



# SPRINGLIGHT

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## SJEC hosts its forty-sixth annual Sports Day



**Ignatius Arun**

St Joseph's Evening College (SJEC) conducted its Annual Sports Day, Enthusia on December 9, 2018 at St. Joseph's Commerce College ground. Marking the forty-sixth Sports Day, the day began with great pomp and show with the participation of students. Jude Felix, former captain of Indian

hockey team and coach for junior hockey team was the chief guest for the day. The students were dressed in diversified themes representing culture, region, social issues, non-violence for the march-past. They even paid a tribute to Indian soldiers who sacrificed their lives for nation's welfare.

With effortless energy and excitement, the Sports Day kicked off by lighting of torch and declaration of Sport's Day open by the chief guest. Mr. Felix mentioned that he was touched by the

appearance of the students representing the diversity of the nation. "Organising such a show is not an easy task, but the students of SJEC have contributed in a big way to make this day a remarkable one," said Rev. Fr. Arun Prashanth D'Souza, Director of SJEC. After the inauguration, the students participated in the sports events such as tug of war and different categories of running race.



## Season of jolly begins officially

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Campus: AICUF in association with Student's Council of SJEC inaugurated the Christmas Advent programme on December 3, 2018 marking the beginning of Christmas month i.e. December. The Director, Rev. Fr. Arun Prashanth D'Souza, and the Principal, Dr. Albert Smith graced the occasion. The programme comprised of several inter-class competitions such as star-making, carol singing, greeting card-making, among others. Every year this competition is conducted to keep the students active and joyous throughout the month.

The inauguration was followed by Christmas Carol singing by students that enthralled the audience. The programme was co-ordinated by Mr. Ebenezer Sam, and Ms. Thara T, Department of BBA.

## World AIDS Day observed at SJEC

**Sadiya Waheed**

AICUF in association with Harmony Club and BJES Outreach Programme observed World's AIDS Day on December 1, 2018 by creating awareness on AIDS through various charts and posters displayed on campus. The organisers also distributed red ribbons (that symbolise the fight against AIDS) to all the staff and students, who were seen wearing the ribbon.

The students conducted a peaceful rally and awareness programme at 3-30 p.m. at M.G Road. The participants of rally were dressed in white attire. The rally was followed by a short awareness programme at 6-45p.m. in the college quadrangle which included a skit and motivational speech by the principal.

## Celebrating Diwali with prudence

**Pavan Nadig**

Deepavali, the festival of lights, is celebrated not only by the Hindus, but across the religions in India and Abroad. The bright lit oil lamps symbolize the celebration and hope of mankind. Firecrackers are burst to show the happy mood. At dusk people light their lamps (diyas) and perform a pooja (ceremony/prayer) to Goddess Lakshmi asking for wealth and prosperity.

Though there are different versions to explain the origin of Diwali, I have personally enjoyed celebrating Diwali every year. My most memorable Diwali experience was on the eve of Diwali nearly ten years ago. My mother was busy decorating the house and lighting the lamps. My sister and I were returning back from my cousin's house. We

spotted a puppy shivering in cold under a huge neem tree. We exchanged looks, and immediately she knew what I meant. Without thinking much we took the puppy home. Luckily, our mother let us keep the puppy for three days as the puppy was frightened of crackers' noise.

Around the same time, I remember the light, sound, and bursting laughter of friends and families which had a tremendous impact on me. However, I have seen few accidents due to the fireworks which has resulted in loss of sight, loss of hearing, skin burns and so on. Such tragedies have brought a deep sorrow and made me stronger in refraining from bursting dangerous and loud fireworks. It's been 5 years since I had been enjoying a noiseless but shining Diwali.

As part of my journalistic assignment, I had been to few hospitals to cover the danger of fireworks during



Diwali. The untold sufferings of the people still linger on my mind. That visit literally changed my perspective and made me much more stronger to join the cause for a green diwali. Now I fight for a diwali without firecrackers. Next to humans, the firecrackers have harmful effects on birds, animals, and the mother nature. Needless to say, the pollution levels skyrocket on Diwali.

The Supreme Court's ban on firecrackers didn't had much impact. But I will continue to fight for a peaceful Diwali for every being i.e., humans, animals, birds, and even trees.

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