

Community Outreach

St. Joseph's College of Commerce believes to live God's love through its service to others. Considering it to be a part of a larger community and moving ahead with the ethos of Jesuit education, the Institution feels privileged to reach out to the communities and individuals who are socially and economically deprived. The institution has always believed in reaching out to the under-privileged groups of the society. It is precisely this idea that helps us create students who will become men and women dedicated to the service of others. In tune with the Jesuit dedication towards social causes, we have worked extensively for the past year to do our bit for the society.

Social Visits

As part of the outreach programme each class is encouraged to organize a social visit to places like old age homes, orphanages and other such places. Such class visits open up students' minds to other kinds of experience and enables them to develop empathy to those who are suffering. It also encourages students to contribute generously from their savings and earnings. Students of BBA visited the following places: Good Shepherd Home for Aged, Tamil Medium School, Markham Road, Little Sisters of the Poor, Snehadan, Sarjapur, Urdu Medium School, Markham Road, Station Patrick's Boys Orphanage, Night Angels Sandhya Kirana for the Aged, Nir-mala Devangi Kendra, Good Shepherd Premises, Akashaparava old age home, JMJ Sneha Sadhan orphanage and Good shepherd old age home

Project Smiles

ProjectSmiles—an association spearheaded by the BBA department work closely with government school children and train them in English, Mathematics and Arts & Crafts. The association conducted an eight week training program for students of a Tamil Medium school. Project Smiles conducted an enriching activity for students of Tamil Medium School from July 2018 to January 2019. Volunteers of the association helped the school-children in various co-curricular activities like dancing, drawing and singing. Project smiles began a new initiative to train the students of St Patrick's for their annual day and Christmas celebration.

The activities of the association came to an end by preparing pupils for Flair- a show put up by the students of St Patrick's School. The exposure provided an opportunity for its members to explore new dimensions of their passion, knowledge and ambitions.



Human Rights Week

The programmes for Human Rights Week were organized in collaboration with St. Joseph's College of Commerce, Indian Social Institute, CARE, SICHREM and other NGOs. The inaugural session of Human Rights Week was hosted by St. Joseph's College of Commerce on 1st December 2018. D.H. Waghela, Chairperson, KHRC delivered the chief guest speech. Adv. Hemalatha Mahishi was the guest of honour for the event. Both the speakers stressed on the lack of initiatives on spreading awareness about Human Rights and motivated students to take the cause of Human Rights forward. The inaugural ceremony witnessed presence of students from various colleges, representatives from collaborative organizations and civilians. The inaugural ceremony was followed by a series of talks, workshops, performances, seminars, discussion and protests throughout the week organized by other colleges and organizations.





Extension Activities Associations

National Service Scheme (NSS)

The NSS, under the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, is a social service organization that enables students to reach out to the public, spread civic awareness and encourage social responsibility. On the 17th of July, 2018, the association hosted a blood donation camp and collected 293 units of blood, in collaboration with Youth Red Cross. The NSS also held a three-day stationary drive from the 9th to the 11th of August, followed by a 2 day cloth drive on the 6th and 7th of September, to donate to Rakum Blind School at Rajankunte. On the 10th of August, 2018, a few NSS students attended an awareness event on Counter Terrorism at St. Joseph's Indian Composite PU College. They also celebrated Independence Day with the students of Shivajinagar BBMP school. A clean-up drive at the government Tamil school was organised on the 1st of September, 2018 and on 9th of the same month, the NSS students went on a rural camp to Bannimangala. On the 9th of November, 2018, the NSS held 'The Big Day Off'. This event was followed by Remembrance of Road Accident Victims on the same day where students lit candles as a mark of respect for those who lost their lives in various accidents. The students of NSS visited the Nightingale Sandhya Kirana, Shantinagar on the 20th of December, 2018 to spread the Christmas cheer. On account of National Youth day on the 12th of January, 2019, the NSS conducted a guest lecture by Adv. Sultan Beary to educate the students about the various problems and solutions to the recent national problems. On the 25th of January, 2019, the NSS celebrated the National Voter's Day by conducting various competitions like placard making and essay writing. On 30th of January, 2019, Aura was organised to expand the boundaries from not only social welfare and service but also a sense of togetherness and participation.



CSA

The CSA began the year by taking part in the lecture organised to remember the victims of Hiroshima and Nagasaki bomb blasts. A street play was organised on the 14th of August, 2018, on the topic of bonded labour. This was followed by Independence Day Celebration by CSA with the children of Government Urdu Primary School. Thursday Talkies was held on the topic 'Bangalore Past and Present'. An AIDS awareness workshop was conducted on the 1st of December, 2018 where Dr. Veena Maria spoke about the various stigmas around AIDS and the need to spread awareness. As part of the Human Rights Week, CSA conducted a Moot Court which consisted of teams from different associations debating their cases in front of a jury on the topic of 'Labour Rights Violations'. On 14th of February, 2019 CSA conducted its annual seminar on the topic 'Right to dissent' with the motive of educating the youth about the myths related to dissent and to clear the misunderstanding between right to dissent and being anti-national.





All India Catholic University Federation

Ignatius of Loyola once said “to give, and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for any reward, save that of knowing that we do thy will” Through revelations God communicates to his creation and reveals his vision. AICUF organized “REVELATIONS”, an Intercollegiate Fest on 3rd March, 2018. Competitions such as: Creative Writing, Bible Quiz, Pot Pourri, Treasure hunt, Western and Vernacular Music were conducted as part of the Fest. The Fest came to an end with a Gospel concert by ‘Yeshua Ministries’. On July 23rd, 2018, AICUF conducted “CURA PERSONALIS” an inter collegiate Ignatian Fest with a view to inculcate the philanthropic values of St. Ignatius among all students of Jesuit Institutions. This event focused on the idea of loving and caring each other. The events spread across the day consisted of Ice-Breaker, Cosplay, Western and Vernacular Music, and Collage Making. On 11th January, 2019, sixty students from St. Joseph’s College of Commerce attended the Magis Camp organized on the theme, ‘Constitution’. Ten students from our institution attended a three-day camp organized by St. Aloysius College Mangalore. The camp offered an opportunity for students to interact with other AICUFers.



Rotaract Club

The Rotaract Club has progressively aided in the development of its students as leaders in their communities and workplaces. On August 8, 2018, the club organized a Stand Alone Ceremony to install the new board and induct the new members. On account of Children’s Day and World Orphans Days, 10 students along with two board members visited Bosco Mane where they engaged with children and conducted various fun filled activities for them. The Club also visited Rakum School for the Blind and the Sighted Unprivileged where the students understood the plight of those living with such a disability. Comprehending the need of the hour, the club conducted a self-defense workshop on December 7, 2018. 16 students from the association also took part in the Polio Awareness Walkathon conducted by the Rotaract District Council 3190 on October 28, 2018 with the motive of spreading awareness about the deadly disease. The students of the club also attended the RYLA camp. On January 29, 2019, Rotarian Wing Commander DP Sabharwal conducted the session, ‘Way to the top’ where he threw light upon various topics such as effective

communication, personality awareness, time management and the importance of decision making.

Eco Club

Eco Club began the year’s activities with the screening of the documentary ‘Before the Flood’ that encouraged the students to acknowledge the realities of climate change and understand the worldwide crisis that scientists and governments are aiming to reverse. This was ensued by the Independence Day celebration where the chief guest, Captain Mukund Mohan hoisted the flag with other dignitaries. On the 19th of December, 2018, the Ambiente Seminar was conducted with focus on the driving change towards sustainability. In order to take a green step by reducing the dependence of the college on external electric power supply, the club collaborated with Oak Innovatica Solutions, to study the installation feasibility of Solar Electricity power generation equipment installation in the college building. The club’s annual activity is to look into the expenditure of available resources on a day-to-day basis in the campus, organize the information, and analyze the wastage and ways of conserving resources. In collaboration with Solwearth Ecotech Pvt. Ltd, the club also helped in the wet waste management in campus. Sustainability’ Seminar was conducted with focus on the driving change towards sustainability.



Youth Red Cross

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





Associations for Social Inclusion

Equal Opportunity Cell

On August 14, 2018 the association conducted the event 'Blindfolded Conversations' to raise awareness among the youth regarding stereotyping and misjudgments. On September 3, 2018, a photography workshop called 'Shutter Stories' was hosted to capture pictures of people, which would bring out the stories in them. On the 6th of December, 2018, on the occasion of Human Rights week, the association hosted an inter-class photography competition on the theme 'Human Rights – the real picture'. On the 17th of December 2018, a seminar was held on the topic 'Availability Affordability Accessibility: 3A's that define the schemes for minorities in India'. The seminar was delivered by Mr. Robin Christopher, a renowned researcher at the National Law School India University, and the purpose of this seminar was to explain the legalities in order to access such schemes made available by the state and central government.

Harmony Club

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

Women's Forum

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



Amnesty International

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

