



## St. Joseph's College of Commerce (Autonomous)

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Accredited with A++ Grade by NAAC in 4<sup>th</sup> Cycle (CGPA of 3.57/4)

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### **AQAR: 2021-2022**

#### **7.1.9 Human Values, Professional Ethics and Constitutional Obligations**

**Sensitization on values, rights, duties and responsibilities of citizens**



YDC- Youth for Democracy and Constitution

ensure that green practices are followed in college. The objective was to ensure a healthy environment on campus, to enhance awareness towards environmental guidelines and increase responsibility.

- The Eco club organized Green Camp Darshan to make students aware of the green practices in college.

**Harmony Club**



- An Ice breaker session was conducted for the first year Harmony club members on 15th September 2022. Blind Dates and musical chairs were organized to get to know each other and share their thoughts. There were about 30 students who attended the event.
- Each year the International Day of Peace is observed around the world on 21st September. Aghasya aims to provide a sense of peace and togetherness among youth. Throughout the week the club organized various inter-college events like photography, mandala art, blogging, debate and singing competitions.
- Harmony Club in association with CSA, CARE, SCMI, GNOSIS conducted a National Level webinar titled, "Youth as Facilitators for Cultural Harmony". Dr Ram Puniyani, Chairman, Centre for Study of Society and Secularism Mumbai and former Professor, IIT Mumbai was the Resource Person.
- Afterword is a book club started by Harmony Club in 2020. This year about 20 students registered to the Club and have been reading books of various genres. The Book Club had regular meetings once in 2 weeks to discuss the progress and to share perspectives. It was organized to cultivate the habit of reading and understanding the importance of books.
- Talent Show 2022 was hosted to provide a platform to new faces, talents that have been undiscovered. The members had to submit clips, pictures and videos of their talents through the club E-mail ID and the same was posted on Harmony Club Instagram page.
- Harmonize '22 was an event for all the members of the club to form an atmosphere of peace and harmony with

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music and to maintain interaction among the members.

**Hashmi Theatre Forum**

- On 1st April 2022 SJCC in Solidarity with the students of Ukraine organized a signature campaign in collaboration with SCEAD International foundation to acknowledge the ongoing turmoil, and to stand by the students of Ukraine. The teachers and students of SJCC expressed their thoughts and emotions on a banner which was sent to the students of Ukraine by SCEAD International. On the same evening, there was a short gathering and a talk by Mr. Katsumasa Maruo, the Deputy Council General of Japan and a performance by the college choir.
- Hashmi Theatre Forum organized a Fresher's Day for the new members of the theater forum on 13 September 2021. This was aimed at orienting them in theater. The existing members of Hashmi performed mad ads, flash mob, rap and mimicry to welcome the new member to the theater forum.

**Youth for Democracy and Constitution**

- The Youth for Democracy and Constitution association works in collaboration with Amnesty International. The association focuses on concerns of democratic rights of every individual and the involvement of the present-day youths. On 7th October 2021 involving 20 students, this was the first session conducted by YDC to familiarize the new members with the association's objectives.
- On 26th November 2021, the association commemorated the 75th Constitution Day with 6 students. On this occasion the India's Constitution was adopted by the College. The primary objective of this event was to highlight the importance of the Indian constitution, and to mark the significance of the constitutional values amongst the students.
- To commemorate the 73rd Republic Day on 26th January 2022 the association organized a Poster making competition titled "Inequality in Current India" was organized. Around 25 students took part in the competition.
- IURA (Newsletter): The association launched a newsletter titled 'IURA' to highlight various human right violations that occur and around 5 students participated in it. IURA has had multiple editions this academic year.

The Theatre Forum performed 80 street plays in Bengaluru to create awareness on Covid 19, among the people living in slums and rural parts of Bangalore. The performances were aimed at sensitizing people on the importance of covid protocols and awareness against Covid conspiracies.

A donation drive was organized by Hashmi Theatre Forum – 'Donate-to-Educate' to help the underprivileged students. The donation drive was held on the 22nd, 23rd and 24th of September 2021, stationery items and covid essential products were donated by the students of SJCC.

'A Midsummer Night's Dream' was performed on the 6th and 7th of May 2022. More than 40 students were involved in the play, including the actors and technicians. The play was performed in a proper theater fashion,



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each member to not only become familiar with the unpleasant living conditions of the people in marginalized communities but also to acknowledge the privileges in life that one often takes for granted.

- In continuation to the Social Exposure Programme, CSA organized an experience-sharing session on 23rd November 2022 at 11am at the Xavier Hall. During the session the members shared their experiences from the visit and discussed the possible solutions to improve the life situation of the people living in the community, especially that of the school going children.



On the occasion of World Peace Day, 21st September 2022, CSA, the Harmony Club, CARE, SCMI, and GNOSIS, together conducted a National Level webinar titled, "Youth as Facilitators for Cultural Harmony". Dr. Ram Puniyani, Chairman, Centre for Study of Society and Secularism Mumbai and former Professor, IIT Mumbai was the Resource Person. The webinar helped the participants understand the role of youth in shaping societies that operate with secular consciousness.

CSA and the Outreach department of SJCC organized a talk on People's Movements and the Constitution, on 26th November 2022. Mr. Abhijit B, Assistant Professor of Law at Ramaiah Law College, Mr. Manohar Ranganathan (Executive Director of CARE), K S Lakshmi and Prashant S, student representatives from SJCC, shared their views on the topic.

CSA and CARE organized a Panel Discussion titled, "Religion, Choice, and the Law in India" on 13th January 2022. The discussion addressed and explored the possible responses to some of the growing concerns about the freedom to practice religion and its political dimensions within Karnataka and India.

- CSA, Shramana Samskruti and CARE conducted an experience-sharing session on labor politics, titled "Threading Narratives: An Experience Sharing Session on Labour Politics" on 8th March 2022 to understand the challenges of the garment workers. Saroja K, Garment Labour Union activist addressed the participants. The session looked at how the agencies responsible for the wellbeing of garment workers respond to their concerns and demands.



On 1st April 2022, Harmony Club in association with CSA, Youth for Democracy and Constitution, Rotaract Club, and SCEAD International, organized a Discussion and Signature Campaign to express the institution's solidarity with students in Ukraine, at the Basketball Court. Mr. Katsumasa Maruo, the Deputy Council General of Japan was the Chief Guest of the event.

On 16th May 2022, CSA in association with CARE, screened "Being the Other" an award-winning documentary, curated by its director, Mr. Amudha.

R.P. The screening was followed by an engaging discussion on the issues addressed in the documentary.

With a view to analyse the role of youth and media in ensuring social justice in the contemporary Indian societies, CSA and Harmony Club of SJCC in collaboration with CARE organized a guest lecture titled, "Youth, Media and Social Justice in Present Day India" on 15th May 2022. Ms. Ammu Joseph, an independent Journalist and writer delivered the lecture and responded to the questions raised by the participants.

All India Catholic University Federation (AICUF)

- After a gap of two years, MAGIS 2022 was hosted by St. Aloysius College, Mangalore. A total of 7 students represented St. Joseph's College of Commerce. The students participated in the leadership camp for three days. The camp started with a mass followed by an introductory session by Fr. Dionysius Vaz, SJ. The students were taught about a powerful sharing session called



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the MAGIS Circle which was conducted with different agendas on all three days of the camp. The camp ended with an eucharistic celebration.

committee, and the staff coordinator of AICUF, SJCC attended the event. The event had excellent speakers sharing their thoughts on contemporary youth.

AICUF Activities 2021-22

- World Humanitarian Day was organized as an intra-collegiate event by AICUF to commemorate World Humanitarian Day on 19th and 20th of August 2021. The theme for the event was "Cambio Climatico: A New Awakening: Climate Change: A New Awakening for this generation." The main objective was to educate the students on the harmful effects of climate change and the difference that each individual can make in society.
- A social media post on the official page of AICUF was made on the international day for eradication of poverty on 20th October, 2021 for creating awareness about the same.
- The topic for this year was: Building forward together: Ending persistent poverty, respecting all people and our planet.

The AICUF State Council organized a leadership programme called AICUF Transformational Leadership Programme for the student community of Karnataka on 11th and 12th of March, 2022. The programme had wonderful speakers sharing their thoughts on how the youth of today can make this world a better place. Three students from SJCC represented this event.

A two-day camp on leadership called the MAGIS Camp was hosted by AICUF Karnataka in collaboration with St. Aloysius College, Mangalore on 29th April and 30th April, 2022. A total of 7 students represented St. Joseph's College of Commerce at MAGIS 2022. The camp motivated the students to do all deeds for the greater glory of God, helping them understand their inner self, introspect and be examples to the society in serving mankind. The students created many memories and friendships and had a great experience.

Christmas Decorations were worked on by the members of the association with great enthusiasm. A Christmas tree was decorated by the students. This activity helped the students bond with each other better.

Stauros was a gospel extravaganza hosted by Mount Carmel College on 29th October, 2021. The theme for the fest was "The Bread of Life". Our college participated in over 13 events. A lot of participants won first and second prizes.

Rotaract Club

- Revelations 2022, the annual gospel extravaganza was hosted by AICUF on 24th and 25th February, 2022. The fest witnessed exceptional participation from the students. The theme of the fest was "The Final Judgement" from the Bible, "And I saw a great white throne and the one sitting on it. The earth and sky fled from his presence, but they found no place to hide." -Rev 20:11.
- AICUF State Elections — Some students from the core

The installation ceremony of the newly elected board was conducted on 14th August 2021, through Zoom. Members from Rotary Bangalore Cantonment & members of Bangalore District Rotaract Club were present. The event started off with the collaring of Rtr. Dikshit Bhansali, outgoing President By Rtr. Tushar Samadaryia, outgoing Secretary, Rotaract Club of St.

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The inauguration ceremony of the Workshop was held on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2022. The inaugural ceremony was graced with the presence of the Principal, Dr. Charles Lasrado SJ, and the Vice Principals, Ms. Sneha Rai and Dr. Raja Jebasingh. Dr. Antony Oliver, HoD, Department of Hindi welcomed the gathering. Golden jubilee coordinators, Ms. Mukta and Mr. Vinay Kambipura elucidated the aims and objectives of the Workshop. Mr. Shailesh Bidaliya, Assistant Director, Central Hindi Directorate was the Chief Guest for the inauguration. Dr. Fariyal Shaikh, Professor at Hindi Department, SJCC proposed the Vote of Thanks. The sessions for each day were based on engaging themes coordinated well by the respective resource persons. The sessions were based on topics of contemporary significance. Apart from the interactive sessions, the participants also received training on E-tools like Leap Office, ISM, Hindi Typing Tutor, and Unicode. The concluding ceremony was held on 5th May 2022. The Participation Certificates were distributed to all the participants. The students of Hindi Parishad organized a cultural show and quiz programme. Apart from the academic activities a one-day city tour was arranged for the participants.

### Department of English

#### a. Media and Society Lecture Series

The term 'media' has an expansive meaning in today's socio-political and cultural context. It may refer to a piece of paper on which news is printed or to a political advertisement that pops-up while browsing the latest TV show on the internet. Media acts as a tool to manufacture consent and at the same time, it is the very space where such 'manufacturing' can be resisted. Hence, understanding media is crucial to understanding the modern world that is saturated with information.

The Media and Society Lecture series has been designed

to help students understand the dimensions of media and society. The inaugural lecture titled 'Indian Media Today: The Dynamics of News Ecosystem' was delivered by Mr. Hartosh Singh Bal, Political Editor of the Caravan magazine on 24th August 2021 at 11 am. The lecture was followed by a Q&A session where our students raised their doubts and concerns regarding how the media generated discourses, especially the narratives emerging out of the news eco-system, influence human experiences in modern society.

#### b. Annual Republic Day Lecture

The Annual Republic Day Lecture Series, hosted by the Department of English, is now into its fourth edition. Every year a renowned public intellectual is invited to deliver a lecture on contemporary socio-political and cultural challenges. The earlier editions of this lecture series have featured Prof. Rajendra Chenni, Prof. Anand Teltumbde and Prof. G N Devy. This year the lecture titled 'Socio-political and Cultural Challenges in Contemporary India – A Personal Reflection' was delivered by Ms. Patricia Mukhim, a renowned journalist and editor of Shillong Times.

The Department has included several film texts as part of the syllabus over the years. This year, Chomana's drum, the English translation of Chomana Dudi by Shivaram Karanth was part of the Additional English Syllabus for the fourth-semester students. The film adaptation, sometimes referred to as a translation as well, directed by BV Karanth was screened in Loyola Hall for the students. The screening was followed by a student- moderated discussion with the filmmaker Mr Ashok Maridas.





PARAMARSH ended on 30th September, 2021. The college successfully completed the requirements of the scheme and assisted the six mentee institutions in implementing several best practices.

**International Virtual Conference on 'Enhancing Teaching Competencies through Professional Ethics'**

IQAC of SJCC organized a 2 Day International Virtual Conference on 'Enhancing Teaching Competencies through Professional Ethics' (ETCP 2021) on 7th and 8th October, 2021. The conference was a maiden academic interface, collaboratively organized by the institution and Globethics.net Foundation, headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland, after signing a Cooperation Agreement this year. Globethics.net is an international organization committed to furthering its vision of ethics in higher education and provides a unique platform for knowledge sharing.

Dr. Charles Lasrado SJ, Principal, welcomed the participants. Rev. Dr. Jose Nandhikkara, National Director, Globethics.net India spoke about the necessity of making learning accessible, besides touching upon the four pillars of learning. Prof. Goh Kim Chuan, former faculty member at the University of Science, Penang Malaysia, University of Brunei and National Institute of Education, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore, was the Keynote Speaker. He reflected on the assessment levels of knowledge application and the need for HEIs to inculcate practices of knowledge dissemination blended with ethical values. Dr. Ignace Haaz, Programme Executive Online Ethics Library, Publication Manager, Globethics.net Geneva, Switzerland introduced the unique resources available at Globethics and acquainted the audience on how the resources could be accessed to optimize their efficacies as teachers and knowledge facilitators.

The first speaker for the second day Dr. Joye James SJ, Secretary, Jesuit Higher Education, South Asia emphasized on the need for the teachers to prioritize the emotional well-being of the students. Dr. John Methuseloh, faculty member at the Adikavi Nannaya University, Rajahmundry, AP focused on the role of the educators in propagating ethical code in the society, and critically examined the violation of ethics in the academic world. Ms. Christine Housel, in-charge, Honor Relations and Strategic Partnership, Gloebthics.net, Geneva, Switzerland accentuated the need for a holistic approach to ethics, especially within the context of higher education.

The paper presentations in the conference converged on ethical values in higher education emerging from an array of research based on adult education, interpretation of ethics in contemporary narratives, the implications of the

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National Education Policy-2020 to maximizing well-being and happiness for learners and educators.

The conference received 708 registrations from across the globe including Kenya, Saudi Arabia, Switzerland, Muscat, Abu Dhabi, Sharjah, Croatia, Singapore, Malaysia and India. IQAC also completed the following activities in the academic year 2021- 2022:

- a. IQAC conducted the Student Satisfaction Survey for the academic year 2020-2021 in November 2021.
- b. The staff evaluation by students for the odd semester was carried out between 18th and 23rd of February 2022.
- c. A survey was conducted on student progression across all programmes between 28th October and 15th November 2021.
- d. Staff feedback was collected as part of the biannual review process.
- e. The feedback on the curriculum was initiated by the IQAC, along with the HODs in the Subject Teacher Meeting and the Pre-BoS meetings, which helped in revising courses that required changes.

**Faculty Development Programmes**

- a. With a view to encourage research interest among the faculty members, IQAC and Innovation & Incubation Centre of SJCC in collaboration with the Centre for Intellectual Property Rights & Advocacy (CIPRA), National Law School of India organized a National Level Workshop on 'Intellectual Property Rights for Commerce and Management Institutions' in July 2022.

- b. IQAC initiated an FDP on international affairs titled "War and Peace in Czar's Land: Russia Ukraine Conflict." This interactive session was steered by Dr. Olvin Viegas, SJ on 28th February 2022.

c. The IQAC organized a presentation on "BJES Institutional Policy and Protocol on Protection of Minors and Vulnerable Adults" on 3rd March 2022. Members of BJES and faculty members of St. Joseph's Evening College, St. Joseph's College of Law, St. Joseph's Institute of Management and St. Joseph's College of Commerce attended the session. The Presentation was conducted by Adv. Gerard D'souza SJ, Director, St. Joseph's College of Law and Fr. Felix Victor SJ, St. Aloysius College, Mangalore.

**Other Initiatives:**

- a. The IQAC organized 'Basic Life Support' a Health Awareness Programme (CPR Demonstration) on 29th March, 2022. The Resource Persons were Dr. V.K Srinivas, Chief Cardiologist, Mallya Hospital Bangalore and Dr. Kiran Kumar, Critical Care Intensive Care Physician and AHA Trainer, Mallya Hospital. The session included - simulation via video and practices with mannequins.
- b. A Financial Literacy Programme 'Savings, Investing, and the Possibility of Using Funds from Diverse Sources.' was conducted in Kannada for the support staff of the institution on April 5th, 2022. The Resource persons were Mr. Ashoka (Assistant Professor), and Dr. Hanumanthraya, (Assistant Professor), from SJCC.
- c. IQAC completed the selection of members to SQAC from the first- year classes across programmes in September 2021. Also, conducted a webinar on 'Leadership' for SQAC members.



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- On 15th August 2021, Hindi Parishad of St. Joseph's College of Commerce organized an event 'Azadi Ka Jashn' to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of Indian Independence. Students from various colleges participated in this event and uploaded reels in which they showed India's freedom struggle, culture etc.
- St Joseph's College of Commerce organized a National Level Intercollegiate Paper Presentation Competition. The topic of discussion, "Is Technological achievements Boon or Bane in the context of Covid-19?" was decided keeping in mind the impact of this ongoing pandemic. The motive behind this discussion was to encourage adaptability and at the same time understand the importance of technology in these unprecedented times. Around 13 colleges from various across India participated in this competition.
- On 24th August, 2021, Hindi Parishad of St. Joseph's College of Commerce organized the annual Intra-College Hindi Fest 'Indradhanush 2021-22'. Many students from the college participated in various events for a period of 3 days. The students participated in the activities held.
- On 14th September 2021, Hindi Department of St. Joseph's College of Commerce, Bangalore hosted a webinar and quiz. The topic for the webinar was 'Relevance of Munshi Premchand's stories in today's context' and our guest speaker was Dr. Manjubhargavi B R. Students of SJCC, St. Joseph's Evening College and St. Joseph's College were part of the discussion titled 'Relevance of Hindi in modern technology'. After the discussion, a quiz was conducted for the students who came for the webinar from other colleges.

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Praise and Worship Sessions – This is purely a voluntary gathering for about half an hour is held every Wednesday. Students come together to their experiences and participate in action songs for the glory and honour of our Lord.

Faith Formation Classes – Once a month, panel discussions on matter of faith are held for I and II year Catholic students. Students are given knowledge on the Bible, the Prophets, the Sacraments and on the life and various manifestations of Jesus. Annual Programmes – Annual Retreats for Catholic students are organized each academic year. Topics of discussion include finding one's true self, acceptance and spirituality in the workplace. The Feast of our founder, St. Ignatius of Loyola, is celebrated in an impressive manner for an entire week. Various competitions like essay writing, quiz, poster making and collage are held in commemoration of the feast and banners are put up in the campus explaining the life and teachings of St. Ignatius.

#### The Co-education System

The ratio of boys to girls in the College is about seven to three, since there are several Catholic/Christian Colleges exclusively for girls in Bangalore. The purpose of bringing growing young women and men together during the post-school period is to facilitate a healthy emotional growth.

Exclusive pairing inside enclosed spaces within the campus, levity in word or gesture and eve-teasing shall be considered as serious offences.

#### Mentorship

The role of the Mentors is to contribute to the holistic development of the students under their care. Mentoring entails to be supportive towards the student and to help a student in any specific way in which he or she may require guidance. Each class has a mentor, the role of the mentors is to be supportive towards the student and be a link between the student and the department, between the subject teachers and the students, between the parents and the students and between the students themselves. They contribute to the holistic development of the students under their care.

#### Counselling and Spiritual Support

The College provides the students with the services of professional counsellors to tackle emotional and academic problems. While the students are encouraged to visit the counsellors by voluntary appointment, the

College may also refer students who may be judged to benefit from such referral.

Regular value inputs are given to all students in order to deliberate on and assimilate human, social and spiritual values.

#### Citizenship Training and Students' Council

Citizenship training is aimed to evolve student's social responsibility in upholding and adhering to the law and order of the society and to create a healthy environment. To inculcate the above virtue, the Students' Council and Office bearers are elected by the students.

Nonetheless, to maintain freedom from bias and politicking the following norms are laid down which should be strictly observed.

- Candidates aspiring for the posts must have a good academic and disciplinary record (detailed rules will be formulated by the Election Commission).
- No candidate can profess affiliation to any political party or receive monetary or other support.
- Elections should be healthy contests in a spirit of fair play and create no animosities among students or classes.
- After the election all students must profess loyalty to the elected office bearers and co-operate with them in the discharge of Council duties.

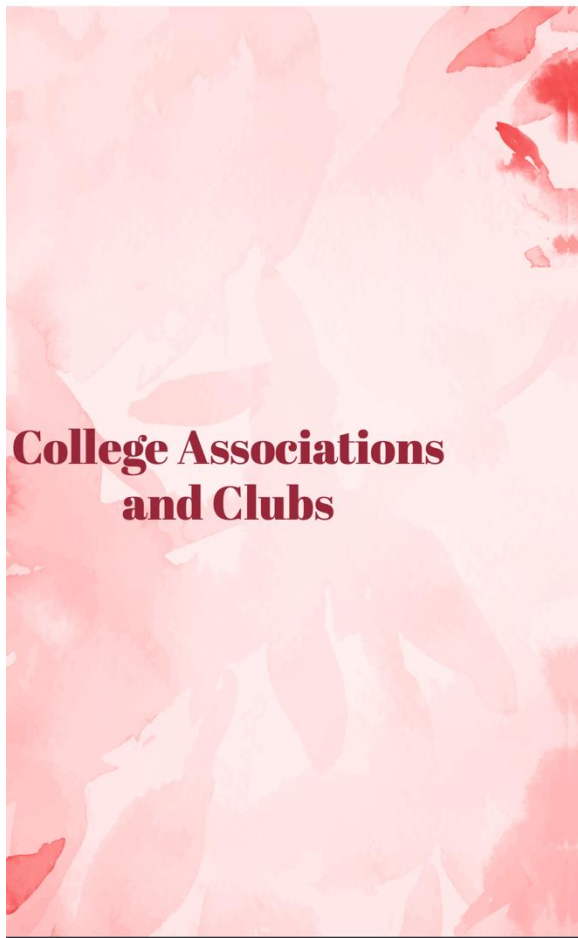
#### Parents and Guardians

Parents and Guardians are partners with the College in the task of total and integral education of their wards. It is in keeping with this concept of "partnership-in-education" that the Principal invites the parents/guardians of first year students to discuss the performance of their children. The dates of the meetings are announced in the calendar and will also be intimated through email. Parents/guardians are requested to attend the meetings. It is also recommended that they meet the Student Councillors and Class Mentors regularly to ascertain the conduct and progress of their wards. The College welcomes suggestions from parents and well-wishers.

#### Sports and Games

The Institution emphasizes the development of physical prowess along with intellectual growth in its endeavor to provide holistic education. The College has carved out a name for itself in the field of sports and games.





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**National Service Scheme (Wing 1 & Wing 2)**

- NSS commemorated the birth anniversary of the Indian social reformer Savitribai Phule who played a crucial role in shaping India's education system, with a special focus on educating the girl child, on 03 January 2022. To commemorate her birthday, NSS held a celebration on campus with the student. The NSS students also took part in the celebration by making placards with Savitribai Phule's remarks and paintings, NSS received over 30 placards.

- On the 12th of January, the NSS volunteers organized an online event. The principal addressed the student gathering and spoke about Vivekananda and his principles. There was a 'creative writing' and 'sketching' competition to emphasise on the significance of the day. The aim of the event was to sensitize the students about the philosophies, principles and ideas of Swami Vivekananda.

- National Voters Day was conducted on 25th of January 2022, the event was attended by 30 students. The National Voters' Day (NVD) was celebrated across the country to mark the foundation day of the Election Commission of India. The event was aimed at educating the student community about the importance of casting their votes.

- The Republic Day celebration was conducted online owing to the pandemic situation. The event was celebrated on the 26th January 2022. Dr.Charles Lasrado SJ, Principal of SJCC, hoisted the flag on the 73rd Republic Day. NSS volunteers conducted various activities like slogan writing, guess the

song, survival, quiz online. A large number of students participated in these activities.

- Every year, a blood donation is held to encourage students to donate blood to those who are in need. NSS volunteers organized an event with the support of hospitals to create awareness about the importance of blood donation. A blood donation camp was organized on 3rd March, 2022. The NSS team was assisted by five different hospitals - NIMHANS, KIDWAI, Indira Gandhi Hospital, Victoria, and Vanivilas, who had come for the collection. Many students and faculty members came together to donate blood.

- The National Service Scheme of St. Joseph's College of Commerce organized a rural camp for 8 days in Chamaveeranahalli village, Doddaballapur from 23rd to 30th April 2022. This year NSS is renovating a library for the village children, which will be used by future generations. Also, saplings were planted to honour the late actor Puneeth Raj Kumar.

**Centre for Social Action (CSA)**

- The Centre for Social Action (CSA) of SJCC organized the following activities during the academic year 2021-2022:

- CSA commenced its activities this year with a "Social Exposure Programme" on 18th September 2022. A team of volunteers from the association visited Khader Sheriff Garden Slum, Lalbagh Road. Students interacted with the members of the community. The visit helped





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j. Traffic Awareness Drive

The Bembala Outreach Department organized a Traffic Awareness Drive for the second-year students. The activity took place from 25th April to 21st May, 2022. The classes were allocated specific dates to complete this activity. The drive was organized to spread awareness on Traffic Rules and Regulations as per the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988. The drive focused on creating awareness about traffic rules in the Brigade Road Signal, MG Road Signal, Church Street Metro Station, Garuda Mall Signal & SJPU Signal.



**Observing Days of International Importance**

The 3rd year UG & 1st year PG Students observed various international days by organizing activities for their respective classes. As a part of their activity the students collaborated with several not-for-profit organizations and visited various organizations.

Date	Programme/Activity	Participating Class
29.09.2021	International Day of Awareness of Food Loss & Waste	3 BBA A
01.10.2021	International Day for Older Persons	3 B.Com D
10.10.2021	World Mental Health Day	3 BBA D
15.10.2021	International Day for Rural Women	3 B.Com B
16.10.2021	World Food Day	3 BBA B
17.10.2021	National Cancer Awareness Day	3 B.Com G
07.11.2021	World Kindness Day	3 BBA C
13.11.2021	International Children's Day	3 B.Com F
20.11.2021	International Day of Persons with Disabilities	3 B.Com H
25.11.2021	International Human Rights Day	3 B.Com A
03.12.2021	International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women	3 B.Com E
10.12.2021	International Day for the Eradication of Poverty	3 B.Com C



**MY INDIA PLEDGE**

*India is my country. All Indians are my sisters and brothers. I appreciate and celebrate our cultural, linguistic, ethnic and religious diversity. Living together in love and peace is our strength. Justice for everyone and opportunity for all is my vision. Inclusive education and global learning is my aspiration. Any form of hatred and violence is against my ethical principle. I want to grow in a democratic space guaranteed by my constitution. I respect the dignity of all as children of God. I appreciate the rights and duties of all citizens of this great country. I welcome the global opportunities to learn, labour and live the joy of life. As fellow citizens of the 21st century we are committed to the common destiny of a beautiful world of love, justice and fraternity*

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## Institutional Response to Covid-19 Pandemic



In the wake of the pandemic, St. Joseph's College of Commerce (Autonomous) reached out to support the vulnerable individuals and families in dealing with the issues. This academic year too, the college continued the outreach initiatives through the Outreach Department, Associations, and Clubs. A detailed report of all the initiatives undertaken by the institution is furnished below:

### Vaccination drive

SICC in collaboration with BBMP, Ashok Nagar, organized a Covid Vaccination Drive on 5<sup>th</sup> July and 4<sup>th</sup> August, 2021 for the students, faculty members, administrative and support staff for those who couldn't take the first dose of vaccination. In total 457 people were vaccinated during the two days of the drive including the teaching and non-teaching staff.

### Food distribution drive

On the 75<sup>th</sup> Independence Day, fifteen volunteers of the National Service Scheme (NSS) visited the Gerizim orphanage on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2021 to organize a food drive. Participating in the Drive allowed the volunteers to comprehend the challenges faced by the children living in orphanages.

### Social visits and food distribution

CSA organized the Social Visit and Fruits Distribution programme on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2022. A team of 27 volunteers from the association visited Khader Sheriff Garden Slum, Lalbagh Road where they interacted with the members of the community which helped them to understand the unpleasant living conditions of those who live in slums and also acknowledge the privileges, often taken for granted.

### Covid awareness street play

A group of 75 members from the Hashmi Theatre Forum of SICC formed five teams and performed more than 90 shows of the street play 'Go Corona Go', written and directed by Dr. T H Lavakumar, HoD of the Department of Kannada, SICC. The performances were organized to create awareness among the audience on the importance of community health and hygiene during the pandemic and were played in the various localities of Bangalore including slums, bus stands, community centers, places of worship, etc. Planning for each performance was carried out bearing in mind religious diversity, caste identities, and occupational identities. The team also performed for school children and the specially-abled communities in association with the 'Association for People with Disability'. The play, which was enacted in numerous languages, examined the impact of social and cultural stereotypes on individuals, especially those who belong to the marginalized socio-political and cultural communities.

