

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Presented on 14th March, 2015

Respected Chief Guests, Shri Krishna Byre Gowda, Hon'ble Minister of State for Agriculture, Govt of Karnataka; Prof. H Devaraj, Vice Chairman, University Grants Commission, New Delhi; Prof. A N Rai, Director, National Assessment & Accreditation Council, Bangalore; Sr. Philomena Cardoza, Provincial, Sisters of St. Joseph of Tarbes, Bangalore Province and President, Tarbes Educational Society; Shri. N A Haris, MLA, Shanthinagar Constituency; distinguished Guests, Shri. Shankarappa, Chief Officer, Dept of Collegiate Education, Govt



of Karnataka; Prof. Ravikumar, Joint Director, dear Sisters of my Community, my SJT family, Vice-Principals, Deans, Controller of Examinations, IQAC coordinator, Heads of departments, my very dear staff, dear parents, well wishers, Principals of various institutions, Superiors of various communities, and my beloved students. Good evening and a very warm welcome to all of you to College Day 2015 – A Celebration of the spirit of JNC, a celebration of what JNC is, a celebration of what JNC stands for.

At the outset, let me share with you some of our outstanding achievements, the significant moments in our college last year – moments of splendid achievement, joy, pride, honour and glory.

Jyoti Nivas is a premier women's institution which has been imparting quality higher education to thousands of young women from 1966. The past 49 years have been one long journey, fruitful, experimental, a journey of challenges met, obstacles overcome, a journey of crossing one milestone after another. Autonomous status; 5-star status; all-India high CGPA of 3.76 in the third cycle of Reaccreditation by NAAC; status of College of Excellence, a huge honour bestowed by the University Grants Commission at the national level to only 10 colleges in India and only two in Karnataka, Jyoti Nivas being one of them; one among the few select colleges in India to be recognized by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt. of India, as a college with great potential to be conferred with the authority to award degrees.

The latest honour conferred upon Jyoti Nivas is being granted permission by the UGC and MHRD. to start the prestigious **B.Voc courses** as part of the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt. of India's program for integrating skill and vocational development with mainstream general education, to create highly-skilled and competent humane work force.



The academic year 2014-15 is a watershed in the history of Jyoti Nivas, the year in which we began the prestigious Bachelor of Vocational Courses. The B.Voc courses are integrated with the National Skills Qualification Framework to align higher education with skill development. Our college was one of the privileged few to be selected by the UGC to start these prestigious courses. We accordingly started two innovative B.Voc Courses in Banking and Finance and Visual Communication and **Performing Arts.** The response from students and parents has been overwhelming. The courses were formally inaugurated on 14th Aug, 2014 by the Registrar of Bangalore University, Prof. K K Seethamma. The spacious and upgraded B.Voc Lab was inaugurated on 13th Aug, 2014.

Our NCC Unit was conferred with the runners-up award for NCC Girls' Wing, for Karnataka and Goa Directorate, for 2014-15. In the Citation for Best Institution Senior Wing by the Deputy Director General of NCC, Air Commodore C. Rajeev commended Jyoti Nivas for its exceptional devotion to the NCC organization and for being a fine example for other colleges to emulate.





The Rotaract Club of JNC brought laurels to us by winning the Presidential Citation for the year 2014-15 which was awarded to us in recognition of our Rotaract Club working actively to engage Rotary and change lives of the society.

Jyoti Nivas Athletes won the **Athletic Championship** at the Bangalore University Golden Jubilee Inter-collegiate Athletic Meet held in Oct 2014, where 350 colleges took part. Athletics is considered the King of Sports and our college winning the Athletic Championship is a splendid achievement in itself. Ladies and gentlemen, put your hands together for our athletic women.



A delegation of staff and students from Jyoti Nivas College Autonomous visited the **University di Pisa**, in Pisa, Italy leading to an active interest by the authorities of the University of Pisa to have a tie-up with Jyoti Nivas



College. De Sales University, Pennsylvania, USA, a Catholic University, has shown a keen interest to collaborate with Jyoti Nivas College in the discipline of Humanities.



The 6th Annual Convocation was held on 14th February 2015. It was presided over by Hon'ble Justice V Gopala Gowda, Judge, Supreme Court of India and Prof. K N Ninge Gowda, Registrar (Evaluation), Bangalore University.



All departments have held their **Board of Studies** meetings at which the new syllabi, proposed to be introduced from June 2015, were presented. The 12th Academic Council Meeting was held on Feb 24th, 2015. It was attended by eminent academicians from reputed universities.



Our Staff members have also excelled themselves to win awards in recognition of their contribution to the field of education

- Dr. Geeja Kurian was conferred with the **Best Paper award**, **securing Ist place** at the UGC-sponsored National conference on "Emerging Trends in Value Addition to Plants & Plant Products" at Vishakapatnam.
- Mrs. Harathi was conferred with the **Best Paper award** at an International Conference "Emerging Marketing Strategies in the Global Environment" at Loyola College, Chennai
- Dr. Nirmala Vaz won in poster presentation at the National Conference "Recent Trends in Medicinal Chemistry"
- Ms. Roshini Shetty of the Dept of Commerce also won an Award of Appreciation in recognition of the support and contribution to the Rotaract movement by the Rotary International District.
- Our dynamic NCC officer, Lt. H K Roopa Rani received the NCC Officers 'Cap of Appreciation' for her commendable service to NCC in the National Integration camp at Assam
- Our JNC women staff won the Throwball tournament defeating Christ University, not only at Spghymus, our inter-collegiate sports fest but also at Orbit, the Christ University intercollegiate sports fest.

Several of our students have excelled themselves and brought credit to the college in both curricular and extra-curricular activities:

- Nikitha S Kumar of III B.Sc PME has emerged as an intercollegiate topper bagging a cash prize of Rs. 50,000/- at the National Level "Merit Award Test 2015" organized by New Horizon Institutions at the all India level. Rumana Fathima Shariff of III CBZ won an award at the institutional level with a cash prize of Rs. 5000/- for the same event.
- Nirmani of final year Biotechnology presented and published two papers on "Detection of Dog Meat Adulteration in Mutton" and "Detection of other meat Adulteration in Chicken" in Sri Lanka Association
- Students of Biotechnology won the overall championship at Christ University
- Mahalakshmi, Ramya and Rukhaiya of II B.Sc PMC won prizes at Christ University in Mathematics
- Amina, Niharika and Upeka of III year Genetics presented papers on "Inhibition of HIV I Protease" and "Inhibition of HIV I Virus Reverse Transcriptase" at Bangalore University
- Samantha and Shimrah of III year Genetics presented a paper on "Comparative Analysis of Darunavir and Aagastonal" at the National level
- Students of Electronics won prizes in poster making and dumb charades at Christ University
- Ms Geetha Suthar of III B.Com B secured the 3rd Rank in the Hindi Ratna Exams.
- 'Back Space', a short film made by the III year CEP students won an award out of 30 short films which were judged, at the All India level, at 'Jyoti Filmato', National Film Festival.

Students of French won prizes in creative writing, Pictionary, quiz and crossword at intercollegiate French competitions at Mount Carmel, St. Joseph's and Christ.

Students of History took part in the Humanities fest of Mount Carmel College called "Parampara" and won prizes in the Cultural Competition called "Melange".

For the first time in the history of JNC, we have had a

representation in the Mavalankar Shooting Camp.
Cadet Hemlata Singh Chauhan of II B.Com TM,
was one of the girl cadets in Karnataka to attend
this prestigious **shooting camp** held at Asansol,
West Bengal. For this glorious representation
she was awarded the Deputy Director General's
Commendation Card.

Cadet Ashwini was selected and attended the **Mount Everest base camp** in Darjeeling under '1 Karnataka Girls Battalion'.

Our Softball team won the Bangalore University Inter-collegiate Softball Tournament in Aug 2014



All our 4 cultural teams – the Indian & Western Music teams and Indian & Western dance teams have won at several inter-collegiate cultural fests at all India level.

Our staff in Jyoti Nivas have given themselves up wholly to the cause of the college and that of higher education. They have surrendered themselves to the selfless service of the institution and their students. It is with a sense of pride and pleasure that I place on record the services of **Prof. Dr. Ella Sen** who officially retired as Head, Dept of Hindi and Vice Principal of Arts, after **37 glorious years** of service; **Prof. K. Pratibha** who retired as the Head of the Dept of Botany, after **31 years** of service; **Prof. Lisa Mattam**, who retired as the Head of the Dept of Botany, after **32 years** of service and **Mr. Joseph Kutty**, who retired after, **32 years** of service as Chemistry Lab Assistant.

We laud the services of Prof. Thankamma George and Prof. Carol Stanly who are our proud Silver Jubilarians this year having completed 25 years of committed service and Mrs. Subhashini and Mrs. Catherine Stella for 36 years of unparalleled service.

The academic year began in June 2014, with an increase in admissions to all courses. This year we admitted 930 students for UG Courses.

I BA	237	I BBM	60
IBCA	50	I B.Sc	190
I B.Com	238	I B.Com(TM)	60
I B.Voc (Banking & Finance)	50	I B.Voc (Vis Com & Perf Arts)	50

The year began with the **Initiation Ceremony** for the first year degree students on 14th June 2015.

This year 3 of our staff were awarded their doctorate degrees and three were awarded their M.Phil Degrees. A number of our staff have presented papers at national and international conferences and seminars and also published papers in reputed national and international journals.



The 2 issues of the 8th Volume of our bi-annual Journal - **Academic Studies: National Journal of Jyoti Research Academy** - were released on 22nd March, 2014 and 14th Feb 2015 respectively.

The Research and Publication Cell of Jyoti Nivas also released the 3 Student Research Journals "The Researcher", "Scientia" and "Samshodhana" belonging to the 3 streams of Arts, Science and Commerce respectively.

- From the time of Autonomy in 2005, the Dept of English has been bringing out **textbooks** in General English, Additional English and Optional English. This year too the dept brought out textbooks for the same for Semesters I & II.
- The Dept of Economics released a Workbook in Economics to supplement the understanding of theoretical concepts in Economics.
- Dr. Prabhavathi edited the Kannada textbook "Kannada Jyoti" for I & II Semester BA, B.Sc, B.Com, BBM students.

The final year students of the Dept of Communicative English successfully produced 4 short films.

- ➤ A Mile in Our Shoes
- Left Behind
- > Eyes Wide Open
- Back Space

The 2nd year students of the Dept of Communicative English brought out 6 Lab Journals.

The Lighthouse, The Emblem, Munnariyippu (first source of news), Pravurthi, Echo and The Nouvelle (news).

A number of departments released their Newsletters:

- Internal Quality Assurance Cell of Jyoti Nivas' -'The IQAC Newsletter'
- Dept of Travel & Tourism-'Tornare' on the theme 'Dawn of Civilization',
- Economics Dept. 'Arthashasthra'
- Genetics Dept. 'Gene Express'
- Zoology Dept. 'Genesis'
- History Dept "Handicrafts and Monuments of Karnataka" and "Dances of India"
- Dept of Chemistry & Bio-chemistry 'Spatika Rasayana'



In Sept 2014, the IQAC of our college conducted an **International Conference** on "Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Inclusiveness – A Strategic Paradigm".





On 23rd Jan 2015 Jyoti Nivas held a UGC-sponsored **State-level Conference** on **Euthanasia** "Kill the Pain, not the Patient" in association with the Archdiocesan Communication Centre, Bangalore.



Several other departments have also held the **national and state-level seminars and conferences** this academic year.

- UGC-sponsored two-day National Conference on "Recent Trends in Medicinal Chemistry", Dept of Chemistry and Biochemistry
- UGC-sponsored National Conference on "Food Security and the Right to Food: Ending Hunger within a Generation", Manrita, Social Sciences Forum
- Two-day UGC-sponsored National Conference on "Role of Tribals in the Cultural History of South India, 10th-19th Century", Dept of History

2015 will go down as another historic year in the annals of Jyoti Nivas College. Jyoti Nivas organized under the able guidance of Fr. Saji Mathew, Head of the Department, Visual Communication, B.Voc studies, its first-ever National Film Festival, "Jyoti Filmato" on 26-27 Feb 2015.





Several departments conducted **Workshops** to enhance learning among their students:



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- UGC-sponsored one-day workshop on "Practical Skills in Life Sciences", for Biology teachers of Local Government and Corporation Schools organized by the Depts of Genetics and Zoology
- ➤ Nrityarutya, contemporary dance company for 2nd year CEP students
- Ms. Sarah, award-winning filmmaker on Issue of Acid Attacks, for CEP students
- "Managing Social Enterprises" in collaboration with Center for Social Initiative and Management and the British Council for Economics students
- PCB designing for 2nd & 3rd year Electronics students
- The Department of Commerce & Management hosted 'mock stock' in association with the Stock Market Institute on 20th January 2015 to enable students to learn the practical aspects of share market trading
- "Scilab Free and Open Source Software" for final year Maths students
- Demonstration Lecture on "Project Skills in Insilco Technology" for all students of Biological Sciences by Mr. Shanmugam.
- Tourism and Community" on the occasion of World Tourism Day, Dept of Travel and Tourism, Sept 2014
- "Transforming the Text on Screen", Dept of English, Feb 2015
- Mr. Rakesh Sharma, a famous documentary film maker, on making documentaries, for Communicative English and Visual Communication and Performing Arts students.
- ➤ YellowSeed.com which is the official partner of Social Media Week, Mumbai the biggest social media event which is held in 9 countries every year teamed up with the dept of Communicative English. The students reported on and covered events for five days, from 23rd 27th Feb
- Workshop on Make up, Mask Making and Making Headgears for I B.Voc Vis Com & Perf Arts students by professional artists
- The Depts of Physical and Life Sciences organized a seminar on the theme "Bhoomi inda Gaganake". The Keynote Speaker was Shri H R Madhusudan, Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium. The highlight was a workshop on Orchid Cultivation and Maintenance.



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- Workshop on "Mental Health Services in Indian and American Prisons" by Mr. Koshy Varghese, Texas, USA and Dr. Suresh BM, NIMHANS, Bangalore
- Workshop on "Dance Therapy" by Dominik Borucki, Barcelona, Spain for B.Voc students

Several departments organised **Guest lectures** by experts from the field of academia and industry to expose their students to new emerging ideas and concepts in their respective fields.



This year our college organized an **International trip** for all staff and students to UAE and Italy in Jan 2015.



Several other departments also organized **field trips and industrial visits** to give their students hands-on experience.

Several departments organised **Exhibitions** to showcase the creative potential of their students:

- "100 years of Charlie Chaplin", Dept of Communicative English
- Poster exhibition on "Food Security", Dept of Economics
- Exhibition on "MedRight Pure and cure", Dept of Biotechnology.
- Exhibition of models, posters and charts on "Euthanasia – Kill the pain; not the patient" by Psychology students
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Exhibition on "Tourism and Community" by Dept of Travel and Tourism on World Tourism Day

Several departments held their annual intercollegiate fests:

"Arbitrium 2014", intercollegiate Commerce and Management Fest, Aug 27-28.



- "El-Shaddai 2014", inter-collegiate Gospel Fest, Sept 2.
- "Gran Torino 2015", intercollegiate Tourism Fest, Feb 25.
- "Akhyana + Soc Doc", intercollegiate Communication Fest, Jan 16-17 in collaboration with Dept of Sociology.
- "Scintillation 2015", intercollegiate Cultural Fest, Feb 20-21.
- "Sphygmus 2015", intercollegiate Sports Fest, Feb 25-27.

All departments held their inter-class competitions covering a range of activities like paper presentations, quiz, pictionary, dumb charades, poster making, sketching, creative writing, essay writing.

- "Googol" Math fest, July 2014.
- "E-Techno-Vision" inter-class Computer Science, Physics and Electronics fest.
- "Prachinth" inter-class Biotechnology activities in Sept.
- "Pulse" the General English fest
- "Page-to-stage" the Literary fest by the Dept of English.
- "Spatika" inter-class Chemistry and Biochemistry activities
- "Commerce Week" inter-class Commerce fest.
- "Social Sciences week" inter-class activities with the theme "Embracing Diversity, **Enriching India**"



- Social Sciences Week inter-class Social Sciences activities
- Inter-class competitions by the Sports department.
- "Srujana" the inter-class Language fest
- "Khana Khazana" inter-class food fest organized by the Hindi dept to reflect cultural diversity of Hindi-speaking people and promote Hindi speaking skills among students of Hindi



The Dept of Travel & Tourism celebrated World Tourism Day on 1st Sept to celebrate World Tourism



Day with the theme declared by UNWTO for the Year 2014 "Tourism and Community development". The topics were: Wellness tourism (Spiritual, Traditional, and Modern Treatments), Eco- Tourism and Volunteer Tourism.

On 7th Feb, the final year Sociology students were taken on a Bangalore walk as part of their sixth semester requirement. They were led by informed guides who took them through the history, architecture, types of

early settlements and rural characteristics of Bangalore. The students got a feel of older days and modern times, surviving in one space. The Dept with the support of the Centre for Action, Research and Technology for Man, Animal and Nature (CARTMAN) also organised a social function on 8th Dec, where 30 students planted saplings. The resource persons for the day were Mr. Abhay Simha and Mr. Unni Vijayan both



eminent directors and editors. Documentaries were submitted from students of various colleges in Bangalore and Chennai and over 200 students participated in the film-making workshop conducted by Mr. Unni Vijayan.

The Creative Booklet is a practical component of the creative writing paper written and compiled by the second year Communicative English students. The third year students continued with the tradition of 'Gandhi Class', weekly film screening throughout the year followed by discussions and reviews. The wall news paper is a weekly feature put up by the first year students to update the college on current affairs and media awareness. To encourage budding photographers, the department organized a weekly themed photo display, where selected photos were showcased.

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Students of Biotechnology organized a Blood donation camp in association with Lion's Club and were successful in collecting 125 units of blood. The students of Biotechnology also complied a JNC blood bank Data Book which will enable easy contact with blood donors in cases of medical emergency.

The Dept of Economics organized the 50th annual A D



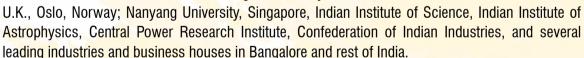


The Depts of Commerce, Management and B.Voc Banking and Finance organized a presentation on Banking Services by the Chief Manager of Oriental Bank of Commerce after which students were allowed to open zero balance savings bank account and given debit cards, much before this

was carried out at the National level by the Central Government.

We have a well-equipped **Department of Information** and Library Sciences. World-class reference books. magazines, journals, periodicals and newsletters have been procured for the library.

We have tie-ups with several institutions organizations, both national and international, including University. Melbourne. Deakin Australia. International, Montreal, USA, Cambridge University,



We conduct more than 40 Short Term Courses to supplement the basic degree, enhance the resume and give our students a competitive edge in the job market.



This year we started two new Short Term Courses: **System Application Product (SAP)** for Commerce, Management and B.Voc (Banking and Finance) students and Short Term Course in **Speech Craft** for SC/ST/EBC students by the Student Welfare Committee. From June 2015, we propose to introduce Spanish as a compulsory Certificate Course for B.Voc (Vis Com & Perf Arts) students and Hindi for

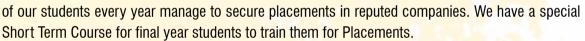


B.Voc (Banking and Finance) students to enhance their resumes and increase their employability as knowledge of a foreign language, especially a growing popular international language like Spanish is highly essential for B.Voc (Vis Com & Perf Arts) students and knowledge of Hindi is most essential for B.Voc (Banking and Finance) students. In addition, we propose to introduce Spanish as a Short Term Course open to all students.

Value Education and Religion classes are conducted regularly to inculcate moral values and ethics in our students.

We were the first college to introduce the unique **Mentor-Ward** System which provides students with a teacher who is also their friend and guide. We also have a professional counselor on campus to provide counseling to those students who need it.

I am very happy to inform you that we have good **Placement and Campus Recruitment**. Almost 80%



The AICUF, NSS, NCC, Rotaract and E-cell of Jyoti Nivas comprise the **Social Action Forum**, which regularly carries out several **Outreach Programmes** to create social awareness among students.

Since service to the less-priviledged and marginalized is our prime motive, we take in students who are physically, economically, socially and linguistically challenged. We have initiated a number of **Student Welfare Schemes** to help these students.

Elections: This academic year too we continued with the democratic process of giving every student the chance to elect the leader of her choice, to form the Student Union Body which leads the college in cultural activities.

The annual **Alumni Meet** was held on 30th July 2014. This was a special year for the batch of 1989, who celebrated their Silver Jubilee as JNC Alumni. Dr. Sr. Elizabeth herself crowned her Silver Jubilee year as Principal of Jyoti Nivas.



Independence Day was celebrated on 14th August with great fervour and a spirit of patriotism.

The annual **Mentor-Parent Meeting** was organized on 6th Sept. This is one of the Best Practices of JNC wherein parents and guardians are intimated about the performance of their wards during their interaction with their mentors.

Jyoti Nivas College celebrated **Kannada Rajyotsava** on 28th Nov, with actor Rakshith Shetty presiding as Chief Guest.

Every year **Christmas** is celebrated in Jyoti Nivas with the theme "**Bonne Nouvelle**" with speciallygifted children from Bosco Manae, Bosco Rainbow, etc. Leaura was another maiden event of JNC, an inter-collegiate and inter-church presentation. It was indeed a great success.



Every year on March 19th, St. Joseph's Feast is celebrated in Jyoti Nivas as **Patron's Day**. This year too we will celebrate the day with religious fervor and secular zeal, and observe it as Students' Day.

A fond farewell will be given to the Graduating class of 2015 on Graduation Day on March 18th 2015.



JNC is committed to the cause of **social welfare**. We are a missionary Institution who have made it their aim and goal to reach out to the less-privileged sections of society. One of our time-honored traditions is to help the people in our neighboring slums.

Extension activities include field days and demonstrations with an educational component to create awareness regarding important social issues such as health, hygiene, better educational, employment and medical facilities in slums and rural areas

All our **Science labs** have been **upgraded** with all the latest equipments such as Digital Multimetres, Oscilloscope, Reflecting telescopes, DLP and LCD Projectors, Scanners, OPH and Tripod screen, Amplifiers and speakers, Printers and Splitters, more computers.

Internet connectivity has been provided to all departments, library, Administrative office and Examination center. We have created Smart classrooms with the installation of Eyeris Smartboards and Projectors

Our **Gym** and Recreational Centre are favourite haunts of students during their free hours.

Our **Hostel** under the stewardship of Sr. Rosarita, makes special efforts in providing wholesome food, care, comfort, warmth and ambience to our students to make it their second home.

Our **Website** is constantly updated and gives comprehensive information about our college.

Jyoti Nivas is constantly in the news. All our major events are regularly covered by local newspapers and sometimes by TV channels.

But of course the greatest achievement of any educational institution is the academic achievement of its students. It is heartening to note that there is a steady improvement in performance from semester I to semester VI. I now gladly present to you our results for the II, IV & VI semester examinations conducted in April 2014.

SI. No	Course	II Semester (2013 Batch)	IV Semester (2012 Batch)	VI Semester (2011 Batch)
1	B.A	72%	77.45%	79.49%
2	B.Sc	81.03%	88.84%	83.87%
3	B.C.A	71.74%	79.07%	89 <mark>.36%</mark>
4	B.Com	85.91%	87.27%	98.61%
5	B.B.M	82.76%	83.33%	94.34%
6	B.Voc – B/F	87.50%	-	-
7	B.Voc - VP	80%		-

We also remember at this moment, Mr. Sampangi, who left us to join his Maker after 36 years of dedicated and committed service.

As we set new goals for ourselves and embark upon new voyages of knowledge and discovery in the coming year, we seek His blessings and pray to Him to be with us in our constant endeavour to keep the banner of Jyoti Nivas flying high.

"Let your Light shine".

Thank You. God Bless You.

