# SJCC Students' Council Report 2021-2022

### **INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION**



"Freedom in our mind, faith in the words, pride in our hearts and memories in our souls...Let us salute our nation on this Independence Day."

National festivals play an important role in planting the seed of nationalism and patriotism among the people of our nation. Celebration of these festivals commemorates the sacrifices of our freedom fighters who laid down their lives in the foundation of our country.

The 75th Independence Day Celebration was held on the 15th of August on Microsoft Teams, the Chief guest for this occasion was Major General Paul Deepak Naidu. Our principal, Rev. Dr. Charles Lasrado SJ hoisted the national flag followed by which the national anthem was played in honour of our country. Our students put up stellar musical performances in the spirit of this proud occasion. A tribute video to our Olympians who recently won the gold medal at Toyoko Olympics 2021 was played during celebration. The celebration ended with a vote of thanks by our student Governor Dr. Preemal Maria D'Souza.

### **INVESTITURE CEREMONY**

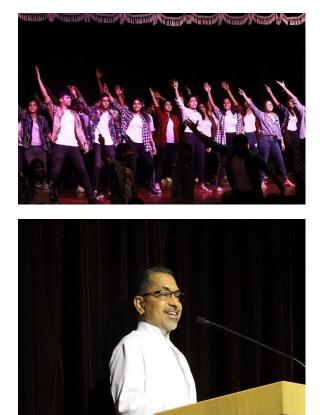


The 19th of August, 2021 was an auspicious occasion at St. Joseph's College of Commerce, the investiture ceremony of the office bearers took place. These office bearers consisted of the Student Council, Department Coordinators, Association Heads and Class Representatives. The dignitaries for this grand occasion were Chief Guest Mr. Salil Shetty Former Secretary General of Amnesty International, Principal, Rev. Dr. Charles Lasrado SJ, Vice Principals Ms. Sneha Rai and Dr. Rjajeba Singh, Registrar Dr. Augustin Amaladas, Finance Officer Rev Fr. Pradeep SJ and Student Governor Dr. Preemal Maria D'Souza .The event started on a solemn note with a prayer song followed by which the dignitaries were called upon stage for the symbolic lighting of the lamp, with this the ceremony was declared open. Soon after, the Indian Classical dance team presented to the crowd a short welcome performance and left the crowd in awe with their synchronised symphonies!

After these proceedings were complete, Dr. Preemal Maria D'Souza the Student Governor greeted the crowed with a heart-warming welcome speech. The dignitaries for the day then moved onto the stage, each one of them gave touching speeches and congratulated the newly formed body of student leaders. The Chief Guest Finally came onto the dais and through his speech, encouraged the students to ensure that they make the most of the leaders in them to make the outside world a better place. The ritual of handing over of the college flag then took place, the principal handed the flag over to the newly elected president who then passed it on to the council members, the college anthem was then sung by the choir and all present to convey our respect to the alma mater. The student leaders were then presented with their badges and this embarked a moment of pride and joy for them as well as all their well-wishers present in the audience.

The councils of various other institutes like CMS and MCC were also present for the ceremony and they all shared a few words of good faith and congratulated the council for the academic year ahead of them. Along with this, the previous councils from the batch of 2020-2021 were also present, they offered words of advice and wisdom to the elected council members through their experiences and wished them the best of luck.

To conclude the event, the president, Mr. Anthony Rithvik delivered the vote of thanks in appreciation of all those who helped in making the elections and investiture ceremony such a huge success. The programme went on well and will definitely be one that will be remembered by many.



#### **TEACHERS DAY CELEBRATION**



The student Council in collaboration with the BCOM AND BBA Departments organized a special program for the teachers on the 4<sup>th</sup> of September 2021 in the Loyola Hall. A day dedicated to all the dear teachers of SJCC who have played an integral role in shaping every Josephites future. The cultural team of SJCC presented a fun, engaging and thrilling performance which was definitely enjoyed by the teachers. The programme ended with cake cutting ceremony after which snacks were distributed among all. The principal and faculty members were overwhelmed by the effort and love shown by the students.

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#### FRESHERS DAY CELEBRATION

To give the incoming batch a platform to express themselves and interact with one another, the Student Council organized fresher's day on campus titled "HOMECOMING" a two-day extravaganza for the new batch of Josephites. The student council accommodated 800 students on campus by conducting activities simultaneously in Loyola and Xavier Hall and also made sure that the Covid Protocols were followed. The celebration began with the lighting of the lamp ceremony by our Principal, Vice Principal, Student Governor and The President. It was followed by a speech from our principal and student governor who welcomed the students on campus after a yearlong of Online classes.

The informal section of our program began, the cultural teams of SJCC put up a spectacular performance that was much loved and appreciated by our students. The emcees for the day created an atmosphere, filled with laughter and fun with the aim of showing the new batch of student's what life on campus is like. Events like 60 seconds to fame, Clash of Classes and Mr and Ms Fresher was conducted for students to come together and interact with each other, making new friends in the process.

# LEADERSHIP CAMP



Every year, the newly elected office bearers begin their year as student leaders at the Annual Leadership Camp. This year the camp was organized Online on the 31th of August 2021, and the speaker for the occasion was Dr. Caren Rodrigues, Professor at St. Josephs Institute of Management. She provided the newly elected representatives with useful knowledge on how to be an effective leader among peers and a few tips on balancing different aspects of student life.

The Student Council also Initiated an offline leadership camp for all the Student Leaders of our college. The speaker for this session was Mr. Roger Joseph Lurshay, Senior HR Professional at Oracle. the main focus being to help students to become effective leaders. Various team building activities and games were conducted to help students to gain personal insights on leadership and network with other students.

#### CIPHER 2021, Break The Enigma



Cipher is more than just a fest- It is learning redefined.

With the aim to unearth learning, experience and talent, the days September 30th and October 1st left a mark on our academic calendar as two gruesome, yet extremely rewarding ones. It was one such fest that was infused with mind gripping rounds, dynamic circumstances, ever-growing perspectives and a solution-centric orientation.

The theme this year was 'Break the Enigma', which was not just about being able to course through the challenging rounds, but rather, about one's ability to break through their own limits to push towards something bigger.

We're also proud to have introduced the overall trophy this year which has been presented to the class that battled it out and won the most number of events.

This year, Cipher comprised 7 events: Best Manager, Marketing, Public Relations, Human Resources, Finance, Entrepreneurship Development and Business Quiz.

# CADENZA, A CREATIVE MUSIC WORKSHOP



A Student Council initiative, The Western Acoustic Team, in collaboration with SJCC alumnus, Raymond Phillip, conducted a creative music workshop on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021 at Xavier Hall. The workshop was attended by 32 jovial students keen to learn more about what goes on behind the scenes during festing season – from the technical know-hows of creating a set, all the way to what a team should expect from their experience partaking in a fest. The guest speaker made a festing chart- a step by step breakdown of the process of creating a musical set - for the attendees and distributed it among them, following which he demonstrated a set he created on the spot and went on to teach the attendees the dos and don'ts of the process. The workshop ended on a good note, with a short Q&A session to wrap the session up.

#### **Council Social Drive**

On the 2nd of October, 2021, the coordinators of all the cultural teams visited Asha Niketan a home for the mentally challenged. Due to COVID-19 and social distancing protocols we had only 30 minutes to interact with the members of the house. In the course of those 30 minutes we performed a medley of songs and danced along for them, they were entertained and even sang along with us. We also conducted a few games. Once the 30 minutes were over the lady in charge of the house took us to the room where the members of the house make and sell candles to raise funds for their cause, The beautiful work handmade by people moved us and we helped them raise more funds by purchasing a larger number of candles made by them

# Kalotsav 2021.



KALOTSAV the biggest intra- collegiate cultural took place on the 28th, 29th & 30th of October 2021 that spells energy and action with its aims to provide a platform for students to unearth new talents, nurture the existing ones or just express one's inner self. Kalotsav comprised of 50 events and these events happened over 3 days, Each day had different themes that the students were required to follow, "Ethnic", Y2K and Halloween were the themes on the three days respectively.