



## Principal's Annual College Day Report

### Presented on 19th March 2017

Respected Chief Guest for the evening, Shri Basavaraj Rayareddi, Honourable Minister for Higher Education, Government of Karnataka, honoured guests, Shri N. A. Haris, Honourable MLA and Rev. Sr. Benedicta Mary Joseph, Provincial, Sisters of St. Joseph of Tarbes, Bangalore Province; Special Guest, Dr. S. K. Shivakumar, distinguished Professor, Sr. Nazarine, Manager, Sr. Josephine Hoover, Animator, Jyoti Nivas Community Sisters, Sr. Louisa Sebastian, Principal, Jyoti Nivas Pre-University College, Principals from other colleges, Superiors of various communities, dear Fathers and Sisters, Sisters of SJT family, dear Sisters of the Community, my very dear teaching and support staff, dignitaries, dear parents, friends from the media, well-wishers, benefactors, and my beloved students.

Good evening and a very warm welcome to each one of you to the 51st Annual College Day in the Golden years of Jyoti Nivas College Autonomous; starting from a humble beginning in 1966 and rising to the status of 'College of Excellence' in 2014.

- 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.

- 1st Convocation in July 2009.
- 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 one of the only 2 in Karnataka.
- 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.
- Sending out from Jyoti Nivas the 1st B.Voc graduates in March 2017

The career graph of Jyoti Nivas has been truly on the rise.

With deep gratitude in my heart to God, I stand before you to place on record the **achievements of our staff and students** in the year 2016-2017:

➤ Jyoti Nivas College bagged the **Overall Championship** in:



National Tourism Fest, Christ University



Science Fest, Jain University



National Psychology Fest, Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, Kerala



Chemistry Fest, Christ University



Hindi Literary Fest, St. Joseph's College of Commerce



- Our smart, young, exuberant NCC cadets did JNC proud once again by winning the **Overall Championship** at the Combined Annual Training Camp for the 3rd consecutive year.



- Cadet Tejaswi Ranga won the **gold medal for the Best Cadet** and received a shield from the Director General for Best Briefer. She also represented Jyoti Nivas College Autonomous, Bangalore, at the Republic Day Camp, New Delhi.

- Hera, of III B.Com did our college extremely proud by winning **4 gold medals** in the Bangalore University Sports Meet, 7th State Senior Taekwondo and 36th State senior Taekwondo Championships.



- Our Softball team emerged **champions** in Bangalore University intercollegiate tournaments. Jyoti Nivas College Autonomous also emerged champions in Sphygmus, our intercollegiate sports meet.



- The short film “He or She” by B.Voc. Visual Communication and Performing Arts students won the **1st place** at NMKRV College.



Akshitha Shibu of III CEOEP **published a book** “Dare to Dream”.

Students of B.Voc. - Visual Communication and Performing Arts - put up their **first public, theatrical performance** “The Debut”, including a performance of Shakespeare’s “Twelfth Night”, a street play and ‘Meraki’ - a dance musical.



**Shivali of III BBG** has cleared the preliminary entrance test for **Integrated Ph.D** conducted by Tata institute of Fundamental Research.

Students of Physics presented two research posters at the **104th Indian Science Congress** held at Sri. Venkateshwara University, Tirupathi.

Students of Electronics completed a minor research project at the prestigious **National Aerospace Laboratories**.

Students of final year Genetics presented posters at an **international conference** organised by Manipal University.

Final year Genetics students presented their research findings at our **national conference** – ‘Bioessence’

**Institutional Awards:**

- Jyoti Nivas College Autonomous won the ‘**Dr. A P J Abdul Kalam Memorial Award Teacher Extra-Ordinaire**’ for Outstanding Leadership in Women’s Education from ISBR Business School, Bangalore. The award was presented by the Hon’ble Minister for Higher Education, Govt of Karnataka, Sri Basavaraj Rayareddi.
- Jyoti Nivas College Autonomous also won the ‘Award for the **Best Principal of India–2016**’ in recognition of educational leadership, devotion to academic excellence, educational innovations, integrated development of students from All India Association for Christian Higher Education (AIACHE), New Delhi. The award was presented by the Governor of Kerala, Hon’ble Sri P. Sadashivam.



**Staff Achievements:**

- Dr. Nirmala Vaz of the Department of Chemistry received the “**Lifetime Achievement in Science Award**”, presented by the Expert Committee Report and Apex Committee Recommendations of Venus International Foundation.

- Lt. H K Roopa Rani, our NCC Officer received the “**Defence Secretary Award**” from the Ministry of Defence, Govt of India, New Delhi, for her exceptional service to NCC and was awarded a cash prize of Rs.10,000.



Dr. Leena Alexander of the Department of Zoology won the **Best Oral paper presentation** “Honey as a complementary therapeutic product from honey bees” at an International Conference, Kerala State Council for Science.

Ms. Salome Inamdar of the Department of English won the **Best Paper Award** at a National interdisciplinary Conference, Christ University





Mrs. Leena Alexander was awarded the **Doctorate degree** in Zoology and Mrs. Thankamma George was awarded the Doctorate degree in Physics.



Dr. V Shantha of the Dept of English and Mrs. Ranjini Devi K of the Dept of Electronics have completed **25 glorious years in service.**



Mrs. Prescilla Sequeria, Administrative Staff, has completed **38 years** in service. Mr. Maria Joseph, Lab Assistant, has completed **36 years** in service.



➤ Let me now give you glimpses of some of the **major events** of the year 2016-2017.

We held our **8th Annual Convocation** on 11th March 2017. The ceremony was graced by Shri K C Ramamurthy, Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha, and Prof. Dr. M S Reddy, Registrar - Evaluation, Bangalore University.



900 students of the 51st batch of outgoing students, the batch of 2017, were given a warm farewell with special blessings at the **Graduation Ceremony** held on 7th March 2017. It was a special Graduation Day as Jyoti Nivas sent out its first batch of graduating B.Voc students of Banking and Finance and Visual Communication and Performing Arts.



All departments conducted their **Boards of Studies** meetings at which the new syllabi to be introduced from June 2017, were presented and passed.

**Academic Council** and **Governing Council** meetings were successfully conducted.

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



The 10th Annual Governing Council Meeting was held on August 06, 2016.



**Orientation programme** for staff was organized in June.



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

The **Annual Alumni Meet** was held in July.



The **Conference of Catholic Colleges of Karnataka (CCCK)** organized a significant workshop on “National Policy on Education” in August 2016, to address certain immediate concerns.



**Independence Day** was observed with due fervour.



**Annual Mentor-Parent Meeting** to communicate students' progress to their parents and guardians was held in September.

Jyoti Nivas College in association with Government of Karnataka, Kannada Abhivrudhi Pradhikara, organised **Yuva Janotsava**, Kannada Cultural Youth Festival, to spread awareness about Karnataka and its rich culture.



**Epiphany** the manifestation of Lord Jesus Christ was celebrated on January 10.

We conducted a number of **international and national conferences and seminars** during the academic year 2016-17:

- International Conference on “Computer Science and Mathematics”, “Physics, Electronics and Chemistry”
- National Seminar on “Sustainable Development for Revitalizing India”, Department of Economics
- National Seminar on “Journey Through the Past”, Department of History
- National Seminar on “Empowerment Of Women in Revitalizing India” in association with SICHREM, Department of Sociology
- National Tourism Seminar on “Responsible Tourism and Rural Development”, Department of Tourism Management
- National Conference on “Conflict Studies”, Department of English
- National Conference on “Coping with the Challenges of Depression”, Department of Psychology

- National Conference on “Bioessence: Integrated Healthcare”, Department of Life Sciences
- National Conference Mediatron on “Visual Domain: Seen & Unseen”, Department of Communication & Media

All our prestigious annual **inter-collegiate fests** which draw large crowds and wonderful participation from all colleges in and around Bangalore were successfully conducted:

- “Arbitrium”, the Commerce and Management event on “Sarvatra - Business Anywhere... Anytime”
- “Gran Torino”, the Tourism event on “Dynasties”
- “Scintillation”, our annual inter-collegiate cultural fest
- “Sphygmus”, our annual inter-collegiate sports meet



The **Research and Publication Cell** of Jyoti Nivas College Autonomous regularly brings out National and students’ Research Journals. The 10th Volume of National Journal was released on 19th March.

The final year students of Communicative English successfully produced **5 short films**:  
 Laapata: The missing seam between reality and fiction.

Hindsight: Quest for self.

Shanaya: Sensitive portrayal of a mother-daughter relationship.

Level: The game of life.

Inclination: The meaning of life.



The final year students of B.Voc – Visual Communication and Performing Arts produced **3 short films**:

In search of...: Search for meaning.

Left to the street: Finding lost values.

Get back on: Winning the game of life.

The second year students of Communicative English brought out **6 Lab Journals:**  
 The Commeator  
 News Front  
 Noticia  
 The Teleporter  
 The News Pitcher  
 The Oracle



The second year students of B.Voc – Visual Communication and Performing Arts produced **4 Lab Journals:**  
 Auto Mation  
 The Insight  
 The Third Eye  
 The Wrap

Several departments brought out their **Newsletters** to record their achievements and endeavours during the year:



Internal Quality Assurance Cell: 'IQAC Newsletter'



Psychology: 'Manodisha'



English: 'The Rhetorique'



Travel & Tourism: 'Tornare'



Economics: 'Arthashasthra'



Genetics: 'Gene Express'



History: 'Itihasa'



Zoology: 'Genesis'



Chemistry and Biochemistry: 'Chem Spectra'



Computer Science: 'Techno Buzz'

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.

**May I now present to you a glimpse of the myriad other activities that all the departments of the college have conducted over the course of the year:**

**The Departments of Physical Sciences - Physics, Chemistry, Bio-Chemistry, Mathematics, Statistics, Electronics and Computer Science:**

The Department of **Electronics** organized guest lectures on:

- Renewable Energy Resources
- Challenges and Opportunities in Medical Electronics
- Embedded Technology
- Career Growth in Electronics and Technology
- Career Prospects in Hardware and Networking
- Transducers and Sensors



The Department of **Computer Science** conducted a workshop on Android Application Development, a technical session on Big Data Analytics and a field trip to Infosys campus in Mysore. Students won prizes in the Computer Science Fest in Mount Carmel College.



The Department of **Mathematics** set up a Mathematics lab with 25 systems and furniture. For the first time, practicals on 'Scilab and Maxima' were commenced. The Department also organized a field trip to ISRO.

Students of **Physics** won prizes in Science Fiction Writing at St. Joseph's College and in Quiz at RJS College.



Students of **Mathematics and Computer Science** won prizes at the Mathematics & Computer Science Fest at Christ University.



Students of **Electronics** won prizes in Project Exhibition and Lecture Competitions at St. Joseph's College.

Students of **Chemistry** won prizes at the Chemistry Fest at Maharani Lakshmi Ammani College.

Dr. Nirmala Vaz of the Department of Chemistry completed a Course in Astrochemistry and Astrobiology from the **Birla Institute of Fundamental Research**, Bangalore.

Mrs. Mary D'Cruz of the Department of Electronics had a Talk with officials of the **Department of Business Energy and Industrial Strategy, Government of UK**, on climate change, wind and solar energy and growing energy challenges.



### **The Departments of Life Sciences - Botany, Zoology, Biotechnology and Genetics:**

The departments conducted guest lectures on:

- Man and Wildlife Conflict
- Herpetology
- Obesity and Diabetes



The Departments of **Zoology and Genetics** organised a Wild Life Conservation and Awareness Programme in September.

The Department of **Botany** organised a plant collection trip to Kodaikanal and to Kanakapura for algal collection.

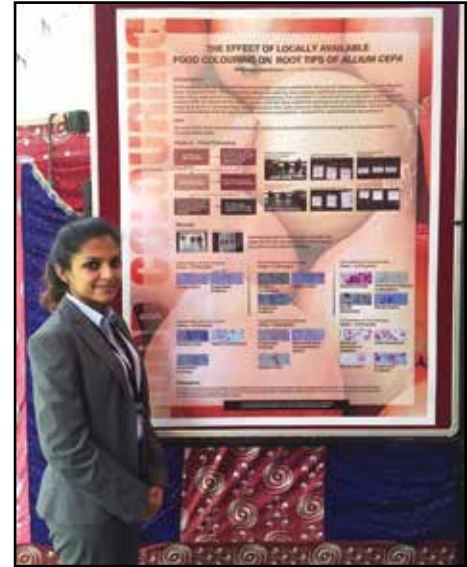
The Department of **Genetics** organised trips to the Rabies Referral Lab, Karnataka and to the Veterinary, Agricultural and Fishery Sciences University.

**Biotechnology** students won prizes at Jain University fest.



Students of **Zoology and Genetics** won prizes in Poster Presentation at the Wild Life Conservation and Awareness Programme.

Students of **Zoology** also won prizes at Vijaya College fest.



Mrs Vinutha R Bhatta of the Department of Zoology completed a Short Term Certificate Course from **International Forensic Sciences Institute, Pune**.



**The Department of Communication and Media** undertook two innovative initiatives:

Avant Garde Circle, which is the collective name given to the five clubs - Moving Frames, Just Waves, Tharikida Thom, Ink Print and Canvas- to promote, organize and engage in various media-related activities to enable peer learning.



Series of job-oriented input sessions by industry experts on every major skill taught in the curriculum - Photography, Design, Filmmaking, Journalism and Audio Production - to make the students industry-ready.

The Department organised guest lectures and industry interactions on:

- Screenplay writing
- Film producing
- Direction and cinematography
- Film Lighting
- Sound Production
- Editing



Students were taken on an educational trip to Hyderabad in February, where they visited Ramoji Film City and had a workshop at Annapurna International School of Film and Media. Students also frequently visit Rangasankara to watch plays and interact with the directors, actors and the crew.

Students had successful online, on-campus and outside campus media campaigns to bring in awareness and social change.



The Department has a state-of-the-art video and audio studio with latest production equipment, high-end computers and professional editing software.

Students of the department won many national and intercollegiate prizes:



Anaidha for photography at Kairalee Niketan



Lakshmi and Keya for Layout Designing at St. Joseph's College



Keya for Photography at St. Joseph's College

Shreya and Somya for Creative Writing at St. Joseph's College



III CEOEPs for Dubsmash at St. Joseph's College



III CEOEPs and III B. Vocs for their films at Christ and Jain Universities





The B. Vocs had their **Skill Assessment and Certification** by the Sector Skill Council from UGC for photography, designing, filmmaking, advertisement-production and print-publication.



The **Department of B. Voc. Psychology** organised workshops on:

- Core Life Skills
- Creative Movement Therapy
- First Aid Health
- Research Methodology and Basic Statistics



The **Department of Commerce and Management and B. Voc - Banking & Finance** organized guest lectures on:

- Basic Financial Calculations
- Investor Awareness Programme, Part-1 & Part-2
- Stock Market Equity Module
- Mutual Fund Calculations
- Digital India Presentation.
- Material Management
- Supply Chain Management
- Customer Relationship Management
- E-Banking



The Department organized field trips and industrial visits to: Repromen Offset Printers Pvt. Ltd, Karnataka Milk Federation (KMF), Seicham Industry, Aurobindo Hand Made Paper Industry and Meena Fiber Glass Industry.



Students of B. Voc - Banking & Finance undertook the 'Jyoti Swayam Sahayaka Sangha' (Student Self Help Group Initiative) for rendering services to Vijaya Bank and to create awareness on digital and cashless economy.



Students won prizes at the Commerce and Management fests held at New Horizon, Kristu Jayanti, RNS and Vijaya College.



### The Departments of Arts: English, Psychology, Sociology, Economics, History, Tourism and Travel Management, Kannada, Hindi and French:



For the first time in its history, the Department of **English** introduced elective papers for the final year Optional English students. Of the four papers offered as electives, two are papers the Department

has never taught before – ‘Children’s Literature’ and ‘Asian Literature’. This involved extensive reading, brainstorming sessions for syllabus design and long hours for textbook production.



The Department of **Economics** conducted the Annual A D Shroff Memorial Elocution competition in September.

Students of **Psychology** undertook an internship at ‘Spandana Health Care and Rehabilitation Centre’.



The Department of **Tourism and Travel Management** displayed a kiosk on Karnataka Tourism, sponsored by the Ministry of Tourism, Govt of Karnataka. Students won prizes in the Tourism fest at Garden City College.

The Department of **Kannada** organized a textual drama recital “Jalagara” performed by the Samyukta Samskrutika Vedike.



The Department of **French** held its annual fest “L’Harmonie”. Students performed French songs and a French skit.

Guest Lectures to complement classroom teaching were organized on:

- Demonetization - **Economics**
- Numismatics on the British period - **History**
- Addiction and Positive Mental Health - **Psychology**
- Freudian Influences in Literature - **English and Psychology**
- Career Management and Logical Applications - **Sociology**
- Data Analysis and Use of Statistical Methods in Tourism Research - **Tourism and Travel Management**
- The Role of French in a Globalised World - **French**



Field trips to give students hands-on experience were organized to: The Securities and Exchange Board of India - Economics, The Govt. Museum, Venkatappa Art Gallery and Gavi Gangadhareshwara Temple - History, Heritage Vineyard, Cadabams, Rajagiri - Psychology, Bannerghatta Biological National Park, Devanahalli Travel Circuit, Chennapatana Janapada Loka and Heritage Vineyard - Tourism and Travel Management.

The Department of Tourism and Travel Management organizes annual educational tours for the entire college to places of historical importance. This year the places covered were Dalhousie, Dharamsala, Amritsar, Agra and Delhi.

The Department of Information and Library Sciences conducted a workshop on 'The New Age International System of Digital Learning'.



We have vibrant **industry-academia interface** with all departments collaborating with reputed national industries and institutes to supplement classroom teaching or provide internships to students or procure expertise for conducting Short Term Courses.

Important milestones were achieved last year in **Industry and Foreign Collaborations:**

A delegation from the London-based global body ACCA - Association of Chartered Certified Accountants signed a memorandum with Jyoti Nivas in June 2016 to jointly start a 3-year B.Com Integrated Professional CA Course.



A British Council-supported delegation from the University of Portsmouth, UK, visited Jyoti Nivas College Autonomous and a delegation from Jyoti Nivas College Autonomous visited University of Portsmouth in April 2016, and explored the possibilities of tie-ups. The delegation also visited Wolverhampton University, Huddersfield University and Association of Chartered Certificate Accountants to work jointly with Jyoti Nivas on research and student development.



A significant event in the Golden Jubilee year was the installation of a Wind Turbine with a capacity of 900 watts in Jyoti Nivas in collaboration with National Aeronautical Laboratories and Aparna Renewable Energy Sources.



Jyoti Nivas College signed an MOU with Ampere Vehicles to sponsor electric cycles and motor vehicles to physically challenged students for commuting.



We conduct over 40 **Short Term Courses** after college hours. This has made our curricula and our education system more career-oriented, goal-focused and meaningful.



I am glad to inform you that we have good **Placement and Campus Recruitment**. 80% of our students every year secure placements in reputed companies.



The AICUF, NSS, NCC, E-Cell, Rotaract, Women’s Cell, Disaster Management and Student Welfare Committee which comprise our **Social Action Forum**, regularly carry out several Outreach Programmes to make our students more socially-sensitive and socially-committed, and at the same time reach out to the most marginalized and less-privileged sections of our society.

Since service to society is our cornerstone, our admission policy is geared to make higher education more inclusive. Towards this end, we admit students from all sections of society, including first-generation learners and physically, economically, socially and linguistically challenged students and we have initiated a number of **Student Welfare Schemes** to help them compete with the mainstream on an equal footing.



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

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 2016 and I, III & V semester examinations conducted in Oct 2016.

#### 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%	-

### October 2016

Sl.No	Course	I Semester (2016 Batch)	III Semester (2015 Batch)	V Semester (2014 Batch)
1	B.A	68%	72%	83%
2	B.Sc	66%	81%	76%
3	B.C.A	84%	72%	81%
4	B.Com	75%	86%	94%
5	B.B.M	71%	74%	96%
6	B.Voc – B/F	80%	78%	85%
<b>B.Voc</b>				
7	Visual Com	91%	83%	100%
	Performing Arts	95%	90%	84%
	Psychology	82%	89%	100%

### April 2017

Sl.No	Course	VI Semester (2014 Batch)
1	B.A	83.33%
2	B.Sc	80%
3	B.C.A	92.68%
4	B.Com	98.95%
5	B.B.A	90.74%
6	B.Voc – (B&F)	100%
7	B.Voc – (VP)	96.30%

We bid a fond farewell to 6 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. R Ramachandrappa, Head, Department of Chemistry, Prof. Sarah Samuel, Vice Principal of Arts, Mrs. Sabrina Jathanha, Head, Department of Genetics, Mr. Sylvester A B, Head, Department of Botany, Mrs. Sujatha Padmanabhan, Department of English and Mrs. Subhashini G, Senior Division Clerk (SDC), 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.

I also wish to place on record my **sincere thanks** to all those who have contributed towards making this year a successful year: all my staff members in their various capacities, administrative staff, support staff, all my dear students, the Sisters of my Community, members of various Boards, officials of statutory bodies, friends from the media, parents, well wishers, benefactors and sponsors who have always stood by us and supported us in our every endeavour.

At this point my mind goes back to the day when the Sisters of St. Joseph of Tarbes first began their mission for education. The campus in Jyoti Nivas tries to recreate that message of living in close communion and ceaseless striving to keep up the spirit of the college and pursue our vision, mission and goal in a concerted effort to keep the banner of Jyoti Nivas flying high.

Let Your Light Shine.

Thank you. God Bless.