

Student Council Report 2019-20

- a) **Investiture:** The academic year commenced with the Investiture Ceremony that took place on 26th June, 2019. This solemn occasion is considered as the day when all leaders formally take office and begin to perform the responsibility assigned to them. Thus, the day marked the beginning of a wonderful journey for all the council members, association heads, department coordinators and class representatives. The chief guest for the occasion was Mr. S Siddaraju, DCP, Vidhan Soudha Security, Bangalore. Rev. Fr. Brian Pereira, SJ, Rector–BJES Institutions, Principal, Dr. Daniel Fernandes, SJ, Registrar, Dr. Nirmala Joseph, Vice Principals, Ms. Sneha Rai and Ms. Ravi Darshini, Student Governor, Dr. TH Lavakumar, and the entire teaching fraternity from SJCC blessed the occasion with their esteemed presence.
- b) **International Yoga Day:** International World Yoga Day was organized on 21st June, 2019. The session helped everyone who participated understand the significance of maintaining a sense of mindfulness and personal care in their daily lives.
- c) **Cipher:** The interclass activities for the year began with Cipher, a business fest. The fest was held on 4th & 5th July, 2019. The events were organized to replicate the corporate world on campus and put students through an experience that is one of a kind. The fest facilitated the development of skills such as research, reporting, presenting, creative thinking, and public speaking. The theme for the fest was “Cavet Venditor” which in translation reads– “may the seller be aware”.
The fest offered a chance for the participants to compete in eight different events, Best Manager–Corporate Governance and Sustainability, Entrepreneurial Development, Human Resources, Marketing, Public Relations, Finance and Business Quiz. Cipher 2020 presented the participants with many learning opportunities and it also helped them in building a wide range of skills. 3 BBA D was declared as the overall winners of the fest.
- d) **NEP Debate:** The Student Council organized a debate and discussion on New Education Policy on 16th July 2019. The event was conducted to educate the student community about the current situation in the country and the wide-ranging impact of these developments in the lives of all students in the country. The debate was moderated by Sairaj Goudar of class 2 B. Com A and the panel consisted of 10 student representatives. The event successfully created awareness about the positive and negative effects of the policy.
- e) **Kalotsav:** Kalotsav was organized on 18th, 19th and 20th July, 2019 involving 52 events. The fest was an opportunity for students to showcase their talents on stage. The Chief Guest for the occasion was Ms. Vainidhi, a well-known Kannada actor. The organizing committee designed different themes for the students and staff on all three days. Denim, Bohemian and the traditional – ethnic were the themes of the fest. 3 B. Com H was declared the overall winners of the fest.
- f) **Leadership Camp:** The Leadership Workshop for all office bearers for the academic year took place on 12th July. This camp aimed not only at enhancing the leadership skills of the student leaders but also allowed them to participate in various activities. The camp offered a unique platform for everyone to get to know each other and this interactive session was specifically organized to ensure excellent team work in all the upcoming events.

- g) **Big Day Off:** Big Day Off is an initiative by the student council where students take the place of all the cleaning staff on campus. Big Day Off 2019 took place on 14th August. This initiative helps students understand the significance of cleaning staffs' contribution towards keeping the campus clean.
- h) **Independence Day:** On account of Independence Day, the Student Council conducted a programme to commemorate the day of freedom. Mr. Ravi Krishna Reddy – a renowned social activist was the chief guest for the programme. The celebration commenced with the Flag hoisting ceremony. The other dignitaries present during the occasion were Principal, Dr. Daniel Fernandes, SJ, Registrar, Dr. Nirmala Joseph, Student Governor, Dr. TH Lavakumar and the Sports Director, Dr. Asha. Cultural performances that highlighted the essence of nationalism and freedom were also part of the Independence Day celebration.
- i) **Chanakya:** Chanakya – the annual business fest was conducted on 23rd and 24th August, 2019. This year the fest took place at St. Joseph's Institute of Management and provided a wholly new experience for the participants and the organising committee. The chief guest for the occasion was Dr. Ian Faria, an executive coach, speaker, trainer and motivator. Principal, Dr. Daniel Fernandes, SJ, Student Governor, Dr. TH Lavakumar, Ms. Maria Sanjana – the Staff Coordinator for the Business Forum and other teachers attended the event. The fest comprised of eight events, all replicating the corporate world and putting participants through diverse scenarios where they showcase their best abilities and skills in order to fest their way to the top. Fifteen colleges from across the country including Loyola College from Andhra, Ace Institute of Management and Boston University from Nepal. Christ University, Department of Professional Studies was declared as the overall winners of the fest.
- j) **The Josephite Project:** The Josephite Project is a new initiative introduced by the Student Council, the idea behind this initiative was to raise fund for the Kerala and Karnataka flood relief. The event took place from 3rd to 7th September, 2019. Students of various classes came together to set up food and game stalls during the first three days of the week. The Josephite Project also organized a Pet Show and a Ride to Revive, both the events charged a nominal registration fee. The event helped in creating awareness about the role of each individual in addressing the immediate needs of the society.
- k) **Teachers' Day:** Teachers encourage minds to think, hands to create and hearts to love. The student council organized a programme as part of the Teachers' Day celebration on 5th September, 2019. The day began with a surprise flash mob for the teachers. Later, all teachers were guided to the Xavier Hall where a set of cultural performances were put up by the association heads and other students. The student council organized a set of games for the teachers and a quiz to get to know the teachers better along with an interactive session.
- l) **PCOD, Menstruation and Breast Cancer Awareness:** Keeping in mind the importance of womanhood, the Ladies Secretaries of the council initiated many workshops and talks for the girl students on campus. The workshop series commenced with a session on PCOD Awareness which took place on 20th November. Dr. Sriprada Vinekar, a Laparoscopic Surgeon, Obstetrician and gynaecologist was the keynote speaker for the session. Code Red – A Session on Mensuration Awareness, took place on 3rd December and Ms. Shantha P steered the session. A workshop on Breast Cancer Awareness was conducted on 7th January, 2019. All the

sessions helped in educating the girls on significant topics pertaining to their lives, especially with regard to health and hygiene.

- m) **Blind Conversations “Breaking Bridges between the Arts”:** Keeping this topic in mind, the Council in association with the Harmony Club organised the Blind Conversation event on 25th November, 2019. Students from various cultural teams interacted with each other only on the given topic and their feeling towards the art form which they are most passionate about. The event helped students in understanding each other better and also in appreciating all types of art.
- n) **The Green Pitch:** Taking into consideration the importance given to environmental sustainability in today’s world, the student council in collaboration with First Main (featured by National Geography) hosted The Green Pitch on 26th November, 2019. Green Pitch provided students an opportunity to pitch their business idea, focusing on eco-friendly products and sustainability to environmental specialists and entrepreneurs. The event also offered a chance for the participants to turn their ideas into reality for a better tomorrow.
- o) **Karnataka Rajyotsava:** On Karnataka Rajyotsava the state takes pride in celebrating its official formation. On 29th November, 2019 the council along with Kannada Sangha put up a day long performance for everyone on campus. The chief guest for the joyful occasion was Mr. L N Mukunda Raju and Dr. B R Ravikanthe Gowda – Joint Commissioner of Police, Traffic. Principal, Dr. Daniel Fernandes SJ, Registrar, Dr. Nirmala Joseph, the Student Governor, Dr. TH Lavakumar and Ashoka TA, teacher coordinator of the Kannada Sangha graced the occasion with their esteemed presence. The event had various cultural performances by students and also by invited dance troupes. The cultural performances showcased the beauty of Karnataka. A drum-jam by SJCC students, first of its kind on campus was the highlight of the day.
- p) **Open Mic:** The Open Mic is a platform for students to showcase their talent. This year, the open mic took place on 16th December, 2019 and the event witnessed a large number of participants taking part in singing, beat boxing, rapping, stand-up comedy.
- q) **Session on the Impact of CAA and NRC on India and its People:** It is essential for every citizen of the country to stay updated on the day-to-day happenings in the country. The student council organized a panel discussion on the Impact of CAA and NRC on India and its people on 21st December, 2019. The panel discussion was organized to educate students on the aforementioned topic. Manohar Elavarthi, the State General Secretary – Swaraj Abhiyan, Shweta Kothari – Managing Editor of the Logical Indian and Zia Nomani, Youth Leader – Swaraj Abhiyan were the speakers for the event. Faculty members, students from SJCC and other colleges across the city attended the event.
- r) **Black Day at SJCC & The Candle Light Vigil:** The student council observed a Black Day in college on 7th January to express their dissent against the violence against students. Students were given a chance to express their views on the subject. The campus was filled with students who came dressed in black to express their solidarity with the victims. On the same day, the council organised a candle light vigil to showcase their unity with all the students from various institutions across the country who were subjected to police brutality for expressing their dissent. The vigil took place at 6:30 PM in front of the college gate and more than three hundred people attended the event.

- s) **Pad Dispenser Inauguration:** As a result of the efforts of the student council a pad dispenser was installed in the Ladies' Room of the college. The Alumni Association of SJCC sponsored the equipment and the inauguration took place on 8th January, 2020. The OSA batch of '91 were the chief guests for the inauguration.
- t) **Dhwani Dhwani:** The annual intercollegiate cultural fest took place on 31st January and 1st February, 2020 with the theme "A Wandere's Odyssey". The guests for the occasion was Anish Thejeshwar and Nishvika Naidu, famous Kannada Actors. Principal, Dr. Daniel Fernandes, S J and Student Governor, Dr. TH Lavakumar were the dignitaries present during the event. Faculty members and students from SJCC and other colleges across the city attended the fest. More than 45 colleges across the city participated in the wide range of events, such as art, literature, dance and music. Jain University, Centre for Management Studies was declared the overall winners of Dhwani. The fest also featured international artists Aron Chupa and Little Sis Nora and a performance by the local band The Best Kept Secret.
- u) **Eves Week & Eves Day:** The college celebrated Eves Week for all girl students on campus on 17th to 22nd February. Various set of activities such as football workshop, the girls' day out, a make-up workshop and a dance workshop were organized. Each event followed different hashtag, such as #BeThatWoman or #UnstoppableWomen. All the events were organized with an aim to provide the girl students an occasion to build confidence and help them cherish the beauty of sisterhood. 22nd February, 2020 was celebrated as 'Eves Day – To be an Eve, that is to BeliEve'. The chief guest for the occasion was Mrs. Sudha N – a Human Rights Activist who spoke to the girls about the power of being a woman in today's world. The chief guest was accompanied by the Student Governor, Dr. TH Lavakumar. The organizing team also arranged various events, such as performances by We Improvise, a city-wide famous improv team, spoken word poetry by Hiba Javad and cultural performances by the boy students.