



# ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE OF COMMERCE (AUTONOMOUS)



Affiliated to Bangalore City University  
Accredited with 'A++' Grade (4th Cycle) by NAAC College with Potential for Excellence (CPE)  
Ranked 74th in NIRF 2021 by MHRD  
#163, Brigade Road, Bengaluru – 560025, Karnataka, India



SJCC's Centre for Social Action and Harmony Club in collaboration with CARE, SCMI, GNOSIS, SAHAYA, and Infant Jesus Evening College

*Present*

## A National Level Webinar Series on **Youth as Facilitators for Cultural Harmony**

Date: 21st Sep 2021

Time: 10:45am



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# ABOUT THE INSTITUTION

The commerce department was established in 1949 at St. Joseph's College (estd. 1882) which was moved to 163, Brigade Road campus in 1972 to become an independent college viz. St. Joseph's College of Commerce (SJCC). The College has been serving as a beacon of light in the city of Bangalore, emphasizing teaching, learning and research activities in the field of Commerce and Management. The institution offers programs for both undergraduate and postgraduate students and has around 3200 students. It has a well-established Research Centre of Bengaluru City University

SJCC was conferred autonomous status in October 2004 and recognised as a "College with Potential for Excellence" in February 2010 by UGC. The college is re-accredited with 'A++' grade by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) in February 2021. It has been consistently ranked within the top 100 colleges by National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF), MHRD. Since its inception, the institution has been a state-of-the-art space for Commerce and Management Education. The College aims at the integral formation of its students, helping them to become men and women for others.

## ABOUT CSA

Centre for Social Action (CSA) is a student-driven community of St. Joseph's College of Commerce that works towards a humane and just society. CSA works with young minds to spread awareness about social issues and acts as a platform for individuals to voice their views against social injustice. The association through various initiatives, often in collaboration with other like-minded organizations and NGOs, represents the concerns of silenced minorities. CSA is guided by the vision - 'Care, Connect and Change' and believes that Little things make a Big difference.

## ABOUT HARMONY CLUB

Harmony Club at St. Joseph's College of Commerce was formed in the year 2017 with an objective of promoting inter religious harmony, uniqueness and diversity among the student community. Harmony club stands firm with its motto "Diversity and Inclusion". The club follows varied themes every year to uphold the motto of 'Diversity and Inclusion'. The objective is to inculcate the importance of harmony and reconciliation in all aspects like religion, culture, language, social status, social-wellbeing and self-expression.

# ABOUT CARE

CARE-Centre for Amenities, Rehabilitation and Education is a voluntary organization established with a mandate to work and empower the underprivileged urban and rural population, especially dalits, minorities, women, youth, children and other vulnerable communities to protect their rights to lead a dignified life.

CARE envisions to create a society free from any form of discrimination and works to make the community self-reliant and empowered. The organization follows a rights-based approach and creates access to resources, rehabilitation and education for their holistic development. It also works in association with Indian Labour Union (ILU) to ensure the upliftment of labourers in the unorganized sector, such as construction labourers, domestic workers, garment workers and street vendors

# ABOUT THE WEBINAR

The sum total of human experiences defines the cultural anatomy of a society. The character of Indian society has been shaped by its ability to facilitate the coexistence of similar and conflicting cultural experiences. The advent of modernity and globalization, like in many other parts of the world, have collectively broadened the Indian cultural landscape and have added layers to it. Cultural identities that determine the nature of individual experiences remain subjected to constant reshaping depending on the socio-political developments. Hence, the ways in which societies deal with cultural differences need to be examined, precisely to understand how these approaches influence the shaping of cultural consciousness.

India, in all its historical curves, has been challenged with attempts to disrupt the cross-cultural bonding. The solemn effort to imagine India as a homogenous whole by negating its cultural diversity has aggravated the fading away of secular values; that were once prominent in the cultural swathe of Independent India. In this context, the voices that provide breathing space to secular worldviews in the country need to be strengthened. It is vital to retain and engender spaces that will remain committed to upholding the socio-cultural infrastructure, a prerequisite for living life in harmony. This initiative is an attempt to reimagine the cultural consciousness that views youth as primary negotiators of cultural differences.

SJCC's Centre for Social Action and Harmony Club in collaboration with CARE, SCMI, GNOSIS, SAHAYA, and Infant Jesus Evening College are organizing the webinar series and activities to raise questions on the role of youth in building societies that thrive on cultural harmony. The sessions are curated to encourage students to participate in the process of shaping societies that operate with secular consciousness. The process of building environments free of prejudgments, where individuals engage with diverse worldviews need to begin through informal conversations on the street, in the dining room, playgrounds, among friends, and on campuses! Thus, this interactive forum aims to reiterate the worth of such conversations in building societies centered on plurality, secular thinking and cultural harmony. The inaugural episode of the National Level Webinar Series titled, Youth as Facilitators for Cultural Harmony will be held on the occasion of World Peace Day, i.e., 21st September 2021.



## Welcome Address



**Dr. Charles Lasrado, SJ**

Principal, SJCC

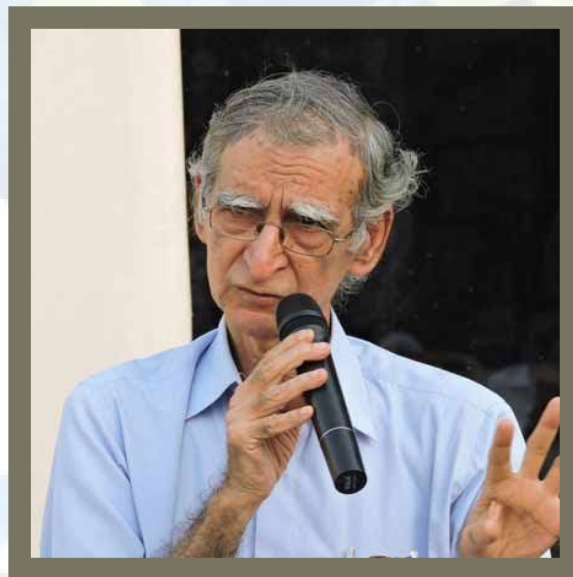
## Opening Remarks



**Manohar Ranganathan**

Executive Director, CARE

## Guest Speaker



**Dr. Ram Puniyani**

Chairman Center for Study of Society and Secularism, Mumbai

Former Professor, IIT Mumbai