# The Student Council Activities 2017-18

The Student Council is elected by the students through an election. The Student Council is part of an attempt to democratize governance and leadership roles within the college. It is headed by the Student Governor, a faculty member, and is responsible for student activities in the college.

#### **Student Council Elections**

The Council elections for the year 2017-2018 took place on the 9th of June 2017. The entire process comprised of nomination of candidates, campaigning and voting, which took place over the course of nine days from the 1 to the 9 of June. The voting took place on the 9th of June by secret ballot using Electronic Voting Machines. After which, the candidates were called together for the results to be announced before the student body and the higher authorities of the college where the then Elected Student Council addressed the gathering in a show of gratitude to everyone involved.

#### Student Council Investiture

The Investiture ceremony for the elected members of the student council, department coordinators, association heads and class representatives was held on the 16th of June, 2017. It was a formal and grand observance with Chief Guest, Mr. Tobby Simon. The office bearers were administered the oath of office, followed by the handing over of the college flag to the council, symbolic of transferring the mantle of responsibility unto them for the academic year.

## Leadership Camp

The Leadership Camp was held on the 24th of June, 2017. It focused on teaching and training students to be better and more effective leaders. The programme was attended by members of the Student Council, Department Coordinators, Association Heads and Academic Representatives of all the classes. Mentors for the programme were Mr. Mark John and Mr. Seljo Jose, providing valuable insights and knowledge on leadership.

# Cipher

The intra-college business fest 'Cipher: The Reckoning' was conducted on the 30th of June and the 1st of July, 2017. The theme of the fest was "The Industrial Revolution". The theme not only provided a very current topic for students to deal with buy also gave students greater insight into the happenings of the world at present.

## Potluck

In the days building up to the intra-collegiate cultural fest, Kalotsav, a potluck was organized on the 11th of July, 2017 to celebrate the cultural diversities and backgrounds represented by the student body.

#### Kalotsav

From 13th to the 15th of July, 2017, the college hosted the inter-class cultural fest Kalotsav, set up with the objective to identify the various culturally talented students.

## Chanakya

The annual business fest Chanakya was held on the 18th and 19th of August, witnessing tremendous participation from colleges all over India. This year's theme was "The House of Cards", showcasing the Year 2022 where climate change, terrorism and socio-economic issues are at its peak and the world has been reduced to a house of cards, ready to topple with any wrong move.

## Big Day Off

The Big Day Off is an initiative undertaken once a month by the student body in appreciation of the efforts of the housekeeping staff of the college. The Big Day Off is essentially a day off for the housekeeping staff to stress on the importance of cleanliness and ethics on students who volunteer to perform the duty of keeping the college campus clean.

# Open Mic

In an effort to capture and bring to light the unrecognized talent of the student body, the council organized an Open Mic event on the 9th of September. The event saw individuals come forward to showcase different talents. Performances included stand-up comedy, singing, poetry, spoken words and even included a discussion on social concerns.

## **Buddy Programme**

This academic year saw the introduction of the buddy programme with a view to provide academic assistance to students. This initiative works by identifying students who need academic support and assigning students who can extend such academic support. The one-on-one model allows for greater attention and personalized help to the students. This also encourages the students to engage in peer learning.

## Dhwani

On 15 and 16 December, 2017, the college conducted the annual cultural fest Dhwani. Dhwani strives to provide a platform for various talents all over the country to be surfaced and recognized through diverse and challenging events. The theme of this year's edition was 'Cartoon Nation' – aiming to replicate memories from all our childhoods.

#### Fiesta

On the 10th of February, 2018, Fiesta was conducted with the aim of giving back to the housekeeping staff who work tirelessly for the college. The programme consisted of performances in the form of dance, theatre, song and games organized for the enjoyment of the housekeeping staff.

## Sanyog

In recognition of International Mother Languages Day on the 12th of February, the alumni from St. Xavier's, Kolkata reached out to us requesting a platform to showcase the importance of mother languages around the country. The programme included performances by the cultural team showcasing all the popular mother languages of the country, the felicitation of faculty member, Mr. Lavakumar for his contribution in spreading the usage of Kannada and a performance by the students of St. Xavier's, Kolkata.

#### **OSA** Debate

The Old Students Association (OSA) of SJCC conducted their annual debate again this year. The debate consisted of three rounds namely The Written Round Prelim, The Verbal Prelim and The Final Round. The final round was on the topic "Crypto currency: The currency of the future". All the participants presented valuable points and their passion to debate could be very clearly seen. They also received valuable criticism from the judges.

## Valedictory

The valedictory ceremony marks the closing of all the college activities for the academic year 2017-18. Dr. M Ramachandra Gowda, Registrar, BCU, was the chief guest for this occasion. The parents of the valedictorians of the Student Council, Department Coordinators, Association Heads and Class Representatives also joined the proceedings. The chief guest addressed the gathering and gave an insightful speech about the importance of hard work and commitment. The principal addressed the gathering and participated in the symbolic handing over of the flag.