

Associations Report 2014-15

National Service Scheme (NSS)

The NSS unit of the Institution registered 200 students as volunteers for the year 2014-2015. An orientation workshop was held for the students on 6 August 2014, to inform the students about the objectives of the NSS, its ethos and work pattern.

The activities conducted included:

- A blood donation camp on 26 August 2014, in association with Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology and St. John's Medical College Hospital. 199 units of blood were collected from college students.
- A half-day workshop in understanding social issues, organized by the senior volunteers and ex-NSS members, during which students were divided into groups, after which they discussed and presented their solutions in the form of small skits.
- The Annual Rural Exposure Camp from 20th to 26th November 2014. This year the camp was organized at Channaveeranahalli in the Bengaluru Rural District. The theme for the camp was 'Sustainable Development and Ecology'. The objective was to take up a project which will help the village to maintain its ecological balance and also to educate them about hygiene and cleanliness.
- A visit to a home for the disabled at Ejipura, on 3 December 2014.
- A RTI workshop for selected students on education & cultural activities in the city.

Centre for Social Action (CSA)

Centre for Social Action is an association engaged in encouraging social awareness among the students of the Institution, to impart concern for the society. The association was comprised of more than 200 active members this year. "To Care, Connect and Change" is the association's motto for the current academic year, and several activities were organized, in pursuit of realizing this motto -

- The association assisted the Government Urdu Higher Primary School, Ashoknagar, with their Sports Day, Independence Day and Annual Day celebrations, as well as a protest march against child abuse.
- On 9 August 2014, the members visited Kidwai Hospital where the volunteers interacted with the cancer patients and distributed blankets and snacks, after which they attended a demonstration of the Biomethanation

plant at Christ University.

- An exhibition was organized in collaboration with the NGO, “CRY”, to promote a new campaign against child labour.
- A Pet Show was organized, to raise funds.
- A Rural Exposure Camp - a new initiative was conducted during the semester vacation in association with Loyola Vidya Kendra, Mundgod, a Jesuit Institution. 34 students and 2 staff members stayed in two villages in Mundgod District and experienced rural life.
- A visit to Gerizim Rehabilitation Centre, Ejipura, marked Christmas Eve.
- A workshop on ‘Human Trafficking: Break the Bonds of Modern Slavery’ was organized on 20 and 21 February 2015.

AICUF (All India Catholics Union Federation)

AICUF is a union of students from all backgrounds who share a common objective to serve the world, believing in the motto “Do to others as you would want them to do unto you”. The Annual AICUF State Council Meet was conducted on the 26 and 27 of July at the Institution. The college AICUF President, Seevanth Raj was elected the AICUF State Council President, while Manoj, the college AICUF Treasurer, was elected as the AICUF State Council Treasurer.

- A Go Green event was organized on World Environment Day, 05 June 2014. The AICUF board sold saplings to students and teachers to instil the green culture.
- AICUF members took part in several protest marches viz. a protest-march on 18 July 2014, to fight the growing violence in Gaza, the March on 19 July 2014 that protested against the Vigour High School incident, and the Blind Walk campaign initiated by the NGO, ‘Project Vision’ in Jayanagar.
- AICUF enriched the Kalotsav event list by hosting a Pet Show.
- On the 28 November 2015, the AICUFers hosted an inter-collegiate Gospel fest, URIEL. All the events were based on the theme “Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path” and aimed to spread the word of God.
- The association also participated in various gospel fests like Stauros by Mount Carmel College, Adonai by St. Joseph’s Evening College as well as in Magis, a national level retreat and a camp for youths, held in St. Joseph’s College Of Arts and Science.

E Cell

Magnate, the entrepreneurship cell of the Institution, aims at building a framework for student entrepreneurs to nurture and grow their enterprises from within the college, organizing a community project with small and medium entrepreneurs, workshops and panel discussions, and a fest that would act as a platform for student entrepreneurs from all over the city to give form to their ideas and have a marketplace to validate them.

- On 26 September 2014, the members attended a talk on 'Inventive Entrepreneurship' by two young entrepreneurs, Ms. Shreya Siroya and Mr. Aditya Sisodiya, co-founders of 'Retale' - a virtual window shopping mobile application.
- Mr. Varun Agarwal, the CEO of Alma Mater and author of best-selling book "How I braved Anu Aunty", used the help of the cell to create a parody comic video that personified the stigmas of society and how the generation can break free from it.
- On 15 December 2014, an Input Session was organized on "The Impact of Social Media on Entrepreneurship, Enterprises and Entrepreneurs" by Mr Varun Agarwal.
- The cell launched an initiative called "Sell Your Product Day", which allows entrepreneurs to sell their ideas and to network, every Wednesday in the basketball court, while making profits in the process.
- Marche 2015, a flagship event that offered students the experience of running a business, was held on 21 February 2015. Students had the opportunity to sell a wide range of products, such as foodstuffs, handicrafts etc.

Women's Forum

- The girls representing the Women's Forum of the Institution, along with over 3000 people, participated in the rally to protest against the injustice done to women and condemn the inhuman act of the rape incident at Vigour High School, on 19 July 2014.
- A seminar on self-defence for girls was conducted by 'WOW' on the 17 of December.
- Celebrating the true spirit of womanhood and all things feminine, Eves 2015: Brave, Bold and Beautiful, was organized on 9 and 10 January 2015. The Chief Guest for the occasion was Ms. Sinu Joseph, who is actively involved in the fields of women empowerment and rural development. Over two days, the

girls battled it out in exciting events such as “Triathlon”, “Treasure Hunt”, “Best Friends Forever”, “Fashion Out of Waste”, “Fashion for a Cause”, “The Interview” and “Ms. Eves”, which tested both their physical perseverance and intelligence, allowing the individual personalities of the girls to shine. Other events included collage making, potpourri, the Burger Challenge and “The Chechi”.

Josephite Business Club

Popularly known as the JBC, the Josephite Business Club is an exclusive forum for BBM students to focus on developing life-skills and soft-skills, to be trained to face the corporate world. This year, the objective of the JBC was to identify the potential talents of the member students and develop, improvise and update them.

The activities conducted by the club were:

- An Ice breaker for the 1st year BBM students.
- Team Building, Presentation and Skill development sessions where students were trained on presentation and communication skills.
- Workshop for training students to participate in the Inter-Collegiate fests.
- An Asian Parliamentary Session was organized, chaired by an eminent lawyer to educate the students on the legal side of the business.
- The Marketing skills of the students were refined through product innovation and Market Crisis Management.

Rotaract Club

The Rotaract Club, funded by the Rotary, Bangalore Cantonment, has over 100 active members. Rotaract SJCC has adopted “DREAM, BELIEVE, ACHIEVE” as their motto. On 17 July 2014, the club was formally established with the nomination of all the board members, thus opening the floodgates of activities earmarked for the year. This was followed by an interactive event held on 22 July 2014 with the able support of The Rotary, Bangalore Cantonment.

- A 5-day drive was conducted for the collection of old books and magazines for poor children.
- The club went on a social visit to St. Patrick’s Orphanage on 16 August 2014.
- The club attended the District Leadership Training Workshop (DLTW) on 24 August 2014 organized by the District 3190, hosted by the Sri Bhagwan Mahavir Jain College to mould the incoming Board of all the clubs under District 3190.

- On 1st November 2014, the club in association with the Rotaract club of Bangalore spent a wonderful day planting saplings at NavPrabhuti Trust Vocational Training Center for Intellectually Challenged.
- On the special occasion of Children's Day, the club members volunteered for a health checkup camp "Anandakanda" conducted by Rotaract District 3190 at Government Girls High School in Malleswaram.
- Association day was celebrated on 27th Nov 2014. This gave all the associations an opportunity to showcase their talents and to entertain students.

Literary Clubs

The Institution aims at refining the literary skills of students and also instilling in them the spirit of enquiry to build up their confidence. The College places great importance on their lingual development through the spread and the growth of languages. To accomplish the above-said objectives, many literary clubs have been established like ALMA, Kannada Sangha and Hindi Parishad which extends them a platform to exhibit their literary talents.

ALMA(Art Literature and Music Association)

ALMA ushered the first years into college by holding a series of intra-collegiate events exclusively for them, in the guise of "Utsav".

- Sneha, the President, of ALMA inaugurated the club's journey by organizing a 'Photography Workshop' for all its members, presided by Dario Philip, a 3rd-year student who himself is a seasoned and a vivid photographer.
- On 8 December 2014, the stage was set for a declamation contest, specially sponsored by Shroff Memorial, and adjudged by Dr. Rajaram, HOD, Department of English.
- On the 14 January 2015, ALMA held a quilling workshop that was conducted by Supritha for 15 interested students. Their interest has now led them to create new designs in quilling and has also equipped them with entrepreneurial skills.

Hindi Parishad

The Parishad was formed in 1976, nurtured and enriched by former Professor in Hindi, late Dr. Mohd. Amanullah. The primary objective was to promote the Hindi language among the students by providing a platform for them to exhibit their innate talents and it grooms the students to become better men and women, responsible citizens and good leaders. The core values like discipline, leadership,

comradeship, trust, mutual respect, clear thoughts are imparted along with the promotion of the language through various literary and cultural programmes. The Parishad conducts annually its activities under two heads; Nakshatra, which is an intercollegiate fest for Hindi students to showcase their literary and cultural talents by participating in various theme based competitions, and Indradhanush, an intra-collegiate fest for the students of the institution, exclusively at class level, conducted at the beginning of every academic year. Seven other events – ShabdhSampada, Hindi Creative Writing, Quiz, Debate, Bhajan, Treasure Hunt and “Wealth out of waste”. Apart from these activities, the Parishad also contributes immensely in participation at various activities conducted by college like Independence Day, College Day, Graduation Day, and helps in organising guest lectures.

Kannada Sangha

The Kannada Sangha is active in encompassing the rich culture and heritage of Karnataka and motivates students to experience the essence of the literature, music and rich culture of Karnataka by providing them field exposures, seminars and cultural activities. The activities for the year commenced with a special program under the title “Karnataka Odu” that was held on 25 July 2014. Students were provided with a platform to expose their inner talents in the Kannada language through an Inter Class fest “Antharanga”, simultaneously held along with Kalotsav 2014. This year, 12 cultural and literary events like Dumb Charades, Pick and speak etc. were conducted. A special guest lecture on the topic “Kannada matthukalikeya Odanata” was conducted to emphasize the importance of Kannada in education, graced by the presence of Dr. Chalapathi, a noted writer was the guest for the day. The festival of folk songs ‘Haadu Habba’ in association with Bhoomthayi Balaga was conducted on 16 December 2014 in the college Auditorium, aimed at provoking students for social change through the melody of the inspirational songs. A 4-day intensive cultural camp “KuvempuOdu” was organized in Kuppali, Shivamogga District on 30 October 2014. Kalarava 2015, held on 25 February 2015, was much awaited and is one of the unique Kannada cultural fests of the city.

Serenata Chorale

Serenata Chorale is a well-reputed choir in Bangalore, having a rich repertoire of both classical as well as contemporary music. The choir aims at picking up raw, potential-filled students every year who are trained, taught and given an opportunity to perform on some of the biggest stages across Bangalore. Auditions were held at the beginning of the year and the choir welcomed several first-year students, who composed of a 70 member ensemble. This year a new choir conductor, Ms. Amy Sara Joseph, a young and vibrant vocal trainer was welcomed to take charge of the choir after 6 years of guidance under Mr. Sudhakar Doraiswamy. The student representatives elected were Clinton D'Souza (President) and Manisha D'Souza (Vice President). The academic year began with a performance at the Glorious Festival of Harmony on 10th August 2014. The choir performed Idea of North's take of the hymn 'Sweet Sweet Spirit', and captivated the audience with their rendition of 'Happy' by Pharell Williams. The choir also lent their voices to perform for various occasions in college such as Independence Day; Parent-teacher meeting and Teacher's day. A streak of performances was given by Serenata Chorale during November and December 2014 –

- One, at Holy Ghost Church, Divine Noel at Mount Carmel College on 22 November, where they were placed second.
- 'Le Aura' 2014 at Jyothi Nivas College on 1 December.
- 'Noel' at Vincent Palloti Church and the Basel Mission choir competition on 13 December, where they secured the first place.
- On the 22 December, the choir performed at The Refuge Foundation, an orphanage in Kothanur, where the children left the choir awestruck as managed to sing along. Serenata Chorale wrapped up the evening with a stellar performance of some intricate pieces.
- The Annual Concert of Serenata Chorale was held on 1/3/2015. They displayed their vocal talent with this year's theme "Go light your world". The choir entertained close to 600 members in the audience, an extravagant variety of Acoustic, Acapella groups performed with the choir.

Hashmi Theatre Forum

Hashmi Theatre Forum is a platform for students interested in theatre and enables them to improve their acting skills through the various workshops conducted by the coordinator, Mr. T.H Lavakumar, who has many years of experience in the field of theatre. The year was eventful for the members of this club. The Forum,

came 3rd in the mime competition that took place in St. Johns Medical College cultural fest, qualified for the finals of Microsoft Chanel V fest Goa, won the 1st place for Skit at Cul-Ah, 2015, and was adjudged the 2nd best play at Baptizer, the National Level Theatre Festival, held at Christ University, along with the best direction and screenplay award recently. ENACT, the Annual State Level theatre fest hosted by the members of Hashmi Theatre Forum was held on 23, 24 and 25 of February.