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Fr. Principal's Message

## India's Daughter is more

## about India's Sons



Indian government's ban on British filmmaker Leslee Udwin's documentary, India's Daughter, highlighting various aspects of Nirbhaya's rape and murder is a recklessly counterproductive step. In the hour long documentary film everyone gets a hearing: lawyers on all sides, the accused, politicians, the families of the rapist as well as the parents of the victim, the man who found the victim and her friend dumped, naked, at the side of the road. The painful recollection by the victim's parents on the girl's intimate relationship with them, her career ambitions, the ordeal she underwent are numbing.

The graphic description of the crime by driver Mukesh Singh, one of the convicts, sends a chill down the spine. We get to know a shocking revelation of what is in the mind of someone who goes to unimaginable extents to inflict pain on a woman. What is truly disconcerting is his justification of the crime, "You can't clap with one hand – it takes two hands. A decent girl won't roam around at 9 o'clock at night. A girl is far more responsible for rape than a boy.... We just wanted to teach them a lesson for roaming around at that time of night." The defence lawyer's views are equally repulsive. One of them says, "If sweets are left on the road, dogs will come and eat it.... We have the best culture," and he concludes, "In our culture, there is no space for a woman."

These statements bring out the general attitude of men towards women in India. The film is neither glorification of rape nor does it depict vulgarity or voyeurism. Will banning the film stop future rapes? Shobhaa De wrote, "There is no face left to save (for India) in any case. The international community is aware of India's shame and openly labels Delhi the 'rape capital of the world'". Let us face it. The movie exposes wider prejudices many Indian men have towards women. Instead of acknowledging the gravity of the situation and taking steps to tackle crimes against women on a war footing, the government is diverting attention from the tragedy itself and concentrating on prison procedures (asks questions like who granted permissions to the crew to shoot inside the infamous Tihar jail? Why?).

Victim's own father said that the film is a mirror to us, our own society. The ban has ensured that we all watch it. Because we know, whatever is forbidden, has to be watched by us Indians. That's how we are. So, in a way, while the government takes a high moral ground and lives in denial about the nagging problems that exist in the society, we should thank them for they made us watch something that we otherwise may have overlooked, had it been screened at a regular time on television. Watch India's Daughter because more than the daughter, it is about the sons and their attitudes and why they need to change it. Fr. Thomas Thennady, CMF, Principal

## **RECIPRO 2015: Ethnic Fest Celebrated in Style**

RECIPRO, SCC's unique festival of cultures and food was celebrated on January 28, 2015. The chief guest for the event was Ms. Jennifer Antony, film actress and painter. The entire college was divided into teams like Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, North and North- East, and the International students. Each group presented the rich and varied heritage of their respective culture. The North and North- East team won the prize for the best dance while the Karnataka team won the rolling trophy for the best ethnic fashion show.

The proceeds of the event-money collected through the sale of raffles ticket and food coupons went towards the education of children at Sumanahalli and Snehajyothi Centre for the visually challenged, Athani.





# **MAYURIKA 2015:**

**Inter-collegiate Fest Witnesses Record Participation** 

ayurika, the annual inter-collegiate arts and cultural fest of SCC was held on February 19, 2015. It was inaugurated by Ms. Parvathy Nair, leading South Indian actor and model in the presence of Guest of Honour, Ms. Karthika Thomas, renowned classical dancer. Rev. Fr. Varghese Karukulathel, Manager of St. Claret Institutions, Rev. Fr. Joseph Mathew,

administrator, Rev. Fr. Thomas Thennady, Principal and Rev. Dr. Sabu George, Vice Principal were present on the occasion. The onstage events began with a graceful Kathak performance by Ms. Karthika, the guest of honor. Thirty colleges from Bangalore participated in the event.

The off-stage events included collage, face painting, and tattoo designing. The on-stage events included group dance, solo dances: both eastern and western and adaptune. The overall championship was bagged by RBANM's College while the Fashion Show was won by Army Institute of Fashion and Design, Bangalore.



## **Republic Day Celebrated**

The college celebrated the Republic Day on January 26, 2015. The Chief Guest was Principal Rev. Fr. Thomas Thennady. Events began with the hoisting of the National Flag followed by a dance by the college team and singing of patriotic songs.

## **Literary Week Celebrated**

Literary Week was observed from January 19 to 24, 2015 by the Language Department of SCC. Posters were put up along the corridors of the college commemorating the hundred and eleventh birth anniversary of Dr. Kuvempu; the works of William Shakespeare and themes like Naarike Vividh Roop. Competitions like Debate, Spell Bee, Air Crash, Elocution, Movie Review, Essay and Story Writing were also organized. Students participated enthusiastically and won many prizes.

## **NSS Special Camp Organized at Sumanahalli**

SS volunteers of SCC attended a camp at Sumanahalli, Centre for Leprosy and HIV Rehabilitation from February 14 to 18, 2015. The team that included thirty two students and NSS Officer, Mr. Madesh and Co-officer, Ms. Neeta were welcomed by Rev. Fr. Peter D'Souza, Director, Sumanahalli. The main theme of the camp was protection of environment, conservation of water and renewable energies in times of scarcity. It also included programmes on health awareness, women empowerment, HIV/AIDS awareness and psychological development.



## **Guest Lectures Organised**

- ⇒ The Department of Hindi organized a guest lecture on 'Harivamsh Bachchan ki Madhushala' on January 17, 2015 for all the Hindi students of SCC. The speaker was Dr. Sunita Vivek, HOD Hindi, SRN Adarsh College, Bangalore
- The Department of Kannada organized a guest lecture on 'Kannada Bavageethukalu with regard to KS Narasimha Swamy' on January 09, 2015 for all Kannada language students. The resource person was Dr. Shanth Raju, HOD, Kannada Dept., St. Francis De Sales College, Bangalore.

#### Outreach Activities

### Visit to Home For Destitute Men

During the month of January the department of Management conducted a grocery collection drive and students and teachers contributed non perishable grocery items which were then taken on January 31, 2015 to Friends of the Birds of the Air, a charitable home giving shelter to destitute men at M. S. Palya, Bangalore. The home welcomed the groceries delivered by the students who were accompanied by Fr. Sabu George, Vice Principal and Mr. Zameer Pasha. Students arranged interactive fun games and singing for the residents and served refreshments as well.

## CSA Visits Nirmal Hriday, Home for Destitute Women

Members of Christian Students' Association of SCC visited Missionaries of Charity's Home for Destitute women, Nirmal Hriday at M.S Palya on January 17, 2015. Forty students participated in the outreach programme. They were accompanied by Ms. Joy Evangeline and Ms. Rekha B.S. Cultural programmes in connection with new year

celebrations were organized and snacks were distributed among the children. Students also made a generous contribution to the centre.



CSA members enjoyed the time they spent with inmates of Nirmal Hriday of Missionaries of Charity

## **SAF Organizes Competitions for Children**

Social Action Forum of SCC organised a visit and competitions for children of Saraswati Charitable Trust on the college campus on January 17, 2015. Prizes were given away to the winners of various games and they were also served food by the volunteers.

#### Sports News

#### **WATERLOO** –

#### Games between staff and students conducted

The annual Waterloo competitions wherein the teaching faculty and students play against each other were held from January 5 to 8, 2015. In cricket, the male faculty members won the match against the boy students. In badminton too, Principal Rev. Fr. Thomas Thennady and Vice-principal Rev. Fr. Sabu George defeated the boys' team. Volleyball was won by students and lady faculty were no match for the girls' team in the throw ball. The students won the overall championship.

## ATHENIA 2015- Annual Sports Events Organized

CC organized its annual Sports Day on January 10, 2015. The chief guest on this occasion was Rev. Fr. Joshi, Principal of St. Claret School and a sports enthusiast himself. Students took active part in all the track and field events. The group and individual games were won by the final year students. The individual championship girl was bagged by Shabnam of III BCA and boy by Jithin Philip of III B.Com. In the tug of war competition held between the boy students and the male teaching faculty, the boys' team won with ease.

## **Inter-collegiate Games Organized**

CC organized the third Inter-Collegiate Football, Throw ball, Chess and Table Tennis Tournaments on February 4 and 5, 2015. As many as 20 colleges took part in the tournament. This year throw ball was introduced for the first time. Mr. Thomas Joseph, Managing Director of Technoheat Ovens and Furnaces inaugurated the event. Students of SCC bagged runner up medals in Throw ball and Chess events. In the table tennis competition, SSMRV College bagged the first place and St. Joseph's College won the runners up. The winning trophy of Throw ball was lifted by the Maharani Ladies Association First Grade College students. In the Football Tournament, the runners up were the students of Presidency College and the winning team was VidyaVahini College.



SCC Throw ball team, the runners of the inter-collegiate championship

## **Department of Languages**

A new Department of Languages has been introduced at St. Claret College comprising of faculty of Kannada, Hindi and Malayalam. Mr. Madesh N., Asst. Professor, Kannada has been appointed the Head of the Department.

## 'FLASHBACK' - Photography Exhibition

The Department of Humanities conducted an intra-collegiate photography exhibition on February 28, 2015. The Chief Guest for the event was Mr. Nagesh, Photojournalist with The New Indian Express. Students and faculty of the college submitted eye-catching photos on themes such as 'nature', 'architecture' and 'street life', which were put on display for all to see.

## Management Club

## **Poster Making Competitions Organized**

The Management Club conducted a poster making competition on February 06, 2015. Eighteen teams participated. Priyanka and group of I BBM won the first prize, Shaan and team (I BBM) and Jhansi and team (III BBM) won the second prize and Nishma and team (III BBM) won the third prize.

# **International Industrial Exhibition**



The students of final year B.Com batches on January 22, 2015 made a study tour to the Industrial Exhibition held at Bangalore International Exhibition Centre beside Tumkur Road. The visit was a rich learning experience for the students.

#### **Visit to TVS Plant**

Students of II BBM visited TVS Motor Company Plant, Hosur on January 27, 2015. Mr. Zameer Pasha accompanied them. TVS, being one of the largest two-wheeler manufacturers in India, the study trip was an enlightening one for the students. They were taken around the plant to get an idea of the several stages related to the assembly of two-wheelers.

# Workshop on Dining Etiquettes conducted for B.Com Travel and Tourism Students

One- day workshop on Dining Etiquettes was conducted by the Department of Commerce (Travel and Tourism) on 21 February 2015. The Resource person was Ms. Liji Thomas, chief Image Consultant at Novou Image Consultancy. The workshop included aspects like guest and host etiquettes, protocol and procedures to be followed during formal, multi-course and sit- down dinners and body language at the dining table.

## Management Students Visit Bangalore Dairy

The students of I BBM visited Bangalore Dairy on January 23, 2015 and were taken around by the Factory Manager to see various processes involved in milk processing, right from the collection of milk, various methods of its pasteurization and finally packaging. They were also shown the process of butter making and packaging. The students found the trip very useful as they could see the plant layout, maintenance and the various processes involved.



#### Placement News

#### **Professional Skills Training**

A two-day intensive Professional Skills training was organized by TalentEase, a Hyderabad based training company for students of the final year batches on November 24 and 25, 2015. Twenty students participated in the training.

Placement and Career Guidance Cell of SCC organised Professional Skill Development Workshop from February 24 to 26, 2015 for II year students. The Resource persons of the various sessions were Mr. Deepak Justin, CEO of Inner Circle, institute of corporate training and development, Mr. Stanley Ravi and Mr. Rakshith, corporate training personnel. The workshop covered aspects like development of communication skills, stress management, being assertive and group discussions.

#### List of Students Placed so far through the PCGC of SCC

	Company	No. of Students Placed
1.	Concentrix	57
2.	Vee Technologies	17
3.	Tech Mahindra	01
4.	Cognizant Technologies	04
5.	Infosys	03
6.	IBM	02
7.	Wipro	15
8.	Igate	02

#### **FDP on Research Paper Writing**

The faculty members of SCC attended a two-day training on Research Paper Writing conducted by Rev. Dr. Sabu George on November 24 and 25, 2015. The program was organized by Research Promotion Cell of SCC.

### Faculty in News

#### **Seminars / Conferences / Workshops Attended**

- Mr. Madesh N., HOD, Dept. of Languages, attended a One-day National Seminar on "Kuvempu Shudra Maha Pratibha" organized by Bangalore University on November 22, 2014.
- Mr. Madesh N, HOD, Dept. of Languages attended a National Seminar on "Dalita Bandaya Sahitya Cheluveli" organized by Kannada Adyana Centre on November 28 and 29, 2014.
- Ms. Jayalakshmi Sharma, Asst. Professor, Dept. of Languages (Hindi) attended anInternational Hindi Conference on Ram Aur Krishna Bhakti Sahityaki Sarvabhoumikta and presented a paper on "Manthara: NayikaaurKhalnayika" at K.E.S. Shroff Commerce Colleges on December12 and 13, 2014.
- Dr. Rashmi and Ms. Jayalakshmi Sharma of the Dept. of Languages (Hindi) attended a seminar related to the Hindi syllabus for Degree students at Baldwin Women Methodist College which was organized in collaboration with Gyan Kiran, Bangalore University on January 22, 2015
- Mr. Anand. R, Asst. Professor, Dept. of Commerce attended an orientation programme on Business Taxation at R.V College of Engineering, Bangalore on January 24, 2015.
- Mr. Mohankumar and Mr. Anand of the Dept. of Commerce attended a Reorientation Programme on second and sixth semester B.Com syllabus at Jain College on January 29, 2015.
- Ms. Maria D'Souza attended the UGC sponsored, One-day National Seminar on 'Choice Based Semester Scheme' at Mt. Carmel College on February 11, 2015.

#### **Papers Presented**

- Ms. Shashikalamma U., Asst. Professor, Dept. of Languages (Kannada) presented a paper on "Dalitahagu Bandaya Sahitya Cheluveli" organized by Kannada Adyana Centre on November 28, 2014.
- Mr. Prakash Chandra Behera and Mr. Chinmay Dash of the Dept. of Computer Science presented a paper on "E- Card: A Case Study of New Identification Implementation for an Individual" on December 12 and 13, 2014 at Global Summit on Management Cases in collaboration with the ET Cases at Indian Institute of Management, Raipur.
- Ms. Shashikalamma U., Asst. Professor, Dept. of Languages (Kannada) presented a paper on "Bharata Samvidhana Rachaneyelli Vachana Karara Paatra" at Basweshwara College, Rajaji Nagar on January 10, 2015.
- Mr. Allan P. Fernandez, Asst. Professor, Dept. of Humanities (English) presented a paper on "Literature of the North-East and the Case for a Separate Protocol" on February 06, 2015 in the National Seminar on Contemporary Trends in English Literature conducted by S. Vellachamy Nadar College, Madurai.
- Ms. Joy A Evangeline, Asst. Professor, Dept. of Humanities (English) presented a paper on "Transcultural Turmoils in Jhumpa Lahiri's The Namesake" on February 6, 2015 at the International Conference on 'Transitions: Literature, Language and Culture post 1980' organized by Garden City College, Bangalore.
- Ms. Reema Harshith, Asst. Professor, Dept. of Humanities (English) presented a paper on "Food, Culture and Diasporic Identity: a Study of Jhumpa Lahiri's Fiction" on February 6, 2015 at the International Conference on 'Transitions: Literature, Language and Culture post 1980' organized by Garden City College, Bangalore.
- Mr. Zameer Pasha, Asst. Professor, Dept. of Management, presented a paper titled 'Issues and Concerns of Derivative Commodity Market in India' at the National Conference on 'Stock and Commodity Market' held on 14 Feb, 2015 at Chennagiri Government First College, Chitradurga District, Karnataka.
- Ms. Rashmi B., Asst. Professor, Dept. of Management, presented a paper titled 'Mobile One for Effective E-Governance in Karnataka' at the ICSSR sponsored National Conference on 'Innovation-An Engine for Inclusive Growth and Sustainable Development held on 12-13 Feb, 2015 at Tumkur University, Tumkur-Karnataka.
- Ms. Cassandra Ranee, HOD, Dept. of Management, attended a National Conference on Emerging Trends in Commerce and Management at SEA College, K. R. Puram on January 29-30, 2015 and presented a paper titled 'Work Life Balance in the Teaching profession'.
- Ms. Cassandra Ranee, HOD, Department of Management and Ms. Sandhya Rakesh, Asst. Professor, Department of Management presented a paper on 'How to bridge the gap between Education and Employability' at the UGC sponsored Two- day National Seminar on 'Human Capital Formation Issues and Challenges' organized by Department of Economics, St Joseph's College (Autonomous), Bangalore on February 05-06, 2015.

#### Consultancy

- Dr. Yogananda Rao D. HOD, Dept. of Humanities (English) delivered the keynote address at the National Seminar on Contemporary Trends in English Literature conducted by S. Vellachamy Nadar College, Madurai on February 05-06, 2015.
- Rev. Dr. Sabu George, Vice Principal conducted a session on "Exercising Leadership in a Religious Setting: An Enabling Praxis" at SANYASA, Institute of Consecrated Life, Bangalore for major superiors of Religious Institutes in India on February 05, 2015.

- Rev. Dr. Sabu George, Vice Principal is appointed Member, Board of Studies, Christ University, Department of Engineering.
- Rev. Dr. Sabu George, Vice Principal is appointed Member, Board of Studies, SANYASA, Institute of Consecrated Life, affiliated to Christ University, Bangalore.

#### **Papers Published**

- Dr. Yogananda Rao D., HOD, Dept. of Humanities (English) published an article titled "Animal Narratives and the Issue of Human Identity" in Periodic Research- A Multidisciplinary International Research Journal, Aug-Dec 2014. ISSN: 2231-0045
- Dr. Yogananda Rao D, HOD, Dept. of Humanities (English) published an article titled "Tendulkar's Leela Benare as an Early Prototype of the Second Wave Feminist" in The Quest, December 2014. ISSN: 0971-2321
- Prakashan Samachar (pub. New Delhi), a literary newsletter in its February 01, 2015 volume carried a report that Ms. Jayalakshmi Sharma, Asst. Professor, Dept. of Languages (Hindi) has completed her M.Phil Research on "Anita Rakesh ka Kahani Sangrah- Ek Doosra Alaska- Ek Vivechan".
- Mr. Muniraju M. G, Physical Education Director presented a paper on "Effect of Short Term Training and Regular Resistance Training on the Development of Physical Fitness Variables and Skill Performance Variables of Male Basketball Players" at the National Conference at Soundary Institute of Management and Science, Bangalore on February 27 and 28, 2015.

#### Student Achievers

#### **Academics**

The following students of II year BCom scored 100/100 marks in the III semester Bangalore University Examinations in Quantitative Analysis for Business Decisions- Vinitha V L, Vignesh Kumar V, Venugopal V, Syed Imam, ShruthiMol M D, Manju R, Sweatha V and Rakesh S R of II B.Com.

Bincy Babu & Dhaniya Mol of III year BCom scored 100/100 in Cost Management and Sandhya P. and Vidhya H. of III year B Com sored 100/100 in Income Tax in the V Sem. University exams.

Lidia Fernandez of III B.A scored 100/100 marks in Abnormal Psychology in the V semester University Exams.

#### **Sports**

- Umesha K of II B. Com B participated in the Midnight Marathon conducted by SBI at Whitefield on December 20, 2014 and came in at the 11th place in the Ten km run, 7th place in the Five km run and at the 10th place in the Twenty One km run.
- In the Sunfire Marathon at J. P Park on January 4, 2015Umesha K of II B.Com B came in at at the 18th place, Saravan of IBBM at the 17th place, Jithin K. Philip III B.Com at the 11th place and Shabnam F of III BCA at the 8th place.
- In the SabarmathiCyclothon (50 km) at Andavad on January 26, 2015, Umesha K of II B. Com B came in 14th and Sagar M. C of I B.Com C came in at the 13th place.
- The State Level Athletic Meet was held at Chikkaballapur on January 03, 2015. Umesha K. of II B.Com B won the 18th place in the Six km running event, Shabnam F of III BCA came in 9th for the Eight km running event and Saravan Bhagat of I BBM came in 27th for the Eight km running event.