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## Constitution Day Celebration at SJEC

Ignatius Arun

The Department of Political Science, St Joseph's Evening College (SJEC) celebrated Constitution Day on November 30, 2018. Constitution Day also known as Samvidhan Divas signifies the adoption of the Constitution on November 26, 1949 in India. The chief guests for the day were Mr. Bhaktavachala, senior advocate and President of All India Advocates Association, and Advocate Vinay Srinivasan, member of Alternative Law Forum.

Stressing the need to safeguard the Constitution, the Principal of SJEC, Dr. Albert Smith said, "We as citizens of this nation are witnessing radical changes in the areas of secularism in our state. From the past four years, ministers and political parties are

abusing their powers in various ways. We have witnessed mob lynching, and many other unconstitutional practices in our nation. If this persists we may lose our country and our people very soon."

Echoing the principal's sentiments, Mr. Bhaktavachala expressed his concern towards the Constitution that has been tarnished in the name of religion, tradition and corruption. "I'm glad to step into my college after a very long time, this is where I learned about Constitution. But, today our system is only present in books and not existing in reality," He added.

Mr Vinay said shared that when he was studying in college no one emphasized enough on the Constitution. "I learned its



value and importance while pursuing my law graduation and understood its need. This encouraged me to take up initiatives for social cause and fight for our rights." He inspired the students to step into political field and bring about change in society. "The need of the hour is change; not one religion nor one language," he added.

The guests along with students and teachers took an oath for sovereignty, integrity, diversity and unity in our nation.

## Kannada Sangha commemorates Rajyotsava Day

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Campus: The Kannada Sangha of SJEC organised cultural celebrations to commemorate Rajyotsava Day on November 29, 2018. The day marks the significance of formation of Karnataka state and the importance of native language "Kannada." The chief guest for the day was Dr. Subramanya Swamy, Head of the Department of Kannada, Maharani College and a theatre artist. He enlightened the audience the birth of Karnataka state and its evolution. His talk highlighted the Kannada language which has a history of over 2000 years and its connection to Upanishads.



## Outreach Program

Immanuel Rakesh

On November 17, 2018, an outreach programme was conducted for I year MA and M.Com students. They were taken to Sindagi Village, Vijapura which lasted till November 22, 2018.

Students were taken to the rural exposure camp under the guidance of Mr. Pawan Kumar, Assistant professor, Department of Commerce and Shruthi Jain, Assistant Professor, Department of English. Students conducted a survey in nearby villages to understand and get information on physically challenged people. They took classes for students from LKG to X standard on day 2. They also entertained the children and adult in the village by performing cultural events.

This outreach programme was conducted by the college to inculcate in students social responsibility towards society, and also to instil helping nature. The programme concluded by offering plants to the villagers.

## Role of Gender and Emotional Wellbeing

GR Rajesh Kumar

The Department of Psychology organised a guest lecture to highlight the role of gender identity and emotional well being of persons on November 27, 2018

The resource person was Ms. Salomi Jacob, a lecturer from Jyoti Nivas College (Autonomous), Bangalore. Ms. Salomi emphasised the need for a broader understanding of sex and gender, gender identity and gender expression. She challenged the students to break away from binaries and to embrace variety. She shattered the myths around 'masculinity' and 'femininity'.

She also spoke about challenges unique to women, both historically and at present.

## Nature and Narrative decoded

Anju David

The Department of English in association with the Literary and Debating Society organised a panel discussion on 'Nature and narrative: Discourse on Ecocriticism and environmental justice' on November 28, 2018.

The moderator for the event was Dr. Cheriyan Alexander, Associate Professor, PG Department of English, SJEC. The panellists included Mrs. Shilpa V, Assistant professor in English, Regional Institute of Education, Mysore, and Mr. Padma Kumar, Department of Media Studies, Christ (Deemed to be University), Bangalore. The event was organised by Mr. Jeffin Lijo and Ms. Shilpa, Assitant Professors, Department of English.

Mr. Cheriyan took the audience through the ecological inspirations from the literature by highlighting Shakespeare's writing about nature and



also discussed the vital role of literature in depicting nature. Ms. Shilpa explained the different nodes and narrative in Literature which included nature writing (romantic poetry), eco writing and plant poetry. The relationship between human and nature was discussed in the session. Mr. Padma discussed the current situation of the nature and the intrusion of the same by human beings.

The session ended with the myriad of insights and information.

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