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FROM THE EDITOR

“I will be like the dew to Israel;
he will blossom like a lily.
Like a cedar of Lebanon
he will send down his roots;
his young shoots will grow.
His splendor will be like an olive tree,
his fragrance like a cedar of Lebanon.” (Hosea 14: 5-6)



The academic year 2022-23 at SFC resumed its normal course after the pandemic and brimmed with a lot of academic and extracurricular activities in its fullest creative and innovative ways. The theme of this year's magazine "BLOOM" resonates with every student and faculty member who crossed the pandemic years by not losing hope and not yielding to failure. The collection of articles, poems and art works in this magazine exhibits a slice of artistic nature of our college community. Like the four seasons, the budding students of different branches of study in the garden of St. Francis College are preparing to bloom in the places where God is going to plant them after graduation. I believe strongly that every Francisian takes great delight in helping others bloom in their areas of expertise. On behalf of the College Magazine Committee and Student Editorial Board, I invite every reader to enjoy navigating through the pages of this magazine with joy in your heart and a smile on your face.

To place it on record, I would like to thank the dynamic Student Editorial Board of magnificent thirteen headed by Sachi Bhanap of II B. A. MLS for their tireless efforts in editing and designing this college magazine to perfection. I'm grateful to the members of the College Magazine Committee, the incredible Seven, for their valuable contribution in collecting the reports and editing the articles. I thank our College management, especially our Principal Dr. Sr. Sandra Horta, our Vice Principal Dr. Sr. Sherly and Dean Academics Dr. Vanisree Talluri for their guidance and constant encouragement. Above all, I thank our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ for bestowing upon each and every member of our team the wisdom of King Solomon who built the glorious temple in Jerusalem during the golden period of Israel.

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A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

“Bloom encapsulates all that has gone in to reveal the inner beauty of every Francisian. This edition is an ardent attempt of our faculty and students to showcase the treasure trove of Francis reflected in all the creative and beautiful sketches captured in and through the lens of Quest, our annual magazine.

This academic year has been a time to get back to the regular schedule, weathering the after effects of the pandemic. In the wake of this tumultuous time, it was the whole of Francis fraternity with our loving God, our unfailing strength and support was able to tide over and reach the shores to launch into another academic year.

The seeds planted at the commencement of the year have grown up into plants with flowers in full bloom. This definitely is God’s handiwork, watered and nurtured by a number of hands. For all of this we first bow our heads to this loving God of ours and next greet one another for the joy and camaraderie that we shared in making life at Francis a fruitful experience.

It's my joy to congratulate and thank the magazine team for all their unstinting efforts in presenting the chronicle of the academic year 2022 – 23 , demonstrating to us the fact that nothing is indeed beyond our imagination, grasp or achievement .

Standing tall for 64 years against all odds we have created a history and a heritage which we endeavour to preserve and be a beacon of inspiration and guide for our future. It has

been the passionate endeavour of successive Principals to realize and translate the fundamental founding vision of holistic education for empowerment of women.

Driven by a dream to expand and excel, the college has pushed the limits of its ambition to grow, develop and place itself in the orbit of pan India. May this edition which encompasses the spirit and diverse engagements on the campus spur us to encourage and enthuse one another to live life in full bloom, being truly channels of God’s love and mercy.

To all of you my wish and prayer is Bloom where you are planted.
God Bless all Francisians.

Dr. Sr. Sandra Horta



BLOOM : A lovely reminder of how beautiful change can truly be

There are always new characters coming your way. Each and every new character brings thousands of life lessons, memories, regrets, experiences, bundles of joy, and chunks of sorrow for you to remember, experience, and learn from in life. Sometimes, you stumble upon a bunch of characters you never thought you would, but remember - it is never accidental. You were always destined to meet them and it is amazing how you always meet them at the right time. Every character has a different persona, identity, and charisma. Every single one is different from the others. Each one has the ability to bring out different versions of you. They have the ability to remind you of how beautiful change can truly be, either by helping you experience it or by creating situations that may force you to change. Regardless, always remember how important it is to embrace change and that you always have a chance to write a new chapter.

Why do you think that you always love things more when it comes to an end?

The end is either a 'sigh of relief' or 'nostalgia' depending upon what it was about. Either way, the end makes us realize if it was worth starting or not. So, whether or not you like the end, be thankful for it because that very end is the beginning of something new.

When you are afraid of change and believe that your current life is the best, little do you know that more beautiful things await you. When you hesitate to take a step forward, remember that everything you have ever wanted is always on the other side of fear. Fear is just your mind's way of saying that there is something crucial for you to overcome.

So, conquer your fear, take a step forward, enjoy the journey, see it to the very end, and decide for yourself if it was worthwhile to begin. whether or not it was worth starting.

After all, life is too short to spend it at war with yourself.

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The Awakening Bloom

Once upon a time, there was a small seed that lay buried deep in the earth. The seed was in a cold and dark place, and it felt as though it would be trapped there forever. But little did it know that it was not alone in the darkness. Slowly, the seed began to sense something stirring within it. It felt a spark of warmth and a burst of energy, as if it was being awakened from a deep slumber.

With a sudden burst of force, the seed split open, and a tiny sprout emerged, reaching up towards the light. Over time, the sprout grew taller and stronger, and it began to produce small buds. The buds slowly unfurled, revealing delicate petals in shades of pink, yellow, and white. The air was filled with a sweet fragrance, and the sun shone down upon the beautiful flower that had bloomed. As the flower basked in the sunlight, it realised that it had always possessed the potential to bloom. It had been waiting for the right conditions to emerge, and when it finally did, it bloomed into its full glory. And so, the flower became a symbol of hope and resilience. It reminded others that even in the darkest of times, there is always the potential for growth and beauty. All it takes is a little bit of warmth, light, and patience, and anything can bloom.

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Your time to bloom

Recently, I was watching a video in which a woman shared her infertility journey with the audience. She mentioned how a quote by Selena Gomez comforted her and created a bond between them, from afar. The quote was "Perhaps this is the moment you were created for."

This quote immediately struck my mind and brought to me the verse from Esther 4:14 where Mordecai tells Esther "Who knows perhaps you were brought to royalty for such a time as this". The phrase 'such a time as this' stuck with me.

As people we are expected to meet certain standards of success in life, this verse reminds us that wherever we are in life, whatever hardships we are facing or how well we are doing in life, would not matter for long. When you're overwhelmed by society's expectations, just take a moment and think about it, 'What if I were created for such a time as this?'

I am not saying that you deserve the hardship you are going through but what if you realise that you had to go through all of it just to bloom later? What if this was a necessary step to blossom into the prettiest flower?

Someone in your life might be blooming right now, that does not mean you will not. From now on, this is what bloom will mean to me. Whenever there's a hurdle, whenever there are hardships, mountains I cannot move and seas I cannot part, I will remember that perhaps I was made for such a time as this and when the time is right, I will bloom.

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My grandparents' advice to all of us

My Thatha: "I've lived more than thrice the times you did. My experience can be your terms and conditions booklet." My Nana: "Saying 'be yourself' is easier said than done. Fear is life's constant but letting it eat you up from the inside is losing a part of yourself, with each step taken back. We can't tell you what to do, but can surely guide you." Their advice: "You are on a journey of personal growth and self-discovery. You have the power to bloom and mature into becoming a better person by taking intentional steps towards your goals and aspirations. "To start, take a moment to reflect on your values and beliefs. What kind of person do you want to be? What qualities and characteristics are important to you? Once you clearly understand your values and aspirations, you can begin to act towards becoming the person you want to be. A critical step towards personal growth is taking responsibility for your actions and decisions. This means being accountable for your mistakes, but also taking ownership of your successes and accomplishments. By taking responsibility for your life, you can empower yourself to make positive changes and pursue your goals with confidence. "Another key aspect of personal growth is being open to new experiences and perspectives. Challenge yourself to step outside of your comfort zone and try new things. Seek out opportunities and learn how to grow, whether that be through travel, education, or personal relationships. By exposing yourself to new experiences, you can gain a broader understanding of the world and yourself.

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"Developing healthy habits and taking care of your physical and mental health is also an important aspect of personal growth. This means making time for exercise, eating well, and getting enough sleep. It also means seeking out support and resources when dealing with stress or mental health challenges. By taking care of your physical and mental health, you feel more energised and focused, allowing you to pursue your goals with greater clarity and purpose. "Finally, building strong relations with others is another important aspect of personal growth. Surround yourself with people who inspire and encourage you, and who challenge you to be your best self. Seek mentors and role models who can provide guidance and support as you pursue your goals, be it YouTubers, teachers, friends, or even a fictional character like Master Oogway from Kung Fu Panda! By building strong relationships, you can gain valuable insights, support and opportunities that can help you grow and succeed. "Lastly, maturing into a better person requires effort, dedication, and a willingness to take risks and step outside of your comfort zone. By taking responsibility for your life, being open to new experiences, taking care of your physical and mental health, and building strong relationships, you can become the person you aspire to be. Remember that personal growth is a lifelong journey, and each step you take towards becoming a better person is a step towards a more fulfilling and meaningful life."College can be scary but remember that YOU AREN'T ALONE."

All about 'pure fun'

I always watched ramp walks as a spectator and thought it was so easy to flaunt those clothes, to walk in style, to carry off that expression and give it your best shot as you walk that fashion show aisle. But only yesterday did I realise that even in this domain, rigorous practice is what makes your task flawless and allows the audience to enjoy the spectacle. The motivating factor for me to participate yesterday was this: when I was a student, way back in those days, I was thrilled to see my teacher, in one such event, taking the stage by storm. She came bouncing in with a football dressed like a teenager and acting like one. The teacher, who played a different role dictating notes and enlightening us into new realms of knowledge, was now in a different role. This memory has become indelible in my mind's memory box. Yesterday, I am sure this effect is what my ramp walk had on my students. But let me tell you this: Dear girls, Please realise that you are at the prime of youth in college. You must grab every opportunity to display your talent. While doing this, you must enjoy the show. Isn't this the same as 'Carpe diem' -seize the day? Yes I believe so, this energy, moment and mood will not repeat another day. So, dear girls, if I could do it at my stage of life, you can rock it all the time. Remember, all work and no play, makes Jack a dull boy! Now, Jack has to be replaced by a name like Jackie or Jacqueline. Because we are talking about girls. "Why should boys have all the fun anyway!" Recalling a two wheeler advertisement for girls, there is nothing that girls cannot do in today's changing world of gender equation.

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Blissful Bloom

This happened when I was ten years old, living with my parents, in Pondicherry. I met Rahul in 5th standard. He was one of the first friends I had ever made. Rahul had a vibrant spark which attracted me and we'd been inseparable since. We played together for years and shared some beautiful memories. Rahul made my childhood remarkable. But one day, when we were fifteen years old, Rahul suddenly started bleeding, became breathless and fainted at his house. He was rushed to the hospital and we found out that he was in the final stage of leukaemia. Soon after being admitted to the hospital, Rahul passed away. We were all in complete shock and I was inconsolable.

It was very tough for all of us to accept the fact that Rahul was no longer with us. I was left all alone. I lost my best friend of five years and all I had left were memories of him. For a year, I felt completely lost, which worried my parents. Rahul was the only one I had and I had lost him forever.

A year after Rahul's passing, my parents got me a dog.

We named him Leo and he somehow had a similar spark as Rahul.

It was Leo who helped me overcome the darkest time of my life.

He is a very cheerful dog who never left me alone. It was very tough for me to move on but I always believe that Rahul reunited with me, in the form of Leo. I will never forget the memories I shared with Rahul but Leo makes me happier than anyone else.

Everyone needs someone who can understand them and help them grow in life just like how a bud needs water to grow, and sunshine to bloom.

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Love Can Take Its Time To Bloom

“Love is unconditional” , “You must love your siblings and your parents unconditionally”

But what if I was too young, and they were too inexperienced? What if I did not know how to love someone incredibly tiny, but harshly capable of making my parents not listen to words my five-year-old heart was forming in my mouth? What if my toddler heart did not understand how, overnight, everyone who used to love me could love a small bundle as though I were invisible? What if I didn't understand what was so intriguing and lovable in a human barely the size of my arm, who just slept and cried and screamed? What if I was confused? She was so small, and tiny and incapable of taking on the cruelty this world had to offer.

Surely I could help her? Surely I must protect her? I had spoken to her for nine months. I believed she could hear me from the little hole in mummy's belly. I had wished her good mornings and goodnights and bid her farewell every day before I went to school. I had loved her so much inside mummy's tummy, how come I couldn't after she was real? After she was breathing Earth's air? Whatever it was, time awaits no one, and we gradually grew up. She grew up into someone who could look at me with love, and I grew up into someone who didn't speak much, was always into one novel or another book, but someone who'd learned to look at her with love. “How do you learn to love? How did you not love your sister right away?”

These are harsh questions, difficult questions. How did I stop being the girl who would sit on the kitchen slab while her mother cooked, and how did I become the girl who would stand by no kind of injustice toward my sister? How did I put myself together enough to be able to sit on the kitchen slab again? It was Rai. She is my sister. No matter how hard it was to love someone because of whom all the love was taken from me, she'd never looked at me without love. She'd never looked at me without admiration. October was when she was born. It's the season of red maple leaves and Taylor Swift's “All Too Well.” It is “Fall” and I believe there is no bigger irony than falling in love in the fall season. Years and months and seasons came and went. Slowly I didn't get irritated by Rai wanting the larger portion of food, Rai getting a little bit more attention and Rai getting all the artsy pretty things she asked for. Slowly I looked at her and saw the bud of happiness everyone was on about. Today, looking back at it all, I say, she taught me, love can be learned. She had always known in a corner of her heart that I didn't love her completely. Yet she never failed to love me. She never gave up on loving me just because it took me so long to finally love her with every little bit of my heart. Loving her taught me to make myself heard, loving her taught me I can be me, and face reality at the same time, loving her taught me— you can love someone enough to live for them.



“If people were rain,
I was a drizzle,
And she was a hurricane.”

- Looking For Alaska, John Green

My little sister’s faith in me, my little sister never thinking twice before loving me with all it took her— taught me, love can take its time to bloom.

Love can sometimes need to learn to bloom.

And that is okay. Her entering my life was a massive change that took me years to learn to adjust to completely. But the love did bloom into a full flower. A flower I religiously water every day now.

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Look how beautifully you bloom

Katra katra mili hai, katra katra jeene do... zindagi hai, behene do..

She took a deep breath of the earthy aroma of wet mud as the song lilted through her earphones. Light pink bougainvillea waltzed to the ground as the sun rays wove their way through the branches of the tree to reveal unshed tears that lay glistening in her dark eyes.

Jeene do... Behene do...

It had been long since she had sat by herself in her little garden beside her house. Everyday always seemed to get in the way. It had been long since she had closed her eyes, let the sun caress her face and allowed herself to just be. “Everyone gets by, don’t they? Everyone goes about their life. Even after things have gone wrong, people go on, move on.” She sighed as she leaned her head on the coarse, hard trunk of the tree, her hands gathering her knees closer to herself. She had wiped away the sindoor from her forehead years ago, but it still left a deep red stain in the parting of her hair. “How do they do it? What am I doing wrong that everyone seems to have right? What does it take to really live life?” It was a hot, sticky afternoon, and the dew drenched grass under her bare feet provided some solace from the glaring heat. Her fingers were, involuntarily, tracing random designs in the wet soil, interrupting the ever-busy ants that scurried about. She closed her eyes and instantly her mind meandered back in time. It seemed to her that if not for the constant effort to stay in the present, her mind would keep strolling through the gullies of her past, trying to make sense of it.

A confusing past it was, truth be told. One couldn't say it was completely unhappy. But then, it wasn't very happy either. She didn't know what to make of the memories of all those small and big experiences that stealthily crept on her, swallowing her whole, without a warning. She hated the way they caught her unawares and left her feeling drained. Just when she thought that she had forgotten, that she had grown, that she had moved on... they were back, holding her in their stifling grasp, leering, almost taunting her. She had forced change on herself. There was no other way. She knew she had to uproot herself from where she was, to go where she wanted to. And she had done it. Whatever her past was, it was over. She had left it behind. *But why wouldn't it leave her?* Why was it so hard to tread the path she had chosen? Why did it hurt so much to heal? Why did it hurt so much to grow? She sighed and opened her eyes, back to the present. Her bangles clinked against each other as she leaned back on her arms, stretching her legs out in front of her and taking another deep breath. Spring was in the air. A fresh green bud had appeared on the bare branches of the rose bush. It had been long since her garden had yielded any flowers. “Flowers make growing look so easy.”, she thought, looking at the bee that hovered tentatively around the bud.



Look how effortlessly they bloom - one night you see a bud and the next morning, you see a beautiful, soft, newly unfurled rose, with its deep, deep red petals calling to the butterflies to flit by and romance near it. *How beautifully you bloom, you little rosebuds. Teach me your ways, won't you?*

It rained heavily that night, as is the case with the sudden March rains. She was busy perfecting the chai masala that she would pack and dispatch to her client the next day, when she heard the balcony door slam shut with the force of the wind. Her mind immediately went to the rose bud. "It won't survive", she thought, as lightning flashed across the sky and the branches of the bougainvillea tree swayed dangerously from side to side.

But as she neatly packed and labelled the masala packet, she had a strange feeling of hope that it would. The next afternoon, she found herself free again. So, she carefully tucked her pallu, gathered her earphones and went out into the garden. The rain had been merciless. The rosebud hadn't survived. She walked to the other end of the garden, her back to the rose bush. *It's hard to bloom, isn't it?*

She had four new clients the next week, leaving her with no free time. As she ground a fresh mix of spices together, she realised it needed a few extra cardamom seeds.

Her eyes involuntarily went to the rose bush as she walked over to the cardamom plant in the garden. There were three new buds on the bush. A delighted smile broke out on her lips and she forgot about the half-ground masala waiting for her on the kitchen counter. How perfect those buds looked.

Even more so than the one before the rains.

"It is hard to bloom.", she thought, her heart singing a jubilant song, she hadn't heard in long. "But flowers bloom through storms and famines. They bloom through crevices in rocks and in deserts and at the bottom of the ocean. They bloom under the shade of other trees and all alone on the sidewalk. Flowers bloom after they have been plucked and they bloom where there's no sunlight or water."

Is it that hard to bloom then?

Maybe not.

Maybe it needed the rain to bloom?

She caressed the velvety green buds that were just showing the first signs of revealing their glorious red, and smiled.

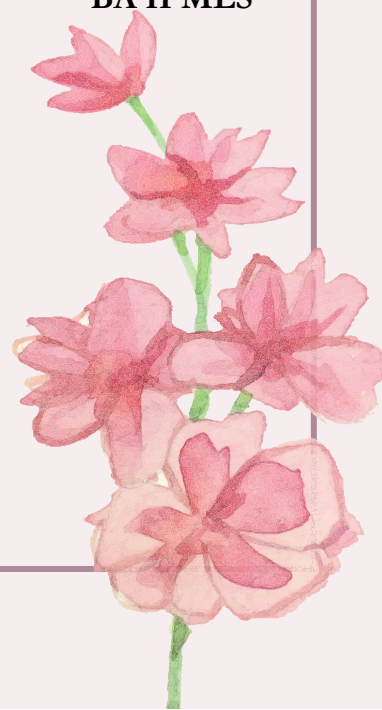
"Oh, look how beautifully you bloom...I've learnt your ways now..."

She hummed on her way back to the kitchen, a few cardamom seeds in her hand.

*Katra katra milli hai, katra katra jeene do...
zindagi hai, behene do...*

Jee lo, beh lo...!

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The Beauty of Growth

A new day dawns, with hope in the air,
The sun rises, with its warm golden glare.
Nature awakes, from its slumber so deep,
Bringing forth a new life, for the earth to reap.

The flowers bloom, in a symphony of hues,
A riot of colors, with fragrances to choose.
Petals unfurl, reaching for the sky—
Marking the arrival of a new life, that will soon thrive.

Just like the blooms, let us too grow,
Embrace the change and let our spirits glow.
With every new day, comes a new start—
Let's leave the past behind and embrace a new heart.

Let us blossom, like the flowers in the field,
Revel in new beginnings, that this day shall yield.
For in its growth, we too shall grow,
With new beginnings, and a brighter glow.

Maria Crystal Nathan
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Still, bloom

Cascading skies, tsunamis wild,
Marred ground, a field of burning vines.

Lost hope, lost life,
Chapped lips, tired sighs.

Oh, daughter of the Earth, rise!
Wipe thy tears and stand strong!

For in thy suffering, thou will grow,
In the fire, thou will dance.

In a broken pot, thy seed will sprout,
Still, lush and beautiful, thou shall be.

Listen to the wind, it is calling thy heart,
Even in bleeding, thou shall bloom.

Elsy Priyanka
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Symphony of Colours

In fields of green and skies of blue,
The bloom bursts forth in a vibrant hue.
A symphony of colours and scents so rare,
Its beauty captivates, beyond compare.

With gentle petals and delicate grace,
The bloom reminds us of life's fleeting pace.
To cherish each moment, before it's gone,
For like the bloom, life's beauty shines on.

Sarayu Katangoor
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Afflatus

Upon my will, I have sculpted these.
Words of will, of power and peace.
Rest not, for I must achieve.
All I have sought, of the desires I believe.

Currently I aspire to achieve all I 'can'.
In the future, I would inspire
the citizens of the earthly lands.

My armour is ready, ready for me.
To be agile, yet steady, as victories be.
I can and I will innovate,
motivate, inspire and more,
for I have my destiny, seen.

And the light has ever been lit,
at the end of my tunnel!

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The Night I Bloomed

A cold winter night,
was the night I bloomed.
a flower rising,
in midst of wilted petals
lifeless flowers,
with their pretty heads bowed down.
I rise in this blanket of ice
with purpose.
tiny buds of flower watch me quietly
as I blossomed in the moonlight.

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All The Beautiful Things

I sit by a window warm and curled,
watching as the crisp wind twirled.
As the spring approached the winter
wars and silent tears,
the frozen sand turned into fields of hope
and a blooming wonderland.

My love, you are just the same.
You once lived in the land of fallen stars
that you carefully named.
But look where life has brought you,
through the clashing rains,
raging storms and empty sea.
Finally, to the shore
of warm sunshine and spring breeze.
Wouldn't you agree?

Would you have believed
if I had told you this before?
That life would be gentle, peaceful,
surprising and more.
So darling, by now you should know.
All that you have gone through,
all that they had assumed,
made you like all other beautiful things on earth.
Gracefully bloom!

S. Aditi Priya
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Orphic

The first thing
that comes to our mind
when we hear 'bloom' is
flowers.
But have you ever wondered
How the scarlet blooms on your cheeks
when you're shy?

Or how the soil blooms
when the first drop of rain falls on it?

How ideas bloom in that wonderful mind of
yours?
How tears bloom at the edge of your lids?
How a smile blooms onto your lips?

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Sunflower

You know that you changed her.
You know that pretty well.
Even after knowing that, you couldn't have faith in her.
Even after knowing that her sunflower morphed into a black
rose
just because of you,
you judged her, like most of the people in her life.
You told her
She deserves all the hatred, disrespect, and pain that she has
received throughout her life.
I am proud of you for realising your self-worth.
Trust me, I am.
But you didn't have to pull her down.
She protected you at your worst.
And you used confusion as a shield against pain.

But when she does,
they cannot withstand the intensity.
Like in a storm,
they can't take the ferocity of the winds.
They leave. They escape. So did you.
And now,
She is that sunflower
in a coastal area,
shielding herself from the winds,
but bringing warmth in people's lives,
bringing a little hope of happiness.

She is me.

Shruti Chakraborty
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All her life, she has wanted to be a sunflower.
A sunflower.
Not your sunflower.
She can even drink a bottle of yellow paint
if that is what it takes to be one.
She loves Van Gogh, yes.
Three people have told her
that she reminds them of a sunflower.
Seven people have told her
that she reminds them of the colour yellow.
Twelve people have told her
that she beams like the sun
when she talks passionately about something.
But what did you tell her?
You were gone the moment the rain started.
Didn't even hesitate
before pushing her into
the thunderstorm outside.

This is what always happens to her.
She doesn't love someone in a day.
She takes time because she feels trapped.
It's like she walks down the seashore,
slowly,
facing the ocean, fearing for her life.
The level of water slowly rises.
When the water reaches her heart, she dives.
Deep into the ocean.
She doesn't think anymore
just drowns herself.
And that scares everyone.
That bravery.
That courage.
That whole fall
without any guarantee of a smooth landing
scares everyone.
They beg her to love them.
She doesn't, initially.



Blossom

Blooming like a magical glory;
there was a heavenly flower;
resembling angelic scent.

The moonflower vine,
twisted beautifully,
over its artistic verdure.

Under the shining moonlight,
it empowers the blossom.
As it twirls itself,
around the grand stem of nature.

It wishes
to expose its delicate petals,
to us humans.

Wishing to be admired,
how a dainty bud
has evolved into,
an exquisite flower...

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It Hurts

It hurts so bad to know you are no longer the
best,
That it is time to take a step back,
and maybe you need a little rest.

I feel like a loser.
to be out there and not be able to do anything,
I feel weak inside and don't know what to do,
it's just bothersome.

It hurts more to see others grab opportunities,
than to see yourself drown.
Now it just seems that I am going down,
and now it's time for somebody else to take the
crown.

And I know I set the mark up really high,
even for you to make a tie.
No I am not going to sit here and cry,
when the situation says 'do or die'.
I don't want to stop neither do I want to see
myself at my lowest.
But I promise to finish this race even though I
know I am the slowest.

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Change is Golden

Let's talk about change, shall we?
It's the developing things around us,
And who we might turn out to be.
Autumn foliage brings yellow, orange, red and
brown,
At the end of the day, the sun begins to drown.
Summer skies turning grey,
Warmth beginning to fade away,
Into the picture comes the season of Spring,
That's when the free spirited birds begin to
sing.

At times, just the mere idea of change can be
uncomfortable,
But it can provide direction.
Change and chaos can cause initial destruction,
But may end up in a beautiful creation.

Change knocks on the door,
Left and right, people move on,
Leaving their worlds behind,
On broken lawn chairs,
And rusty porch swings.
One moment your heart is beating out of your chest,
The next moment, it's life is gone.
It's okay if things are changing,
Because people move on.

Transitioning from a little toddler,
To the first day in school.
Studying, making friends,
And entering adulthood.
From crying incessantly,
To concealing the same emotion,
That's how we change.
From low to high tides in the ocean,
While the sun exuberates beauty that is golden.

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The Seed Story

A seed is a bundle of surprise
Roots twirling as it rises.

As it shoots its first leaf,
The freshness takes away the grief!

Slowly the stem starts to get it's length,
As one absorbs the energy
to get its strength.

The roots go deeper
but always stay on the ground.
We start moving towards sunshine,
when the right minerals are found.

The first flower that blooms in the sky,
It's a notation that you have reached high.

The colours, so vivid, take away your sight,
That's how every success story shines so bright!

Richisha Gupta

Ocean's Treasure

What good has it brought?
What laurel does it deserve?

Unclothing the past, only reveals your scars,
Unveiling, only bruises it further,
Further until engraved.

Euphoria of a secretive pursuit, I preach
Like an ocean, burying a plethora of jewels.

"Be free, be open", they say.
That's a concrete trap they lay.

"Don't showcase your pearls before swine"
Mathew 7, verse 6 underline.

Unfold only to your future self.
Who is a random to define your self worth?

Darling, remember you're precious,
Despite your scars and your deepest fears.

This mystique ride you pledge,
Sovereignty shall yours be fully fledged

Lock your secrets and trust nay the ocean with its key,
Better take it to your grave.
Saying this I leave.

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The Game of Creation

Everything might seem blurry, the future isn't clear yet,
But one day everything will make sense, so don't fret,
Life isn't over yet, there are many twists and turns
that you haven't met,
So, my dear, just wait a little and get ready to sweat,
You may feel like it's time for sunset,
But that's not the case, this is a game of chase,
Where you will have to work without haste.
This isn't your final destination, my love, this is just the base,
which will lead you to your well deserved place.
Don't let distractions befuddle you,
They will come in group and seem like a crew,
They will call for you and will try to pursue,
Blinding you with their enchanting hue,
And delaying you so you will sit and wish you already knew,
The maze that they drew for you to drown,
And look at you now, sitting here with this annoying frown,
Get up and show them that you are no clown,
You will have to get up again, it's not the time to back down,
Keep going, my dear, as you are very near your crown,
And once you reach your destination,
Remember you are not an abomination,
You achieved this with your thorough determination,
Now it's time for you to bring to life your imagination,
It's not the ending but the beginning of your creation.

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We Are The Same

Flowers that bloom in the morning,
Freshness we get through yawning,
We are the same.
Some may gather pain,
While some may go in vain,
We are the same.
Gracious presence of autumn,
Marvellous essence of blossom,
We are the same.
Blooming with all the strength
Which appears to bend,
We are the same.

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Painting a Wreckage

Brilliant sky, with hues so bright,
burning like oil on sunlit glass;
Cresting waves and foamy clouds,
bellowing the souls of sea and salt;
sprinkled around are pearls of spray,
carrying crescendos from the bay.

Lively meadows, string of blades,
newly grown, grassgreen ablaze.
Buzzing bees and humming cries,
gliding birds, fluttering flies,
twirling above enchanted fields,
in a trance so dewey and divine.

Warm and wift breeze effleurer bodies,
with delicate strokes of dandelion floss;

Sheltering swallows, meadows lull,
awaiting screeches of warning notes so high
they echo though eternal lairs-
wistful woes and wailing cries.

Pacing winds prick at skins
with softness of a weathered log,
scarrings of skinned art,
gashes of a paintbrush or glass.

Everything, once so heavenly
now densely dull and dark
intoxicated air with neon flares
etching fear though rushing hearts.

After the chorus of nature's agony,
flurries a drifting void
of silence and harmony.
Wilted flora lies scattered in ruinous fields
that were once soaring bright and green,
among the cheerful skeletons of its inhabitants,
living an elysian dream.

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Bloom

Each flower is unique
Born with its own colour and scent
It stands distinct from others
From brightly coloured to darkly coloured
These are treasured by all
From marigold to primrose
They all provide beauty to where they are
born
From snowy jasmine to simple lemon grass.

Each flower is distinct
And blooms according to its beauty
It never compares but is joyful, for it brings joy
to others
Then why do we compare ourselves with
others?
Each of us rise different and special from each
other
Only when we accept ourselves, we can
acknowledge change
The most prized flower is
Of those which calms the mind
Smell cannot be seen, but can be sensed
Its fragrance pulls us towards it

They all have a fragrance
which soothes the mind
From small Gardenias to huge
Bougainvilleas
They all grow in different conditions
yet bloom beautifully.
Flowers bring a smile to one's face
When bloomed, are admired by all
They were seeds unknown,
before they bloomed
Some grew in harsh conditions
And others grew in fitting conditions
Some were taken care of
And others left on their own
There is no uniformity in all.

And so, does goodness
Goodness is the inner beauty of each human
How important fragrance is for plants,
So is Goodness for mankind
Flowers are made into perfumes
To cherish its lasting scent
We will be remembered by not how we look
But by our deeds.
One can only bloom beautifully
only
if he or she accepts change.

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A Journey of Growth : Where Minds Bloom

In the halls of higher learning, bright and fair,
Where young minds come to seek and share,
The seeds of knowledge find their place,
As eager students seek to embrace.

Like buds that bloom in the light of day,
Their minds unfurl, and passions sway,
As they reach the sun above,
To blossom in knowledge and love.

Their teachers, like master gardeners true,
Guide them with wisdom, grace and virtue,
Nurturing each gift and talent, rare,
Helping them to bloom and share.

With each passing day, their knowledge grows,
Like petals soft, in sweet repose,
A symphony of beauty, rare,
As they blossom and flourish, bright and fair.

And in this journey of growth and change,
The students find their passions, strange,
Like flowers, they bloom and thrive,
As they carve their path and come alive.

So let us celebrate this time,
Of growth and transformation, sublime,
Where young minds bloom, in beauty true,
And the world shines bright, with colours anew.

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जीने की उम्मीद

काली रात तो बीत गई,
पर सुबह का तप बाकी है।
निराशा की ऊँगली छोड़ी,
पर आशा का हाथ बाक़ी है।
रोशनी कहीं दूर दिख रही,
पर सफ़र पर चलना बाक़ी है।
यह अनुभव कठिन,
पर खुशी से मिलना बाक़ी है।
अतं हुई परेशानी,
पर जिंदगी अभी बाक़ी है।

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आज तो में खिली हूँ

आज तो में खिली हूँ,
आज तो में सूरज से लड़ूँगी,
आज तो में हवा से खेलूँगी,
आज तो में भँवरो से बातें करूँगी,
आज तो में पत्तियों से दोस्ती करूँगी,
आज तो में पानी से सज़ूँगी,
आज तो में अपनों से मिलूँगी,
आज तो में खिलूँगी।

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है क्या ये डर?

ये डर क्या है मुझे नहीं पता.
मुझे नहीं पता कैसा दिखता है ये.
कैसा होता है ये।
पर जब भी मैं इसे याद करूँ, ना जाने क्यों.
मेरे करीब आजाता है ये.
और एक ही झटके में मुझे रुला जाता है ये.
कभी मेरे बुलाने पर आता है तो.
तो कभी बिन बुलाये मेहमान की तरह डेरा डाल के बैठ जाता है.
कभी ये मुझे हराता है.
तो कभी मैं इसे हराके आगे बढ़ती हूँ
इससे जीत के में खुदको दुबारा शांत करती हूँ।
पर ये है कि मानता ही नहीं
और फिर से लड़ने आजाता है।
कितना जिद्दी है ये डर।
भेजने पर भी नहीं जाता है.
मेरे दिल के एक कोने में छुपा रहता है ये डर.
दिखाई नहीं देता पर महसूस होता है ये डर।
इसके एहसास से सेहम जाता है मेरा मन.
इसके जाने का इंतजार करता है मेरा मन.
इससे लड़ने को उतावला हो जाता है मेरा मन।
अब मुझे डराता नहीं है ये डर.
बस मुझे साहस देता है जीतने का.
अपने डर पे फतेह पाने का साहस देता है मुझे ये डर.
दिल के कोने-कोने को अपने वजूद से वाकिफ़ कराता है ये डर।
मुझे नहीं पता क्या होता है ये डर.
बस इतना पता है कि मेरे दिल के एक कोने में छुपा रहता है ये डर।

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हवाओं के बदले अंदाज़ है

हवाओं के बदले अंदाज़ है.
सब पंछी हुए आजाद है.
भरी है उड़ान सपनों ने.
आसमान ने दी आवाज है.
उसे हमारा इंतजार है.
हमको खुद पे ऐतबार है.
की इस जंग के लिए हम तैयार है.
प्यार की ये जो आस है.
तुम्हें पाने की फरियाद है.
तुमसे हमको प्यार है.
इसी बात का तो खुमार है.
की तू हमारा दिलदार है।

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बचपन

वह दिन सुनहरे बीते जितने,
सपने भी देखे थे उतने,
थे हम नादानियों की रह पर चलते,
अपनी खुशियों की दुनिया में
कभी आंच न आने देते:
इस हस्ती खेलती खुशियों की बारात का नाम है बचपन॥

हर शैतानी माफ़ हो जाती,
कोई डांट या सज़ा भी न मिलती:
अगर कभी गड़बड़ हो जाती,
तो बस एक बड़े प्यार की झाँपी मिलती:
इस ममता से उजली हुई
दुनिया का नाम है बचपन॥

मन में सवाल होते थे जितने,
नाक में दम करते थे उतने :
यह मम्मी को भी परेशान करें रखते,
क्योंकि उनके भी पास जवाब न होते :
इस जिज्ञासा से भरी हुई
मासूमियत का मौसम है बचपन॥

खेल-कूद हम करते कितनी,
मगर घर लौटने की इच्छा न होती .
देर रात में घर आने पर
माँ तो लंबी डांट सुनती:
नाटक करके, आंसू बहा के,
माँ का दिल भी हम पिघला देते.
मगर हम कभी बदले नहीं.
और ढीठ के ढीठ ही रहे:
इस उत्सुकता से भरी हुई
यादों का नाम है बचपन॥

उल्लास का एक गीत है बचपन.
लाड-प्यार का नाम है बचपन.
दिल के दुख भुला दे बचपन.
हंसकर जीना सिखा दे बचपन॥

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ब्लूम - वास्तव में कितना सुंदर परिवर्तन हो सकता है, इसका एक सुंदर अनुस्मारक

परिवर्तन ही संसार का नियम है | हर चीज़ में बदलाव आता है कोई भी स्थिर नहीं होता | हमारा जीवन एक चक्र के समान है | चक्र जो सदा चलता रहता है | जो आज ऊपर है, उसे कल नीचे आना है और आज जो नीचे है, उसे कल ऊपर भी जाना है | सूर्य के बाद चंद्रमा, रात के बाद दिन, पतझड़ के बाद वसंत, सुख के बाद दुख का आना ही संसार का नियम है | हमारे देश के महान कवियों ने अपने दोहो, कविताओं और काव्यों के माध्यम से ज्ञान बांटने का प्रयास किया है | ऐसे ही एक महान कवि रहीम जी है | रहीम ने इस अस्थायी जीवन का सदुपयोग करते हुए कर्म रत रहने का जो संदेश उन्होंने दिया है वह आज भी हमारे लिए प्रासंगिक है | उन्होंने स्वयं कहा था - समय पाय फल होत है, समय पाय झरि जाय | सदा रहे नहि एक सी, का रहीम पछितय || इन पंक्तियों के माध्यम से रहीम कहना चाहते हैं की समय आने पर वृक्ष पे फल, पत्ते लगते हैं | पतझड़ का समय आने पर पत्ते, फल भी झड़ जाते हैं | सदा किसी की अवस्था एक जैसी नहीं रहती, इसलिए दुख के समय पछताना व्यर्थ है | हमारे जीवन में आने वाले दुख अपने साथ उम्मीद की एक नई किरण ले कर आते हैं जो हमें धैर्य और हिम्मत देती है | व्यक्ति को समय के अनुसार चलना चाहिए | तभी वह निखार सकता है | मनुष्य एक सामाजिक प्राणी है | उसे समाज में रहते हुए ही आगे बढ़ना है | आगे बढ़ते समय मनुष्य के जीवन में अनेक कठिनाइयाँ आती हैं | इस समय हमारे पास केवल दो ही मार्ग होते हैं -

- 1) कठिनाइयों का सामना कर आगे बढ़ना
- 2) या हताश हो कर बैठ जाना

हमें कठिनाइयों से हाथ छुड़ाकर नहीं अपितु हाथ पकड़कर चलना चाहिए | इसी में समझदारी है | ये हमें मजबूत बनाते हुए नया रूप प्रधान करती हैं | रहिमान बिपदा हु भली, जो थोरे दिन होय | हित अनहित या जगत में, जानी परत सब कोय || हमारे जीवन में आने वाली विपदा थोड़े दिन के लिए आती है परंतु वह हमारे लिए बहुत ही उपयोगी होती है | ये हमें अच्छे-बुरे की पहचान करती हैं | हमें हर परिस्थिति में सकारात्मक सोचना चाहिए | सकारात्मक सोच रखने से हर समस्या का समाधान मिल जाता है | ईश्वर उसी के जीवन में कठिनाइयाँ देते हैं जो उसके लिए समर्थ हो | अतः व्यक्ति के जीवन में सुख-दुख दोनों आवश्यक हैं | इस से मनुष्य हीरे के भांति निखरता है | हरिवंश राय बच्चन की ये पंक्तियाँ आज भी हमारे लिए प्रेरणादायक हैं -

तू न थकेगा कभी,
तू न रुकेगा कभी,
तू न मुड़ेगा कभी,
कर शपथ, कर शपथ, कर शपथ,
अग्निपथ अग्निपथ अग्निपथ



వికసించిన ఓ పువ్వు చెప్తుంది....
మొగ్గ లాగే నీలోనే దాగక
ప్రపంచాన్ని నీలోని ఆత్మవిశ్వాసంతో నింపమని!

వికసించిన ఓ మోము చెప్తుంది....
ఏ సవాలునైన ఎదుర్కోని
చిరునవ్వుతో ముందడుగేయమని!

వికసించిన ఓ నయనం చెప్తుంది....
నీ దృష్టిలో ఈ సృష్టిని
సమంగా చూసి ఆదరించమని!

వికసించిన ఓ హృదయం చెప్తుంది....
సమస్యలకు ఎదురీడి, ఒడ్డు చేరి,
నిన్ను నువ్వు నిరూపించుకోమని!

వికసించిన నీ చదువు చెప్తుంది...
గర్వంతో కాక వినయంతో
లోకానికి దగ్గరకాగలవని!

వికసించిన నీ జ్ఞానం చెప్తుంది...
కళ్ళతో చూసిందే కాక
అంతరంగాన్ని కూడా భావించమని!

వికసించిన ఓ జీవితం చెప్తుంది...
గతం నుంచి నేర్చుకొని, వర్తమానంలో ఆచరించి,
భవిష్యత్తుకు సన్నద్ధవామని!

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అమరము

దొరలు గెలిచిన విశ్వయుధపు
ఖడ్గసృష్టిలో కొలిమి నిప్పును

పొగలు కక్కే ఇనుప సమురుని
సక్కగ బెట్టిన సమ్మెట దెబ్బను

నెత్తురు తాగే వీర ఖడ్గానికి
పురుడుపోసిన కమ్మరి సేతిని

నాలుగడుగుల సత్తు నగకు
సాన బెట్టిన ఆకురాయిని

కళ్ళు వొళ్ళు తెల్వని కత్తితో
తాండవమాడిన కలియుగ రుద్రుని

పాణము లేని లోహ పక్షిని
పైకెగరేసిన రావణబ్రహ్మని

లోహ పక్షుల అగ్ని జ్వాలకి
ఆజ్యం పోసిన హవల్తారుని

కుంభవృష్టిగ కురిసిన అగ్గిలో
ఆవిరయ్యిన ఆజానుబాహుని

అప్పటికప్పుడు పుట్టుకువచ్చిన
నెత్తుటి ధారల రుధిర నదిని

రుధిర నదిలో గమ్యమెరుగక
తెలియాడే తెగిన తలలని

తెగిన తలలని తడిమి చూస్తూ
మిగిలిపోయిన చివరి సాక్షిని

హంతకుల మధ్య
హంగులెరిగిన నీచుల మధ్య
హస్య కాలంలో బప్పుమయ్యే బతుకుల మధ్య
ఆవిర్భవించే అగ్ని జ్వాలను నేను
విరబూసి వికసించే వైష్ణవీయ భాషను నేను

పుడుతా. మళ్ళీ పుడుతా. మళ్ళీ మళ్ళీ పుడుతా
చంపిన ప్రతిసారి పూడుతా. పుట్టిన ప్రతిసారి ప్రతిఘటిస్తా.

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ఆశ యొక్క పుష్పం

ఇది వసంతకాలం అని మీరు నాకు చెప్పగలరు
విత్తనాలు నాటినప్పుడు
డాఫోడిల్స్ వికసిస్తాయి
ఈ ఋతువు యొక్క ఆకర్షణ
పిల్లల లాంటి ప్రకాశము లాంటిది
మానవుని చీకట్లను తొలగిస్తుంది

ఇది వర్షాకాలం అని మీరు నాకు చెప్పగలరు
సూర్యుని స్థానంలో మేఘాలు వచ్చినప్పుడు
వర్షం కురుస్తోంది. ఇది పాతిపెట్టిన విత్తనానికి
ఆహారాన్ని అందిస్తుంది
ప్రతి జూన్ లో భూమి సజీవంగా అనిపిస్తుంది
నీరు, బురద మరియు గొడుగులతో కప్పబడినప్పుడు

ఇది శీతాకాలం అని మీరు నాకు చెప్పగలరు
వణుకుతున్న చెట్లు, మీరు వినగానే
ఆకులు రాలడం, పువ్వులు వాడిపోవటం
దుఃఖంతో దాని వాడిపోవడాన్ని చూస్తాడు
ఇప్పటికీ కూడా ఆ చెట్టు నిశ్చలంగా, గర్వంగా నిలబడి ఉంది
తన అఖండ బలాన్ని ప్రదర్శిస్తోంది

మరియు అలా ఒక సంవత్సరం గడిచిపోతుంది
ఘనపదార్థాలు, ద్రవాలు మరియు వాయువులు సాక్షిగా
ఒకప్పుడు చిన్న విత్తనం
కలుపు మొక్కలు చుట్టూ ఉన్నప్పుడు కూడా
మొక్కగా పెరిగి, తర్వాత పూలు వికసించాయి
ప్రకృతి జల్లుల దయవల్లనే అన్నీ

ఈ పుట్టుక, వికసించుట మరియు మరణం యొక్క
ప్రక్రియ పునరావృతమవుతుంది
అయినా ఒక పువ్వు వెనక్కి తగ్గదు
అనుకున్నది సాధించ నుంది
ఒక విత్తనం కదలని చెట్టుగా వికసించగలదు
కాబట్టి మీరు కూడా చేయవచ్చు

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వికసం - వికాసం

కిటికినుండి ఒక పరిమళం,
అందమైన పారిజాతం.
తన సిరివెలుగుల వికాసానికి కారణం ఏంటి అని అడగగా,
పూతపుప్పొడిల పూలకొమ్మ అన్నదిలా,
“పూయలేదు నేనేమి నింగిలోని తారలా,
వేచాను...నిరీక్షించాను...నా వికాసానికై....
చుట్టూ వెదజల్లుల తోటలో,
తొలి ఆది మొగ్గనై వికసించాను..
ఒడిదుడుకులు దాటి,
పరిమళించాను ప్రీతి పారిజాతంలా!!”

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యువ పరిమళాలు

"మానవునిలోని అంతర్గత సౌందర్యం ఒక పువ్వులా వికసిస్తుంది!!!"

మానవ శరీరానికి మరియు ప్రకృతికి మధ్య సంబంధం ఉందని మనం ఎప్పటినుంచో వింటూనే ఉన్నాం. అనేక విధాలుగా, మన ఆత్మ మరియు ప్రకృతి. ఒకదానితో ఒకటి ముడిపడి ఉన్నాయి. వసంత ఋతువులో. మనం కొత్త జీవితాన్ని చూడవచ్చు. వికసించడం అనగా అందం. తాజాదనం మరియు తేజస్సు. ఒక పువ్వు వికసించినప్పుడు. అది దాని పరిసరాలలో తాజాదనాన్ని. సానుకూలతను. సువాసనను వ్యాపింపజేస్తుంది. అదేవిధంగా. యువత యొక్క శక్తిసామర్థ్యాలకు సరైన దిశను చూపించినప్పుడు. వారికి సరైన జ్ఞానం అందించినప్పుడు. వారు అసాధారణమైన వాటిని కూడా సాధించగలరు. మనం పుష్పించే మొక్కలను ఎంతో జాగ్రత్తగా చూసుకుంటాము. వాటికి తగినంత సూర్యకాంతి. నీరు మొదలైన వాటిని అందించినప్పుడు. అవి వికసించి. పర్యావరణాన్ని ఆహ్లాదకరంగా మరియు ఉత్సాహంగా మారుస్తాయి. అదే విధంగా యువతలో దయ. చిత్తశుద్ధి. విచక్షణ వంటి సరైన సామాజిక. సాంస్కృతిక విలువలను పెంపొందించినట్లయితే. అవి సమాజానికి ఏదైనా మంచి చేయాలనే తీవ్రమైన కోరికను వారిలో కలిగిస్తాయి. తత్ఫలితంగా. మన సమాజం రూపాంతరం చెందుతుంది.

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Floraison



Une fleur pousse ? Non, il fleurit.

Nous grandissons? Non, nous fleurissons.

Cela ne semble-t-il pas plus romantique et plus tolérant lorsque nous disons "Je fleuris" plutôt que de dire "Je grandis" La floraison est un changement qui ne se limite pas aux fleurs ou aux plantes mais à tous les êtres vivants. Les Pokémon évoluent, "bulbasaur évolue !" nous avons tous entendu Ash Ketchum crier cela, n'est-ce pas ? Alors qu'est-ce qui évolue sinon fleurit. Mais quand il s'agit de s'épanouir ou de changer en nous, les humains, d'ailleurs, pourquoi nous sentons-nous effrayés, nerveux, anxieux, refusant et quoi que ce soit, surtout quand nous sentons que nos vies se sentent plutôt bien et confortables en ce moment. Pour l'instant, prenons-moi, j'écris cet article assis avec un confort appréciable dans ma chambre avec l'air frais du rafraîchisseur d'air, j'ai un beau bureau avec de magnifiques marguerites bleues imprimées dessus, un lassi à la mangue froide sur mon bureau, une fraise vide tasse de crème glacée que je viens de manger et Alhamdulillah en suis-je reconnaissant ! J'aime ça comme ça. J'aime la façon dont les choses sont en ce moment, surtout quand je peux me détendre après mes examens. Mais si on me demandait si je pouvais vivre le reste de ma vie exactement comme aujourd'hui, est-ce que je le prendrais ? Bien sûr que non. Je suis tout à fait d'accord que c'est agréable aujourd'hui mais je ne trouverai pas ce niveau de plaisir demain si je sais déjà que cela va arriver.

La meilleure partie du changement est de ne pas savoir ce qui va se passer. Nous, les humains, vivons pour l'espoir et vivons avec l'espoir que demain sera meilleur qu'aujourd'hui. Cet espoir existe avec la croyance indéniable dans le changement. Maintenant, vous, le lecteur, avez le droit de dire que le changement n'est pas toujours quelque chose de joliment fleuri ou de ciel éthéré. Alors oui, je suis d'accord que le changement n'est pas toujours beau mais n'admettez pas que c'est mieux que le même. Si vous pensez que le changement n'est pas tout bon, alors cela va changer aussi. Le fait du changement, c'est qu'il change toujours ! Mon changement de vie pourrait ou sera certainement différent de votre changement de vie. Toutes les fleurs fleurissent mais après la floraison, toutes les fleurs ne se ressemblent pas. Mais ce qui est constant et sur lequel la fleur peut compter, c'est la floraison. Nous grandissons tous et changer ou puis-je dire Floraison est inévitable. Moi, en particulier, j'avais peur du changement. Il m'a fallu un temps immense pour accepter le fait que peu importe à quel point je le nie ou essaie de l'éviter, le changement va toujours frapper à ma porte et faire irruption même si je ne le permets pas. (Psst, parfois ça ne frappe même pas!) Mais ce que je peux faire à la place, c'est l'accepter. Acceptez-le d'une manière que si le changement jette des citrons dans ma vie, je ferai une limonade.

Que puis-je faire d'autre avec ces citrons?! Je ne peux pas juste les garder dans ma cuisine pour la décorer, ça va pourrir et gâcher ma cuisine. Et c'est exactement ce qui se passera si vous ignorez les changements dans la vie. Faites une limonade et soyez cool, au moins ici vous contrôlez le changement et son résultat. Au fur et à mesure que nous grandissons et que nous terminons nos études, nous voyons le changement. Le changement de notre environnement, ta maman ne pense plus que tu es encore son petit enfant, le changement de nos vies, on peut prendre le chemin de la poursuite d'études ou se concentrer sur une carrière ou même se marier, et surtout un changement de soi . Pour être honnête, un changement en nous-mêmes est quelque chose que nous ne remarquons pas, mais c'est la première chose dont nous sommes conscients dans la vie de quelqu'un d'autre. Mais il est toujours là en nous. Nous remarquons un changement en nous-mêmes, lorsque nous gérons une chose que nous ne pouvions pas gérer auparavant ou que nous abordions quelque chose que nous avions trop peur de commencer, ou que nous parlions à cette personne, nous étions toujours trop peu sûrs d'être là. C'est toujours là. Et si mes mots ont un effet sur vous, je dis, embrassez-le. Embrasse-le si chaleureusement qu'il vous donne de la limonade et non du citron. Dans un changement, nous pourrions aussi perdre quelqu'un. Quelqu'un de précieux pour nous, quelqu'un qui était à nos côtés ou quelqu'un avec qui nous avions fait des projets. Et à ce moment-là, nous trouvons extrêmement difficile de l'accepter. Nous sommes donc autorisés à prendre notre temps.

Prendre son temps pour comprendre le changement, prendre son temps pour se sentir perdu, prendre son temps pour se retrouver. Mais il est essentiel que nous nous souvenions que le changement ne consiste pas à reculer mais à avancer. Et aller de l'avant, c'est permettre à une vie meilleure d'arriver. Quand une fleur fleurit, le jardin est à couper le souffle. Et toi et moi aussi ! Le changement est incontournable. Ce sera toujours avec vous. C'est ce qui rend la vie vivable. Nier le changement ne fera que nuire, mais l'accepter rendra notre vie bien meilleure. Un changement peut sembler amer au début, comme un fruit cru, mais quand vous lui donnez du temps, il devient plus doux et meilleur et c'est la meilleure chose que vous aurez acceptée. Au final, nous sommes tous des bourgeons dans un champ ouvert attendant d'être épanouis.

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BLOOM

Translation

A flower grows? No, it blooms.

We grow? No, we bloom. Doesn't it sound more romantic and accepting when we say, "I am blooming" rather than say, "I am growing" Bloom is a change that is not restricted to flowers or plants only but to all living things. Pokémons evolve, "Bulbasaur is evolving!" we have all heard Ash Ketchum shout this, haven't we? So what is evolving if not blooming. But when it comes to bloom or change in us, humans, for that matter, why do we feel scared, nervous, anxious, unaccepting and what not especially when we feel our lives are feeling pretty great and comfortable right now. For instance, let's take me, I am writing this article sitting with appreciable comfort in my room with chilling air from the air cooler, on a beautiful desk with gorgeous blue daisies imprinted on it, a cold mango lassi on my desk, an empty strawberry ice cream cup that I just ate and Alhamdulillah am I grateful for it! I like it this way. I like the way things are right now, especially when I am able to relax after my exams. But if I was asked if I could live the rest of my life exactly like today, would I take it? Of course not. I definitely agree it's pleasurable today but I will not find this level of pleasure tomorrow if I already know that this is going to happen. The best part about change is not knowing what is going to happen. We humans live for hope and live with hope that tomorrow is going to be better than today. That hope exists with the undeniable belief in change. Now, you the reader have all the right to argue that change is not something that is always pretty blooms or ethereal skies.

So yes, I agree that change isn't always beautiful but don't you admit it's better than the same. If you believe that change is not all good then that's going to change too. The fact about change is that it's always changing! My change in life might or will definitely differ from your change in life. All flowers bloom but after the bloom not every flower looks the same. But what is constant and something the flower can rely on is bloom. We are all growing and change, or may I say Bloom, is inevitable. I, in particular, was afraid of change. It took me immense time to accept the fact that no matter how much I deny it or try to avoid it, change is still going to knock on my door and burst its way in even if I don't allow it. (Psst, sometimes it doesn't even knock!) But what I can do instead is to accept it. Accept it in a way that if change throws lemons in my life, I will make a lemonade. What else can I do with those lemons?! I can't just keep them in my kitchen to decorate it, it will rot and spoil my kitchen. And that is exactly what will happen if you ignore change in life. Make a lemonade and be cool, at least here you get to control the change and its outcome. As we all grow and complete graduation, we see the change. The change in our environment, your mom not thinking anymore that you are still her little child, the change in our lives, we may take the path of further studies or focus on a career or even get married, and most importantly a change in ourselves.

To be honest, a change in ourselves is something we don't notice, but it is the first thing we are aware of in someone else's life. But it's always there inside us. We notice a change in ourselves, when we handle a thing we couldn't handle before or take up something we were too afraid to start, or talk to that person we were always too insecure to even be around - you name it. It's always there. And if my words have any effect on you, I say, embrace it. Embrace it so wholeheartedly that it gives you lemonade and not the lemon. In a change, we might also lose someone. Someone precious to us, someone who was by our side, or someone with whom we made promises. And at that moment we find it extremely difficult to accept it. So we are allowed to take our time. Take our time to understand the change, take our time to feel lost, take our time to find ourselves. But it is vital for us to remember that change is not about going backwards but about moving forwards. And moving forward is allowing for a better life to come in. When a flower blooms, the garden looks breathtaking. And so will you and I! Change is inescapable. It will always be with you. That's what makes life livable. Denying change is only going to hurt but accepting it is going to make our life far better. A change might feel bitter at the start, like a raw fruit, but when you give it time it gets sweeter and better and that is the best thing you will have accepted. In the end, we are all buds in an open field waiting to bloom.

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UNE LETTRE OUVERTE POUR MOI



Quand j'avais seize ans, la question à laquelle j'ai trouvé la plus difficile à répondre était simple : 'Comment allez-vous?'

Je ne comprenais pas pourquoi la première pensée qui m'inquiétait était de savoir si ma réponse serait acceptable. Je me posais toutes ces questions - Vont-ils s'en aller si je tombe en panne? Si oui, est-ce que je suis toujours honnête? Puis-je appeler à l'aide? Cela en vaudra-t-il la peine? Ou devrais-je simplement tout remettre et passer à autre chose? - Ces soucis m'ont empêché de dormir toute la nuit. Alors un jour, j'ai décidé d'écrire une lettre à ma fille de seize ans, pour lui faire savoir comment la vie se déroule maintenant, 4 ans plus tard. Voici la petite. Vous l'avez fait. Je sais que cela semble incroyable et je sais pourquoi. Je sais que ça a été dur, terriblement. Ce n'était pas un trajet facile, croyez-moi. Il y a eu tellement de moments où nous avons voulu arrêter, où nous avons l'impression que tout s'effondrait, où la normalité n'avait plus de sens, et nous avons commencé à remettre en question les possibilités et les opportunités qui s'offraient à nous. Nous avons souvent demandé si tout cela en valait la peine. Vous êtes en mode robot maintenant, n'est-ce pas ? À ce stade, tout est flou, flou. Je ne me souviens pas beaucoup d'avoir quatorze, quinze ou seize ans parce que j'essayais juste de traverser une phase d'intimidation, beaucoup de pression académique que je m'étais fixée et de comprendre les complexités auxquelles mon esprit était confronté. Tout cela, seul. Je sais que c'est difficile, mais j'espère que cela vous aidera.

C'est 4 ans plus tard maintenant. Nous avons des amis qui nous soutiennent.

« Mais est-ce que tout cela a de l'importance quand chaque jour semble plus long qu'un an ? », demandez-vous. Oui. Oui, c'est important parce qu'ils font partie de la raison pour laquelle je suis ici, écrivant cette lettre. Ils font partie de la raison pour laquelle je nous ai permis d'arriver là où nous sommes maintenant. Tu sais quoi? Je sais que beaucoup de gens vous l'ont dit et c'est difficile à croire, mais croyez-moi, avec un cœur ouvert, quand je dis, ça va mieux. Tellement mieux. Laissez-moi vous parler du monde dans lequel vous êtes sur le point d'entrer. Vous vous demandez si vous survivrez à l'école, n'est-ce pas? Eh bien, vous le faites, premier de la classe aussi! Vous êtes accepté dans l'un des meilleurs programmes de journalisme du pays et vous travaillez très dur pour vivre la vie dont vous rêvez. C'était difficile de s'intégrer au début, vous savez, une nouvelle ville, de nouvelles personnes, mais, une fois que l'université commence, vous trouvez votre peuple, vous trouvez du réconfort et vous vous trouvez vous-même. Je ne dis pas que nous avons compris la vie ou que nous sommes la personne parfaite que nous sommes censés être. Nous sommes en désordre et nous sommes toujours en train de trouver la lessive, haha. Nous avons encore ces jours, ceux que nous redoutons, mais nous avons appris à les traverser. Les choses vont mieux. Vous avez 20 ans et la vie a commencé à avoir un Je suis fier, gamin. Nous avons parcouru un long chemin. Oui, ça a été une période difficile, mais nous avons aussi débloqué de beaux moments et fait de bons souvenirs.

Nous en sommes venus à chérir certaines des meilleures personnes et elles ont eu un impact si important sur notre vie. Nos amis sont de bonnes personnes, authentiques et gentilles, des gens qui rendent chaque jour vraiment meilleur et je ne peux pas être assez reconnaissant pour eux (note pour nous futurs: NE PAS pour aucune raison, laissez-les partir, ce sont les bons). Nous sommes aimés et acceptés pour ce que nous sommes en tant que personne. Nous ne sommes pas jugés pour notre apparence ou pour les décisions que nous avons prises ou que nous prendrons éventuellement (et croyez-moi, il m'a fallu beaucoup de temps pour l'accepter). Je ne dis pas que nous avons atteint un sommet, non, mais nous sommes définitivement dans un espace mental plus sûr, meilleur et plus heureux. À tous ceux qui lisent ceci: vous avez fait tout le chemin ici. Croyez-moi, si la vie est difficile en ce moment, elle s'améliore et si jamais vous avez besoin de quelque chose, tendez la main à ceux qui vous aiment.

Avec amour,
Madhumalika Bharani

Madhumalika Bharani
BA II MLP

AN OPEN LETTER TO ME

Translation

When I was sixteen, the question I found the most difficult to answer was a simple one: 'How are you?' I didn't understand why the first thought that worried me was if my response would be acceptable. I'd ask myself all these questions - Will they walk away if I break down? If yes, Do I still be honest? Can I call out for help? Will it be worth it? Or should I just stuff it all back in and move on? - these worries kept me awake all night. So one day, I decided to write a letter to my sixteen year old self, to let her know how life is panning out now, 4 years later. Here's the thing, little one. You made it. I know it seems unbelievable and I know why. I know that it's been hard, terribly. It wasn't an easy drive, trust me. There have been so many moments when we wanted to quit, when it felt like everything was falling apart, when the normal didn't make sense longer than a year?", you ask.

anymore, and we started questioning the possibilities and opportunities in front of us. We often asked if it was all worth it.

You're in robot mode now, aren't you? At this point, everything's a blur, hazy. I don't remember a huge amount from being fourteen, fifteen or sixteen because I was just trying to get through a phase of bullying, a lot of academic pressure that

I had set for myself and understanding the complexities my mind was dealing with. All of this, alone. I know it's hard, but I hope this helps. It's 4 years later now. We have friends who are supportive. "But, does it all matter when everyday feels



AN OPEN LETTER TO ME

Translation

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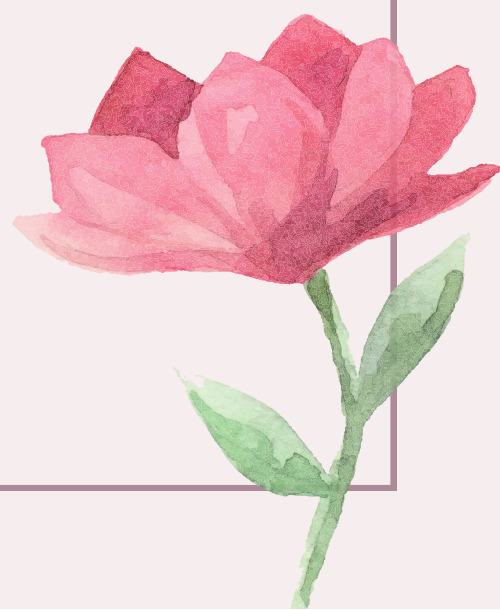
Yes. Yes it matters because they’re part of the reason I’m here, writing this letter. They’re part of the reason I got us through to where we are now. You know what? I know a lot of people have told you this and it’s hard to believe but trust me, with an open heart, when I say, it gets better. So much better. Let me tell you about the world you’re about to enter. You’re questioning if you’ll survive school, right? Well, you do, top of the class too! You get accepted into one of the country’s best journalism programs and you’re working very hard to live the life you’ve been dreaming of. It was hard to fit in initially, you know, new city, new people, but, once college starts, you find your people, you find comfort and you find yourself.

I’m not saying we have life figured out or that we’re the perfect person we’re expected to be. We’re a mess and we’re still figuring laundry out, haha. We still have those days, the ones we dread, but we’ve learnt to tread through them. Things are better. You’re 20 and life has started to make sense. I’m proud, kid. We’ve come a long way. Yes, it has been a difficult period but we’ve also unlocked some beautiful moments and made some great memories. We have come to cherish some of the best people and they’ve made such a great impact on our life. Our friends are good people, genuine and kind, people who make every day truly better and I cannot be grateful enough for them.

(note to future us: DO NOT for any reason, let go of them, they’re the good ones). We’re loved and accepted for who we are as a person. We’re not judged for how we look or for the decisions we’ve made or will possibly make (and trust me it took me a long time to accept that). I’m not saying we’ve peaked, no, but we are definitely in a safer, better and happier mental space. To everyone else reading this: You’ve made it all the way here. Trust me, if life is feeling tough right now, it gets better and if you ever need anything, reach out to those who love you.

With Love,
Madhumalika Bharani

Madhumalika Bharani
BA II MLP



MES ANNÉES D'UNIVERSITÉ

Bonjour chers amis, aujourd'hui, j'aimerais partager mon expérience universitaire. Une phase de vie dont rêve chaque élève. Quand j'ai été admis dans cette université, j'avais vraiment peur car tous les gens étaient nouveaux pour moi. Mais bientôt, j'ai commencé à apprécier ma vie universitaire et je me suis fait des amis fantastiques. J'ai adoré mon université et j'ai participé aux événements de mon université. Une des meilleures choses dans la vie universitaire est que vous obteniez une nouvelle expérience chaque jour. Dans ma vie universitaire, en plus d'étudier, mes amis et moi aimons beaucoup d'autres choses. Nous avons voyagé dans beaucoup d'endroits, eu de nouvelles expériences, et appris beaucoup de nouvelles choses. Une autre chose que j'ai aimé dans ma vie universitaire est les Fêtes annuelles. Chaque année, notre Université organise un festival annuel qui dure 2-3 jours. Dans ce festival annuel, divers concours ont lieu, et des étudiants de diverses universités viennent faire partie de ce festival annuel. Chaque année, notre collège organise un festival annuel massif et tous les étudiants de notre collège participent à divers événements et profitent beaucoup de cette fête. Ces festivals permettent aux étudiants de socialiser avec de nouvelles personnes et de présenter leur talent à tous, ce qui renforce leur confiance et les aide dans leur avenir. J'ai la meilleure expérience de ma vie grâce à cette université. J'ai passé le meilleur moment de ma vie à l'université, et mes souvenirs de vie à l'université me feront toujours plaisir.

MY COLLEGE DAYS **Translation**

Hello dear friends, today I would love to share my university experience. A phase of life every school student dreams of. When I took admission to this university, I was really afraid as all the people were new to me. But soon, I started enjoying my university life and made some fantastic friends. I loved everything about my university and participated in the events at my university.

One of the best things about university life is that you get a new experience every day. In my university life, along with studying, I and my friends enjoy a lot of other things. We travelled to lots of places, had new experiences, and learned many new things. Another thing I loved about my university life is Annual Fests. Every year our University organises an annual fest that lasts for 2-3 days. In this annual fest, various competitions happen, and students from various universities come to be a part of this annual fest. Every year, our college organises a massive annual fest and all the students of our college participate in various events and enjoy a lot in this fest. These fests allow students to socialise with new people and showcase their talent to everyone which builds their confidence and helps them in their future. I have got the best exposure and experience of my life through this college. I had the best time of my life in university, and my university life memories will always make me happy.

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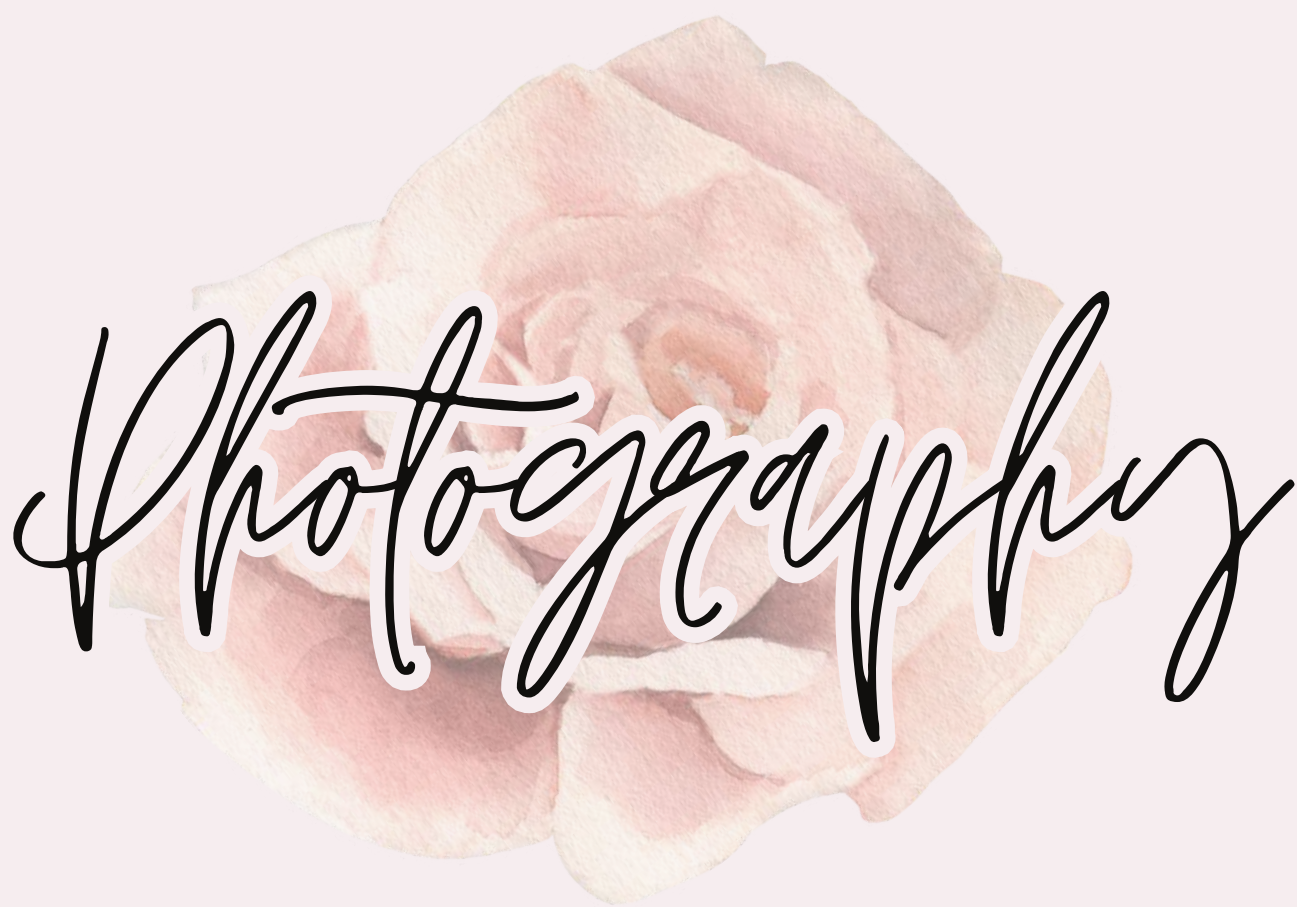


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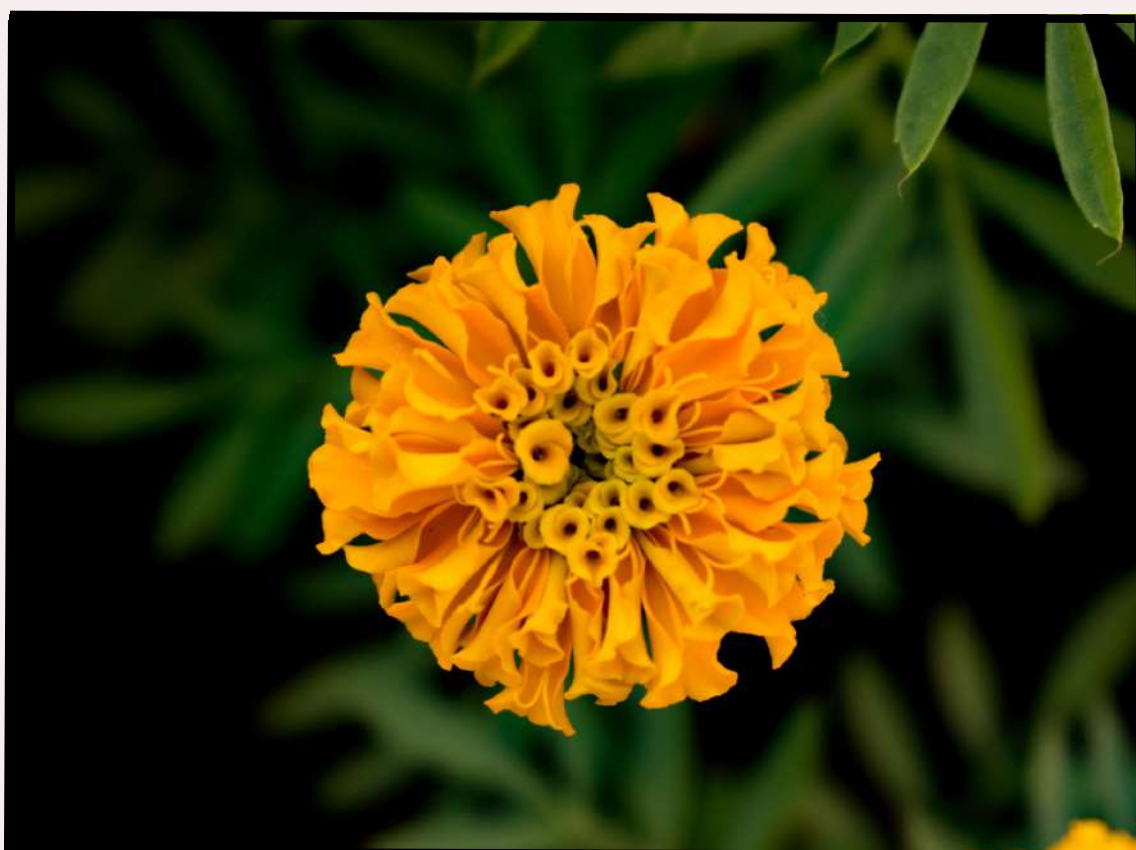
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College Events



Telangana Formation Day

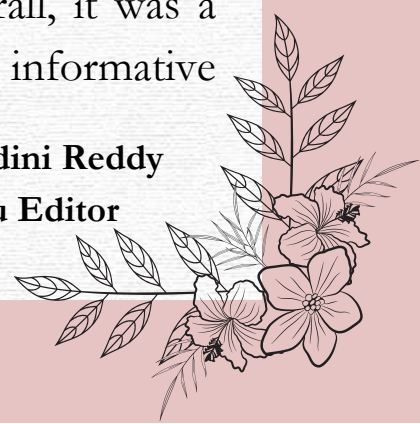
Telangana Formation Day Celebrations were held on a grand scale on 1st June, 2022 in the College Auditorium. After the prayer, Dr. Uma Joseph, HOD, History gave an insight into the history of how the state of Telangana was formed. She also spoke about the rich culture and heritage of the state and the Telangana Movement. Her talk motivated the staff and students and inculcated values of patriotism and service to the motherland.



This was followed by a melodious medley by the teaching staff, depicting the Telangana culture. The non-teaching staff presented a dance-drama in the Telangana dialect and highlighted the importance of Bathukamma, followed by Folk Dance.

A food festival was also organised on the occasion, where staff and students enjoyed the delicious authentic Telangana food items. Overall, it was a joyous, fun-filled and informative programme.

P. Sugandini Reddy
Telugu Editor





Francis Fiesta



Walking through the doors of college for the first time is definitely a memorable experience and so, a Fresher's Day was held to celebrate and welcome the first year students, on August 26, 2022.

Several performances and activities were organised to break the ice and make the freshers feel comfortable in the college.

All the first year students were beautifully dressed up in their best outfits, eager to take part in the much anticipated 'Miss Fresher' competition. It consisted of three rounds - an introduction round, a 'Question and Answer' round, and finally the announcement of the winners.

The girls competed through the three rounds, receiving able guidance and training from their seniors and eventually were shortlisted as the finalists. There were six titles up for grabs, namely 'Miss Best Dressed', 'Miss Vivacious', 'Miss Fresher Second Runner Up', 'Miss Fresher First Runner Up', and 'Miss Fresher'.

The judges, Ms. Tanvi, actress and model, and Ms. Vishala Reddy, social activist, then declared the rest of the winners, all of them receiving their sashes with lots of good wishes and applause.

The event was not only successful in making the new students feel welcome in the college, but also one that they will cherish and remember for long.

Himanshi Sharma
Sub-editor



Vidyarambh 2022

The Student Induction Programme - Vidyarambh 2022 began on 22nd August, 2022. Ms. Jyothi Rani, Coordinator of SIP gave a brief introduction about the SIP. Ms. Afshan Shireen (Head, Dept. of Political Science) introduced the chief guest of the day - Ms. Deepthi Ravula - CEO of WeHub, Government of Telangana. Ms. Ravula addressed the students with a speech emphasising on the importance of grabbing opportunities and facing fears. The SIP was then declared open by the principal, Sr. Sandra Horta. The different streams of the college welcomed the freshers with interactive activities and informative sessions, over the next three days.

The Spectrum Club organized the SIP for B.Sc. first-year students, COFEE Club for B.Com, Arista and Voctalent Clubs for BMS and BVOC, while Xpressions Club organized it for the B.A. students.

The day started with a 'Know Your College Session', where the students were oriented about the college's learning environment, infrastructure, facilities, etc. Dr. Alice David (Controller of Exam, Department of Economics) conducted the Exam Branch orientation, in which she spoke about the evaluation system. A campus tour video was shown and different college activities were explained. Ms. Maurvi Kapoor and Ms Soujanya introduced AASRA, the counseling cell of the college. The students were also oriented about the placement cell and Genesis IAS Academy. The day ended with a session on Leadership and Communication by Ms. Chaarmika Nagalla- a TedX speaker and Entrepreneur.

On Day 2, the various student clubs were introduced and they engaged the students in fun activities related to their clubs. An orientation by the choir was conducted. The Student Council also introduced themselves. An Alumna Talk by Ms. Sri Vidya Maharshi, a Telugu Indian actress was conducted.

On day 3, NCC and NSS had an informative orientation. An interesting session about Street Cause Francis was shared with the students.



The Indian Red Cross Unit at St. Francis was introduced. The students were also oriented about the SFC Values and other important rules.

Throughout the sessions, the respective clubs conducted fun icebreaker games that got the students mingling among themselves and the seniors. The SIP was a success in making the freshers open up and feel comfortable, as well as giving them a fun-filled welcome to the college





"How's the Josh? High Sir!"

The Immortal Celebration of Independence.

The 15th of August is celebrated all over India as a commemoration of the spirit and morale of our freedom fighters, who fought tirelessly, consistently, and fearlessly to free the "bird in a cage."

St. Francis College for Women celebrated the nation's 76th Independence Day, with great vigour and patriotic zeal. This year, St. Francis truly embraced every word of the dialogue:

"Mujhe states ke naam na sunayi dete hain na dikhayi dete hain, sirf ek mulk ka naam sunayi deta hai... INDIA."

Chak De! India

The auspicious day began with hoisting of the national flag, and a motivational speech by the Chief Guest, Colonel Suryajeet Ahlawa. The event was also graced by the Guest of Honour, Subedar K.P. Singh.

The vast array of events were conducted by Ms. Surekha, Head of Department, Hindi, along with the clubs of the college.

The march past prepared by NCC Cadets and all the major clubs of college. The events that followed the speech by the Guest of Honour, included the vibrant Haryanvi Dance and the role play by the Department of History. The "Har Ghar Tiranga Abhiyan", initiated by the honourable Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, was also followed by the college.

Snehankita Das
Sub-editor





Club Investiture

Student clubs play an essential role in honing a student's skill. They shape their leadership, communication and networking skills, and most importantly give them a realistic experience of the outside world.

St. Francis College for Women has various academic and recreational clubs. These clubs belong to various departments and the club investiture for them was jointly conducted on 8th July, 2022.



The major clubs included Xpressions, Spectrum, COFEE, Arista and Voctalent. Common clubs include La Fiesta, Prakriti, Harivillu, Shastr, Krida, Eureka, FACE (Francisian Association for Christian Endeavours) club and the newly formed clubs Ehasas and Commedia.

The event was graced by Dr. Saveen Sauda, NSS program coordinator of Osmania University, as a chief guest. The college flag was hoisted by Principal Dr. Sr. Sandra Horta along with Dr. Saveen. After the flag hoisting, all the thirteen clubs, headed by their president and vice presidents, marched with their respective flags. An oath of duty, administered by Dr. Sandra Horta, was taken by all the representatives of the club.

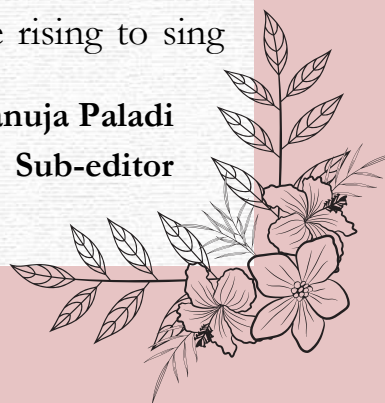


Dr. Saveen, then, addressed the students.

The event ended with everyone rising to sing the national anthem.

Bhanuja Paladi

Sub-editor





Student Council Investiture

*“Reach high, for stars lie hidden in your soul,
Dream deep, for every dream precedes the goal!”*

On 1st July, 2022, St Francis College For Women conducted the Investiture Ceremony to appoint the Student Council for the new academic year.

The main objective of this ceremony was to throw light on the set of duties of the newly elected Student Council members, Class Representatives, Vice Class Representatives and Student Quality Check Representatives. The ceremony commenced with the college prayer followed by the Bible reading by Ms. Elisa and Dr. Shiny Rajan. Ms. Swetha Rachel introduced all the elected members along with their positions to the college. The newly formed council was then felicitated with badges by the Principal, Dr. Sr. Sandra Horta.

The Student Council then took an oath to serve the college with sincerity and dedication, working to the best of their abilities. The college choir sang a beautiful congratulatory song, wishing the members success for all the endeavours that they would take up in the coming year. Dr. Sr. Sandra Horta motivated the students and blessed them with her advice and guidance which would help them to set clear goals and achieve them with full dedication.

The newly elected President, T. Sindhuja Reddy, then, addressed the college. The ceremony finally concluded, with a vote of thanks and a rendition of the college anthem.

Sakina Likayat
Sub-editor





SFC Wing Investiture



St. Francis College for Women celebrated its Wings Investiture Ceremony on the 11th of January, 2023. The core committee members of Indian Red Cross Unit(IRCUC), Rangers, St. Francis Green Corps(SFGC), Rotaract, Krida, National Service Scheme(NSS) and National Cadet Corps(NCC) in their respective uniforms took the oath. The students marched with their Presidents holding the flag in the Quadrangle, during the assembly.

The ceremony started with a prayer and a prayer song by the choir. Dr. Vidya Jayaram, HoD of Zoology department introduced each Wing and their duties, while wishing them luck for their future events.

Principal, Dr. Sr. Sandra wished them luck for the same while giving an empowering speech. She stated that the experience they will gain through their service will prove beneficial in the long run, preparing them for the real world.

The seven of the Wings had separate Investiture Ceremonies later, throughout the month of February, with Chief Guests and Guests of Honour from their respective State and Sector Offices.

Pragnya Atluri
Sub-editor





Grandparent's Day

A Grand Celebration!

The Grandparents Day celebrations were held in the college on the 26th of July, where the grandparents were welcomed by the NCC cadets. The program started with a prayer song, followed by a heartfelt message of gratitude to all the grandparents by Principal, Dr. Sr. Sandra Horta. The Student Council had planned many fun activities. There were a lot of interactive games and a rapid fire, where the participants were called to complete dialogues, sing songs, etc from old Telugu and Hindi movies. Harivillu - the Telugu club performed a touching skit. This was followed by a virtual tour of the college campus.

Ehsaas - the Hindi club enacted a skit that evoked nostalgia and great memories for all the grandparents. A short film was also screened by the Social Management department, titled 'A day in the life of grandparents' which featured interviews with various people regarding their relationship with their grandparents.

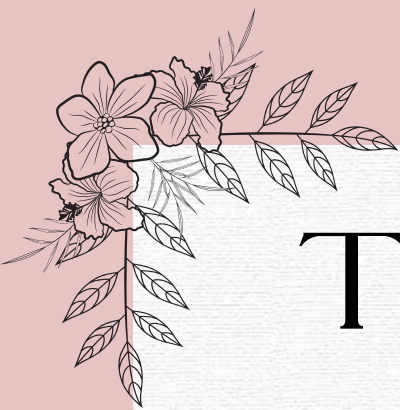
The program ended with the grandparents being presented with mugs and flowers as a souvenir.

After the program, the department of Hindi paid a visit to a retirement home in Jagannath Temple, Sitaram Bagh along with the Hindi Faculty Mrs. Surekha, to spend some quality time with the elderly.



Mitali Partha
Sub-editor





Teacher's Day

Sachi Bhanap
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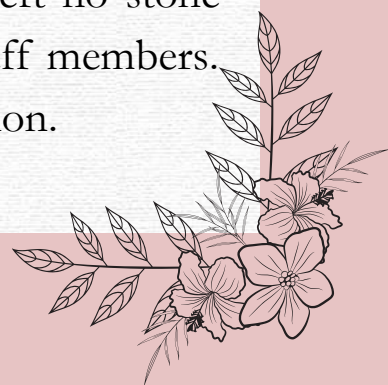


A grand celebration was conducted on 5th September 2022 to mark Teachers' Day at college. A series of fun events were organised to honour the significant impact of the teachers in the lives of Francisians.

The event began with the lighting of the lamp followed by the prayer song and Bible reading to bless the gathering.

A lovely welcome dance kick-started the program. The management felicitated the teaching and non-teaching staff for their contributions. The MSc. Microbiology students performed an amazing skit followed by a choir performance and another energetic dance by the students.

The management celebrated Ms. Padmaja's 25 years of dedicated service and contribution to the college. Students gifted their teachers and other staff with cards, thank you notes, and roses; and some classes even got cakes for their lecturers. The students left no stone unturned in making the occasion memorable for the staff members. The day was filled with loads of gratitude, love, and affection.



Ms. A Padmaja

Silver Jubilee Celebrations



Ms. A.Padmaja is one of the most proficient teachers at St. Francis College with experience of teaching varied subjects in Commerce. In her 26 years of teaching experience, she made tough subjects like Business law and Corporate law interesting and a favourite with the students.

The Silver Jubilee of Ms.Padmaja was celebrated on 5th September, 2022. Her family was present for the occasion and appreciated how much she is loved and valued by her colleagues and students. She was felicitated with great honour by the Management, Department of Commerce, Staff Association, Non - teaching staff and students.

Ms. Padmaja entered the portals of St. Francis in the year 1996, joining as a faculty member in the Department of Commerce. She is a valued member of the department with her calm and sage advice on both official and personal matters. She grooms the students into becoming their best selves. She is also known for counseling the students to achieve greater things. She ensures that each and every student of her class understands what is taught, taking particular care of the slow learners.

Ms. Padmaja served the college in various roles as Superintendent of Examinations, NSS programme officer and Student advisor. She has been an integral part of the Time table committee in the past few years and since last year has been a part of the Placement Committee.

She is known for her affectionate care and patience and always believes that success can only be achieved by hard work and faith in God.

Farewell to Ms. Jayasheela



Everyone requires a person with an abundance of positive vibe and confidence to work with.... Thank you for being that person, Jayasheela ma'am... Time flies so fast! And, It's been almost a year since your superannuation and, we miss your mighty presence in the Principal's office.

Your positive attitude towards work inspired everyone here to give their best. You' were unique with your own set of skills and, you have never left a moment without mesmerizing a few with your confidence and guts to get the work done. We were glad to have you amongst us. You have stood together with us during all the ups and downs.

"Nothing in this world is more valuable than a friend, a colleague, a guide and a mentor to so many across the years in an institution, who is both loyal and hardworking."

Kudos to your incredible years of work!!

We wish you a very happy, contented, and restful retirement life!!

Ms. Mary Dias,
Receptionist

Farewell to Ms. Vijaya Gouri



Dr. L. V. Vijaya Gowri, Head Department of Telugu is a very dynamic & versatile person. Her loving nature, intelligence & great sense of humour are her special characteristics. She is the only faculty in college who was NCC & NSS officer, as well. She also participated in RD parade at Delhi from NSS wing. HIV AIDS consultation centre named CARE was inaugurated under her able guidance during her NSS tenure.

She began Telugu Club - Harivillu for Telugu activities to promote the state culture in college. She received many awards from various organizations & from Telangana Government as well. She was the favourite teacher of all her students as her class was enriched with knowledge & expression. She is a great speaker, a melodious singer, a composer and an actor.

We, the language department, wish her all the very best for her second inning. It's the time to look ahead with satisfaction & relaxation. For 30 years, she worked with dedication, finally after climbing the mountain she will enjoy the view with contentment & will remember the past with fondness. May God bless you ma'am & keep you always happy & healthy.

Ms. Manjiri Prashant
HOD, Dept. of Sanskrit

Farewell to Ms. Padmini



Mrs. Padmini spent 23 long years in service as a Non- Teaching Staff. She offered her service in College Office as PG Office Assistant for 15 Years and in 2014, she shifted to the library, wherein she rendered 8 years of service.

She is one of the strong personality in the library who has been rendering various services for the past 8 years. Quiet by nature, she has been taking care of science reference room, project room and also took care of the maintenance of the main hall in her last year of service, before she retired.

She has been with us like a family and put in a lot of hard work, the moments we all shared and the memories we made with you will always be remembered.

Dear Ms. Padmini Ma'am, we truly are grateful to you for all your hidden services, your keen interest in all the well-being of the service you rendered in the library. May God reward you generously in all your hidden services.



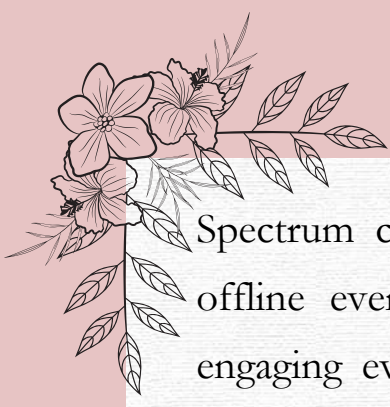
Yuvaflare

For the Youth, By the Youth

The month of September brought with it an atmosphere of excitement for all Francisians, as they counted down the days for Yuvaflare - the annual youth fest of St. Francis College. The fest took place from 19th September to 27th September, 2022 with a number of exciting online and offline events being conducted.

A grand inaugural ceremony took place in the Quadrangle on September 27. Hosted by Sheeba Delighta and Hansa Pandey, the two institutions participating in the three-day Xavier Board Colleges Connect event, St. Claret College in Bengaluru and St. Joseph's College for Women in Visakhapatnam, were introduced to the students. The college choir led the opening of the event with a Bible reading and prayer, after which Dr. Reena Dewan, the fest's coordinator, delivered a short summary of the event. The distinguished chief guest, Mr. Gagan Narang, (Olympic Medallist and former World No. 1 Shooter) was then introduced. The official Yuvaflare flag was hoisted while the Yuvaflare Anthem was sung enthusiastically by the college choir. The fest was officially opened by Principal Dr. Sr. Sandra Horta after the cheerleading team of the college gave an energetic performance. The event's biggest appeal was the official mascot of Yuvaflare, Luna the lioness.





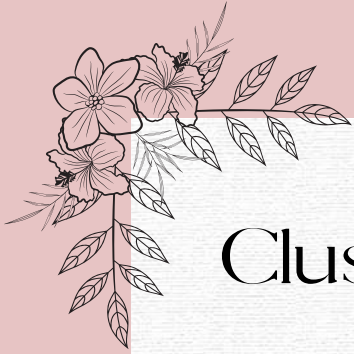
Spectrum club conducted two events, namely 'Buzzinga' and an offline event 'Who Killed Sherlock?' COFEE conducted three engaging events. 'BizMUN 2.0' and 'Cogito Ergo, Hum' was an online interactive game. Finally, COFEE & Harivillu conducted 'Janapada Nrityotsav'. Arista club conducted an online event 'Jab Tak Hai Jaan'. Harivillu conducted 'Padajhari', and 'Mukhachitravali'. Ehsaas club, conducted 'Kavya Lehri', an online poetry presentation. Commedia club, hosted a 'Watch Party', - "Yeh Jawani Hai Deewani" and "Ee Nagaraniki Emaindi". Xpressions club conducted two events. 'Samskruti Xpress' and 'Battle of Bands', conducted along with Shastr club, was a face-off between musical bands. 'Rocket League' was the first ever competition by the E-sports club. Krida put up a series of fun game stalls, namely, 'Hoop it Till You Make it', 'Shoot your Shot' and 'Find your Path'.

Francis Talkies club, conducted 'Francis Gala' and 'Alternatio' Prakriti conducted 'Prakriti Ki Khoj'. La Fiesta club, conducted 'Tale of Your Own', 'To be or Not to Be' and Nukkad Natak. Shastr club, conducted 'Yoksha' and 'Talaash'. The fest concluded with the Yuvaflare Valedictory conducted by the Spectrum Club. Dr. Vyshnavie Sainath, the chief guest, addressed the gathering.



Sachi Bhanap
Editor





Cluster College Collaboration



The inaugural ceremony for the Cluster College Collaboration initiative was held in St. Francis College for Women on the 4th August, 2022.

Mr. Ravula Sridhar Reddy, Chairman of Telangana State Education and Welfare Infrastructure Development Corporation graced the occasion as the chief guest for the event. The event was an initiative taken by the Telangana State Council of Higher Education for a shared learning experience among students

from over 7 colleges affiliated to Osmania University. The Club Presidents, Vice Presidents and Secretaries of these colleges attended the event along with their respective mentors and faculty. The event was coordinated by Dr. Mallika S. Shetty - HoD, BMS and Ms. Mahnoor Sahrash. The competitions were coordinated by Ms. Geeta Gianchandani and Ms. Mini Fernandez. Various team building activities and interactive games were held to aid students to grow collectively and gain skills such as decision making and problem solving games, bonding exercises not only created a great learning environment for the students, but also led to a fun afternoon filled with laughter and friendly interactions. Lastly, the importance of these skills was stressed upon by the Principal.



Mitali Partha
Sub-editor



Xavier Board Connect

The Xavier Board of Higher Education in India (XBHEI) recognising the need to develop partnerships between member institutions took the lead to facilitate networking so as to give a definite roadmap for implementation of the planned collaborative activities.

St.Francis College for Women signed MoU's with seven Xavier Board Colleges: Mount Carmel College, Bengaluru, Sacred Heart College, Tirupathur, St.Joseph's College ,Tiruchirappalli, Maris Stella College ,Vijayawada, St.Xaviers College, Goa, St. Joseph's College for Women , Visakhapatnam, St.Claret College, Bengaluru

The first activity conceived by the college was XBCC@SFC. St.Claret College, Bengaluru and St.Joseph's College for Women, Visakhapatnam joined for a 3 Day Networking programme at SFC from September 26-28, 2022. The plan for engaging the visiting teams was drawn up by the Institutional Collaboration Committee.

The teams enjoyed a Heritage Tour of Hyderabad, exploring iconic historic sites like the Charminar, Golconda Fort and the Nizam's Palace. They savored sumptuous Hyderabadi Biryani at Shadab Restaurant. Students engaged in street shopping as well. They were amazed by the bylanes of Old City that told the stories of the good old days. On September 27, the 2 visiting colleges joined Francisians for Yuvaflare. The teams also participated in a bonding programme under the guidance of Ms. Geeta Gianchandani, Dept.of Social Management and Dr.Mahnoor, Dept.of BMS.

The teams also visited a waste-to-energy Biogas generating plant installed by Ahuja Engineering Services. The 2 busy farmer markets in Hyderabad known as Rythu Bazaars, are the places that the teams visited. These Rythu Bazars are also places where huge amounts of bio waste is generated from which energy needs to be recovered. It was an enriching experience for the participating teams.

Dr.Mallika Shetty
HOD, Dept. of BMS
Coordinator,
Institutional Collaboration
Committee



CBU Dreaming'

A 21 days International Immersion study trip to California Baptist University was conducted.

On the night of 4th June 2022, swamped with luggage and backpacks on our shoulders, we had no clue of what was to come when we gathered at Rajiv Gandhi International Airport. With 19 acquaintances, we boarded a flight to California Baptist University.

With excitement crackling like electricity in the air and our nerves all over the place, we couldn't wait to see what California was all about. In a word, I would say- life-changing. We got to learn from the best and the most elite professors at CBU about various topics like Leadership, Team building, Creativity, Ethics, Wisdom, and the APA style. Enlightening Interactive classes, lunch with professors, and key takeaways at the end of every session made us reflect on ourselves and the things we thought we knew! The lectures, albeit 2 hours long, were filled with laughter, fun, and lessons that made us forget about time. It felt like they were done in the blink of an eye.



It was truly memorable where we got to travel via almost every public transport available and yet missed half of them! We were in a dream state throughout, constantly checking off things from our bucket lists.

We have our lovely Professors and the CBU's IC team, our chaperons from India - Margaret Ma'am, Lavanya ma'am, Kameshwari ma'am, and most importantly, Principal - Dr. Sister Sandra, Vice Principal - Dr. Sister Sherley, and Dean of Academics - Dr. Mallika Shetty Ma'am, to thank. This was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for us. It was an immersion into a different culture and environment with lots of learning and fun!

**Amatul Bar Zarfashan
BMS III**



International Symposium on Leadership and Wisdom

On 13th and 14th September 2022, the Department of Social Sciences organised an International Symposium on “Leadership and Wisdom- Among Leaders and Learners”, which was sponsored by the Telangana State Council for Higher Education.

The main objective of this symposium was to explore, instill and strengthen leadership skills and wisdom.

The session on 13th September began with an inaugural, as the delegates enjoyed a spectacular cultural extravaganza, with students performing several traditional Indian dances. Principal Dr. Sr. Sandra Horta then delivered a keynote address on leadership.

The first session was led by Dr. Anuradha Rao on “Relevance of Leadership & Wisdom from a Psychological Perspective”. This was followed by another interesting session which was based on “Leadership & Wisdom from the Perspective of Media”

The session on 14th September began with Dr Kayla Fisher as the keynote speaker. Dr G Sreenivas Reddy, Professor of Public administration from Kakatiya University, gave the next session on the topic - ‘Leadership challenges in the academic world’.

Ramya presented her paper on the topic ‘Exemplary leadership and leaders from a student’s perspective’. The next paper was presented by Rizu Kumari, Sindhuja Reddy and Loveleena Kalyani on the topic ‘Inculcation of student leadership programmes into the formal education model’. This was followed by a paper presentation by the faculty. Ms Carolyn presented a paper on ‘Moses : A Visionary Leader’. Dr Rohit Kumar also presented his paper on the topic - ‘An insight into military leadership’. Then, Dr John Shoup, Director of Paul and Annie Kienel Leadership Institute, conducted a session where he spoke about the two types of wisdom namely, Sophia and Prudence.

The session ended with the valedictory along with a speech by Mr Raymond Peter. In the end, feedback was given by Sindhuja Reddy, College President, along with a vote of thanks by Ms Geeta Gianchandani.

Gungun Pandiya
Hindi Editor





Parampara 2k22

On 9th December, 2022, St Francis College for Women celebrated its very first Ethnic Day - 'Parampara 2022'. The Student Council and the Dean Committee coordinated the event.



With the aim of promoting the theme of 'unity in diversity', the students and staff dressed up in colourful ghagras and vibrant sarees, remembering their traditional roots.

Indian actor, Adivi Sesh and Tollywood actress, Malavika Satheesan graced the event as the chief guests. An air of excitement prevailed as Adivi Sesh entered the campus and he captivated everyone with his presence. Chief guests along with the Principal, Dr. Sr. Sandra Horta and the Student Council released the balloons to inaugurate the event.

Following this, the students presented an energetic flash mob, showcasing the various traditional dances of India. The students, then, enjoyed a variety of food and accessories stalls that were put up on campus. Around noon, the Punjabi dhol brought the crowd back to the Quadrangle with their foot-tapping session of folk-hop music. This was followed by another flash mob. Soon, the DJ took over and the students danced their hearts out to Bollywood and Tollywood songs, creating memories that no Francisian would forget.



Melisa Anthony
Sub-editor





Christian Unity Octave



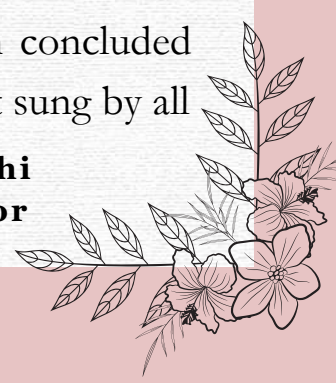
St. Francis College for Women observed the Unity Octave Week from 18th to 25th January, 2023. Christian Unity Octave Day was held on 20th January, 2023 from 2 to 3 p.m. in the Capitano hall.

The commencement was observed by all the Christian staff. It began with an opening prayer followed by a welcome message and a speech on the importance of the octave.

The session for the day was moderated by Rev. Younus Samuel & Fr. Ravi Shekhar S.J., the guest speakers. Rev Fr. Ravi SJ spoke on ecumenical unity from the Canonical perspective. This was followed by a very enlightening session by Rev. Younus from NLAG. He spoke on the importance of Christian unity from a very practical point of view while quoting biblical evidence. Emphasis was laid on maintaining integrity & strengthening as Christian brothers and sisters in the global scenario.

The faculty members also engaged with interactive activities and were asked to pray for various intentions, etc. Finally, the program concluded with a beautiful hymn on this little guiding light of Dr. Margaret sung by all the members present.

E. Saahithi
Sub-editor





International Men's Day

St. Francis College for Women celebrated International Men's Day on 14th November, 2022, with several events being organised by Arista - the student club of management studies.

The program was conducted in light of International Men's Day, which falls on the 19th of November 2022, to acknowledge, appreciate and honour the male faculty of the college and the various important roles they play. The event was packed with abundant entertainment and energy. The event commenced with Ms. Angelina Gabrielle addressing the gathering and welcoming the male faculty members. Following this, Dr. Mallika Shetty (HoD of BMS) and Ramya (3rd year BMS student) took over as the MCs for a series of fun games.

Inspired by the globally acclaimed Netflix original series, 'Squid Game', the games had been designed so that failure to complete the task would result in either negative points or loss of the same. The games included interesting events such as group roti making, walking together with their legs tied together and the ultimate one being a whisper challenge. All competitions certainly heightened the competitive spirit.

The event was brought to an end with the faculty members sharing their experiences regarding the entire event. This was followed by a vote of thanks presented by Ms. Augustina Alphonse, who also extended her gratitude towards the faculty for their continuous work and the team of Arista for their tireless efforts.



Aamirah Ahmed
Sub-editor





Daan Utsav

‘ A good deed brightens a dark world.’



Every year, the students of St. Francis College For Women conducts the program of Daan Utsav, a week-long celebration of connecting with the less fortunate by offering them help either in cash or kind. The key objective is to develop the value of ‘reaching out to the underprivileged’ among the students. Every class is expected to visit an institution to provide aid and spend time with the inmates.

Thus, Franciscans celebrate the spirit of Christmas through these outreach programs, promoting goodwill and compassion. This year, students visited places like Second Chance, Auxillium Navajeevan. Orphan Home, Don Bosco Navajeevan Child Care Centre, Mother Teresa Home, Nirmala Shishubhavan, Asha Kuteer Orphanage, etc. Mentors and other faculty also accompanied their respective classes. There are no markers to measure the extent of giving except the “joy” you experience as a giver. The student community along with the teaching fraternity wholeheartedly contributed many items like blankets, raw food items, stationary etc. These experiences helped in spreading smiles, joy and happiness across the society.

The total contribution of the entire college for Daan Utsav 2022-23 was a grand Rs. 3,83,967

At the end of the day, students were left satisfied, empowered and grateful. These encounters leave a very strong impression in the lives of students - a small act can, one day, lead to something bigger.

Sakina Liyakat
Sub-editor





42nd Convocation Ceremony

St. Francis College for Women held its 42nd Graduation ceremony for all the UG and PG graduates of the academic year 2022 on 15th October, 2022, in the Indoor stadium from 10:00 AM. Dr. TAMILISAI Soundararajan, Governor of Telangana and Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry honoured the occasion as the Chief Guest, along with Mrs. Vanitha Datla, Vice Chairperson and Director of Elico Ltd. and managing director of Elico Health Services Ltd., as the Guest of Honour. The ceremony started off with the singing of the national anthem followed by the speech of Dr. Mallika Shetty, (HoD BMS) who was the host for the ceremony. Students were then administered a pledge by the Principal, followed with the felicitation of the guests. Before beginning the event, the students were led into prayer by Dr. Uma Joseph (HoD of History), joined by the college choir.

The commencement of distribution of medals was conducted by Ms. Deepa James (HoD of Commerce), where the highest scorers of each subject were awarded gold medals by the Principal, Dr. Sr Sandra Horta.

The chief guest, Dr. TAMILISAI Soundararajan, then, addressed the students. The Guest of Honour, Ms. Vanitha Datla spoke about the participation of women in the economic development of the country and also cited various facts about women in the workspace. Dr. Rekha Jaichander (PG coordinator of Mathematics) and Dr. K. Anitha (PG coordinator of Mass Communication and Journalism) along with the Principal awarded the rest of the certificates to the students. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. LN Shubha (HoD of Electronics).

Bhanuja Paladi
Sub-editor





Natale - "Regalo Festa"

On 2nd December, 2022, an inaugural ceremony was held where one of the advent candles was lit and the 'Natale' poster was launched. The whole event was coordinated by the FACE club members. 'Natale 2022' was conducted from 12th December to 21st December with online and offline events. The college was decorated with colourful lights, christmas trees, paper decorations and model cribs. The Floor decoration competition saw clubs decorating each floor of the UG block, with Xpressions taking the first prize.

After a year of online events, Natale 2022 saw 12 fun offline events and 3 online events. Offline events such as Collage making, Christmas Charades, Bible Quiz, Rangoli making, etc. Christmas message, Photography and Christmas emoticon were the online events which were held on 16th December. The college choir, 'Nightingales of St. Francis', also took part in several inter-college carol singing competitions, and bagged the first prize at 4 competitions and the third prize in one of them.

On 21st December, Natale was celebrated in a grand way. The Guest of Honour was Miss Sabina Xavier, the founder of 'Heal-a-Child' foundation and a proud alumni of the college.

On this day, competitions such as Live crib display, model crib making, carol singing, etc. were held. The valedictory ceremony was held where the winners of various competitions were awarded and participants were appreciated, bringing an end to the Christmas festivities.



Melisa Anthony
Sub-editor





Ablaze: A Revitalising Retreat

An opportunity to spend time in prayer and contemplation, a genuinely refreshing chance to deepen our relationship with God, St. Francis College for Women organised Ablaze— a rejuvenating retreat for all Christian and Catholic students and staff (teaching and non-teaching).

The retreat was organised by the management of St. Francis, the Faith Formation Faculty, and the FACE Club on 19th and 20th, August 2022. The sessions started at 9:20 am and continued until 4:00 pm. The college auditorium was utilised for the retreat. Father Cyril Doss and Father David from the Divine Mercy Centre, Mutangi, were invited to guide the attendees through the carefully curated, refreshing sessions.

The invigorating retreat consisted of Praise and Worship sessions, Rosary Sessions, Mass, and Adoration. The students in attendance also had the opportunity to go and Confess - which helped them feel enlivened and rejuvenated. Father David interacted with the students through some sessions, covering several vast topics through exemplary explanations.

The message in the retreat was prophetic, and the service was enriching. Life-altering messages and testimonies that helped the students strengthen their faith were relayed.

Snehankita Das
Sub-editor





Republic Day

The Republic Day celebrations at St. Francis College for Women commenced with a feeling of immense patriotism in everyone. The morning witnessed a well-organised beginning with the NCC, NSS and Rotaract Club core committee members, with their respective formal uniforms, creating an appealing boundary around the quadrangle. The Chief Guest for the day, Major Joseph Suresh, was warmly welcomed and honoured by presenting a sapling. The day started with the prayer being read to remember the Almighty. Following this, the choir melodiously sang a medley of several patriotic songs such as, **‘Mere Desh Ki Dharti’** and **‘Ae Mere Vatan Ke Logon’**.

The chief guest was then invited to impart a few wise words to the audience. The speech was met with ardent applause, as the words resonated with the audience.

Soon after this, the most awaited moment of the day took place - the flag hoisting. Major Joseph was invited to hoist the flag. Following this, the national anthem was passionately sung by everyone present. The day wrapped up with refreshments being provided to all.

Aamirah Ahmed
Sub-editor





College Day

On 16th February, 2023, St. Francis College for Women celebrated its 64th College Day followed by the prize distribution function in the college auditorium. The Principal Dr. Sr. Sandra Horta presented the annual report and congratulated the teaching & non-teaching staff and the student achievers in various fields during this academic session.

The programme began with prayers to the Almighty and the lighting of the lamp by the esteemed guests. Sr. Sandra highlighted that since its establishment, the institution has managed to maintain its momentum on the path of progress. She reported several activities organised by various committees and departments of the college during the session. The Chief Guest, the Honourable British Deputy High Commissioner Mr. Garreth Wynn Owen addressed the gathering. The management also presented a short video documenting the college activities of the academic year 2022-23.

The main highlight of the day was the dance programme by the students. The students put on a special Telangana folk performance that involved the audience in a stunning show made rich with music, dances, colourful costumes and mime.

Around 60 students were awarded for their achievements in academic and extracurricular activities. The wonderful celebration of hard work, grit, and determination ended with the national anthem.

E. Saahithi
Sub-editor





Vanithotsav

The International Women's Day Celebrations were held from 1st March to 8th March, 2023 in St. Francis College for Women. A plethora of events were planned by the male faculty for the entire week.

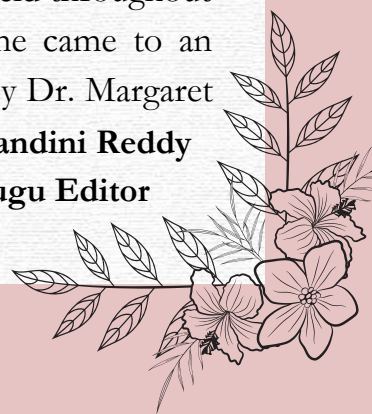
After the inaugural on 1st March, the winners of the lucky dip were presented with gifts. This was followed by a guest lecture on "Women's Empowerment, Progress for All" by Ms. Jayalakshmi. On 2nd March, Dr. Swathi Paidipati addressed the female faculty on the topic - "Emotional Quotient". The department of Biochemistry and Health Centre in coordination with Mr. Jaydeep organised Eye camp, supported by Win Vision Hospital. As part of skill development, special workshops were held for the support staff. Tailoring workshop was held on 1st March and Mehendi Workshop was held on 2nd March. On 3rd March, the female faculty enthusiastically took part in the Singing Competition and mesmerised everyone with their melodious voices. In the evening, badminton and throwball competitions were conducted in the Indoor Stadium. On 6th March, tug of war was held for the female faculty of various departments, support staff and students. A game of musical chairs was also conducted especially for support staff. The Avani Fest was organised by the Prakriti Club on 6th March to honour Mother Earth.



On the D-day, that is, on 8th March, in the morning, Smt. Kethineni Sarala Rao, addressed the gathering. The most awaited part of the week-long celebrations was the Cultural Bonanza which began at 1:30pm in the college Auditorium. It began with an emotional tribute to one of the ex-students of SFC, Akshitha Gumalla.

After this, a News Bulletin - SFC Vani was presented which gave an insight to all the events arranged from 1st March to 7th March. The enactment of the Gabbar Singh's police station scene by the support staff was hilarious. The entire male faculty sang melodious and trending songs. This was followed by an energetic dance performance. Next, prizes were distributed for the winners of various competitions held throughout the week. The programme came to an end with vote of thanks by Dr. Margaret Selvaraj.

P. Sugandini Reddy
Telugu Editor





Francisian Launch Forward Program

The end of college studies is just the beginning and moving ahead is a positive sign for future success. In this context, St. Francis College stands pioneer in introducing “Francisian Launch Forward Program” to celebrate the life of outgoing students. The week began on March 14 with the inaugural where every student prayed for their continued safety of the graduating students. The Student Council President, Sindhuja Reddy, and the General Secretary from PG, Milan Dhawan then released doves into the air to symbolise the start of the Francisian Launch Programme.

The schedule began with 'Vijayeebhava' which was held on 14th March by the main clubs from Arts, Sciences, Commerce, and Management, for all the graduating students. The event's central theme was 'Values for Life', where several speakers discussed their professional experiences and engaged with the students.

Following this event, there was a peer bonding session, where several fun activities were conducted by the second year club members.

On 15th March, a prayer session - "Ashish," was regulated by Brother Sunny and his team, along with the faculty coordinators. They led the event by speaking to the students about life. In addition to this, Brother and his team planned a number of enjoyable events, including dancing, which the departing students truly enjoyed. The FACE club also participated in the session. The crowd lit their candles and prayed collectively as Brother Sunny led everyone in a parting prayer.

On 16th March, 'Sanjeevini' and 'Swaraksha' sessions were held on how to save lives and defend themselves. Ms. Rajani, a sub-inspector, led the 'Swaraksha' event. Students were taught self-defence skills by Dr. Ravi.





Kabhi Alvida Na Kehna

Farewell at Francis

The Francisian Launch Forward Programme ended on 17th March with the Farewell celebrations - 'Alvida 2023', to bid adieu to the graduating students, as they move on to the next phase of their lives. The Principal, Dean of Academics, faculty members, staff, and fellow students came together to reminisce about their shared experiences and also to express their appreciation and best wishes to the graduating students. The Farewell ceremony started with a prayer song sung by the Nightingales. A special video consisting of pictures and videos of the seniors was then played. Special recognition awards were given to the students in categories such as NCC, cultural events, etc. The Student Council also received a special recognition award. BCom 3 IB won the 'Best Outgoing Class' award in the UG category, while MSc Organic Chemistry won it in the PG category.



'Student of the Year', the most awaited award of the event, was won by Sindhuja Reddy, President of the Student Council. Later, Principal Sister Sandra Horta along with Chief Editor, Kulsum Namazi unveiled the Yearbook.

A fashion show was organised where 12 contestants competed for the title of 'Miss Francis'. The jury included model, Harsha and Dr. Santha Toutham of T-Hub. The Student Council president, Sindhuja Reddy, gave a heartfelt speech. The Faculty surprised everyone with their energy during their dance performance.

At the end of the ceremony, the winner of 'Miss Francis' - Roslin K Rajesh was announced. The event ended with a special dance performance by second-year students.

The event was a memorable occasion, filled with both joy and sadness.



Himanshi Sharma
Sub-editor



A soft, watercolor-style illustration of a pink peony flower with many layers of petals, centered in the background. The petals are in shades of light pink and white, with a hint of yellow in the center.

Tubilee Mahotsav

Department of Sanskrit

Diamond Jubilee

The Department of Sanskrit celebrated its Diamond Jubilee this academic year. The glorious '60 years' celebrations took place in July, with a holy mass organised by honourable Principal, Dr. Sr. Sandra Horta. The official inauguration took place on 22nd July.

A colourful dance performance was presented before the enthusiastic audience. Then, the department organised various competitions in Sanskrit such as singing Sanskrit songs, and presentations on various Sanskrit authors, where students conducted research work.

Sanskrit Day is celebrated every year on Raksha Bandhan Day. Students participated in singing, speech in Sanskrit & dance.



The Alumni Association of this college presented the Gold Medal for the all-rounder student of Sanskrit this year, on the occasion of the Diamond Jubilee, and it was received by a very talented student of B. Sc. 3 D - Miss Kundanika.

In the second semester, the department organised workshops, and guest lectures by the ex-students who shared their views on how Sanskrit has helped them in making their career.

The Jubilee celebration concluded with a one-act play on POCSO Act & POSCH Act, the legal awareness for women by Ms. Meena Desai & Chinmayi Swami from Mumbai.

With that concluded the Jubilee celebrations.

**MS. Manjiri Prashant,
HOD, Dept. of Sanskrit**

Department of Botany

Diamond Jubilee

This year marked the Diamond Jubilee year of the Department (1962-2022) and exciting events were conducted throughout the year. The Jubilee year was set into motion with an extensive outreach service to the community.

A seminar and workshop on 'Five Green Alternatives' was conducted by Ms. Saritha O.T. Students were engaged in a seminar and workshop on 'Herbarium Pressing Techniques and Poisoning Methods' by Dr. Swamy of Botanical Survey of India. A commemorative day of the department, Sombrero Fiesta was celebrated in the first week of January, 2023 with an array of competitions for staff and students.

As part of GLEE - the Outreach Activity of SPECTRUM Club, students demonstrated live experiments to the



Government High School students on 19 January, 2023.

February saw the Career Guidance program by Dr. Sravanthi Vaidya from CCM and an interaction with an alumnus.

The year-long celebration concluded with a gardening workshop for the teaching faculty. Students won accolades across collegiate and intercollegiate competitions. The department conducted counseling and offered support programs, namely peer academic tutoring for graduate students.

On the whole, it was a year to cherish.

MS. Mary Kavitha
HOD, Dept. of Botany



Department of Zoology

Diamond Jubilee

The Department of Zoology was established in 1962 and over the years, the department has developed into a full-fledged centre for teaching modern biology and is committed to continue working hard for excellence in Science. The department houses a museum with rare preserved specimens and a laboratory, which is equipped with all necessary scientific instruments.

The department organised various activities to commemorate its Jubilee year:

- A National Online Webinar “Partnerships in Wildlife Conservation and Saving Wildlife” was organised to commemorate World Wildlife Day and celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of the Zoology Department.
- A guest lecture on “Recent Trends In Field Of Sericulture” was conducted with Dr. K Sathya Prasad, a retired scientist (CSRTI, Mysore) as the speaker.



- On 27th February 2023, as a part of Diamond Jubilee and World Wildlife Day, the department organised a snake show to create awareness for their conservation and first aid management, in case of snake bites.
- Field Trips were organised for the students of Zoology to LaCONES, Nehru Zoological Park, Institute of Genetics and CCMB on CSIR foundation day.
- The Department of Zoology conducted a Capacity Building Program on Women's Health and Wellness on 3rd November, 2022 for the non – teaching staff.

It was, overall, an eventful celebration for the Zoology department.

Dr. Vidya Jayaram
HOD, Dept. of Zoology

Department of Chemistry

The Department of Chemistry celebrated its Diamond Jubilee Year during 2022-2023 to mark its glorious history of 60 years. A charter of events was organised to focus towards academic excellence which included an Intercollege fest, guest lectures, a national workshop and educational trips.

CHEMFEST 2022, an intercollegiate fest was organised. Events like 'Chemistry-Idol', 'Chem-Quiz', and 'Sci-fi-Tambola' were conducted.

To mark the celebrations further, the department also organised a two-day national workshop on the topic, "Advanced Trends in Chemical and Material Sciences". The Chief Guest for the workshop was Dr. D. Srinivas Reddy, Director, CSIR- IICT Hyderabad.



On 10th March 2023, selected students from B.Sc and M.Sc (Organic Chemistry) participated in the "One Week One Laboratory" Programme at the CSIR-IICT campus, Hyderabad.

To observe the Diamond Jubilee Year the students of B.Sc II year conducted an Outreach Program of visiting underprivileged schools every Saturday throughout the academic year to teach Science and Maths to school students.

It indeed was a memorable experience for all staff and students of the Chemistry Department.

Dr. Sumalatha
HOD, Dept. of Chemistry.

Department of Psychology

The Department of Psychology celebrated their golden jubilee on the 23rd of July, 2022. Various academic and mental health-related events were organised to commemorate the occasion:

The celebrations began with a workshop on resilience in the context: Doing 'Ordinary Magic' with psychological potential by Ms. Goswami, PhD scholar, IIT Kharagpur.

A workshop on “Gatekeeper Training” was organized with the Suicide Prevention Foundation of India. The objective of the session was to reduce suicides by raising awareness and leveraging the power of community..



As a wellness initiative for young minds, a short mindfulness program was also held. The workshop was conducted by Dr. Shambhavi, Psychotherapist and co-founder of EmptyMyndscape LLP. The aim of the workshop was to bridge the gap between reformative and transformative goals of wellness and positive psychology.

As part of the weeklong activities, the department also organised a session on “Creating Hope Through Action” on 12th September, 2022. The guest speaker was Dr. Tina Fernandes, former HOD of the Department of Psychology.



Dr. Nandini Sanyal
HOD, Dept. of Psychology

Department of Commerce

The Department of Commerce commemorated the Golden Jubilee of its inception during this academic year. It conducted many events:

The department commemorated the Golden Jubilee of its inception at St. Francis College. The Chief Guest for the occasion was Dr. Panneerselvam, Chief Innovation Officer at T-Hub and the Guest of Honour, was the distinguished Commerce alumna, Ms. Divya Reddy.

The department initiated a career-oriented Post Graduate Diploma program in FinTech. In addition, a unique course called 'Self-directed Learning' was offered to the undergraduate Honors students. As a result of an MOU, signed with the National Stock Exchange (NSE), first year students could also access the online classes offered under the Knowledge Hub (KHUB) platform of NSE.

This year being the Golden Jubilee year, the department initiated COFEE CONNECT, a platform for bringing back the alumni to college.



The Entrepreneurship Cohort, an initiative of the Department of Commerce, was associated with the American Corner to widen the network & leverage the advantages of American Spaces. Two master classes by distinguished entrepreneurs, Ms. Kavitha Rajesh and Mr. Manish Joshi, were organised. Members from the Cohort participated in the Z Mob event at T-Hub. Three students of the Cohort participated in the business plan competition. Antara (B.A.) and Ananya (B.Com.) won first prize. Diva Ranka (B.Com.) secured the runners up position. Students of the Entrepreneurship Cohort were invited & participated in the anniversary celebrations of WE Hub, India's first and only state-led incubator for women entrepreneurs.

MS. Deepa Samuel
HOD, Dept. of Commerce



Department of Microbiology

The Department of Microbiology has been consistently augmenting its growth with a number of innovative initiatives over the last many years. To mark this significant year of Silver Jubilee the department conducted the following events:

National Vaccination Day was celebrated on 16th March 2023. The events organised were Microbuzz, Oral presentations, Microstory, and Microkhoj. An awareness drive was organised on 15th March by the Microbiology students to create awareness on Flu virus and the importance of vaccination.

Department of Microbiology signed MoU with Avishkaran Bionest -NIPER, Hyderabad to collaborate and carry out projects, Internships, share infrastructural facilities and nurture entrepreneurial skills for faculty and students.

M.Sc. I yr students are currently involved in a Community Outreach program with LV Prasad Eye Institute. Orientation session was conducted by Mr.Vinay, regarding how to read and record the pdf content. The audio books or oral material prepared by the students is used by visually challenged people to complete their education.

Some faculty Achievements: Dr. M. Shailaja Raj was appointed as coordinator DBT Star College and also gave a talk on “Research A Road Map for Academic Excellence: at Kasturba Gandhi College for Women

Dr. M. Shailaja Raj
HOD, Dept. of Microbiology



Department of Mass Communication

Silver Jubilee

On account of its Silver Jubilee, the Department of Mass Communication undertook a number of initiatives during the academic year 2022-2023.

The department commemorated World Photography Day on 25th August, 2022. The celebration consisted of a Photography Exhibition and a one-day workshop on Photojournalism, conducted by Mr. P.V. Shiva Kumar, a photojournalist.

The department organised a one-day Workshop on “Careers in Mass Communication”. Resource persons included Ms. Uma Sudhir, Executive Editor, NDTV, Ms. Manju Latha Kalanidhi, Senior Features Editor, Ms. Swapna Ahmed, I Dreams CEO, Mr. Raja Sathish, film screenwriter.



The department celebrated its annual film fest, Mediasphere. Ms. Kalvakuntla Kavitha, a member of the Legislative Council President of Telangana Jagruthi was the Chief guest. Her speech focused on women's empowerment, especially in journalism. The department also conducted several competitions like, 'Ads-up', Short Filmmaking', 'Documentary Making' and 'PSA Making.' The short film-making winners were presented with an opportunity to film with the Telangana Jagruthi team.

The Department organised a one-day Workshop on “Writing & Formatting Press Release” for UG and PG final year students. Dr. S. Ramu, CEO of 'Blue Tick PR and Communications Pvt. Ltd.' and Chairman of Hyderabad Chapter, PRSI was the Guest Speaker. The Department also organised a Workshop on video editing for the teaching faculty of St. Francis.

Mr. Clement Babu
HOD, Dept. of Mass Communication

Department of Biotechnology

Vicennial Celebrations

The Department of Biotechnology commemorated its vicennial celebrations, marking the successful journey of 20 years in the academic year 2022-23.

The inaugural ceremony was celebrated on 25th August, 2022. An intra-collegiate fest titled 'Biotechnofrenzy' was organised where competitions like quiz and collage making were conducted for all the B.Sc. Life Science students.

The department organised a two-day International Conference on Recent Advances in Biotechnology (ICRAB-22). The Biotechnology students were taken on field visits to reputed institutes like CCMB and ICRISAT.

The members of the department witnessed and experienced the joy of sharing as an outreach program was organised on "Hands-on Training on Plant Tissue Culture " for BSc students of Government Degree College, Khairatabad.



Commemorating World Cancer Day, a talk titled "Awareness of Cancer for a Cancer-free World" was organised by Dr. Palanki Satya Dattatreya, Director & Chief of Medical Oncology Services, Renova Soumya Cancer Hospital.

A Two-Day National Workshop titled "Homology Modeling and Molecular Docking using Bioinformatics Tools" was conducted on 10th and 11th February, 2023 by the resource person, Dr.G.P.L. Jayashree, Asst. Professor, Department of Zoology, Koti.

The vicennial year celebrations concluded with an Inter-Collegiate Fest "Biotechnofrenzy 2.0". Competitions such as 'Flicker', 'Doodle Making' and 'Meme-It-Up', poster presentation and extempore were planned. The valedictory ceremony included a video presentation on all the events conducted during the vicennial year.

Ms. T. Shouni Niveditha
HOD, Dept. of Biotechnology



The PGDHRM program was started in the year 2002, with an aim and vision to create professionally competent HR executives to meet the growing need of industries to manage their HR functions.

The course invites HR professionals- CEO's, HR heads, and experts from the industry each year to teach the young professionals about the growth, challenges and change in the HR functions and industries.

This year, the Social Management Department celebrated its 20th year since its inception and conducted a series of guest lectures.



On 14th October, 2022, Ms Ambica, an HR expert, gave a lecture on "Role of HR in the GIG economy and the challenges ahead". On 12th January, 2023, Mr. Sunil Khunteta, the HR Head at Atlassian, was invited to talk about "Changing roles of HR post pandemic and role of Artificial Intelligence in human resources."

On 6th March 2023, Dr Adrian Kennedy, the Chief Wellness officer, Arabian Health UAE, delivered an informative session on "Implementation of Wellness programs post pandemic in industries- the role of HR professionals".

**MS. Geeta Gianchandani,
PGDHRM COORDINATOR**

BSC Honors Software Engineering

Decennial Celebrations

The Computer Science department of St. Francis College for Women celebrated the 10th anniversary of Bsc. Honors SE day, on 30th January, 2023.

The final year girls conducted several fun games for their juniors, like a quiz about computer G.K, the 'Logo Game', JAM, etc. The final year students also met up with their alumni. It was an informative session to clear any queries.

The second year girls conducted fun games for first and third year students. The games included were 'Find the Error Game", which was about finding errors in code written in various programming languages, 'Match the Photo Game', where the students' knowledge of the latest technology was tested, etc.



Then, first year students conducted games for their seniors such as "Rearrange the Keyboard" and their special twist of the classic "Tic Tac Toe". The celebration culminated with the epic "Miss Honors 2023", a pageant-themed contest. The emergent winner was Sarika from 3H, our Miss Honors 2023.

Overall, the celebration of the 10th anniversary of the Bsc Honours Software Engineering Day was a great success.

**MS. Savithri, Asst. Professor,
Dept. of Computer Science**



Faculty & Student
Achievements

Faculty Achievements



Dr. K. Anitha-Women Leadership Award, 2022- GLANTOR X, Bengaluru



Dr. Vanisree Talluri & Dr. Margaret Francis -Best Teacher Award from Indian Red Cross Society



Dr Reena Dewan, India Prime Women Icon Award 2022 from Foxclues (Marketing Technologies) Media Partners: The Tribune, News24, Fox Story



Dr. Surekha Chavan - Best Teacher Award from IRCS



Dr. Vanisree Talluri- Award of Excellence 2022 in recognition of exemplary work in the field of Education from iFoundation.



Mr. Atmakuri Prashanth-Language proficient Excellency Award 2023-Telangana Intellectuals Forum (TIF).



Dr. Shubha felicitated on the occasion of International Women's day by Telangana Sahiti Kala Seva Samithi for contribution in the field of education.



Dr. Radhika Vangala- DST cash prize for clearing patent agent exam in the first attempt, cash prize of 25000/- INR was awarded to woman scientists on 8 March 2023.



Dr. Vidya Jayaram received the “Young Researcher Award” from InSc Institute of Scholars.



Dr. Jyothi Rani received an award “Mahila Bandhu” from the Government of Telangana as women achiever in the field of Education, on the occasion of International Women's Day celebrated on 8th March 2022.

Student Achievements



Ms. Pankhudi Tripathi, B.A II EPP
- Best Essay Award in Hindi Essay
Writing Competition Conducted by
Government of Telangana.



Ms. T. Sindhuja Reddy, B.A III
EPSM - Best Essay Award in Telugu
Essay Writing Competition
Conducted by Government of
Telangana.



Ms. P. V. Lahari, B.Sc II ANZC -
Best Essay Award in English Essay
Writing Competition Conducted by
Government of Telangana.



Ms. K. Kundanika, B.Sc III MSCS -
Best Essay Award in English Essay
Writing Competition Conducted by
Government of Telangana.



Vennela, from BA II EPP - 75th Youth Champion Award on Urban Governance under the “Prajatantra” National Level Competition conducted by National Institute of Urban Affairs, GoI.

D. Priyamvada from B.Com III A&F Felicitated by Governor of Telangana for volunteering to become Nikshay Mitra, currently the youngest donor in the state, and supporting the nutritional needs of TB patients for a period of 1 year, as a part of Pradhan Mantri TB Mukh Bharat Abhiyan on 17th Sep 22



Sree Ramya from B. Com II IB awarded 'Voice of Change' at T-Hub on 3rd Feb 2023



Ms. Aishani R Bhangay, BMS III
Awarded 'Youngest Member
Arbitrator in Mainland Europe' by
the Chartered Institution of
Arbitration.

Ms. Jasthi Harshini, BMS III
Credited for creating a world record
at the Sangeetha Nrithya Maha
Mahotsav.



Mudavath Indravathi (BA 1
MLS) received Filmfare Award
for her song in 'Pushpa'



Student Clubs

SPECTRUM - The Science Club



Spectrum, the science club of the college, constituted by the thirteen departments of Life Sciences and Physical Sciences, aims to enhance the scientific temperament among students.

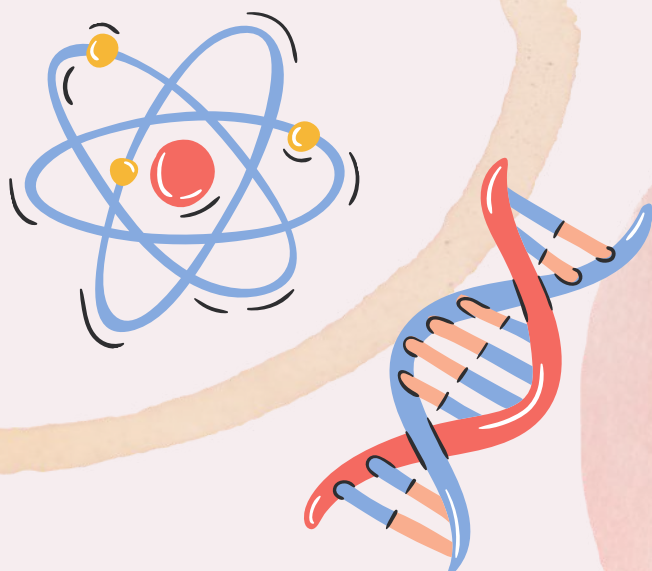
During the academic year 2022 -23, the club organised various academic and cultural events. The club organised “Student Induction Program” for the first year students of life sciences and physical sciences. As part of “Yuvaflare”, the campus fest, the club organised Who killed Sherlock (treasure hunt), Buzzinga (online quiz) and Nukkad Natak.



The annual social outreach program “GLEE” was organised for the underprivileged high school children. The science students of our college exhibited different concepts in science through working models, demonstrations and live experiments to the school children.

The club conducted its annual fest “Constellation 2023”, which included activities like Sound Therapy (sound healing therapy), Who killed Sherlock (detective game), Hackathon (code fest), etc. All these competitions saw huge participation from students of various colleges.

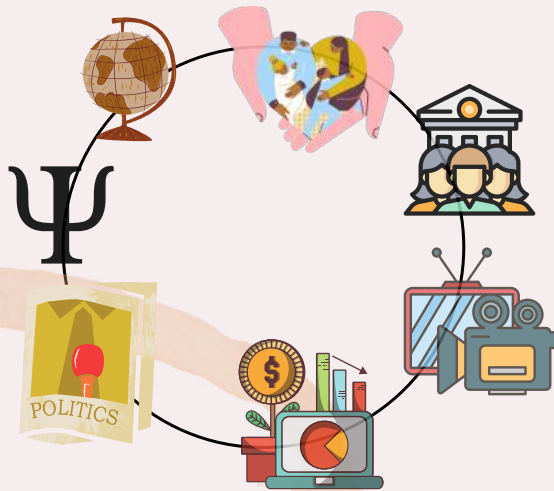
The club had its valedictory program on 20th March, 2023, for its successful journey.



XPRESSIONS - The Arts Club



Xpressions pertains to the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences and is an umbrella club consisting of 7 sub-clubs (Psycon, Rhetoric, Chanakya, Fire, Communis, Quest Hour and Smile) to celebrate creativity and in-depth knowledge of the same. The club hosted and actively participated in a number of events in the academic year 2022- 2023.



Xpressions, organised the Student Induction Programme (Vidyarambh) for B.A. students, where several ice breaker sessions were held. The various wings and departments of the college were introduced and orientation for the student clubs was conducted.

As part of Yuvaflare 2022, Xpressions organised Samskruti Xpress (showcasing local culture through art forms) and Battle of the Bands (musical faceoff between bands).

As part of Natale, the Club won first place in the Floor Decoration Competition, second place in the Model Crib Competition and second place in the Christmas Play Competition.

Another stellar event organised by the club was the SFCMUN 2023, the first ever inter-collegiate Model United Nations of St. Francis College for Women. Xpressions, in collaboration with the American Corner Hyderabad, conducted the MUN from 23rd to 25th February, 2023, witnessing the participation of over 200 delegates and International Press members from schools and colleges across the twin cities.



PRAKRITI - The EVS Club



Prakriti Club is the Nature Club of our College and provides many opportunities to students to work for environmental causes.

This year, the Prakriti Club began new practices such as the preparation of bio enzymes, composting on a daily basis out of garden and canteen wet waste, etc. The club also initiated SECC (St. Francis Energy Conservation Corps), who organised student volunteering days to provide hands-on experience on waste management.

For Yuvaflare, Prakriti conducted Prakriti ki Khoj (nature photography) and Million in one 2.0 (sustainable fashion show).



Students participated in clean-up campaigns like the Chinna Maisamma Lake clean-up drive, the clean-up and plantation drive at Nekkampur Lake, and the clean-up campaign at Mushkil Cheruvu in collaboration with Dhruvansh, an NGO.

Prakriti organised Avani Fest, a zero waste and sustainable event, to help in protecting, preserving and restoring biodiversity. Smt. V. Suneetha Lakshma Reddy, TS State Women's Commission Chairperson, one of the chief guests appreciated the student's efforts in green activities and felicitated them during AVANI Valedictory. At the end, students celebrated Eco-friendly Holi.

The Green Warrior, Ms. Swaraga Priya who was involved in green activities received the Gold Medal of the year 2023.



HARIVILLU - The Telugu Club



Harivillu Club, the Telugu Club of the college, had its first event "Rutupavana Swaagatham", welcoming the monsoon. It was a dance-drama, wherein the importance of rain, farmers and agriculture was depicted.

As a part of Grandparents Day Celebrations, an emotional skit was presented. Numerous competitions like Mehendi Designing, Padyapathanam and Pada Vinodam were conducted on the occasion of Telugu Bhasha Dinotsavam

On 29th August, 2022, the Telugu Day celebrations were held on a grand scale with famous playback singer, Ms. Mangli, gracing the occasion.

As part of Yuvaflare - the college fest, the club conducted three competitions - Padajhari (just-a-minute), Mukhachitravali (face painting) and Jaanapada Nrityotsav (folk dance).



On 9th December, 2022, a farewell for the club founder, Dr. L.Vijaya Gowri, was organised by the club members and the annual magazine, "Hrudaya Sandesham", was also released.

On Sankranti, a short program was presented showcasing the celebrations in villages with colourful rangolis, kites, Haridasu, Gangireddu and Bhogi Mantalu. Later, Teluginti Ruchulu, a food fest was also organised where authentic Telugu dishes were presented.

Two guest lectures were organised for the students on the topics "Telugu Language and its Uses" and "Literature, Analysis and its Uses". The club came up with a lot of innovative initiatives and the events were both entertaining and informative.



EHSAAS - The Hindi Club



एहसास
2022-23

‘Ehsaas’, the Hindi language Club of St. Francis College For Women, was inaugurated on 5th September, 2022 by Principal, Dr. Sr. Sandra Horta.

For the Inaugural of Hindi Diwas week, the Nukkad team of Ehsaas Club performed a street play on ‘Importance of Hindi as a Language ‘ in the college premises. The club organised various intercollegiate competitions including essay writing competition, creative art work competition and Food without Fire.



On the occasion of Hindi Diwas (14th September, 2022), students of Hindi Language along with the assistance of members of the Ehsaas Club performed a graceful dance, reflecting the unity in India from ‘KASHMIR TO KANYAKUMARI’.



As a part of Yuvaflare, Ehsaas organised ‘Yuva Idol’ (solo singing competition) and ‘Kavya Lehri’, (poem writing and reciting competition).



On the account of Republic Day, Ehsaas performed Nukkad Natak that depicted ‘Fundamental Rights and Duties’ that every citizen must follow and adhere to. This was performed in front of the massive audience at All India Industrial exhibition, Nampally – Numaish. It created an awareness among the crowd and the exceptional performance of the students made it even more impactful and effective.

ARISTA — The BMS Club



“Unity is strength” - wonderful things can be achieved with teamwork and collaboration, said Mattie Stepanek. This stands true for team Arista for the academic year, 2022-23, led by K. Sumana Samyuktha, president of Arista.



As a part of Yuvaflare, the club organised three events - YuvaIdol, Kaun Banega Business Tycoon and Jab Tak Hai Jaan.

In the month of January, 2023, the club organised its inter collegiate quiz competition - ‘Inquization - only the smartest will survive’.

The team then went on to organise their next event - Ingenium, a one day inter-collegiate management fest, based on the theme - Indialleviate.

Arizone, was yet another notable event, organised on 9th March 2023. It sported stalls set up by budding entrepreneurs, featuring BMS students.

The annual flagship event - Crescentia, National Management Fest was organised on 21st March, 2023. It was a one day event that tested participants on their ability to tackle the challenges which India has to overcome to become the next global superpower. Providing a real time corporate experience to the participants, Crescentia marked a glorifying end to yet another successful year for Club Arista.



FACE CLUB

FACE (Franciscan Association for Christian Endeavours) - works towards bringing Christ's teachings to the Campus and spreading his love.

FGT - Friday Get Together: FGT served as a gathering space for faculty, staff, and non-teaching personnel to thank their creator. Beautiful sermons were delivered by various faculty, who gave us a deeper insight into the Lord's word.

A Two-Day Retreat for all UG and PG Students was held, the theme being "Arise, Shine, for the glory of the Lord has risen upon you" - (Is 60:1). Led by Fr. Cyril Doss and his team, the retreat helped students to rejuvenate themselves and spend more time in prayer.



Faith formation sessions were arranged every second Saturday in a month, by Principal, Dr Sr Sandra Horta, where Rev Fr Vijay Joseph would conduct talks on strengthening our faith journey.

Departmental Carols: Departmental carols are conducted each year during December to spread the Joy of Christmas within the college. FACE club committee, along with Nightingales, went to each department to sing melodious carols.

Chain Rosary was organised by the college on 7th October, 2022. A Holy mass was also conducted and was attended by the Catholic staff and students of SFC



VOCTALENT CLUB



The student club, VocTalent from the Department of B.Voc (RM & IT) hosted various events during the academic year 2022-2023. The year started with the opening of the Bethel Store, a store wholly run and managed by students.

For Yuvaflare, the club organised two events; an online treasure hunt 'Brains and Brawns' and 'Million to One 2.0', a beauty pageant the theme: 'Sustainability reformed through Fashion'.



The most awaited event of the VocTalent was: Indradhanush: The Trunk Show - the annual fashion show, in which both students and faculty took part.

B.Voc then had their annual management fest: Recroi 2023- Chakravyuh. The club organised a mini-management fest Venditio 2023: Multiverse of Madness.

Seven final year students were given the opportunity to participate in the Inter-collegiate Student Research Convention on Contemporary Issues of Modern Management Practices organised by ICBM School of Business Excellence. The second and third prize was bagged by the students of B.Voc. which was a proud achievement for the Department.

Overall, it was an eventful year for B Voc students.



COFEE - The Commerce Club



This year COFEE (Commerce Organisation for Emerging Entrepreneurs) spearheaded the Golden Jubilee celebrations of the Department of Commerce.

KAIROS'22 -Rise, Reach, Reinvent, an intra college fest consisting of several events namely Res-Q-Room, Entrepreneurship 101, etc. were organised. All the events received maximum participation, making the first fest of COFEE '22 a resounding success.

On 15th August to celebrate the 75th year of independence, COFEE members organised a dance based on Haryanvi tradition in collaboration with Harivillu.



As a part of Yuvaflare, the club organised Cogito-Ergo-Hum and Biz-MUN 2.0. Jaanapada Nrityotsav, a group folk dance competition in collaboration with the Harivillu club was also conducted.

On 12th December, COFEE celebrated its 20th birthday with several competitions and walked into its 21st year with pleasure and pride.

ARTHASHASTRA '23 -Channelise Your Inner Chanakya was a successful inter-college fest with innovative competitions, hands-on workshops, and networking events that were fun and encouraging. ARTHASHASTRA' 22 proved to be very successful and marked a perfect and gratifying end to the COFEE batch 2022-2023.

LA FIESTA - The English Club



La Fiesta, the Department Club of English organised regular events and competitions such as 'Nukkad Natak' (Street Play), 'To Be or Not To Be' (Cosplay) and an online event 'A Tale of Your Own' (Script Writing) in Yuvaflare 2022.

Some of the events conducted throughout the year are regular conduct of poetry sessions by FPS (Francis Poets Society), book discussions by Bibliophile wing, play reading sessions by the Drama wing and movie screening sessions and Karaoke by the Literary & Cultural Wing.

Team Bedaari of the La Fiesta Club, participated in the Nukkad Natak competition held during Yuvaflare 2022 and secured first prize. They also won first prize in the Christmas Play Competition held at St. Joseph's Degree & PG College, King Koti and bagged the third prize in Natale's Christmas Play Competition at SFC.



They performed the Nukkad Natak at Hyderabad Literary Festival (HLF) held at Vidyaranya High school in January 2023. Around 13 members performed the Nukkad Natak on gender issues and received acclaim from the HLF audience.

Art Boulevard' 23 (Inter Collegiate Literary Fest) was organised from March 1-3, 2023 with events such as Devil's Advocate, Aa Dekhe Zara (Game Show), Panel Discussion, Nazm-ae-ada (Fusion Show), Literary Escape Room, Karaoke, Open Mic, Movie Screening and Art Gallery. The Department Commemorative Day was observed on March 3, 2023 and Dr. Madhumeeta Sinha, Asst. Professor at EFLU was the Chief Guest. The Club's annual newsletter titled "Quintessence" was released in March 2023.

SHASTR - The Library Club



The Library club conducted several events in 2022-23:

Library Day: On the account of library day, the Club had organised many interesting events for both staff and students. The competitions included whisper challenge, fancy dress competition representing different states of India, a book hunt, etc. It was a very enjoyable event and the audience suggested the club conduct it again soon.



As a part of Yuva Flare, Shastr conducted Talaash ft. Stranger Things (a book hunt) and Yoksha (a north east Indian Dance competition). The club also organised Battle of the Bands in collaboration with Xpressions club.

Outreach and Daan Utsav Program was held by visiting Government Upper Primary School, Zeera. The club members distributed stationery supplies and snacks and conducted a talent show for the students.

Shastr Club visiting St. Joseph High School: One of the goals on which Shastr Club was formed was to set up a library in a government school. So on 25th February 2023, the Shastr club members along with 3 staff members went to St. Joseph's High School, Patancheru and conducted some competitions for the students as well as suggested ways to improve and maintain their library.



KRIDA - The Sports Club



The selected candidates for the academic year 2022-2023 under Krida were given a lesson plan for undergoing Martial Arts (Karasam) in which the students took active part from all the various disciplines.

The activity was supervised by Mr. Venkateshwarlu, the Karate instructor for B.A/BMS/B.Com, and for the B.SC by the regular faculty member, Mr. Syed Farooq Kamal. Students were taught self-defence along with the importance of fitness, for demonstrating the skills in Martial Arts.



COMMEDIA - The Comedy Club



Commmedia debuted in the academic year 2022-23 with Mr. Avinash Agarwal, a stand-up comedian, who delivered a stand-up comedy performance for Commmedia's inaugural ceremony. Standing by its motto, the club creates a platform for comedy and spreading laughter.

The club Commmedia hosted events for the Student Induction Program to welcome the first year students. The club organised various fun games and also performed a fictional comedy drama on the daily life of Francisians, touching on the topics like travel, lifestyle, etc on Fresher's Day.

For Yuvaflare, Commmedia organised two events- film screening of "Yeh Jawaani Hai Deewani" and "Ee Nagaraniki Emaindi" and "The Stand-Up League", a standup competition.

The winners for the event were as follows:

- 1.1st Position- Tanzila Fatima from Aviators Training Zone for Stand Up Comedy
- 2.2nd Position- Anas Salahuddin from Avinash for his singing performance
- 3.3rd Position- Pavani from St. Francis College for Women for her singing performance



FRANCIS TALKIES - The Film Club



For all cinephiles looking to explore the multifaceted world of cinema, Sfc introduced Francis Talkies, a dynamic club born out of a collaboration between the Department of English and Mass Communication, along with the American Corner.

At the helm of this exciting club is Vidhi Shah, who led the charge in organising a range of captivating events, throughout the 2022-23 academic year. From online events like Alternatino to the in-person Francis Gala, Francis Talkies provided a space for students to delve into the intricacies of cinema and engage in thought-provoking discussions.



But the fun didn't stop there. Francis Talkies also screened a variety of critically acclaimed films, including Encanto, Green Book, and Hidden Figures. With each viewing, students were encouraged to analyse the movies through the lens of a true cinephile, examining the nuances of observation and symbolism in each scene. The club has also conducted an interacting session with the director Nanditha Das as she visited the campus to promote her movie Zwigato. She inspired students with her experience as a director.

Looking ahead, Francis Talkies remains a welcoming haven for all students looking forward to immersing themselves in the diverse and ever-evolving world of cinema. Hoping to fulfill the club's mission to celebrate the beauty of film and explore its multitude of fascinating dimensions!



Nightingales - Choir of SFC

The Nightingales of St. Francis College for Women have always been a benchmark choir to many. Every year, the organising teams look forward to their participation because of their exceptional performance.

The Nightingales took part in several competitions, majorly during Christmas. The choir participated in competitions at Little Flower High School, Abids, St Mary's College, Yousufguda, St Joseph's College, Koti, Holy Family Church, Tirumalagiri and St. Ann's College, Mehdiapatnam. The students celebrated their moments of pride at St Mary's, HFC, St Joseph's and St Ann's by standing first in all of them and securing the third position at Little Flower High School.

Many such awards have been won by the college choir, the Nightingales, ever since their inception.

Starting last academic year, the Nightingales have been actively participating in the Osmania University Inter Collegiate Cultural Competitions. This year, it was scheduled on the 21st and 22nd of February, 2023.

Apart from the competitions, the Nightingales have been enthusiastically singing for various in-college events like inaugural ceremonies, investiture, Yuvaflare, Independence Day, Republic Day, College Day, etc. The Nightingales add, not just one, but many feathers to their cap each year. They have been great contributors to making the institution proud!





Value Education

2022-23

The following report presents the activities taken up by the Value Education Committee of St. Francis College for Women. This committee manages the aspect of inculcating a very vital component in student education i.e., values. This year the committee was handled by Dr. R. Shiny (Coordinator), Ms. Alina Jyothi and Ms. Saswathi Mazumdar. Charged with the responsibility of weaving the important values in the fabric of student personality, the following activities were undertaken- All the 1st year students across all faculties were taught a course on Values consisting of life skills and impartation of the details of the College.

Based on the suggestion made by the principal to celebrate and reinforce values which define the core of the institution among the students. 10 values were identified for the same for which the Value Education committee members compiled the material. The following are the values identified, month to which it is being attributed and the club incharge of it are listed in the below table

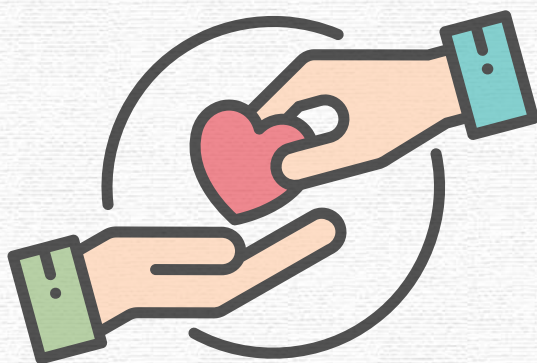
Value of the month	Month	In charge club/group/faculty
Sustainability and Environment / Care for Creation	June	Prakriti
Respect for self and others	July	Commerce/COFEE
Patriotism	August	NCC
Gratitude	September	Life science
Family	October	Physical science
Forgiveness	November	NSS





Joy	December	BMS
Hope	January	B. Voc
Love	February	Languages
Peace	March	Arts

Every month, the allotted club members and SFC wings shared a short message on the value of the month in the quadrangle during assembly, quotes pertaining to the Value of the month were displayed on LCD screens at different locations in college throughout the month, and one session was designated for discussing the Value of the month by the class mentors every month





American Corner

American Corner, Hyderabad was established in 2013 under a cooperative agreement between the United States Consulate General Hyderabad and the St. Francis College management. It is governed by a memorandum of understanding signed between the Public Diplomacy Section and the management of the college.

The Corner is a youth-oriented space that acts as a first stop for gaining a better understanding of American culture. The American Corner has organised more than 150 programs during the academic year 2022-2023 addressing themes that include STEM education, entrepreneurship, English language, and women's empowerment. This academic year, the Corner has helped students and teachers engage meaningfully with their peers in the United States, the Philippines, Malaysia, and Sri Lanka through regional virtual engagements. Our audience also interacts regularly with American experts and diplomats to discuss American culture and issues of shared concern between Indian and the United States. About 600,000 articles can be accessed via the Corner's digital database.

Students can visit the corner to participate in Chat with a Diplomat sessions, attend film screenings, or to be a part of our workshops, discussions, and lectures. They can also visit the Corner to learn more about educational opportunities in the United States.





Faculty Development Cell

The FDP Cell had its first virtual meeting on 4 June, 2022 and planned the sessions to be conducted for all the staff members for the academic year 2022-2023.

Several Faculty Induction Programs were held wherein, the newly recruited staff were oriented about the college and introduced to the staff holding the important positions in the college like IQAC Coordinator, IT Admin, etc.

A session was also held on 'Faculty development initiatives at SFC'. Information regarding financial support, travel allowances, etc for paper publication and presentation, various national and international seminars was shared.

The session addressed the Student Concessions at SFC, as well. Apart from scholarships, students also benefit from some special concessions and fee exceptions based on their financial background.

Topics like 'OBE', 'SFC Professional Ethics' and 'Autonomy and CBCS Curriculum', 'Semester Exams', 'Student Support Systems', were addressed. Interactive quizzes were included, in which the staff participated actively.





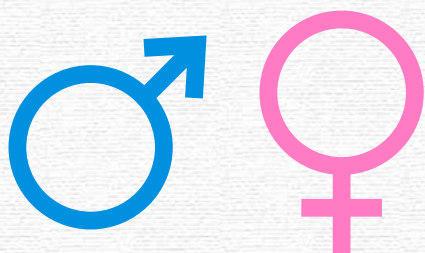
Women's Cell

International Men's Day is celebrated on November 19 to raise awareness about the health of men and to highlight their socio-economic, cultural, and political achievements. The day also celebrates the value that men bring to the world and motivates them to become positive role models.

Women's cell organised week-long entertaining activities for International Men's Day to celebrate the male teaching and non-teaching staff. The female faculty of the college came together to host a match of tug of war amongst the men. The event was seat-gripping and neck-to-neck, with students cheering loudly. Several other games and competitions like "Passing the ball", 1-minute Talent show where they showcased solo singing and playing instruments, etc. were organised.

Women's Day was celebrated with various events such as guest lecture on 'Women Empowerment Progress' by Former HOD Chemistry, Ms Jayalakshmi, eye camps, Avani fest, sports and cultural competitions being held.

Avani Walkathon (2 km) was conducted in view of bringing awareness about morning walk in the natural ecosystem, and importance of Vitamin D absorption for better health. A zumba session was also conducted by Deepak Maurya, Zumba fitness trainer. The winners Ms. Jyothi, Ms. Shikha Chander and Ms. Manisha received awards during Avani Valedictory.





Non-Teaching Staff

Under the guidance of Principal Dr Sr. Sandra Horta, constant follow up by Dr Sr. Sherly E D, Vice Principal and the Management, the Non-teaching staff organised a number of activities and took up befitting initiatives.

As an initiative of SAHAYAM - the Social Outreach Ministry, we served the underprivileged through Bikeathon to feed the hungry. On 4th March 2023, the team on bikes, took 240+ food packets to the needy families outside various institutions and hospitals within the city.

As a part of Daan Utsav, we raised a good amount of money to buy blankets, towels, night gowns, etc. and spend quality time with the senior citizens at Grace Old Age Home, Miyapur.

The Women's Day celebrations lasted for a week and the male staff planned a number of health camps, talks, competitions, fun activities that culminated with energetic dance performances, and singing for the female staff.

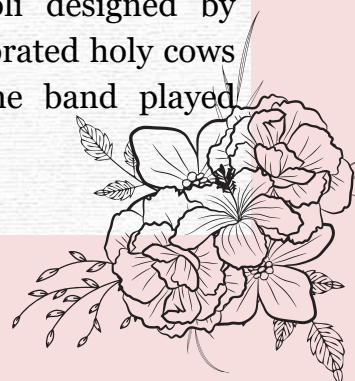


A visit to Our Lady of Good Health Church, Khairatabad, during the Novena days was conducted. For the second visit, the Catholic Faculty, Staff and students gathered at the Holy Trinity Church, Infant Jesus City Shrine to seek God's blessings in the New Year.

The non - teaching female staff organised team games like cricket and throw ball, which was followed by a sumptuous lunch for all staff. It was loved by the male staff.

As a part of Natale, the non-teaching staff took part in the carol singing. The live and model crib competitions were also held among teams within the non-teaching staff

The Makar Sankranthi celebrations began with theme-based rangoli designed by staff kite flying. Two decorated holy cows were brought, while the band played music.





Capacity Building Programme

The Capacity Building Programme was coordinated by Dr. Vidya and Ms. Mary Kavitha, members of the FDP Cell. These programmes are conducted for the non-teaching staff.

Five sessions were held on different topics like, 'Skill Development and Willingness to adapt to modern practices', Health and Wellness, SFC Values, Time Management Skills, etc.

The sessions were activity based and group discussions followed by self appraisal of each participant.



Faculty Enrichment Programmes:

Session I was conducted on June 1, 2022 by the Department of History on the topic - Origin of Telangana State. A presentation was given, starting from the British era until the formation of Telangana State. It commemorated the celebration of Telangana Formation Day.

Session II was conducted on January 23 and 24, 2023 by the Department of Computer Science.



The staff was oriented on MS Word, Excel and Generation of Certificates. Most of the staff received hands-on experience.



CCGP



The Centre For Career Guidance And Placements-(CCGP) oversees placement activities, managing both the online and offline hiring processes.

Under the guidance of Lt. Marie Thomas and Ms. Padmaja, 15 UG and PG final-year students were appointed as the student ambassadors for the academic year 2022-23. 270 students have been placed in companies like D.E. Shaw, Deloitte, Arcesium, Providence India, KPMG, Dell, etc with their annual salary ranging from 3 Lakhs to 22.5 Lakhs per annum.

Several seminars/sessions were conducted.

Deloitte Webinar: The CCGP's first webinar was on corporate placement training by Deloitte for students.

70 students attended the ISB Youth Leader Programme orientation session which was a collaboration between YLP and CCGP to equip students to plan their careers.

Over 300 students attended and initiated their study abroad process with Y-Axis Study Abroad.

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) conducted an overview session aimed at providing students with an understanding of the career opportunities available within their organisation.

A Media And Creative Arts session was conducted by Loughborough University, for all the final year mass communication students. It was an informative one that concluded with an interactive Q&A between the students and the speaker.





Francis Alumnae Association



Francis Alumnae Association (FAA) has mirrored strong and confident women, representing our esteemed institution in a challenging society. Each of our alumni has been moulded and prepared for the toughest situations that the world has for us.

The first event was “Fly High Study Abroad”, where 11 renowned consultancies in Hyderabad were invited to help our students get a better understanding about the study abroad programme.

FAA instituted Gold medals for the most active in Curricular and Co-Curricular students belonging to the Departments celebrating Diamond Jubilee for the year 2022-23 on the occasion of College Day.

FAA invited its distinguished alumni excelling in the various fields of Science & Technology, Literature, Law and Public Sector on 21st February 2023. Ms. Narmada Rao - Psychologist, NLP Trainer, Coach and Author; Ms. Sunitha Micheal - Operations Manager, FactSet;



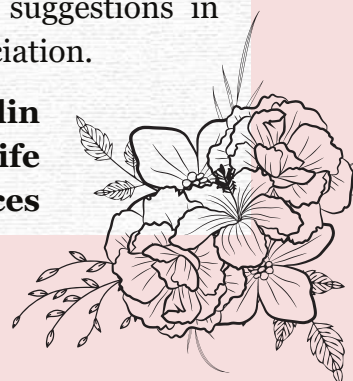
Ms. Rajeshwari Thaman - Director, Center for Practising Law & Partner, AP Suresh Associates & Law Chamber; Ms Vinodhini Gibson - Manager, Sustainability & ESG at dss+ were the guest speaker. The alumni shared their journey of success, filled with ups & downs.

FAA celebrated Womanhood by organising a guest lecture for the staff on Emotional Quotient on March 2nd, 2023 on the occasion of Vanisthoshav.

FAA played an integral role in inviting Alumna guests for various events such as SIP (Student Induction Programme), Ethnic Day - PARAMPARA, Vijayeebhava - Values of Life.

On 23rd March 2023, a Valedictory program was held in the Quadrangle for the first FAA Champions who sincerely dedicated their energy and always came up with innovative ideas and suggestions in uplifting the Alumnae Association.

Ms. X. Sheila Merlin
FAA Coordinator – Life
Sciences





SFC Wings

The initiation ceremony of SFC Wings was on January 11, 2023. RANGERS, IRCS, ROTARACT, SFGC, NSS, NCC and SPORTS constitute the SFC Wings.

Each wing has its charter that is carried throughout the academic year for the holistic development of students.

1. Rangers

Rangers are one of the senior wings of Bharat Scouting and Guiding. Its purpose is to contribute towards the development of students in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potential both, as an individual and responsible citizens. Students of this wing participate in many social and community service campaigns & peace education programs.

2. IRCS

The Indian Red Cross Society: St Francis Chapter will work on promoting humanitarian principles and values,

train students in disaster preparedness and help marginalised sections of the society with healthcare.

3. Rotaract

Rotaract ('Rotary in Action') clubs bring together people to exchange ideas with leaders in the community, develop leadership and professional skills, and have fun through service. From big cities to rural villages, Rotaract is changing communities and SFC students actively take part in this change through the Rotaract wing.

4. SFC Green Corps

SFGC is aimed at building a cadre of young Green Corps working towards environmental conservation. SFGC volunteers take part in various environment-related programmes like tree plantation, rallies, popular lectures, nature trails, cleanliness drives, etc





NSS

To bring about personality development among the volunteers through community service, NSS organised various community development programmes, seminars, awareness programmes, social outreach programs, etc. during the academic year of 2022-23.

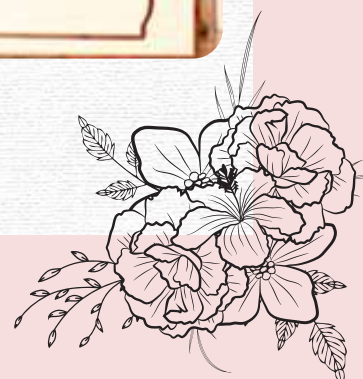
On World Blood Donor's Day, a rally was organised, with about 315 NSS volunteers, to bring awareness among people about the importance of blood donation in saving lives.

On International Yoga Day, 85 NSS volunteers participated in a yoga session. 30 NSS volunteers had also taken part in the Yoga Day celebrations organised by Osmania University.

The NSS units along with the college management visited the flood-affected area of Mancherla and distributed 162 kits of groceries and utensils.

Daan Utsav is the annual social outreach program of the college, wherein all the students visit various old age homes, orphanages etc., and distribute groceries and other requirements. This year, the program was organised in association with NSS wing.

4 NSS volunteers participated at different national-level camps. Ms Ramya (BMS) participated in the National Level Adventure Camp, Ms Keerthana (B Sc) and Ms Kabitha (B Com) participated in National Integration Camp and Ms Harshitha (B Sc) participated in the National Youth Festival.





NCC

The National Cadet Corps (NCC) is a tripartite service organisation of the Army, Navy and Air Force. It grooms the cadets into disciplined individuals through various activities. Some of the events that were conducted in the year 2022-2023 are as follows:

On the occasion of the 75th Independence Day, a skit was performed on the brave Major Vibhuti Shankar Dhoundiyal and his wife Lieutenant Nitika Kaul by NCC cadets on 1st August 2022. The NCC Cadets also organised a Tiranga Rally, on the importance of National Flag.

A flood relief operation was organised for affected areas in the region of Hyderabad. NCC cadets visited Mancheriyal for the distribution of flood relief materials to the worst affected families.

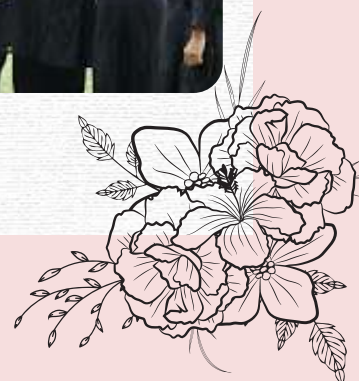
To create awareness among the students, NCC & NSS organised a session on 'Traffic rules & Road safety', where the importance of following traffic rules was stressed, along with a presentation.



NCC launched 'Puneet Sagar Abhiyan' on December 1st, 2021. It is a nationwide flagship campaign to clean seashores/beaches and other water bodies. As a part of this programme, the NCC Cadets participated in an online logo-making competition.

The college observed NCC Day on the 30th of November 2022 to stress the significance of NCC as an organisation in empowering the youth of our country. The cadets were addressed on taking up careers in defence forces.

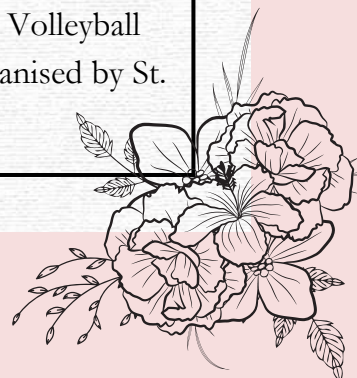
The vibrant disciplined cadets always took an active part and made the programmes successful with their cooperation as the year witnessed a lot of achievements and activities.





Sports

STUDENT/ PLAYER	ACHIEVEMENTS
Kushboo and Nidhi, B.Com III	3rd position in the Basketball tournament organised by Loyola Academy and represented Osmania University in the South Zone Basketball Inter University tournament organised by the University of Madras
Hima Mahveen, BA I and Rekha Thapa B.Com I A&F	Participated in the Telangana Basketball Association Junior Nationals in Madhya Pradesh
Abigail Lazarus, B.Voc II	Participated in the Telangana Basketball Association Senior Nationals in Jharkhand
Aditi, B.Com II	1st position in the South Zone Lawn Tennis Inter University tournament organised by Jain University, Bangalore. Qualified for All India Inter Zonal tournament at DCRM University, Haryana.
Tennis team	2nd Position in Osmania University Lawn Tennis Inter Collegiate tournament organised by Bhavan's College Sanikpiri
Badminton Team	4th in Osmania University Badminton Inter Collegiate tournament, organised by St. Francis College for Women
Volleyball team	1st in the Osmania University Volleyball Inter Collegiate tournament organised by St. Ann's College.





Yoga Team and Srividya	4th in the Osmania University Yoga Inter Collegiate tournament organised by Vanitha College. Selected for the All India Inter University tournament organised by KIIT University, Bhubaneswar
Chess team	2nd position in Osmania University Inter Collegiate Chess Tournament organised by Villa Marie College. 2nd position in the All India Inter University Zonals organised by Manipal University while representing Osmania University.
Abhirami Madabushi (B.Com II B), Sahithya G, (BA II PLP) Sathwika K, (B.Sc. III MPCs)	Selected to represent Osmania University in the South Zone Chess Inter University tournament organised by Reva University, Bangalore
Sri Kruti, M.Com II, Soumya and Sumalatha, M.Com I	Represented Osmania University in the South Zone Volleyball Inter University tournament organised by MG University, Kottayam, and qualified for Khelo India Universities to be held in Lucknow.
Keerthi Raja B.Com III	Gold medal in the Karate Inter Collegiate tournament organised by Reddy College. Selected for the All India Inter University tournament organised by the University of Jharkhand





Rosalia	Silver medal in the Karate Inter Collegiate tournament organised by Reddy College
Kumkum BA I	7th place in Cross country Inter CollegiateSports tournament
Mayuri of B.Com III	Selected for the Softball Nationals in Chandigarh
Tennikoit Team	3rd position in the Inter College Tennikoit tournament
Throwball Team	2nd position in the Inter College Tennikoit
Pavani Paathak (BA II EPSM)	Won the maiden women's title at ITA Women's Tennis tournament, Haryana. Secured 1st position in ITF Women's tournament, Pune
Srikruti	Participated in the Beach Volleyball tournament in Malaysia
U. Mahima, B.Com III IB	Debuted at the Ranji Trophy organised by the Women's Cricket Association





Photo Gallery

BA III EPP & EPS



BA III HLP & PLP



BA III HPP & PPP



BA III MLS & MLP



B Com. III A & F



B Com. III CAP



B Com. III Honors



B Com. III IB



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B. Sc. III A



B Sc. III B



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BMS III



B VOC. III (RM & IT)



M Com. Applied Finance



MA. Mass Communication



M Sc. Mathematics



M Sc. Chemistry



M Sc. Computer Science



M Sc. Microbiology



M Sc. Psychology



PG Clinical Nutrition and Dietetics



Arista Club



Choir



COFEE Club



Ehsaas Club



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FAA



Francis Talkies Club



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Rotaract



Shastr Club



Spectrum Club



Voc Talent Club



Xpressions Club



Krida Club



NCC



NSS



Sports



Green Corps



Rangers



Student Council



Year Book Committee



Faculty of Arts



Faculty of Commerce



Faculty of Science



Faculty of Management



Non-Teaching Staff







Ms. Helen Srinivasan



Ms. Helen Srinivasan was my teacher in B.Sc. and she was an excellent teacher. She taught us Comparative Biology of Vertebrates & Animal Physiology. Helen Ma'am's interest & love for the topics she taught in Zoology was evident and it will remain for long in our memories, to cherish. Helen Ma'am was a cheerful person with wit & humor. A graceful person, with a ready smile, she was a good orator too and we, her students, would long to hear her speak. Helen Ma'am was from a family of musicians. Whenever we, from the Zoology Dept, would visit her house, which was closeby to the college, we were welcomed with a musical treat. We were in awe seeing the piano in her house. Helen Ma'am was a true lover of nature and had a beautiful garden with pets.

We pray that she is granted eternal bliss in the kingdom of God. May Helen Ma'am's soul rest in peace. Amen.

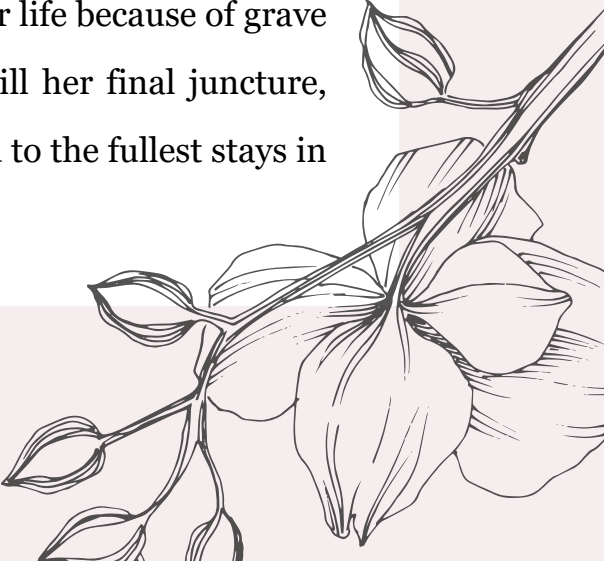


Ms. Mary Felicita ♥



You will always be remembered and
cherished in our hearts.

We mourn for the loss of our dear colleague, Ms. Mary Felicita and pay a tribute to her life which was well-lived. She chose a Spartan life, with no luxuries. Not many leave behind the legacy of such dedication and achievement. With her rich experience and expertise in Physics, she enlightened thousands of students with her knowledge. Colleagues knew her as a helpful, cooperative, dedicated lecturer. She faced a challenge in her life because of grave illness but overcame it with great courage. Till her final juncture, she battled. Life can be fleeting, but a life lived to the fullest stays in fond remembrances.





Ms. Mary Margaret♥

Forever remembered,
Forever missed



Dear Margaret Ma'am,

We are never ready to say goodbye to a loved one forever, even though we know it is a part of life. The loss of a friend like you is something that can never be recovered. You have accomplished many good things in life. You worked hard and always followed the path of honesty. We love you, ma'am. You are forever remembered and forever missed, may your soul rest in peace, ma'am.

**Geetha (Librarian) & Library
Staff**





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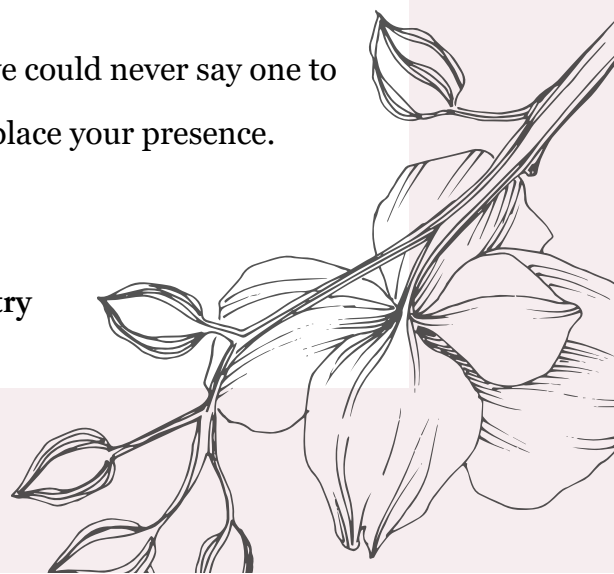
Incomplete stories have stronger impacts, more meaning and most importantly the question of what could have happened next. It still feels incomplete, because your absence in the stories we still had to share, is so disheartening. Your voice still rings in our ears, your smile still encourages us, your innocence still awes us, but the most painful of all that you left with us, is your decision, that still hurts so bad! If your friends could say something about you.,

"Ek Haseena thi, ek kahani thi, ek awaaz tha, ek sach tha, ek dosti thi....".
No... it is - "Ek haseena hai jisse judi itni kahaniya hai. Uske awaaz mein khone par, ek sach hai, jo humari dosthi hai."

Saying goodbye really hurts, that's probably why we could never say one to you. But these memories are still not enough to replace your presence.

Rest in Peace! We miss you Bona!

**Dr. Kanchana,
HoD, Dept. of Biochemistry
& B.Sc. II BCMBC**



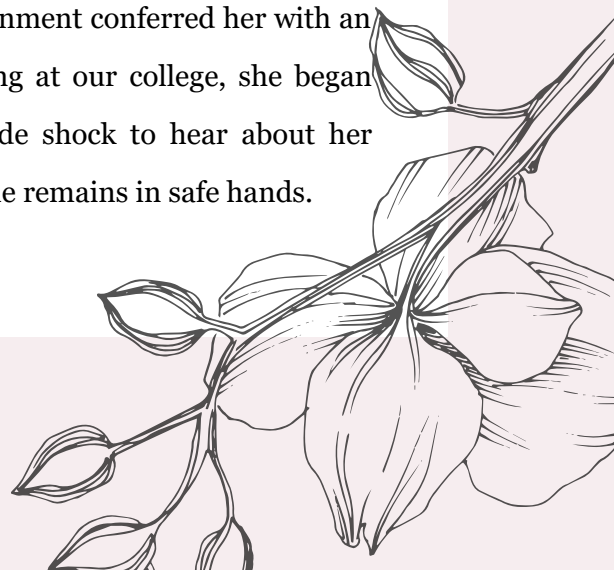


Akshitha Gummalla

Gone from our sights but,
never from our hearts



Akshitha, a Student Council member and student from the department of Nutrition was indeed a blessing to everyone she met. A very chirpy student, who was always enthusiastic in all that she did. She was an all-rounder, be it in academics or in all the other activities. Right from the first year that she joined college, she participated in various events conducted at college level. She volunteered to conduct activities even when the college was working on a hybrid mode. Once things normalized, her fellow college mates elected her as the Cultural Secretary of the college. She discharged her duties with great responsibility. She got laurels for the college at various intercollegiate cultural events. The Telangana State Government conferred her with an award on the occasion of Women's Day. After graduating at our college, she began pursuing her post graduation in Nutrition. It was a rude shock to hear about her untimely death. We pray her soul may rest in peace and she remains in safe hands. God is with you always, Akshitha.



Bloom where you are planted, even
if it is a hard place.

