

## ASSOCIATION REPORT 2017-18

### National Service Scheme (NSS)

The National Service Scheme has played a key role in orienting the youth towards community service. NSS volunteers of SJCC have made a significant impact this year in the community around them. The Student President is R. Balasubramani. The major activities of the association for this academic year were as follows:

- **Cycle Day:** The NSS volunteered at and participated in the Cycle Day organised by B.PAC on 11th June 2017. The event sought to raise awareness about the growing risk of health issues caused by vehicular pollution in the city and encouraged the use of cycles by all. An NSS Cycle Day was also conducted by BPAC on 13th August 2017 at the BBMP Corporation School in Shantinagar to raise awareness about waste management.
- A stationery drive was organised by NSS on 7th August wherein students contributed books, pencils, pens, scales, etc. for underprivileged children in large numbers.
- **Independence Day Celebrations:** NSS celebrated India's 70th Independence Day at a government school near Shivaji Nagar, taking the opportunity to reach out to the unreachable. Members participated in the flag hoisting and interacted with the students. Stationery and sweets were distributed to government school students.
- The NSS unit of SJCC in collaboration with the Lions Club and three other hospitals organised a blood donation camp in college on 23rd August, 2017. Students turned up in large numbers to donate blood. 280 units of blood were collected on the whole from more than 300 donors. Donors were provided with a blood donation certificate as a token of appreciation.
- NSS students participated in a clean-up and renovation drive at the Tamil Government Primary School on 1st September. Students prepared the ground for leveling by experts later on.
- NSS organised a protest rally on 6th September, 2017 from Majestic Railway 115 Station to demand quick action for speedy justice from the Government and investigative agencies for Gauri Lankesh.
- Students of NSS along with B-PAC members propagated 'Rally for Rivers' on 7th September and encouraged the public in the areas surrounding SJCC to participate in the campaign by merely giving a missed call on the specified number to raise awareness and "Save water for the future generations".
- A talk was conducted on 15th September by Ms. Meenakshi, an active member of the Durga Association, on women's safety, harassment, self-defense, and other such issues.
- The annual NSS rural camp was organised from 19th October to 25th October in Kadathippur village of Doddaballapur Taluk. Students participated in clean-up drives, health camp, talks on garbage dumping, and several cultural activities.

- A walkathon was organised by NSS students of SJCC in collaboration with the SJC NSS unit on 1st December, 2017 from St Joseph's College, Shanthi Nagar to SJCC on the occasion of World Aids Day to raise awareness about AIDS.
- Visits: On 25th November, students visited a nearby old age home Nightingale Sandhya Kirana where they contributed old newspapers and clothes and also assisted residents in making paper bags. On 10th December, 15 students of the NSS Association visited the Shree Acharya Rakum Blind School. The NSS representatives interacted with the students and played games like Kabaddi and Cricket with the kids. Around thirty students visited Jerome Old Age home on 14th December to interact with the residents and entertain them.
- NSS students visited Nightingale Day Care Centre on 19th December to celebrate an early Christmas with beneficiaries who were mainly dementia patients and senior citizens. The students put up a cultural show and distributed sweets to everyone. On 21st December, NSS members also celebrated Christmas at Tamil Government School, Ashok Nagar Main Ward where they interacted with students, conducted games, distributed prizes, sang carols, and distributed cake to the students and staff members.
- A seminar was conducted on 12th January on the occasion of Swami Vivekananda's 155th birthday. The guest speaker was Dr. G.P. Basvaraju, Retd. Head R.I.T.E.C. and R.P.D.C., N.C.E.R.T who addressed the gathering on the importance of helping one another and about Swami Vivekananda.
- Aura 2.0, a multi-dimensional fest was conducted by the NSS unit of SJCC on 7th February 2018. It includes a variety of cultural events and literary events. Eleven colleges participated in the fest with more than 120 participants. B.S.Srinivas, Director of Arena Animation, was the chief guest for the inaugural ceremony.

#### Centre for Social Action (CSA)

Centre for Social Action (CSA) is an association dedicated to making a social change and contributing to society, guided by their vision of 'Care, Connect and Change'. With a motto of 'Little Things Big Difference', CSA headed by the Student President, Aamina Asim, has carried out the following activities this semester:

- Food Fest: CSA organised a Food Fest at the beginning of the academic year where members set up a variety of food stalls and raised money for a charitable purpose.
- Thursday Talkies: The CSA continued their initiative "Thursday Talkies" for the second consecutive year. There were talks on various topics such as 'Knowledge is Political', "IT Industry Layoffs and its Impact in Bangalore" and "Public Policy", to name a few.
- On 11th August, CSA organized an intercollegiate seminar on the topic 'Intersection between Feminism and LGBT' which saw participation from various colleges around the city.

- Independence Day Celebrations: On the 15th of August, CSA members along with the faculty mentor, Mr. Prakash, conducted a series of games and events for the students and teaching staff of the Government Urdu Higher Primary School, Markham Road.
- CSA students organized a student teaching initiative at the Government Urdu Higher Primary School to facilitate the students' transition from Urdu to English as the medium of instruction after 5th Standard, through bi-weekly visits to the school.
- CSA invite CARE (Charlie's Animal Rescue Centre) to set up a stall at SJCC, the proceeds of which would go to animal care.
- A rural camp to Doddaballapur was conducted for CSA members in the month of October.
- Human Rights Week: CSA in collaboration with Amnesty International organised an intercollegiate event comprising of a documentary screening on "The Lies of Kashmiris" followed by an audience address by the director and performances by Oorali (an Indie band from Kerala) and Imphal Talkies (a band from Manipur)
- KIDWAI Donation Drive and Visit: CSA initiated a donation drive throughout the month of December in college and collected clothes, eatables, toiletries, bed sheets, toys, and more in large numbers for the children fighting cancer at the KIDWAI Institute. CSA volunteers visited the hospital on 23rd December to distribute the donations and spent quality time with the children.
- Sports Day for Urdu School: On 21st December, CSA organised a sports day for the Urdu school students. The children participated in various sports such as lemon and spoon race, tug of war, relay, and running race.
- A two-day Seminar on "Development or Destruction? India in the 21st century" was organized by CSA. The seminar comprised of a keynote speech by Mr. Manu Mathai, a technical session, and a workshop on how to start a campaign by Jhatka organisation.
- CSA organised the Annual Day for the students of Government Urdu School on 6th March, 2018. The members of CSA helped the children to showcase their talents in a cultural program.

#### All India Catholic University Federation (AICUF)

All India Catholic University Federation (AICUF) is an association that seeks to provide a common platform to students from different walks of life. The Student President is Natasha Simran. Through its motto 'Do unto others as you would want them to do unto you' it aims at achieving its goals. Highlights of activities conducted by the AICUF include:

- An organ donation camp was conducted in order to promote the cause among the student body and to spread awareness of its significance and benefits to society.
- A food drive over three days was conducted aimed at getting food to as many needy people in our society, in order to eliminate hunger and also to better acquaint students with the magnitude of this issue among the people of our city.

- A workshop was conducted on ‘Availing Government Scholarship for Minorities’ in order to create awareness about the various minority scholarships for Christian students and helping them apply for the same.
- A visit to Snehadan, a center for people living with HIV/AIDS, was organized to bring basic necessities to these peoples and to try and bring some joy and cheer into their lives in keeping with the spirit of Christmas.
- Computer classes were conducted for underprivileged children to give them a basic foundation in the use of technology. Its main aims were community engagement and student development in various areas including teaching.
- A visit to the Kalpali Cemetery was organized to interact with the children living there and to get to know them and the problems faced by them better. Games were conducted and snacks were distributed. Through this visit, the students were made aware of the conditions of children living in a cemetery.
- Revelations, a gospel fest was held in February 2018. Eleven events including potpourri, Nehemiah’s harmony, Walk the Bible, Noah’s Ark, Pentateuch, Creative intro, Dance like David, Shout it out, Bible quiz, Treasure hunt, and Re-create. There were 18 colleges & 9 parishes that participated in the events organized.

#### Rotaract Club

The Rotaract Club is an association that seeks to further the welfare of society by inculcating a sense of civic consciousness among its members. Over the years, the reach of the association has largely increased, thus contributing to its success and the reputation it enjoys. The Student President is Gaurav Siyal. The primary activities of the club include the following:

1. RotaMUN was held on the 26th and 27th of July, 2017 to provide a platform for individuals to showcase their writing, speaking, and diplomacy skills. The event covered a number of issues such as cyber warfare and the integration of refugees in our societies. The MUN boasted a large number of participants and resolutions to the issues discussed were sent to the Rotary International Organisation.
2. Konnectivity, an initiative to assist senior citizens with Internet Literacy was held on the 6th and 20th of August, 2017. Not only were email IDs created for these senior citizens but they were also taught the basics of E-Banking and E-Commerce.
3. The “Clean and Green Drive Initiative”, which was taken by the club to get rid of garbage near CMH Hospital, Indiranagar so as to make the area cleaner and more resident-friendly.
4. A visit to Bosco Mane in Chamarajpet on World Orphan Day to interact with the children.
5. A visit to Bharathiya Public School on Children’s Day during which members organised games and distributed stationery among the children.
6. Old Age Home visits were planned so as to sensitise members towards the elderly.

## Eco Club

The Eco Club seeks to foster environmental consciousness among students through campaigns, seminars, workshops and a host of other activities. The Student President is Kevin Mathews. Some of the initiatives taken by the club during the year are as follows:

- An initiative to spread awareness regarding breast cancer was taken on 21st August, 2017.
- A campaign for environmental awareness was conducted in which students realized the importance of conserving rather than excessively consuming resources. In addition to this, the campaign encouraged recycling and reusing products wherever possible.
- The documentary 'Before the Flood' was screened to highlight the pressing issue of climate change.
- A photography contest to capture the impactful images relating to the theme of Child Rights was organized.
- A rural visit to Doddaballapur was organized to provide members an opportunity to connect with the environment through the planting of trees while stressing on the importance of cleanliness.
- Eco club collaborated with Teach for India to help underprivileged children showcase their talents at Dramebaaz 2.0 which was held at KK English High School.
- A drive to encourage the use of in-house purified water taps over packaged water 119 was organized which saw a drop in waste generation.
- A Green Audit was conducted to understand the water and electricity consumption, to promote cycling to and from campus, to educate the student body on rainwater harvesting and to ensure responsible disposal of hazardous waste on campus.
- An anti-pollution video was created with the hope of reducing pollution and ensuring child safety during Diwali.
- Administered the Swachh Bharat Oath to the students to increase awareness about the need to eradicate the system of open defecation in India and providing access to healthy sanitation in order to improve public health.
- A one-day seminar titled 'Ambiente' was held to make students realize the significance of protecting and restoring water eco-systems and ensuring the mitigation of water scarcity.
- An anti-plastic campaign was organized to educate the student body regarding health hazards caused by plastic and to advocate the recycling of plastic and the use of alternatives.

## Equal Opportunity Cell

An Equal Opportunity Cell is established in the Institution with a view to create equal opportunities for all in education and employment. The Cell aims to equip students with the

skills and leadership qualities to face the challenges of life. The EOC is headed by the Principal. Some of the activities conducted by the equal opportunity cell are:

1. An Ice Breaker session for first-year students was organized so as to familiarise them with the Cell, its objectives and to gain insight regarding their expectations.
2. A Scholarship Seminar to create awareness among students of the importance, necessity and availability of scholarships for students belonging to the minority community was organized.
3. A pre-placement programme in association with Tata Consultancy Services was organized to provide free coaching classes to students belonging to weaker sections of society so that they may tackle competitive exams and succeed in their areas of interest.
4. A seminar to raise awareness on Stereotypes and Prejudice was organized.
5. Events such as Moot Court, Taboo and Walkathons were organized to highlight issues of international human rights law during Human Rights Week.
6. “Women Entrepreneurship- A Road to Empowerment” was a seminar hosted on December 4th, 2017 that had Ms. Madhavi Shankar and Ms. Ujjwala Nandesh discuss various challenges encountered by women entrepreneurs and suggest relevant solutions to overcoming them.
7. A seminar on “The Status of Sexual Minorities” was held to promote the upliftment of minorities in our country and to provide them with opportunities for growth and development.
8. A Sign Language session was conducted to give students an insight into the lives of people who use sign language on a daily basis to enable them to empathise and improve their understanding of the lives of people from different backgrounds.

#### Harmony Club

The Harmony Club was formed with the objective of promoting inter-religious harmony, uniqueness and diversity within the college. The student president is Mr. Mohamed Anas Adam. Some major highlights of this year are:

- a) Inter-religious Day was celebrated on 11th July with a panel discussion on the theme “Inter-Faith Dialogue: Challenges, Possibilities and New Directions”. The panel comprised of Fr. Prashanth Madtha S J, Dr. Rajaram, Mr. Vinay Kambipura, Ms. Tasmiya Hussni and Ms. Selvi Satyanarayanan.
- b) The Harmony Club in association with ALMA organised “Aghasya 2017”, an interclass competition celebrating India’s cultural and traditional diversity.
- c) All major festivals of different religions were celebrated in the college.
- d) “Jashn-e-Samvidhaan”, a poster making competition on the theme of “Fundamental Rights” was organised on 30th November on the occasion of the 68th Indian Constitution Day.

e) On 24th December, the club visited Sumangali Seva Ashrama to spread the spirit of giving during the season of Christmas.

### Women's Forum

The Women's Forum seeks to achieve a fair and just position for women in society and promote gender equality. The Forum is a step towards providing women with a platform where they can voice out their opinions and promote a progressive learning environment. The Student President of the club is Yamuna Krishna. The activities conducted during this academic year are as follows:

a) On 4th July, an interactive session on the topic 'Women and Employment' was conducted. Students were addressed by Ms. Dhanya Rajendran, from The News Minute, who briefed the students about the employment scenario for women in the corporate sector.

b) Marmara', a discussion session on women's safety was organised on 19th July. The discussion was organised by Vimochana, a Bangalore based organisation that has been working towards women empowerment since 1979. Women from different walks of life came together with the students of SJCC to discuss the highly debated topic of women's safety in public and private spaces.

c) On 30th November 2017, a seminar on self-defense was conducted with the aim of providing women with skills to defend themselves from any unforeseen circumstances that may arise in the future. The speaker was Mr. Bharath from the Flower Power Group, which holds self-defense seminars/classes in various organizations, schools, and colleges. The seminar was both theoretical and practical.

d) The Women's Forum held a poetry slam competition on 4th December judged by Mr. Nitin Ebenezer.

e) The Women's Forum held a series of sessions called 'Speak Up'. The sessions were conducted on 4th, 5th and 6th January. The main idea behind it was to encourage the students to voice their opinion on three topics, namely, 'Dress Code', 'Not me, but you! Why we need the change' and 'A walk in the campus', which were moderated by Ms. Bindu Subhash, Ms. Yamuna Krishna, and Mr. Vinay Kambipura respectively.

f) On 27th January, the Women's Forum organised SJCC's annual women empowerment celebration 'Eves'. A very informative panel discussion on women's safety and empowerment in the 21st century was conducted on this occasion. The speakers for the panel discussion were Ms. Corrine Kumar who spoke on violence against women from the marginalised sector, Ms. Ajanta De who addressed issues of women in the corporate sector and Ms. Nitya Rao who spoke on women empowerment. The student's speakers were Ms. Radhika from III BBA and Ms. Simran from II B.Com. Ms. Yamuna Krishnan moderated the session. An Open Mic, photography competition and Art Gallery were also organised. There were also numerous cultural performances.

g) On March 8th Women's Forum celebrated International Women's Day by organizing a campaign that raised the issue of pay disparity in the employment sector.

### Entrepreneurship Cell

The entrepreneurship cell seeks to instill an entrepreneurial drive among the students of the college. With its numerous workshops, seminars and summits, it aims to further the students' understanding of business- from how to chalk out a business plan to execute it. The Student President of the E-Cell is Sakshi Gupta. Some of the major highlights for the association during the year include:

a) National Level Workshop on "Nuances of Entrepreneurship and Venture Establishment" was conducted. The workshop was organised in association with the National Entrepreneurship Network to provide the faculty with the necessary skills, infrastructure and knowledge to assist students in their endeavours.

b) HOBNOB, a one-day event at College, was conducted with the objective of promoting constructive interaction among students regarding their field of interest.

c) The concept of "Monday Motivation" was introduced, which sought to spread awareness about local entrepreneurs and ignite an entrepreneurial spirit in the students.

d) A Design Thinking Workshop was held to help students understand the importance of designing products using a customer-focused approach which enabled participants to encounter economic problems and develop product prototypes.

e) Students of the E-Cell participated in Eximus 2017, a summit organized by IIM, Bangalore which included various workshops and competitions and not only won awards but also took back valuable advice from the keynote speakers on failure, success and shortcomings.

f) Sonam Raheja, founder of CHOC-O and an alumna of the College, interacted with students and in the process inspired them to give life to their aspirations by overcoming various hurdles and prudently using their resources.

g) The reputable Under 25 Summit was hosted by our College for the first time on account of the efforts of the E-Cell. The platform was a useful tool for participants to gain knowledge, network and receive training in order to achieve their goals.

h) eMERG, a women entrepreneurship meet, was held on 14th September, 2017 to provide female, student entrepreneurs with an opportunity to network and improve on their existing ideas.

i) A seminar was held to further understanding of shared leadership styles, time management and desired leadership traits through engaging activities.

j) Business Plan Ideation and Iteration, a forum that encouraged students to pitch their business ideas and receive guidance for the same was organised between the 17th and 24th of November, 2017.



k) An investors meeting with representatives of NEN and senior leaders from the Azim Premji Foundation was useful in helping students have queries regarding business plan ideas and the current market situation answered.

l) E-Series: The Business Mindset and Tech were hosted on the 13th of January, 2018 to understand the role of technology in business and the mindset required to start and sustain a business.

m) A Business Plan and Entrepreneurial CV seminar was held to familiarise students with the importance of having a professional resume and entrepreneurial CV.

n) A quiz on the Indian constitution to commemorate the Constitution Day was organized.

### Josephite Business Club

'The Josephite Business Club' provides a proficient environment to nurture management professionals with a high level of knowledge and competence and to effectively contribute to society as well as the corporate world at the highest level of integrity. It provides platforms to kindle innovation, nurture skills and build leaders through various management and business activities. The student President is Walter Rydquist. The various activities conducted by the JBC in this academic year include:

a. An introductory session called CommiXture was organized for the first-year students to gain familiarity with the other members and get an insight of the club's workings.

b. A lecture on the key to effective presentations was delivered by the Business fest team of the club to second-year students.

c. A session was conducted to provide an insight into business fests for students, orienting and introducing them to the various events conducted at business fests.

d. A guest lecture was conducted by Mr. Hari, the founder of Beatmap, on starting a business, highlighting the various factors involved in starting up a business.

e. JBC also organized 'Spotlight, a' forum dedicated to bringing awareness about controversial social issues such as 'Unemployment and Underemployment in the Current Indian Economy,' 'Implications of GST on Businesses and their Consumers', and 'Impact of the British colonialism on India's Economic Development'.

f. The JBC also organized various TED talks on career choices, leadership and corporate work balancing.

g. The JBC has conducted sessions on resume building for second-year students to train them for campus recruitment and for approaching reputed companies for corporate internships. They've also conducted mock interviews for students to give them the exposure to corporate interviews.

h. Relay debates were conducted to test the speaking ability, spontaneity and creativity of students.

i. An activity called “Build to Lift It” was conducted where students were actively engaged in planning, critical thinking, teamwork and strategizing to complete a nearly impossible task.

j. Morality isn’t always black and white. The JBC helped bring this point home through the thought-provoking game of the trolley problem.

k. “Hot Seat” was organised by the JBC to improve communication skills and listening abilities.

l. The association also conducted a JAM session where students were expected to speak on random topics which helped improve their spontaneity, creativity and clarity of thought.

m. Fountainhead is the BBA Editorial committee. It provides a platform for the students of the department to express themselves and also keeps track of the various activities in the department and publishes the annual BBA newsletter ‘BBA Herald’. Fountainhead organized several activities and initiatives throughout the year including the Humans of BBA, 124 maintaining the BBA Blog ‘The Write House’ and the department website, Reporting and Documenting college activities and organized the Fountainhead Workshop and Walk the Talk.

n. Conexus, promotes the various activities of the department through the use of electronic media and public relations. The main aim of Conexus is to promote participative management among the association and avoid any autocratic rule to motivate members to come forward with ideas and suggestions for the betterment of the department. On the 9th of September, 2017, Conexus organized a photoshop workshop conducted by Mr. Mohammed Aqib, Founder of Vyper.

o. Leadership Development Cell or LDC is an initiative by the BBA department, focusing on providing a platform for students to display their administrative and leadership skills. It endeavours to form responsible citizens and committed leaders who become agents of social change in a fragmented world. The Leadership Development Cell conducted various activities throughout the year such as the NEN Workshop, Under 25 Summit, Nirmana 2017, Ithikos 2017, and Project Smiles among others.

Finaryans:

The Finance Club The SJCC finance club continues to promote the expansion of business knowledge alongside equipping students with the required skills to be successful in the financial sector. The student president is Mr. Antony Saji. Some major highlights of this year are:

a) On 26th July, “Udyog Darpan”- a lecture on ‘Career in Finance’ delivered by CMA Raveendranath Kaushik, was organised to provide students with an insight into the various fields and opportunities available in finance and accounting.

b) A quiz was organised on 12th September for members of the finance club to test the financial knowledge of students.

c) On 7th November, a National Level Seminar on 'E-commerce and the Role of Finance' was organised by Acharya Bangalore B-School in which the students of the finance club participated. It was conducted by Dr. Shivaprasad and Dr. Vijay Bhaskar.

d) On 24th January, the Finance Club in association with the BBA Department organised an expert Lecture Series on "Project Appraisal and Report Writing". The speaker-CMA Prasanna Kumar, a practicing Cost Accountant helped the students understand the importance of Project Management and the techniques to equip themselves with in the process of report writing.

### Mavericks

'Mavericks' creates a space that allows the post-graduate students to come up with new ideas and allows them to display their skills in the field of Commerce. The main goal of this club is to provide a platform for the students to enhance their knowledge and skill sets with a mission to put classroom learning into practice by providing them a real-life situation through various events. Some of the initiatives taken include:

a) An Ice Breaker session was conducted for first-year students wherein they were required to introduce their class uniquely. In addition to this, the students were divided into groups to facilitate interaction with one another.

b) Think Quest, an HR Initiative, was taken by the department where participants were asked to set up a hypothetical business using the capital allocated. Through the activity, students not only recognised their strengths and weaknesses but also generated innovative business ideas.

c) With Globalization reaching its peak and most of the businesses having an online reach, the department planned an activity where students had to sell their products online using innovative advertising strategies.

d) Students were tasked with preparing a marketing mix for new, innovative products to be launched in the international market. Their ideas were put forth in presentations for which they received constructive feedback to improve their strategies.

e) To give students an accurate depiction of stress interviews, a simulation of the same was organised.

f) As part of a finance activity, participants were asked to take the private company of their choice and make it public through the book-building process by abiding by all the requirements initiated by SEBI.

g) To stimulate creativity among students, a product launch activity was organised which required students to develop a product to cater the needs of life inhabiting Mars.

h) To procure seed funding, students were asked to present an innovative FMCG product along with financial analysis to potential investors.

- i) A marketing quiz was held to test students' knowledge of logos, tag lines and other components of marketing in addition to imparting knowledge on the same.
- j) Fish Bowl, a fun activity which entailed each participant writing a question on a chit which was placed in a bowl and then answering a question written by another participant, promoted learning among the students
- k) A debate on the topic-"Demonetisation: A year after" was organised and saw valid points for both sides of the argument being brought to the forefront.
- l) A business quiz, consisting of 4 rounds like Logo Quiz, Taglines, Personality and Crossword were conducted and Dr. Karunakaran was the quiz master.
- m) A crisis management activity was conducted wherein participants were asked to present a case study and handle a crisis as PR Managers of a logistics company.

#### Hashmi Theatre Forum

Hashmi Theatre Forum is named after the late theatre activist Safdar Hashmi. It provides a stage for students to explore dramatic arts and express themselves through acting. The Forum seeks to create an atmosphere of creativity and foster learning through theatre. The Forum has performed several plays highlighting various social issues. The Student President is Sushma G Shetty. Some of the major highlights of the year are:

- a) On 19th July, a street play on the impact of GST on Sanitary Napkins was performed by the Theatre Course students to raise their voice against social taboos.
- b) A play on the Educational Crises was performed on 5th August at the All Indian Students Struggles Convention.
- c) Members of the forum staged a musical play highlighting the growing addiction to electronic gadgets and social media at the Youth Empowerment Seminar conducted on 27th August.
- d) The forum secured the second place for Street Play at Tauros 2017 conducted at Mount Carmel College.
- e) On 1st September, a street play addressing the issue of women empowerment was staged for the students of Kobe College as a part of the cultural exchange programme between the two colleges.
- f) The Hashmi Theatre Forum' performed their renowned play "Woyzeck" at the Deccan Herald Theatre Festival held at St. Alliance Francaise on December 4th. The play won second place.
- g) On December 7th, the Kannada wing of the Hashmi Theatre Forum performed a street play titled "I am a Woman" at the Peenya Industrial Town.

h) The students participated in an educational theatre camp organized by the Forum from 26th-30th December. Students visited the hometowns of renowned theatre artists and poets as well as other historical sites.

i) Hashmi Theatre Forum won first place in the mime competition conducted at Culah on 9th December. The forum also participated and placed 3rd at Samyoga and Pulse hosted by Jain College on 23rd January.

j) On 12th February, a Kannada skit was performed on the importance of mother tongue for Sanyog.

k) On 19th and 20th February, the association hosted ENACT 2018, an inter-collegiate theatre fest. The Hashmi Theatre Forum showcased two of their productions: “Too Much of a Woman” (Kannada) and “Woyzeck” (English).

### Kannada Sangha

The Kannada Sangha is an association of students that organizes and conducts activities that promote the Kannada language and the rich culture of Karnataka. The student president is Rahul B. Pawar. Some of the major highlights of this year are:

a) Yadeya Dani (Nisarga Kavya): A discussion programme focused on Kannada and English poems on the theme of ‘nature’ was conducted on 10th August to enhance the vocabulary of the students in both the languages and to motivate students to take the stage.

b) Hadu Bengaluru: On 14th August, a Kannada singing programme was organised for the students to create awareness about pollution, the environment and health and encourage the students to sing Janapada songs.

c) Swatantra KavyagalaRachane: A poem writing competition on the topic “FREEDOM” was conducted on 16th August to enhance the writing skills of students in Kannada literature and to understand the students’ perceptions of freedom.

d) Antharanga: An intercollegiate Kannada cultural fest ‘Antharanga’ was organised on 24th August to provide a platform for students to showcase their talents in literary and cultural events.

e) Gauri Lankesh Rally: All the students of Kannada Sangha participated in the “NANU GOWRI” rally from National College to Freedom Park, held on 12th September to condemn journalist Gauri Lankesh’s murder.

f) Kannada Habba: Kannada Rajyotsava Day was celebrated in college on 29th November. The festivities included a flag hoisting, Kannada Desi Food Fest and performances by DolluKunita team, Hulivesha team and Yaksagana team. Kannada poet Mr. Keshava Reddy Handral and Sandalwood stars, Mr. Dhananjay and Ms. Maanvita Harish took part in the celebrations as well.

g) A Kannada educational trip was organised from 26th December to 30th December to historical places such as the Chitradurga Fort, Shimoga and Manipal and also witnessed folk dances and “Vaali-Vadhe”, a famous theatrical play. Students gained a lot of knowledge regarding life and Kannada literature during this trip.

h) Kalarava: An inter-collegiate Kannada cultural fest ‘Kalarava’ was organised on 15th February by the Kannada Sangha, providing a platform for students from various Degree colleges of Bangalore to showcase their talents in ten Kannada literary and cultural events.

#### Association for Literature, Music, and Arts

The Association for Literature, Music, and Arts (ALMA) provides students with an opportunity to showcase their talents on these fronts and in the process, express themselves through the numerous events that the association organises. The Student President is Avinash Romario. The major events conducted by ALMA this year included:

a) A five-day guitar workshop called “Open Strings” was held between the 18th and 22nd of July, 2017 with the hope of imparting the fundamentals of guitar to interested students.

b) Aghasya, an initiative of ALMA along with the Harmony Club was held on 12th August 2017. The event sought to celebrate the diversity of Indian culture and express the same through dance, music, and storytelling.

c) Encarta- A taste of Christmas, was an intercollegiate fest comprising 15 events ranging from Western Acoustics to Street Plays, held on 29th November, 2017.

d) Shikshan, a social initiative spanning between 27th January and 3rd March entailed members of ALMA teaching students in two government schools various forms of art and music. Besides this, they provided these school students with opportunities to showcase their own talents. As a result, the members of the association not only learnt the importance of social work but also took away a very memorable experience.

#### Hindi Parishad

The Hindi Parishad aims to encourage the promotion and use of the Hindi language among the student community. The student President is Mohammed Ahrar Sait. Some major highlights of this year are:

a) Indra Dhanush-2017, an intra-collegiate Hindi literary fest, was organised on 22nd July. Events such as BhagamBhaag, debate, creative writing, news reporting, and Antakshri were conducted among others.

b) The association participated in the Independence Day celebrations at SJCC, showcasing a colourful dance programme fused with an ethnic parade displaying the rich, colourful costumes of different states.

c) On 29th August, National Integration Day was celebrated by the Hindi Parishad, to spread harmony alongside an awareness of social issues. The first-year Hindi students participated in

the celebrations by presenting on a specific topic or state, depicting its uniqueness using any medium of art.

d) On 16th September 'Ozone Day' celebrations were conducted with intention of raising awareness about ozone layer depletion through a talk conducted by Mr. Ullash Kumar, a renowned environmentalist, and activist.

e) "Khel Khel -BachpanKa Khel", a game day was organised on 19th August, where students played and participated in traditional childhood games such as GilliDanda, KhoKho, ChidiyaUd, and Steppu, among many others.

f) On 28th November, the Hindi Parishad conducted an inter-collegiate essay writing competition in the spirit of Constitution Week.

g) In February Hindi Parishad organized 'Nakshatra' the inter-college cultural fest for Hindi students.

### Choir

Serenata Chorale, the performing choir of SJCC conducted by Ms. Amy Sarah Joseph, is a well-known choir in Bangalore, known for its melodious performances of both classical as well as contemporary music. The choir has performed on various occasions under the leadership of Student President, Sam M Joy. The following are some of the major highlights of the year:

a) On 30th July, the Serenata Chorale led the congregation in celebrations during the mass held at St Joseph's Boys High School on the occasion of the feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola.

b) On 27th August, the choir performed at a youth empowerment seminar conducted at St. Peter's Pontifical Seminary, Bangalore, uniting the youth and encouraging them through music.

c) The choir participated in Divine Noel, an all India Choir competition conducted by Hope Television on 19th November.

d) On 2nd December, the choir participated in the 35th Festival of Christmas, a city-wide carol competition conducted by Basel Mission at the town hall. The choir won 1st place in the 'College' category.

e) The choir participated in a carol competition organised by St. Paul's college 3rd December and placed 2nd in the competition, winning a cash prize of Rs.6000. On the same day, the choir performed at 'White Christmas', a citywide competition organised by Rice Memorial Church at Bishop Cotton Girls School. They placed first in the competition. Serenata Chorale also participated in 'Magnificat' organised by Christ University on the same day alongside thirty other choirs from around the city and across the country.

f) On 7th December, the choir participated in 'Troubadour', a city-wide competition conducted by St Francis School. The choir performed two musical pieces and won first place in the competition.

g) Serenata Chorale helped spread the cheer of Christmas at the Christmas Celebrations at St Joseph's Boys High School organised on 15th December in the presence of Jesuit Priests and other known personalities of the Jesuit family.

h) On 16th December, the choir performed at 'Humanitas', a choir concert organised by St Joseph's College. Members of the Serenata Chorale performed at 'Voice of Bethlehem', a choir concert organised by St Francis Cathedral on 17th December at Christ College.

i) The choir visited the Peace Children Home Orphanage on 18th December to spread happiness and joy of Christmas. The students sang Christmas carols and distributed snacks among the children.

j) Serenata Chorale hosted their annual concert, 'Resound' on 25th February. The concert provided a platform for music groups, choirs and other bands to showcase their talent. Apart from Serenata Chorale, eight other choirs and bands performed at the concert. The proceeds from the concert were donated to 'The Devadasi Project' and 'Peace Children's Home'.

#### Dance and Music Team

A home for inordinate talents, The Dance and Music Association at SJCC made 130 way for those who hold a passion for Dance and Music. Auditions were conducted at the beginning of the year for the Dance and Music teams of the college. Once the teams were formed students started regular practice and sometimes were assisted by professional choreographers and singers. The Dance and Music team performed at the Institution day of BJES which depicted stories through their moves and also touched upon the theme of justice and reconciliation. Indian music and western music teams have been full of zeal and passion as they managed to win hearts through their tunes. Indulging themselves in hours of daily practice sessions led them to represent SJCC at various fests and succeed in setting new benchmarks.

#### Editorial Committee

The Editorial Committee is an integral part of the college. It is entrusted with several important tasks. The committee consists of student writers, editors, photographers, videographers, and graphic designers. One of the primary responsibilities of the Editorial Committee is to document all the events that take place in college in an academic year. The Editorial Committee is headed by President, Nandita Chandrasekhar and Secretary, Anjana Narayan.

a) The Editorial Committee organised the annual intra-collegiate literary fest, Ellipsis on the 29th and 30th of August, 2017. The fest consisted of events ranging from Disputation to Poetry and from Photography to Satirical News Reporting.

b) The Editorial Committee serves as the memory and creative center for all the activities of the college.

c) In celebration of the Indian Constitution Day, The Editorial Committee organised an inter-collegiate debating competing titled 'Divergence Debate' from 25th to 27th November, 2017 on



the topic “Is Nationalism a Unifying Force in a Modern Society”. The debate saw participation from colleges like CMS Jain University and Kristu Jayanti.

d) The Editorial Committee is entrusted with the responsibility of recording and archiving the myriad activities of the college. Throughout the year, the Editorial Committee held several meetings to plan and prepare for the reporting of the activities. Workshops were conducted by the senior students to guide the junior students in report writing.

e) The photography and videography team of the Editorial Committee, headed by Daniel Rosario and Moses Wayne organized a photography contest open to all students of SJCC to document their interpretations of “Campus Life”.

f) The photography and videography team also collated several photos and videos of the activities in the college into an annual College Documentary.