

Department of English

Annual Report
2013-14

St. Joseph's Degree & PG College
King Koti, Hyderabad

It has been **Anna Mirabilis** for the department of English! It was a truly Blessed year with a lot of achievements both for the students & the faculty.

1. Students Centric Activities

Reputation of the Department

New Best Practice of the Department

Research Papers Presented by the students- In order to inculcate the spirit of research among the student fraternity, under the guidance of Dr. Deepika Rupert Gardner, Associate Professor & Head, Department English; 4 students wrote & presented Research Papers in the National Seminar conducted by the Department of Commerce on *Emerging Trends in Commerce –An Edge*” at St. Joseph’s Degree & PG College, King Koti, Hyderabad On 19 December 2013. Zahra Ghani and Aashritha Arugula of B. B.A I presented paper on **“Stress Management”**. D.K.V. Aiswarya and Sanober Farheen of B.Com I Professional presented on **“Changing Life Insurance & Health Insurance Needs in India”**. It was well presented by the students.

Courses Introduced in the Academic year 2013-2014

1. EASY ENGLISH

“EASE e-English”

A Special Program for International Students

This is an initiative of the English department designed by Dr. Deepika Gardner, Head of the English department. In order to meet the needs of our international student fraternity this course has been designed. It is for the international students who do not currently meet the English language requirements. The course is tailored to meet the English language requirements to bring them on par with their degree needs. This module is designed to improve the communicative English Skills of students whose First Language is not English. It aims to develop skills such as problem solving & expressing opinions in English.

The course structure comprised of 20 Modules for 4 Weeks. The objective is to develop students’ confidence in day –to-day use of English both inside & outside the classroom, helping the students to communicate more effectively in writing & speaking in a variety of non-academic styles. The focus is also on listening skills & vocabulary development which is an important part of this process.

Coordinators: Dr. Deepika Gardner & Ms. RM Sherlin Smile

2. INTER- DISCIPLINARY SUBJECT – Functional English for Corporate Communication

Name of Subject: *Functional English for Corporate Communication*

Class: B.Com III A & B

Course Duration: 20 hours

Aims & Objectives:

1. Introducing basics of Corporate Communication.
2. Reinforcement of grammar.
3. Helping learners acquire the basic skills of effective writing.

Coordinators: Ms. Bhuvana Immaculate & Ms. Angela Christina

Induction Program:

Induction Program for International Business English Certificate - BEC Course was conducted on 12 February to orient the students towards the course. This is offered by the University of Cambridge, UK.

a. Entry Level Test

ELST - ENGLISH LANGUAGE SKILLS TEST - ELST 2013

The department conducted the Entry level test called the **English Language Skills Test- '13 (ELST)**. It is a test which is held every year to gauge the level of English of the degree first year students from all streams i.e. commerce, sciences, management and mass communication at entry level. It is mandatory for all students to undertake and clear this test. Those who do not qualify have to take up the 'Bridge Course' which is especially designed to bring them at par with the others.

The test was successfully conducted on 11th July, 2013 from 12.00 to 1.00pm. 600 students wrote the test which is nearly double the number from last year. The results were declared on 14th August, 2013.

b. Bridge Courses & Certificates- International Certification from University of Cambridge

1. **BEC - Business English Certificate:** The Business English Certificate of Cambridge University was started for the students. It is an international certification which is immensely popular for employment as well as pursuing higher education. The First Batch consists of 43 students for the BEC Preliminary examination which is on March 13, 2014. The students

were trained by Dr. Deepika Gardner & Ms. Bhuvana Immaculate. Results will be announced on 28 April

2. **IRC -Industry Ready Certificate - Industry Ready Course**: This special course was designed by **Dr. Deepika Gardner** . This is a 20 Module course comprising of various aspects which the students need to be successful in the corporate life. The objective is to equip them with good employability skills. Ms. RM Sherlin Smile has trained the students.

F. Club/ Cell Activities

Department:

1. **JELS – Joseph’s English Literary Society – The Drama Club ‘SPOTLIGHT’ Wins Osmania University I Prize for the second consecutive year!!!- Yuva Tarang-‘2013’**

Auditions were held on 19th July’13 at Seminar Hall 2 from 2.00 to 3.30 pm. Many theatre enthusiasts from all streams participated and lot of talent could be tapped. The programme was compered by Ms. Anizia Barla from B.Com II Professionals. She also read the ‘Report’ on last year’s drama club activities and apprised the new entrants about the club and how it brought laurels to the college by **bagging the I prize at Osmania University Youth Fest-‘Yuva Tarang-‘12’ in its Debut performance**. The Judges for the day were Mrs. Aparna Sathe from department of Sanskrit, Mrs. Padmasri from department of French and Dr. Deepika Gardner Head department of English. The Best performance was Yaikhomba Meetei from B. Com I Professionals and Ashish from Mass Com I. In group it was Desiree and Anurita Das from Mass Com I who really acted well! The programme was arranged by Mrs. Bhuvana Immaculate.

- a. **The Poetry Group ‘Fragrance’ was formed**. The Poetry Recitation Competition was held on 18th August ’13. The poem ‘Endymion’ by John Keats was beautifully recited by some students. The judges were Dr. S. Brinda, Dean Commerce and Dr. Deepika Gardner, Head department of English. The programme was arranged by Mrs. Sherlin Smile.
2. **JECC- Joseph’s English Corporate Club-**
 - a. **Dr. Deepika Gardner** prepared a Module for English for the ‘**Campus Recruitment Training**’ for the Final year students as part of the Placement Cell Program for 2013-14. She along with Mrs. Bhuvana Immaculate conducted the English Module for the students.

- b. **'Resume Workshop' – Techno-savvy**
 1. The Department of English conducted a workshop for the II & III year students on Resume Writing Skills.
 2. Dr. Deepika Gardner trained the students of Mass Communication in making the Video Resumes. This is the latest in terms of technology.
3. **JERC – Joseph's English Reader's Cell** – The Cell comprises of various books of different genres namely, Fiction, Non-Fiction, Dramas, Short stories, books on Communication and soft skills, etc. Both the faculty & staff make use of this facility. Ms. Sherlin Smile is In-charge of this cell.

4. **University Level Achievements:**

1. The **Drama Club 'Spotlight'** performed a **One Act Play** on the **Theme of Differently-abled People and Importance of Girl Child**. They participated in the **Inter-collegiate Competitions organized by Osmania University from 7th to 9th November 2013 and won the First Place**. This is the second time that the students have bagged this prize.
2. In **2012 Yuva Tarang** also Josephites **won I Prize** in their **Debut** for the play **'Face Book' on the Evils of Social Networking Sites**. Credit is due to the Drama Club President Hussain Chhagani, & Director Anizia Barla both from B.Com II Professional stream and Rishika Diana B.Com III C the entire club members. The winners are
 - M.Rishika Diana – B.Com IIC
 - M. Anna Lovely –B.Com III H
 - Kuldeep Parul - B.Com III H
 - P. Simhachalam - B.Com III H
 - A.Deepthi - B.Com III C
 - Surabi Jain - B.Com III C
 - Shruthi Upadyay – B.Com IIC
 - M. Indupriyavyas - B.Com III C

The winners of MIME are:

Supriya Reddy - B.Com III C
Mario Leonard Joseph - B.Com II H
Akaash Thakwani - B.Com II H
M. Indupriyavyas - B.Com III C

College Activities:

5. New Best Practice of College JGG – Joseph’s Green Group-

The Environment Club called “**JOSEPH’S GREEN GROUP**” was established on 12 December 2013. It’s **Objective: LITTLE STEPS TO SAVE BIG WORLD.**

The Environment Club “Joseph’s Green Group” at St. Joseph’s Degree & PG College was started at the behest of our **Principal, Rev. Father Vincent Arokiadas** by Dr. Deepika Rupert Gardner, Coordinator JGG, Ms. Sherlin Smile, Ms. Bhuvana Immaculate, Ms. Esther Ratna and Student Coordinators-Mohit Chawda BBA III, B. Harika BA II, DKV Aiswarya B.Com I P.

The increasing human footprint on Earth poses great environmental challenges that continue to grow over time. An unprecedented effort is required to alleviate the adverse effects that human activities have on the ecosystem, effects that in turn alter how we interact with the Earth and with each other. Inclusion of all approaches to problem-solving will be necessary to effect a meaningful change. **Joseph’s Green Group** addresses this global need as an unparalleled hub of environmental issues, innovation, and education. Its unique strength is the zeal with which this group has emerged to reduce *the carbon footprints of Josephites.*



JGG FORMATION -March 1, 2014

JOSEPH'S GREEN GROUP



JOSEPH'S GREEN GROUP
Presents

JOSEPH'S ENVIRONMENT CARNIVAL "GREEN MARCH" 2014 A MARCH TOWARDS GREENER INITIATIVES

A bonanza of fun activities to increase environmental awareness, create environment-friendly responsible Green Citizens/Josephites for a clean & Healthy Earth.

1. PAINT/COLOR OUR EARTH GREEN - 3rd March
2. GREEN COLLAGES
3. BEST OUT OF WASTE - 3rd March
4. POLLUTION CONTROL CHECK CAMP - 4th March
5. CLEAN & GREEN CAMPUS- STREET PLAY "CLEANLINESS" - 4th March
6. ENVIRONMENT QUIZ - 4th March
7. JGG FORMATION BY STUDENTS- PHOTO & VIDEO SHOOT- MASS COM (ARIAL VIEW) - 1st March

*Conservation is a state of harmony between men and land.
Aldo Leopold*

DRESS CODE: 1 MARCH 2014- GREEN FOR BOTH STAFF & STUDENTS.

"Be Renewable, be Green, be Sustainable"

St. Joseph's Degree & PG College inaugurated **the "Environment Carnival- Green March"** on 1st March 2014. The staff and students wore green to send the "Go Green" message strongly. Various activities like Painting, Environment Quiz, Best Out of Waste, Collage making and Pollution Check Control Camp etc. were organized during the month.

WORKSHOP BY JOSEPH'S GREEN GROUP-December 2013

On 19th December 2013, a **Workshop on 'Best Out of Waste'** was organised by Joseph's Green Group. The program began by a prayer by Vice Principal Rev. Fr. Sagayaraja. Dr. Deepika Gardner, Head Department of English, Coordinator of JGG welcomed the Vice Principals and the gathering of students from various departments i.e. Science, Mass Communication, BBA, and B.Com Professionals and Regulars. Rev. Fr. Sleeva Reddy appreciated the efforts of JGG saying it was a concrete step in working for a clean, green environment and assured his support for the Kitchen Garden Project. Student Coordinators: - Mohit BBA III, Aishwarya B.com IP and Haarika B.A II apprised the students about JGG- its vision, mission, logo and various activities to be conducted through an effective Power Point Presentation. Later a workshop was conducted by B. Harika and Ayesha BA II Mass Communication, Meghna & Prasanna from B. Com I Professional. The students were taught to make candle stand with old CDs, wallets from old magazine papers, waste paper baskets, pen stands & jewellery boxes with old newspapers. Zahra Ghani and Aashrita of BBA I took up the challenge for making Waste Paper baskets for all classes.

JGG Meeting- 28 February 2014

Volunteers present at the meeting of JGG on 28-02-2014

S.No	Name	Class
1	D.K.V.Aishwarya	B.com 1p
2	Harika Bantupalli	B.A II year
3	Urmi Biswas	B.com 1p
4	Lisha Jain	B.com 1p
5	Sonali Agarwal	B.com 1p
6	Sooraj Suresh	B.com 1p
7	Mendonce	B.com 1p
8	Nasheed	B.com 1p
9	Shravan	B.com 1p
10	Raj kunwar	B.com 1p
11	Rohit	B.com 1p
12	Prashasti	BBA 1

13	Zahra Gahni	BBA 1
14	Aashrita Arugula	BBA 1
15	Tahura	BBA 1
16	Khatija	BBA 1
17	Insiya	BBA 1
18	Ritesh	BBA 1
19	Asad	BBA 1
20	Danish	BBA 1
21	Arul Wilson	BBA 1
22	Payal Jain	B.com 1H
23	Monika	B.com 1H
24	Meenakshi	B.com 1H
25	Namrata	B.com 1H
26	Santosh	B.com 1H
27	Yogesh	B.com 1H
28	Aashish	B.com 1H
29	Kiran	B.com 1H
30	Abhishek Asawa	B.com 1A
31	Shubham Raj	B.com 1A
32	Jennis	B.com 1A
33	Ateeq	B.com 1A
34	Nisha	B.com 1A
35	Madhuri	B.com 1A
36	Nikita	B.com 1A
37	Sangeeta	B.com 1A
38	Pradeep Kumar Gupta	B.sc III year
39	Amardeep	B.sc III year
40	Allen Tider	B.sc 1 year
41	Amar	B.sc 1 year

ENVIRONMENT CLUB - "Environment Carnival"

1. The Environment Club called "**JOSEPH'S GREEN GROUP**" was established on 11 December 2013. **1March 2014 was declared as the Joseph's Green Day** and the month is called the **Green March**. Various competitions were conducted on the theme of "**Save the Green Earth**". Students and staff were dressed in green and made a JGG formation and raised slogans to create awareness about environment. The competitions held were:

1. Best Out of Waste
Pooja Agarwal (B. Com II P) – I Prize
2. Painting
Madhuri B. Com I A
3. Poster preparation
4. Collage

VISIT of – Former Joint Director & Horticulturist GHMC, Hyderabad

Mr. Vithal's Visit – Former Joint Director & Horticulturist GHMC visited St. Joseph's Degree and PG College on 24 February 2014. He had a discussion with JGG coordinator Dr. Deepika Gardner regarding improvement and maintenance of green area. He also interacted with Ms. Esther Ratna, Administrator & B. Harika, Student Coordinator JGG. He gave many inputs regarding the green area, herbal garden & compost pit.

NEW BEST PRACTICE- Constitution of Student Quality Cell

6. **SQC - The Students Quality Cell** of St. Joseph's Degree & PG college was constituted on 4 September 2013. The Principal Rev. Fr. Vincent Arokiadas addressed the students & Dr. Deepika Rupert Gardner, Associate Professor & Head Department English was made the Coordinator of the cell. Ms. RM Sherlin Smile, Assistant Professor in English & Ms. Esther Ratna, Administrator are also part of the team. This is one of the **NEW BEST PRACTICES** introduced by the principal. The Class Representatives two from each section form the student body. The Student Quality Cell (SQC) mainly acts as an interface between the student community and the management. The Management and the staff meet consistently once a month to deliberate on issues regarding students' welfare & enhance the quality of the institution. This is an extremely important body as it redresses grievances and steps up the quality parameters.

SQC- Student Quality Cell Meeting

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The Principal further asked the students to make use of suggestion box for issues they encounter so that it will be rectified soon, they need not wait for the SQC meeting. He enquired whether they had any inconvenience during examination time and the students' response was negative. Rev. Fr. Sleeva Reddy, the Vice-Principal spoke about the role played by Student Representatives in raising the quality in education. He emphasized upon the expectations of the management from the students. Dr. Deepika Rupert Gardner said that the students are the Brand Ambassadors of the College and stressed that discipline is the hallmark of St. Joseph's College. Mrs. Esther Ratna, Administrator, described that the major concern of SQC was the quality of College as well as the students. She invited the students to come out with more suggestions and ideas to enhance the quality. The meeting was concluded by Rev. Fr. Vincent Arokiadas who expressed his gratitude to the faculty and students.

WORLD PEACE DAY CELEBRATED

7. **NSS Essay Writing Competition** was held on 21 September 2013 from 2.00 to 3.00 pm at Seminar Hall to celebrate the **World Peace Day**. The NSS Coordinator, **Mr. Sravan Kumar** conducted the program. He introduced the topic- "**World Peace Scenario & India's Role in it**" & spoke about the importance of peace. He emphasized on the role of NSS students in it. **Dr. Deepika Gardner**, Associate Professor & Head Department of English then spoke about the importance of essays in expressing one's thoughts on various subjects. She gave the rules & guidelines to be followed for the competition. 16 students took part in it.

The Judges were: **Dr. Deepika Gardner** Associate Professor & Head Department of English

Ms. Aparna Sathe Assistant Professor Sanskrit

The Winners were:

I Prize- Jitesh Pandey- B. Com I Honors

II Prize- Anna Lovely – B. Com III Honors

III Prize- Mohd. Farhaan- B. Com II Professional

Seminars/ Guest Lectures/ Workshops Conducted

1. An [Orientation Program for the Business English Certificate Course \(BEC\)](#) by the [University of Cambridge](#) was conducted on 12 February 2014 at

Joseph's Hall. The Chief Resource Person was Mr. Neslyn Johnson, Vice-President Ebek Laboratories Chennai. He enlightened the students on the purpose and significance of BEC. He said it is a globally recognized course which helps them for higher education as well as for better employment prospects.

INTERVENTION PROGRAMME ON IDIOMATIC ENGLISH 2013-14

An intervention program was conducted for the second year B.Com Regular students from 23 November 2013 to 7 December 2013 by Hyderabad Central University- Ph. D Scholar, Mr. Sridhar on “ **Idiomatic Expression & Fluency**” for 13 hours.

h. Hands on Experience / Industrial Visits – N A

i. JOSEPHIESTIA 2014

Josephiesta-1February 2014

The Department of English organised and conducted two formal events for Josephiesta-14. The events were:

1. Spell Bee
2. Chameleon

There were eight participants for ‘**Spell Bee**’. The competition was conducted from 12:30 – 1:30 pm in Room No. 110.

The Winners were St. Francis Degree College, Begumpet.

There were eight participants for ‘**Chameleon**’. The competition was conducted from 12:30 – 1:30 pm in Room No. G10.

The Winners were:

I Prize Manisha Raj I MBA St. Joseph's Degree and PG College

II Prize Kritika Jain I B.Com 'A' St. Joseph's Degree and PG College

j. Other Events/ Celebrations/ Competitions Conducted by the Department:

1. The Essay Writing Competition was held on 18th July '13 from 2.00 to 3.00 pm at Seminar Hall The topics were: 1) Disaster Management and its Significance
2. Role of Media in a Democracy.

3. Mrs. Bhuvana Immaculate conducted the competition. 37 students took part in it.
4. A Poetry Recitation Competition was conducted on 18 July 2012. The poem was **Endymion** by John Keats.
5. The Spell Bee Competition was conducted on 12 September 2013
6. A General Quiz competition was conducted on 18 September 2013
7. Christmas Competitions

Carol Singing

I Prize

1. Jiby III B.A
2. Rohit B.Com III D
3. Nikhil III B.A
4. Madieline III B.A
5. Amrutha Vani B.Com III C
6. Troy I B.Sc MECS

Christmas Tree & notice board Decoration

1. Kritika Jain B.Com I A
2. Harshita Sethi B.Com I A
3. Abishek Asawa B.Com I A
4. Jennis Gala B.Com I A
5. Shyam Agarwal B.Com I A
6. Ashish Agarwal B.Com I H

Icing the Cake WINNERS were :

1. Cherry Jain B.Com I (Hons)
2. Payal Jain B.Com I (Hons)

Christmas Card preparation Winner

1. Ayesha II B.A(Mass.Com)

Christmas Day Celebration

The Christmas Day celebration was organised on 21 December 2013 at 1:00pm at Joseph's Hall. Rev.Fr.Gova Showri ,the Chief Guest inspired the staff and students with his message. The college choir "Anna Domini" spread the air with the spirit of Christmas through their Carols. Rev.Fr.Sagayaraja, vice- principal appreciated the college choir for their melodious singing and commended them for winning first prize in Inter- college United College Singing Competition on 7December 2013. Rev.Fr.Sagayaraja, Rev.Fr.Sleeva Reddy and Rev.Fr.Gova Showri with the student representatives Payal and Cherry Jain of

B.Com I (Honours) cut the Christmas Cake. Zarmeena Khan of B.Com I (Prof) was the santaclaus and she spread the message “Go Green”.

JSS (Joseph Service Society)

Ms. Bhuvana Immaculate along with the B.Com I B students visited **Government Old Age Home –Amberpet** on 8 February, 2014. The old age home caters to the needs of 94 women above the age of 50. 32 students participated in the program and contributed Rs. 10,000 to the old age home along with other basic amenities (new sarees, medicine, biscuits, fruits, Rice& Dal)



Ms. Angela Christina along with 45 B.Com I D students visited Nava Jeevan Boys Orphanage at New Bhoiguda on 8 February, 2014. The Orphanage caters to the health, education and upliftment of 50 young boys. The students contributed Rs.10, 100.

k. Internships/ Projects: N A

l. Pre- placements activities:

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- b. ‘**Resume Workshop**’ – The Department of English conducted a workshop for the II & III year students on Resume writing skills.
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FACULTY RELATED

- **Faculty Development Program**

A Faculty Development Programme was conducted by the Department of English on “**Synergy for Professional Success**” for the faculty members of St. Joseph’s Degree and PG College on 19 November 2014. It comprised of two segments; the first part laid stress upon attitudinal change and believing in oneself by positive thinking & learning to adapt with others by being a team player. The second segment was Effective Communication Skills & Work place Etiquette. The Chief Resource person was **Dr. Deepika Rupert Gardner**, Head of the Department. **Ms. RM Sherlin Smile** conducted the program & **Ms. Bhuvana Immaculate** presented two very beautiful & meaningful videos. There was good feedback from everyone.

- **WORKSHOPS/SEMINARS ATTENDED BY THE FACULTY**

1. Dr. Deepika Rupert Gardner, Associate Professor & Head Department of English and Ms. Angela Christina participated in a seminar conducted on “**Soft Skills**” on 31 October 2013 at Aurora College, Hyderabad.
2. Dr. Deepika Rupert Gardner, Associate Professor & Head Department of English and Ms. Bhuvana Immaculate attended **Business English Certificate Examiners Training Program of the University of Cambridge** at Malla Reddy College of Engineering and Technology, Hyderabad on 15 February 2014.

Faculty Enrichment & Contribution

a) Papers Presented in National & International Journals & Seminars

- **PAPERS PRESENTED BY FACULTY**

1. Dr. Deepika Rupert Gardner, Associate Professor & Head, Department of English & Ms. Sherlin Smile presented a Paper on “**Communication in Business - an Edge**” in the National Seminar on *Emerging Trends in Commerce -An Edge*” at St. Joseph’s Degree & PG College, King Koti, Hyderabad On 19 December 2013.
2. Ms Bhuvana Immaculate and Ms. Angela presented a Paper on “**Time Management**” in the National Seminar on *Emerging Trends in Commerce -An Edge* at St. Joseph’s Degree & PG College, King Koti, Hyderabad on 19 December 2013.

b) PAPER SETTERS

Dr. Deepika Gardner is a Paper Setter for other autonomous college.

c) Pursuing M. Phil & Ph. D's

Ms. Angela Christina- M. Phil

d) NET/SLET qualified

Ms. RM Sherlin Smile- AP SET & TN SET

e) Memberships

Dr. Deepika Gardner- British Council, British Library, Cambridge Business English, EF Education First

f) Awards/Rewards received

Award & Reward received from Principal Rev. Father Vincent Arokiadas for conducting "Faculty Development Program".

g) International Examiner

Dr. Deepika Gardner has been appointed as Oral Examiner by University of Cambridge, ESOL, UK.

h) Social Service Activity (JSS)

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