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MESSAGE FROM REGISTRAR



Dear SJU family,
Greetings.

It brings me immense pleasure to communicate with you through our University Newsletter. This platform has been envisioned as a vibrant space to celebrate our collective achievements, showcase our diverse talents, and foster a sense of community within our esteemed university. As the Registrar, I believe strongly in the power of communication and collaboration in advancing our university's mission. The University Newsletter serves as a conduit for sharing stories that inspire, inform and unite us.

We all are aware that "WORLD WATER DAY" is observed on 22nd March in order to encourage the sustainable management of freshwater resources. As we all are aware that the global community confronts a deepening water crisis propelled by burgeoning populations, rising demands and the effects of climate change. Particularly for developing states or nations, this poses growing social, economic and ecological challenges. Enhancing water management practices present an opportunity for nations to alleviate poverty and enhance their resilience. Moreover, we all know in our country, many states rely on shared water sources to fulfil their requirements. Consequently, they hold a vested interest in collaborating on the management of shared freshwater derived from rivers and lakes. The escalating climate emergency underscores the imperative need for cooperation and the advancement of effective governance to uphold peace among neighbouring states.

In order to enhance these efforts, we have to acknowledge the finite nature of water, prioritize relationship building through dialogue over shared responsibility for use of water, initiate effective water management to tackle climate change, constitute the organizations which are most impactful in advancing water diplomacy with a robust institutional mandate, a high level of technical capacity and extensive local knowledge and revise methods of water management to be free from colonial influences. With these efforts we can leverage water for peace

As we embark on this exciting journey together, I invite the younger generations who are to be the pillars of our Nation to start understanding these challenges, and to improve how we use and manage water so that both humans and nature receive equal shares. However it is necessary that governance for water management remains efficient and transparent.

Warm regards,

Dr. A. ROBERT XAVIER
Registrar

Dear Readers,

Warm greetings from the editorial team to all the readers of SJU newsletters. The theme for this issue is 'Leveraging water for peace' in commemoration with World Water Day which is observed every year on 22nd March. The First World Water Day was observed on 22nd March 1993 as an opportunity to learn more about water related issues, be inspired to tell others and take action to make difference raise awareness and inspires action to tackle the water and sanitation crisis. Today, 1.8 billion people use a source of drinking water contaminated with faeces, putting them at risk of contracting cholera, dysentery, typhoid and polio. The Sustainable Development Goals, launched in 2015, include a target to ensure everyone has access to safe water by 2030, making water a key issue in the fight to eradicate extreme poverty.

Water has become increasingly important in the fight against poverty and the deterioration of the environment as population grows. Public health and prosperity, food and energy systems, economic productivity and environmental integrity all rely on a well-functioning and equitably managed water cycle. From the Bengaluru crisis, we learned that residents are suffering from acute water shortages, as only those who receive piped water from rivers outside the city are still getting a regular supply. And as per a study published by the Centre in 2018, it was estimated that over 40 per cent of Bengaluru residents would not have access to drinking water by the end of the decade.

As an educated individual we can use water more carefully, reducing stress on the environment and water infrastructure. Water is a universal resource which is needed by all living beings on this planet to survive and it is our duty to preserve and take responsible as being said water can create peace or spark conflict. Water is powerful. It can wash away earth, put out fire, and even destroy iron.

"Water is life's matter and matrix, mother and medium. There is no life without water." - Albert Szent-Gyorgyi, M.D.

Happy reading
Editorial Team



DEPARTMENT MEETING

- Department of Journalism and Mass Communication conducted its departmental meeting on 4th March 2024.
- Department of Psychology and Counseling had a department meeting on the 11th of March and another on the 27th of March 2024.



Awareness Program on Institute of Engineers (IEI)

An awareness program on “Importance of being a member in the Institute of Engineers” was organized by the Department of Civil Engineering, St. Joseph University (SJU) in association with the Institution of Engineers (India) Students’ Chapter, St. Joseph University, Nagaland on 12th March 2024 at 10:00 A.M. The resource person of the program was Er. Imtiwati Jamir Secretary IEI Nagaland State Chapter.



Membership in the IEI lends professional credibility and recognition to engineers. Being associated with a reputable institution reflects a commitment to ethical standards and high-quality engineering practices.

The awareness program was chaired by Mr. Pika G. Awomi, invocation by Fr. L.Anish (PRO), a warm welcome address by Ms. Imliangla Lemtur, special number presented by Mr. Kuyichu Sharo, closing vote of thanks by Ms. Ketholeno and benediction by Fr. ArunValan. The webinar was attended by about 100 students, faculties and staffs of Civil Engineering Department, SJU, Nagaland.

Heritage club

The Department of History formed the 'Heritage club' on 12th March 2024 under the supervision of Dr. Avinuo Chupuo, HOD, Department of History, Dr. Lanuchila Changkiri, Ms. Imkongsenla, Mr. Hokato Sumi, Mr. Muleto Vero, Mrs. Ethupeu, Ms. Shinatoli and Ms. Teisovinuo, Assistant professors, Department of History, SJU. The club consists of students from PG II, PG IV, UG II, UG IV, and UG VI semesters. The club leader is Mr. Nutso Kezo, and club members are Mr. Atokiye A Awomi, Ms. Akivili N Awomi, Ms. Ariena Moa Changkiri, Mr. Ngunthang Kadeikeima, Mr. Vikedozo Ratsa, Ms. Mhasevelu Venyo and Ms. Sulila.

Understanding Heritage

The Department of History, St. Joseph University, Chumoukedima Nagaland had conducted an event on 'Understanding Heritage' on 18th of March 2024 at 1:25 pm. The objective of the event was to understand 'heritage' through the tunes of folk-songs, meaning and its significance.



Dr. Avinuo Chupuo spoke on the importance of heritage and the role of students in the society. The students of UG IV semester had participated by expressing the meaning of various folksongs, and performed folksongs on Chakhesang, Sumi, Yimkiung, and Lotha Naga tribes respectively. Dr. Lanuchila Changkiri, and Ms. Imkongsenla, Assistant professors, Department of History, SJU along with fifty-eight students attended the programme. The chairman and coordinator was Ms. Shinatoli Shohe, Asst. Professor, Department of History. Vote of thanks was delivered by Ms. Akivili Achumi, UG IV sem.



Awareness on Placement

One hour Work lecture on "Awareness on Placement" was organized by the Department of Economics for the UG and PG final semester with resource person Ms. Ms. Aching Susana, Asst. Professor & Coordinator of Placement Cell, SJU on 19th March 2014 in Department Classroom No. 1304.



The program was started at 9:50 AM. A welcome address was delivered by Dr. Deojit Konwar HOD welcoming the resource person Ms. Aching Susana, Asst. Professor & Coordinator of Placement Cell SJU and briefly highlighted the importance of placement cell in the University. She began her lecture on how the Placement Cell has been functioning in our University and its importance. She spoke on how to prepare for different competitive examinations and highlighted the scenario of Indian economy, global economy and Central bank. She also suggested some of the career opportunities as an economics student such as accountant, auditors, Data analyst, banking, insurance, entrepreneurs etc. Further She mentioned some of the companies that provides internship opportunities by the citing the Nestle Company.

Department of Political Science

On March 26, 2024, the Department of Political Science, SJU organised/ hosted the Sixth annual Veritas lecture under the theme on "A Conversation on Career and Legal Literacy". The resource person for the event was Shri. Imnalensa, IPS, DIGP (Trg), Chumoukedima. The resource person outlined the various exams such as the Defence Exams, UPSC, SSC, banking, and NPSC. He dispelled the misconception that only the brightest students or top achievers succeed on the various exams. He also mentioned the government's efforts to raise different legal awareness campaigns and programme among the Nagaland populace.

VERITAS VI “A Conversation on Career and Legal Literacy”



Department of Botany

Leveraging water for resource

The Department of Botany, in collaboration with the Institute’s Innovation Council (IIC) at St. Joseph University (SJU) in Chumoukedima, organized a one-day seminar on World Water Day 2024 on March 22, 2024. Students from various departments enthusiastically participated in the event.

The program comprised two sessions: a Model Display Competition and a Technical Session. The technical session was led by Ms. Rongsenben Longkumer, a Junior Scientific Assistant at the Nagaland Pollution Control Board, served as the resource person, providing insights into various water-related issues in different districts of Nagaland.

The Model Display Competition was conducted, and several students from different departments actively participated in it. The students demonstrated their models and explained their concepts. The resource person served as a judge, and two winners (1st and 2nd prize winners) were chosen at last. Mr. Mebin Joseph, Assistant Professor in the Department of Botany, delivered the concluding remarks, expressing gratitude to all involved.

Department of Zoology

Lecture on Biodiversity Conservation: A Naga perspective

Department of Zoology Organized Invited Lecture on Biodiversity Conservation: A Naga perspective with Dr. Martemjen, Founder Member of Center for Indigenous Culture and Environment Studies as Speaker. The resource person initiated the session with introduction of various theories of Naga origin. He emphasized the long standing tradition of biodiversity Conservation among Nagas cited examples such as Morung forest Conservation at Kiphiri in 1818 which later evolved as Fakim wildlife sanctuary, Nagas hunting ethics such as not to kill pregnant animals or kill hornbill bird of its along. More than 200 students from various departments attended the guest lecture.



Career Guidance Workshop for PG Final Years

Aching Susanna, Placement Coordinator.

The University Placement Cell organized a three-day Career Guidance Workshop for the PG final year students in collaborations with Mahendra's Education and Youth Net, with main focus on how to prepare for competitive exams for central, state government jobs, and also introducing students to drafting and presenting of business plans.

During the short inaugural session on the first day MBA IV semester students conducted the program with Shanmi Pheirim as the host, Martin Arul Raj and Neikuolie Zatsu saying the opening and closing prayers respectively, while Tanu Jain proposed the vote of thanks. Deputy Registrar, Rev Sr Thaines Mary, felicitated the resource persons.



The day consisted of Mahendra's Education taking the morning session, during which they guided the students in detail the various central and state government jobs, strategies to prepare and write the exams, various job opportunities within the government sectors, along with their scope and benefits. The exams they stressed upon were UPSC, NPSC, NSSB, IBPS and SSC. They also touched upon how locals can come up with sustainable businesses organically such as "bed and breakfast" through Airbnb. Alex Annato gave a brief highlight on the session, while Biswajyoti Duttaspoke on UPSC and NPSC exams, Uma Kumari on banking and SSC exams while Atoka Chophy highlighted on NSSB.

To assist students' participation better, the departments were divided into three groups of about 150 students each. Each group attended one day of the workshop. The departments that participated were Botany, Chemistry, Commerce, Computer Science, Economics, Education, English, History, JMC, Management, Mathematics, Physics, Political Science, Psychology & Counselling, Social Work, Sociology and Zoology. Since Bio Technology and Civil Engineering did not have PGs, they were not part of the workshop.

A total of 392 PG final year students attended the workshop during the three days. On request from Department of Management Studies, about 42 students from BBM II semester attended the second day, 45 from BBA IV semester and 32 from MBA II semester attended the final day. So, overall total number of students who attended the workshop was 512.



REPORT ON 3RD CONVOCATION

St. Joseph University, Chumoukidema conducted the 3rd convocation on 15th of March 2024 at the University campus. The event began at 9:00 am with the arrival of the Dignitaries, the Graduands, Special Invitees, Well Wishers, Fathers and Sisters, Press and Media, GB and Chairman from Ikishe and Sovima village assembled in the hall led by the Marshalls.



The Procession started at 10:00am led by the NCC candidates along with the Special guest Dr. S.C. Jamir (Former Governor and Former Chief Minister of Nagaland), Vice chancellor, Rev. Dr. James Thoppil(Bishop of Kohima Diocese and Pro Chancellor of SJU), Members of Governing Council , Academic Council , Controller of Exam , Deputy Registrar, Deans, and HODs. The program was chaired by Dr. AMEN WALLING , Department of English and Dr. MOAMEREN , Department of Political Science .



Rev.Fr. Arockia Sezhan MMI, Campus Manager invoked God's presence over the event . It was followed by the opening of Convocation Ceremony by Rev. Dr. James Thoppil and a Welcome Address note delivered by Rev. Sr. Thianes Mary DMI, Deputy Registrar.

she cordially welcomed the dignitaries and higher officials and extended a warm greetings to all the graduands on behalf of Rev. Fr. Dr. J.E. Arul Raj (Chancellor of SJU and Founder and Chairman DFT Group of Institutions). She then invited Sr. Lalita to honour the Special Guest with a memento.

The annual report was presented by Dr.D. Gnanadurai, Vice Chancellor in which he also briefed about the inclusion of a new department (physical department) which consists of two courses that will be introduced in the coming academic year .



The keynote address by Rev.Dr.James Thoppil followed and he stated - 'Today March 15, 2024 marks a historical gathering ' . He talked about the technologies and knowledge which are the key features for the overall growth of human society . He ended his note by addressing the graduands 'Perceive your passion and move out from your comfort zone, Be the best Ambassadors of the University.'



A thought provoking convocation speech was addressed by D.r. S.C. Jamir who highlighted his thoughts and views on higher education as well as contemporary issues in such a unique forum where stake holders are present . He advised to all the graduands one simple principle " grow and let others grow , rise and let others rise and compete and let others compete on a fair field ." He took this opportunity to remind everyone what Rabindranath Tagore had written in his Gitanjali - " I have brought my light to join the carnival of lamps." To conclude his speech he encouraged the students to remember to be truly prosperous, you must learn to give and you learn to receive .

Further, the event continued with the presentation of awards of the degrees and medals by Vice chancellor along with the dignitaries, which was followed by pledge taking and authorization administered by Vice Chancellor for all the graduands. Then signing in the register of the graduands took place followed by photo session with the gold medalists and silver medalists .

Dissolving the convocation ceremony was executed by Pro Chancellor Dr. James Thoppil. Nextly, a special song was dedicated to the graduands by the University choir. The vote of thanks was pronounced by Professor Charles Mhonthung Ezung , Dean of student affairs, he extended his deep regards and sincere gratitude to Dr.S.C Jamir on behalf of University , he expressed his gratitude to the graduands and dignitaries by stating - " If time is money, you've spent million for us." And the event ended with the National Anthem and University Anthem led by the SJU choir , followed by the procession led by the delegates and dignitaries.

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