



# SPRINGLIGHT

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## Winds of Change at SJEC

In an exclusive interview Springlight spoke to the new Director of SJEC, Rev. Fr. Arun Prashanth D' Souza, S.J and the new Principal of the College, Dr. Albert Joseph Smith. Excerpts of the interview are below. They shared their thoughts on SJEC and their vision for the college

**Director Of SJEC: Fr. Arun Prashanth D' Souza S.J***By Pavan Nadig*

**Q :** Could you share your thoughts on your journey so far at SJEC?

**A :** My journey in St. Joseph Evening College as a Director is very short. Maybe it's around three months, but I am very happy and comfortable to be here because almost 90% of the students of this college have lot of responsibility and pain in their life due to which they will focus well on academics. I get some satisfaction and fulfilment by working in this evening college

**Q :** As the Director of SJEC, what's your vision for SJEC ?

**A :** I personally want each and every student of SJEC to do their best academically. Even the vision and mission of SJEC remains the same that is to prepare men and women for the service of others, especially the poor, oppressed and marginalized.

**Q :** Could you share the initiatives of Jesuits Education society which is helping the economically backward students?

**A :** From the beginning, the College has consciously striven to empower the hitherto ignored sections of society. Unlike elsewhere, admissions here are based on the economic and social conditions of the students. Almost 60 to 70 per cent of the students have got concession this year. Around 20 students have been given free seats for this academic year. Shortly we will offer scholarships to the meritorious as well as for financially backward students.

**Principal Of SJEC : Dr. Albert Joseph Smith***By Immanuel Rakesh T*

**Q :** Could you tell us a bit about your journey so far at SJEC?

**A :** I studied both PUC and degree in this college. I completed PUC in 1991. I started my under graduation at SJEC in 93 and completed MA in Political Science in 1996. In 1998 I joined here as a Lecturer in the Department of Political Science. So far I have completed 20 years of service. As a teacher it has been a learning experience.

**Q :** Does College have concession for economically backward students?

**A :** The target students are generally financially weak. They work during the day and study during the evening. They generally have gap in their studies due to financial issues. Anyone who comes with 90 marks we tell them to go to St Joseph's Day College. In our college, fees itself is low and the students pay fees as instalments. Some even get free education especially girls.

**Q :** What are your thoughts regarding hygiene in our college?

**A :** We are trying our best to ensure that especially the campus, the surroundings, are maintained clean. Students can drop in their suggestions into suggestion box and the management will take care.

**Q :** Do you have any short message for the students?

**A :** Bloom, Bloom where ever you are planted.

## Aruna Roy at Hopkins Lecture Series

*By Ignatius & Rajesh*

PC : Immanuel Rakesh

Aruna Roy, famous RTI and social activist and founder of Mazdoor Kisan Shakti Sangathan (MKSS) took part in the sixth Hopkins Lecture Series titled 'Reading Society Today' organised by the Department of English, St. Joseph's Evening College (SJEC), Bengaluru on August 11, 2018.

In the panel discussion which took place at Faber Hall Auditorium in St Joseph's Boys High School, apart from Ms. Roy other eminent personalities such as Nikhil Dey, Social activist, and member of MKSS; and Prof. Babu Mathew, Professor at NLSIU, also participated.

Reciting the poem 'The Nobodies' by Eduardo Galeano, a famous Latin American poet, Roy stated that "We live in a society where we witness crime, hatred, poverty, discrimination against gender, caste, religion and women, where nobody belongs to nobody here."

The recitation clearly showed the connection between literature and the agony in Indian society. "We have lost rationality and commonsense in our country. Our people are blindfolded to follow and act according to the Hindutva rules and principles." She further stated that she was born in this country, but she does not see the same kind of secularism being practiced now as it was during Independence time.

## Certificates awarded

*By Aditya*

On August 2, certificates were awarded to the winners who participated in various various cultural and awareness programmes that were held during Ignation Week.

## Students visit Home of Hope

*By Anju David*

The second year M Com and MA English Literature students of SJEC visited Home of Hope, an orphanage as part of their Academic Outreach Programme on August 5.

Around 30 students visited the home with an intention to help old people and children by cleaning the orphanage area, serving food and spending quality time with them.

Home of Hope, Hennur, is an orphanage started by Auto Raja to provide shelter to elderly people and children.

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