Association Report 2018-19

There are 41 student associations and clubs through which students engage with communities. Associations like NSS and CSA organize rural camps for students which helps them to interact with the communities very closely. Other associations like AICUF, Rotaract, and Eco Club organize events geared towards sensitizing the student community about social issues and motivating them to work with the community. The department associations like Project Smiles of BBA work closely with government school children and train them in English, Mathematics, and Arts & Crafts. Lakshya, the B.Com event takes up issues of social relevance and invite students to come up with solutions to problems. For a detailed account of the programmes please refer to the reports on Associations and Clubs in this report.

National Service Scheme (NSS)

The NSS, under the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, is a social service organization that enables students to reach out to the public, spread civic awareness and encourage social responsibility.

On the 17th of July, 2018, the association hosted a blood donation camp and collected 293 units of blood, in collaboration with Youth Red Cross.

The NSS also held a three-day stationery drive from the 9th to the 11th of August, followed by a 2-day cloth drive on the 6th and 7th of September, to donate to Rakum Blind School at Rajankunte.

On the 10th of August, 2018, a few NSS students attended an awareness event on Counter-Terrorism at St. Joseph's Indian Composite PU College. They also celebrated Independence Day with the students of Shivajinagar BBMP school. A clean-up drive at the government Tamil school was organised on the 1st of September, 2018 and on the 9th of the same month, the NSS students went on a rural camp to Bannimangala.

On the 9th of November, 2018, the NSS held 'The Big Day Off'. This event was followed by Remembrance of Road Accident Victims on the same day where students lit candles as a mark of respect for those who lost their lives in various accidents.

The students of NSS visited the Nightingale Sandhya Kirana, Shantinagar on the 20th of December, 2018 to spread the Christmas cheer.

On account of National Youth Day on the 12th of January, 2019, the NSS conducted a guest lecture by Adv. Sultan Beary to educate the students about the various problems and solutions to the recent national problems.

On the 25th of January, 2019, the NSS celebrated the National Voter's Day by conducting various competitions like placard making and essay writing.

On the 30th of January, 2019, Aura was organized to expand the boundaries from not only social welfare and service but also a sense of togetherness and participation.

Center for Social Action (CSA)

The CSA began the year by taking part in the lecture organised to remember the victims of Hiroshima and Nagasaki bomb blasts.

A street play was organised on the 14th of August, 2018, on the topic of bonded labour. This was followed by the Independence Day Celebration by CSA with the children of Government Urdu Primary School.

Thursday Talkies was held on the topic 'BangalorePast and Present'. An AIDS awareness workshop was conducted on the 1st of December, 2018 where Dr. Veena Maria spoke about the various stigmas around AIDS and the need to spread awareness.

As part of Human Rights Week, CSA conducted a Moot Court which consisted of teams from different associations debating their cases in front of a jury on the topic of 'Labour Rights Violations'.

On 14th February, they conducted their annual seminar on the topic 'Right to dissent' with the motive of educating the youth about the myths related to dissent and to distinguish between the right to dissent and being anti-national.

Eco Club

Eco Club began the year's activities with the screening of the documentary 'Before the Flood' that encouraged the students to acknowledge the realities of climate change and understand the worldwide crisis that scientists and governments are aiming to reverse. This was followed by the Independence Day celebration where the chief guest, Captain Mukund Mohan hoisted the flag with other dignitaries.

On the 19th of December, 2018, the Ambiente Seminar was conducted with a focus on the driving change towards sustainability. In order to take a green step by reducing the dependence of the college on the external electric power supply, the club collaborated with Oak Innovatica Solutions, to study the installation feasibility of Solar Electricity power generation equipment installation in the college building. The club's annual activity is to look into the expenditure of available resources on a day-to-day basis on the campus, organize the information, and analyze the wastage and ways of conserving resources. In collaboration with Solwearth Ecotech Pvt. Ltd, the club also helped in the wet waste management on the campus. The sustainability' Seminar was conducted with a focus on the driving change towards sustainability.

All India Catholic University Federation

On July 23rd, 2018, AICUF conducted an inter-collegiate Ignatian fest called 'CURA PERSONALIS' to inculcate philanthropic values of St. Ignatius among all the students of Jesuit Intuitions.

On the 11th of January, 2019, over 60 students from our college participated in the Magis camp that was themed around the 'Constitution'. Ten students from our college went to St. Aloysius College in Mangalore for a three-day camp and interacted with various other AICUFers.

Rotaract Club

The Rotaract Club has progressively aided in the development of its students as leaders in their communities and workplaces.

On August 8, 2018, the club organized a Stand Alone Ceremony to install the new board and induct the new members.

On account of Children's Day and World Orphans Days, 10 students along with two board members visited Bosco Mane where they engaged with children and conducted various fun-filled activities for them. The Club also visited Rakum School for the Blind and the Sighted Unprivileged where the students understood the plight of those living with such a disability. Comprehending the need of the hour, the club conducted a self-defense workshop on December 7, 2018. 16 students from the association also took part in the Polio Awareness Walkathon conducted by the Rotaract District Council on October 28, 2018, with the motive of spreading awareness about the deadly disease. The students of the club also attended the RYLA camp. On January 29, 2019, Rotarian Wing Commander DP Sabharwal conducted the session, 'Way to the top' where he threw light upon various topics such as effective communication, personality awareness, time management and the importance of decision making.

Youth Red Cross

The Red Cross is a renowned humanitarian organisation known for its effective work world over. In order to engage the younger generations in such work, the body has been simulated in our college and come to be known as the Youth Red Cross. The association conducted a host of activities during the year, the first one being a blood donation camp to encourage students to do their part and cater to the needs of the community. In addition to this, the association also planned a visit to Bannimangala, along with the NSS in order to provide its members with rural exposure and educate them on numerous aspects relating to the same. The association wound up the year with an event on World AIDS Day, in collaboration with the E-Cell, which included a seminar that was presided over by some eminent speakers who left the audience better informed. Finally, the event culminated with the formation of the AIDS symbol in the college ground by the students.

Equal Opportunity Cell

On August 14, 2018, the association conducted the event 'Blindfolded Conversations' to raise awareness among the youth regarding stereotyping and misjudgments.

On September 3, 2018, a photography workshop called 'Shutter Stories' was hosted to capture pictures of people, which would bring out the stories in them.

On the 6th of December, 2018, on the occasion of Human Rights Week, the association hosted an inter-class photography competition on the theme 'Human Rights – the real picture'.

On the 17th of December 2018, a seminar was held on the topic 'Availability Affordability Accessibility: 3A's that define the schemes for minorities in India'. The seminar was delivered by Mr. Robin Christopher, a renowned researcher at the National Law School India University, and the purpose of this seminar was to explain the legalities in order to access such schemes made available by the state and central government.

Women's Forum

The Women's Forum held a seminar titled 'Samya' which was a talk on gender parity on the 10th of August, 2018. Another seminar was held on the topic of 'Dress code' in September to make students aware of the college dress code. A seminar named '(C)uprising' was conducted on 12th December, 2018 to speak of menstrual cup and its hygiene.

Harmony Club

Harmony Club celebrated Diversity Day on the 29th of August, 2018 by organizing activities like collage-making and logo making with 'diversity' as the main theme. From the 19th to the 24th of November, Communal Harmony week was celebrated in college through photography events, essay-writing competitions, and group discussions. The Harmony Club members visited Sumangali Seva Ashram as part of their social visit on the 20th of December, 2018, where they donated generously.

Amnesty International

Amnesty International organized a talk on 'Online Violence Against Women' in association with the student council and was delivered by Ms. Mariya Salim, an Amnesty International member. The association also played its role in helping the Council give the support staff of SJCC the 'Big Day Off' on 24th January 2019 where the students cleaned the college and gave the support staff a well-deserved break. On the 5th of December, 2018, they also hosted an open mic event 'Expressions' to provide an opportunity for students to express themselves in their own creative manner.

E-Cell

The SJCC E-Summit '18 was the flagship event of the E-Cell for 2018-2019. Here, seven speaker sessions, four workshops and six events were held over the span of two days, to teach the students about the fields of business and commerce through activities and games. On 1st December 2018, the E-Cell in collaboration with the Youth Red Cross organised a campaign to spread awareness and knowledge about AIDS and HIV in and around the college. The third edition of 'Launchpad', was an initiative by the E-Cell to promote student entrepreneurs in SJCC and give them the experience of trading in a real marketplace with thousands of potential customers. A group of 25 students attended the IIT Bombay E-Summit '19 in Mumbai where competitions, speaker sessions and workshops were held to provide the knowledge and skills required for a successful entrepreneur. They held many events throughout the year to bring out the entrepreneur in the students.

Debating Society

The Debating Society is an association that provokes thought and reason among students. On the 31st of August 2018, it organized a panel discussion on ‘Does Freedom of Speech come with the price of responsible expression and action?’ It allowed students to experience civil, thought-provoking conversations and helped them showcase their oratory skills. On the 15th of December, a mentorship session with Mr. Rahul Kolle was organized for students to enhance their public– speaking persona and oratory skills. Finance Club On the 12th of September, 2018, ‘Strategize’ was conducted to test the decision-making skills of the students and help them understand the stock market better. On the 17th of December, 2018, ‘The Finance Huddle’ was organised as a group discussion about a better investment climate being the need of the hour.

Quiz Club

On the 23rd of August, 2018, a short introductory session was organised to help the members get to know each other. The club organized training sessions for aspirants who are interested in taking part in the quiz competition. The club also lent its services to various quizzing events hosted by the student council.

Hashmi Theatre Forum

The Hashmi Theatre Forum provides a platform for students to explore and improve their dexterity in theatre. They performed at the Rangotsava Theatre Festival with other professional actors in Mysore, to perform ‘Kichillada Beghe’. They also visited Pondicherry to enhance St. Joseph’s College of Commerce their knowledge about theatre and stage performance. They took part and won many prizes in theatre festivals at Mount Carmel College, St. John’s Medical College and Bishop Cotton Women’s Christian College. They put up a play based on independent India titled ‘Azadi’ with strong social messages. Their collaborations with Project Smiles and BBMP has spread awareness about various ecological issues. The annual national-level theatre fest was organized on the 22nd and 23rd of February, 2019. The forum put up two performances as part of the fest: ‘Merchant of Venice’ in English and ‘Mouna Ratrigalu’ in Kannada.

Kannada Sangha

The Kannada Sangha celebrates the Kannada language and works of various wonderful Kannada poets, writers and artists. A lecture on Manteswami’s literary works was held on the 26th of June, 2018 with Dr. Kuruvabasavraju as the chief guest. They also held an event to celebrate contemporary Kannada poetry titled ‘Samakaleena Kannada Kavya Oduva Nelegalu’ with Mr. S. Manjunath. Antharanga, their annual fest was held on the 10th of August, 2018 and saw many students showcase their talents in Gaayana (singing), Nruthya (dancing), Prabandharachane (essay writing) and Kavanarachane (poetry writing). In collaboration with Hashmi Theatre, the Parishad organized a cultural and educational camp in Mangalore. Kuppalli and Kodachadri Hills on the 13th of October, 2018. The annual inter-collegiate Kannada literary and cultural fest ‘Kalarava’ was organized on the 15th of February, 2019.

Hindi Parishad

On the 13th of August, 2018, the Hindi Parishad organised the intra-collegiate fest ‘Indradhanush’ which saw many paper presentations on topics like Hindi media and Hindi advertisements. They also organised many activities like poem scene sketching, quiz, debate, and news reporting.

On 7th September 2018, the Parishad witnessed a paper presentation that discussed various aspects of Hindi as a language, a profession and the use of Hindi in practical life.

On 14th September 2019, Hindi Divas was celebrated where a general quiz and antakshari was held to understand how the language unites the country.

On the 25th of November, 2018, a trip was organised to Chiguru Eco Space where the students were made aware of sustainable and chemical-free organic farming, native plant and animal diversity. ‘Nakshatra’, the inter-collegiate festival was hosted by Hindi Parishad and saw great participation from colleges across the city.

Dance and Acoustics Association

The Dance and Acoustics Association encourages students to discover their talents by participating in various cultural fests around Bangalore. In September, they took part in ‘Autumn Muse’ at St. John’s Medical College and ‘Disha’ at Bishop Cotton’s Women’s Christian College. They also participated in Cul-Ah! and Disha, intercollegiate festivals that invited students from all colleges in Bangalore. Fests like Visages by St. Joseph’s College, Samayoga by Jain University (Jayanagar) and Lasya by CMS also saw overwhelming participation from our college and the association bagged many prizes there as well.

ALMA

The Association for Literature, Music and Art (ALMA) acts as a stimulant to the many artistically-inclined students in the college and organised many events the past year to provide a suitable forum for the same. On the 28th of August 2018, a discussion on the topic ‘Women and Writing in today’s India’ was held with Ms. Chandini Gagana, a trans woman writer, who spoke about the difficulty faced by the transgender community in India and expressed her concern over the treatment of transgenders in our society. On the 13th of November, 2018, they organized an open mic event where students showcased their talents. On the 10th of December, they hosted their inter-collegiate cultural fest ‘En Carta’ with events like Scavenger Hunt, Western Acoustics, Name in the Hat, Spell bee and Poetry Slam.

Serenata Chorale

The College Choir The choir of St. Joseph’s College of Commerce is filled with enthusiastic individuals who want to spread love and happiness through songs and melody. The association held many events this year, starting with the Feast of St. Ignatius on July 29th, 2018 where they sang for the St. Joseph’s Boys’ High School Mass. They also performed at Glorious, on August 25th, 2018. This year, in December alone, the choir gave nine performances. At ‘White Christmas’ held at Bishop Cottons Girls’ High School, Serenata Chorale bagged the second place. At the annual choir competition of St. Francis School, Koramangala, our choir won the

first place. In solo performances, Alex Koshy represented Serenata Chorale and was placed first. They also hosted their annual choir concert ‘Resound’ on 3rd March 2019 which witnessed the participation of eight reputed choir groups in Bangalore.

Fine Arts club

On the 13th of August, the Fine Arts club conducted a poster making event to celebrate Independence Day. With Kerala as their theme, they spread awareness about the floods and the devastation caused by them to sensitize the students. The club also organised a seminar called ‘Nurturing Exquisite Leadership through Art’ on the 25th of January, with Anand K Nair, the founder of Anand Nair Leadership Foundation.

College Editorial Committee

The College Editorial aims to promote creativity among students in relation to writing, art, photography, and videography. Keeping its objective in mind, the association organized a Creative Writing Workshop which was conducted by Ms. Divyashree, a faculty member of the English Department. In addition to sharing her insights, she also put the writing skills of those in attendance to the test and concluded by giving encouraging feedback. The editorial is primarily concerned with compiling the college Annual Report and magazine, both of which require the student members and staff coordinators to put in significant efforts in chronicling the activities of all other associations and the college at large during the year. The association also has designated members involved with updating content on the college website so as to give accurate information not only to students, faculty, and management but also other third parties visiting the website. The college blog, which carries both art and literary work of the college is also maintained by the editorial. This allows the association to be directly involved in encouraging students to create and also to give them a suitable platform to display their work.