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"The strength of a nation derives from the integrity of its states"

-Confucius



AICUF

President: Seevanth Raj

AICUF is a union of students from different backgrounds, who share a common objective to serve the world, believing in the motto 'Do unto others as they you would want them to do unto you.'

The members of the association emphasize on creating an unbiased society where people from all walks of life can live as one community.

The first event of the association was 'Go Green' on 5th June 2015, in celebration of World Environment Day. To raise awareness about environmental issues, the AICUF unit sold fifty saplings, more than a hundred stickers and sixty handmade bags to students and teachers, which proved to be an innovative way to promote the green culture and remind them of their part in preserving our environment.

On 19th July 2014, forty students of this association participated in a two day program organized by the Children Movement for Civic Awareness (CMCA) and the Bangalore Traffic Police titled 'Positive Strokes.' It was a proactive, positive and youth driven program that addressed the problem of irresponsible road behaviour and rewards those who demonstrate good road behaviour.

The Annual AICUF State Council Meet was conducted on 26th and 27th July 2014 at St. Joseph's College, Bangalore. AICUF unit leaders from all over Karnataka were present at this event. The State Council Election was conducted, and Seevanth Raj and Manoj M from

3 B.Com B were elected as the State Council President and State Council Treasurer respectively.

Apart from college activities, AICUF has been instrumental in participating in outside rallies and protests. To spread awareness about eye donation and its impact, sixty students of the association participated in a blind walk organized by 'Project Vision', held in Jayanagar. A rally for justice was held to protest against the Vibgyor High school rape case. More than a hundred and fifty students participated in this rally to speak for the injustice done to the female citizens and children of this nation and to question the government about their safety in public.

AICUF initiated its own 'One Day Meal Program' on 29th August 2014, thirty students went to Shivajinagar and distributed food among the poor, their actions echoing the message - 'We can't feed everyone but we can feed at least one'. Students also participated in a protest rally on September 14th, 2014 to express support for the persecuted Christians in Iraq, Syria and other African countries. The students of AICUF





participated in a regional youth convention organised by St. Philomena College, Mysore from 24th to 26th October 2014, and a national level retreat and camp called 'Magis' in the same month.

The AICUF cultural team has proved itself yet again this year by winning major gospel fests in Bangalore including Exodus (St. Joseph's College), El-Shadai (JyothiNivas College) and runners -up in Mount Carmel College. On 28th November 2014, AICUF organised an inter-collegiate gospel fest 'Revelations 2014'. A total of ninety-seven participants from six colleges took part in various events like western and vernacular music, quiz, sketching, treasure hunt etc. The theme of the fest was URIEL: Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. All the events were based on the theme and were meant to send the message of God's saving grace and the importance of his word.

To promote the true spirit of Christmas that is the Spirit of giving, the AICUF unit played Secret Santa with the 'Jagrudhi' an orphanage and invited the entire college to take part. This program saw an overwhelming response from the students as well as the staff. AICUF also conducted 'Youth Conclave' to help students gain knowledge on various issues like problems faced by Dalits, the struggle of Transgenders in the society and

how it is important for every citizen to know and take an initiative towards it.

AICUF has had an eventful year, believing in 'Everything seems to be impossible, unless we try'.





NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME (NSS)

President: Harshitha Jain

The NSS unit of St. Joseph's College of Commerce registered 200 students as volunteers for the year 2014-2015. After the registrations an orientation workshop was held for the students on 6th August, 2014. Students were informed of the objectives of NSS, its ethos and work pattern.

Blood Donation Camp:

The Blood Donation Camp was conducted on 26th of August, 2014 with 'Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology' and 'St. John's Medical College Hospital'. Lion's Club of Bangalore coordinated the event and provided refreshments to the donors. 199 units of blood was collected from the college students.

Workshop:

The senior volunteers and ex-NSS members organized a half-day workshop in understanding social issues on 16th August, 2014. The objectives were:

- To identify issues in society that need immediate attention
- To be able to look at problems from different perspectives
- Evolving strategies to tackle the problems within one's own limits

Students were divided into groups and were made to discuss and present it in the form of a small skit. A

discussion was organized based on the inputs of the students.

Rural Exposure Camp:

The National Service Scheme of St. Joseph's College of Commerce conducted its annual Rural Exposure Camp from 20th to 26th of November, 2014. This year the camp was organized at **Channaveeranahalli, Doddaballapura Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District.**

As the students prepared for the camp there was excitement but also anxiety surrounded them for they had to stay away from the familiarity of the home and away from the proximity of their parents. For a lot of students this was to become their first experience of staying in a village. The theme for the camp was 'Sustainable Development and Ecology'.

The objective was to take up a project which will help the village to maintain its ecological balance and also to educate them about hygiene and cleanliness. To accomplish this objective the camp had three main work targets:

- Clearing of bushes on the lake bund
- Planting of 50 saplings on the bund area
- Tidying the village meeting hall, roads and the drain
- Organizing a Medical and Dental Camp for the villagers

Students were able to clear the bund area in three days and planted the saplings on the other two days. By involving the villagers into the work we were able to make them also responsible towards maintenance of the saplings. The students have also decided to track the growth of the saplings.



Apart from the physical labour students organized cultural activities for the villagers. The most awaited time of the day was the evenings as the whole village would gather around the stage to witness performances. These performances not only brought a festive atmosphere to the whole village but also helped them to understand various issues related to farming, hygiene, pollution and garbage disposal. As a result the Deepavali festival was a complete cracker-free-festival as our students managed to persuade each and every person not to burst crackers.

On the last day both Medical and Dental camps were organized for the villagers.

Close to 200 persons from the neighbouring villagers got the benefit of the camp. They were instructed on hygiene and were taught basic exercises to prevent bone related problems. The Lions Club of Bangalore helped us in organizing the camp.

Writers and Speakers belonging to various organizations came and addressed the students on all the days.

On the whole the following were the learning outcomes:

- Students by staying in the villages and by sharing their lifestyle were able to get a transformative experience
- Students were able to understand the problems faced by villagers on a daily basis like electricity and water and were able to identify the reasons behind them

- Through the performances and other cultural activities students were able to relate with the villagers and understand the cultural life of a village
- By clearing the lake bund and planting saplings students understood the ecological value of trees
- Students by staying away from their homes also learnt to develop good interpersonal relationship by working with other students

Apart from the camp, NSS volunteers also taught at government schools as part of a BalaJanagraha Project. The NGO 'Justice and Care' conducted a session on Human Trafficking on 18th August, 2014 for NSS students. NSS volunteers participated in a marathon organized by 'Citizens for Namma Safe Bengaluru' protesting violence against women on 24th August, 2014. Two volunteers participated in a seminar organized by Indian Social Institute on 'Role of Media in Development and Governance' the 11th and 12th of November, 2014. A visit to a home for the disabled at Ejipura was organized on 3rd December, 2014.





CENTRE FOR SOCIAL ACTION (CSA)

President: Cyril Richie

With a vision of 'Care, Connect and Change', CSA (Centre for social action) started off this year by gathering members for the association. This year, around two hundred and fifty students were a part of this association. Several meetings were held to put down a good event list and devise ways to get all the members to participate throughout the year. A formal orientation was conducted on 7th July 2014, wherein the students were made aware of the yearly plan and coordinators for each class were appointed.



The first event for the year was organizing a Sports Day for the children at Urdu Government School on 19th July 2014, wherein thirty students volunteered to plan a fun filled day for the children.

On the 9th of August, the association had its next program which was a social visit to Kidwai Hospital and Christ College. At Kidwai, the volunteers interacted with the patients and distributed contributions collected earlier, following which the volunteers headed to Christ University for an orientation about their Biomethanation plant. It was a very productive day as they covered two places and gained knowledge on social concern and the importance of recycling waste.

Soon after, the association began planning an Independence Day celebration to be held in the Urdu Government School. The activities planned included singing, dance and a skit. All the participants and the students enjoyed every bit of the program.

In collaboration with CRY (Child Rights and You), CSA conducted a small exhibition in the college to promote CRY's new child labour campaign, and spread awareness about it. A good response was received from CRY in this regard, which paved the way for a tie up with them for future events.

CSA had its first rural exposure camp to Mundgod Taluk from 3rd November to 8th November 2014.

Twenty seven students accompanied by two faculty members were part of this camp. The objective of the camp was simple – be a part of the village family and be involved in their activities, i.e. "live with them, amongst them and along with them".



On association day, CSA was instrumental in organizing a fund raiser in the form of a pet show as an inter-collegiate event. A total of fourteen owners brought their pets along. This event was a success as the association raised Rs. 14,000.

With a motto of 'Little things, Big difference', this association has already made a difference in the lives of many.

The final event for the year took place on 4th December 2014, wherein about fifty students of the association took part in a rally organised by the Urdu Government School for protection of children.





ROTARACT

President: Sinduja Gopalan

The Rotaract Club, funded by the Rotary, Bangalore Cantonment, has over a 100 active members. Rotaract St. Joseph's College of Commerce has adopted "DREAM, BELIEVE, ACHIEVE" as their motto. On 17 July 2014, the club was formally established with the nomination of all the board members, thus opening the floodgates of activities earmarked for the year. This was followed by an interactive event held on 22 July, 2014 with the able support of The Rotary, Bangalore Cantonment. The following events were conducted by the Rotaract Club in this academic year:

- A 5-day drive was conducted for the collection of old books and magazines for poor children.
- The club went on a social visit to St. Patrick's Orphanage on 16 August 2014.
- The club attended the District Leadership Training Workshop (DLTW) on 24 August 2014 organized by the District 3190, hosted by the Sri Bhagwan Mahavir

Jain College to mould the incoming Board of all the clubs under District 3190.

- On 1 November, 2014, the club in association with the Rotaract club of Bangalore spent a wonderful day planting saplings at NavPrabhuti Trust Vocational Training Center for Intellectually Challenged.
- On the special occasion of Children's Day, the club members volunteered for a health checkup camp "Anandakanda" conducted by Rotaract District 3190 at Government Girls High School in Malleswaram.
- Association day was celebrated on 27th Nov 2014. This gave an opportunity for all the associations to showcase their talents and to entertain students.

