



St. Joseph's College of Commerce

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HIGHLIGHTS

Rural Exposure Camps

Traffic Awareness Programmes

No Drug Walk

Climate Change Walk

Nagasaki-Hiroshima Remembrance Day

BJES Twinning Programme

This academic year the BJES initiated a twinning programme with the Jesuit missions in rural parts of Karnataka. The twinning programme is an outreach initiative of BJES to bridge the gap in learning and resources between the rural and the urban society. Under this programme each institution of BJES will work with another Jesuit institution in rural Karnataka to share its resources and expertise.

Vision: Jesuits journeying together with our collaborators to build an inclusive society of justice, equality, reconciliation and fraternity by transforming the individuals.

Mission: Rooted in God and in partnership with the people of goodwill, we journey together to educate and to bring about a radical transformation of the society by promoting the integral development of individuals who uphold the values enshrined in our Constitutions and care for the Mother Earth, 'our common home'.

BJES has the following objectives under this programme:

- To promote "Human Excellence" in our Institutions through interactions and mutual sharing of resources.
- Collaborate to conscientize and empower the target groups in twinning centers
- Enhance health, hygiene and emotional wellbeing.
- Skill Training for livelihood and employment
- Caring for Our Mother Earth by collaborating with our twinning partner
- Sharing of human and financial resources with our twinning partners to educate and to empower people

St. Joseph's College of Commerce has constituted a committee for the twinning programme headed by the Principal. Dr. A M Sheela is the chief coordinator and the other members include Dr. T H Lavakumar, Mr. Samuel Gladson. Dr. Selvi S, Mr. Vinay Kambipura.

Under this programme St. Joseph's College of Commerce has initiated the following tasks:

1. Intervention projects

St. Joseph's College of Commerce in collaboration with BJES has completed three research projects on migration, livelihood and agriculture, poverty and education, and women and child health. These projects were undertaken with an objective of aiding the interventionist work in uplifting the lives of marginalized communities. The research, backed with concrete data and practical suggestions, is expected to help social workers working in these fields to develop a holistic understanding of the issues and thus develop programmes that cater to the specific needs of the community. The research projects also aim to influence the government policies on these issues. Below are the details of the completed research projects:

- a) "Socio economic implications of migration on the livelihoods of agricultural and unorganized laborers in Bijapur district" undertaken by Dr.A.M.Sheela as the Principal Investigator and Rev Fr. Jerry D'Souza SJ as the Co-Investigator.
- b) "Socio economic impact on poverty on enrollment and dropout in school education- a study in Raichur district" undertaken by Dr. Suganthi Pais as the Principal Investigator and Rev Fr. Anil SJ as the Co-Investigator.

- c) "Prevalence and assessment of women's health and child malnutrition in Raichur district - with special reference to Manvi taluk" undertaken by Ms. Ravi Darshini as the Principal Investigator and Ms. Sanjana as the Co-Investigator.

2. Workshop for Self Help Groups of Vijayapura

St. Joseph's College of Commerce organized a 2 day workshop for the women of Self Help Groups in Vijayapur on 17th and 18th of September, 2018. The workshop was aimed at enhancing their skills and exploring the possibility of venturing into small scale business which could be commenced with minimum capital requirement and in the comfort of their homes. The workshop was organized in collaboration with Bijapur Jesuit Educational and Charitable Society.

In the first session women were taught the method of preparing 'Panchagavya' and its uses. The next session for demonstration was 'scented stones' in other words air fresheners. Mrs. Geetha of Handicrafts Academy in Bangalore taught the women how to make 'scented stones' using organic scents and plaster-of-paris. The post lunch session was on Organic Soap making. The women exhibited their creative side and how keen they were to learn new things. The last session for the day was how to make different masala's to provide new taste to their taste buds; they learnt to make two types of Poha.

The second day's session was making of perfume candles which was successfully learnt and done by each of the participant. The last session was hands on experience in Terra cotta jewelry. Fifty women from Vijayapura participated in this workshop.

HIGHLIGHTS

Intervention projects

1. Socio economic implications of migration on the livelihoods of agricultural and unorganized laborers in Bijapur district
2. Socio economic impact on poverty on enrollment and dropout in school education- a study in Raichur district
3. Prevalence and assessment of women's health and child malnutrition in Raichur district - with special reference to Manvi taluk

Workshop for Self Help Groups of Vijayapura, Manvi and Pannur

Social Immersion Programme for Faculty

3. Training Programme for Self Help Groups of Manvi and Pannur

Among the key six priority areas of operation one was to provide skill based training to rural women so that they become skill oriented and can create self-employment. The college organized a six-day training programme for the women of Self Help Groups at Manvi and Pannur from 11th to 16th February, 2019. The trainers were Ms. Shoba and Ms. Syeda of WEnWE. The programme was organized with the help of Rev. Fr. Arun SJ and Rev. Fr. Anil D'Souza SJ. Along with a lot of other skills the women learnt to make different types of cloth bags quilts, tassels and designer blouses and jewellery. The valedictory program was attended by the Director of Krishi Vignan Kendra, Raichur District. The trainees were further motivated with obtaining order from Bangalore women entrepreneurs to make skill thread jewellery. They have completed the first week's order successfully and are continuing with the same.

4. Social Immersion Programme for Faculty

As part of the twinning programme, 17 faculty members of St. Joseph's College of Commerce visited Manvi, Raichur between the 16th and 20th March, 2019. They interacted with to interact with the college staff, students and the local communities. The self-help groups also provided insight into the villagers' lifestyle. The staff also helped the groups understand the ways of employing technology in classroom teaching. They also held a crash course in English for the primary school teachers in the village. The appropriate usage of library facilities for degree students was briefed to them. Many hostel students were trained by our faculty members to perform street plays with strong social messages for the audience. Mr. Gladson, the Outreach Co-ordinator also educated the villagers about the health, hygiene and environmental issues.