



# SPRINGLIGHT

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## SJEC celebrates St. Ignatius of Loyola

*By Ignatius Arun*

**Campus:** St. Joseph's Evening College (SJEC) celebrated the feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola on July 30 to commemorate the life and journey of the great saint, St Ignatius of Loyola, who founded the Jesuit Congregation. The day marked an end to the celebrations that went on the entire month as various activities were organised.

The college also organised a liturgical service on the feast day for the students and staff, and paid their respect through prayers and praises. Following the principles of their patron saint, the college had organised a donation campaign to provide food, clothes and other daily requirements to the needy by placing offertory boxes around the college campus. Many students effortlessly came forward and dropped their valuables into the box. Also, the students portrayed the journey and works of the saint by posting pictures, preparing collages, and articles on the saint's life, along with his works, and other members of Society of Jesus.

The main masterpiece of the feast was the liturgical service which was organised by the management of SJEC for the catholic students. Rev. Fr. Francis Almeida, Principal of Loyola Degree College, Bangalore, who was the main celebrant for the



mass addressed the gathering. "St. Ignatius was a strong inspiration for other saints. He was the one who enlightened them to join the mission and brought them forward to serve the people by forming the Society of Jesus with just nine members," said Fr. Almeida. At the end of the prayerful service, Fr. Almeida thanked the management for inviting him to join the occasion and encouraged the students to

be a part of the saint's mission.

About 30 students, under the guidance of Mr. Reynolds (music teacher) formed a choir to indulge students in praises and hymns. The choir team practiced for over a week and engaged the gathering on the feast day with melodious songs and meaningful prayers. The choir exhibited a spectacular performance under Reynolds supervision. "Being an alumnus of this institution, I'm very glad to be a part of the celebrations at the same campus where I spent most of time knowing about him," said Reynolds.

Dr. Albert Smith, Principal of SJEC shared his thoughts on the occasion. "St. Ignatius of Loyola reminds us about his strong principle of giving things to others and not to count the cost for it. We must also practice one of his values that is to continuously give, be available for others, and don't expect anything in return."

The feast marks the visionary's dream of accessing education at various levels among all the classes of the society. Widely celebrated across the globe on July 31, the feast's main objective is to spread a message of awareness among everyone to share knowledge, wisdom, and serve the people.

## Tejas showcases diverse talent on campus

*By Immanuel Rakesh*



Tejas, an inter-class cultural event was conducted on campus from July 23 to 29 to explore and exhibit the talent of students. Every year a host of events is conducted for the students and this year topped in terms of number of events as 50 events such as street play, on spot acting, poetry, quiz and many other events were conducted. The final year BA were declared as winners of the competition.

Mr. Prashant Kumar, the co-ordinator of the event and Assistant Professor from the Department of Economics said, "Tejas is a wonderful platform to

explore & exhibit talent. It promotes team spirit, and students will get rid of stage fear and also they can relax by entertaining themselves." He further added, "I am expecting to add on more creative events from next year. I want more participants from students as this event is organized for them."

Tejas is a long-held tradition of SJEC. This inter-class cultural started in mid-90's and initially it was called as "Talent Hunt", later the name was changed to Tejas which means sharp.



## Fight against human trafficking

*By Pavan Kumar*

On August 1, the NSS unit organized a special seminar on "Fight against human trafficking". The resource person was the anti-human trafficking champion, Brinda Adige. She addressed the students and created awareness about the issue. She urged the youth to fight against human trafficking.

An emotional mime was also performed by NSS volunteers. They also tried to create awareness among public by holding placards in Richmond circle.

## First Test Commences

Academic seriousness prevailed on campus as the first test began on August 4. *Springlight* spoke to the Principal, Dr. Albert Smith.

"This time we have planned two unit test per semester to enhance our academic excellence. I request all the students to take this test seriously and enhance their knowledge. He also took this opportunity to wish each and every student of the college to achieve something in their life.

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