

**St. Joseph's Degree & PG College**  
**Autonomous - Affiliated to Osmania University**  
**Re-accredited by NAAC with 'A' Grade with a CGPA of 3.49**  
**King Koti Road, Hyderabad, Telangana**

**JOSEPHIESTA - A Vista of Myriad Talents**

Josephiesta 2011, the two day (12th -13th Dec.) fest at college broke new grounds with an overwhelming participation of over 3000 students from 80 colleges in 37 events of every kind. The fest struck a high-note of infotainment ( information & entertainment ) that was best described by the Hindu Newspaper, which states, "Josephiesta 2011 - the fest of St. Joseph's Degree & PG College was a felicitous mix of fun and entertainment and it showcased the students' managerial skills too". The great success of the programme is due to our student volunteers' tireless efforts. The continuous encouragement of the Principal Rev. Fr. Dr. V. K. Swamy, Rev. Fr. Sunder Reddy, Vice Principal and the teamwork of the faculty helped the students to realize their dream. The Eclectic range of competitions in the fest ranged from robotics to rock, folk dance to rap, commerce antakshari ti Kazz Up Your English, Mr. & Ms. Elite to Hyderabad Tadka, Ad-mad to Pen Your Thoughts and the list goes on. It was truly a variety fair, which combined movie screenings, art exhibition, food & entertainment stalls and a handicrafts stall set up by an old age home. The audience got their money's worth as there was no dull moment, with the stage providing non-stop entertainment., which surely touched a crescendo when the youth of the twin cities rocked to the DJ's sensational music. Msgr. Swarna Bernard in his speech while declaring the meet open, reiterated the need for encouraging talents, apart from promoting academic success. Msgr. Bala Showry at the valedictory function said that these programmes boost the creativity of the students. The events concluded with the prize distribution, gifted by IOB and other sponsors.



## SAGGRAHA - The Celebration of Talents!

**Re-live your dreams, Re-live your hopes, Prepare for life cause there is only one thing that will take you to the heights 'TALENT' That's SAGGRAHA, the CELEBRATION of talents!**

Saggraha in Sanskrit means to gather or collect. Saggraha – 2011 was indeed a gathering of intellectuals with loads of talent waiting to be unleashed. This IT & Management meet was organized to bring an amalgamation of future managers and software professionals under one roof. The event was inaugurated by Dr. Jaya Prakash Narayana, MLA (IAS), who spoke about the use of technology in today's world and its applications in all walks of life. On the other hand he also emphasized on the importance of commitment. Rev. Fr. Dr. V. K. Swamy, Principal of the college gave the opening remarks. Since the day was dedicated to celebrate the talents, various IT & Management events were organized in an open forum irrespective of the student platform, and there was an applaudable participation. The students were given a choice of registering online or on the spot. Over 700+ students from about 60 colleges got registered for the event. Over 250 students participated in Management events and 150 took part in IT events. And the day was concluded with a corporate fashion show sponsored by Big Bazaar.

The highlight of the day was the DJ from PANACHE who kept the crowd on its toes throughout the day and in the evening the college campus did resemble not less than a dance floor.

## Independence Day Celebrations

The patriotic zeal of the Josephites was vibrantly expressed through a colorful dance and song programme by the students to celebrate India's 65th Independence Day. Rev. Fr. Sagaya Raj Chief Guest of the function, with his natural humour struck a cord with the young audience, reminding them of their responsibilities towards the country. This message was well complimented by one of our students who exemplified the glory of ancient Indian wisdom, which supersedes 64 years of free India's achievements.

## Seminar on Creating Excellence

'Creating Excellence' was an inspirational seminar conducted by **Ms. Shailaja Lakshmi** of the 'One World academy. It was designed as a programme with three stages involving the students, staff and the parents. The members of the faculty participated in this seminar on 29 July 2011.



During this seminar, the staff members were gently introduced to the various aspects of 'awareness'. The onus of the seminar was to explain how we can be in touch with our own thought process. Instead of blaming other persons, the circumstance, the system or God, we need to look within ourselves to find the source of our emotions in our thoughts. She then proceeded to explain how this affects our role as a teacher. Within the classroom, we ought to remind ourselves of thoughts that hinder effective teaching. It also helps to understand that our students and colleagues are the victims of similar negative thoughts. Rather than blaming them, we must strive to empathise with this human weakness. In today's world where knowledge is omnipresent on the internet and in self-help books, the role of the teacher lies in providing a practical role-model for the students. Only if we can learn to manage our emotions, can we add value to the knowledge we impart. Ms. Lakshmi was informative, persuasive and helpful in her talk. The faculty members felt rejuvenated and were appreciative of this opportunity provided by the management. All the students were also given the opportunity of attending the seminar. Most of the students were very happy.

## **ARCHBISHOP'S MAIDEN VISIT**

It was truly the biggest day at *St. Joseph's Degree & PG College* when the **Archbishop made his auspicious maiden visit to bless the new Mass Communication Studio and to conduct the proceedings as Chairman of the reconstituted Governing Body of the College as per UGC guidelines owing to Autonomy.** Soon after his arrival the blessing of the state of the art ultra modern Studio took place followed by an exhilarating cultural program which showcased the talents of first year students of new courses **BBA(Bachelor of Business Administration) and BA (Mass Communication & Journalism) in the College.**



There was huge appreciation by the dignitaries and the Archbishop gave his message of Values and Ethics to the students by quoting "*99% perspiration and 1% inspiration*". **First Governing Body Meeting of St Joseph's Degree & PG College was scheduled on 20th July 2011 at 5.30.P.M.** It is a confluence of academia, industry captains, clergy and the teaching fraternity who architect the direction of the institution. Our **Archbishop Most Rev.Thumma Bala** chaired the session. His expression of sincere gratitude to all the dignitaries and staff alike by quoting each one by name portrayed his respect for knowledge, people and hard work. All this reinforced our belief that the only source of knowledge is experience.

**He lauded the Founder Principal Rev.Fr.Dr.V.K.Swamy for his consistent endeavor to improve the Quality of Education at St. Joseph's College.** He vowed to put the College on a very high pedestal by pledging all the support to preserve quality, excellence and value based Education. His visit truly enriched the institution set all of us in the thought mode.

## **Workshop on 'Teaching Techniques'**

A workshop on 'Teaching Techniques - Case Methods and Management Game' was organized on 9th & 10th June 2011 for the Management and Commerce faculty. 40 faculty participated from various colleges. The objective of the workshop was to make the faculty aware of the use of the case study method and management games as effective teaching techniques.

The resource persons were Dr. Ramesh G Tagat, former Dean IIM, Bangalore and academic mentor at International School of Management and Excellence at Bangalore and Dr. P. Narayan Reddy, Prof. and Head School of Management Studies, CBIT, made a deep impression on the faculty.

## **STAFF ORIENTATION PROGRAMME**

The College has a rich academic tradition of conducting a faculty orientation programme at the beginning of every academic year for all HAES faculty, serving in their colleges. This year's orientation, was on the theme "The dignity and role of lecturers" . It was conducted on 7th & 8th June 2011 and was attended by 90 faculty members. Msgr. Swarna Bernard, V.G. & Vice Chairman, HAES and Msgr. Y. Showreddy inaugurated the session.

Rev. Fr. Dr. V. K. Swamy, Rev. Fr. Sunder Reddy and Prof. K. Malla Reddy shared their views. The programme aimed at creating the right attitude towards the noble profession of teaching.

Rev. Fr. Balanandam, the chief resource person in his session dwelt on the equation between good parenting and good teaching. He also made an observation - " A teacher's purpose is not to create students in his/her own image but to develop students who can create their own image.

## **14th VAARSHIKOTSAV – Annual Day Celebrations 2010 - 11E**

14th Vaarshikotsav of the college was celebrated from 25-26 February,2011. On 25th Feb, the chief guest was Rev. Fr. Sagairaj, Principal, St. Mary's Centenary Jr. College, Secunderabad. The 2nd & 3rd winners in academic, literary, cultural and sports events were given prizes.

The main celebration was held on 26th Feb, 2011. Mr. V. Kishan Rao, Registrar, OU was the chief guest. Other guests of Honor were Msgr. Fr. Swarna Bernard, Administrator and Mr. Thomas Jonathan Mangan, Manager, Deloitte, Hyderabad.

Despite the rains being a damper, the spirit of St. Joseph's was not deterred. The chief guest appreciated the nuances of the quality and the significance of various activities of the college. Rev. Fr. Swarna Bernard

applauded the college's achievements in its pursuit of excellence. Special guest of honour, Mr. Thomas Jonathan Mangan shared the industry's expectations from the students graduating into the world of career.

Rev. Fr. V.K. Swamy presented the Annual report for the year 2010 - 11 and presented mementos and shawls to the guests.

Twenty five teaching and non-teaching staff were honored for their dedication and competence. First placed winners in academic, literary, cultural and sports events were given away prizes by the guests of honor.

The event was followed by a spirited and thunderous cultural performance by the students. The joyous spirit of celebration reverberated the atmosphere with hilarious, spontaneous and spirited applause and active listening by the audience.

## UGC EXPERT COMMITTEE VISIT

The inspection for conferment of autonomy was conducted on the 4th-5th Feb'11. The College is looking forward for a new milestone with great eagerness. It is the first self-financed institution in the city which has applied for autonomy. The visiting team comprised:



S.No.	Name	Designation
1	Prof. M.M.Salunkhe - <b>Chairman</b>	Vice- Chancellor, Central University, Rajasthan.
2	Dr. S.S.Vernekar - <b>Member</b>	Director, Bharathi Vidyapeeth Institute of Management, New Delhi.
3	Dr.Mehertaj Begum - <b>Member</b>	Associate Professor, Centre for Federal Studies, Jamia Humdard.
4	Dr. A.Vijaya Kumar - <b>State Government Nominee</b>	AGO, Directorate of Collegiate Education.
5	Prof.Yadgiri Swamy - <b>University Nominee</b>	Dean, Centre for Distance Education.
6	Mr. V.S. Karsija - <b>Member Secretary</b>	Deputy Secretary, UGC, New Delhi.

## ALUMNI MEET

The College organized Alumni meet on 5th February, 2011. The meet started with a prayer, invoking God's blessings. The programme included an interactive session where the alumni expressed their gratitude to the management and staff for their valuable guidance, which helped them to be placed in reputed companies. The management was happy to inform about the progress of the college and its new endeavor to go for Autonomy. In this regard, the alumni suggested few activities and programmes that can be incorporated in the curriculum to elevate the quality and growth of the academic performance of the Josephites.

