, in 2025.
- Delivered a popular lecture on "China's Geopolitical Strategies" at APRDC, Nagarjuna Sagar andhra Pradesh, on September 8, 2025.
- Served on the Editorial Board of the Journal of Contemporary Politics, Bengaluru University, during 2025–26.
- Delivered a guest lecture on "Skills in Research Paper Writing" at St RBANM's College, Bengaluru, on March 20, 2025.
- Served as Subject Expert for the evaluation of M.A. Public Policy dissertations at Mount Carmel College, Bengaluru, on April 15, 2025.
- Served as External Subject Expert for the recruitment of Political Science faculty at Mysore Education Society (MES), Bengaluru, on August 6, 2025.
- Appointed as a Member of the Board of Studies of Jyoti Nivas College, Presidency College and M.S. Ramaiah College of Arts, Science and Commerce, Bengaluru, for 2025–26.
- Invited as an external member for Viksit Bharat 2026, inaugurated by Shri Basavaraj Horatti, Chairperson, Karnataka Legislative Council, at Gandhi Bhavan, on March 24 and 25, 2026.
- Delivered an online guest lecture on "Geopolitical Strategies of China in the Contemporary World" at the Central University of Andhra Pradesh on February 25, 2026.
- Chaired a session at the International Conference 'Bharat-Eurasian Geopolitics', organised by Christ (Deemed-to-be University), Bengaluru, on July 26, 2025.
- Presented a paper titled "The Democratic Illusion: The Hypocrisy of Western Democracy in Global Governance" at the International Conference 'Democracy Beyond the State', organised by Loyola College (Autonomous), Chennai, on March 5, 2026.
- Presented a paper titled "Nord Stream Pipeline Politics: India's Balancing Act in the Russia–Ukraine Energy Conflict" at the conference 'World Peace and Order', organised by the University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram, on February 25, 2026.
- Presented a paper titled "Maritime Competition and Counter Strategies in the Indo-Pacific: From Pearls to Diamonds" at the conference 'Shifting Geopolitics in South Asia: Opportunities and Constraints for India', organised by ICSSR-NERC, Shillong and Assam University, on January 9, 2026.
- Published a Scopus-indexed research article titled "Locating Caste in SDGs: A Critical Analysis of Caste Discrimination and Its Implications for India's Development Agenda" in Asian Bioethics Review in December 2025.
- Published the articles "Ending Preventable Maternal Mortality", "Coaching Centres and Rising Student Distress" and "Argentina's

Rejection of the BRICS Membership" in Economic and Political Weekly.
- Published the article "RCB Wins, but Who Really Lost?" in Mainstream Weekly in 2025.
- Published the article "A Governance Breakdown and a String of Preventable Tragedies" in Deccan Herald in 2025.
- Published the article "Cold War in AI Era" in Telangana Today in 2025.
- Co-authored the opinion article "India's Tobacco Tax 2026: Public Health or Revenue Strategy?" in Telangana Today on February 24, 2026.
- Published the article "Strings of Pearl: China's Dominance on African Ports" on April 9, 2025.
- Published the article "Between Isolation and Recognition: Israel, Palestine and the New Global Consensus" on October 25, 2025.

Dr Parvathy Poornima, Assistant Professor
- Published the article "Time to Pass the NRI Marriage Bill" in Deccan Herald.
- Published the article "Recognised After Death: Feminist Readings of Nandita K.S. and Emily Dickinson's Poetry" in Feminism in India.
- Published the article "Has Bollywood Abandoned Stereotypical NRI-Themed Movies of the 90s?"
- Published the article "The Model Minority Delusion: Indians amid Anti-Immigrant Backlash in the UK".

Student Achievements

Hridya Biju, Final Year JIN
- Presented and published a paper titled "Shared Goals, Clean Cities: India–China Sanitation Efforts in Convergence with Sustainable Development Goals" at SDM Institute of Management.
- Presented a paper titled "Health Equity as Preventive Peacebuilding: Comparative Analysis of Rwanda and Sri Lanka" at St Aloysius (Deemed to be University), Mangaluru.

Daryl Elijah Momin, Final Year INPP
- Published the article "Belt & Road or Chains of Silence?" in The Dialectics.
- Published the article "Bridging Hill–Valley Divide: Understanding Manipur's Ethnic Conflict and Path to Peace" in Northeast Now.
- Published the article "Why Mizoram Has India's Highest HIV Prevalence" in Northeast Now.
- Presented a paper titled "Technology and Generations of War" at St Joseph's University, Bengaluru.
- Presented a paper titled "A Larger Price to Pay: Investigating the Belt and Road Initiative and Uyghur Muslims" at St Joseph's University, Bengaluru.
- Presented a paper titled "The Ecology of Belonging" at Christ (Deemed to be University), Bengaluru.
- Presented a paper titled "Caste as a Determinant of Maternal and Child Nutrition" at St Aloysius (Deemed to be University), Mangaluru.
- Presented a paper titled "After the Last Deer" at St Francis College for Women, Hyderabad.

KS Ila Sagara, Final Year INPP
- Presented a paper titled "A Larger Price to Pay" at St Joseph's University, Bengaluru.
- Presented a paper titled "Caste as a Determinant of Maternal and Child Nutrition" at St Aloysius (Deemed to be University), Mangaluru.
- Published the article "Whaling and the Web of Life" in The Dialectics.
- Published the book chapter "Constitutional Validity of Marital Rape Exemptions" in a book on the Constitution of India.
- Presented a paper titled "Constitutional Validity of Marital Rape Exemptions" at Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab.

Shristy Bhattacharjee, Final Year INPP

- Presented a paper on the Sustainable Development Goals at St Aloysius (Deemed to be University), Mangaluru.
- Published an article on Bengaluru's air quality crisis in Metro Times.
- Published the article "Hooking the Dragon: India's Fish Hook Strategy."

Visalini Kesavan, Final Year INPP

- Presented a paper titled "Constitutional Identity of India" at BMS College of Law, Bengaluru.
- Safura Khan, Final Year INPP
- Published the article "Donald Trump's 2024 Campaign" in Modern Ghana.
- Published the article "Modern Warfare: Weaponization of Ones and Zeroes" in C3S.
- Published the article "The Paradox of Drug Money" in Modern Ghana.
- Presented a paper on digital warfare at the Manipal Institute of Communication.
- Presented a paper on Israel–Palestine at Madras Christian College.
- Presented a paper at the All India Political Science Conference, Bikaner.
- Presented a paper on Islamophobia at Christ (Deemed to be University), Bengaluru.
- Presented a paper on automation in warfare at St Aloysius (Deemed to be University), Mangaluru.
- Presented a paper on India's foreign policy at Jamia Hamdard, New Delhi.

Dev Chandekar, Final Year INPP

- Presented a paper on social safety net programmes in India.
- Published a book chapter on social safety net programmes in India.
- Presented a paper at the Young Scholars' Seminar at St Joseph's University, Bengaluru.
- Published an article on India's Indo-Pacific diplomacy.
- Published an article on Bengaluru's air quality crisis in Metro Times.
- Presented a paper on Chinese influence in Africa at MIT World Peace University.

Vrishti Shenoy, Final Year INPP

Published an article on North Korea's role in the Russia–Ukraine war.

Rampalli Namratha, Final Year INPP

Published an article on Gaza and Kashmir in Society for the Study of Peace and Conflict.
Presented a paper on cyber security at Christ Law School, Bengaluru.

Aryagayathri R, Second Year INJPP

Presented a paper titled "Unipolarity to Multipolarity: Role of BRICS in Reshaping the World Order."
Presented a paper titled "Sustainable Growth and the Sustainable Development Goals: Emerging Pathways and its Linkage."
Published the article "How a US Economic Collapse Could Reshape the World?" in Modern Diplomacy.
Served as Chairperson at MUNIC MUN International Conference 2025, Kochi.

Neel Atreya Prabhakar, Second Year INJPP

Presented a paper titled "The Crisis of Belonging for Northeast Youth in Bangalore" at St Francis College for Women.
Presented a paper titled "How Women are Re-establishing Early Vedic Political Power Through Voting" at Kristu Jayanti College.

Tahreem Asim, Second Year INJPP

- Presented a paper titled "Ayurveda and Health Tourism: India's Role in Global Health Governance" at Kristu Jayanti College.
- Published the article "The Privatization of Warfare: The Role of Starlink in the Russia–Ukraine War" in The Dialectics.
- Published the article "Strings of Pearl: China's Dominance on African Ports" in Modern Ghana.
- Presented a paper titled "Russia–Ukraine Crisis and European Energy Security" at St Joseph's University, Bengaluru.
- Presented a paper titled "Gender Justice and Accessibility in Karnataka's Shakti Scheme" at Christ (Deemed to be University),

Bengaluru.
- Presented a paper titled "Maritime Zones and Law of the Sea" at Christ (Deemed to be University), Bengaluru.
- Presented a paper titled "Understanding Dalit Patriarchy" at BMS College for Women.
- Published the article "Gaza Conflict – Starvation as a Weapon of War" in Telangana Today.
- Published the article "Israel, Palestine and the New Global Consensus" in Society for the Study of Peace and Conflict.
- Published the article "India Submarine Fleet: Capabilities and Strategy."
- Published the article "Regulating Hate Speech without Silencing Dissent" in Metro Times.

Thejaswini N, Second Year INJPP
- Published an article in Metro Times.
- Stevenson Jacob, Second Year INJPP
- Published the article "La Nina: The Hidden Force Worsening India's Air Pollution" in The Dialectics.
- Published the article "Cold War in the AI Era" in Telangana Today.
- Published the article "A Governance Breakdown and Preventable Tragedies" in Deccan Herald.
- Published the article "RCB Wins, But Who Really Lost?" in Mainstream Weekly.
- Published the article "Does Renaming MGNREGA Address Rural Distress?" in Deccan Herald.

Ananya Baruwa, Second Year INJPP
- Presented a paper on agroforestry systems of the Khasi Hills and the Amazon.
- Presented a paper on virtual water flows in India–Saudi Arabia trade.
- Presented a paper on the Russia–North Korea–China strategic triangle.

Joanna Dnold, Second Year INJPP
- Presented a paper on oceanic states and sovereignty.

Kavyansh Puri, Second Year INJPP
- Presented a paper on Viksit Bharat 2047.

Shwetha Nagarajan, First Year INJPP
- Presented a paper at the conference 'Re-evaluating Progress: SDGs for the Global South' at SDMIMD, Mysuru.
- Presented a paper titled "Access to Justice and Human Rights" at St Aloysius (Deemed to be University), Mangaluru.
- Presented a paper titled "Judicial Protection of Democracy" at Government First Grade College, Ballari.
- Presented a paper titled "Constitutional Identity of India" at BMS College of Law, Bengaluru.
- Presented a paper titled "Layered Marginalities" at Government First Grade College, Shivamogga.

Laasya, First Year INJPP
- Presented a paper on Brexit and India–UK relations at an international webinar.

Khushi Arora, First Year INJPP
- Presented a paper on Brexit and India–UK relations at an international webinar.

Department of Psychology

Association Activities

Movie Screening of Dil Chahta Hai

Sumana, the PG Psychology Association, organised a screening of Dil Chahta Hai on January 8, 2026, at Xavier Hall. The programme aimed to encourage students to reflect on friendship, personal growth and resilience through cinema. Approximately 150–200 students attended the screening.

The film explored themes of relationships, aspirations and self-discovery, providing students with an opportunity to examine personal and interpersonal experiences from a psychological perspective. The screening also encouraged informal discussion on emotional well-being and life transitions.

The programme provided participants with a shared learning experience and reinforced the role of cinema as a medium for reflection on mental health and personal development.



Introduction to Play Therapy

Sumana, the PG Psychology Association, organised a session on Introduction to Play Therapy on January 19, 2026, at Psychology Labs 6 and 7. The session was conducted by Ms Anjana and attended by 40 students.

The resource person introduced participants to the principles and techniques of play therapy through experiential activities and creative exercises. Students explored the therapeutic use of play, artistic expression and emotional communication while gaining practical insights into the application of play therapy in counselling settings.

The session concluded with a reflective discussion that enabled participants to consolidate their understanding of play therapy and its role in promoting emotional well-being.
PSY01 Students engaging in experiential activities during the Introduction to Play Therapy session

WordWave: Essay Writing Competition

Sumana, the PG Psychology Association, organised WordWave, an online essay writing competition, on January 19, 2026. The competition invited participants to write on the theme "Social Media: Friend or Foe?" and encouraged critical reflection on the influence of social media in contemporary society.

Participants examined the opportunities and challenges associated with social media, presenting balanced and evidence-based arguments. The competition promoted critical thinking, academic writing and effective communication while encouraging students to engage with a relevant social issue. The initiative provided participants with an opportunity to strengthen their analytical and writing skills through academic expression.

Zumba Session

Sumana, the PG Psychology Association, organised a Zumba session on January 23, 2026, at the Quadrangle near the Science Block. The wellness programme was conducted to promote physical activity, stress management and psychological well-being among students and faculty. Seventy participants attended the session.

Led by a professional instructor, the session combined physical exercise with music and movement, encouraging participants to adopt healthy lifestyle practices while providing an opportunity for relaxation and social interaction. The programme promoted holistic well-being and reinforced the importance of balancing academic commitments with physical and mental health.



Staff Achievements

Dr Neeta Gerosa Pereira, Associate Professor

- Published a research article titled "An Interactive Psychoeducational Module for Indian Mothers Towards the Prevention

of Child Sexual Abuse" in Child & Youth Services, a Scopus-indexed journal, in 2026
- Co-authored a research article titled "A Scale to Measure Workplace Exploitation (WEx-5)" in Journal of Workplace Behavioral Health, a Scopus-indexed journal, in 2025
- Co-authored a research article titled "Factors Associated with a Meaningful Life for Transgender Women in India: Implications for Social Work Practice" in Social Work in Mental Health, a Scopus-indexed journal, in 2025

SCHOOL OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Department Of Computer Science

Department Activities

2nd International Conference on Recent Trends in Advanced Computing (ICRAC 2026)

The School of Information Technology organised the ANRF-sponsored 2nd International Conference on Recent Trends in Advanced Computing (ICRAC 2026) on February 20–21, 2026, at St Joseph's University in hybrid mode. The conference commenced with an inaugural ceremony attended by the Vice-Chancellor, Pro Vice-Chancellors, Registrar, Dean, Director, Chief Guest Dato' Prof Dr Syamala Subramaniam, Dean, School of Information Technology, University Putra Malaysia and Guest of Honour Padma Shri Dr Bimal Kumar Roy, ISEA Chair Professor, Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata.

The conference brought together academicians, researchers, industry professionals and scholars, receiving over 200 research paper submissions from institutions across the country. It featured keynote addresses, five technical sessions and 12 parallel paper presentation sessions. A Research Conclave on the theme 'Impact of AI in Research' included a panel discussion with experts from the International Centre for Theoretical Sciences–Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, IIT Delhi, IIM Bodh Gaya and IIT Roorkee. Moderated by Dr Kanishka, the discussion examined the role of artificial intelligence in research. The conference concluded with a valedictory ceremony attended by Col Binoj Koshy, India Chairman, DPO Club, Bengaluru and Dr Manjunath S, Principal Engineer, Samsung Electro-Mechanics, Bengaluru.

The Conference of Catholic Colleges of Karnataka

The Conference of Catholic Colleges of Karnataka (CCCK), in collaboration with St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, organised a Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on the theme 'Applications of Artificial Intelligence in Higher Education'. The programme was coordinated by the School of Information Technology under the leadership of Dr A M Bojamma, Dean, School of Information Technology, Dr Mrinmoyee Bhattacharya, CDC Coordinator, Dr Sara Kutty, Dr Puneeth S and Dr Harish H. The FDP featured sessions by Dr Sreenivas, Anandi Giridharan and Dr Vinay M on integrating artificial intelligence into higher education. The speakers discussed AI-driven approaches to curriculum design, course planning, assessment, research support and administrative automation, while emphasising ethical AI practices, effective prompting, academic integrity and research productivity. A panel discussion moderated by Dr Shalini R, with panellists Dr Seema Sambargi, Dr Naveen NC and Dr Vinay M, offered practical insights into AI adoption in higher education. The programme concluded by highlighting the responsible use of artificial intelligence to support educators, enhance productivity and prepare institutions for future technological advancements.

Lecture on 'Generative AI and Future Computing'

The School of Information Technology organised an AICTE Distinguished Professional Scheme

Lecture on February 13, 2026, at the University Auditorium for undergraduate and postgraduate students. The lecture focused on emerging developments in artificial intelligence and their impact on future computing. Dr A M Bojamma, Dean, School of Information Technology, welcomed the gathering and highlighted the growing significance of artificial intelligence in higher education and the need for institutions to adapt to technological advancements. Dr BG Prasanthi introduced the Chief Guest, Dr Venugopal KR, Former Vice-Chancellor of Bangalore University, IEEE Fellow and ACM Distinguished Educator.

In his keynote address on 'Generative AI and Future Computing', Dr Venugopal traced the evolution of artificial intelligence from rule-based systems to machine learning and deep learning. He discussed large language models, neural networks, algorithmic design and the applications of generative AI in education, healthcare, software development, business analytics and creative industries. He also emphasised ethical AI practices, data privacy and responsible innovation while encouraging students to strengthen their foundations in mathematics, programming and algorithms. The interactive session concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr B Nithya, PG Coordinator.

Interactive Session on Research Process

The School of Information Technology conducted an Interactive Session on Research Process under the AICTE Distinguished Professional Scheme for faculty members on February 13, 2026, at the Conference Hall, Magis Block. The session aimed to strengthen research practices, promote interdisciplinary approaches and explore the role of artificial intelligence in research. The session was delivered by Dr Venugopal K R, Former Vice-Chancellor of Bangalore University, IEEE Fellow and ACM Distinguished Educator. Drawing from his academic journey, he shared insights into the PhD research process, interdisciplinary scholarship, AI-enabled research practices and emerging research domains.

Dr Venugopal discussed the systematic selection and refinement of research topics, the importance of interdisciplinary collaboration and the use of artificial intelligence tools to support research and teaching. He introduced the Paper–Patent–Product (PPP) model, encouraging research that leads to innovation and practical outcomes. He also highlighted emerging areas, including quantum computing, deepfakes, artificial intelligence legislation, copyright law reforms and technology-driven policy development. The session concluded with an interactive discussion that encouraged faculty members to adopt ethical, impactful and technology-enabled research practices.

Seminar on Career Readiness and Employability Skills

The School of Information Technology organised a seminar on career readiness and employability skills to prepare students for the placement process. The session focused on developing essential non-technical skills, understanding industry expectations and building a growth mindset for long-term career success. The seminar was delivered by Mr Alexander Rinku, a human resources professional with extensive global experience at Oracle. In his address, he highlighted the importance of purpose, passion and perseverance as the foundation for professional success. He encouraged students to cultivate a growth mindset through continuous learning and adaptability while emphasising that communication skills and emotional intelligence are as important as technical expertise. Mr Alexander Rinku also discussed emerging industry demands, urging students to develop skills in artificial intelligence, big data, cybersecurity and full-stack engineering.

He stressed that professionals who effectively use artificial intelligence will remain competitive in the evolving job market. The session concluded with practical strategies for managing stress through mindfulness and making informed career decisions. The seminar

provided students with valuable insights into industry expectations and encouraged them to develop both technical expertise and essential professional skills.

One-Day Hackathon

The Cybernetics Association of the Department of Computer Science, under the School of Information Technology, organised a one-day Hackathon on December 20, 2025, at the Magis Block, St Joseph's University. The event provided students with a platform to develop innovative technology-driven solutions to real-world challenges while fostering creativity, collaboration and problem-solving skills. The hackathon attracted 44 teams comprising individual participants, pairs and groups, who competed across three themes: FinTech, EdTech and Space & Exploration. Following a briefing on the competition guidelines and evaluation criteria, participants identified problem statements, designed solution frameworks, developed prototypes and prepared their final submissions. As part of the event, participants visited a project exhibition showcasing innovative undergraduate and postgraduate projects, including the Phishing Simulation Kit, Smart ICU Automation, Sketch Quest and the FarmEase Greenhouse Automation System, gaining valuable exposure to practical applications of technology. The hackathon concluded with project evaluations, presentations and a valedictory ceremony. Addressing the participants, Fr Denzil Lobo, SJ, Director, School of Information Technology and Dr A M Bojamma, Dean, School of Information Technology, encouraged students to pursue innovation, experiential learning and academic excellence.

Design Thinking Workshop

The Institution's Innovation Council, in collaboration with the School of Information Technology, organised a workshop on Design Thinking on December 20, 2025, at St Joseph's University. The session was attended by students of the School of Information Technology and representatives of the Institution's Innovation Council. The workshop was conducted by Mr Alexander Rinku, who emphasised the importance of cultivating an innovation-driven mindset and highlighted the role of design thinking and critical thinking in addressing real-world challenges. The session introduced participants to the principles of design thinking, structured problem-solving and innovation strategies adopted by modern organisations. Drawing on his corporate experience, the resource person explained the stages of the design thinking process—Empathise, Define, Ideate, Prototype and Test—and demonstrated how organisations develop user-centric solutions through creative thinking.

He also discussed critical thinking techniques, innovation in organisations and real-world applications of design thinking. Interactive activities and discussions encouraged participants to strengthen their analytical and problem-solving skills. The workshop concluded with an engaging session that enhanced students' understanding of design thinking and inspired them to apply these concepts in their academic projects and future professional endeavours.

Memorandum of Understanding with Sherpavector Pvt. Ltd.

The School of Information Technology, St Joseph's University, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Sherpavector Pvt. Ltd. on March 23, 2026, to strengthen academic–industry collaboration in Artificial Intelligence (AI), Machine Learning (ML) and emerging technologies. The collaboration aims to establish a Centre of Excellence in AI and ML to promote innovation, applied research and advanced learning while bridging the gap between academia and industry. The Centre of Excellence will focus on AI, ML, Data Analytics, Data Science, Cloud Computing, Cybersecurity and emerging areas such as Physical AI and Quantum Technologies. The initiative will provide students with opportunities to work on industry projects, internships, research associate programmes, mentorship from industry experts

and industry-aligned certification programmes, enhancing practical and application-oriented learning. The collaboration will also strengthen faculty development through collaborative research, publications, Faculty Development Programmes, interdisciplinary research and engagement with industry experts. In addition, it will encourage innovation, project-based learning, product development and startup incubation. The MoU marks a significant step towards fostering academic excellence, research, innovation and long-term industry partnerships.

Farewell Ceremony

The farewell ceremony for the III BCA students was held on March 24, 2026, at Loyola Hall, St Joseph's University, Bengaluru. Organised by the second-year students, the event celebrated the outgoing batch with warmth and appreciation. The programme comprised formal and informal sessions. The formal session was attended by faculty members, who conveyed their best wishes and blessings, encouraging the graduating students as they prepared for the next phase of their academic and professional journeys. Their inspiring messages reflected the University's support for the outgoing batch. The informal session featured games and interactive activities, in which the students enthusiastically participated.

The juniors also presented gifts as tokens of appreciation and remembrance. A cake-cutting ceremony added to the celebrations, followed by a lively dance session that brought together students and faculty in a spirit of camaraderie. The event concluded with heartfelt speeches by the graduating students, who reflected on their experiences at the University and expressed gratitude to their teachers, classmates and juniors for their support and companionship. The farewell ended on a joyful and memorable note, leaving participants with lasting memories.

Collaboration with Anudip Foundation

The School of Information Technology, St Joseph's University, collaborated with the Anudip Foundation for Social Welfare to enhance the employability and career prospects of undergraduate and postgraduate students through skill development initiatives. Supported by Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) projects, the collaboration focuses on industry-relevant training programmes, internships, joint projects and capacity-building initiatives that strengthen professional competencies and career readiness through technology-driven learning.

As an implementation partner for leading organisations, including Accenture, JP Morgan, Capgemini, Wells Fargo, Unilever, Citi, ITC and ICRA, the Anudip Foundation works towards creating digital livelihoods across emerging economies. Through this partnership, students will gain opportunities to develop practical skills, enhance their industry exposure and prepare for successful careers in the technology sector.

SYNTAXIA 2026

The Cybernetics Association (UG) and Technophite Association (PG) of the School of Information Technology organised SYNTAXIA 2026, a National Inter-Collegiate Technical Fest, on March 2–3, 2026, at St Joseph's University. The two-day fest brought together students from various institutions to celebrate innovation, creativity and collaboration through technical competitions, gaming tournaments and interactive events. The inaugural ceremony was graced by Mr Muralidhar Ponnaluri, CEO, ERA Foundation, who emphasised the importance of leadership, innovation and skill development in the evolving technological landscape. Inspired by the theme of Minecraft, the fest featured competitions in cybersecurity, coding, debugging, business strategy, data analytics, IT quizzes, content creation and gaming, encouraging participants to demonstrate technical expertise, creativity, teamwork and problem-solving skills.

The BGMI and Valorant tournaments added

to the excitement, attracting enthusiastic participation from esports enthusiasts. The fest concluded with a valedictory ceremony, during which the organising committees and competition winners were recognised. BMS College of Engineering won the Overall Trophy in the UG category, while Christ University, Central Campus, secured the Overall Trophy in the PG category. SYNTAXIA 2026 successfully provided a platform for inter-collegiate interaction, experiential learning and the exchange of innovative ideas.

Global Inclusion Summit 2025 JWL

The Global Inclusion Summit 2025 was organised as an international webinar to foster global dialogue on inclusive education, equitable policies and sustainable practices for empowering diverse and differently abled communities. Convened by Dr Ronald J Mascarenhas, the multi-day summit featured keynote addresses, technical sessions, expert talks and interactive discussions that explored global challenges and best practices in inclusion. The summit attracted 80 international delegates from 25 countries, reflecting its broad global reach and relevance.

Eminent academicians, policymakers, researchers and practitioners shared insights on inclusive policies, legal frameworks, assistive technologies and innovative educational models. The event facilitated cross-cultural exchange, encouraged collaborative learning and provided opportunities for networking and future international partnerships. The summit successfully achieved its objectives by promoting meaningful discussions on inclusive practices and strengthening the institution's commitment to global inclusion, academic excellence and international collaboration.

AI Awareness Talk

The School of Information Technology organised an interactive talk by Dr Piriyakumar to help students understand the skills required in the age of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and recognise its capabilities and limitations. Through an engaging presentation supported by videos and interactive discussions, the resource person highlighted the growing role of AI across industries while emphasising the importance of developing critical thinking, adaptability and future-ready skills. Students actively participated throughout the session, raising questions on the evolving impact of AI, including concerns about its potential to replace human roles. The discussion provided clarity on the opportunities and limitations of AI, encouraging students to prepare for a technology-driven future through continuous learning and skill development.

Seminar on AI in Healthcare

The IEEE Computer Society of the School of Information Technology organised a seminar on the applications of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in healthcare. Mr Abhishek Mahesh Appaji, Associate Professor at BMS. College of Engineering, Bengaluru, and Senior Member, IEEE, was formally introduced by Dr Anand. The session was delivered by Mr Abhishek Mahesh Appaji, Associate Professor, BMS College of Engineering, Bengaluru and Senior Member, IEEE. Addressing the gathering, Fr Denzil Lobo, SJ, Director, School of Information Technology, highlighted the growing significance of AI and its transformative role across emerging domains, particularly healthcare.

During the technical session, the resource person explained how AI is transforming healthcare through improved diagnostics, disease screening, treatment planning and patient care. He emphasised the potential of AI to support healthcare professionals by enhancing the accuracy and efficiency of medical decision-making while discussing current advancements and real-world applications. The seminar concluded with an interactive question-and-answer session, during which students engaged with the speaker and clarified concepts related to AI-driven healthcare solutions. The session also highlighted the role of IEEE in fostering professional development and technical

excellence. The seminar provided valuable insights into the interdisciplinary applications of AI and encouraged students to explore emerging technologies in healthcare.

IEEE Computer Society Inauguration and Investiture Ceremony

The IEEE Computer Society of St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, inaugurated its activities for 2026 with the Inauguration and Investiture Ceremony. The event marked the formal induction of the newly elected office bearers and reaffirmed the Society's commitment to promoting technical excellence, innovation and leadership among students. The ceremony featured an address by Mr Devendra Gowda, who encouraged students to actively participate in IEEE initiatives, strengthen their technical competencies, embrace innovation and uphold leadership with integrity and dedication.

Addressing the gathering, Fr Denzil Lobo, SJ, Director, School of Information Technology, highlighted the importance of professional engagement and continuous learning in the field of computer science. The newly elected office bearers were formally inducted and took the oath of office, reaffirming their commitment to serving the Society responsibly and ethically. The ceremony concluded on a positive note, providing a strong foundation for the Society's technical, professional and community-oriented initiatives during the academic year.

IEEE Awareness Session

The IEEE Computer Society organised an awareness session titled "Insights about IEEE: Opportunities, Societies and Service to Humanity" to introduce students to IEEE, its professional societies and the opportunities it offers. The session highlighted the role of the IEEE Computer Society and the IEEE Robotics Society, emphasising the importance of building a strong IEEE Student Branch and advancing technology for the benefit of society. Participants gained insights into professional networking, technical development, leadership opportunities and the advantages of active involvement in IEEE. The session encouraged students to engage with IEEE initiatives, enhance their professional competencies and contribute to technology-driven solutions that benefit society.

Expert Talk on Research to Product Development

The School of Information Technology organised an expert talk on transforming research into market-ready products. Addressing the gathering, Fr Denzil Lobo, SJ, Director, School of Information Technology, highlighted the University's commitment to fostering innovation, experiential learning and academic excellence, encouraging students to engage in research-driven initiatives with real-world impact. The session was delivered by Dr S Ruban, Associate Professor and Dean, School of Engineering and Technology, St Aloysius (Deemed to be University), Mangaluru.

The resource person discussed the journey from research to product development, covering innovation frameworks, funding opportunities, feasibility studies, technology readiness levels, technology transfer and industry collaboration. Drawing on real-world examples from medical Artificial Intelligence, he demonstrated how research can be translated into practical and commercially viable solutions. Attended by nearly 200 participants, the session provided valuable insights into innovation management, product development and research commercialisation, inspiring students and researchers to pursue impactful research with practical applications.

Workshop on Artificial Intelligence and Career Readiness

The IEEE Computer Society organised a workshop on Artificial Intelligence (AI) and career readiness on January 30, 2026, at Conference Hall 1, Magis Block, St Joseph's University, Bengaluru. The session was conducted by Ms Usha and Ms KS Aarya, Software Trainee Interns at Bluerose Technologies, who shared practical insights

into AI technologies and career opportunities in the field. The workshop introduced participants to the fundamentals of AI, its hierarchy and emerging career paths, including Python development, AI engineering, data science, machine learning, MLOps, automation and computer vision. The speakers also discussed industry expectations, interview preparation, project development, effective use of AI tools and strategies for enhancing employability.
Drawing on industry experience, they highlighted common challenges faced by students during recruitment and explained how practical projects and technical skills can improve career prospects. An interactive question-and-answer session enabled students to clarify their queries on internships, placements, certifications, project deployment and career roadmaps in AI. The event also featured a quiz competition that encouraged participants to apply their knowledge in a competitive setting. The workshop successfully enhanced students' technical understanding of AI while equipping them with practical guidance for future academic and professional pursuits.

Placement Training Programme
The School of Information Technology organised a Placement Training Programme for the III BCA B and III BCA C students on March 3, 2026. The session was conducted by Mr Arjun R Prasad, Senior Principal Engineer, Cadence Design Systems, to equip students with the essential skills required for campus placements. The resource person provided comprehensive guidance on resume building, highlighting the importance of effectively presenting academic achievements, technical skills, projects and professional competencies. The session also focused on interview preparation, covering commonly asked technical and human resources interview questions, communication skills, confidence building and professional body language.

In addition, students were introduced to aptitude concepts and problem-solving techniques commonly assessed during placement tests. The interactive session encouraged active participation, enabling students to clarify their queries and gain practical insights into the recruitment process. Attended by 64 students, the programme enhanced their understanding of placement expectations and strengthened their preparedness for campus recruitment by providing valuable career guidance and industry-oriented training.

Expert Talk on Artificial Intelligence
The School of Information Technology organised an expert talk by Dr Piriyakumar to help students understand the skills required in the age of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and recognise its capabilities and limitations. Ms Raveena, I BCA-A, welcomed the gathering and introduced our guest. Through an interactive session supported by videos and discussions, the resource person explained the growing adoption of AI across industries while emphasising its limitations and the need for continuous learning, critical thinking and adaptability. Students actively participated in the session, raising questions on the evolving role of AI, including concerns about its impact on future employment.

The speaker encouraged students to prepare for a technology-driven future by developing industry-relevant skills and exploring emerging fields. As part of the interaction, he expressed his commitment to supporting St Joseph's University students by offering access to laboratory resources, particularly in drone technology and providing guidance for student projects in the field of computer vision. The session enhanced students' understanding of AI, inspired them to explore emerging technologies and motivated them to strengthen their technical competencies for future academic and professional pursuits.

Department of Advanced Computing

Department Activities
2nd International Conference on Recent Trends in Advanced Computing (ICRAC

2026)

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MetaMinds 1.0

The Department of Advanced Computing at St Joseph's University organised MetaMinds 1.0, a collaborative fest by Analytica (UG) and Sigma Squared (PG), bringing undergraduate and postgraduate students together on a common academic platform. The initiative promoted collaboration, networking and knowledge exchange while extending learning beyond the classroom through competitions, workshops and technology-focused events.

The event was inaugurated by Mr Shivananda Koteshwar, Senior Vice President and India Site Head, Astera Labs and Mr HS Manjunath, President, Karnataka Pradesh Youth Congress Committee. Addressing the participants, the dignitaries encouraged students to pursue excellence, innovation and continuous learning. The two-day fest attracted over 100 students from more than 15 colleges, providing a platform to showcase talent, analytical thinking, creativity and technological innovation. The event strengthened intercollegiate engagement and fostered meaningful academic interaction among participants from diverse backgrounds.

Faculty Achievements

Dr A M Bojamma

Participated in the Seven-Day National Online Faculty Development Programme on "AI Tools for Research", organised by the Department of Physical Sciences, Kristu Jayanti (Deemed to be University), Bengaluru, from October 3–11, 2025.

Dr B G Prashanthi

- Published the paper "Advanced Localization in Wireless Sensor Networks with Attention-Guided Deep Folding" in Iran Journal of Computer Science (2025).
- Served as a Reviewer and Technical Program Committee Member for the IEEE International Conference on Computational Innovations and Sustainable Technologies (ICCIST 2025), organised by the Department of Computer Science, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bengaluru Yeshwanthpur Campus, on December 18–19, 2025.
- Served as an Advisory Committee Member for the RUSA-funded International Conference "Frontiers in Multidisciplinary Science and Technology (ICFMST 2026)", organised by Nrupathunga University and the Karnataka State Higher Education Council (KSHEC).

Dr B Nithya

Published the paper "Advanced Localization in Wireless Sensor Networks with Attention-Guided Deep Folding" in Iran Journal of Computer Science (2025).

Ms C Mary Merline Rani

- Participated in the Seven-Day National Online Faculty Development Programme on "AI Tools for Research", organised by the Department of Physical Sciences, Kristu Jayanti (Deemed to be University), Bengaluru, from October 3–11, 2025.
- Attended the training programme "A Systematic Way of Research Paper Writing" from October 13–17, 2025.

Dr Mrinmoyee Bhattacharya

- Participated in and completed the AICTE Training and Learning (ATAL) Academy Faculty Development Programme on "Exploratory Data Analytics (EDA): Tools and Techniques", organised by Velammal College of Engineering and Technology, from November 24–29, 2025.
- Participated in and completed the AICTE Training and Learning (ATAL) Academy Faculty Development Programme on "Next-Gen VLSI and Semiconductor Systems: Integrating Machine Learning for Intelligent Design Automation", organised by R.M.D. Engineering College, from November 3–8, 2025.
- Participated in the Seven-Day National Online Faculty Development Programme on "AI Tools for Research", organised by the Department of Physical Sciences, Kristu Jayanti (Deemed to be University), Bengaluru, from October 3–11, 2025.

Ms Sandhya N

- Attended the Six-Day National-Level Faculty Development Programme on "Generative and Agentic AI Tools and Demo", organised by Sardar Vallabhbhai National Institute of Technology, technically co-sponsored by the IEEE Gujarat Section and partnered with Pantech Solutions (India) Pvt. Ltd., from February 16–21, 2026.
- Attended the Faculty Development Programme on "Outcome-Based Education and Application of Generative AI in Teaching and Research", organised by St John Technical and Educational Campus, Palghar, in association with IPSR Solutions Limited, from November 19–26, 2025.

Ms Banu M

- Delivered a talk on "Intro to AI, Humans Meet Machines" at St Joseph's PU Evening College on October 30, 2025.
- Attended a workshop on Quantum Computing, organised by the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru, from November 15–16, 2025.
- Participated in the Faculty Development Programme on "Contemporary Developments in Medical Humanities: Ethics, Empathy and Equity", organised by Manav Rachna International Institute of Research and Studies (MRIIRS), from October 9–13, 2025.

Dr Shashikala D

- Participated in and completed the AICTE Training and Learning (ATAL) Academy Faculty Development Programme on "Exploratory Data Analytics (EDA): Tools and Techniques", organised by Velammal College of Engineering and Technology, from November 24–29, 2025.
- Participated in and completed the AICTE Training and Learning (ATAL) Academy Faculty Development Programme on "Next-Gen VLSI and Semiconductor Systems: Integrating Machine Learning for Intelligent Design Automation", organised by R.M.D. Engineering College, from November 3–8, 2025.
- Published the paper "Sustainability Assurance—Monitoring Tigers Through an Intelligent System" in International Journal of Applied Research, Volume 11, Issue 11, pp. 193–196 (2025).

Dr Selwyn Paul J

Successfully defended the PhD thesis "Design of an Enhanced Data Hiding Scheme for Ensuring User-Side Security in Cloud-Based Platform" at the University of Mysore on February 21, 2026.

Dr Prasad C N

- Successfully defended the PhD thesis "Design of a Reversible Data Hiding Model in Encrypted Images with a High Embedding Capacity for Cloud Applications, Security and Privacy" at the University of Mysore on February 21, 2026.
- Published the Indian patent "Rotating Disk Tower for Data Servers" (Patent No. 473948-001).

Dr Puneeth Kumar B S

Qualified the Karnataka State Eligibility Test (KSET), November 2025.

Dr Periyasamy P

Attended the refresher courses "AI & Machine Learning Mastery: A Practical Refresher Course" and "AI for All: Innovations for Empowering Sciences, Social Sciences and Humanities for Viksit Bharat 2047", organised under the Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Programme (MMTTP), University Grants Commission (UGC), Indian Institute of Technology (BHU) and the Indian Institute of Technology, from November 17–29, 2025 and December 15–27, 2025, respectively.

Dr Selvaperumal P

- Was granted the Indian patents "AI-Based Classroom Chair with Integrated Sensors for Monitoring Student Engagement" (Patent No. 470047-001) and "ML-Based Automated Hydroponic Device with Nutrient Management" (Patent No. 466095-001).
- Received the National-Level TEQIP-II Fellowship for Doctoral Research in Computer Engineering from AICTE under the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India.
- Published the papers "Privacy-Preserving Adaptive Biometric Framework with Reinforcement Learning and Blockchain-Enabled Multi-Factor Authentication" in International Journal of Advanced Computer Science and Applications (2026), "Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning Challenges in Cancer Diagnosis and Therapy: Current Status and Future Perspective" in Journal of Rare Cardiovascular Diseases (2025) and "Energy-Efficient Beamforming for 6G mmWave Networks Using Deep Swarm Intelligence" in IEEE Xplore (2025).
- Served as a Reviewer and Technical Program Committee Member for the IEEE International Conference on Computational Innovations and Sustainable Technologies (ICCIST 2025) and as a reviewer for the 5th International Conference on Advanced Network Technologies and Intelligent Computing (ANTIC 2025).
- Qualified the UGC-NET, December 2025.

Dr Manivannan T

Published the paper "AI-Driven Inventory Optimisation Framework Using Deep Learning and Metaheuristic Algorithms" in International Journal of Basic and Applied Sciences, Volume 14, Issue 4, pp. 405–411 (2025).

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Ms Junaida Nallakandy

Attended the Faculty Development Programme "Judicious Use of AI in Academic Research: Opportunities, Challenges and Best Practices", organised by Holy Cross College (Autonomous), from January 5–9, 2026.

Dr Sivakumar T

Appointed as a Board of Studies (BoS) and Board of Examiners (BoE) Member at Nrupathunga University, Bengaluru.

School of Languages and Literature

Department of English

Association Achievements

The Literary Society

The Reading Room

The Reading Room met on December 13, 2025, for a discussion of Aunt Julia and the Scriptwriter, its second session engaging with novelist Mario Vargas Llosa. Dr Arul led the session, recounting his first encounter with the novel at Select Bookshop in 1991, reading excerpts, and reflecting on Llosa's engagement with the styles of Spanish writers before finding his own voice as a storyteller. He also spoke on the value of reading difficult books that sharpen critical thinking. Students went on to ask about the relevance of fiction today and about Spanish literary styles.

The Writing Desk

The Literary Society held the semester's first Writing Desk on December 15, 2025. The Writing Desk brings together students and teachers once a month to write and read each other's work. The session was led by Dr Vijeta Kumar, who introduced participants to Emily Dickinson's poem "Tell all the truth, but tell it slant". Drawing on the poem's central idea of allowing truth to "dazzle gradually", she reflected on the deliberate and patient act of writing. The session title, Word by Word, was inspired by this process of assembling language slowly and thoughtfully and also paid homage to Anne Lamott's Bird by Bird.

SJU Quizzers

Weekly Thursday Quizzes

SJU Quizzers conducted two Thursday quizzes in December 2025. The first, held on December 4, featured a quiz on soft drinks around the world and brought together 10 teams from different departments. Quizzmas, conducted on December 18, was a Christmas-themed written quiz open to students and faculty. Both events saw enthusiastic participation and lively engagement.



Saturday Open Quiz

SJU Quizzers conducted two open quiz events on December 6 in Room A314. Buildingsroman, an architecture quiz, tested participants on architectural history, styles, iconic structures, and design principles. AskQance: Just Miss, a general quiz, followed a two-stage format with a preliminary round and a final round. Both events witnessed active participation and reflected the club's efforts to create engaging quiz experiences.



Weekly Practice Quiz Sessions

SJU Quizzers conducted three weekly practice sessions during November and December 2025 in Room A314. These sessions brought together undergraduate and postgraduate students for informal quizzing through written, clockwise, and anticlockwise rounds. Covering topics such as literature, food, history, countries, and popular culture, the sessions provided

participants with an engaging space to practise, compete, and learn.



Students putting their knowledge to the test during a practice session.

Nouswise

SJU Quizzers, with Nous, conducted two editions of Nouswise on December 10 and 17, 2025. Held in Room A314, the written quizzes focused on current affairs and tested participants on cultural, economic, political, and sociological developments. The two sessions drew 10 and 11 teams respectively and reflected the organisers' efforts to encourage awareness of current affairs through an accessible and engaging quiz format.

Performing Arts Society

Upstage Schools

Upstage Schools featured a Shakespeare elocution contest at De Nobili Hall on December 10 and a Short Play Competition at the main auditorium on December 11. The elocution contest brought Shakespearean characters to life through dramatic and comic performances, while the Short Play Competition featured six teams presenting original and adapted productions marked by strong acting, creative staging, and thoughtful storytelling. The festival concluded with a valedictory ceremony celebrating the talent and effort of all the participants.

How Close? 2 Close!

The Performing Arts Society conducted How Close? 2 Close on December 12, 2025. Held in two slots at 1:00 pm and 4:45 pm, the event required teams of two to communicate a prompt through conversation while wearing headsets and using minimal gestures. The game led to several humorous exchanges and kept the audience engaged throughout. Marked by lively participation and laughter, the event transformed a light-hearted activity into an entertaining competition.

Department of French

Association Achievements

Miss us Rendez-vous organised MISSUS, a Christmas-themed event, on December 2, 2025, at the Audi Basement and Aloysius Hall, with a separate session for Shift III students on December 5. The celebration featured four activities: Snappy Frenchess, a photography contest; Carol Jamming, a team carol-singing event; Re-Tree Cycle, a collaborative tree-decoration activity; and Étoile Style, a dress-up competition, encouraging creativity, teamwork, and festive participation among students.





A festive blend of music, creativity, style, and Christmas cheer at MISSUS 2025.

Foreign Language Day 2026

The French, German, and Spanish associations organised the inaugural Foreign Language

Day on February 23, 2026, bringing together students from different colleges to celebrate multilingualism and global awareness through cultural performances and competitions. Guests at the inaugural session spoke on the importance of language learning in fostering international opportunities and empathy. The day concluded with competitions including singing, photography, an accent challenge, essay writing, art, and dance.



Celebrating languages, cultures, and connections at Foreign Language Day 2026.

Department of Hindi

Association Achievements

Lecture on Aadhe Adhoore

A special guest lecture on Mohan Rakesh's Aadhe Adhoore was held on January 23, 2026, in the AV Room. Delivered by Dr Purobi Avinash of Dayananda Sagar College of Arts, Commerce and Science, Bengaluru, the session explored the play's plot, characters, and central themes. The lecture highlighted its portrayal of the modern middle-class family and the sense of incompleteness that shapes the lives of its characters. The session concluded with an interactive discussion, allowing students to engage with the text and deepen their understanding of the play.

Faculty achievements

- **Dr Pathan Hasan**
  Published research papers titled "Aadhunikata Se Parampara Ke Dvandv Tak aur Astitv Kee Khoj Se Asmita Tak: Bhaalachand Nemaade Kee Upanyaas Yaatra" in Samanvay Paschim, and "Usha Priyavanda ke Katha Sahity Mein Stree-Chetana, Saanskrtik Sangharsh aur Maanasik Yathaarth ka Sanvedanasheel Chitran" in Dakshinapatha Patrika.
- Dr Pathan Hasan participated in the following programmes:
- A two-week online refresher course on 'Hindi and Cultural Heritages', conducted by UGC-MMTTC, University of Calcutta, Kolkata, from November 4–17, 2025.
- A five-day training programme on 'Jescol-III Inter-Religious Retreat', organised by the Human Resource Development Centre, Ashirvad, Bengaluru, at Xavier Sadan, Mysore, from February 24–28, 2026.
- A five-day online Faculty Development Programme on 'Stree Vimarsh: Siddhaant aur Srjan', organised by St Claret College, Autonomous, Bengaluru, and Bhaarateey Hindi Praadhyaapak Parishad, from December 15–19, 2025

Dr Gurudatta

Published two research papers in Aakhar Hindi Journal on December 28, 2025: "भूमंडलीकरण के परप्रिेक्ष्य में शोधपरक उपन्यास का महत्व", on research-based novels amid globalisation; and "हन्दिी आलोचना और शुक्लोत्तर चतिन परम्परा", on critical approaches following Ramchandra Shukla.

Dr Kiran Dashrath Dake

Published two research papers in peer-reviewed international journals: "Pratibandhit Saahity Mein Darj Aajaadi ke Mukhar Swar" (on the banned biography of Sardar Bhagat Singh) in Printing Area; and "21vi Sadi ki Hindi Gajalon Mein Samaajik Chetna ke Swar" in Vidyawarta, on social consciousness in twenty-first-century Hindi ghazals.

Department of German

Association Achievements

Mach Weiter So

On January 13, 2026, Treffpunkt, the German Association of St Joseph's University, organised Mach Weiter So, an Open Day event at the AV Room, Arrupe, commencing at 9:30 am, with approximately 75 first-year and 89 second-year students in attendance. Following the association's practice of pairing each event with a short educational session on Germany, Ms Sri Vidya conducted a session on Oskar Schindler and his humanitarian efforts during the Holocaust.



A day of German culture, learning, and reflection at Mach Weiter So.

Foreign Language Day

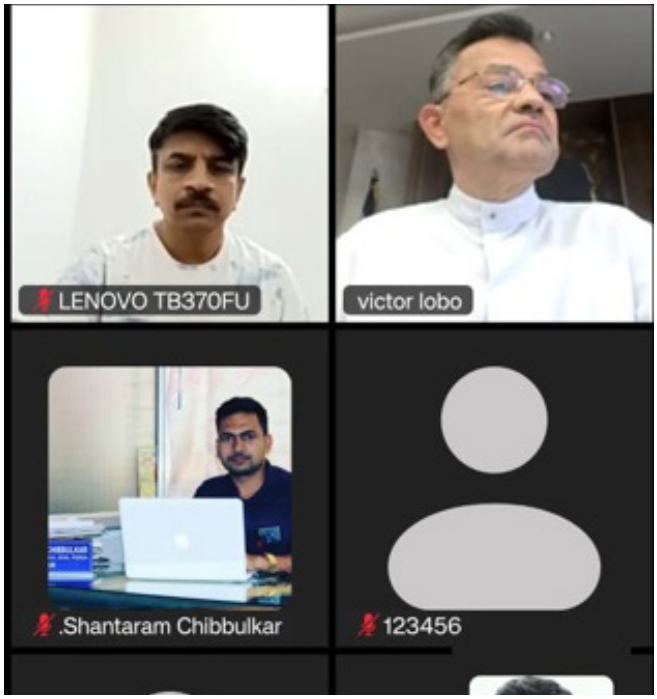
On February 23, 2026, the Foreign Language Department of St Joseph's University organised its first Foreign Language Day, jointly conducted by Rendezvous (French), Treffpunkt (German), and Vivencia (Spanish), bringing together students from various colleges for intercollege competitions. The inaugural ceremony featured the lighting of the lamp, addressed by Mr Ibukunolu Ajagunna of the Goethe-Institut and Fr Bala Kiran, and a cultural segment including a song and a skit on Hansel and Gretel. Competitions, including a fashion show, singing, quiz, dance, and photography, were held throughout the day, concluding with a valedictory ceremony.

Department of Kannada

Department Achievements

Special Lecture

On January 9, 2026, the Kannada Department of St Joseph's University organised a special guest lecture from 1:00–1:50 pm at De Nobili Hall, Auditorium Block. GB Vinay Kumar, Founder and Director of Insights IAS, addressed students preparing for the IAS/KAS examinations. He emphasised that newspapers build understanding of society and governance beyond exam preparation, crediting his UPSC struggles for founding Insights IAS.



Kuvempu Atmashreegagi Nirankushamathigalaag

The Department of Kannada and Pampavana Nalbaraha Matugatte organised a special lecture at De Nobili Hall on January 29, 2026 on 'Kuvempu's Ideological Revolution and Becoming Independent Thinkers for Self-Dignity'. Dr Eraiah Hampapura, Head, Department of Kannada, gave the inaugural address, followed by Charan Gowda B K's talk on Kuvempu's concept of fearless independent thinking. The event ended with a discussion

and an essay competition prize distribution.

Kannada and Cultural Study Centre

Faculty Research and Development Program

The Centre for Kannada Language and Culture Studies, St Joseph's University, and the Kuvempu Kannada Studies, University of Mysore, jointly organised a six-day National-Level Faculty and Researcher Development Programme, inaugurated on January 19, 2026, by Dr (Fr) Victor Lobo, SJ, Vice Chancellor of St Joseph's University. Prof Purushottam Bilimale, Chairman of the Kannada Development Authority, addressed the first session, with over 210 participants attending from across the country.

The Art of Poetry Making

The Centre for Kannada Language and Culture Studies, St Joseph's University, organised a special lecture and interaction programme on "The Art of Poetry Making" on February 17, 2026, at De Nobili Hall. Dr Manjappa Magodi, poet, educationist, and State General Secretary of the Kaginele Maha Sansthana, delivered the lecture, with Dr Syed Wajid, Registrar of the University, presiding over the function.



Exploring the craft and creativity behind poetry.

Aanu Oliththa Gadve Workshop

A one-day workshop under the 'Aanu Oliththa Gadve' series was organised on January 18, 2026, by the Department of Kannada Literature Studies, Kannada University, Abhinava Prakashana, and the Centre for Kannada Language and Culture Studies, St Joseph's University. Dr (Fr) Victor Lobo, SJ, Chancellor, presided over the programme, with young scholars interacting with Prof KG Nagarajappa



Young scholars in dialogue with Kannada literary scholarship.

Association Achievements

Isiri 2026

The Kannada Sangha organised its eighth state-level intercollegiate cultural fest on 27–28 January 2026, themed 'Kannada 2.0', celebrating Kannada language, art, and culture through tradition and modernity. The inaugural ceremony at Xavier Hall, PG Block, featured the chief guest, Dr Syed Wajid, Registrar, along with a song, dance, and lamp-lighting. Competitions included dance, music, debate, fashion walk, mono acting, poetry writing, and Mr and Miss Isiri. Dr (Fr) Balakiran Kumar Hrudaya Raj, SJ, graced the valedictory ceremony and commended the fest's success.

Sanchalana '25

The Department of Kannada, in association with the Kannada Sangha of St Joseph's University, organised its annual cultural fest on December 16–17, 2025, themed around the dynamism of Kannada culture among youth. Day 1 featured dance, dumb charades, antyakshari, a treasure hunt, cooking without fire, and stand-up comedy, while Day 2 featured singing, mono acting, sketching, poetry writing, and a fashion walk. The fest concluded with a valedictory ceremony recognising winners.

Faculty Achievements

Dr Eraiah Hampapura

- Chaired a session at the state-level conference 'Samakaleena Kannada

Samshodhaneya Chaharegalu Mattu Sadhyategalu', organised by Samshodhana Academy, and distributed prizes for the 'Anveshana' research article writing competition.

- Completed the Faculty Induction Programme under the Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Programme, UGC, at MMTTC, Wardha, from October 28 to November 25, 2025.
- Participated in a six-day national online Faculty Development Programme by the Department of Kannada, St Claret College (Autonomous), from January 19–24, 2026.

Dr Hanumantharayappa S B

- Wrote a chapter, "Togalu Maleya Halundu – Ondu Vishleshane", in the book Kannada Tatvapada Saahitya Saamskruthika Anusandhana, published by Kasuvinhalli Publications, Bengaluru, in 2026.

Dr Kumaraswamy B E

- Participated in an international online Faculty Development Programme, conducted by Yoga University of the Americas, from November 21 to December 5, 2025.
- Delivered a motivational speech as chief guest at a talent award programme, organised by Dr BR Ambedkar Vichara Vedike, Gouribidanur, on December 14, 2025.

Dr Poornima S

Participated in an international Faculty Development Programme, jointly conducted by Yoga University of the Americas, Etali Kannada Sangha, and Vijaya College, Bengaluru, from November 21 to December 5, 2025, which included a national webinar on mental and physical health covering topics such as Agnihotra and Omkara.

Department of Tamil

Association achievements

Pongal Celebrations

The Department of Tamil celebrated Pongal on 10 January 2026, with around 400 participants in attendance. The programme included traditional performances, a film screening, a fashion walk, and an address by filmmaker Richard Vijayakumar, director of Nil Kavani Nesi. The event concluded with a Tamil band performance and a vote of thanks.





Guest Lecture: Tamil as a Blueprint for Life in the Digital Era

The Department of Tamil organised a guest lecture on Tamil as a Blueprint for Life in the Digital Era on 2 March 2026. Attended by 40 students, the session explored the relevance of Tamil literature in the digital age and introduced students to basic AI tools.

SCHOOL OF LIFE SCIENCES

School of Life Sciences Events organised by the Deanery

Public Lecture: 'From Aristotle to AlphaFold: A Journey Through Two Millennia in Biology'

In collaboration with the Indian Academy of Sciences, the School of Life Sciences hosted Prof. Spyros Artavanis-Tsakonas, Professor Emeritus of Cell Biology, Harvard Medical School, on December 4, 2025. His lecture traced biological inquiry from Aristotle to modern computational biology, drawing an audience of more than 150 participants. Prof. Artavanis-Tsakonas is internationally recognised for his pioneering work on Notch signalling.

Science Communication Workshop

Prof. Stephen Ashworth, Professor of Chemical Physics and Science Communication, University of East Anglia, UK, conducted a workshop on January 16, 2026, for 20 selected Masters and undergraduate students from the School of Life Sciences. Participants developed practical skills and confidence in communicating science to diverse audiences.

National Symposium on Emerging and Re-emerging Infectious Diseases with a Focus on Antimicrobial Resistance

The School of Life Sciences co-organised with the Sun Pharma Science Foundation, and the School of Chemical Sciences a one-day symposium on January 30, 2026. The symposium drew over 600 students and faculty from 39 institutions across Bengaluru. Expert speakers from academia and industry addressed antimicrobial resistance, infectious disease management, and current research frontiers.

Collaborative Course on Computational Approaches in Evolutionary and Molecular Biology

In collaboration with Dr Aswin Sai Narain Seshasayee and his laboratory at NCBS, Bengaluru, the School of Life Sciences conducted a weekend course across February and March 2026. Fifteen selected undergraduate and postgraduate students were trained in computational tools including Clustal, InterPro, and SWISS-MODEL, applying them to questions in evolutionary and molecular biology.

Science Outreach: Visit by SJIC PUC Students

Twenty students from St Joseph's Indian Composite PU College visited the School of Life Sciences on September 25, 2025, accompanied by their biology teacher Ms Shirley Udaya. Guided by the Dean of the School of Life Sciences Dr Susan Mary Philip, students engaged with hands-on activities across Biotechnology, Botany, Microbiology, Zoology, and Environmental Science laboratories, gaining exposure to techniques and concepts beyond their regular curriculum.

Careers in Life Sciences – Panel Discussion

The School of Life Sciences launched a new alumni speaker series on December 2, 2025. Ms Palak Shrivastava (MCZ 2016–19), CEO of Exora, and Dr Anurag N Sharma (CBZ 2013–16), doctoral graduate of IISc, shared their career journeys with 40 students, highlighting the diverse paths available after a Life Sciences degree. This is an ongoing series, that will draw alumni from various academic, industry and entrepreneurship careers, to engage with students of the School of Life Sciences

Department of Zoology

Study tour: Students of the MSc Zoology program, accompanied by staff members from the Department of Zoology, went on a study tour from November 13th to 17th, 2025, visiting scientific institutions and field study sites in Goa.

CSIR-National Institute of Oceanography (CSIR-NIO), Ministry of Science and Technology, GOI, Dona Paula, Goa, Students were taken through the museum with displays on ship models, oceanographic instruments,

samples of marine minerals, rocks and organisms, Archaeological artifacts and shown films on oceanography and NIO.

Netravali Wildlife Sanctuary: Nestled in the lush Western Ghats of South-Eastern Goa, it predominantly has a moist deciduous type with patches of semi-evergreen forest in the valleys. The visit involved trekking through a natural ecosystem.

Eco-tour of riverine ecosystems: Boat cruise in Cocoa Beach, Nerul, through Banana River Lagoon for dolphin sighting. Boat cruise in the Mandovi River exposed to the mangrove ecosystem of the landscape.

'Big Foot' Open-air Museum: Exposure to local culture and heritage, and artistic expression of the rural life of Goa, including animal husbandry. Students also viewed the 46-foot sculpture of Mirabai carved by environmental conservationist Maendra Alavares, the longest laterite sculpture in India.

Benaulim Beach: The long stretch of soft white sand beach is known for its traditional fishing activities, and students interacted with local fishermen bringing in fresh catches.

The Basilica of Bom Jesus: On the last day, the team made a reverent visit to the UNESCO World Heritage site, which serves as the final resting place for the Jesuit priest St. Francis Xavier's remains that highlight a unique intersection between faith, history and art.

PFA visit: First year MSc Zoology students accompanied by Dr. M. Jayashankar and Dr. Magesh Daniel visited the People for Animals (PfA) Wildlife Rescue & Conservation Centre, Kengeri. Students learned about initiatives on wildlife rescue and rehabilitation operations. Students had hands-on experience of Snake identification by scale counting.

SHITIJ Bootcamp

The Department of Zoology, in collaboration with ICAR-National Bureau of Agricultural Insect Resources (ICAR-NBAIR), organised SHITIJ Bootcamp at St Joseph's University on January 20, 2026, for 25 first-year postgraduate students. SHITIJ is a year-long incubation programme for early-stage agri-entrepreneurship ideas focused on plant health and precision agriculture. Dr SN Sushil, Director, ICAR-NBAIR, Dr R Gandhi Gracy, Principal Scientist, ICAR-NBAIR and Dr Amala Udaykamar, Senior Scientist, ICAR-NBAIR, briefed the students on the programme's vision, objectives and structure. The sessions covered capacity building, access to infrastructure and mentorship for developing agri-entrepreneurship ideas. The bootcamp introduced students to opportunities for developing entrepreneurial ideas in plant health and precision agriculture.

Association Activities:

The Department of Zoology, School of Life Sciences, St Joseph's University, organised a Nature Walk themed "Where Footsteps Turn Into Stories" on Sunday, 25th January 2026

Faculty Achievements

Dr Kavya K

- Published the book chapter "Comparative study on tribological behaviour of bio-compatible biomaterials" as a co-author.
- Co-authored the Scopus-indexed journal article "Interplay Between ERK1/2 Signaling Pathway and Estradiol Receptor Modulates ER Targeted Genes Involved in Progression of Estrogen Responsive Breast Cancers", with an impact factor of 1.9.
- Published the journal article "Assessing Climate-Induced Variations in Water Quality and Heavy Metal Bioaccumulation in Bangalore's Commercially-Fished Lakes: A Comprehensive Analysis" as the corresponding author.

Dr Rajini SV

- Published the Scopus-indexed journal article "Investigation on nitrate induced

histological alterations in vas deferens of rats" as the first author.
- Delivered an invited lecture titled "Nitrate Exposure Affects Spermatogenesis in Zebrafish (Danio rerio)" at an International Conference organised by the Mammalian Reproductive Physiology Unit, Department of Zoology, Institute of Science, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, from November 14–16, 2025.
- Presented the paper "Protective effects of eugenol from Syzygium aromaticum on nitrate induced male reproductive toxicity in rats" at the National Conference on Frontiers in Biological Sciences, organised by PC Jabin Science College and KSTA, GoK, in Hubballi, on March 13, 2026.

Dr M Jayashankar

Published the journal article "Plant-Firefly Interactions in Kanger Valley National Park, Chhattisgarh, India" as the corresponding author.

Dr John Paul

Presented the paper "Climate Literacy and Environmental Governance: Empowering the Next Generation" at the National Conference on Climate Literacy and Environmental Governance: Empowering the Next Generation, held at St Aloysius (Deemed to be University), Mangalore, on August 29–30, 2025.

Dr Pratibha RD

Presented research findings on "Vembanad Lake: An Ecological and Socioeconomic Lifeline" at the National Conference on Climate Literacy and Environmental Governance: Empowering the Next Generation, held at St Aloysius (Deemed to be University), Mangalore, on August 29–30, 2025.

Dr Santosh Jagadeeshan

Presented the paper "Marine Pollution and Food Security" at the National Conference on Climate Literacy and Environmental Governance: Empowering the Next Generation, held at St Aloysius (Deemed to be University), Mangalore, on August 29–30, 2025.

Students Achievements

- Mr Sooraj Nair, BSc Biochemistry and Zoology, was awarded the Khorana Scholarship 2025, funded jointly by the Department of Biotechnology, Government of India and the US Department of State. He undertook a research internship at a US institution.
- Mr Farhan Imdad, I MSc Zoology, received the Student Environmentalist Award at the Avian Trust Awards held at the Regional Plant Quarantine Station, Bengaluru, on December 14, 2025. The award recognised his contributions to environmental conservation and avian research.
- Mr Abhijith S, BSc Botany and Zoology, led a team in the Herpetofaunal Survey at Periyar Tiger Reserve from June 7–10, 2025, participated in a faunal survey at the reserve from September 11–14, 2025 and participated in the Kole Odonata Survey and Ramsar Bird Monitoring at Thrissur–Ponnani Kole Wetlands on September 28, 2025. He also won First Prize in the National Level Photography Competition organised by the Department of Zoology, IQAC and Alumni Association of Veer Wajekar ASC College, Phunde.
- Mr Aditya Bari and Mr Paul Antony, BSc Botany and Zoology, were invited to conduct a workshop on iNaturalist data utilisation at the Student Conference on Conservation Science (SCCS), Bengaluru. They discussed the Tiger Beetle Watch, Nectaring Plants of Lepidoptera and AntIndia projects and introduced the Young Naturalists Community they co-lead.
- Mr Farhan Imdad, I MSc Zoology, presented his work titled "Perspectives on Climate Change and Environmental Conservation among University Students" at the 3rd International Conference on 'Transdisciplinary Research in Life Sciences (ICTRLS): Sustainable Innovations', organised by the Department of Life Sciences, Kristu Jayanti University, in

collaboration with the University of Florida, Sophia University and The University of Transdisciplinary Health Sciences and Technology, on February 17–18, 2026.

- Thirty students (10 MSc Zoology and 20 UG students from School of Life/ Chemical Sciences, successfully completed an internship program contributing to preserving nearly 9 decades of bird migration data collected by BNHS (Bombay Natural History Society), Mumbai which involved two components 1. Digitization of Bird Migration Records https://sites.google.com/bnhs.org/qcprocess/home
- 2. Resighting Records Capture (https://ringing.bnhs.org/home)
- This project offered an excellent opportunity for students to contribute to wildlife conservation while gaining hands-on experience with data digitization and quality assurance processes.
- The internship was coordinated by Dr. M. Jayashankar, Associate Professor, Dept. of Zoology.

Department of Microbiology

Study tour: The Department of Microbiology, School of Life Sciences organised a two-day industrial trip for its BSc VI semester students to Coca Cola Pvt ltd., Bidadi on 14th March 2026 and to KMF Nandini, Kanakapura Parag on 16th March 2026. The visit provided valuable exposure to real-time beverage and dairy processing operations.

During the visit, students observed various stages involved in beverage and dairy production such as ingredient mixing, pasteurization, packaging, and quality control. At the Nandini facility, students also learned about milk processing, dairy product manufacturing and packaging.

The visits helped students connect theoretical knowledge with practical industrial applications and enhanced their understanding of food processing operations.

The department expresses sincere thanks to the management and staff of both industries for their cooperation and informative sessions provided to the students.

Association activities:

Microbiological Society

On October 10th, 2025, the Microbiological Society an association of Department of Microbiology 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.

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 Microbiological Society

Dept of Microbiology is organising a series of talks on Wednesday, the 11th of February, 9:00 am-1:30 pm, at the DeNobili Hall. Prof Kshitish Acharya will talk about 'Trends in Multiomics" and Dr Jamuna R about Clinical Research.

MICROCOSM

The undergraduate students' association, Department of Microbiology, School of Life Sciences, organised "The Career Ladder" on the 19th February, 2026, a career guidance panel discussion for students of Microbiology and Life Sciences. The session brought together SJU alumni turned professionals from scientific affairs, molecular diagnostics, and global health policy, offering students practical insights into diverse career pathways beyond the classroom.

The event provided clarity, motivation, and direction to students navigating their future in life sciences.

Bioinformatics Workshop on "Structure-Based Drug Design: Molecular Docking and Beyond"

The Department of Microbiology organised a bioinformatics workshop on "Structure-Based Drug Design: Molecular Docking and Beyond" on August 2, 2025, at the Digital Library Facility, Arrupe Library & Information Centre, St Joseph's University, for first- and second-year MSc Microbiology students. The workshop had 63 participants. Dr P Sugumar, Associate Professor, Saveetha College of Engineering, Tamil Nadu, served as the resource person and trainer. Dr Mohanraj G served as Convenor and Dr Popy Dutta, Head of the Department, provided guidance. The workshop focused on structure-based drug design and introduced students to molecular docking and related computational approaches used in drug discovery.

Faculty Achievements

Dr Mohanraj Gunasekaran

Served as a resource person for a bioinformatics workshop on "Application of computational tools in the discovery of drugs for zoonotic diseases", organised by the Department of Zoology, School of Life Sciences, St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, on August 30, 2025.

Dr Mamatha S

Delivered an interactive lecture on "Career Opportunities in Biological Sciences" at Maharani Cluster University, Bengaluru, for postgraduate students of Microbiology and Biochemistry on November 24, 2025. The lecture outlined career pathways in research, industry, government and academia.

Students Achievements

- Ms Saanvi Basu and Ms Akanksha Srivastava, MSc Microbiology, cleared CSIR-NET, Category 2, in June 2025.
- Ms Swathishree CM, MSc Microbiology, cleared CSIR-NET, Category 3, in June 2025.
- Ms NG Sayi Sudharshana, Ms Janvi Rakhecha and Ms Namrata Das, MSc Microbiology, cleared UGC-NET.
- Ms Bindu Thomas, PhD Microbiology, received the Eminent Researcher Award in Microbiology for her research presentation at the National Conference on Smart Microbiology: Artificial Intelligence, Nanotechnology and Entrepreneurial Innovations Towards Sustainability, held at M S Ramaiah College of Arts, Science and Commerce on March 25, 2026.
- Ms Helvita Jane Pinto presented a poster at National Conference on Emerging Frontiers in Lifesciences: Innovations for Sustainable Development" , 23rd and 24th January,2026, organised by Sri Dharmasthala Manjunatha (SDM) Autonomous College, Ujire .This work was guided by Dr Santhosh Goveas of St Aloysius College and Dr Mamatha of St Joseph's University.

Department of Food Science and Technology

Lecture Workshop on "Rethinking Food for

a Sustainable Future"

The Department of Food Science and Technology organised a lecture workshop on "Rethinking Food for a Sustainable Future" at St Joseph's University on September 18, 2025, with 74 participants. Dr Pratima Khandelwal, Co-Founder, HNM Food Pro Academy, Bengaluru and Dr Savita S Manganavar, Professor, University of Agricultural Sciences, GKVK, Bengaluru, served as resource persons. The workshop addressed sustainable approaches to food systems through two themes. The session on Circular Food Systems focused on reducing food waste, recycling and sustainable practices across the food chain. The session on Traditional Grains, Modern Solutions: Millets for Climate-Resilient Nutrition examined the role of millets in food security, nutrition and climate adaptation.



Two-Day National-Level Workshop on "Innovative and Sustainable Processing of Fruits and Vegetables"

The Department of Food Science and Technology, in collaboration with the Institute of Baking Technology and Value Addition (IBT&VA), University of Agricultural Sciences, GKVK, organised a two-day national-level workshop on "Innovative and Sustainable Processing of Fruits and Vegetables" at St Joseph's University from January 19–20, 2026. The workshop had 60 participants, including students, research scholars, faculty members and startup entrepreneurs from Nitte University, Jain University, Vijaya College and Bangalore University. Dr Kalpana B, Professor, University of Agricultural Sciences, GKVK, Dr Bharathi C Mirajkar and Dr Ashwini A of IBT&VA served as resource persons. The programme included expert lectures and hands-on demonstrations focusing on current challenges and opportunities in fruit and vegetable processing technology.

Study Tour to Premier Research and Food Institutions, Hyderabad

MSc Food Science and Technology students undertook an enriching five-day experiential learning visit from 9–13 November 2025 to some of India's premier research institutions in Hyderabad. The team visited ICAR–Indian Institute of Millets Research & Nutrihub, CSIR–Indian Institute of Chemical Technology, ICMR–National Institute of Nutrition, and ICAR–National Meat Research Institute. Students gained valuable insights into the latest innovations and advancements in the food sector across research, nutrition science, and food technology. They explored emerging entrepreneurship prospects, research avenues, and diverse career opportunities within the food and nutrition industries. The exposure provided a strong link between classroom learning and real-world applications, greatly enriching their academic experience. Students were accompanied by Dr Mohan Kumar S., Ms Anugraha Lalu, and Ms Navya Siby.

Industry Visit to Bühler Pvt. Ltd.

The Department of Food Science and Technology, School of Life Sciences, organised a one-day industry visit to Bühler Pvt. Ltd. — a globally renowned manufacturer of food processing equipment and advanced technology — on 17 March 2026. The visit offered an excellent opportunity to understand real-time industrial operations, modern machinery, and innovative processing techniques used in the food industry. During the session, students were introduced to various stages of processing,

organisational health and safety practices, and the importance of automation in improving efficiency and product quality. The experts at Bühler provided detailed explanations and addressed students' queries, making the experience highly interactive and informative. The visit also inspired students to explore career opportunities in the industrial and research sectors of food science and technology.

ASSOCIATION EVENTS



FOOD MILES - National Nutrition Week Celebrations (3-day event)

Food Miles celebrated National Nutrition Week 2025 over three days (30 August, 1–2 September) with colour-themed events. Day 1 (Vegetable Charcoal theme) featured a webinar by Ms. Srishti D. Chatlani on "Food, Mood and Beyond," exploring gut health and its connection to nutrition and emotional well-being. Day 2 (Erythrosine Red theme) included awareness talks on balanced diets using the My Plate model and a session on food colourants and their health implications. Day 3 (Brilliant Blue theme) concluded with an interactive nutrition and food safety quiz with prizes. The three-day event successfully combined scientific insights with interactive student engagement.

Guest Lecture: "Food, Mood and Beyond – Understanding the Gut and Its Influence in Food Processing"

Food Miles organised a guest lecture on "Food, Mood and Beyond: Understanding the Gut and Its Influence in the Food Processing Industry" on 30 August 2025. The session was delivered by Ms. Srishti D. Chatlani, Founder and Sports Nutritionist at Nutri with Ti, who holds a Master's in Sports and Exercise Nutrition. The lecture explored the vital link between gut health, food choices, mood, and the implications for the food processing industry, sparking engaging discussions among students.

Edesia (Fourth Edition – Intercollegiate Fest)

The Food Miles Association organised the fourth edition of Edesia, their intercollegiate fest, on 3 September 2025 at SJU. Participants came from MS Ramaiah University of Applied Sciences, Kristu Jayanthi University, REVA University, Mount Carmel College, Vijaya College, St Claret Pre-University College, Maharani Cluster University, and RNS University. The fest featured food stalls, game stalls, and a range of inter-college competitions promoting teamwork, creativity, and quick thinking. It was a vibrant platform where education and enjoyment came together.

Talk on "Alternative Proteins: From Plant to Plate – Shaping the Future of Sustainable Nutrition"

Food Miles organised a talk on "Alternative Proteins: From Plant to Plate – Shaping the Future of Sustainable Nutrition" on 7 March 2026. The session was delivered by Ms. Kavya Krishnamurthy, Chef, Food Scientist, and Head of a food innovation initiative. The talk explored the landscape of plant-based and alternative protein sources, their nutritional value, consumer acceptance, and the role they play in building a sustainable global food system. Students engaged with real-world examples of how alternative proteins are being developed and commercialised.

Faculty Achievements

Dr Mohan Kumar S

- Delivered a talk titled "From DNA to Antibodies: Modern Tools for Detecting Foodborne Pathogens" to undergraduate students of Microbiology, Biochemistry and Biotechnology at SRNMNC College, Shimoga, on October 4, 2025.

- Served as a resource person and judged posters presented at Industry and Academia Confab (INAC) 4.0, organised by the School of Sciences, Jain (Deemed-to-be University), Bengaluru, in association with Bangalore Bio-Innovation Centre, on March 5, 2026.
- Co-chaired a scientific session at the National Conference on Fungi for Bharath, organised by the University of Delhi in association with the Mycological Society of India, from November 20–22, 2025.
- Served as a resource person and delivered a talk titled "The Power of Food Science: Why Study Food Technology?" at M S Ramaiah College of Arts, Science and Commerce, Bengaluru, on August 6, 2025.
- Served as an External Subject Expert for the Board of Studies for the BSc Food Technology programme at M S Ramaiah College of Arts, Science and Commerce, Bengaluru, and attended a meeting on May 26, 2025.
- Received the Young Teacher Award – 2025 for contributions to Food Microbiology from the Agricultural Technology Development Society (ATDS) at the 9th International Conference on Advances in Agricultural, Biological and Biodiversity Conservation for Sustainable Development (ABCD-2025), held in Mysuru from November 13–15, 2025.
- Received the Consolation Prize for the research paper "Oleamide, A fatty acid amide isolated from Coprinopsis cinerea is a potential Antimicrobial compound against multidrug resistant ESKAPE pathogens" at the National Conference on Antimicrobial Resistance: Strategies for Prevention and Alternatives, organised by Karnataka Science and Technology Academy (KSTA), Bengaluru, from May 14–16, 2025.
- Served as an Associate Editor for MOJ Food Processing and Technology Journal from June 2025.
- Completed MOOCs-SWAYAM courses in Food Chemistry and Food Microbiology and Food Safety and an NPTEL-SWAYAM course in Bio-Engineering.
- Presented research papers at national conferences on the biological activity of natural pigment produced by Talaromyces atroroseus FST1, antioxidant properties of Coprinopsis cinerea and antimicrobial potential against multidrug-resistant ESKAPE pathogens.
- Reviewed research papers for journals including Discovery Molecules, MOJ Food Processing and Technology Journal and Research Journal of Food Science and Technology.

Dr Anupriya Mazumder

- Served as a jury member for the Oral Presentation Session on Food and Nutrition during the National Conference, 'SHIFT 2026: From Innovation to Impact – The Future of Healthcare', organised by the School of Allied Healthcare and Sciences, Jain (Deemed-to-be University), Bengaluru, on March 12–13, 2026.
- Organised the two-day workshop on "Innovative and Sustainable Processing of Fruits and Vegetables" at St Joseph's University from January 19–20, 2026.
- Organised a State-Level Hands-on Workshop on "Processing and Value Addition in Millets" at St Joseph's University on March 6, 2025.
- Participated in a two-day workshop on Outcome-Based Education at St Joseph's University from July 18–19, 2025.
- Completed a 10-day National Training Programme on "Next-Generation Sustainable Alternative Proteins for Food: Fundamentals and Technological Innovation" at the National Institute of Technology Rourkela in October 2025.
- Completed a national-level Faculty Development Programme on "Crafting High Impact Manuscripts for Indexed Journals", organised by Madras Christian College, Chennai, from November 17–22, 2025.

Dr Sunita Adak

- Participated in a two-day workshop on Outcome-Based Education at St Joseph's University from July 18–19, 2025.
- Participated in a five-day Faculty Development Programme on "Sustainable Food Systems and Green Technologies", conducted by the Department of Food Technology, Saintgits College of Engineering, in collaboration with AFST(I) Cochin Chapter, from December 1–5, 2025.
- Participated in the two-day workshop on Innovative and Sustainable Processing of Fruits and Vegetables" at St Joseph's University from January 19–20, 2026.
- Reviewed a research paper for Industrial Crops and Products, Elsevier, in June 2025.
- Reviewed a review paper for 3Biotech, Springer Nature, in August 2025.
- Reviewed a doctoral research proposal for a PhD student in Biotechnology at Banasthali Vidyapith, Rajasthan, in September 2025.
- Reviewed research papers for Preparative Biochemistry & Biotechnology and Discover Sustainability in February and March 2026 respectively.

Ms Anugraha Lalu

Presented the paper "In-silico study of the therapeutic potential of Berberis Aristata DC" at the National Conference 'SHIFT 2026', held at JAIN (Deemed-to-be) University, Bengaluru, from March 12–13, 2026.

Students Achievements

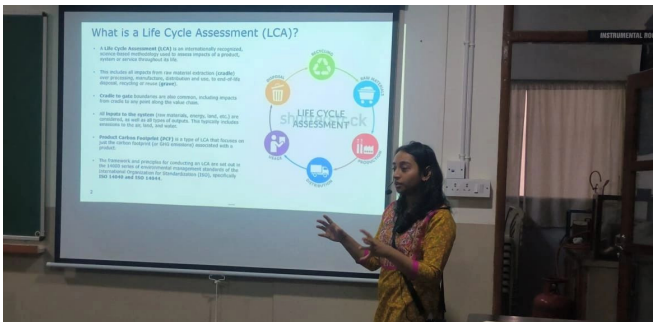
- Ms Cheryl Saju, MSc Food Science and Technology, secured research funding under the 49th Series Student Project Programme (SPP) 2025–26 of the Karnataka State Council for Science and Technology (KSCST) for her student research project.
- Ms Eldrida Colaco, MSc Food Science and Technology, presented the paper "Evaluation of Physico-chemical and Biological Properties of Edible Lichen Parmotrema perlatum" at the National Conference 'SHIFT 2026' at JAIN University, Bengaluru, from March 12–13, 2026.
- Ms Naisha Asiya Shaheer, MSc Food Science and Technology, presented her dissertation titled "Development of functional fruit drinks incorporated with extracts of Dandelion root (Taraxacum officinale), Milk Thistle (Silybum marianum), and Rosehip (Rosa canina)" at the National Conference 'SHIFT 2026' at JAIN University, Bengaluru, from March 12–13, 2026.
- Ms Shireen Fatima, MSc Food Science and Technology, presented a research poster titled "Design and Characterization of a functional Pleurotus ostreatus-based gelato for urban vitamin B fortification and Protein supplementation" at the 9th AMIFOST 2026 – International Conference on Bio-convergence and Next-Gen Food Systems: Towards Sustainable Nutrition and Global Food Resilience, held at Amity University, Noida, on March 17–18, 2026.
- Ms Cheryl Saju, MSc Food Science and Technology, presented the research paper "Development and sensory evaluation of a plant-based cheese analogue" at the National Conference 'SHIFT 2026' at JAIN University, Bengaluru, from March 12–13, 2026.
- Ms Suryakala and Ms Eldrida Colaco, MSc Food Science and Technology, presented their MSc project work at the 3rd International Conference on 'Transdisciplinary Research in Life Sciences (ICTRLS): Sustainable Innovations' on February 17–18, 2026. Ms Suryakala received the Best Paper Award under the sub-theme Sustainable Innovation and Development.

Department of Environmental Science

Talk on 'Occupational Health & Safety at the Core of ESG: Creating a Safe and Sustainable Future'

The Department of Environmental Science organised a talk on 'Occupational Health & Safety at the Core of ESG: Creating a Safe and Sustainable Future' at St Joseph's University on August 30, 2025, for 40 participants from the

MSc Environmental Science and Sustainability programme. Mr Puneeth K, ESG–EHS & FLS, Prestige Groups, served as the resource person. The session focused on the role of occupational health and safety within Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) frameworks and its relevance to creating safe and sustainable workplaces.



Alumni Talk on '6P Framework – The Future of Sustainability and Circular Economy'

The Department of Environmental Science organised an alumni talk on '6P Framework – The Future of Sustainability and Circular Economy' at St Joseph's University on August 9, 2025, with 40 participants. Mr Fredrick Royan, alumnus of St Joseph's College, Vice President, Frost and Sullivan UK and Council Chair, SWAN – The Smart Water Networks Forum, served as the resource person. The session introduced the 6P framework of Policies, Products, Processes, People/Personas, Partnerships and Platforms and examined its relevance to Net Zero within ESG, sustainability and the circular economy.

One-Day Hands-on Workshop on Geospatial Technologies and Drone Applications

The Department of Environmental Science organised a one-day hands-on workshop on Geospatial Technologies and Drone Applications at St Joseph's University Block B Campus, Bannerghatta Road, Bengaluru, on March 7, 2026. Dr Kumar M. organised the workshop, with Shri Shashank Patel, Founder and CEO, VimAtraya Geospatial Technological Solutions, serving as the resource person. The workshop provided practical exposure to geospatial and drone technologies and their applications in environmental monitoring, spatial analysis and sustainability studies.

One-Day Hands-on Workshop on Environmental Statistics and Power BI

The Department of Environmental Science organised a one-day hands-on workshop on Environmental Statistics and Power BI at St Joseph's University on March 14, 2026. Dr Kumar M. organised the workshop, with Shri Sathyaprakash Sharma KS, Anvesana Research Laboratory, S-VYASA Deemed to be University, serving as the resource person. The workshop provided practical training in analysing environmental datasets using statistical methods and developing dashboards with Power BI. The sessions focused on data interpretation and visualisation for environmental monitoring and decision-making.

Alumni Interaction and Hands-on Training Session on Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) and Characterization Factor Mapping

The Department of Environmental Science organised an alumni interaction and hands-on training session on Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) and Characterization Factor Mapping at St Joseph's University on January 13, 2026, for MSc Environmental Science and Sustainability students. Dr BS Prabhakar, Associate Professor, Department of Environmental Science, organised the session, with Ms Samavitha Datta, Sustainability Consultant, Schneider Electric Advisory Services, New York City, USA, and alumna of St Joseph's University, serving as the resource person. The session provided practical insights into real-world LCA and connected academic concepts with applications in sustainability consulting. It also facilitated interaction between students and an alumna on professional practice, knowledge sharing and career guidance.

ASSOCIATION EVENTS

Seasons Nature Club - Conservia 2025 – Annual Intra-collegiate Fest (Theme: Birds of Paradise)

Conservia 2025, the annual intra-collegiate fest of the Seasons Nature Club, Department of Environmental Science, was held on 15–16 September 2025 at SJU, with the theme "Birds of Paradise." The two-day event featured a range of eco-inspired competitions including zine-making (Paradise Press), a mad advertisements event (Birds of Banter), a fashion show (Wings on Walk), a treasure hunt (The Hidden Nest), reel-making (Wings in Motion), a quiz (Nest Quest), a debate (Clash of Claws), and a sustainability pitch event (EcoNest). The fest celebrated conservation, creativity, and sustainability, drawing around 50 participants from across the campus.

Faculty Achievements

Dr Alaknanda J Adur

- Co-authored the Scopus-indexed journal article "Self-Healing Water Systems (SHWS) as a sustainable solution to water scarcity, aging infrastructure, and pollution".
- Was appointed as an Associate Member of the Karnataka Science and Technology Academy (KSTA) on January 27, 2026.
- Chaired a session on Sustainable Lakes: Opportunities, Challenges and Pathways Forward at the National Conference on Changes in the Hydrological Dynamics of Lakes and Reservoirs in a Warming Climate and the Anthropocene, organised by Prayoga Institute of Education Research, Bengaluru, on March 24, 2026.
- Presented "Valorization of biomass and invasive species for sustainable resource management" at the 15th International Conference on Waste Management and Circular Economy – IPLA Global Forum 2025, held at Graphic Era University, Dehradun, from October 29–31, 2025.

Dr Mohd Yousuf Rather

- Co-authored the Scopus-indexed journal article "Advances in smart food authentication for enhanced safety and quality", with an impact factor of 15.4.
- Co-authored the Scopus-indexed journal article "Response to the letter by Prof. Yoshiyasu Takefuji: Enhancing methodological rigor in machine learning for food authentication", with an impact factor of 15.4.
- Co-authored the Scopus-indexed journal article "Methodological advances in microplastic research: detection, isolation, and analytical characterization", with an impact factor of 5.1.
- Co-authored the Scopus-indexed journal article "Soil organic carbon partitioning in Himalayan coniferous forests: Influence of biotic and abiotic factors".
- Served as a speaker for World Environment Day 2025, organised by the Centre for Sustainable Environment and Education, Hyderabad, on June 5, 2025.

Dr Kumar M

- Was invited as a guest speaker for the valedictory function of the Environmental Society and Farewell 2025, organised by the Department of Environment and Climate Change, Bengaluru City University, where he spoke on individual roles in tackling climate change, India's Net Zero target and career opportunities for postgraduate students.
- Was invited as a subject expert by Samvada Baduku to speak on "From Policy to Practice: The Implementation of Environmental Laws in India" on November 18, 2025.
- Delivered a talk on "From Compliance to Commitment: ISO and Environmental Management Systems" during a National Conference at Sri Venkateshwara University, Tirupati, on February 26, 2026.
- Was approved as an Empanelled Functional Area Expert under the Scheme for Accreditation of EIA Consultant Organizations by the National accreditation body on February 19, 2026.
- Presented "Silent Emissions from Urban Wastewaters: Methane flux in Bengaluru lake series" at the International Conference on Environment, Sustainability and

Gender Disparities: A Holistic Dialogue for Inclusive Futures, held at B. S. Abdur Rehman Crescent Institute of Science and Technology, Chennai, on November 12–13, 2025.

- Completed a two-week training programme on Climate Change and Forests: An Interactive Approach to Science and Governance, organised by the Divecha Centre for Climate Change, IISc, Bengaluru, from December 8–19, 2025, and presented a group case study on Human–Wildlife Conflict in Bandipur.
- Undertook a consultancy project on Carbon Sequestration Assessment Studies in the greenbelt of Toyota Kirloskar Motor Private Limited, Bidadi Industrial Area, Ramanagara.

Dr Rajanna Hanumaiah

Co-authored the Scopus-indexed journal article "Dual-Functionality of Ni-SAC/UiO-66: Tackling Pharmaceutical Pollution and CO_2 Emissions", with an impact factor of 5.4.

Student Achievements

- Ms Leann Allen, Ms Riya C Shirhatti and Ms Keira Esther Bunyan, BSc Environmental Science, V Semester, received the Best Paper Presentation Award at the International Conference on Environment, Sustainability and Gender Disparities: A Holistic Dialogue for Inclusive Futures, held at BS Abdur Rehman Crescent Institute of Science and Technology, Chennai.
- Ms Annapoorna B, BSc Environmental Science and Biology (ESBY), was selected for the Indian Academies of Sciences' Summer Research Fellowship. She completed a research project at Smart Microbiological Services, Secunderabad, on isolating and identifying microorganisms capable of solubilising phosphate, potassium and zinc from rhizosphere soil.
- Mr Samuel G, MSc Environmental Science and Sustainability, completed a four-week internship with the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Climate Action Cell from May–June 2025, contributing to climate budgeting analysis, ward-level climate action planning and outreach to more than 70 schools.
- Mr Dristi Prakash, MSc Environmental Science and Sustainability, interned at CSIR-Central Institute of Mining and Fuel Research (CIMFR), Dhanbad, from May–June 2025, analysing N_2O and CH_4 concentrations in the Jharia Coalfield using Sentinel-5P satellite data.

Department of Biology

ASSOCIATION EVENTS

AMYGDALA - Samshodhana Simulation 1

AMYGDALA, a student-led research initiative of the Department of Biology, organised Samshodhana Simulation 1 on 10 January 2026. The event simulated a research environment through presentations and discussions, with student speakers drawn from the Schools of Life Sciences, Social Sciences, and Physical Sciences. They spoke on the introduction and principles of research and shared personal experiences in their disciplines. Faculty and students engaged actively in the discussions, fostering cross-disciplinary dialogue and critical thinking.

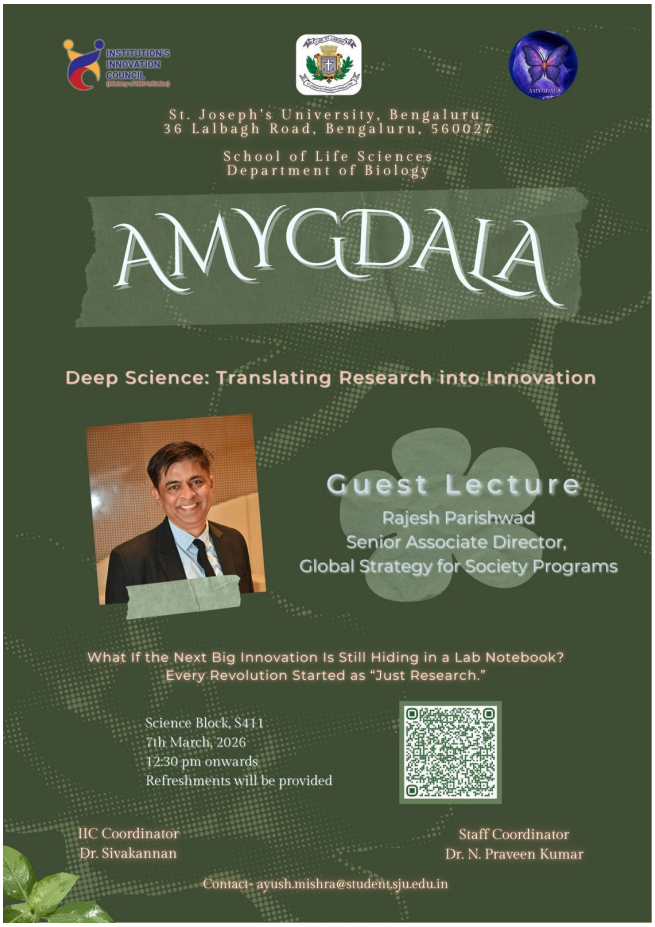
Samugam Simulation 2

AMYGDALA conducted Samugam Simulation 2 on 27 February 2026, centred on the theme "Progress Paradox: Who Gets Left Behind When Society Advances?" The session began with a brief on abstract writing, covering structure, word limits, and clarity. A panel discussion followed, with student speakers exploring the theme through the lenses of healthcare, artificial intelligence, sustainability, capitalism, and higher education. The event concluded with reflections from Dr N. Praveen Kumar, Faculty Coordinator, who emphasised the value of research-oriented analytical thinking.

AMYGDALA Guest Lecture on Deep

Science & Innovation

AMYGDALA organised a guest lecture on Deep Science & Innovation on 7 March 2026 at Room S411, SJU, from 12:30 PM onwards. The speaker was Mr. Rajesh Parishwad, Senior Associate Director – Global Strategy for Society Programs, American Chemical Society, who works at the intersection of science, policy, and global collaboration. The lecture explored how fundamental research transitions into real-world innovation, and how scientists engage with industry, governments, and international research institutions.



BIOGEN – Experts on Campus (Inaugural Session)

BIOGEN, the Biology Department's student association, launched its flagship series 'Experts on Campus' on 21 January 2026. The inaugural session featured Dr Samson S. of the Department of Zoology, SJU, who delivered an engaging talk on paradigm-shifting discoveries in neuroscience. He highlighted the brain's complexity, adaptability, and unanswered questions, making a technically demanding subject both accessible and compelling. The series aims to bridge classroom learning with cutting-edge research through regular expert interactions.

Invited Speaker: Workshop on "AI in Academic Research"

The Department of Biology participated in a workshop on "AI in Academic Research" organised by the Centre for Scientific Research and Advanced Learning, Mount Carmel College, Bengaluru, on November 21, 2025. Dr CN Rahul from the Department of Biology served as an invited speaker. The workshop focused on the application of artificial intelligence in academic research.

Faculty Achievements

Dr CN Rahul

Served as an invited speaker at a workshop on "AI in Academic Research", organised by the Centre for Scientific Research and Advanced Learning, Mount Carmel College, Bengaluru, on November 21, 2025.

Department of Biotechnology

Industry visit:

The Department of Biotechnology accompanied final year MSc Biotechnology students to visit Bayer, on the 10th of October 2025, where they gained a clear understanding of how modern agriculture integrates biotechnology, crop genetics, and sustainable farming practices. The visit highlighted Bayer's major product lines, including high-yield hybrid seeds, advanced crop protection chemicals, and biological solutions designed to reduce pesticide dependence. Their seed division especially emphasized the role of plant genetics—showing how traits such as drought tolerance, pest resistance, and improved nutrient-use efficiency are introduced through both traditional breeding and modern genetic technologies. One of the most insightful parts of the visit was the comparison between agricultural systems in the United States and India. In the US, agriculture is largely

mechanized, highly data-driven, and supported by large landholdings, making it easier to adopt technologies such as genetically modified crops and precision farming tools. In contrast, Indian agriculture is more fragmented, with smaller plots, variable infrastructure, and a greater dependence on monsoon rainfall. This means that while advanced genetics and improved seed varieties are extremely valuable, their successful implementation in India requires additional support in irrigation, farmer training, and access to technology. Overall, the visit gave a deeper appreciation for how science and genetics drive crop improvement and how agricultural needs differ between countries. It was an enriching and informative experience for the students and faculty alike.



Invited Lecture on 'Evolving Gene Regulation'

The Department of Biotechnology organised an invited lecture on 'Evolving Gene Regulation' at St Joseph's University on August 29, 2025, with 45 participants. Dr Aswin Sai Narain Seshasayee, National Centre for Biological Sciences (NCBS), Bengaluru, served as the resource person. The lecture focused on bacterial evolution and phylogenetics, examining genomes as molecular fossils and the role of gene expression and transcription factors in E. coli. The session also explored the presence and absence of genes across species, evolutionary divergence and the role of bacterial adaptation and regulation in survival strategies.

Protein Purification and Characterisation Workshop

The Department of Biotechnology, in collaboration with the PMRF Teaching Assistantship Programme, Indian Institute of Science (IISc), organised a Protein Purification and Characterisation Workshop at St Joseph's University on September 12–13, 2025, for 35 first-year MSc Biotechnology students. Ms Ananya Chatterjee, Mr Arnab Ghosh, Ms Harshitha Dutta, Mr Manish Nag and Mr Sainath Polepalli, PhD scholars from the Molecular Biophysics Unit, IISc, served as resource persons. The workshop introduced students to protein handling, Ni-NTA affinity chromatography, dialysis and SDS-PAGE using silver staining and Coomassie Brilliant Blue. The facilitators encouraged students to apply critical thinking rather than follow laboratory protocols mechanically.

Workshop on RNA Biology

The Department of Biotechnology, in collaboration with the PMRF Teaching Assistantship Programme, Indian Institute of Science (IISc), organised a two-day workshop on RNA Biology at St Joseph's University on February 13–14, 2026, for 35 first-year MSc Biotechnology students. Ananya Chatterjee, Arnab Ghosh, Harshitha Dutta, Manish Nag and Asiesh K, PMRFs from the Molecular Biophysics Unit, IISc, served as resource persons. The workshop covered RNA isolation, purification and protein activity testing, with sessions on nucleic acid handling, enzymatic assays and gel-based analytical techniques. The programme focused on conceptual clarity, experimental logic and careful laboratory technique.

Symposium on 'Proteins, Synapses and Systems: Frontiers in Neuroscience'

The Department of Biotechnology, in collaboration with the Society for Neurochemistry India, Bengaluru Chapter, organised a symposium on 'Proteins, Synapses and Systems: Frontiers in Neuroscience' at De Nobili Hall, St Joseph's University, on March 13, 2026, with 120 participants. The symposium brought together experts from neuroscience, including speakers from

the National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences (NIMHANS), Bengaluru. Prof Srikumar Bettadapura, Professor of Neurophysiology, NIMHANS, delivered the first lecture. The programme was open to final-year undergraduate science students and MSc students and was held from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm.

Faculty Achievements

Ms Dyna S Thomas

- Co-authored the Scopus-indexed journal article "Genetically engineered silk fibroin with antibacterial and antioxidant properties", with an impact factor of 2.9.
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- **Dr Sneha Paul**
- Co-authored the book chapter "Bioconversion of Agricultural and Food Waste into Bioplastics: Strategies, Challenges and Future Perspectives".
- Received the Best Poster Award and Young Scientist Award at the 12th International Conference on Agriculture & Veterinary: Transformative Approach, Research & Innovations Forum (ICAVRI-25), held in Goa from November 16–18, 2025.

Dr Madappa Machamada Bheemaiah and Dr Debarati Chattopadhyay

Published the Scopus-indexed journal article "Age and mating status modulate combined efficacy of α-lipoic acid and climbing to mitigate high-fat diet-induced oxidative stress in Drosophila melanogaster", with Dr Madappa Machamada Bheemaiah as first author and Dr Debarati Chattopadhyay as corresponding author.

Dr Nishanth MJ

- Published the book chapter "Plant Development, Stress, and Transcriptomics" as the corresponding author.
- Co-authored the Scopus-indexed journal article "Conserved differential expression of DDX helicase and CPEB genes in skeletal muscles potentially influences neuromuscular junctions during aging: a computational analysis", with an impact factor of 4.1.
- Presented 'Functional conservation and diversification of hnRNP interactomes in eukaryotes' at the 6th International Caparica Conference on Splicing, held in Costa da Caparica, Lisbon, Portugal, from July 20–24, 2025. The visit was supported by an International Travel Support grant from the Anusandhan National Research Foundation, Government of India.

Dr Valeeta D'Souza

Co-authored the Scopus-indexed journal article "Genetic studies on Quality Protein Maize (QPM) for variability and diversity analysis under temperate conditions (Zea mays L.)", with an impact factor of 0.8.

Dr T Satgurunathan

Gave 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, on August 29, 2025.

Dr Anthony Johnson AM

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 the Department of Biochemistry, St Joseph's College (Autonomous), Trichy, on September 24, 2025.

Dr Grace Prabhakar

Presented the paper 'A study of resveratrol and its correlation with macronutrients and total phenolics in raw and processed peanuts' at the National Conference on Climate Conscious Crop Science – CropGeneBreed 2025, held at GKVK, Bengaluru, on November 1, 2025.

Students Achievements

Mr Jogith K, Ms Hamsa NL and Mr Junaid Khan, MSc Biotechnology, cleared KSET

2025.

Sakshi R Varshney, VZ Misbah Rehman and Varsheetha Hegde, MSc Biotechnology, secured the Second Prize in the HackForAgri Challenge, competing against 60 teams. The challenge was organised by The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI), ICAR and partner organisations.

Alan Shyju, Previya Skariah Valiyaparambil, Anirudh VA, Daniel Thomas, Dikshith L Naik, Lekha AP and Lydia Sharon, I MSc Biotechnology, presented the poster "Rising Threat of Streptomycin Resistance in Plant Pathogenic Bacteria: Insights from Xanthomonas, Pseudomonas, and Erwinia" at the 10th Annual Meeting of the Conference on Antimicrobial Resistance, held at SASTRA University, Thanjavur, from February 26–27, 2026.

Neona Lawrence, Andrea Alwyn, Priya Lewis and Shraddha, I MSc Biotechnology, presented the poster "Fungicide resistance in powdery mildew pathogens: A potential threat to Food Security" at the same conference.

Department of Botany

The Dept of Botany successfully completed the installation of plant name boards for trees across the campus on January 9, 2026, marking a significant step toward strengthening botanical awareness and environmental stewardship. This initiative was conceptualized and implemented by the Department of Botany, with commendable contributions from Dr. A. Stephen and Dr. Paramesha M., reflecting the department's commitment to academic excellence, sustainability, and campus biodiversity conservation. The first phase of this initiative was carried out with the enthusiastic involvement of II-year CBBT students, whose participation added academic and experiential value to the programme.

The students of Final Year B.Sc. Botany and Zoology were taken to Indo-American Hybrid Seeds for an industrial visit. During the visit, they learned about plant tissue culture techniques, the hardening process, and the large-scale multiplication of plants of various species and varieties. The students were given an overview of the laboratory procedures and nursery practices involved in commercial plant production. The visit provided valuable practical exposure and industry-oriented learning. The students were accompanied by Dr. Grace Leena Crasta, Department of Botany, School of Life Sciences, who guided them throughout the visit and supported their academic engagement.

Faculty Achievements

Dr Neelam Mishra

- Published the Scopus-indexed journal article "Co-Overexpression of Ankyrin Repeat Domain-Containing Protein 2A and Vacuolar H^+-Pyrophosphatase Enhances Salt Tolerance through Auxin Homeostasis in Cotton", with an impact factor of 6.2.
- Published the Scopus-indexed journal article "Genome-Wide Identification, Functional Characterization of Protein Phosphatase 2A (PP2A) Gene Family in Cicer arietinum Reveals the Potential Role of CaPP2A-A1 Under Abiotic Stress" as the corresponding author, with an impact factor of 1.4.
- Published the Scopus-indexed journal article "Molecular docking and molecular dynamics simulation studies to identify potential isoquinoline alkaloid derivatives against chorismate synthase of Listeria monocytogenes" as the corresponding author, with an impact factor of 1.4.
- Published the Scopus-indexed journal article "Genome-wide identification of PP2A gene family in Camellia sinensis reveals the potential role of CsPP2A-TON2/FASS1 in abiotic stress" as the corresponding author, with an impact factor of 2.5.
- Published the Scopus-indexed journal article "Genome-wide identification, expression profiles and regulatory network analysis of SOS group of genes in Camellia sinensis" as the corresponding author, with an impact factor of 1.7.
- Delivered a talk titled "Exploiting Plant Genomic Resources: Transgenic

approaches to sustainable agriculture and pharmaceutical innovation" as part of the SJRIC Lecture Seminar Series (Session 7) in Bengaluru on September 26, 2025.

Dr Martin Paul A

Published the book chapter "The Use of Moringa Oleifera Lam. Bioflocculants from Seed and Leaf Extracts in Wastewater Treatment" as a co-author.

Dr A Stephen

- Delivered a plenary talk on "DNA Barcoding & QR Codes: Tagging & Tracking Biodiversity" at a National Seminar organised by Women's Christian College, Nagercoil, on February 20, 2026.
- Presented the paper "Planting for the Future: Why Native Trees Matter for Climate-Resilient Cities like Bengaluru and Chennai" at the National Conference on Climate Literacy and Environmental Governance: Empowering the Next Generation, held at St Aloysius (Deemed to be University), Mangalore, on August 29–30, 2025. He also moderated a panel discussion on practical approaches to building climate-resilient urban environments.

Dr Paramesha M

Presented the paper "Campus Waste Behaviour and Perceptions: A Survey-Based Assessment of Waste Segregation, Infrastructure and Community Interest at St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, Karnataka, India" at the National Conference on Climate Literacy and Environmental Governance, held at St Aloysius (Deemed to be University), Mangalore, on August 29–30, 2025.

Students Achievements

- Ms Aafiya Tabarak, MSc Botany, cleared KSET 2025.
- Ms Triveni, PhD Botany, received the Best Research Scholar Award 2025 at the 9th International Conference on 'Advances in Agricultural, Biological and Biodiversity Conservation for Sustainable Development', held at the University of Mysore from November 13–15, 2025.
- Ms Tejaswini, PhD Botany, received the Young Research Award 2025 at the same conference.
- Mr Bharath Kumar, PhD Botany, received the Young Research Fellow Award 2025 at the same conference.
- Ms Rajeswari, II MSc Botany, presented the paper "Datura metel Phytochemicals: Quantification and Effect on Human Health" at the National Conference 'SHIFT 2026' at JAIN University, Bengaluru, from March 12–13, 2026.
- Ms Chandana Munegowda, II MSc Botany, presented the paper "Vegetable Nutraceuticals Degradation by Phytopathogens and Its Impact on Human Health" at the National Conference 'SHIFT 2026' at JAIN University, Bengaluru, from March 12–13, 2026.
- Ms Ramya M, II MSc Botany, presented her research work at the 3rd International Conference on 'Transdisciplinary Research in Life Sciences (ICTRLS): Sustainable Innovations' on February 17–18, 2026. She received the Best Poster Award under the theme Sustainable Innovation and Development.

Department of Environmental Science

- Ms Leann Allen, Ms Riya C Shirhatti and Ms Keira Esther Bunyan, BSc Environmental Science, V Semester, received the Best Paper Presentation Award at the International Conference on Environment, Sustainability and Gender Disparities: A Holistic Dialogue for Inclusive Futures, held at B. S. Abdur Rehman Crescent Institute of Science and Technology, Chennai.
- Ms Annapoorna B, BSc Environmental Science and Biology (ESBY), was selected for the Indian Academies of Sciences' Summer Research Fellowship. She completed a research project at Smart Microbiological Services, Secunderabad, on isolating and identifying microorganisms capable of solubilising phosphate, potassium

and zinc from rhizosphere soil.

- Mr Samuel G, MSc Environmental Science and Sustainability, completed a four-week internship with the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Climate Action Cell from May–June 2025, contributing to climate budgeting analysis, ward-level climate action planning and outreach to more than 70 schools.
- Mr Dristi Prakash, MSc Environmental Science and Sustainability, interned at CSIR-Central Institute of Mining and Fuel Research (CIMFR), Dhanbad, from May–June 2025, analysing N_2O and CH_4 concentrations in the Jharia Coalfield using Sentinel-5P satellite data.
- School-wide Student Achievements
- Mr Abhijith S, BSc Botany and Zoology, won the Best Poster award at the National Conference for Undergraduate Research in Biosciences (NCURB), held at IISER Tirupati from December 16–17, 2025, for his presentation titled "Species drift without decline: Avian responses to climate and habitat changes at Jigni Lake, Bengaluru".
- Ms Suryakala, from the School of Life Sciences, received the Best Paper Award for her oral presentation at the 3rd International Conference on 'Transdisciplinary Research in Life Sciences (ICTRLS): Sustainable Innovations'.
- Students from the School of Life Sciences won the Overall Trophy at Jeevotsav 2025, an intercollegiate fest organised by the School of Life Sciences, Christ University, Bengaluru.
- Zoya S Baig, Menaka Pooja T, Urvashi Bajpai, Juwayria M, Akshaya R, Arya Arun Nair, Kenish Y, Om Padalkar, Irfan Youssef and Shamaa Bellur, from multiple programmes in the School of Life Sciences, won the Overall Runners-Up trophy at BioAura 2025, organised by Kristu Jayanti Deemed to be University.

Research Internships

- Students from the School of Life Sciences undertook research internships at research institutions, government organisations and industry during AY 2025–26. Forty-six undergraduate students participated in a four-week online internship with the Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS), coordinated by the Department of Zoology, involving the identification and correction of digitisation errors in BNHS's historic bird-ringing database. A second cohort of 30 students, including 10 MSc Zoology students and 20 undergraduate students from the Schools of Life Sciences and Chemical Sciences, subsequently completed a related BNHS internship involving the digitisation and analysis of resighting records.
- Mr Abhijith S, BSc Botany and Zoology, completed a 20-day field internship in Dr Nandini Rajamani's research group at IISER Tirupati in May 2025, working on the behavioural adaptation of palm squirrels in Kerala.
- Ms Annapoorna B, BSc Environmental Science and Biology, completed her Indian Academies of Sciences' Summer Research Fellowship project at Smart Microbiological Services, Secunderabad, on isolating biofertiliser-potential microorganisms from rhizosphere soil.
- Tisya Sharma, Biology UG, completed a research internship at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru.
- Syeda Nousheen and Risa Stanly, Microbiology PG, completed internships at the MSB Lab, IIT Indore, while Shivika Arora completed an internship at Harcourt Butler Technical University, Kanpur.
- Twelve students from St Joseph's University, including MSc Environmental Science students, participated in a three-day internship with Ecomorphosys, the sustainability partner for the Bengaluru Tech Summit 2025, in November 2025.

Industry Internships

- Rachit A Chittaragi and Fathima Zaiba, MSc Microbiology, interned at Karnataka Antibiotics and Pharmaceuticals Limited (KAPL), Bengaluru, from May–June 2025.

- Saniya Anjum, MSc Microbiology, interned at Asian Diagnostics, Bengaluru, from May–June 2025.
- Aishwarya S, MSc Microbiology, completed an internship at Anthem Biosciences Limited, Bengaluru, from May–June 2025.

SCHOOL OF PHYSICAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS

Department Events

Global Education Fair

A group of 30 final-year B.Sc. Electronics students actively participated in the Global Education Fair organized by Global Degrees. The event served as an excellent platform for students to gain exposure to a wide range of international academic opportunities. During the fair, students had the opportunity to interact directly with representatives from leading universities across the globe, which helped them understand various academic programs and institutional offerings. Participants gained valuable insights into higher education options, admission procedures, eligibility criteria, scholarship opportunities, and emerging global trends in electronics, technology, and research. The session also enabled students to clarify their academic and career aspirations while exploring suitable pathways for pursuing higher studies abroad.

Exhibition Competition

A team of three students representing the Department of Electronics participated in the national-level science exhibition competition organized by CHRIST (Deemed to be University) on February 20, 2026. The students presented an innovative prototype titled "Smart Automated EVM," which incorporated advanced features such as biometric voter authentication to enhance the security and reliability of the voting process. During the project exhibition, the team effectively demonstrated the working model, highlighting its practical applications and potential to address challenges in conventional electronic voting systems. Additionally, they had the opportunity to explore a variety of innovative projects presented by other participants, broadening their knowledge and perspectives.

Association Events

SHOCK FEST 2026

The annual flagship intercollegiate fest of Department of Electronics SHOCK FEST, conducted by the JET Club at St. Joseph's University on February 14, 2026. Organized with the support of Sogo Computers Pvt Ltd and the Study Abroad Institute, the fest drew enthusiastic participation from students representing various colleges. This wide-ranging involvement highlighted the event's importance as a hub for presenting talent, creativity, and ideas in the rapidly evolving domain of electronics. The event was honored by the presence of distinguished guests, Mr Uthan M, General manager at Sogo Computers Pvt Ltd, the Head of the Electronics Department, Professor Godwin J D'Souza, along with other faculty members. Guided by Dr Neethu Joseph, Faculty Coordinator, and led by Mr Darshan Kumar, Association President of the JET Club. Mount Carmel College (Autonomous) emerged as the overall champions of the fest, while Jain University secured the runners-up position.

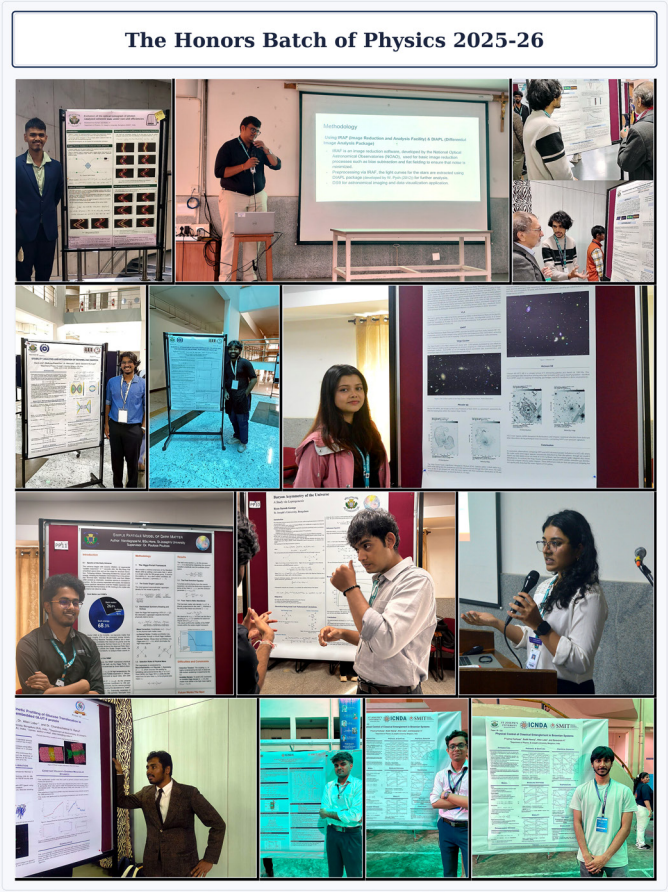


SHOCK FEST 2026

JET Club Participation

St. Joseph's University celebrated remarkable success at OVERTAKE'26, a national-level

intercollegiate fest organized by the School of Physical Sciences, Jyoti Nivas College (Autonomous) on February 6, 2026. Students from the Department of Electronics and members of the JET Club actively participated in the event, showcasing exceptional technical



expertise, creativity, and strong teamwork. Their outstanding performance led to the institution securing the Overall Championship, marking a proud achievement. The team excelled across multiple events, securing First Place in Extraverse, First and Second Place in Lap the Loot, First Place in Turbo Drift, and Second Place in Black Flag Protocol. These accomplishments reflect the students dedication, innovation, and competitive spirit.

JET Club - PRISMATRIX

Around eight students from the Department of Electronics, St. Joseph's University, participated in the intercollegiate competition PRISMATRIX organized by Kristu Jayanti College on March 25, 2026. The team delivered an impressive performance and secured the position of runners-up. The students excelled in multiple events securing First place in BLACKOUT, while in THE 1945 MAFIA event, they achieved both First and Second place, reflecting their competitive spirit and versatility across different challenges. Overall, their accomplishments highlight the dedication and talent of the students.

JET club - National Science Day Fest

Four students from the Department of Electronics, St. Joseph's University participated in the National Science Day Intercollegiate Science Fest held on February 28, 2026 at Mount Carmel College. The team delivered an outstanding performance and secured top positions in multiple events. They achieved First Place in CEVITAS: The Surviving Protocol, showcasing their analytical thinking and teamwork. Additionally, they secured First place in the IT Manager event, reflecting their strong technical expertise and effective decision-making skills.

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENT

Dr Neethu Joseph

Dr Neethu Joseph, Assistant Professor in Electronics Department, School of Physical Sciences has been provisionally selected for a prestigious recognition at the 11th Venus International Women Awards (VIWA 2026), organized by the Venus International Foundation. The selection was made based on the recommendations of an expert committee and approved by the Governing Council, under the nomination code SC–NC8544. She has been recognized in the discipline of Science under the category "Young Woman Researcher in Materials Science," highlighting her significant contributions and research excellence in the field. The award ceremony was scheduled to be held during the 11th Annual Women's Meet (AWM 2026). This recognition reflects dedication, academic achievements, and commitment to advancing scientific research of the faculty.

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS

DEPARTMENT EVENTS

Academic Tour

The Department of Mathematics organized an educational visit for the final year B.Sc. Mathematics and M.Sc. Mathematics students to the Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT Madras) from March 6 to 8, 2026. A total of 53 students, accompanied by faculty members, participated in the visit. During the visit, the group visited the Department of Mathematics at IIT Madras. The faculty members met Professor Arindama Singh, Head of the Department, and briefly interacted with him regarding the department's academic and research activities. This was followed by an interaction session with Dr Sarang Sane, Assistant Professor, who delivered a short introductory talk on the department, its research culture, and opportunities for higher studies in mathematics. Students engaged in a conversation with Mr Narasimha, an alumnus of St. Joseph's University, along with Ms Jiya Rose, a research scholar, and Dr Navnath Daundkar, Assistant Professor, who shared their experiences of higher studies and research. Students stayed in the IIT Madras campus hostels and on the second day, they visited Mahabalipuram, exploring monuments such as the Shore Temple and Pancha Rathas, and later enjoyed a movie at the Open-Air Theatre on campus.

Mathematics of Fairness

The Department of Mathematics at St. Joseph's University organized a colloquium on Mathematics of Fairness on December 3, 2025 at 3:00 pm. The session was delivered by Professor Ramanujam R from Azim Premji University. The talk focused on the concept of fairness in situations where multiple individuals compete for resources. The speaker explained how ideas like fairness and justice can be studied using mathematical methods. A key highlight of the session was the discussion of the cake cutting problem, which provided an interesting and practical way to understand fair division. Through this example, the speaker demonstrated how mathematical techniques can be used to ensure fairness among different parties. The talk also traced the development of this area over several years showing its connection to current research and applications in modern technology, including the internet



Tilings on Surface

The Department of Mathematics organized a colloquium on Tilings on Surfaces on December 17, 2025. The talk was delivered by Dr Subhojoy Gupta, Associate Professor at Indian Institute of Science. The speaker presented an engaging introduction to the mathematics of tilings, a concept commonly seen in everyday life. He explained how the study of tilings has developed over time and highlighted its deep connections with important areas of mathematics such as topology, combinatorics, group theory, and the theory of computation. The talk focused on different types of tilings, including regular and semi-regular tilings, and explored their behaviour on various surfaces such as the Euclidean plane, the hyperbolic plane, and compact oriented surfaces. The speaker also discussed some recent developments in this field and pointed out a few open problems, giving students a



glimpse into ongoing research.

Talk by Dr Abhiram Natarajan

The Department of Mathematics hosted a colloquium on Real Algebraic Geometry, O-minimal Geometry, with a View Towards Combinatorics on December 19, 2025. The talk was delivered by Dr Abhiram Natarajan, EPSRC Postdoctoral Fellow at University of Warwick.The lecture began with an overview of real algebraic geometry, highlighting its key features and its role within modern mathematics. The speaker then introduced o-minimal geometry as a natural and powerful generalization, providing a structured framework to study definable sets with well-behaved properties. A central theme of the talk was the method of polynomial partitioning and its significant impact on discrete geometry. The speaker explained how this technique has led to important developments in combinatorics, bridging ideas across different areas of mathematics. He also discussed aspects of his own research, particularly those involving topological methods and their applications within this framework. The talk further touched upon extensions of polynomial partitioning to more complex structures, indicating ongoing research directions and challenges in the field. Despite the depth of the subject, the presentation remained clear and well-organized, making it accessible to a broad audience.

Colloquium - Beyond Regularity

The Department of Mathematics hosted a colloquium titled “Beyond Regularity: An Exploration into Irregularity of Graphs” on January 21, 2026. The session was delivered by Dr Tabitha Rajashekar, Associate Professor at Christ University. The talk challenged the conventional perception of graphs as inherently regular and symmetric structures. Dr Rajashekar highlighted that real-world networks often exhibit significant irregularities, prompting the need for mathematical tools to quantify and analyze such deviations. Through a clear and intuitive approach, she introduced degree-based measures of irregularity and illustrated their importance in understanding complex systems. A key strength of the session was its balance between theory and application. The speaker provided an accessible overview of the evolution of irregularity concepts, complemented by examples and computations that helped attendees visualize these measures across familiar classes of graphs.

Numbers Run on Donuts

The Department of Mathematics organised a colloquium titled “Numbers Run on Donuts” on January 28 ,2026 . The talk was delivered by Dr Bharathwaj Palvannan, Assistant Professor at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc). The talk centered on the classical congruent number problem, which investigates whether a given positive integer can represent the area of a right triangle with rational side lengths. Dr Palvannan traced the historical roots of the problem back to 10th-century Arab mathematics, highlighting its enduring significance in number theory. Through lucid explanations, the speaker demonstrated examples of congruent and non-congruent numbers, providing the audience with concrete insights into an otherwise abstract concept. He further revealed the surprising depth of the problem, noting its connection to modern mathematical research, including links to elliptic curves and one of the Millennium Prize Problems. A particularly intriguing aspect of the lecture was the reference to “donuts,” symbolizing toroidal structures that arise in advanced mathematical contexts. This metaphor effectively captured the imagination of the audience and illustrated the interconnectedness of mathematical ideas.

Zero Sum Problems Over Finite Groups

The department conducted a colloquium on February 27, 2026. The talk was delivered by Dr Mainak Ghosh, INSPIRE Faculty Fellow at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bangalore. The talk explored the rich and evolving theory of zero-sum problems in the context of finite groups, an area rooted in the pioneering work of Erdős, Ginzburg, and Ziv. He began by introducing the classical result that among any

integers, one can always find integers whose sum is divisible by, thereby motivating the broader study of zero-sum phenomena. A central theme of the lecture was the Davenport constant, a fundamental invariant associated with finite abelian groups. The speaker highlighted both established results and the challenges that persist, particularly the difficulty in determining this constant for general finite abelian groups. Extending beyond the abelian framework, Dr Ghosh also discussed recent developments in non-abelian settings, where novel techniques and approaches are required.

The lecture concluded with an overview of ongoing research directions, emphasising the depth and complexity of zero-sum problems.

Colloquium by Dr Ratna Pal

The department hosted a colloquium on March 18, 2026 titled "Short C^2's and Their Automorphism Groups" delivered by Dr Ratna Pal, Assistant Professor at the Indian Statistical Institute (ISI), Bengaluru. Dr Pal's talk delivered into the intricate realm of holomorphic dynamics, focusing on the significant class of Hénon maps and their role within polynomial automorphisms in C^2. She introduced the concept of Short C^2 domains—special types of domains characterized by their unique geometric and analytical properties, including the vanishing of the Kobayashi metric and the existence of bounded plurisubharmonic functions. Dr Pal elucidated how, despite these sets admitting biholomorphic exhaustions of the unit ball, their automorphism groups exhibit inherent structural limitations. At the same time, she highlighted compelling examples demonstrating that these groups are far from trivial, thereby opening avenues for further mathematical inquiry.

Ramsey Theory

The Department of Mathematics organized a colloquium on Ramsey Theory, delivered by Dr Srashti Dwivedi, Assistant Professor at Alliance University on December 12, 2025. The speaker provided a clear and detailed explanation of Ramsey Theory, highlighting how structure inevitably emerges within large or infinite systems under certain conditions. In addition to the theoretical aspects, she shared her personal experiences and journey in researching this field, which gave valuable perspective to students interested in mathematical research. She emphasized that Ramsey Theory continues to offer promising opportunities for future research, encouraging students to explore this



area further.

ICMA 2026

The International Conference on Mathematical Advances was held on March 26 and 27, 2026 organized by the Department of Mathematics. The program began with an inauguration ceremony addressed by the Vice-Chancellor, Dr (Fr) Victor Lobo SJ. The Chief Guest, Dr Prashant PKM (IFS), Managing Director of Karnataka Soaps and Detergents Limited, highlighted the role of science and technology in national development. The first day featured invited talks by Dr Pawaton Kaemawichanurat on graph theory and Dr Eshita Mazumdar on zero-sum theory, followed by a panel discussion on "Mathematics and AI". The second day included invited talks by Dr Ammar Alsinai on control systems and Dr Ardeline Buhphang on algebraic structures, followed by a panel discussion on future directions in mathematics. A total of 126 participants attended, with 63 paper presentations, four invited talks, and two panel discussions. The event successfully provided a platform for academic exchange and exploration of contemporary mathematical

ideas.

ASSOCIATION EVENTS

AD INFINITUM

The inter-collegiate fest was held on February 13, 2026 with the theme being Multiverse Mania. The inauguration was done by the former President of Abacus, Mr Ajithkumar NS the product lead at Topgrep Tech. Seven events took place with the main goal of the team was to build and shift the trajectory of ABACUS while exploring the importance and the multidisciplinary nature of mathematics. A total of eight colleges from Bangalore and one college from Mangalore were part of the fest. St. Aloysius, Mangalore was also a part of the fest. The fest was concluded by valedictory where Christ University came First place and Ramaiah University came Second place overall.

Quaternis 4

Quaternis was hosted by the abacus association on December 15, 2025 and 11 teams participated. The event had an intriguing setup with round one being a crossword puzzle inspired by famous sitcom dialogues and phrases with a touch of basic arithmetic operation. Round two ended with a round of entertaining pictionary.

Quaternis - House of Cards

The event was organised by the abacus association with six teams participating in three rounds with round one beginning with riddles continuing with round two of memory multiplication and lastly with round three of pictionary with numbers.

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

Dr Grace Divya D'souza

Dr Grace published a paper, Codes from k-Resolving Sets for Some Products in the Journal of Discrete Mathematics and Sciences Cryptography.

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS

DEPARTMENT EVENTS

WCHM 2026

A talk on "The Quest of Exciton Mott Transition in Nanostructures Through Diamagnetic Susceptibility" was held on March 15, 2026. The technical session comprises 30-minute presentations and a 10-minute Q&A session. The possibility of studying the exciton Mott transition, especially in semiconductor nanostructures, can be facilitated clearly by the exciton Diamagnetic susceptibility changes. To articulate the behavioral change of excitons at critical points, the variations observed at the transition point are abrupt and indicate the avalanche breakdown of Mott-Wannier excitons.

ICICS 2026

Dr Merlin J delivered a talk on "Quantum Optics and Quantum Information: An Engineering Perspective" on January 29, 2026 in the International Conference on Interdisciplinary Core Science organized by the Study World College of Engineering, Coimbatore. The talk highlighted how principles of quantum entanglement and superposition can be applied in engineering to enhance computing, communication, and sensing technologies, and also addresses practical challenges and emerging innovations that bridge quantum theory with real-world engineering systems.

Talk by Dr Allen Lobo

Dr Allen Lobo, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Physics, SJU, delivered a talk on "Physics in Biochemistry: From Plasma Thermodynamics to Mild Unrestricted Burning" on March 9 2026, organized by the Journal Club, Department of Biochemistry. The session explored cross-disciplinary links between plasma physics, thermodynamics, and biochemical processes, highlighting physics-driven insights in biological systems.

Plasmas: The First State of Matter

Mr Vinod Krishan, Retired Professor, Indian Institute of Astrophysics, Bengaluru, delivered a Guest Lecture titled "Plasma – The First State of Matter" in the Department of Physics, SJU.

The insightful lecture explored the abundance and applicability of Plasmas as the most fundamental state of matter and also discussed sessions on its applications while studying Astro and Stellar Physics.

FAC 2026

The National Conference on Frontiers of Astrophysics and Cosmology (FAC-2026), organized by the Department of Physics, was held on January 19 and 20, 2026, at St Joseph's University. The conference brought together researchers, academicians, and industry professionals to engage in meaningful discussions on recent advancements, emerging challenges, and future directions in astrophysics and related fields. It aimed to promote knowledge exchange, provide a platform for researchers to present their work, and encourage interdisciplinary collaboration. The event featured engaging presentations and discussions that highlighted the latest breakthroughs in these areas.

Industrial Trip

The Department of Physics held a trip to the Vainu Bappu Observatory, Kavalur. The Vainu Bappu Observatory is an astronomical observatory located at Kavalur in the Javadi Hills of Tamil Nadu. It is operated by the Indian Institute of Astrophysics and is one of the major astronomical research centres in India. The observatory is home to the Vainu Bappu Telescope (VBT), a 2.3-metre (93-inch) diameter telescope, which is the 2nd largest telescope in Asia. It also has a Solar Tower Telescope. During the visit, students got the opportunity to see these telescopes, learn how telescope mirrors are coated in vacuum labs, and observe the night sky.

Physics Honors students paper presentations

The BSc Physics Honors students actively participated in the conference through both oral and poster presentations, showcasing their research work across diverse areas of Physics. Overall, the presentations highlighted the research aptitude and academic rigor of the students, providing them with a valuable platform to gain exposure, refine their communication skills, and interact with the broader scientific community.

ASSOCIATION EVENTS

Avenues and Opportunities - Aviation Industry

The event commenced with the speaker Capt. Saideep Lall introduces the aviation industry as a vast, growing field with opportunities for students from all educational backgrounds—science, commerce, and humanities. Aviation law, aviation security, airport operations, marketing, PR, cargo and logistics, and airport management offer white-collar opportunities. Defence services (Air Force, Army, Navy) provide secure aviation-linked careers. The presentation makes it clear that aviation is not just an industry but it is a rapidly expanding ecosystem filled with opportunities for students from every academic background. Ultimately, the speaker encourages students to view aviation not as a niche field but as a vast landscape where their individual strengths, interests, and educational backgrounds can align to create fulfilling, long-term careers.

Noesis 2026

The event began with a formal inauguration at the Staff Seminar Hall, marked by the traditional lighting of the lamp by esteemed guests, and included a warm welcome to students from other colleges to foster diversity and creativity, with space situational awareness as a key theme. It featured three main activities: the Cosmic Ideathon, a creative brainstorming session where participants solved futuristic challenges inspired by space missions, culminating in live ideathon and pitching sessions; Physics Roulette, a rapid-fire quiz for teams of two that tested conceptual clarity in physics with topics revealed on the spot and no external assistance allowed; and the Physics Reelathon, a short-video challenge where participants created engaging reels to explain physics concepts in a fun and accessible way.

Tekolma
On December 12, 2025, St. Joseph's University witnessed an electrifying intercollegiate physics fest conducted by Physeeksee the PG Physics Association. The event brought together some of the brightest young minds from across Bangalore, with enthusiastic participation from Kristu Jayanti College, Jyothi Nivas College, and Mount Carmel College. The fest featured a diverse array of events, each designed to explore different dimensions of physics beyond the classroom.

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

Dr Saravanan A
Dr Saravanan A has published the following papers; Effect of Gd doping on structural, electrical, magnetic, and thermal properties of $La_{0.7-x}Gd_xBa_{0.3}MnO$ in the Journal of Alloys and Compounds, Symmetry-enhanced generation of classical entanglement in driven Brownian systems in Physical Review E, and The role of oxygen plasma in modification of surface microstructure and electrical transport properties of $La_{0.7}Ca_{0.3}MnO_3$ ceramics in the Journal of Cermaics International.

Dr Allen Lobo
Dr Allen Lobo has published the following papers titled- Feedback-Driven Convergence, Competition, and Entanglement in Classical Stochastic Processes in the Journal Advanced Theory and Simulations on April 1 2026 and Acceleration of Electron Holes in a Simulated, Periodic, Two-Stream Plasma in the Journal IEEE Transactions on Plasma Science, January 2026. He has delivered a talk on AI in Academic Research – Your Wise Assistant for the Future, in Mount Carmel College (Autonomous), Bengaluru on November 21, 2025 highlighting practical ways AI can accelerate literature review, data analysis, and scientific writing.

Dr Madhu Kashyap J
He delivered a lecture series on competitive examinations as a Subject Expert at the college level, organized by KSPUC, on November 17 and 18, 2025 in Bengaluru. Dr Madhu Kashyap Jagadeesh served as the Guest of Honour at Crescent International School, Kaup, Udupi, interacting with students during the INNOVEX event held in December 27, 2025 in Udupi District, India.

Dr Parul Goel
Dr Parul Goel presented her paper on "Enhanced Electrochemical Properties of V2O5-SrO-Li2O based glass ceramic cathodes for Li-ion Batteries" in the Asian Conference on Electrochemical Power Sources ACEPS-13 held at IISc, Bangalore.

DEPARTMENT OF STATISTICS

DEPARTMENT EVENT

Workshop
The Department of Statistics organised a workshop on "Lean Six Sigma Yellow Belt" for all postgraduate students. The session was delivered by Mr Amitabh Saxena, Founder of Anexas Group, a renowned organization specializing in Lean Six Sigma training and consulting.

The workshop focused on introducing students to the fundamental concepts of Lean and Six Sigma, emphasising their importance in improving efficiency, reducing waste, and enhancing quality in industrial processes. The speaker provided a comprehensive overview of the DMAIC (Define, Measure, Analyse, Improve, Control) methodology, explaining each phase with practical examples from real-world industry applications. The session also covered various tools and techniques used in Statistical Quality Control (SQC), including process mapping, root cause analysis, and basic quality improvement tools. A total of 25 postgraduate students actively participated in the workshop. The interactive nature of the session encouraged students to engage in discussions and understand how statistical methods are applied in manufacturing and

service industries to achieve continuous improvement and operational excellence. Overall, the workshop was highly informative and beneficial, equipping students with foundational knowledge of Lean Six Sigma principles and inspiring them to explore professional certifications and industrial applications of statistical techniques in quality management.

ASSOCIATION EVENT

TILASTO 2026

The Department of Statistics, in collaboration with the Departments of Mathematics, Economics, Environmental Sciences, Computer Science, English, and Epigram, successfully organized TILASTO 2026 at St Joseph's University Campus (Offline mode). The event was coordinated by Dr Archana V and Dr Shubhashree Joshi, with student coordinators Rose Mary Shajimon and Shreya S. The primary objectives of the fest were to promote statistical thinking, encourage data-driven decision-making, provide an intercollegiate platform for analytical and creative expression, and foster interdisciplinary collaboration. The theme "Predictive Paradigms" was reflected through a diverse lineup of technical and non-technical events. Technical events included REALTA (Debate), Crime Scene Investigation, Deal Me 24, The Greatest Stats Show (Jeopardy Quiz), Boardroom to Baseline (Coding Event), Statlocked (Escape Room), and The Rand Auction. Non-technical events such as Ring of Roots (Treasure Hunt), The Greatest Reelman (Reel Making), The Showstopper Circuit (Obstacle Race), V2R1 (One-Word Storytelling), and The Greatest Showman (Personality Showdown) ensured creativity and team engagement. The fest was inaugurated in the presence of distinguished guests including Dr Thennarasu (NIMHANS), Mr Sebastian Thomas (Novo Nordisk), Mr Sreeram Ramdas (Green Portfolio Pvt. Limited), and Dr Syed Wajeed, Registrar, St Joseph's University. Overall, TILASTO 2026 enhanced analytical, communication, and teamwork skills while strengthening intercollegiate collaboration. Verbal feedback indicated high satisfaction with the organization and thematic integration of statistics with real-world applications.

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

Dr Archana V

Dr Archana V secured runner up in the ST CHAVARA CUP staff tournament 2025-2026 organised by the Department of Physical Education, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bangalore Yeshwanthpur Campus held on February 3, 2026.

Dr Sarode Rekha

Dr Sarode Rekha has been awarded the Professor TSK Moothathu Young Statistician Award at ICSTC 2025. The award was conferred during the Inaugural Function of the Eleventh International Conference on "Statistics for the Twenty-First Century – 2025" (ICSTC-2025), held from December 16 to 19 2025 which is organised by the International Statistical Fraternity (ISF), in association with the School of Physical and Mathematical Sciences and the Department of Statistics, University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.

Dr Sivakumar P

Dr Sivakumar P was awarded a recognised reviewer by Elsevier Journal Radiation Research and Applied Sciences.

Mr Anush Sharma

Mr Ankush Sharma presented a paper titled "Optimal and Robust Experimental Designs in Hierarchical Latent-Variable Models" in the International Workshop on Reliability Theory and Survival Analysis (IWRTSA-2025) organized by IIM Kozhikode during December 19 to 21, 2025.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

G Ravindra, Final year UG CSt student presented a paper titled "A Study on Modern Statistical

Applications in Crime and Forensic Studies" in the 45th Annual Convention of Indian Society of Probability and Statistics (ISPS) in conjunction with International Conference on Recent Advances and Innovative Statistics with Enhancing Data Science (IC-RAISE DS) organised by VIT AP University, Amaravati on December 22 to 24, 2025.

Praveen George, Final year MSc student, presented a paper titled "A Statistical Process Control Framework for analyzing Non-Stationary Atmospheric Data" in the 45th Annual Convention of Indian Society of Probability and Statistics (ISPS) in conjunction with international conference on Recent Advances and Innovative Statistics with Enhancing Data Science (IC RAISE DS) organised by VIT AP University, Amaravati during December 22 to 24, 2025.

BK Govardhan and Priyanshi Goyal, II PG students won First prize in MATH FEUD event at AAROHAN, which was conducted by the Department of Mathematics, Christ University on February 2, 2026.

Priyanshi Goyal, II year PG student won the First prize in PIVISION event at AAROHAN, which was conducted by the Department of Mathematics, Christ University on February 2, 2026.

School of Social Work

Department Activities

Ambedkar Memorial Lecture

School of Social Work, St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, organised this lecture on December 8, 2025 at Xavier Hall. The programme started off with a welcome address by Dr Alan Godfrey, followed by the recognition of the guest. The memorial lecture was delivered by Prof Ravivarma Kumar, Former Advocate General, on the theme "Human Rights through the Transformative Vision of Dr B R Ambedkar." He highlighted Dr Ambedkar's life journey, his struggle against social discrimination, and his significant contribution to the Indian Constitution. The lecture emphasized his commitment to justice, equality, and human dignity, and explained how human rights were central to his vision of an inclusive society.

The session also addressed issues such as caste inequality, empowerment of marginalized communities, and the importance of social, economic, and political democracy. The programme included an interactive question-and-answer session, followed by a concluding note by Dr Alan Godfrey and a vote of thanks by Harshini Mahalingam. Overall, the lecture was informative and helped students gain a deeper understanding of Dr Ambedkar's vision of human rights.

Human Rights Week Awareness Programme

The School of Social Work, St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, through the Community Development Forum, organized a Human Rights Week Awareness Programme on December 3, 2025, at the PG Quadrangle. The programme aimed to create awareness about the importance of human rights in everyday life and encourage reflection among students. The event started off with a brief introduction on the significance of human rights. This was followed by a musical drama performed by Semester II MSW students, creatively portraying the need to protect and uphold fundamental rights. The performance effectively engaged the audience and conveyed important social messages.

Following the performance, Community Development students interacted with the university community using chart papers and slogans, initiating meaningful discussions on various human rights issues. Participants were encouraged to reflect on their lived experiences and share instances where their rights may have been denied. The programme was later extended to the UG Block, where the musical drama was performed again at 1:15 p.m., reaching a wider audience. The initiative successfully promoted awareness, dialogue, and critical reflection on human rights within the campus community.

Academic–Industrial Connect Initiative 2026: Campus Visit and Orientation

Programme

School of Social Work, St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, in collaboration with the MSW HR Forum, organised this on March 9, 2026. The event was conducted at PG Block, Room No 214, for MSW HRM students from The American College, Madurai, along with MSW students of the university. The programme commenced with an Academic Interaction Session led by Don Boss Tomy, who outlined the objectives of the initiative and emphasised the importance of inter-institutional academic collaboration. This was followed by a welcome address by Amalan Jerome, who highlighted the significance of knowledge sharing and professional networking among students.

Students from The American College presented a PowerPoint presentation introducing their institution, covering its history, academic programmes, and student activities. The session further included an academic interaction facilitated by Lakshmitha Stilley, along with a discussion on HR practices and academic exchange led by Safa Febin. An interactive question-and-answer session encouraged active participation and engagement among students. The programme concluded with a campus tour and an EPFO office visit, providing practical exposure and strengthening academic collaboration between the institutions.

Industrial Visit to UNext Learning Private Limited

MSW HR students of the School of Social Work, St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, participated in an industrial visit on February 2, 2026 as part of their academic learning. The visit aimed to provide practical exposure to corporate HR functions and bridge the gap between theoretical knowledge and real-world application. The session began with an introduction by Ms Madhu, who provided an overview of the organisation and its work environment.

The programme included insightful sessions by industry professionals, where Ms Sukanya explained the role of an HR Business Partner, highlighting HR's contribution to organisational strategy and employee development. Mr Rajesh K shared practical insights on talent acquisition, including recruitment processes and workforce planning, while Mr Naveen N discussed HR operations and compliance, emphasising the importance of accuracy and ethical responsibility. The interactive nature of the session allowed students to engage actively, clarify their doubts, and gain career-oriented guidance. The visit was facilitated with the support of Ms Swiss Rein S R, whose coordination and company tour enhanced the learning experience. Overall, the visit was informative and motivating, strengthening students' understanding of HR practices and preparing them for professional roles in the corporate sector.

Industry Connect Visit to EPFO Regional Office

MSW HR students of the School of Social Work, St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, participated in an Industry Connect visit to the EPFO Regional Office on March 9, 2026, along with students from The American College, Madras. The visit aimed to provide practical exposure to labour welfare institutions and enhance understanding of employee social security systems in India. The programme was coordinated by student coordinators Sharanya N and Lakshmitha S, under the guidance of faculty members Dr Premajyothi D, Fr Francis Pinto SJ, and Fr Simon. The session was led by Regional Commissioners Naveen Durai and Naveen Immanuel, who provided comprehensive insights into the functioning of the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation and its role in ensuring financial security for employees.

The officials explained key schemes such as the Employees' Provident Fund, Employees' Pension Scheme, and Employees' Deposit Linked Insurance Scheme, along with procedures related to registration, contributions, digital services, and grievance

redressal mechanisms. The interactive session enabled students to clarify their understanding of labour laws, compliance requirements, and the role of HR professionals in implementing social security measures. The visit offered valuable practical exposure and strengthened students' understanding of labour welfare administration, making it an enriching academic and professional learning experience.

Model Village Exposure Visit – Urigam (Namanam Model Village)

School of Social Work, St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, organized a two-day visit on January 31-February 1, 2026, as part of the Community Development specialization. The visit aimed to provide experiential learning on sustainable community development practices and bridge theoretical knowledge with real-world application. The programme was coordinated by student coordinators Bekha and Dhanush, under the guidance of faculty members Fr Augustine and Captain Akshay, with support from Mr Sudharshan, Founder of Namanam Trust.

The visit offered insights into the transformation of Urigam village through behavioral change, de-addiction initiatives, participatory governance, and eco-friendly livelihood systems. Students engaged in interactive sessions, observed decentralized production units, and explored the village's sustainability model based on social, economic, and environmental pillars. Activities such as nature immersion and group reflection enhanced understanding of ecological balance and community responsibility. The exposure enabled students to analyse practical applications of community development frameworks, including participatory development and sustainable livelihood approaches. Overall, the visit was a transformative learning experience that strengthened students' understanding of grassroots development, leadership, and sustainability in practice.

Forums and Associations Valedictory

This Session for the 2025–26 batch was held on March 25, 2026, bringing together all associations and students for a formal and memorable conclusion of the academic year. The programme began with a valedictory session that included a special felicitation ceremony honouring Mr. Y J Rajendra for his dedicated service of over two decades to the department. The felicitation was marked by the presentation of a shawl and recognition of his contributions. Following this, various student associations, including the MSW HR Forum, CD Forum, MNP Forum, Green Spartans, and SWSA, presented their annual reports, highlighting the activities and initiatives conducted throughout the academic year.

This segment reflected the collective efforts and achievements of students across different domains of social work practice. The session concluded with a vote of thanks. It was followed by a farewell programme organized by first-year students for the outgoing second-year batch, featuring cultural performances such as dance and music. The event served as a meaningful platform for reflection, appreciation, and celebration, marking the transition of students into their professional journeys.

Mumbai Study Tour

This tour was conducted from December 9-18, 2025, provided valuable experiential learning through a series of institutional visits across diverse fields of social work. The tour was undertaken by MSW II Year students, offering exposure to educational institutions, hospitals, rehabilitation centres, NGOs, and government organizations. Common visits included institutions such as Nirmala Niketan, SHAPE India, CORP, and Shishu Bhavan, which provided insights into community-based interventions, child welfare services, and public health outreach. Specialization-based visits further enriched learning.

Medical and psychiatric visits to Tata Memorial Hospital, Jagruti Rehabilitation

Centre, Vibhas Hospital, Kripa Foundation, and SNEHA highlighted multidisciplinary care, psychosocial support, and rehabilitation processes. Community development visits to TISS, Shalom Mission, and Lok Seva Sangam demonstrated structured interventions addressing trafficking, stigma, and sustainable livelihoods. HR-focused visits to Deepak Fertilizers, the Labour Commissioner Office, and the Mathadi Board offered practical insights into labour laws, industrial relations, and worker welfare systems. The tour effectively bridged classroom learning with field realities, enhancing students' professional competence and perspective.

Seminar on Postpartum Depression

Medical and Psychiatry Forum of the School of Social Work, in collaboration with the Women's Cell of St Joseph's University, organised a seminar on March 9, 2026, at PG 214. The session aimed to create awareness among students about maternal mental health and the importance of early intervention and support. The session was conducted by Dr Preetha Thomas, Consultant Psychologist and Academician at HOPE – Worldwide Bangalore, and was coordinated by Dr Shari Tess Mathew.

During the session, the resource person provided in-depth insights into postpartum psychiatric disorders, focusing on the symptoms, causes, and impact of postpartum depression on mothers and families. Dr Preetha Thomas emphasised the importance of early detection, emotional support, and professional intervention in managing postpartum mental health challenges. The session was interactive, allowing students to engage actively and gain clarity on the topic. Overall, the programme was informative and meaningful, helping students develop a deeper understanding of maternal mental health and the significance of awareness, empathy, and timely support in addressing postpartum depression.

SPARKS 26 – International Conference on "Social Work in an Age of Unrest"

SPARKS, an international conference exploring the theme "Social Work in an Age of Unrest." Held on January 7-8, 2026, jointly organized by the School of Social Work, St. Joseph's University, and the Department of Social Work, University of North Carolina, Wilmington, the programme brought together scholars, practitioners, and students to examine social work's role in contemporary societal challenges. The inaugural session included a prayer, welcome address by Dr Alan Godfrey, and lighting of the ceremonial lamp, followed by the inaugural address by Fr. Victor Lobo, highlighting social work contributions during crises such as floods and the COVID-19 pandemic. The Chief Guest address by Dr Manjunath Gangadhara emphasized worker welfare and insights into labour governance.

Dr Arthur J Frankel's keynote discussed global violence trends, and Dr Kiran Jeevan reflected on institutional collaboration with UNCW. Two panel discussions addressed "Community Development Strategies in Times of Unrest" and "The Impact of Artificial Intelligence on Human Resource Management," moderated by Dr Augustine Lourdu and Dr Prema Jyothi D. Parallel paper presentations in HR, Mental Health, and Community Development streams allowed students to share research on real-world social issues. Day I concluded with a cultural programme, promoting engagement, learning, and celebration of knowledge exchange.

Association Activities

E Waste Awareness Drive

Social Work Club in collaboration with PCI India and the Naari Circuit Project, organised a drive on January 19, 2026 with the aim of educating the community about the hazards of electronic waste. The session focused on raising awareness about the environmental and health risks associated with improper disposal of e-waste, encouraging participants to adopt more responsible practices in their daily lives. The program emphasized sustainable solutions, including recycling, reuse, and

proper segregation of electronic materials. Special attention was given to practical steps that individuals and communities could take to minimize their ecological footprint.

A key highlight of the session was the introduction of the E-Rozgar model, which demonstrated how effective waste management can be linked to social impact. The E-Rozgar initiative showcased opportunities for women's empowerment by creating avenues for skill development and income generation through organized e-waste management. This approach not only addressed environmental concerns but also contributed to building sustainable livelihoods. Overall, the drive successfully combined awareness, action, and empowerment, leaving participants better informed and motivated to contribute towards a cleaner and more inclusive future.

Sacred Pause - Volume 2

Social Work Club continues the theme of reflection, this session was held on January 31, 2026 at Richmond Town Park. The gathering focused on deeper introspection, allowing participants to pause, reflect, and reconnect with themselves and their surroundings. Through guided activities, attendees were encouraged to cultivate mindfulness and inner awareness in a quiet and supportive environment. A central feature of the session was the mindful lamp-lighting exercise, which symbolized clarity, hope, and collective intention. As participants lit lamps, the activity created a serene and unified atmosphere, reinforcing the importance of conscious living and shared purpose.

A key highlight of the event was the interaction with Mr. Narendran from the Rewild Organisation. He offered valuable professional insights into ecological restoration and sustainable living practices, inspiring participants to think critically about their relationship with nature. His session emphasized practical approaches to conservation and the role individuals can play in fostering environmental balance. Overall, the event successfully deepened the spirit of reflection while integrating ecological awareness, leaving participants enriched, inspired, and more connected to both themselves and the natural world.

Winter Night Blanket Distribution Drive

School of Social Work, St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, through the Community Development Forum and SJU Convergence Centre, organized a Winter Night Blanket Distribution Drive on December 25-26, 2025. The initiative aimed to support homeless and destitute individuals during harsh winter nights by providing essential protection against cold conditions. The drive was initiated by II MSW student Dhanush Babu based on field observations under the Homelessness Project, which highlighted the urgent need for basic protective resources. A total of 205 blankets were distributed across multiple high-need areas in Bengaluru, including Kalasipalya, K R Market, Mysore Road, Shivajinagar, Majestic, K R Circle, Cottonpete, and Chickpet.

The distribution was conducted over two nights with the support of volunteers, faculty guidance from Fr Augustine Lourdu, and active coordination with local police stations to ensure safety. The initiative not only provided warmth and physical relief but also restored a sense of dignity and care among the beneficiaries. The drive reflected a strong example of student-led community intervention, emphasizing the importance of timely, need-based social work practice and institutional collaboration in addressing issues of homelessness and vulnerability.

Asha Ki Aur - Educational Kit & Ration Kit Distribution Drive

The School of Social Work, through the CD Forum, organised this drive at Bellahalli Migrant Settlement, Bengaluru on February 19, 2026. The settlement houses around 80 families comprising internal migrants from West Bengal, Assam, Delhi, and refugee families from Myanmar, with approximately

150 children aged 0–18, of whom 110 were out-of-school. The initiative addressed acute deprivation, including lack of educational materials, food insecurity, and social isolation. The drive distributed 100 educational kits to support school readiness and 100 ration kits to meet immediate nutritional needs, reaching around 300 individuals. Partner organisations included the Robinhood Army and Sri Guru Singh Sabha Gurudwara.

The programme followed a structured approach: pre-event planning and partnerships, community mobilisation, event-day distribution ensuring dignity and fairness, and post-event follow-up. Activities included house-to-house mobilisation, registration of beneficiaries, and distribution of kits with guidance on government support schemes. The intervention strengthened community solidarity, enhanced trust in civil society partners, and encouraged school attendance among children. The programme demonstrated a replicable model of collaborative community service, highlighting student-led social work interventions that combine educational support, food security, and community empowerment.

Industrial Connect: Corporate Entry Blueprint – How to Market Yourself and Secure the Right Job

The MSW HR Forum of the School of Social Work, St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, organised an Industrial Connect session on March 23, 2026, at the Seminar Room. The session, titled "Corporate Entry Blueprint: How to Market Yourself and Secure the Right Job," was facilitated by Mr Sandeep Parakkal, CFO of Mantra Social Services. The programme was effectively coordinated by student volunteers, with Kavitha serving as the emcee, Taniya delivering the welcome address, and Meenakshi introducing the resource person. The chief guest was felicitated with a sapling as a token of appreciation.

The session concluded with a vote of thanks by Fr Simon, while Lakshmitha provided documentation support. The session focused on equipping students with practical strategies to navigate the corporate world. The resource person emphasised the importance of personal branding, effective communication, and aligning individual competencies with organisational expectations. Insights on resume building, interview preparation, and professional networking were also shared.Students actively engaged in the session and gained valuable clarity on presenting themselves confidently in the job market. The programme successfully bridged the gap between academic learning and industry expectations, making it highly informative and impactful.

Industrial Connect Session: HR Trends and AI Integration

The MSW HR Forum of the School of Social Work, St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, organised an Industrial Connect session on March 10, 2026, focusing on HR Trends and AI Integration. The session aimed to provide students with insights into contemporary developments in Human Resource Management and the increasing role of Artificial Intelligence in organisational practices. The session was facilitated by Ms Nandita Das, Head of Human Resources at KNOLSKAPE, who shared valuable industry perspectives on the evolving role of HR as a strategic partner in organisations. She highlighted the importance of aligning HR practices with business objectives and emphasised the growing significance of purpose-driven work, employee engagement, and employer branding in attracting and retaining talent.

The discussion also focused on the shift towards enhancing employee experience, covering aspects such as recruitment, onboarding, workplace culture, and growth opportunities. The role of organisational culture as a measurable factor influencing performance and innovation was also emphasised. Additionally, the session explored the application of Artificial Intelligence in HR functions, including learning and development, performance analysis, and HR support systems.

The programme concluded with an interactive discussion, enabling students to gain clarity and practical insights into modern HR practices and technological integration.

Industrial Connect Visit to Deccan Plast Industries

The MSW HR Forum of the School of Social Work, St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, organised a visit in Mangaluru, on February 28, 2026. The visit aimed to provide students with practical exposure to industrial operations and the application of Human Resource practices within a manufacturing environment. The programme included a comprehensive shop floor observation, where students gained insights into production processes, coordination between departments, workplace discipline, and safety measures. This real-time exposure enabled students to understand the structured systems required for maintaining efficiency and productivity in an industrial setting.

An interactive session with the Plant Manager further enriched the learning experience. The discussion focused on key aspects of Human Resource Management, including employee engagement, workforce discipline, and balancing productivity with employee welfare. The session provided practical insights into the challenges faced by HR professionals in managing industrial workforces. The visit also served as a valuable learning experience in planning and coordination, as student coordinators managed logistics and organisation of the programme. Overall, the Industrial Connect visit enhanced students' understanding of HR practices, strengthened their professional skills, and bridged the gap between academic learning and industry exposure.

Industrial Visit to Infosys, Mangaluru

The MSW HR students of the School of Social Work, St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, participated in an Industrial Visit to Infosys, Mangaluru, on February 28, 2026. The visit aimed to provide students with practical exposure to the corporate environment and enhance their understanding of the IT industry. The programme began with an introductory session by the Infosys team, where students were provided with an overview of the organisation, including its history, global presence, core business operations, and service domains. The session highlighted the company's role in software development, business consulting, and digital transformation, along with its emphasis on innovation and adaptability to emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence and automation.

Following the session, students were taken on a guided campus tour, which showcased the organisation's infrastructure, green spaces, and employee-friendly facilities. The visit offered insights into workplace culture, employee engagement practices, and the importance of creating a balanced work environment. The visit provided valuable exposure to real-world corporate operations and helped students understand the role of IT in business solutions. Overall, the programme was informative and enriching, strengthening the connection between academic learning and industry practices.

Seminar on "Inclusion and Disability"

School of Social Work, held a seminar on March 16, 2026, jointly organized by the Medical and Psychiatry Forum and the Community Development Forum. The seminar aimed to sensitize students about disability inclusion and the role of social workers in creating equitable, inclusive environments. Sanjay Leonard L, Counsellor at Diya Foundation, discussed challenges faced by persons with disabilities and emphasized strategies to foster understanding and inclusivity. Kimberly Binny, Job Coach and Trainer at Diya Foundation, highlighted skill development, employment opportunities, and support systems that promote independence and dignity for persons with disabilities. The session provided participants with practical insights into advocacy, inclusion, and professional responsibility in supporting

persons with disabilities, while reinforcing the importance of social work in advancing accessibility and equality.

SWSA – World Cancer Day Observation

The School of Social Work, St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, organised this in collaboration with Karunashraya on February 3, 2026 at Xavier Hall. The programme aimed to create awareness about cancer and highlight its psychosocial impact on individuals and families. The session was compered by Maansi, a third-year BSW student. The programme began with a prayer song, followed by a welcome address by Allen David, a first-year BSW student.

The guest speaker, Mr Ahikam Rajan, was introduced by Meenakshi Ashwin and formally felicitated by Ms Viola Maria Norohna and Dr Shari Tess Mathew. Mr Ahikam Rajan delivered a session on "Psychosocial Impact of Cancer and the Preventive Role of Social Workers." He discussed the stages of cancer, emotional and psychological challenges faced by patients, and mental health concerns such as depression and anxiety. He also emphasized the importance of palliative care and support systems. The programme concluded with an interactive session and a vote of thanks by Skandh, making it an informative and meaningful experience for students.

UBUNTU – Children's Fest

Social Work Students' Association, in collaboration with the Christian Students' Association, organised this fest on March 7, 2026, at All Saints Church. The programme aimed to provide a fun-filled, educational, and engaging experience for children from underprivileged communities, while promoting the spirit of unity through the theme "I am because We are the event commenced at 9:30 AM with an inaugural session invoking blessings, followed by inspiring messages from the Chief Guest Fr Don Prem Lobo SJ and Guest of Honour Rev Solomon, who encouraged children to value education and their fundamental rights.

The programme included cultural performances, ice-breaking games, and interactive activities that actively engaged the children. A key highlight was the life-skills session conducted by Fr Simon, where children participated in group activities that encouraged leadership, communication, and critical thinking. The session enabled children to reflect on values such as empathy, responsibility, and aspirations for the future. The event concluded with a puppet show focusing on awareness topics such as safe and unsafe touch, personal hygiene, and social issues. Overall, the programme created a joyful and meaningful learning experience, fostering confidence, creativity, and a sense of community among the children.

Workshops and Training Programs

Training Programme on Theatre

The programme was conducted on March 7-8, 2026 by artist Ms. Sredha Joseph. This engaging workshop focused on using street play techniques as a dynamic medium to enhance communication and build empathy among participants. Through interactive sessions and performance-based activities, students were introduced to the power of storytelling, expression, and body language in conveying meaningful social messages. The workshop provided hands-on training, allowing participants to collaboratively create and perform short street plays that addressed relevant social and environmental issues.

This experiential approach not only strengthened their confidence and teamwork skills but also encouraged them to think critically about the causes they wish to advocate. A key outcome of the training was the empowerment of students to use creative expression as an effective tool in social work practice. By blending art with advocacy, participants learned how to engage communities, raise awareness, and inspire change. The workshop ultimately highlighted the potential of street theatre as a powerful

platform for environmental consciousness and social transformation, leaving students better equipped to communicate with impact and sensitivity.

Workshop on Indian Sign Language

School of Social Work organised a workshop on March 9, 2026, with the objective of promoting inclusive communication and creating awareness about the deaf and hard-of-hearing community. The session witnessed the participation of 46 students. The programme began with a welcome by Bekha, followed by the introduction of the resource persons, Sai and Komal, by Ashika. The resource persons highlighted the status of sign language in India, noting the significant gap between the large number of deaf individuals and the limited availability of trained interpreters.

This insight emphasized the importance of learning and promoting sign language for inclusive communication. The session was interactive and practice-oriented, where participants were introduced to basic elements of Indian Sign Language, including alphabets, numbers, and everyday greetings. Students actively engaged in learning through demonstrations and hands-on practice. An interactive discussion allowed participants to clarify their doubts and understand the importance of inclusion in communication. The programme concluded with a felicitation of the resource persons and a vote of thanks, marking the session as informative, engaging, and socially meaningful.

Pre-placement Training for II Year MSW Students

School of Social Work, St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, in association with the Centre for Placements and Skill Development, organised a training programme for II Year MSW students on February 21, 2026 at the Corporate Connect Hall, Science Block. The programme was conducted with the objective of enhancing students' employability skills and preparing them for upcoming placement opportunities. The session was facilitated by Mr M Bhimsen, who provided valuable insights into the expectations of employers and the competencies required to succeed in the job market.

The training focused on key areas such as communication skills, professional behaviour, confidence building, and overall career readiness. The programme created an engaging learning environment where students were encouraged to reflect on their strengths and areas for improvement. It also emphasized the importance of continuous skill development and adaptability in a competitive professional landscape. Overall, the training programme served as a meaningful initiative in preparing students for their transition from academic life to professional careers, equipping them with essential skills and confidence.

Industry Connect Workshop on Advanced Excel

School of Social Work, St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, through the MSW HR Forum in association with the Centre for Placements and Skill Development, organised a workshop on February 21, 2026, at the Corporate Connect Hall, Science Block. The session was conducted by Surya Prakash, Associate Business Analyst, who served as the resource person. The programme was coordinated by student coordinators Amalan Jerom, Safa Febin, and Tanya Rose Baby under the guidance of faculty members Dr Premajyothi D, Fr Francis Pinto SJ, and Fr Simon Paul Dsouza.

The session commenced with a welcome address by Tanya Rose Baby, followed by the felicitation of the resource person by Fr Augustine Lourdu. The workshop focused on advanced Excel functions and their practical applications in professional settings. Key concepts such as VLOOKUP and XLOOKUP were explained in detail, along with techniques for combining and analysing data from multiple spreadsheets. The session provided hands-on insights into managing large datasets efficiently,

making it highly relevant to industry practices. The session was interactive and engaging, with active student participation throughout. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by Safa Febin, marking the successful completion of a valuable and skill-oriented learning experience.

ST JOSEPH'S UNIVERSITY GENTS HOSTEL

Christmas Celebration

St Joseph's University Gents Hostel celebrated Christmas on December 18, 2025, bringing together hostel residents and staff to mark the festive season in a spirit of fellowship and community.

The celebration promoted the values of peace, gratitude, compassion and harmony through activities that encouraged interaction and togetherness among residents. The programme provided an opportunity for students to celebrate the occasion collectively and strengthen the sense of community within the hostel. The celebration reinforced the importance of inclusivity, mutual respect and shared experiences in fostering a supportive hostel environment.

Exubria 2026

St Joseph's University Gents Hostel organised Exubria 2026, the annual hostel fest, to promote sportsmanship, teamwork and cultural engagement among hostel residents. The multi-day event featured a range of sporting, cultural and recreational activities designed to encourage participation and healthy competition.

The programme included basketball, athletics, relays, tug-of-war, treasure hunts, arm wrestling, team-building activities, music, dance and theatrical performances. Team Berserk emerged as the overall champions, while The Third Battalion secured the runners-up position. Exubria 2026 provided a platform for students to showcase their talents, strengthen interpersonal relationships and foster a spirit of unity and camaraderie within the hostel community.



A panel of guests at Exubria 2026, the annual hostel fest of St Joseph's University Gents Hostel

Hostel Day 2025–26

St Joseph's University Gents Hostel celebrated Hostel Day 2025–26 on March 22, 2026, bringing together students, staff and administrators to celebrate the hostel community and its achievements during the academic year.

The programme featured cultural performances and the recognition of students for their contributions and achievements. The celebration highlighted the values of friendship, discipline, mutual respect and collective responsibility that characterise hostel life. Hostel Day provided an opportunity for residents to reflect on their shared experiences and reaffirmed the hostel's role in promoting personal growth, community living and student development.



Students presenting a cultural performance during Hostel Day 2025–26

SHIFT III

Guest Session on the Historical Relationship between India and Tibet

The Departments of Sociology and Journalism, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Shift III, organised a guest session on the Historical Relationship between India and Tibet on December 6, 2025, at Xavier Hall, PG Block, St Joseph's University, Bengaluru. The session was delivered by Mr Lhamo Kyab, Assistant Professor, MVJ College of Science and Commerce and Brigadier Ravi Muniswamy and was attended by approximately 300 participants.

The speakers examined the historical, cultural and religious ties between India and Tibet, highlighting the contribution of Indian Buddhism to these longstanding connections. They also discussed India's role in providing refuge and opportunities for Tibetan communities, with particular reference to access to education, employment and social integration. The session further addressed contemporary geopolitical issues affecting Tibet and the challenges associated with preserving its cultural identity. The programme concluded with an interactive discussion, during which participants engaged with the speakers on issues relating to India–Tibet relations, cross-border interactions and the broader implications of regional geopolitical developments.

AICUF

Orientation

The All India Catholic University Federation (AICUF), Shift III, organised an orientation programme on October 6, 2025, at St Joseph's University, Bengaluru. The programme introduced students to the vision, mission and activities of AICUF and encouraged their participation in the association's academic and social initiatives. Fifteen students attended the programme.

The session outlined the structure and functioning of the association, introduced the student council and presented the activities planned for the academic year. Students were also briefed on the academic credit requirements associated with AICUF participation and the expectations for active involvement in outreach, awareness and leadership programmes. The programme concluded with an interactive discussion, enabling students to clarify their queries and gain an understanding of the association's objectives and opportunities.

Guest Lecture on "Leading with Purpose: Living with Values"

The All India Catholic University Federation (AICUF), Shift III, organised a guest lecture on "Leading with Purpose: Living with Values" on October 8, 2025, at De Nobili Hall, Auditorium Block. The session was delivered by Mr Shaik Salman, AICUF Coordinator and Ms Nelisha Lobo, Youth Animator and attended by 20 participants.

The speakers discussed value-based leadership, highlighting the importance of integrity, empathy, responsibility and social commitment in personal and professional life. The session encouraged students to view leadership as a means of serving society and contributing to positive social change. The lecture concluded with an interactive discussion, providing participants with an opportunity to reflect on ethical leadership and responsible citizenship.

Samtva

The All India Catholic University Federation (AICUF), Karnataka, organised Samtva on November 29, 2025, at St Joseph's Pre-University College, Bengaluru, to commemorate AICUF Day and Constitution Day. Held under the theme "Rhythms of Unity in Diversity", the programme celebrated cultural diversity while promoting the constitutional values of equality, unity and social harmony. Forty-eight students participated in the event.

The programme featured cultural performances by students representing AICUF units across

Karnataka. Mr Ravivarma Kumar delivered a guest lecture on constitutional values, emphasising the role of young people in promoting justice, equality and responsible citizenship. The programme encouraged cultural exchange and reaffirmed the importance of constitutional values in fostering an inclusive and democratic society.

Christmas Spirit Drive

The All India Catholic University Federation (AICUF), Shift III, organised the Christmas Spirit Drive from December 15 to 17, 2025, at St Joseph's University, Bengaluru. The programme aimed to promote creativity, teamwork and community participation through activities celebrating the Christmas season. Twenty-one students participated.

The programme included crib-making, star-making, quiz and treasure hunt competitions, encouraging participants to explore the significance of Christmas through creative expression, collaboration and healthy competition. The initiative fostered student engagement while promoting the values of cooperation, creativity and festive fellowship.

Shift III Christmas Celebration

The All India Catholic University Federation (AICUF), Shift III, organised the Shift III Christmas Celebration on December 19, 2025, at St Joseph's University, Bengaluru. The programme brought together students and faculty members to celebrate Christmas in a spirit of fellowship, gratitude and community.
The celebration featured Christmas carols and a theatrical presentation depicting the Nativity, highlighting the values of peace, compassion, humility and hope associated with the Christmas season. The programme strengthened the sense of community among participants and reaffirmed the values of harmony, inclusion and shared celebration.

Visit to Home of Hope

The All India Catholic University Federation (AICUF), Shift III, organised a visit to Home of Hope, a non-governmental organisation in Bengaluru, on March 12, 2026. The visit aimed to promote social awareness and encourage students to engage with vulnerable and marginalised communities. Twenty students participated.

Students interacted with the residents through cultural activities and recreational games, creating opportunities for meaningful engagement and community participation. The visit also enabled participants to understand the challenges faced by individuals living in vulnerable circumstances.

The programme encouraged empathy, social responsibility and a commitment to community service.

Women's Day Events and Workshop

The All India Catholic University Federation (AICUF), Shift III, organised a series of programmes to mark International Women's Day from March 9 to 16, 2026, at the AV Room, A209. The programme included competitions and a workshop aimed at promoting awareness of gender equality and women's rights. Twelve students participated.

The activities included poster-making and essay-writing competitions, followed by a workshop conducted by Ms Nikita Gloria Pinto, Assistant Professor, Department of English, on the representation of women in the media. The session examined issues of stereotyping, objectification and gender bias while encouraging critical engagement with media representations. The programme concluded with discussions on promoting gender equality through education, equal opportunities and respect for women's rights, encouraging participants to reflect on meaningful approaches to celebrating International Women's Day.

Social Awareness through Films: Screening and Discussion of Children of Heaven

The All India Catholic University Federation (AICUF), Shift III, organised a two-day

programme on March 17 and 18, 2026, featuring a screening of Children of Heaven followed by a discussion. The programme aimed to promote social awareness, critical thinking and value-based learning through cinema. Nineteen students participated.

The screening explored themes of poverty, resilience, family and human dignity. Following the film, Mr Jerrin Chandan, Assistant Professor, Department of English, discussed the importance of critical thinking, social action and empathy, encouraging students to reflect on contemporary social realities and their responsibilities as global citizens. The programme demonstrated the value of cinema as a medium for fostering social awareness, ethical reflection and civic responsibility.

Placement Cell

Placement Training on How Corporate Works

The Department of Computer Science organised a placement training session on "How Corporate Works" on March 3, 2026, at the AV Room, Arupe Block, St Joseph's University, Bengaluru. The session was conducted by Mr Arjun R. Prasad, Senior Principal Engineer, Cadence Design Systems and organised by Ms Shalini S, Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science. Eighty-one students participated.

The resource person introduced students to the structure and functioning of corporate organisations, explaining the roles of management, technical, human resources and operations teams. The session also addressed workplace ethics, accountability, adaptability, effective communication, teamwork and continuous learning as essential attributes for professional success. The programme provided participants with practical insights into corporate work culture and prepared them for the expectations of the professional environment.

Placement Training on Resume Building and Interview Preparation

The Department of Computer Science organised a placement training session on "Resume Building and Interview Preparation" on March 5, 2026, at the AV Room, Arupe Block, St Joseph's University, Bengaluru. The session was conducted by Mr Arjun R. Prasad, Senior Principal Engineer, Cadence Design Systems and organised by Ms Shalini S, Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science. Sixty-four students attended the programme.

The session focused on preparing students for campus recruitment through guidance on resume writing, interview techniques and aptitude preparation. Participants learnt how to present their academic achievements, projects and skills effectively, while also developing communication, problem-solving and interview skills required during technical and human resources interviews. The programme enhanced students' placement readiness by providing practical strategies for recruitment processes and professional development.

Professional Interface Forum

Professional Interface Forum on "Sustainable Waste Management Practices"

The Department of Management, St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, organised a Professional Interface Forum on "Sustainable Waste Management Practices" on December 12, 2025, at Xavier Hall. The session was delivered by Mr Suraj Kumar, Executive – CSR, Bisleri International Pvt. Ltd. and attended by 130 students.

The resource person discussed sustainable waste management practices adopted by industries, highlighting waste segregation, recycling, circular economy models and the role of Corporate Social Responsibility in promoting environmental sustainability. The session also examined how sustainable practices influence organisational decision-making and business operations. The programme encouraged students to adopt environmentally responsible

practices while enhancing their understanding of sustainability in contemporary business and industry.

Professional Interface Forum on "Entrepreneurship in the Digital Era"

The Department of Management, St Joseph's University, Bengaluru, organised a Professional Interface Forum on "Entrepreneurship in the Digital Era" on March 26, 2026, at Xavier Hall. The programme was organised by Ms Jhanavi N, Assistant Professor, Department of Management and attended by 230 students.

The session examined the impact of digital transformation on entrepreneurship, focusing on innovation, technology-driven business models and emerging entrepreneurial opportunities. Participants gained insights into the challenges and opportunities associated with establishing and managing ventures in an increasingly digital business environment. The programme encouraged students to develop an entrepreneurial outlook by connecting management concepts with contemporary industry practices and emerging digital trends.

Department of Management

Faculty Achievements

Dr Rizwana Khanum

Successfully completed the Online Refresher Course on Research Methodology and Academic Writing conducted by the Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre, IIT (ISM) Dhanbad, from November 3 to 15, 2025.

Mr Ebenezer K

Participated in the international programme Seeds of Change: Initiating Social Entrepreneurship in University Education, jointly organised by the United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia and Payap University, Thailand, from January 18 to 24, 2026.

Student Achievements

- Jose Paul (V Semester) secured the Runner-up position in the Jayantan Cup.
- Elijah Paul (I Semester) participated in the university-level Treasure Hunt competition.
- Akash Sharma B (III Semester) represented the institution in the NCC Optical Training and Tent Pitching Camp and secured Seventh Place at the All India Thal Sainik Camp.
- Srujan (III Semester) represented the college in Throwball at the intercollegiate level.
- Aarav Bantia (II BBA SF) secured Third Place in the Best Management Team event at Kristu Jayanti (Deemed to be University) and Second Place in the CEO of the League competition conducted by Arihant Institute of Commerce and Management.
- Brightson S (I BBA D) won the Individual Championship and secured First Place in the 4 × 100 metres relay, First Place in the 200 metres event and Second Place in the 100 metres event at St Joseph's University and the CISCE Games.
- Manasi Verma (I BBA D) secured First Place in Board Accord (SYNERGY) at St Joseph's University.
- Gargi (I BBA D) secured First Place in Board Accord (SYNERGY) at St Joseph's University.
- Sthavar (II BBA C) participated in the Valorant Tournament.
- Ankush Pradeep (I BBA C) secured Second Place in the ED competition at Christ (Deemed to be University) and Third Place in the Best Management event at Kristu Jayanti (Deemed to be University).
- Shrawik Kumar Singh (III BBA C) successfully cleared the Company Secretary Executive Entrance Test (CSEET).

Department of Commerce

Faculty Achievements

Dr Jayalakshmi K U

- Published a book chapter titled "Sectoral Dynamics of ESG Ratings in Corporate Sectors and Its Impact on Financial Success" in the Springer Nature volume Data-Driven

Decision Making for Sustainable Business Growth in October 2025.
- Served as a reviewer for several peer-reviewed journals during 2025.
- Successfully completed the Guru Dakshata Faculty Induction Programme under the UGC–Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Programme, securing Grade A.
- Successfully completed the UGC-sponsored Refresher Course in Commerce and Management conducted by the Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre, North-Eastern Hill University, Shillong, in December 2025.
- Successfully completed the One-Week Online Workshop on Outcome Based Education conducted by the UGC–Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre, Bhagat Phool Singh Mahila Vishwavidyalaya, securing Grade A.
- Appointed as Question Paper Setter for Presidency College (Autonomous), Bengaluru, for the October 2025 UG End-Term Examination.
- Appointed as External Examiner for M.S. Ramaiah College of Arts, Science and Commerce (Autonomous), Bengaluru, for the November/December 2025 Semester Examinations.
- Co-authored the Springer Nature book chapter "Sectoral Dynamics of ESG Ratings in Corporate Sectors and Its Impact on Financial Success" published in Data-Driven Decision Making for Sustainable Business Growth (Volume 607, 2025).
- Authored the Scopus-indexed book chapter "The Impact of Market Volatility, Risk Tolerance and Return Expectations on Cryptocurrency Investment Intentions" published in the Springer Nature volume Empowering Business Through Technology: Innovations Shaping Our Future (2026).
- Co-authored the Scopus-indexed research paper "Investigating Gen Z's Equity Investment Intentions Through a Novel Integrated Psychological Framework: An Empirical Validation" published in Acta Psychologica (2026).
- Served as External Examiner for the MCom viva voce examination at Presidency College on March 16, 2026.

Ms Reshma Vijayan
- Co-authored the Scopus-indexed book chapter "Exploring the Role of the TPB (Theory of Planned Behaviour) in Understanding Its Impact on Online Stock Trading Behaviour" published in Sustainable Digital Technology and Ethics in an Ever-Changing Environment in 2025.

Dr Priya S
- Appointed as Coordinator for setting question papers for the BCom (International Accounting) End Semester Examinations conducted by Bishop Heber College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli, in November 2025.
- Appointed as Coordinator for setting question papers for the BCom (International Accounting) End Semester Examinations conducted by Bishop Heber College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli, in April 2026.
- Appointed as External Examiner for Project and Operations Management (III Semester PG) at Surana College (Autonomous), Bengaluru, during February–March 2026.

Mr Manoj Prabhakar
- Delivered a guest lecture on Financial Literacy Basics for Aspiring Managers for final-year BBA students at St Anne's First Grade College for Women on February 12, 2026.

Student Achievements
- Fiona Maria Anish (BCom IFA) secured First Place in Nukkad Natak conducted by St Mary's School, Dwarka.
- Catherine V (BCom IFA) secured the Second Runner-up position in The Amateur Managers and Scientists conducted by PES University.
- M Mahathi (BCom IFA) won Gold and

secured First Place in Creative Writing at CMR University.

- Alwin Kevin R (BCom E) secured Second Place in the Mime competition conducted by Christ (Deemed to be University).
- Nithin S (BCom F) secured Second Place in SCAM 1992 – Stock Market Auction conducted by Ramaiah University.
- Sindhu (BCom IFA) won Gold and secured First Place at THRISHUL conducted by KLE University.
- Tarun MK (BCom IFA) won Gold and secured First Place at THRISHUL conducted by KLE University.
- Cheenu D (BCom F) secured First Place in One Stop Photography conducted by Baldwin Women's Methodist College.
- Hardeep (BCom E) secured First Place in the Product Launch event conducted by St Claret College.
- Prashanth S (BCom E) won Gold and secured First Place in Football at the National-level Intercollegiate Fest conducted by St Francis College.
- Sujith Kannan G (BCom E) won Gold and secured First Place at the District Silambam Tournament.
- Haritha R (BCom G) won Silver and secured Second Place at the Goa Immersion Programme conducted by Zell Education Institute.
- Jeevith Belliappa MJ (BCom IFA) won Bronze and secured Third Place in Hockey at the state level.
- Joshua DC (BCom F) won Silver and secured Second Place at Culture Comes Alive conducted by Mount Carmel College, secured Third Place in Solo Singing at KLE College and secured First Place in Solo Singing and Second Place in the Fashion Show at Al Ameen College.
- Veerrajula Bhargava Raju (BCom E) won four Gold medals in Athletics at the intercollegiate level.
- Mohammad Rashid PS (BCom IFA) won Gold in Basketball and Badminton at the district and state levels.
- Raghubir Goala (BCom E) won Silver and secured Second Place in Cricket at the inter-school level.
- Vishwas S (MCom) secured First Place in Poetry Writing and Debate, Second Place in Creative Writing and IPL Auction and Third Place in Mono Acting at intercollegiate competitions.
- Likitha (MCom) secured First Place in Crick Hood and Second Place in IPL Auction and Treasure Hunt.
- Suhas (MCom) secured First Place in Crick Hood and Second Place in IPL Auction and Treasure Hunt.
- Suman (MCom) secured First Place in Crick Hood, Second Place in IPL Auction and Third Place in Zero Heat Zone.
- Sanjana Madalgi, Jeevan R and Jagan R (BCom E) successfully cleared both groups of the CA Intermediate examination.
- Chandan AM and Pratham Goel successfully cleared the CA Foundation examination.
- Lakshya Sethia successfully cleared the CS Foundation examination.
- Preetham PS successfully cleared the CMA Foundation examination.
- Nithin S successfully cleared Level I of the CFA programme.
- Arya B Nair, Hizan K, Hidayathullah, Amna Shejeed P V, Tarun Krishnamurthy and Al Furqaan Danish successfully cleared papers at the ACCA Skill and Professional Levels.
- Thanisha B successfully completed the IBM SkillsBuild programme.
- Sujith Kannan G successfully completed Level 1 of Tally Essential and Advanced Microsoft Excel.
- Diva Jain successfully completed courses in Digital Film Production and Design Thinking – A Primer.
- Pranav Vinod successfully completed the Cyber Analyst 1 certification.
- Yashwanth K Matti successfully completed the course in Microeconomics.
- Ume Saba (MCom) presented papers at an international conference organised by ASET College of Science and Technology and at national conferences organised by St Joseph's College of Commerce and Christ

(Deemed to be University).

- Sinta Manual (MCom) participated in an international conference organised by ASET College of Science and Technology and in national conferences organised by St Joseph's College of Commerce and Christ (Deemed to be University).
- Prerana Kumari (MCom) participated in national conferences organised by St Joseph's College of Commerce and Christ (Deemed to be University).
- Gayathri P (MCom) participated in a national conference organised by St Joseph's College of Commerce.
- Pavitra B (MCom) participated in a national conference organised by St Joseph's College of Commerce.
- Yeshwanth Kumar S (MCom) participated in a two-day national conference at Vijaya College.
- Nandini Ganji (MCom) participated in an international conference organised by Indian Academy Degree College.
- Joys Maria A (MCom) participated in an international conference organised by Indian Academy Degree College.

Central Library

Book Exhibition

The Central Library at St Joseph's University organised a two-day Book Exhibition on January 16 and 17, 2026, at the Gate No. 1 entrance, opposite the Administrative Office, from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Conceptualised and coordinated by the Library Director and University Librarian, the event brought together leading publishers and academic suppliers across eight book stalls. The exhibition aimed to enhance access to quality academic materials on campus and featured extensive collections of textbooks, reference works, competitive examination guides, and general reading books across disciplines including Business, Sciences, Languages, Social Work, Information Technology and Media Studies.

The exhibition attracted over 500 participants and provided students, research scholars and faculty members with an opportunity to explore a diverse range of titles, interact directly with publishers and avail themselves of exclusive on-site discounts. Attendees were able to review recent editions, purchase recommended textbooks, and enrich their personal and departmental collections. By bringing leading publishers and academic suppliers together at a single venue, the initiative fostered a reading culture and contributed to the academic enrichment of the university community.

OBITUARIES

The Josephite family was deeply affected by the bereavements of members who served the Institution with distinction and those who were untimely snatched away in the prime of their lives.

Professor H Mahadevan, formerly Head of the Department of Chemistry, passed away on December 16, 2025. Rev Dr Leo D'Souza SJ, former faculty of the Department of Botany, also left for his heavenly abode on January 20, 2026.

The University also lost some of its best and brightest minds:

Leonard Prakhyath N (21BCOMB60) Date of Passing: July 8,2025

Clifford Prajan N (231BCOMC080) Date of Passing: July 8,2025

Purbasha Borah (242CBBT47) Date of Passing: August 22,2025

Sanjay M S (243BBAC02). Date of Passing: October 5,2025

Two former alumnus of the University also left us - Mr Rakesh Bheemaiah (1999-2001) who passed away on June 4, 2025, and Mr B Omkar (BCom IFA, 2017-2020), who passed away on September 18, 2025.

The Josephite family have been bereft in their absence. The thoughts and prayers of all at the Institution go out to the families and loved ones of those dearly departed.

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