

ST. JOSEPH'S DEGREE & PG COLLEGE
HYDERABAD-500029
14th Annual Day Celebration
26 February, 2011

Principal's Report

Ladies and Gentlemen! A very good morning to one and all!

It gives me immense pleasure to welcome the **Chief Guest of the day Prof. V. Kishan Rao**, Registrar, Osmania University. He is a distinguished academician, administrator and above all he is a good person. I thank you Sir, for having accepted our invitation to be the Chief Guest of the day.

Msgr. Swarna Bernard, Administrator of the Archdiocese of Hyderabad and the Chairman of HAES has a vast experience both as an educator and administrator. He has a good literary taste. We are happy to have him as the president of our Annual Day celebration.

The special guest of the day is Mr. Thomas Jonathan Mangan, a young and energetic Manager, Deloitte Tax LLP. St. Joseph's has a special bond with Deloitte on mutual interest. A hearty welcome to Tom! We look forward to hearing from you **the emerging industry expectations from the students in today's context.**

We have today the Annual Day of our college; with great pride I want to share with you the success of our students and the experience in achieving them. As I look back, this academic year 2010-2011 has brought many accomplishments and also made us see the gaps in some areas where there is a definite scope for improvement.

It's the first time the College Annual Day is celebrated without our Chairman Late Archbishop Marampudi Joji who died on 27th August 2010. However, I am of firm belief that his blessings and intercession from heaven will continue to shower on this institution. He was always keen that St. Joseph's college should excel in every respect of higher education and supported all our initiatives. May I request all of you to observe 2 minutes silence as a mark of respect to the departed soul of late Archbishop.

1. HISTORY OF EDUCATION AT ST JOSEPH'S

The journey of St. Joseph's began on 10 July 1997 with a Vision "**To provide a *distinct environment of excellence in education with humane values & social commitment***". **Most Rev. Dr. S. Arulappa**, then Archbishop of Hyderabad blessed the building and **Prof. Rama Kistaiah**, then, Vice-chancellor of Osmania University inaugurated the college. It was our late Archbishop Marampudi Joji who carried on the baton of this institution with resolute dedication. **Rev.Fr.Dr.V.K.Swamy** is the founder Principal and continues to lead the institution since its inception.

I am sure you are now familiar with our 5 Core Values – Trust in Divinity, Foster Integrity, Acquire Competencies, Strive for Excellence and Serve the Society and the entire gamut of operations in this institution are woven with these 5 threads of Core values.

Today we have over 1500 students pursuing 6 UG and 3 PG courses. It brings waves of emotions when I take you down the memory lane...a journey – an education yatra - that began with 134 students in 1997 to pursue 3 UG courses- (one in B. Sc (MPCs) and two streams in B Com). The curriculum growth of UG and PG courses indicates a continuous journey beyond the threshold of mediocrity to soar into an ever continuing explorative experience in quality education.

Let me have the privilege to take you around some **mile stones of progress**:

- 1997 – Degree College: B. Sc (MPCs), B. Com(R) & B. Com (Comp)
- Introduction of MCA in 1999 and MBA in 2001
- 2005 – Introduction of M. Com & our College secured 95% pass and ranked 1st in B.Com stream in the University.
- 2007 - The college was issued permanent Affiliation by O.U.
Years 2008 to 2010 were momentous for St. Joseph's College.
- We have been accredited by NAAC in the year 2008 with “A” grade with a CGPA of 3.51.
- We are **ranked 49** in the country among the **TOP COMMERCE** Colleges (among 1308 colleges) & **4th Rank in the city of Hyderabad** by ‘India Today’ magazine – June 28, 2010.
- **Ranked 10** in the city of Hyderabad among the **TOP SCIENCE** Colleges by ‘India Today magazine’ – June 28, 2010
- **Ranked 8 in AP among the B-Schools** and **ranked 20** in most promising B-School category in India by ‘Competition Success Review – GHRDC’ B-School Survey November 2010.
- **Ranked 9 among the top B-Schools in A.P** by ‘The New Indian Express’ for the year 2010.
- **Ranked 65 among the top B Schools in India** by Career 360 degree magazine Jan 2011.

Ladies and Gentlemen, it is all history and it is the future that beckons us and I have pleasure to unfold our aspirations for tomorrow and seek your active partnership, cooperation and support.

2. MARCHING TOWARDS AUTONOMY

Our education sector is on the threshold of path-breaking reforms. To be in tune with emerging needs of the society, seeking autonomy is the logical step towards advanced education. You will be glad to know that the groundwork for autonomy has been initiated and I would like to share these initiatives.

Extensive deliberation by **Academic Advisory Committee & Governing Body of the society has been made.** A group of staff members were taken to autonomous colleges both in the city and outside the State like Chennai Loyola, Stella Mary's, Mumbai, St. Xavier's to understand the dynamics of Autonomy.

You will be happy to know that UGC expert committee for Autonomy visited our College on 4th & 5th February 2011 and we are awaiting the official approval for Autonomy. If everything goes well, we hope to enroll our first batch of students under Autonomy by June 2011 with the concurrence of Osmania University. Osmania University will always be our parent university in helping us to design the curriculum and issuing the final degree. It is proposed to offer three new courses in the next academic

year viz. BBA, BA Mass Communications with Journalism & Animation and MPC combination (Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry) at B. Sc level.

3. ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

At the Undergraduate level, our Commerce students secured 92.6 % pass percentage and 60.7 % in B.Sc. At the Post Graduate level, it was 84% in MCA, 89% in MBA and 93% in M.Com.

We have a list of students who excelled in Osmania University Final examinations; they are selected for the award of Academic excellence on this Day:

UG :

1. **Manju Shree Sharda** of B. Com(Reg) stood first with 84%
2. **Khatija Surani** of B. Com (Comp) with 82.5 % stood second.
3. **Swathi Prasad** of B. Sc (M.S.Cs) stood first with 92%
4. **A.Vinay Singh** of B.Sc (M.S.Cs) with 84% stood second.

PG:

1. **L.Srilatha** of MBA stood first with 73.1 %
2. **Paridhi Agarwal** of MBA stood second with 71.3%
3. **L.R.Prashanth** of MCA stood first with 74.8%
4. **B.Rajender Prasad** of MCA stood second with 74.1%
5. **Mohd Hassan** stood first in M.Com with 69.7 %.

Apart from these prizes for the passed out students, the management encourages by **awarding Rs 1000** for the existing students **who secured 81% and above** in the university exams. This year, **41 students** will be receiving the cash award of Rs 1000 for securing 81% and above marks and **30 students will be receiving cash award of Rs1000 for achieving centum (100%) marks in subjects.**

Manju Shree Sharda Topper (**Regulars**) secured 84% in the Osmania University Annual Exam is awarded **GOLD MEDAL** instituted by **Dr. M. Prabhakar Reddy, Reader, Badurka College of Commerce** in memory of his father M.Veera Venkat Reddy.

I congratulate each one of them and I am sure the present outgoing students of UG and PG will emulate and excel even further.

4. EDUCATION PROCESS AT ST.JOSEPH'S

In our efforts towards academic excellence and growth, we have initiated action to bridge the gap between the institution and industry. We assess the students' strength and weakness in academics and aptitude and address their needs through various Bridge courses, Certificate courses, Modules on Personality Development, Courses on Life Skills, Courses on Global Competencies and Counseling courses. We use information technology and internet and other visual aids in our teaching methods.

You will be glad to know that St Joseph's has a continuous evaluation system. We conduct Tests & Assignments at knowledge level, Group discussions, Seminars, Quiz at comprehension level and Case studies, Projects, Computer Programming at analytical level. Exams are structured with unit tests and Term exams. Pre-final Theory and Practical exams are held to prepare them for the University exams.

IQAC (Internal Quality Assurance Cell)

The internal quality assurance Cell, constituted under the Chairmanship of the Principal in June 2009 carried out streamlining and improving various systems and procedures. The committee was formed based on the recommendations of NAAC for monitoring the quality parameters in the college.

5. PLACEMENT RECORD

Ladies and Gentlemen! The excellent academic records of our students do not end with the results. They get translated into fruitful career in several corporate. A few others pursue entrepreneurship in family business. I have pleasure to inform that 32 leading corporate in Hyderabad – from Banking, IT, Financial, HR sectors have selected a sizable number of students and they are doing well.

To enable placement as an on going process, the college initiated industry-institution interaction and collaboration with several firms to conduct company academic linkages.

6. CURRICULAR & CO- CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (2010 -2011).

A. Common activities

A faculty orientation program was conducted between 9th and 11th June, 2010. The objective of the orientation program was to enrich the faculty with spiritual qualities for collaborative and cohesive Work, to empower the teachers in imparting the right skills and attitudes to build a successful career, home and society and to make the teachers embrace the *theme for the year Be Happy & Make Others Happy*.

Induction program:

A two- day **induction program** was conducted for the students of degree I year to acquaint them with the ethos of the college and facilitate their smooth transition from Intermediate to Under Graduate studies. Sessions like Beyond Curriculum and Goal Setting, department-wise presentations on curriculum, course structure, college regulations, extra-curricular activities, club events, community service initiatives etc. made the induction program an ideal introductory session for the freshers.

B. Departmental Activities:

a) COMMERCE:

The department organized a Workshop on *New Curriculum in Commerce & Business Economics* in Collaboration with the Department of Commerce, O.U. for four days for degree college commerce

lecturers. The inaugural address was delivered by **Prof. Tirupathi Rao, V.C. O.U. and Prof. M. Sulochana, Head, dept. of Commerce OU** and other faculty members from OU were present. The event garnered a massive response as 297 participants from 79 colleges gained fresh insights into the new curriculum introduced in Commerce.

The department hosted *Orientation Sessions on 4 January, 2011 for students pursuing C.A.* to encourage them to attend the state - level SICASA and STRIDE conferences held on 9 and 10 January, 2011. Strategem Solutions gave an orientation for the final B.Com students on 'Certified Financial Planner'.

Members of Economic Times Club visited the Times of India printing press at Nacharam to know about the working process of the press.

To gain knowledge about project work report guidelines, students of B. Com. III Honors attended a Seminar at IIMC on 2 August, 2010.

b) LANGUAGES:

A Workshop on *Women, Media & Theatre* was conducted by the dept in collaboration with **Mrs. Christine Lazarus MLA** as part of U.N. White Ribbon Campaign for elimination of violence against women.

The department organized with the help of **Inspire India** – A Workshop on *Social Leadership* for the undergraduate students.

Select students accompanied by faculty from the department participated in a Seminar on *Women and Functional Literacy* held as part of U.N. White Ribbon Campaign against *Violence on Women* at RBVRR College.

The faculty from the Department of English, along with a group of Josephites, participated at the closing ceremony of the U.N. Human Rights Day on 10 December, 2010.

A course on Language, Employability Skills & Presentation skills is conducted by the Department of English for PG students.

c) MATHEMATICS & SCIENCE:

The department conducted a two-day seminar on *Conceptual Insights in Mathematics and Statistics* for HAES High School Teachers on 4 & 5 June, 2010.

The department conducted a Quiz Competition on 27 October, 2010 on the occasion of *World Mathematics Day*.

The department conducted *Science Day celebrations* to promote participatory learning among students on 9th and 10th November, 2010. The academic talks on Nano Materials by Dr. Seshu and Embedded Systems and its Applications by **Mr. P. Chandrasekhar, Technical Director, Technical Group** were the highlight of the program.

A workshop on *Emerging Trends in IT* on 9th September, 2010 was organized in which *Animation and Movie Editing* and *MAYA software features and linear/ non – linear editing* were demonstrated.

B.Sc II Year students went on a *field visit* to Vijaya Dairy located at Tarnaka, Hyderabad on 21 August, 2010.

d)BUSINESS MANAGEMENT:

The department in collaboration with INSPIRE INDIA organized Outbound Training Program '*Success of Young Professionals and the Importance of Character*' on 25 Aug, 2010. Mr. Raju Ravi Tej, CEO of Inspire India, Mr.Jaganath Rao, Director, Sankalp Learning Systems & Mr. Krishna Sagar Rao, Founder & MD Matrix Mentoring Pvt. Ltd were the resource persons of the day.

A workshop on '*Super Executive*' was organized by Mr. Ronald Deshmukh, senior accountant, HR department, WIPRO & Mr. Zia, CEO of Team Lead

A guest lecture on "*Issues in Industrial Development*" by Mr.Jebamalai Vinanchi Arachi was organized on 18 Sep, 2010.

A lecture on *Achieving Success in Life* on 30 Oct, 2010 was delivered by Prof.M. Masood Ahmed, principal, Deccan College of Management.

A seminar on '*Critical Awareness of Self, Others and Spirituality*' (CASOS) was conducted for the students by Rev. Fr. Dr. Stephen Jayard.

e)COMPUTER SCIENCE:

A workshop on *Hardware & Networking* was organized by Jetking on 30 June, 2010. Hands on experience of Assembling & Disassembling of computers and details about various components and its peripherals were discussed.

An *Awareness Campaign on World Ozone Layer Safety Day* was organized to commemorate *The United Nations' (UN) International Day* for the preservation of the ozone layer on 16 September 2010. To enhance *employability skills* as part of the pre-placement activity, the department in collaboration with CMC, Hyderabad, conducted a mock *aptitude Test*.

7. FACULTY CONTRIBUTION

1. **Rev.Fr.Dr.V.K.Swamy, Principal**, Prof. Patrick Jasca, Director, Business Management, Mary Harden University, Belton Texas and **Mrs. R. Anita, Associate Professor, Dept. of Business Management** presented a paper on *“India: Internet Usage and Issues”* at the International Academy of Business and Public Administration Disciplines from April 22- 25, 2010 at Dallas, Texas, U.S.A. Another paper on *“An Evaluation of B-Schools ranking”* at AIMS eighth **International Conference at IIM, Ahmedabad** January 1–4, 2011.
2. **Prof. K. Malla Reddy, Director** presented a paper on “Management Education – Issues & Challenges” AIMS eighth International Conference at IIM, Ahmedabad January 1–4, 2011.
3. **Mrs. Kalyani**, Associate Professor, Department of Business Management presented papers on “Taking Banking Services to the Common Man - Financial Inclusion” at a National Seminar on Global Financial Crisis, Badruka and “Share Holder Activism” at International Conference on Corporate Governance organized by IPE.
4. **Mrs. Sangeetha Thakur** presented a paper on Electronic CRM as a Multifaceted Strategy at National Seminar on Contemporary Management Issues and Challenges held at Department of Business Management, O.U. Hyderabad.
5. **Mrs.Mary.A.Francina** presented a paper on “Cross Cultural Management - Issues and Challenges” at National Seminar on Contemporary Management - Issues and Challenges held at Department of Business Management O.U.
6. **Ms. Neha Singh** presented a paper on “Talent Management - Challenges and Strategy” at National Seminar on Contemporary Management Issues and Challenges held at Department of Business Management, O.U.
7. **Mrs. Sangeetha** of Department of English was awarded Ph.D on 17th February 2011 by Gulbarga University.
8. **Mr. Shakti Singh** of Department of Commerce qualified in NET in 2010.
9. **Mrs. Karuna Reddy**, lecturer in Sanskrit presented a paper on Arts as presented in the Ramayana at a National Seminar conducted by Sanskrit Academy, O.U.
10. **Mr. Mohd Irfan Mohiuddin**, a lecturer in Arabic presented papers on Role of Translation in the Promotion of Indo- Arab Relations and Islam – Anti-terrorism at department of Arabic, O.U. and at Nanded, Maharashtra.

Here in St. Joseph’s we value the contribution of Faculty and there are some initiatives such as Feedback by the students about the teaching-learning and self-appraisal by Teachers to enhance the quality of teaching.

8. OUTREACH PROGRAMMES

The following outreach programs were organized as **Institution-neighbourhood Development**:

5 K Run to high light about the child rights & child help line:

Our College works with a strong value- based orientation of sensitizing the students to the needs of the under privileged. In keeping with this ethos, a 5K Run was conducted in collaboration with Divya Disha

a reputed NGO on 20 November, 2010 at 7 A.M. on the Necklace Road. The Run which was planned for the inter college students was a great success and garnered via media coverage, ensuring the expected public attention towards the helpline number. Students from various colleges of the twin cities enthusiastically participated in the Run which was flagged off by **Sri. Anjan Kumar Yadav MP**. The event culminated in a cultural program at Sanjeevaiah Park. A skit on child labour by students of All Saints High School a colourful dance and music show by Josephites formed the highlights of the day.

Ten of our students participated in the **cultural exchange program** conducted by United Games of Nations with SAARC countries at Thiruvapur, Tamilnadu in November 2010.

Three of our college students (A.Vinay Sai Krishna, J.Rohit Kumar (B.Sc II, M.E.Cs) and V.Aravind (MBA II year)) attended 1st Parliament of Indian Students Council Leaders held at Pune, January 12th – 14th 2011. Eminent Resource Persons for this programme were Abdul Kalam, Kiran Bedi , L.K.Advani and many more.

Five students of our College Choir “ Templars” represented by Russell, Vivian, Joel, Issac and Praneeth attended National Competition organised by **Zee TV Reality Show** and were selected in the city round for semi finals held in Noida and for Finals held in Shillong. They were also given free tickets to participate in the Competition.

Red Cross society conducted in blood grouping camp for the benefit of the students in July, 2010.

The NSS Unit of the college with 70 students conducted a special camp at Thatti Annaram Village for 7 days (both day & night) from **8th Nov- to 14th Nov’10**. The volunteers conducted various programs like Free Medical Check-up, Survey on literacy, health and drinking water facilities, clean and green, tree plantation in the village and also in the hamlets of the village.

The department of business management visited the Orphanage (Ashritha Family, Medchal) on 18th Dec 2010 which is run for destitute and homeless and Home for the Aged.

The department of computer science along with the students organized a social service camp at the Integrated Welfare Society, Secunderabad; the joy of Christmas festival was shared with them on 21st Dec 2010. As part of **SASMITA program**, the staff and the students of MCA visited integrated welfare society - Sai Sahakar Home for the aged & mentally Sick at Qutubullapur, Hyderabad on 21 December, 2010.

In addition, **Celebrations** like Freshers Day, Independence Day, and Christmas to impart the spirit of joy, patriotism and sharing take place regularly.

9. ACHIEVEMENTS

Let me mention our achievements in games and sports.

- **Charvi Bhansari** of I Year Commerce won gold medal in inter collegiate Chess tournament by Osmania University.

- **Augustin** of I MBA was selected to represent Osmania University in All India University Athletic competition in 100 meters dash.
- **Our cricket Team** bagged the 3rd position among 100 teams which participated in Eenadu Cricket Tournament.

It is my pleasure to inform you that we have a vast pool of talents in various cultural events and you will be seeing them performing on the stage later today.

All the students who won 1st position in various sports, games and cultural events will be felicitated today with prizes..

10. ALUMNI

Many of our Alumni are doing great work in their respective domains and to raise the bar of excellence, they met recently on **5th Feb 2011** and forged several initiatives to strengthen the foray of our students into the corporate world. An interactive link in the college website has been created wherein our alumni can post their request, suggestions, job opportunities etc as part of continuous interaction process with our alumni.

CONCLUDING MOMENTS

I shall be failing in my duty, if I do not thank my collaborators Prof. K. Malla Reddy, Director, PG. College, Vice Principals Rev. Fr. Sunder Reddy, Rev. Fr. Vincent Arokiadas, Dr. Vidya Sagar, the placement officer, Heads of the departments, esteemed faculty members, Librarians, office staff and other supporting staff members who contribute to various developmental activities to take place in the campus.

I express my indebtedness to all who in their own way have helped in raising the institution where it stands today. I owe my gratitude to all the members of College Advisory Committee and HAES Governing Body members.

Dear students, my deep felt thanks to all of you. I am sure that our collective endeavor shall take our College to greater heights in serving the society in a meaningful and positive manner.

My whole hearted thanks to all parents and alumni who have been in touch with us during the year and their valuable suggestions helped us to improve. I look forward to your continued support in our march towards autonomy.

And thank you very much to our distinguished guests on the dais and off the dais for gracing this day with your presence.

Finally, I thank God Almighty for sustaining and guiding this institution.

Thanks to one and all and **God bless you!**

Rev.Fr. Dr. V K Swamy
Principal, St Joseph's College
26 February 2011.

FRIENDSHIP

If you are polite and courteous, you will enjoy the friendship of many people. Exchange greetings with many, but take advice from only one person out of thousand. When you make friends, don't be too quick to trust them; make sure that they have proved themselves. Some people will be your friends only when it is convenient for them, but they won't stand by you in trouble. Others will fall out with you over some argument, and then embarrass you by letting everyone know about it. Others will sit at your table as long as things are going well; they will stick to you like your shadow and give orders to your servant, but they will not stand by you in trouble. If your situation takes a turn for the worse, they will turn against you, and you won't be able to find them anywhere.

Stay away from you enemies and be on guard against your friends. A loyal friend is like a safe shelter; find one and you have found a treasure. Nothing else is as valuable; there is no way of putting a price on it. **A loyal friend is like a medicine that keeps you in good health.** Only those who fear GOD can find such a friend. A person who fears the GOD can make real friendships, because he will treat his friends as he does himself.

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*****PROGRAMME*****

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