



Principal's Report on the Golden Jubilee Year

The last 50 years for Jyoti Nivas College have been a most fruitful and enriching journey.

From a humble beginning in 1966, we have achieved the status of 'College of Excellence', one of only two in Karnataka, one of only ten in India and the only women's college in the state to achieve this first.

- 5-star status in 1999 in the first Cycle of Accreditation by NAAC.
- One of the only ten colleges in Bangalore to be conferred the Autonomous status by UGC in June 2004.
- Title of "College with Potential for Excellence" by UGC in 2004.
- An 'A' grade in 2005 in the second Cycle of Re-accreditation by NAAC.
- High Cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.76 in 2012 in the third Cycle of Re-accreditation by NAAC.
- Title of 'College of Excellence' by UGC in 2014
- Starting of the prestigious B.Voc degree courses (Banking and Finance, Visual Communication

and Performing Arts) initiated by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt of India, and the University Grants Commission, in 2014.

- Golden Jubilee in 2015-2016.

We have entered the fiftieth year of our glorious existence. This is a momentous year for us. To commemorate our Golden Jubilee, we organized several programmes. Apart from academic, sport, cultural and spiritual activities, the major thrust has been on social concern and outreach activities, as our mission is to reach out to the most marginalized and deprived.



In August 2015, we had a 4-day Golden Jubilee Inaugural celebration to herald the Jubilee year, with the theme “Surging Ahead with the Flame of Faith, Communion, Excellence and Service.”

We began with the Holy Mass on August 11. The Golden Jubilee Commemoration function included felicitation of our former Principals, release of Jubilee Memorabilia and a documentary

on the 50 glorious years' history of JNC called “Our Story”.



On Day 2, with the theme “50 Golden Steps towards Health and Wellbeing”, we organized a mammoth Health Camp with several stalls, to provide free health service to our neighbouring community.



On Day 3, earmarked for sporting activities with the theme “The Golden Sprint – JNC’s Golden Run”, we organized a Walkathon from our old campus in Frazer Town to here.

The highlight of the formal function in the auditorium was a documentary on the numerous Sports achievements of JNC in the past 50 years.



The final day of our Jubilee week, August 15, with the theme “Celebrating Communion, Foundation and Patriotism” witnessed the celebration of our nation’s Independence Day as also the Foundation Day of the Sisters of St



Joseph of Tarbes in India. More than fifty retired staff members, both teaching and non-teaching, were honoured for their services to the college.

With visionary zeal, ceaseless effort, steely determination and sustained commitment, the college has made tremendous strides in the past 50 years.

I would now like to highlight some of the ‘golden’ achievements of our staff and students in the Golden Jubilee year, 2015-2016:

Student Achievements:

- Jyoti Nivas College bagged the Overall Championship at the State-level Project Exhibition organized by Jain University for Science and Humanities students.



- Our Athletic team did us proud by winning the Overall Championship for the 2nd consecutive year at the 51st Bangalore University Inter-collegiate Athletic Meet, in which more than 350 colleges participated.
- Brunda, Nuzzhath and Haseena won the first place in the State Level Inter-Collegiate Science and Humanities Exhibition for UG students “Saviskara” held at Jain University.
- Nidhita & Varsha of I PECOS secured the first place in an inter-collegiate Psychology Quiz organized by MES College



- Pooja Arya presented a paper in Zoology ‘To compare the gut microflora of two vermicomposting species of earthworms’ at an International Symposium on Microbiome in Health. She was the only undergraduate to present a paper and was awarded the Special Appreciation Poster Award.
- Reya and Megha did a minor research study on “Calculation of Baseline Length” at the Gauribidanur Radio Observatory under the guidance of scientists from Indian Institute of AstroPhysics.
- Our Football team brought us laurels by winning the Bangalore University Inter-collegiate Football tournament.
- Supritha, Sona, Akshaya and Hitishe represented Karnataka State in the South Zone Softball Tournament and won gold medals.
- Hera represented Bangalore University and Karnataka State in Taekwondo and emerged victorious.
- ‘Noted’ the western acoustics team of JNC, secured the 1st place at Jain CMS Cultural Fest.



Staff Achievements:

➤ Dr. Sitavi Yathiender received the Outstanding Teacher Award presented by Karnataka State Pollution Board and Srishti International on 19 March 2015



➤ Lieutenant H K Roopa Rani, our NCC Officer, stood first in the order of merit at a promotional course in July 2015, and was awarded the Commandant's Gold Medal.

- Mrs. Rani Titus was awarded the Doctorate degree in Mathematics
- Mrs. Zehra was awarded the Doctorate degree in Commerce
- Mrs. Shakila of the Dept of Physics, Dr. Nirmala Vaz of the Dept of Chemistry and Biochemistry and Mr. Vijaya Raghava Reddy of the Dept of Sports and Physical Education and Mr. Prakash, Lab Assistant, have completed 25 glorious years in service
- Mr. N Joseph, Lab Assistant, completed 36 glorious years in service.
- Sr. Swapna, Assistant Librarian, completed 25 years of Religious life in the family of SJT.

Let me now give you glimpses of some of the major events that we conducted as part of the commemoration of our Golden Jubilee.

We held our 7th Annual Convocation on 6th March 2016.



The 'golden' batch of Jyoti Nivas, the batch of 2016, was given a warm farewell at the Graduation Ceremony held on 4th March 2016.



All departments conducted their Boards of Studies meetings at which the new syllabi to be introduced from June 2016, were presented and passed.



The 13th Annual Academic Council Meeting was held on March 21, 2016.



The 10th Annual Governing Council Meeting was held on August 6, 2016.



In Dec 2015, the UGC B.Voc. Assessment team from BFSI, Banking Financial Services and Insurance, Mumbai, visited Jyoti Nivas to assess the B. Voc Banking and Finance course. The college made a positive impact on the team.

In January 2016, the UGC-MHRD Sector Skill Council conducted Assessment under National Skill Qualification Framework for I and II year B.Voc Vis. Com students.

A UGC-sponsored one-day Orientation Workshop was conducted for the staff in June.



The first year degree students were welcomed and initiated into the ethos of JNC during an Orientation Programme conducted in June.

It was a special moment for us when our Superior General, the Head of all the SJT institutions across the world, Sr. Mercy Jacob visited Jyoti Nivas in December.

Keeping the Golden Jubilee in focus, we have undertaken a number of Green, Social, Academic and Spiritual initiatives.

Conferences and Seminars:

- The IQAC of Jyoti Nivas conducted an International Conference on “Public Mental Health & Neuro-Sciences”.
- Chemistry and Biochemistry conducted a UGC-sponsored National Conference on “Recent Trends in Chemistry”.
- Tourism and Travel Management conducted a UGC-sponsored National Tourism Conference on “Indian Tourism and Entrepreneurship”.
- The Department of Communication and Media held a National-level Media Symposium “Mediatron 2016” on “Digital Media Influence – Empowering or Overpowering?”
- The department of Psychology organized a UGC-sponsored National level Workshop on “Hypnotherapy”.
- The departments of Life Sciences i.e., Botany, Zoology, Genetics and Biotechnology organized “Biosymphony 2016” – a Symposium on ‘Project Green Rescue.’
- The Social Sciences Forum comprising of the departments of Sociology, Economics, History and Travel and Tourism conducted a National Seminar on “Revitalising India”.

The Dept of Sociology organized an awareness-raising screening of Documentary films made by renowned filmmakers on “Disappearing Indigenous Cultures and the Creation of Developmental Refugees” in association with Bangalore Film Society.

The departments of Life Sciences conducted a Project Exhibition “Kaleidoscope” and the departments of Physical Sciences conducted “Vignana Vismaya”.



All our prestigious annual inter-collegiate conferences and fests showcased the Golden Year of JNC, letting its light shine.

- “Arbitrium”, the Commerce and Management event on ‘Kaalatraya – Looking at the Past to Engender the Future’
- “Gran Torino”, the Tourism event on ‘Rhythm of Incredible India’
- “Scintillation”, the Cultural extravaganza on “Hakuna Matata – Celebrate the Primal Side”
- “Sphygmus”, our Annual Sports Meet

Research and Publication:

The second issue of the 9th Volume of our bi-annual Journal - Academic Studies: National Journal of Jyoti Research Academy – will be released today. The first issue was released in Feb 2015.

The Research and Publication Cell of Jyoti Nivas will also release the 3 Student Research Journals “The Researcher”, “Scientia” and “Samshodhana”.



The final year students of the Dept of Communication and Media successfully produced 4 short films: ‘Life in a Closet’, ‘Veiled’, ‘Retracing Footsteps’ and ‘Silver Lining’.

The 2nd year students of the Dept of Communication and Media brought out 6 Lab Journals – The Verdict, The Centrifuge, The Communique, The Reporter, Silhouette and Prevada.

Several departments documented their research and activities by bringing out their Newsletters:

- English: (maiden issue) ‘The Rhetorique’
- Commerce and Management: (maiden issue) ‘Samrudhi’ – ‘Sthiranidhi – Time is Money’
- Computer Science: (maiden issue) ‘Techno Buzz’
- ‘The IQAC Newsletter’
- Travel & Tourism: ‘Tornare’
- Biotechnology: ‘Biosync’
- Economics: ‘Arthashashtra’, vol.no.7
- Genetics: ‘Gene Express’
- History: ‘Itihasa’ ‘Textiles in India’.
- Zoology: ‘Genesis’
- Chemistry and Biochemistry: ‘Chem Spectra’



We have vibrant Industry-Institute collaboration some of which are IISc; Indian Council of Historical Research; Indian Institute of Management Bangalore; Institute Of Clinical Research India; Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd; Dr. S R Chandrashekar Institute of Speech and Hearing, Bangalore; several hospitals, management institutions, factories and software industries and consultancies.

A number of our staff have presented papers at national and international conferences and seminars.

Several staff members have also published papers in reputed national and international journals.

All departments organized workshops, guest lectures, project exhibitions and inter-class competitions as part of the extra-classroom teaching-learning experience.

We conduct more than 40 Short Term Courses to supplement the basic degree and give our students a competitive edge in the job market. This year we started 3 new courses: Spanish, Guidance and Counseling and Photography. The students of our Short Term Course in Guitar will perform for 5 minutes as part of the cultural extravaganza this evening. This will be their 1st stage performance and truly a proud moment for us.



I am very happy to inform you that we have excellent Placement and Campus Recruitment. Almost 80% of our students secure placements in reputed companies.



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-privileged 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.



The annual Alumni Meet was held in July.



The Annual Mentor-Parent meeting was held in September.



Bon Noel, our annual Christmas programme, like every year, was celebrated in true Christian spirit with differently-abled and less-privileged children.



This year our college organized a national trip across North India. More than 200 students and 20 staff members went on the trip. Several departments also organized field trips and industrial visits to give their students valuable hands-on experience.

The departments of Life Sciences i.e., Botany, Zoology, Genetics and Biotechnology have undertaken a number of green initiatives as responsible citizens of Mother Earth. These green initiatives are the brainchild of the departments of Life Sciences. They are the prime movers of Project Green Jyoti Nivas.

Some of the green initiatives on the anvil are:

- Become fully solar-enabled to harness solar energy
- Set up a wind turbine to harness wind energy
- Create a Plastic Free & Eco-friendly Campus
- Effective Segregation of dry waste and wet waste
- Start terrace/roof gardening in the campus with a green house, and cultivate fruits & vegetables.

Prof. Sreedevi completed a course in Astronomy and Astrophysics and another on Cosmology from the Birla Institute of Fundamental Research, Bangalore.

Mrs. Mary D'Cruz attended a course on Green Energy Management at the University of Bicocca, Milan, Italy.

Mr. Madhu completed an online scientific writing course from Stanford University.

I BCA students developed C programmes for IQ testing and calculating Body Mass Index. Students made a documentary on how computers are helpful in the medical field based on a survey of different hospitals.

Final year students of Biochemistry spread awareness about the ill effects of junk food.

Biotechnology students spread awareness on Plastic bottle pollution. They collected used plastic bottles and constructed an Ecogreenhouse in keeping with the theme 'Wealth from Waste'.



Guest lectures and workshops organised by the departments:

- Physics: Lectures by Russian Astronomer Dr. Margarita on Astronomy and Astro Physics and Emeritus Prof. C. Sivaram on 100 years of Relativity.



- Electronics: Talks on “Development in the field of Electronics in Health and Wellness” and “New Software tool Scratch”.

Exhibition on Art and Craft out of E-waste.

Faculty enrichment workshop on “Introduction to Verilog programming”

National level IT Infrastructure Management Competition “Network King 2015” and selections for the National Level IC DESIGN test.



- Mathematics: Workshop on knowledge and application of SCILAB – a mathematical tool for advanced numerical computation.



- Computer Science: Talk on ‘Artificial Intelligence and its Applications’.

- Botany: Exhibition and sale of Medicinal Plants

Talks on Mushroom Cultivation and Kitchen Gardening



➤ **Biochemistry: Workshop on Hormones and Health**

Free testing of different body parameters by Optimal Health Organization.

General health camp in association with hospitals.

Talk on “Common problems of women from a gynecological viewpoint”



Manasi, the Psychology Association, organized a one-day National Workshop on Hypnotherapy and also conducted a short term certificate course on ‘Communication Disorders and Sign Language’, the first of its kind to be offered in a regular degree college. The Centre for Psychological Counselling continues to have its doors open to the public in and around Koramangala.

The department of Economics organized its prestigious Annual AD Shroff Memorial Elocution competition.



The department of English conducted its annual literary fest ‘Page to Stage’ and ‘Pulse’. Its centerpiece event was a Panel Discussion and paper presentations by students on “Children’s Literature: the What, the Why and the How”. For the first time the Department will be offering elective papers to the final year students in the coming academic year. The Department has been bringing out textbooks in General English, Additional English and Optional English from the time of Autonomy.



Final year students of Travel and Tourism undertook Minor Research Projects in the field of Medical Tourism and Research.

The students of Kannada were involved in enacting the textual drama JALAGARA and participated in Recitation and Poetry Writing.



Students of Hindi presented papers on “Bharat Main Gareebi Ki Samasya” and “Kar” i.e., Income Tax.

Guest lectures, Workshops and Exhibitions organised by the departments:

Manrita, the Social Sciences Forum: Talks on -
 Women Physicians: A Historical Perspective;
 Nutrition and Well-Being;
 Effects Of Thyroid On Today's Society
 Wellness Tourism.



An exhibition of products made by Women Entrepreneurs

Poster exhibition on Sports Entrepreneurship on the theme “Economic Analysis of the Tennis Industry”.



History and Economics: Youth and Resurgent India - Educate, Empower, Excel

Economics: Talk on 'Financial Planning'

History: Workshop on Civil Service as a Career Opportunity.

Psychology: Talks on – Psychooncology, Substance Abuse and Learning Disability.

Travel and Tourism: Documentary screening on “Incredible India”.



Street play on the effects of peer pressure



Workshops on Tourism and Global Distribution System

B.Voc - Psychology: Two stalls on mental health awareness to create awareness among the general public. A Dance workshop for the students and the public. Street play in Koramangala, scripted and directed by B.Voc. Psychology students, on the occasion of the World Suicide Day to bring about awareness on the need for suicide prevention. Students also participated in the ‘Engage to Change’ competition series on the occasion.



The Department of Commerce and Management conducted Commerce Week in December 2015, with the theme ‘Ativirya - Rise Above the Rest’. Ativirya means Super power in Sanskrit. The fest included events like Ice breaker, Best Manager, Marketing, etc.

The Commerce and Management fest, Arbitrium, took place in February 2016. Students participated in fests conducted by various colleges in and outside Bangalore and won prizes for several events.

Guest lectures, workshops and other events organised by the department:

Talks on “Skills required in the Finance sector” and “Micro Finance and MFIs”.



A street play on Deceptive Advertisements.



'Bull Run' conducted by Stock Market Institute to enable students to learn the skills of Equity Trading.



Visit by postgraduate students of Baroda Manipl School of Banking in December 2015



Workshop on Investment Opportunities to smarten students' investment ideas.

The Golden Jubilee year was a defining year for the departments of Communicative English and B. Voc.–Visual Communication and Performing Arts. These two individually operating departments were merged into one and renamed Department of Communication and Media. This merger allows for greater pooling together of personal and other resources and greater access to production equipment. A state-of-the-art video studio with latest production equipment, high end computers and professional editing software as well as a highly specialized acoustic-controlled audio studio has been set up for training the students of Communication and Media.

The department organized its maiden national-level media symposium, Mediatron. And it will continue to be an annual event of the department.

Guest lectures, workshops and other events organised by the department :

- 4 major short films and several individual short films on a variety of topics.
- 6 Lab journals and an internal campus newsletter.
- Screening of Documentary photo stories and discussion with students.



Film Shooting



Lab Journals



Release of Films



Street plays on socially relevant themes

- Screening of socially-relevant films every Monday, followed by discussion with the students.
- Publishing a Creative booklet.



Advertisement campaigns on various burning issues.



Masks and headgears made by the students

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 2015.

Results for the II, IV & VI semester examinations conducted in April 2016.

SI.No	Course	II Semester (2015 Batch)	IV Semester (2014 Batch)	VI Semester (2013 Batch)
1	B.A	67%	80%	85%
2	B.Sc	77%	82%	86%
3	B.C.A	72%	80%	93%
4	B.Com	86%	90%	96%
5	B.B.M	85%	92%	90%
6	B.Voc – B/F	83%	72%	-
7	B.Voc – VP	74%	86%	-

We bid a fond farewell to 4 of our beloved staff who have attained their superannuation after long and dedicated service to the cause of Higher Education in general and Jyoti Nivas in particular. Our heartfelt thanks to Dr. Josephine Chandy, Vice Principal of Science, Mrs. Byamma, Mr. Clement and Mr. Mallaiah, Office staff, for their whole-hearted, sincere and unwavering support and service to Jyoti Nivas. Jyoti Nivas appreciates their integrity, commitment and spirit of service. We pray for their good health, peace and happiness as they begin their second innings in life.

We also pray for eternal peace for Prof. Nagabhushana, who retired as Vice Principal of Commerce and Management and left us for his heavenly abode soon after attaining superannuation. I would like to place on record his integrity, extraordinary dedication and unstinted commitment to the call of duty.

I also wish to place on record my sincere gratitude to all those who have contributed to the success of the Golden Jubilee year: Vice Principals, Deans, COE, all my teaching staff, administrative staff, support staff, all the sisters of my community, parents, well-wishers, benefactors and all my dear students. Thank you.

As we set new goals for ourselves and embark upon new voyages of knowledge and discovery, 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”.

Dr Sr Elizabeth C S