

# The CLARETINE

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## Fr. Principal's Message

“ Into that heaven of freedom... let my country awake ”



Recently we celebrated the 69th Independence Day of our country with pomp and vigour. One more opportunity is given to reflect on the state of affairs of our nation and evaluate how free we are after 68 years of Swaraj. Coming to the state of the affairs of our nation, we can proudly say that we as a nation have made several achievements in science, art and literature. We have also taken measures to reform our social beliefs and practices. India has grown by leaps and bounds in the field of communication and IT, and boasts of itself as the fourth largest economy in the world and storehouse of the workforce of tomorrow. At the same time there are many critical areas which need to be improved if India needs to claim its rightful place in the world.

Indians have the poorest health care in the world. According to National Health Profile (NHP) 2013, only 33% of government employed doctors work in rural India, where 70% of the population live. This skewed ratio of doctors affects rural health. Essential elements of a decent life are found deprived in many parts of rural India. Poverty and illiteracy is rampant in villages. If we look at our rivers, the sources of

drinking water, we have most of the rivers dirty and we don't bother about that. We find our freedom of speech and expression scuttled through legislative measures and those who stand for this freedom are targeted and vilified. We speak about Clean India, but in reality, we push waste-from industrial waste to human waste-to rivers and open spaces. When it comes to corruption in different forms and at different layers of governance, India is inching towards the top of the table. Somehow our education system finds it difficult to cope with the demand of skilled workers and need of industry.

Though we find many areas for improvement we can be proud that when most of the countries that got freedom in the nineteen forties and fifties had recourse to other forms of government like dictatorship or military rule, India remained steadfast in her belief in democracy. We as a nation can progress if there is right political will with a commitment to growth and development. For this some of the deep-rooted maladies of our society need to give way for progressive thinking and inclusive growth. Only when poverty could be eradicated, illiteracy removed, rural health restored, people have access to clean air and water, and Indians are free to express themselves, we can call ourselves a free nation in its true sense, and “into that heaven of freedom... let my country awake.”

**Rev. Dr. Sabu George, CMF Principal**

## Student Council Assumes Charge



The newly elected student council with the Chief Guest, Principal & Vice Principal

The newly elected Student Council members took the solemn oath of office on July 25, 2015. Dr. K. K Seethamma, registrar of Bangalore University was the chief guest of the day.

Rev. Dr. Sabu George, Principal, Rev. Fr. Vineeth George, Vice Principal, Rev Fr. Thomas Thennady, former Principal of St. Claret College, Rev. Fr. Sojan K. Abraham, Principal, Claret PU College, Rev. Fr. Benny Mathew, Principal, Antony Claret School and Ms. Shashikala, Staff coordinator, were also present for the ceremony.

Rev. Fr. Vineeth George, Vice Principal, administered the oath to the College Captions, Cultural and Sports representatives. President and Vice Presidents of various clubs and associations along with class representatives also took the oath. The newly appointed Student Council Members were adorned with sashes and received the flag from the Chief Guest Dr. K. K Seethamma and Rev. Dr. Sabu George. During the swearing-in ceremony, the members of the student council were bestowed with badges for their respective posts. Dr. Seethamma addressed the issues and challenges of higher education in India. She focused on the need to develop the human capital through education to make India a developed nation. Rev. Dr. Sabu George congratulated the student representatives and motivated them to become transformational leaders in the college and society. The College elections were held on July 16, 2015. Students exercised their voting right to elect their College Captains.

## Euphoria 2015



The Cultural Club of Saint Claret College organized a week long intra-collegiate competitions from August 24 - 29, 2015. Various off-stage and on-stage events were conducted wherein students actively participated, showcased their talents, and won prizes. Some of the events were essay writing, poster making, debate, mime, dance, and singing competitions.



Euphoria 2015:- Different glimpses of Euphoria



## St. Claret College Hosts Inter-Collegiate Athletic Meet

St. Claret College hosted an Inter-Collegiate Athletic Meet for PU and Degree College Students on August 27 - 28, 2015 at its premises. Over 550 Students from 22 PU and 17 Degree Colleges all over Bangalore participated. The Chief Guest Ms. Shilpa Sundar, an international athlete, hoisted the flag and declared the meet open. Dr. Sabu George CMF, Principal of the college, exhorted the students to build friendships along with competing with each other at the Athletic Meet.



St. Claret College Athletic Team with the overall championship trophy

The two day event saw students competing in 48 items both in UG and PU levels. The Overall Championship for Girls was bagged by Reva Independent PU College from the PU Category and Jindal Degree College from the UG Category. The Winners of the Overall Championship from Boys was Vidyavahini PU College from the PU Category and St. Claret Degree College from the UG Category

## Two-day LSDP Sessions for First Year and Second Year Batches

The faculty of St. Claret College conducted a two-day Life Skills Development Programme for all the first year batches from June 30 – July 1, 2015 and for the second year batches from August 7- 8, 2015. The programme included one-hour sessions on Bridging the gap between Pre-university and under graduate learning, Personal grooming and social etiquettes, Inter-cultural sensitivity, and Goal-setting for the first year students. For the second year students, topics such as Media influence, Need to forgive, Handling jealousy, and Maintaining good relationships were dealt with. Life Skills Development Programme is part of holistic education that St. Claret College aims to impart to its students.

### Faculty Development Programme

A two-day Faculty Development Programme was held for the teaching staff on June 23 - 24, 2015. It was conducted by Rev. Fr. K.M Jose, SDB and included interactive sessions on themes like Enhancing teaching skills and team work among faculty, Understanding adolescents and improving student participation in class, and Updating oneself on the latest in the technological and educational fields. The sessions were well appreciated by the faculty and helped the faculty to start the new academic year with new insights and improved skills in imparting values and knowledge.

### Airtel Talent Hunt



Airtel Talent Hunt:- Jahvera, I BA receiving her prize

Airtel organised a two-day talent hunt at St. Claret College on July 10 - 11, 2015. Students from various streams showcased their dancing and musical talents. Jose Prabhakaran (II B.Com A), with beat-boxing, and Jahvera Blessey Nongkynrih (I BA, JPO), with her break-dance, were adjudged best performers of

Day 1. Tristan Mark (III BA, JPO) with his drumming and Mariea Joseph (I B.Com B) with her belly dancing, were adjudged star performers on Day 2. The short-listed students will be eligible to participate in the Airtel Talent Hunt finale later this year.

### Inauguration and Magazine Release



The Magazine editors along with dignitaries at the release of EXCELSIOR

The college organized an inauguration programme for the first year batches on June 29, 2015 in which the students and their parents participated. The guest speaker on the occasion was Dr. D. Jeevan Kumar, Special Officer to the Vice Chancellor, Bangalore University. He spoke about the need for a value-based and holistic education for youth. During the function Excelsior, the annual college magazine, was released by Rev. Fr. Thomas Thennady, the former Principal of the college, giving the first copy to Rev. Fr. Joseph Mathew, the administrator of St. Claret Education Institutions. They were joined by Principal Rev. Dr. Sabu George, Vice Principal Rev. Fr. Vineeth George, Prof. D. Yogananda Rao, the Chief Editor of Excelsior and the current Dean of Arts and Head of the department of Humanities, Reva University, and Ms. Reema Harshith, Asst. Prof. in English.

### Library Orientation Program

SCC Library organized library orientation program for all the first year students on July 7, 2015. The students were briefed about the general procedure to be followed to make use of the library resources effectively and systematically. Students of the second year, trained by the Library Staff demonstrated and guided the freshers to avail various facilities offered by SCC library such as OPAC system, DELNET, INFLIBNET and the Book Bank facility.

### Freshers' Day Celebrated

St. Claret College celebrated Freshers' Day on July 27, 2015. The competition for Mister and Miss Fresher was conducted in three rounds. Starting with an introductory round, it proceeded to the talent round and the final round was a question- answer session with the judges. Aslam of IBBM and Mariea of I B.Com won the Mister and Miss Fresher respectively. The students of the II and III year batches also put up lively programs to welcome their juniors



Fr Vineeth George, Vice Principal, inaugurating the library day poster exhibition

### Library Day Observed

SCC celebrated Library Day on August 12, 2015. Various events were conducted in connection with this like poster making, book review and article writing. Students actively participated and won prizes.

### Blood Donation Camp

The NSS and SAF of the college conducted a voluntary blood donation drive in the college. Dr Sunil.V.Nayak , Medical Officer and Jitendra (co ordinator ) from Red Cross gave motivational talks about voluntary blood donation on August 10, 2015. On August 12, 2015 the blood donation camp was held by Red Cross and 106 person donated blood.



The NSS and SAF volunteers after the blood donation drive stand for a picture along with the coordinators



## Farewell of Former Principal Rev. Fr. Thomas Thennady

St. Claret College organized a farewell function in honour of the former Principal Rev. Fr. Thomas Thennady on 27 June, 2015. The event was graced by the presence of dignitaries like Manager, Rev. Fr. Varghese Karukulathel; Administrator, Rev. Fr. Joseph Mathew; Principal, Rev. Fr. Sabu George and Vice Principal Rev. Fr. Vineeth George. Alumni and members of the staff applauded Fr. Thomas' dedicated service to the college over the last six years. Fr. Thennady, who will be shortly taking up his doctoral studies abroad, shared his reminiscences and experiences at St. Claret College and advised the staff and students to strive for greater excellence.



Token of Love from Claretines

## NSS Team Visits Sumanahalli

The National Service Scheme (NSS) of St Claret College organised a one-day trip to Sumanahalli- A home for Leprosy and HIV patients on August 1, 2015. Around 40 new members of NSS visited Sumanahalli as a part of their orientation programme. Rev. Fr. Peter D' Souza, Director of Sumanahalli, educated the team about leprosy and HIV. The students also interacted with the inmates and showed their support and love for them.



NSS team pose for a picture along with Rev. Fr. Peter D'Souza

## Field Trip to Indian-International Travel Mart

The Commerce Dept. conducted a field trip to IITM in Whitefield on July 10, 2015 for the Travel and Tourism students. It was coordinated by Ms. Maria D'Souza, HOD Commerce and Ms. Neepa, Asst. Prof., Dept. of Commerce. The students were provided with the opportunity to know about travel agencies, how these agencies operate, and to interact with professionals in the industry.



The Travel and Tourism students during their field trip pose for a picture

## Independence Day Celebration

NSS and SAF organized Independence Day Programme on August 15, 2015. The flag was hoisted by Rev. Dr. Sabu George, Principal of the college. Speaking on the occasion, Rev. Dr. Sabu George exhorted the students to work for nation building and be grateful to the freedom fighters for their sacrifices. Students also put up cultural programmes like dance and patriotic songs.



The choir enchanting the audience with a patriotic song

## Mock Stock

On August 7, 2015, Business Club organized an event called 'Mock Stock'. The event was aimed at giving an idea to the students on how the stock market functions. Prizes were given away to the winners.

## ISF Logo Designing

The International Students Forum conducted a logo designing competition. Awadh Ahamed Hassan Assal won the first place and his logo was unveiled on August 24, 2015 as the official ISF logo of the college.



The winning logo on display in the quadrangle

## Competition cum Exhibition

The Literary Club and the Dept. of Languages held various competitions like Pot painting, Jewellery making, and Declamation on August 4, 2015. The exhibits of these competitions were put on display for all to see. Students participated enthusiastically and won prizes.

## Guest Lectures

### Commerce Department:

- Organized a half-day workshop on stock marketing on July 8, 2015, for the final year B.Com and BBM students. Two financial experts from Jain Academy, Bangalore, Mr. Hitesh Kumar Jain, its founder and Vikas Chowdri, programme director, conducted sessions on investment options, technical analysis and virtual stock market challenge. The workshop also gave a glimpse of the live market screen and real-time share fluctuation.
- Conducted a half-day workshop on 'Stock Broking and Technical Analysis with hand on Virtual Investment Experience' by Fin-Xpert, a school of investment decision for I year students on July 10, 2015.
- Conducted a guest lecture for the travel and tourism students on August 3, 2015. The topic was 'Role of Travel Agencies in Tourism Development in India'. The session was handled by Mr. Kaushik and Mr. Vinay from MyHappyJourney.com.
- Conducted a guest lecture for the final year students on the topic 'Careers and Opportunities in Entrepreneurship' on August 5, 2015 by Mr. Syed Kazir, Asst. Professor, Kristu Jayanthi College.

### Management Department



- The Departments of Commerce and Management on August 5, 2015, conducted a guest lecture on the topic 'Business Ethics and Corporate Governance' by Dr. H. D. Sangliana, Former MP and Commissioner of Police. He addressed the student community sharing his experiences of his personal and professional life.

### Computer Science Department

- Organized a guest lecture on 'Internet of Things' (IoT) on July 27, 2015. The resource persons of the session were Mr. Anriban Chowdhury, Head of Product Development and Training, and Ms. Sreowshi Sinha, Co-Founder and Director of Marketing from Frugal Labs Tech Solution Pvt. Ltd., Bangalore. The session dealt with the impact of internet, the paradigm, characteristics, and domains of IoT.
- Organized a guest lecture on "Big Data" in association with Aptech Computer Education on July 23, 2015. From Aptech Computer Education, Dr. Harshal Kulkarni, Assistant Manager and Mr. Vinod, Regional Academic Head were invited to deliver their knowledge and expertise on this topic. The session included a brief introduction about big data, its makes, filters, players, technologies, and various job opportunities in recent IT field.
- Organized a guest lecture on 'Information Security and Ethical Hacking' in association with HackEng, Bangalore, on August 12, 2015. Mr. Kalathil Karthik, Security Certified Professional, was the resource person for the session.



## Department Of Languages

The Department of Languages (Kannada) organized a guest lecture on 'Importance of Vachana Sahithya' on July 17, 2015. Dr. C. M. Kundagol, Principal of Basaveswara College, Rajaji Nagar, Bangalore, was the resource person of the session.



## Women's Club



The Women's Club organized a guest lecture on 'Harassment and Gender Discrimination' on August 13, 2015. Ms. Vanitha Isabella Victor, the Chief Guest for the event, addressed the students and delivered the talk. The talk was followed by a question-answer session.

## Literary Club

The Literary Club organized a Guest Lecture on "Literary and Art Forms" on August 05, 2015 at St. Claret College for students of all three B.A batches and the first and second year batches of BBM, B.Com and BCA departments. The Chief Guest was Mr. John Devaraj, who is a sculptor, painter, architect, cinema and stage art director, musician, photographer, and a puppeteer. Mr. John explained about various art forms of the world and literature by giving examples from the real world. He also shared his thoughts on his life experiences and performed for the students.

## News in Brief

### Add On /bridge/ Other Courses

#### Department of Humanities (English)

DAES (Diploma in Advanced English Speaking) programme was conducted by Department of English from July 29 - Sept. 1, 2015. It was a 15 hours programme for the weak students in English. Basic grammar, soft skills, reading exercise and vocabulary building were some of the areas covered in this programme.

#### Department of Computer Science

The Dept. of Computer Science Organized Skill Development Workshop on 'Internet of Things & Smart Homes' on August 1-2, 2015 in association with Frugal Labs Tech Solution Pvt. Ltd, Bangalore. Mr. Anirban Chowdhury, Head, Product Development and Training, Frugal Labs Tech Solution Pvt. Ltd, Bangalore conducted the technical sessions

#### Placement and Career Guidance Cell (PCGC)

PCGC in conjunction with Talent Ease, Hyderabad conducted 16 hour 'The Headstart Advantage U Programme' for all final year students of the college and were built into the regular class schedule of the students. These practical sessions helped final year students develop Self Leadership, Communication skills, Presentation skills, People Skills, Placement Success Skills, Work Ready skills, Personal Effectiveness, etc. These were presented by way of video inputs, movie clips, games, and activities. The Headstart Advantage U Programme is a 32 hour Professional Skills Development Program interspersed into two semesters.

#### International Students Forum

The International Students Forum of St. Claret College started with a basic English programme for international students of I year batches. The programme has been launched in the first week of August.

#### CSA

The CSA (Christian Students Association) of St. Claret College organized a half-day spiritual orientation programme on Life Crisis on July 4, 2015 for its members. The resource person for the day was Mr. Nishanth Fernandez, Proprietor of J C Music Academy. The programme was an interactive one, pepped up with games and activities.

### Papers Presented / Published & Seminars Attended

- Ms Nayana and Mr Vasu attended one day reorientation of III sem. CBCS syllabus at Sai College for women, Bangalore on July 11, 2015.
- Ms. Menaka. C., Asst. Prof., presented a paper on *Big Data Analysis Architecture for Smarter Health Care System*, at the International Conference on 'Computing Paradigms', at Don Bosco College, Yelagiri hills, Vellore on July 24-25, 2015,

published in International Journal of Applied Engineering Research (IJAER) (Scopus) with ISSN 0973-4562 vol.10.No.69(2015), Page no. 63 to 68.

- Ms Neeta and Mr Raghavendra attended a syllabus discussion for II year BBA held at Sai Women's College, Bangalore on July 14, 2015. This was organized by BUTCCM.
- Mr Wasim Akram, Asst. Prof. of Department of Humanities attended a two day UGC sponsored National Conference on *Tagore's Mystic Vision* on August 1-2, 2015. He also presented and published a paper on *Universal Nationalism: The Need of the Hour*. (Newman Publication, Maharashtra).
- Dr. Rashmi, Asst. Prof. of Department of Languages participated in the National seminar on *Upgradation of Human Values through Literature* held at RJS First Grade College organized by department of linguistics on August 25, 2015.
- Dr. Sabu George & Dr. Monica Forret presented a paper on *TMT Commitment to Corporate Social Responsibility: How it Relates to Employee Engagement* at Academy of Management Conference, held at Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada from August 7-11, 2015.

## Consultancy

- Rev. Dr. Sabu George conducted a 3 credit course on *Research Methodology* for the students at SANYASA, Carmelaram from August 10-14, 2015.
- Rev. Dr. Sabu George serves as a member of the Academic Council of SANYASA, for its Masters Program in Theology of Christ University and the Diploma Program from 2014.
- Rev. Dr. Sabu George serves as a member of the Board of Studies of Christ University Engineering Programme.

## Student Achievers

### Inter-collegiate Fests.

- Mount Carmel College, Bangalore organized an inter-collegiate CSA fest "Stauros 2015" on August 12, 2015 and the topic was "Be tuned to God". Poorna from II BA bagged II place in Vernacular solo song and Sijo from II BA bagged II place in Photography.
- Students participated in an Inter collegiate IT Fest 'COMPUTANTRA 2015' conducted by Presidency College, Bangalore on August 6-7, 2015
  - Simon Sebastian of III BCA won 2<sup>nd</sup> prize for – Just A Minute, Debate and IT Manager.
  - Dhanya Krishnan and Jobin.M.John of III BCA won 2<sup>nd</sup> prize for Paper Presentation.
  - Prasanth Kumar P and Atul Joy of II BCA won 3<sup>rd</sup> prize for IT Quiz.

## Sports

- Students participated in an Open Volleyball Tournament on August 15, 2015 in Sanjaynagar, Bangalore. Our college Volleyball team won the 3rd place in the tournament. The team was composed of Vikshith, Vinay, Madhu, Sashank, Saran, Abu, Naga Sanshesh and Sachin.N.
- Bangalore University organized an Inter-collegiate Road Cycling (men and women) championship held on July 29, 2015. Students from our college participated and won several prizes and the Overall Championship. The following are the list of students who won prizes with the criteria.
  - Individual Time Trial(ITT) - MEN**  
Kesavan - II B.COM 'A' - II Place, Sarvan Bhagat, II BBM, - III Place
  - Criterion (CRIT)-MEN**  
Sagar M.C, II B.COM 'C' -I Place, Sarvan Bhagat - II BBM- III Place
  - Road Mass Start (RMS)-MEN**  
Sagar M.C - II B.COM 'C' -I Place, Umesha.K - III B.COM 'B' - II Place Venkateshwar - III B.COM 'B' -III Place
  - Individual Championship**  
Sagar M.C - II B.COM 'C'
  - Individual Time Trial(ITT) and Road Mass Start(RMS)- WOMEN**  
Rupa.M - III B.COM 'A' - III Place, Pavithra .R - III B.COM 'A' - III Place
  - Team Time Trial (TTT)-MEN**  
Kesavan - II B.COM 'A', Sagar M.C II B.COM 'C'  
Venkateshwar - III B.COM 'B', Umesha.K -III B.COM 'B'