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SJCC'S BI-ANNUAL news letter



Forging the Platinum Legacy

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From the Editors' Desk

Every milestone invites celebration, but it is the journey that gives the milestone its meaning. What matters is not merely where a journey leads us, but who it shapes us to become. As the B.Com. Programme at St Joseph's College of Commerce celebrates its Platinum Jubilee, we honour seventy-five years of purposeful education rooted in the Jesuit ideals of Magis, Cura Personalis, and forming men and women for and with others. Over the decades, the programme has nurtured generations of Josephites who have gone on to become leaders, innovators, entrepreneurs, sportspersons, and, above all, responsible citizens making meaningful contributions to society.

This commemorative edition of The Platinum Legacy reflects that enduring spirit through four thoughtfully curated sections. Campus Kaleidoscope captures the vibrancy of the first four months of the academic year and the moments that continue to define the Josephite experience. Legacy Ledger features conversations with two distinguished alumni, Mr Abhimanyu Manimaran, Senior Adviser – China and Sustainable Finance at the Rainforest Foundation (Norway), and Mr Ralston D'Souza, Founder of Livezy, fitness coach, and content creator. Their journeys, though remarkably different, testify to the diverse possibilities that emerge from a strong academic foundation and remind our students that success is often shaped by passion, purpose, resilience, and the courage to pursue unconventional paths.

The third section showcases the creativity and imagination of our students, offering a glimpse into the voices and perspectives that enrich our campus community. The final section highlights the work of the Editorial Club, whose commitment to thoughtful expression, collaboration, and storytelling continues to foster a vibrant culture of communication within the college.

As you turn these pages, we hope this special edition brings a smile to your face, rekindles cherished memories, and evokes the quiet pride that comes with being a Josephite. While seventy-five years is a milestone worthy of celebration, the true legacy of the B.Com. Programme lies in the lives it has shaped, the values it has upheld, and the futures it continues to inspire.

Here's to seventy-five remarkable years and to the many journeys that are yet to unfold. Happy reading!



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SPOTLIGHT

JUNE 2026



Letting our hair down and shaking a leg at the Staff Picnic

FLASHBACK - APRIL & MAY 2026

- 25 April: SJCC secured 2nd place in Bengaluru and Karnataka for excellence in professional education.
- 14 May: SJCC welcomed new faculty members for the 2026–27 academic year.
- 21 May: Staff enjoyed their Annual Staff Picnic held at Ruppi's Resort.
- 24 May: The renovated G-Block was inaugurated.
- June: SJCC offers a new CA integrated programme in association with JK Shah Foundation.

A MONTH OF NEW BEGINNINGS

- June marked the beginning of the new academic year, with a strong focus on orientations, student engagement, leadership, and campus life. The month saw extensive induction programmes, ice-breakers, club and association recruitment, Student Council elections and investiture, faculty development, industry engagement, and academic enrichment initiatives.



STAFF ORIENTATION

MOMENTS THAT SHAPED THE MONTH

- Orientation & Induction – UG, PG, and professional programme orientations helped students settle into the SJCC fold, understand their academic journeys, and begin the year with a sense of belonging. Icebreakers at the department and association level were held for the same reason.
- Student Leadership—Class Representative and Student Council elections, campaigning, and investiture introduced students to leadership, representation, and the responsibilities of participating in campus governance.
- Industry & Professional Engagement – Interactions and orientations involving CIMA, CFA, ICAI, Campus to Corporate, and other professional programs helped students connect their academic learning with future career pathways.
- Outreach & Leadership – Rural Outreach preparations, Leadership Camp, and service-oriented programs encouraged students to step beyond the campus, develop leadership capacities, and engage meaningfully with communities.
- Institutional & Academic Planning – IQAC/SQAC, HoD, and departmental meetings enabled faculty members to collectively review priorities, plan academic activities, and strengthen institutional processes.

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SPOTLIGHT



Orientation for third year UG student



Capstone Egde: Train the Trainer Programme



CIMA CEO visit and Briefing Session



Icebreakers - Amalgam



Orientation for first-year UG students



Reflection Day

JUNE

SPOTLIGHT



Elections for Class Representatives



Student Council Elections campaigning



CIMA Orientation



ISDC Orientation - Analytics



Footprints



Rural Outreach Camp Preparation

JUNE SPOTLIGHT



IQAC Quality Meeting



Voting procedures explained by faculty



OSA Inter-Batch Hockey Tournament



The Prologue- BA Icebreakers



Campus to Corporate- CTC Connect



CFA Institute on Campus

INSTITUTIONAL MILESTONES & INDUSTRY ENGAGEMENT

July was marked by institutional milestones, industry engagement, academic achievement and student development. From the visit of the Hon'ble Chief Minister and the unveiling of the Platinum Jubilee logo with Rahul Dravid to the inauguration of the Magis Block, the month brought several landmark moments. Academic and professional initiatives, social outreach, sports, cultural activities and industry collaborations further enriched campus life.

MOMENTS THAT SHAPED THE MONTH

- Institutional Milestones – The Chief Minister's visit, Platinum Jubilee logo launch, and inauguration of the Magis Block marked significant moments in SJCC's institutional journey and its continuing growth.
- Industry & Professional Engagement—Engagements with IBM, Grant Thornton Bharat, D.E. Shaw, CIMA and other professional bodies helped students gain insights into industry expectations and career pathways.
- Academic Enrichment—Bridge Courses, Certificate Courses, Guest Lectures, Workshops, and Seminar Series enriched classroom learning.
- Leadership & Social Outreach – The Ayushman Card Drive, Blood Donation Camp, and Mid-Day Meal Scheme provided students with opportunities to participate in meaningful service and connect their education with social responsibility.



Fr Dionysius Vaz inaugurates Magis Block

SPOTLIGHT

Cultural & Student Life – Events organized by Kannada Sangha, Rotaract, InvestED, Pre-Cipher, and other cultural activities gave students spaces to discover their interests and actively shape campus life.

Faculty Development & Research – The National FDP on Transformative Humanities by the English Department, alongside faculty research and academic achievements, fostered professional learning.

Technology & Future Skills – AI-focused seminars, smart classroom initiatives, innovation activities, and FinTech engagements familiarized students with emerging technologies and the skills increasingly shaping education and professional life.



Feast of St Ignatius of Loyola



Before departing for the Outreach Camp

Unveiling the Platinum Jubilee Logo *with* Rahul Dravid

St Joseph's College of Commerce (SJCC) commemorated the Diamond Jubilee of its Bachelor of Commerce (B.Com.) programme on 24 July 2026 with a special celebration featuring distinguished alumnus Mr Rahul Dravid, former captain and head coach of the Indian cricket team, as the chief guest. As part of the celebrations, Mr Dravid inaugurated the Intercollegiate Hockey Tournament before unveiling the official Diamond Jubilee logo, marking the 75-year legacy of the B.Com. programme.

Rev Fr Daniel Fernandes, Rector of the Bangalore Jesuit Educational Society (BJES) Institutions, graced the event, along with members of the management, faculty, students, alumni, and guests. Addressing the gathering, Mr Dravid reflected on his journey as an SJCC alumnus.



5-a-side Hockey Tournament



Mr Rahul Dravid addresses Josephites

They encouraged students to make the most of the opportunities and resources the institution provides. He urged them to pursue excellence with dedication, resilience, and integrity, and to aspire to achieve even greater heights in their personal and professional lives.

The celebration marked a significant milestone in SJCC's history, reaffirming the institution's enduring commitment to academic excellence, holistic development, and nurturing future leaders.



Unveiling of the Platinum Jubilee Logo

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SPOTLIGHT

FutureX Seminar



Sports induction ceremony



Kannada Sangha Inauguration



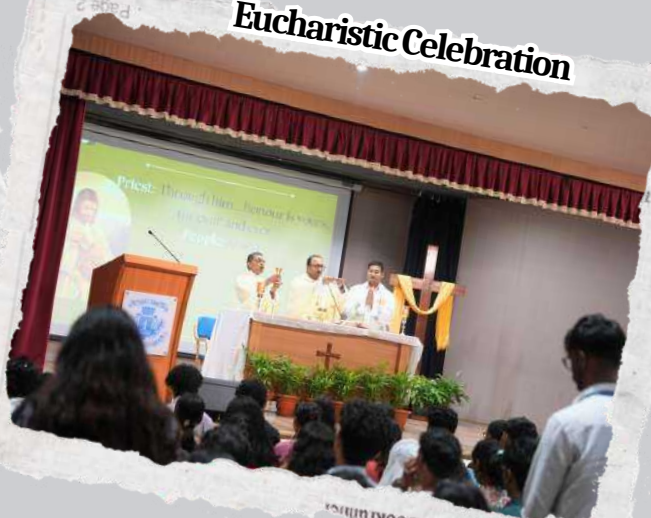
Fr Charles & Mr Pasha's 40-Year Service Milestones



Experimental Tourism Guest Lecture



Eucharistic Celebration



SPOTLIGHT

Prime Time Quiz (Inflectum x Quiz Club)



Guest talk Goldman Sachs internship drive



Samsung Smart Boards Installed



Grant Thornton Bharat MoU Signing (B.Com FinTech)



Bridge course test



Research Forum orientation



City-Level Seminar Series (LinkedIn, AI Workspaces, Careers)



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NSS unit blood donation camp



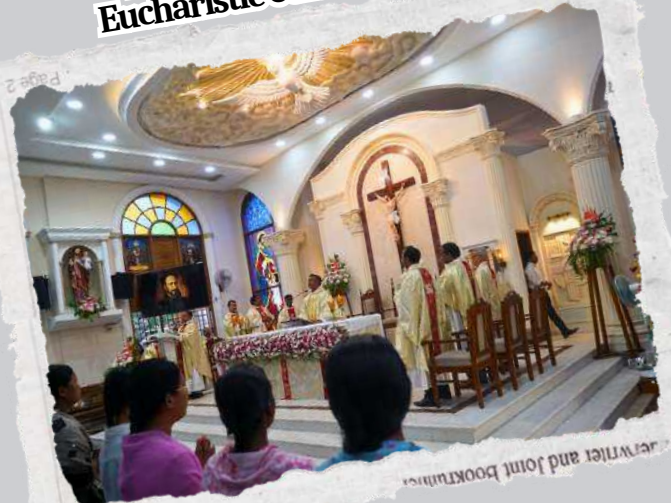
Mid - day meal scheme orientation



Rotaract Club Installation Ceremony



**Feast of St Ignatius
Eucharistic Celebration**



St Ignatius of Loyola feast



**Inflectum - Debate on Global
Energy Crisis**



AUGUST 2026

SPOTLIGHT

A MONTH OF CULTURAL CELEBRATIONS



Brig. (Retd) Adolf S Pinto, Chief Guest for Independence Day

August was a month of cultural celebrations, student competitions, academic achievements and institutional milestones. From All Cultures Day and Independence Day to Cipher, Kalotsav, Vividha and TEDxSJCC, the month showcased SJCC's vibrant student life alongside strong performances in academics, sports, entrepreneurship and inter-collegiate events.



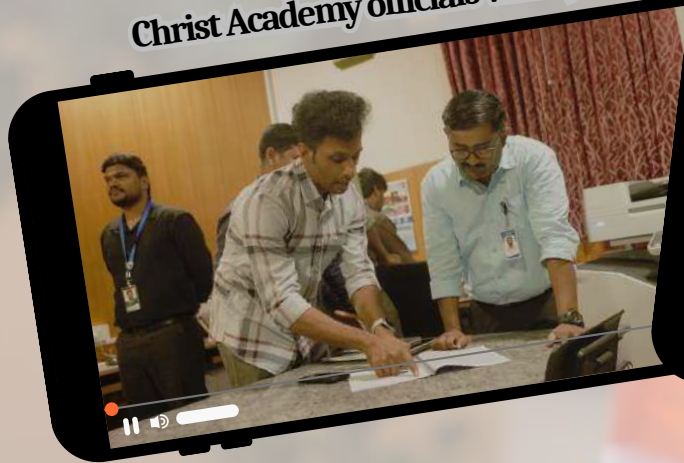
Ms Divya Kumar & Mr Sandeep Reddy honored with Magis Award

MOMENTS THAT SHAPED THE MONTH

- Cultural Celebrations – All Cultures Day, Kalotsav, Vividha, Kannada Sangha activities and Independence Day celebrations brought the campus alive with diverse traditions.
- Student Fests & Competitions – Cipher, PRISM, EcoTrack, Quantera, Inflectum, and inter-collegiate fests gave students opportunities to learn beyond the classroom.
- Academic Excellence & Research – Board of Studies meetings, research training, scholar interfaces, and academic sessions strengthened opportunities for intellectual exchange.
- Entrepreneurship & Innovation – The Kalotsav Market, Entrepreneurship Day, E-Summit, and Business Team achievements encouraged students to develop an entrepreneurial mindset.
- Industry & Corporate Readiness – Industrial visits, the Corporate Internship Bootcamp, skilling sessions, and professional workshops helped students understand workplace expectations and prepare more confidently for the professional world.
- AI & Emerging Technologies – Claude AI training, TEDxSJCC, and AI-focused academic discussions encouraged students to engage critically with emerging technologies and consider their possibilities and implications.

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Christ Academy officials visit SJCC



Inauguration of computer lab at G block



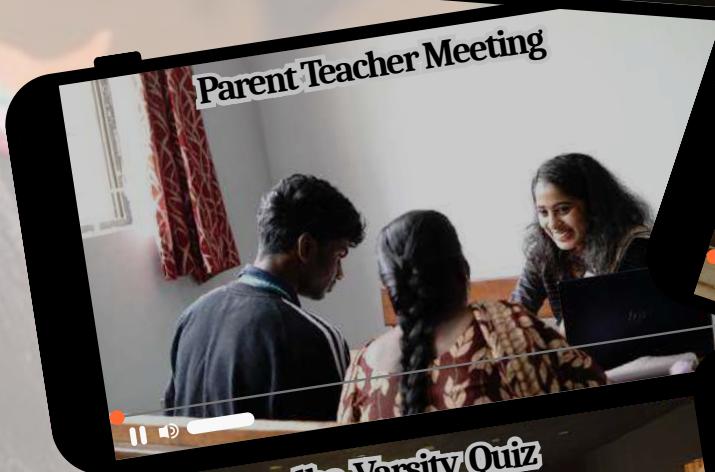
Claude Training



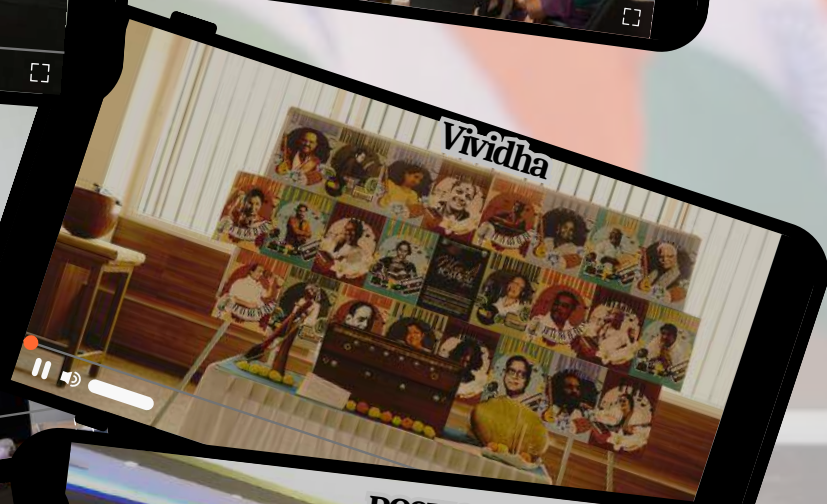
Board of Studies Meeting



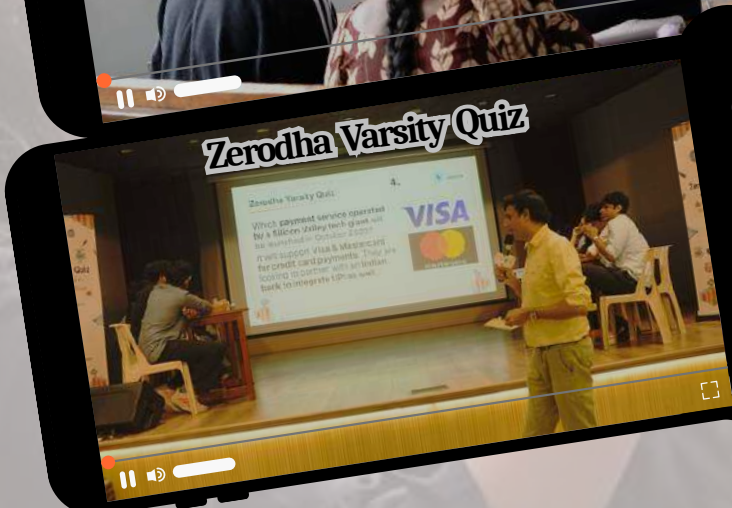
Parent Teacher Meeting



Vividha



Zerodha Varsity Quiz



POSH Session

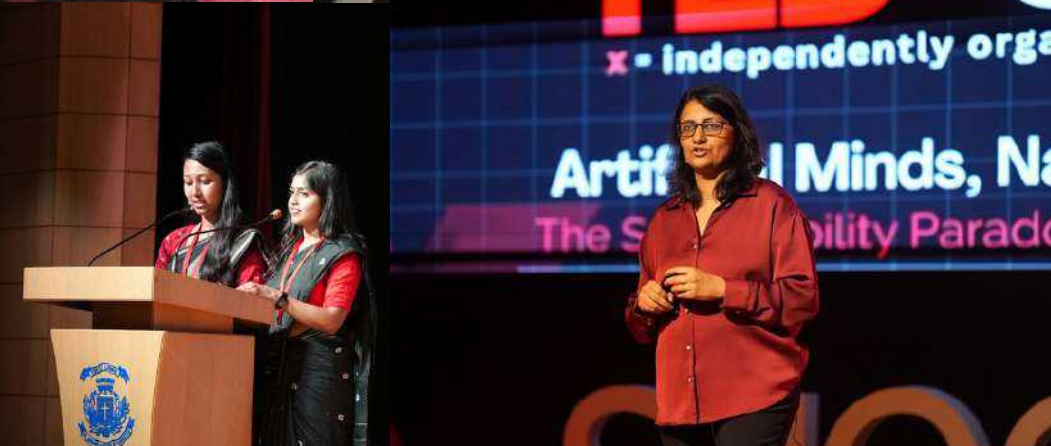


TEDxSJCC 3.0

Artificial Minds, Natural Limits.

St Joseph's College of Commerce (Autonomous), Bengaluru, hosted the third edition of TEDxSJCC on August 29, 2026. The event, themed “**Artificial Minds, Natural Limits: The Sustainability Paradox in the Age of AI,**” brought together researchers, business leaders, entrepreneurs, educators, journalists, and changemakers to examine the environmental, ethical, economic, and social implications of artificial intelligence.

The event featured speakers including Dr Sunayana Sitaram, Principal Researcher at Microsoft Research India; Divya Kumar, Global Deputy CFO and Chief Business Steering and Analytics Officer at Decathlon; Avik Roy and Ranjitha Jayasimharao, Head of Product and Head of Research and Development, respectively, at Smarter Dharma; Dr (Fr) Bala Kiran Kumar Hrudayaraj, SJ, Founding Director of the Centre for Religion and Culture and Assistant Professor of Economics at St Joseph's University; Eshwar Sundaresan, author, counsellor and freelance journalist; Rishi Mazumdar of Quest Alliance; Dr Rimjhim Agrawal, Co-Founder and CTO of BrainSightAI; and M. N. Anuchethan, Commissioner, Department of Information and Public Relations and Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports. The discussions explored the environmental costs of AI, human judgement and creativity, ethics and education, equitable access, neuroscience and the role of intelligent technologies in building sustainable cities. Speakers highlighted the need to balance technological advancement with human agency, ecological responsibility and social equity while shaping an increasingly AI-enabled future.



SEPTEMBER 2026

SPOTLIGHT

September was marked by academic enrichment, research engagement, student achievement, industry exposure, and vibrant campus life. The month saw students and faculty participate in research validation and stakeholder consultations, hands-on academic and professional workshops, industrial visits, student-led events, cultural celebrations, and sporting competitions, alongside notable achievements at inter-collegiate and state-level events.



Counsellors interact with Fr Prashanth SJ



High Tea with the Principal at the new Staff Lounge

MOMENTS THAT SHAPED THE MONTH

- Research & Knowledge Engagement – ICSSR research findings presentations, stakeholder consultations, participatory workshops, and research validation exercises created meaningful spaces to exchange knowledge and perspectives. Dialogues with women entrepreneurs, SHG members, NGOs, cooperatives, local bodies, and civil society organizations made knowledge-building a more participatory process.
- Academic Enrichment—The AI and Data Analytics workshop, city-level seminars, and hands-on research training gave students opportunities to learn new skills, engage with emerging areas, and connect theory with practice.
- Industry Exposure – The B.Sc. industrial visit to Hindustan Coca-Cola Beverages, Bidadi, took learning beyond the classroom.
- Student Leadership & Engagement – Morph Code and the Student Council-led Teachers' Day celebration gave students opportunities to take initiative, collaborate with others, and contribute actively to the life of the campus.
- Faculty Development – MMTTP FDP support and other academic development initiatives enabled faculty members to engage with opportunities for professional learning and continued growth.
- Campus Life & Celebrations – Teachers' Day and the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary brought the SJCC community together through moments of appreciation, celebration and shared reflection.
- Parent & Institutional Engagement – The Parent-Teacher Meeting strengthened communication between families and the college, creating space to reflect on students' academic progress and development.

SPOTLIGHT

BA Seminar



Capital Call- Finance Club



Elevate- BBA



Erudition



SPOTLIGHT



Placements



Media Room Inauguration



Academic Council



ICSSR Scholars hold Panel Discussion

SPOTLIGHT

JESUIT EDUCATION
FORMING MEN AND WOMEN FOR AND WITH OTHERS

MP Sri PC Mohan visits SJCC



Holy Mass



Overall Winners of Scintillations



Overall Winners of Magnovite



Student Council Showcase

Take a look at how we choose our leaders and discover the activities organised by the Student Council.

ASPIRING CANDIDATES SELF NOMINATE → ANNOUNCEMENT OF SHORTLISTED CANDIDATES → CAMPAIGN → STUDENTS VOTE → RESULTS → INVESTITURE CEREMONY

At SJCC, the Student Council Election is more than a process of choosing leaders; it is an exercise in citizenship, participation and democratic engagement. Conducted over two weeks, the process begins with aspiring candidates submitting nomination forms, followed by scrutiny and shortlisting. The shortlisted candidates then campaign across the campus, bringing energy and excitement to student life. This year, the campaign was held over two consecutive days in June, with enthusiastic cheers, spirited slogans and rhythmic drumbeats echoing through the college. Campaigning culminates in the election, where students cast their votes for their chosen candidates through digital voting cubicles equipped with laptops. The votes are digitally counted and the results announced on the same day, making the process transparent and efficient. The elected Student Council formally assumes office at the Investiture Ceremony, marking the beginning of their term of leadership and service to the SJCC community.



Campaigning before the day of voting



Registration and checking of voter IDs



Voting process at SJCC



The Investiture Ceremony marked the induction of the 2026–27 Student Council, with Siddharth M Kothari assuming office as President.

CIPHER'26

THEME: THE TORI GATE



INTER CLASS BUSINESS FEST

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Karnataka - 5





All Cultures Day

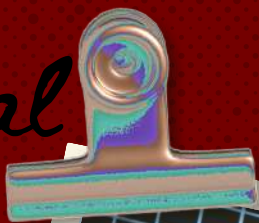
For the first time in the history of SJCC, students came together to celebrate 'All Cultures Day,' embracing the rich cultural diversity of India. Each class represented a state, bringing its unique traditions and heritage to life through vibrant songs, energetic dance performances, and fashion showcases featuring traditional attire. The celebration offered a colorful and engaging glimpse into India's diverse cultural landscape while fostering a spirit of unity and appreciation for its many traditions.



Cultural Fest



Oh
Happy
days



Kalotsav '26
Theme: The
Crossover Episode
Y2k





Handball Team



Basketball Team



Badminton Team



Naisha Shetty



ARENA OF CHAMPIONS

Rujula R Gowda



Hockey Team



Hockey Team

A special shout-out to Naisha & Rujula for having won medals at the national level in swimming and badminton, respectively.



Basketball Team



Throwball Team



Srinivas Krishnan placed 5th in Chess at ChriSpo



ARENA OF CHAMPIONS



Swimming Team



Table Tennis Team



Volleyball Team

A special shout-out to our sports contingent for winning the Overall Championship at the Sports meet organised by Transcend Institutions.

Campus Ministry



Commemorating our Patron Saint, St Ignatius of Loyola



Holy Mass



Offertory items for this year



The Campus Ministry of SJCC celebrated the feast of its patron saint, St Ignatius of Loyola. This year, the offertory items collected from all classes were donated to outreach centres across Karnataka, extending the spirit of the celebration beyond the campus through an act of sharing and service. The Campus Ministry also comes together to conduct Holy Mass serving as the spiritual, ethical, and community-building dimensions of our campus life.

From Campus to Careers

Placements at SJCC



Pre-Placement Talks

Internship Highlights

18 students secured **corporate internships** this semester.

- **3 students** secured internships at **DE Shaw**.
- **13 students** secured internships at **Goldman Sachs**.
- **2 students** secured internships in **ABB**.



Placement Highlights (June to September 2026)



100 students were successfully placed this semester.

- **9 students** placed in **JP Morgan Chase & Co.**
- **18 students** placed in **Deloitte USI Audit**.
- **13 students** placed in **Goldman Sachs**.
- **1 student** placed in **DE Shaw**.
- **18 students** placed in **RSM**.
- **9 students** placed in **Deloitte USI Tax**.
- **25 students** placed in **EY GDS**.
- **7 students** placed in **Grant Thornton**.
- **Deutsche Bank and Withum [Ongoing]**



Association Activities at a Glance

Fashion Team



Rotaract Club



NSS



Team Lasya



Kannada Sangha



Finance Club



Hindi Parishad



Women's Forum



ALMA



CSA



Our Associations, Our SDG Impact



Financial Literacy & Economic Empowerment



- Finance Club – InvestED



Good Health & Wellbeing



- Kannada Sangha – Operation Antharanga
- NSS – Blood Donation Camp, International Yoga Day, Anti-Drug Abuse Day, Big Day Off, Independence Day Run
- Rotaract Club – Treasure Hunt, Colours of Gratitude



Quality Education & Skills



- Research Forum – Research Methodology
- Editorial Club – Voices and Verses
- Hashmi Theatre – Caught in the Act
- Quiz Club – Prime Time, Bazinga Quiz, Inflectum
- Research Forum – It's Elementary, Watson
- Serenata Chorale – Perfect Pitch Reform
- Debate Society – The Art of Debating



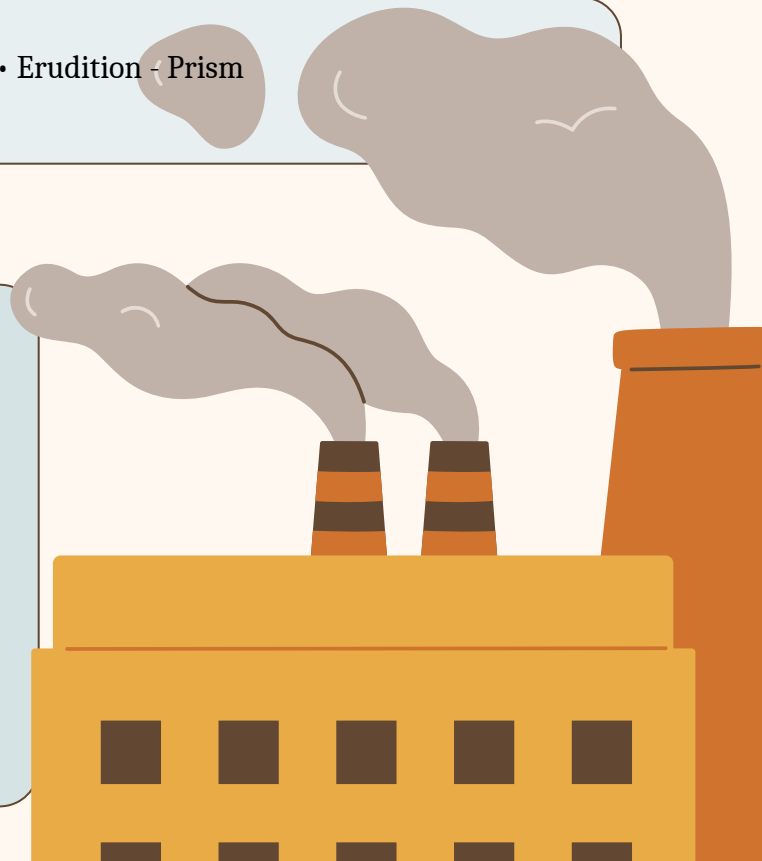
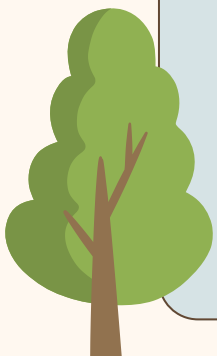
Professional Development



- Erudition – Prism

81

Total Number of
Activities in the
Odd Semester



Our Associations, Our SDG Impact



Reducing Inequalities



- AICUF – Annual Outreach Program
- Harmony Club – Bridging the Gap, Humanitarian Day
- NSS – Dr Ambedkar Jayanti, Independence Day (School for the Blind)



Sustainable Culture



- ALMA – Art Fusion
- Women's Forum × ALMA – Empty Canvas



Climate Action



- Eco Club – Eco Tales (Short Film), Renewable Energy Day
- NSS – World Environment Day



Peace and Harmony in Institutions



- Hashmi Theatre – Plot Twist, Shanti Kranti
- Hashmi × Kannada Sangha – Educational Visit to Vidhana Soudha
- Hindi Parishad × NSS – Sadbhavana Diwas
- Kannada Sangha – Karnataka Odu
- NSS – Har Ghar Tiranga
- Youth Red Cross – Geneva Convention Day



Partnerships



- AICUF – Kick Off
- Centre for Social Action – Mosaic
- Rotaract – Break the Ice

Nurturing and Celebrating Our Faculty

Honoring commitment that spans decades

Fr Charles Lasrado SJ completed 40 years in the Society of Jesus, while Ms Malini Joys and Mr Asad Pasha completed 25 and 40 years of dedicated service at SJCC, respectively. We congratulate them on these remarkable milestones and thank them for their continued commitment and contribution.



Fr. Charles Lasrado SJ



Mr. Asad Pasha



Ms Malini Joys

Another feather in the cap



Dr CA Akhil Manuel



Dr Poornima Vijaykumar



Dr Raveena Roy



Dr Giridhar Naidu

Congratulations to our faculty members on their career milestones! **Dr. Akhil Manuel** successfully defended his doctoral thesis on "Digital Transition and Its Impact on Internal Audit Procedures in Indian Listed Companies." **Dr. Poornima Vijaykumar** successfully defended her postdoctoral thesis on "Economic and Sustainability Implications of Conventional and Organic Farming: A Comparative Study," while **Dr. Raveena** and **Dr. Giridhar Naidu** also successfully defended their respective doctoral theses on "Responsible Consumption and Sustainable Marketing - A Study on Millennials in Bengaluru, Mysuru and Hassan" and "An Analysis of Investors' Perception and Behaviour towards Investment Decisions during major Financial Crises with reference to the Indian Capital Market." We congratulate all four on this remarkable academic achievement.

Pages of Purpose



Congratulations to **Ms Mary Fiona** on the publication of her book, "Working Women and the Double Burden at Home", a powerful and much-needed exploration of the everyday struggles women navigate as they balance careers and households. Written for every woman who has ever felt stretched between duty and dreams, this book gives voice to the quiet resilience of "tired but relentless women" everywhere.

STUDENT COUNCIL X OSA

TEACHERS' DAY

The Student Council and OSA curated a lively celebration for the faculty, featuring performances and engaging games, followed by a hearty lunch and gifts generously sponsored by the OSA.



SPACES THAT LIFT US

INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES ON CAMPUS



Staff Lounge

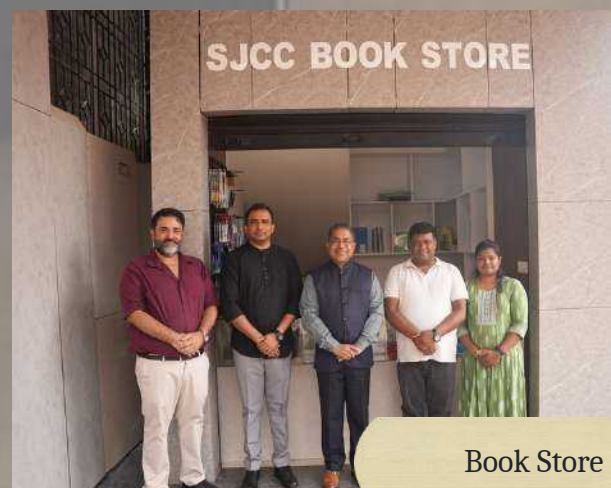
Food Court



Media Lab

The college recently inaugurated the Magis block, expanding the campus and creating more space for both teachers and students.

- Staff lounge
- Food court
- Placement cell
- Media Room
- Book Store



Book Store

LEGACY LEDGER

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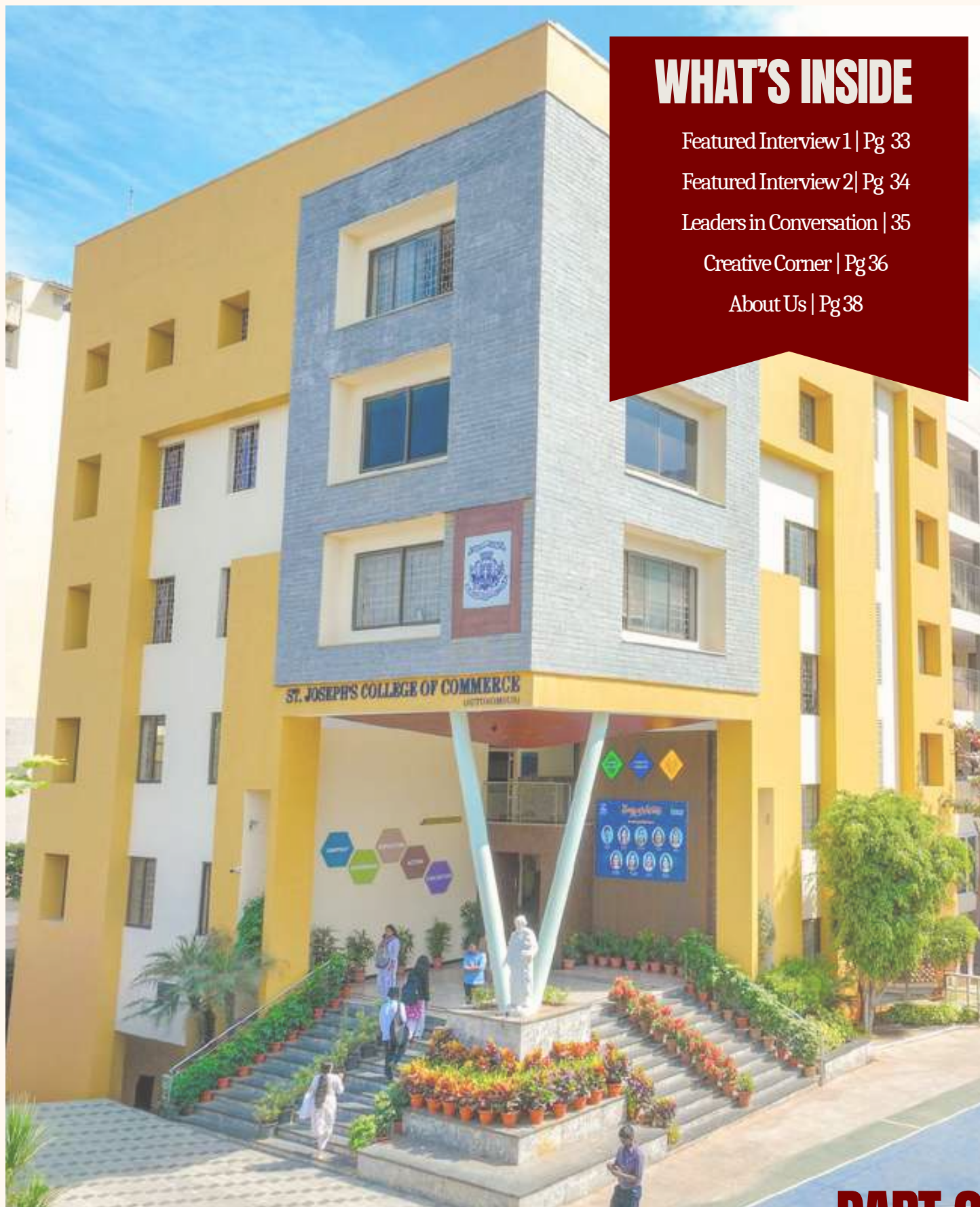
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FEATURED INTERVIEW 1

SHAPING A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE A CONVERSATION WITH ABHIMANYU MANIMARAN

SENIOR ADVISER, RAINFOREST FOUNDATION NORWAY | SJCC ALUMNUS



INSIDE THIS ISSUE

- From the classroom to the global stage
- Advocating for the rainforests
- A call to action

As St Joseph's College of Commerce (SJCC) celebrates its 75th year, we continue to look back at the journeys of our alumni who embody our vision of creating a just and democratic society. One such alumnus is Abhimanyu Manimaran, a former student who is currently making significant strides in global sustainability and environmental conservation. In a recent interview, Abhimanyu reflected on how his time at SJCC laid the groundwork for his career, the transition from classroom learning to real-world application, and the urgency of integrating sustainable practices into global markets.

FROM THE CLASSROOM TO THE GLOBAL STAGE

At SJCC, Abhimanyu was an active member of the Student Council, an experience that shaped his path toward systemic change. He recalls that while topics like Environmental Studies and climate change were taught, they were often dismissed as "unimportant" outside class, and the Eco Club had little presence.

He believes environmental awareness needs to extend beyond the syllabus through open dialogue among peers. That conviction sharpened when he represented SJCC as Brand Ambassador at an international SDG conference at Swansea University in Wales — an experience that helped him find his path in climate work.

ADVOCATING FOR RAINFORESTS

Abhimanyu now works with Rainforest Foundation Norway (RFN), which combines international advocacy with support for indigenous groups across six countries holding 80% of the world's rainforests. Much of his work focuses on China, whose dominance of global supply chains drives significant waste. Since no business will sacrifice profit for sustainability, his role is to help them go green without losing revenue.

Recently, he joined a delegation of global institutional investors for the China Agri-Food Engagement Initiative, meeting industry giants like China Mengniu on deforestation-free soy sourcing, and touring organic dairy farms in Inner Mongolia and automated facilities in Ningxia.

A CALL TO ACTION

Abhimanyu warns India and Africa could be hit hard by climate change if these issues aren't mainstreamed soon, urging awareness of how markets and supply chains affect rainforests. He never planned this path to Norway, but credits SJCC for it — his message: keep the dialogue open and the community active.

FEATURED INTERVIEW 2

WITH

RALSTON D'SOUZA

FROM PASSION TO PURPOSE

A CONVERSATION WITH RALSTON D'SOUZA

FOUNDER, LIVEZY | SJCC ALUMNUS



Ralston D'Souza's journey from being deeply interested in fitness at SJCC to building a career in the field has been a gradual transition. After gaining corporate experience at E&Y, he explored personal training before choosing fitness as his full-time path. In this conversation, he shares his thoughts on careers, education, entrepreneurship, social impact and the SJCC alumni community.

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

- From pursuing fitness in his college days to founding Livezy
- Building a career of lasting value
- A message for the SJCC community

FROM FITNESS OBSESSION TO FOUNGING LIVEZY

At SJCC, Ralston was obsessed with fitness, training consistently and already certain; he wanted a career in it. After graduating, he spent a year and a half at E&Y, using the corporate stint to see what that path looked like and realizing it gave him money, not purpose.

Evenings after work, he began picking up personal-training clients around Koramangala and Whitefield, slowly building a client base until fitness outweighed his day job. That gradual shift eventually led him to found Livezy, now a fully remote coaching company built lean across HR, sales, support, and coaching.

BUILDING A CAREER OF LASTING VALUE

Ralston's advice to today's students: in an age where even "stable" jobs disappear overnight, the only real security is making yourself irreplaceable. That means constantly acquiring knowledge and picking something to specialize in—deeply.

He is candid about education being underrated by the youth, but its value compounds with experience: the more you know about an industry, the harder you will be to replace. His formula is simple: specialize, keep learning, and stay curious about where a market is headed, since building sustainable expertise is what protects you in a fast-changing landscape.

A MESSAGE FOR THE SJCC COMMUNITY

Ralston's own path shows careers can take shape gradually—find what you care about, notice the gaps around you, and build the skills to fill them. His parting words to SJCC students echo his school motto, Fide Et Labore: "Work hard, stay curious, and always have faith".

LEADERS IN CONVERSATION



THE WEIGHT OF THE VOTE: INSIDE THE STUDENT COUNCIL

BEYOND THE LEGACY

Celebrating 75 years of BCom Programme is about honoring our roots while radically modernising our ways. We can't just rely on our reputation; we have to adapt to a world reshaped by AI, FinTech, and entrepreneurship. We are actively building platforms for aspiring student entrepreneurs and creating spaces where anyone can pitch a bold idea. By encouraging students to step into leadership roles, we aren't just protecting a 75-year legacy; we are giving a new generation the tools to completely evolve it. Dhanush believes the legacy must also create a foundation for future councils, with today's initiatives designed to be sustainable and build upon over time.

"We aren't replacing our history, we're simply evolving it." - Jayden

WHO RUNS THE TOWN?

"Our president, Siddharth, opines that, "with 82% of posts, 10 out of 12, being contested, this is the highest form of democracy." The women's representative representing the 3,500 women on our campus—that itself is accountability."

"Candidates go through a rigorous selection process by the panel members much before the campaigning begins, which makes them capable and accountable to uphold their positions and their responsibilities," says Abhishek.

For Vanessa, accountability extends beyond the election itself, as she says, "I will definitely go and stand for the students, whether or not they have elected me."

"Leadership is about listening to everything and acting upon what you feel is most important." - Hudson

"Showing up and taking accountability is the primary win," says Hudson, along with the fact that the council members, and with their core team, are trained and taught regarding their responsibility to ensure that their fellow juniors contest in future elections.

BEYOND THE MAIN STAGE

This year has been filled with events keeping the campus up to its vibrant culture, right from All Cultures Day to Kalotsav and Cipher. The treasurer, Abhishek, says this year has been the best in the last 7-8 years due to massive sponsors and the events being at their highest proficiency financially, as well as in their execution of all the fests.

“Emphasizing each and every culture present in our institution and honouring them in the most authentic yet celebratory way is the highest form of respect for the college” according to our cultural representative, Hudson. Maaz sees council life as more than event management, describing it as “coming up with initiatives and being part of something responsible and yet fun.”

“Success wasn’t handed to us. The real victory of this year's cultural fests was how the team managed the backstage chaos and turned potential disasters into seamless performances.” - Abhishek

“Organizing Cipher, our biggest event, beforehand and sending out brochures and streamlining it accordingly has increased our participation more than ever, making it one of our biggest hits,” says Siddharth. All of these events are a massive success, but if we look at it, there has been an immense amount of pressure, coordination, hard work, and a lot of thought and intention that is being put behind making this event a success. Going forward, our Council members’ main focus will be not only creating the best events but also competing across other institutions and bringing our victory home.

PRINCIPLES OVER POPULARITY

Our council leaders narrate that even though they are representing our students, sometimes they need to go against them, clashing between what’s actually right versus what the students want. Thomas says that even though the students might not like it, the council members, along with him as well, have the courtesy and the responsibility to make the right choice for them. After all, they’re the ones guiding them.

“People may still not agree with it, but we need to stand firm with our reasons, Then you let the results speak.” - Harshika

Using the Kalotsav security-check protocol as an example, Harshika explains that leaders sometimes have to enforce decisions students may disagree with. Ultimately, she believes doing what is right should come before being popular, and leadership should not involve bias or giving friends special treatment. For Jayesh, our academic secretary, student safety must outweigh popular demands.

THE SUCCESS METRIC

For Thomas, he believes that if his juniors as well as the students who elected him are happy and want to come back to college every single day excited and joyful, that is his success. He believes that if his leadership can bring even the tiniest yet the most positive impact in their lives, that’s a win for him. He also states that he stands firm with his persona, beliefs, and values as he continues to carry on his actions with empathy and integrity. For Nishanth, success means earning the respect of students, including those who did not vote for him: “I would want the people who didn’t vote for me to come and say that, okay, Nishant, you’ve actually done well.” Ashwin sees success not in recognition, but in the difference leadership makes to students and the way a team functions.

The real measure of leadership isn’t found in a landslide vote or a polling margin; it’s found in the spark ignited across campus every single day. Our council leaders believe true success means moving beyond the ballot box to build a community where every student feels safe, valued, and fulfilled. It’s about choosing meaningful impact over temporary popularity, transforming ordinary campus spaces into a thriving haven, and ensuring that our shared daily environment is defined by safety, purpose, and genuine belonging.

“Because at the end of the day, if a life is positively affected, I think our job is done.” - Thomas



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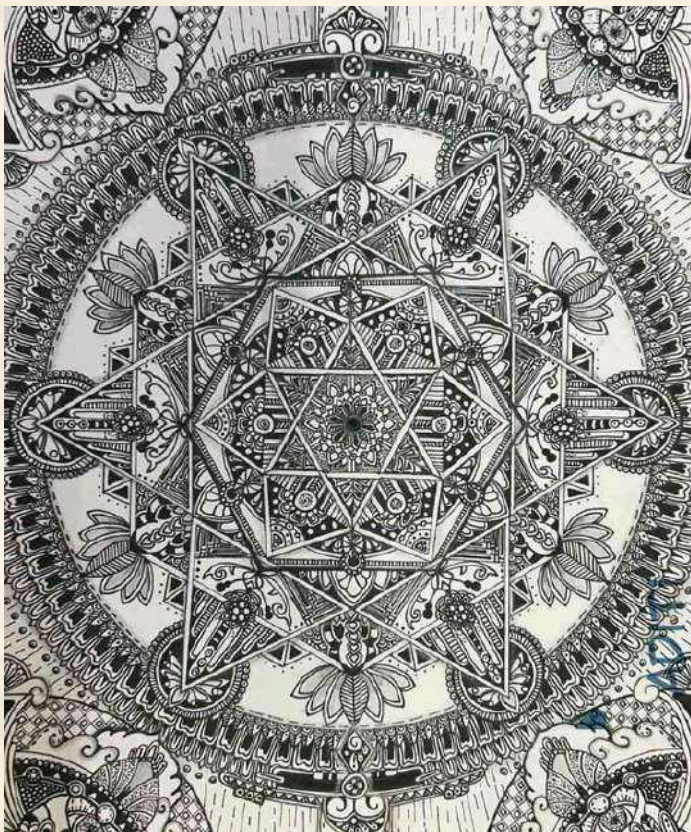
Learning to breathe again

I spent forever searching
for the dark side of the moon,
only to discover
it was buried deep inside of me
under all the concrete I laid.
I endlessly asked you for a reason,
not knowing you didn't even speak
the language of regret,
while your innocence sat calmly
inside the damage like a sunset.
I carried the you I remembered
as if time could never touch it,
as if imagination didn't add its own
colours
when the real ones began to fade.
Now I sit in the ruins of my house—
the very house that I set fire on

But reality was never meant
to taste sweet.
Breaking down everything so carefully
built,
made me realize it was always me—
never you, never them,
but me alone.
Both the cracking faultline and the
hand,
that learns to heal it.
Now I stand taking the blame, made of
shadows and guesswork,
while the truth lives quietly behind
closed thoughts, folded into itself
like a secret afraid of sunlight—
and closed is what it'll ever be.

But just like chaos before silence,
I've found the peace I forever longed for.
Through tears and soft unravellings,
I've learned to breathe again, slowly, one
step at a time, learning to see the world
as it is
and not as I once painted it.
Choosing myself again
not as a luxury,
but as a birthright.
Letting in the light I buried, finally
knowing it was mine—the light that was
always mine even when I forgot
how to reach for it.
The quiet glow I longed for,
the one I'd lost in time.
It's finally mine!!

Vilasini M
(1 BCOM D)



Symmetry in motion
Aditi Jain (1 BCOM C)



Within the shadows
Anshika Jothikumar (1 BCOM A)

Will you hold me?

Will you hold me,
when I drown in the depth of my
thoughts
begging to get out?

Will you hold me,
when I cry in stillness
after being pulled down?

Will you hold me,
when I tremble with anxiety
and tears alone?

Will you hold me,
knowing all my flaws
and console me?
Unless I smile with watery eyes,
knowing you were here for me
when I couldn't be!

*Mahak M Jain
(1 BCOM A)*

Golden

Like molten lava, burning me with
its touch,
It sits softly on my neck, so gentle
yet so much.
Golden and bright, a sight for sore
eyes
Oh how I adore it!

A wonderful string, holding it
together,
Oh how strong and mighty, I just
might cherish it forever.
A golden piece, adored on my
golden skin,
It dances and glides with my silk
saree thin.

It catches everyone's eye, like an
elephant in the room. My lover
falls on his knees at the sight of it,
Like it's his doom.

Am I beautiful? A question that
always lingers.

I feel beautiful when the
necklace touches my fingers.

"Do you ever look at me like
that?" questions my lover.

Oh how could I?

When it shines like a goddess
divine, as soft as a flower.
It gives me grace, it gives me
power.

Oh, my lover, this necklace is
like no other.

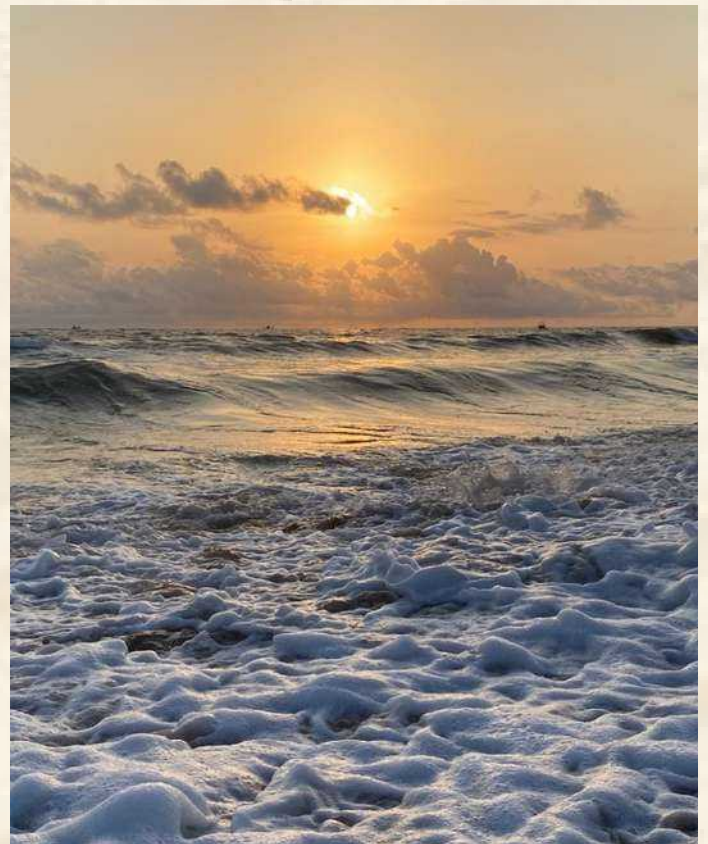
Uncut diamonds and rubies
make it prettier,

Oh how I adore it, to me it is so
dear!

*Nuthan Krishna Shekar
(1 BBBA B)*



*In every shade I bloom
Tarika K(2 BCOM E)*



*Foams of the sea
Ashwika Neha Reddy(1 BSc)*

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We are on the look out for voices that deserve to be heard

- Every book leaves an afterthought.
- Every film sparks a conversation.
- Every photograph tells a story.
- Every work of art begins with a voice.

If you've created something worth sharing—or have something meaningful to say about books, culture, cinema, photography, or the arts. Reach out to us! Don't be SJCC's best-kept secret.

Our Events

Voices and Verses

Voices and Verses is our initiative to create a space for conversations inspired by literature, art and ideas. Whether it is a thought - provoking book, a moving poem, a compelling work of art, or an idea that has stayed with you , Voices ad Verses invites speakers to share what has inspired them with an audience eager to listen, reflect and engage in meaningful dialogue.



This semester, V & V featured (L - R)
Ms Lynette Pereira & Ms Ashwika Neha Reddy

About us

We are a community of students united by a love for words, ideas, and creativity. Every month, we discuss books, films, art, and culture while curating the college newsletter and magazine. We work behind the scenes...but so do Marvel superheroes. Join us and let your voice be heard!

Our Works

Campus Quadrangle : Bi - annual newsletter |
Bluechip: Annual Magazine | Sjccwrites- Weekly
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Scriptoria

Scriptoria is the Editorial Club's flagship event. This is an initiative to bring the members together and create an inclusive, enriching creative output. Previously, we held sessions at Bookworm, collaborating on ideas and working on literature. For the 2026 edition, the club engaged in nature-inspired art and creativity at the Cubbon Park. The event concluded by bridging gaps between the members and forging a collaborative mindset towards creativity.

