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Fr. Principal's Message

“Violence Against 50% of the Population of India”



As India prides itself as a growing economic and military power, the world is taking stock of things happening in India. There are many fronts for Indians to feel proud of India's growth. From a country which was synonymous with poverty and illiteracy, India has come a long way and we find the social indicators going North. But one of the indicators which is getting worse is the way women, who are half of the population, are treated in India. Reports say that crimes against women are reported in every two minutes in India. We find violence against women on an increase and the society,

dominated by male politicians and powerful persons pretend as if crimes and violence against women are not matters of importance in the society. Apathy shown towards matters connected with women makes the perpetrators of these crimes go bold to do more heinous crimes against women. It is also saddening that even though the number of crimes against women are on the increase, the conviction rate in these cases are not increasing proportionately. When there are political or spiritual leaders who say "boys make mistakes and why hang them?" or "the victim is as guilty as her rapists. ... She should have called the culprits brothers and begged before them to stop", we cannot expect emancipation of women from the clutches of male chauvinists in India.

A nation's standing in social sphere could be measured by the way the women and children are treated in that society. In the list of nations

where atrocities against women are committed most, India stands fourth and that is not a fame list to be included into. What can help to redeem India from this deplorable situation is what we need to discuss. Some of the measures which I believe that can reverse the increasing occurrences of violence against women could be increasing conscientization works against such violence, making the law and punishment stricter against the perpetrators of these offences, and imparting education. Only when the Indian society takes up this matter as a challenge that can destroy the very fabric of the society and work in tandem with the government and NGOs with a firm resolve to address this issue, can we make a beginning to end violence against women. I pray that such a beginning may start soon.

Rev. Dr. Sabu George, CMF
Principal

INVESTITURE CEREMONY

The 10th Investiture ceremony of St. Claret College was held on July 16, 2016. The function began with the choir invoking God's blessings and the ceremonial lighting of the lamp. The Chief Guest of the day was Dr. K. N. Ninge Gowda, Registrar, Bangalore University. The occasion was graced by Rev. Dr. Sabu George, Rev. Fr. Vineeth George, Rev. Fr. Benny Mathew, Rev. Fr. Joseph Mathew, Rev. Fr. Sojan and Rev. Fr. Sinoj. The ceremonial march was led by the members of the student core council: College captains - Tom K Mathew and Vinam Gokhale, Cultural Captains - Antony Raj and Vaishnavi Vaidyanathan and Sports Captains - Sachin N and Sonal D'Souza, followed by the representatives of various clubs, associations

and class representatives. The chief guest Dr. K. N. Ninge Gowda gave a highly motivational speech, stressing the need for good leaders in society. He exhorted the students to evaluate and analyse their leadership skills and be willing to lead by example. The members of the student council were presented with their badges, which was followed by the oath of allegiance. Principal, Rev. Dr. Sabu George, addressed the gathering and emphasized on the importance of adhering to the core values of the college. The ceremony concluded with an invigorating dance performance.



Faculty Development Program

A two-day faculty development programme was conducted by St. Claret College on June 27-28, 2016 at Christ University, Bangalore. The workshop was aimed at acquainting teachers with new methods and techniques of teaching. Dr (Fr) Thomas C Mathew, Vice Chancellor, Christ University, welcomed the teachers and exhorted them to develop strategies to foster humane values in the students and internalize the mission and vision of St. Claret College. Various topics discussed were Academic Audit, Professional Learning in the Teaching profession, Education in the Changing World, How to be a Brilliant Mentor?, Using Technology in Classrooms, and On Followership. These sessions helped the teachers to understand the need of the hour to change from traditional classroom settings to technology savvy places. The FDP facilitated the learning of the teachers to continually transform themselves for professional development.



Inauguration of the Academic Year 2016-17

Eleventh academic year of St. Claret college was officially inaugurated on July 1, 2016. The day began with a prayer and was followed by the inaugural function. The function was presided over by Rev. Dr. Sabu George, Principal, St. Claret College. The chief guest of the day was Rev. Dr. George Kannanthanam, Director, Project Vision, Bangalore. In his keynote address, he exhorted the students to dream and focus on their goals. He made the students to realize the importance of hardwork, ethics and leadership values to unlock their potential and to develop their talents in a holistic manner. The inaugural function served to assure the students and their parents of the quality of the institution which successfully merged tradition and technology.



BA Students Attend Symposium

In connection with celebrating 'Daughter's Day', a symposium was hosted by PRCI - Public Relations Council of India in association with YCC - Young Communicators Committee at Rangasthala, Rangoli Metro Art Centre Bangalore on July 23, 2016. Students from final year BA (Journalism) accompanied by Ms. Pavitra Vinod, Asst. prof., Dept. of



Humanities (Journalism) attended the symposium and also participated actively in the panel discussion on the topic 'Because I am a Girl'. They also enjoyed the street play performed by the Hashmi Theatre Forum on 'Death of an Actress' on the same occasion.

Visit To IITM By B.Com (Travel & Tourism) Students

The Department of Commerce (Travel & Tourism) organized an Industrial Visit on August 6, 2016 to the Indian International Travel Mart Exhibition (IITM), Bangalore. IITM is one of the India's premier fairs that showcases travel, tourism, hospitality, leisure and other related industries. All the students from I and II year batches of B.Com (TT) visited the exhibition and thoroughly benefitted by the International exposure and hands on understanding of business skills required for tourism industry. The students were accompanied by Ms. Neepa Premodh, Ms. Nayana K S and Mr. Suraj M, Assistant Professors, Department of Commerce.

Visit to Sumnahalli by NSS and SAF

Visit to Sumanahalli Leprosy Rehabilitation Centre was organized by NSS (National Service Scheme) and SAF (Social Action Forum) on July 23, 2016. Students were accompanied by Mr. Madesh, Asst. prof, Dept. of Languages (Kannada). The main aim of the visit was to create an awareness among the students to understand the pain of social ostracization faced by the inmates and also to help them be a productive part of our society. The compassionate interaction of the students cheered the inmates, and in turn, helped the students to understand the power of simple gestures of support and care.



Guest Lecture for B.Com (Travel & Tourism) students

The Department of Commerce (Travel and Tourism) organized an expert talk on the overview of travel and airlines industry on August 10, 2016. Mr. Sylvester, Managing Director and Founder of Trav Globe spoke about the phenomenal growth of the travel industry and increasing job opportunities in the travel and airline sector. The session was interactive as well as informative.

Expert Talk on Gender Equality

The Women's Club and Cell for the Prevention of Sexual Harassment of St. Claret College organized a guest lecture on "Sexual Harassment and Gender Equality" on August 17, 2016. The resource person of the day was Ms. Kushi Kushalappa. She spoke on various forms of sexual harassment and created awareness among students about gender based violence, gender discrimination and discussed various preventive measures.





Independence Day Celebrations

The staff and students of St. Claret College celebrated the 70th Independence Day on August 15, 2016 with great enthusiasm and fervor. The flag was hoisted by Rev. Dr. Sabu George, the Principal. He addressed the gathering and spoke on the importance of nurturing patriotic feelings and being united for the uplift of the nation. A medley of events ranging from patriotic songs and skits to dances were put up by the students to mark the celebrations.

Blood Donation Camp

Excuses never save a life. Blood donation does. The NSS and SAF jointly organized a motivational talk on 'Donate Blood, Save Life' on August 1, 2016. Dr. Sunil V Nayak, Medical Officer, Karnataka Red Cross Blood Bank and Mr. Shiva Shankar, Program Coordinator, Karnataka Red Cross Blood Bank were invited to deliver an inspiring talk in this session. They spoke about the importance of blood donation and also made the students aware of the criteria required for donating blood. There was an interesting video presentation which was followed by an interactive session. On the very next day on August 2, 2016 a Blood Donation Camp was organized by Red Cross Society. A team of volunteers led by Dr. Sunil V Nayak organized the camp. Faculty members and more than hundred students came forward to donate blood and save life.



Department of Humanities (English) Organizes Guest Lecture

The Department of Humanities (English) organized a guest lecture on African Literature on August 3, 2016. Mr. Joseph David, Principal, Surefoot School, Calabar, Nigeria delivered a talk on History of Afro Literature including Customs, Traditions of Afro lifestyle, and Education. The students of Humanities Department appreciated the session.



Freshers' Day

All work and no play makes jack a dull boy. The much awaited Freshers' Day was held on July 19, 2016. The event also served to welcome the new faculty members to the college. The competition for the coveted title of Mr. and Miss Fresher, had the contestants, striving to exhibit their talents in the best possible manner. The gigs included playing various musical instruments, painting, singing, beat boxing, dance numbers and a standup comedy act. The students also engaged in a



battle of wits with the jury members who sought out the most convincing and interesting answers.

The whole atmosphere was charged with cheer and camaraderie with the senior students rooting and motivating the juniors. The theme 'Back to School' was much appreciated and had many students come in their school uniforms. The fun filled event ended with Mohammad Saud, I BBA and Ms. Jovita, I BA being crowned as Mr. and Miss Fresher respectively.

Department of Languages Conducts Guest Lecture

The Department of Languages (Kannada) organized a guest lecture on July 22, 2016. Dr Subramanya Swamy, Associate Professor, Maharani Lakshmi Ammani College, Bangalore was the chief guest for the session. Dr Swamy gave a riveting talk on the topic 'Samakalena Samajake Vachana Sahitya Prasthuthke Mathu Savalugalu'. He gave an insight on vachanas of Basavanna, Akka Mahadevi and Allamma Prabhu in light of today's society.



Library Orientation Program

The SCC library conducted library orientation program for all the first year students on July 20, 2016. The students were detailed about the procedure of accession of books. Students were also given demonstration about the use of OPAC software, INFLIBNET and DELNET. They were encouraged to make best use of library resources by using these softwares. During orientation they were also informed about the exclusive book bank facility available in SCC and the norms to be followed to avail it.



Talent Hunt – "Yuva Stars 2016"

Radio Mirchi in association with Airtel conducted "Yuva Stars -2016" at SCC campus on August 8, 2016. This event included dance, music, fashion show and fun games. The crowd enthusiastically participated in all the events and the winners were given goodies. Mithun of I B. Com and Shilpa of II B. Com were entitled Mr. and Ms. Yuva respectively.



SCC Celebrates Green Day

Environment Club of St. Claret College celebrated "Green Day" on August 4, 2016, at SCC campus. Various competitions were organized on the day such as Slogan Writing, Caption Writing, Essay Writing, Collage Making and Best out of waste. Many students showed their enthusiasm by participating in all the events. All students and staff members were asked to come in shades of Green to celebrate Green Day on SCC campus.



Guest Lecture on "Current Environmental Issues & Challenges"



The Environment Club organized a session on "Environmental Issues & Challenges" on August 11, 2016. The speaker of the day was Mr. Ullash Kumar R K – a researcher, environmentalist, freelancer, film journalist, film maker, writer and poet. At present he is working on Climate Change Projects in Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve with tribals. He showed many musical videos on the lives of tribals and their dependency on nature. During his talk, he gave many ideas on how to save our environment. He mentioned how climate is

drastically changing in Bengaluru and also the factors affecting the change. He also pointed out that Bengaluru stands second in the list of the most polluted cities and stated the hazards of urbanisation and industrialization in a city like Bengaluru.

BA (Journalism) students attend Media Seminar

The Journalism students of Humanities Department of St. Claret College accompanied by Ms. Pavitra Vinod, Asst. Professor, Dept. of Humanities (Journalism) attended the annual media seminar "Expressions" which was hosted by Commits - Convergence Institute of Media at Sri Sathya Sai Auditorium, Koramangala on August 10, 2016. The seminar showcased the thoughts of eminent authors, film directors, journalists and editors, who spoke about the forceful impact of media in today's society and culture.



Department of Computer Science organizes State Level FDP 'Prajnan-2016'

Department of Computer Science organized one-day State Level Faculty Development Workshop 'PRAJNAN-2016' on "Application of 8085 Microprocessor and Research Prospects in Microcontroller" on August 9, 2016. The main objective of the workshop was to focus on application of 8085 microprocessor, research direction towards microprocessor & microcontroller and hands-on practical exposure using simulator based 8085 tools. The Chief Guest of the day was Dr. Hanumathappa M., Professor and Coordinator, Department of Computer Science and Applications, Bangalore University and the Guest of Honour was Dr. S P Algur, Professor and Chairman, Department of Computer Science, Rani Chennamma University, Belgavi. Around 167 participants including faculty members and students of St. Claret College participated in this workshop.



Faculty Achievements

Seminars/ Workshops/ Conferences Attended

- Mr. Suresha attended a symposium on "Mobile Apps for Library and Information Services" organized by Karnataka State Library Association on July 3, 2016
- Mr. Mohan Kumar and Mr. Vasu V, Dept. of Commerce attended a two-day workshop on "International Financial Reporting Standards" jointly organized by Bangalore University and ISDC at Central College, Bangalore on July 15 & 16, 2016
- Ms. Pavitra Vinod, Dept. Humanities attended a symposium organized jointly by PRCI and YCC on "Because I am a Girl" on July 23, 2016.
- Mr. Allan P Fernandez and Dr. Harmeet Matharu attended a NAAC sponsored one-day National Conference on "Academic and Administrative Audit A3" at KRJS Meeting hall, Kormangala, on July 29, 2016.
- Ms. Angela Jean Mary and Sr. Nirmala Joyce attended 5th and 6th Psychology Syllabus meeting at APS College on August 3, 2016
- Mr. Zameer Pasha, Dept. of Management attended BBA V semester syllabus discussion workshop organized by Acharya Bangalore Business School in collaboration with BUTCCM, on August 8, 2016.
- Ms. Seema Joseph, Dept. of Commerce attended a one-day National Conference on "National Policy on Education (NPE-2016) Prospects and Aspirations" organized by Catholic Colleges of Karnataka at Christ University on August 8, 2016.
- Dr. Rashmi, Dept. of Languages attended a Hindi workshop at Sindh College on August 8, 2016
- Ms. Pavitra Vinod, Dept. of Humanities attended a Media seminar "Thoughts and Trends in Media Today" hosted by Commits-Institute of Mass Communication and Journalism, on August 10, 2016.
- Ms. Shashikala, Dept. of Languages attended a National Level "Chutukavighosti" and presented a chutuku in Kavighosti at Nayana Sabhagana, on August 18, 2016.
- Mr. Madesh, Dept. of Languages was a part of the panel discussion on "Genderlogue Digitalisation for Social Change" at Mount Carmel College, Nagasandra, on August 22, 2016.

Consultancy

- Dr. Sabu George, Ms. Cassandra Ranee, Ms. Maria D'Souza (CCSD) conducted orientation program for faculty members of St. Paul's College as resource persons on July 8, 2016.
- Ms. Jayalakshmi R., Dept. of Computer Science was the resource person at the State level seminar on "Challenges in Advanced Computing Technology" to present a paper on "Persuasive Computing Technology" on August 13, 2016.

Student Activities

Fests

- Mount Carmel College conducted an inter collegiate CSA fest on August 29, 2016 and our college team secured 1st place in PotPouri

Jincy J. (II BCA), **Binu M John** (III B. Com), **Doney** (III B. Com TT)

- Mount Carmel College conducted a National Level IT fest TECHFORTE-16. Our college bagged the runners-up championship

Abhijeeth S. (II BCA) : I prize in Photography,
Aishwarya K. (III BCA) : I prize in event-X,
Lincy Joseph (II BCA) : I prize in Dumb Charads
Prashanth (III BCA) : I prize in Dumb Charads

Sports

- Life is Calling organized Duathlon at RNSIT College, Uttharahalli on July 24, 2016 and conducted 5km running and 18km cycling events.

Sagar M.C (III B. Com) & **Keerthi Kumar G** (II B. Com) : II Place,
Sarvan Bhagath (III BBA) : III Place.

Joywin Fernandes (II B. Com) : V Place

- Bangalore University inter collegiate Cross country championship at Kanakapura rural College, on August 24, 2016.

Sarvan Bhagath (III BBA) : III Place

Keerthi Kumar G. (II B. Com) : XVIII Position

Joywin Fernandes (II B. Com) : XXIII Position

- 34th State Junior & Senior Kyorugi Taekwondo championships were held on August 18 - 20, 2016 at Police Bhavan, Chitradurga.

Naveen PM (I B. Com TT) : III Place