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AND INFRASTRUCTURE



THE EDITORIAL MESSAGE

Dear Readers,

Greetings of the season from the Team of Editors.

It is a joy to acknowledge your continuous solidarity with the team to share the news through this platform. It is also the need to promote and explore the possibilities of communication through this medium, the good we all accomplish through the days of the month.

This issue comes to your reading stand with the theme of Sustainable Development Goals No 09: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure. The mission statement of the goal is: "Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization, and foster innovation."

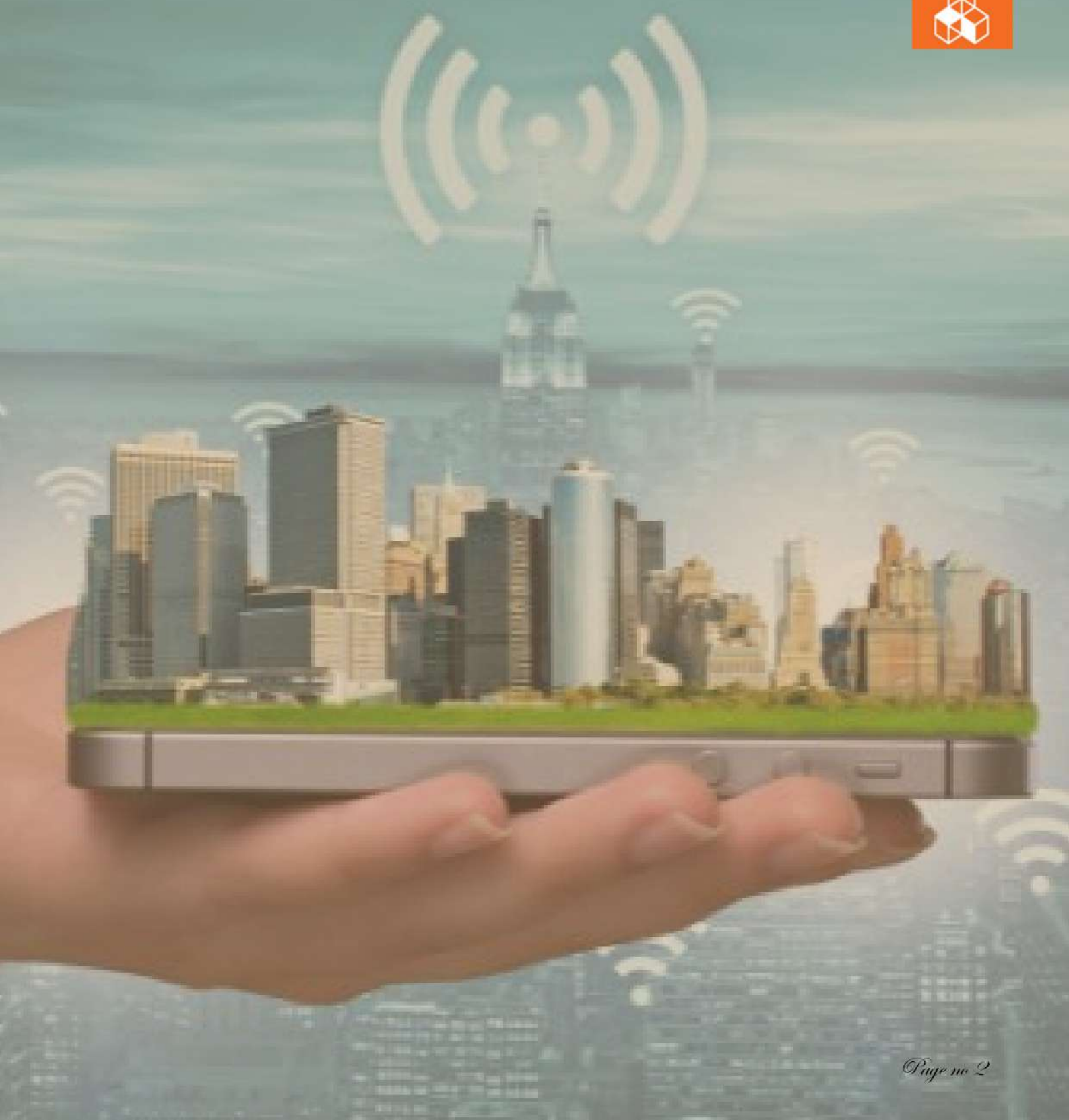
SDG 09 recognizes the ability of humanity to connect and communicate effectively, more people and things efficiently, and develop new skills, industries and technology. They are crucial for overcoming many interlinked economic, social and environmental challenges. The aim of attaining inclusive and sustainable industrialization is to unleash dynamic and competitive economic forces that generate employment and income. To foster a successful community there has to be the strong infrastructure in place as the basis.

Towards this the targets are to develop sustainable, resilient and inclusive infrastructure, to promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization, to increase access to financial services and markets, to upgrade all industries and infrastructures for sustainability and to enhance research and upgrade industrial technologies. The steps to be taken towards this include facilitating sustainable infrastructure development for all communities, supporting domestic technology development with industrial diversification and universal access to information and communication technology.

The question that one may pose is: What as a university can do in order to fulfil SDG 09? There are few internationally acclaimed strategies proposed in order to involve the Universities in the process of competency building for SDG 09. They are: Testing and piloting innovative solutions to improving operations on campus; committing to building sustainable and resilient infrastructure that supports wellbeing and minimizes environmental impact; ensuring retrofits of existing buildings, increase resource efficiency and adopt clean and environmentally sound technologies and being committed to sustainable and reliable Information and communications technology processes and services.

However, it is to be noted that the concerted efforts are meant for the development of the human spirit based on universal values without alienating the indigenous system of life. In this context the value-based education with renewed innovations can play a crucial role in human development as well as in the pursuit of achieving the goals of life.

With best of regards
The Editors



MESSAGE FROM MANAGEMENT

Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure



I extend my heartiest greeting to the readers.

Ostentatious challenges that the society faces today can only be met through knowledge compelled innovation. Whether it is the effect of climate change, resource diminution or life-long health and well-being, these can only be defied by the innovation of knowledge and its application. The three key pillars that drive economic growth, technological advancement, and societal development are Innovation, infrastructure, and industrialization.

"Innovation, infrastructure and industrialization form the base of a thriving and sustainable future. Innovation fuels progress by generating new ideas, technologies, and solutions to the world's challenges. Infrastructure—ranging from transportation to energy, digital networks, and healthcare systems—ensures that these innovations can be commendably applied and scaled, relating people and resources across the world. Meanwhile, industrialization renovates economies, creates jobs, and augments productivity by turning innovative ideas into noticeable products and services. Together, these elements empower societies to prosper, offering opportunities for all to build a better tomorrow."

Comprehensive and sustainable industrialization, together with innovation and infrastructure, can unleash vibrant and reasonable economic forces that generate employment and income. They play a key role in introducing and endorsing new technologies, facilitating international trade and enabling the efficient use of resources. However, the world still has a long way to go to fully tap this prospective. Increasingly complex problems demand ever innovative solutions, which can only be realized through multi-disciplinary education, research and application, which are all intertwined. Gaining of knowledge is one but important aspect of university education. Our focus is also on developing our students as confident and enterprising individuals as we believe that confident and enterprising graduates will be the future leaders and change makers in our society.

Addressing these challenges requires a collaborative effort across all sectors of society. SJU is playing its part in this transformation. By developing a culture of innovation, advancing research in sustainable technologies, and evolving curricula that equip our students with the necessary skills, we can contribute to achieving our goal. Let us implement our collective intellect and creativity to build a resilient, inclusive and sustainable future. The time to act is now; we can drive India toward a more prosperous and unbiased future.

Dr. K. Rajaganesh

Dean of Science and Management Studies

St. Joseph University

4TH CONVOCATION DAY, ST. JOSEPH UNIVERSITY, NAGALAND

St Joseph University hosted the 4th Convocation Day on 14th February 2025. The programme began with an invocation by Rev. Fr. Dr. Michael Arockiam MMI, The Rector, MMI Study House. It was followed by the opening of the Convocation Ceremony by Rev Fr Dr J.E Arul raj, Chancellor who delivered few lines regarding the convocation as an event called to conferred degree in the faculty of various departments, so that graduands are certified to be worthy of the same. Then, Rev Sr. Gnanaselvam, DFT Managing Trustee gave a warm welcome address which was then followed with the Chancellor honouring the C.M with a memento. Vice- Chancellor Dr. D Gnanadurai presented the Annual Report wherein 1200 graduands were conferred out of which 35 exceptional gold medals, 31 Silver medals were awarded and 31 Doctorate Research scholars were to receive their doctoral degrees. He also highlighted the significant accomplishments the University has achieved so far, most notably being the first in Nagaland to offer a Department of Physical Education and Sports.

The event continued with an inspiring convocation address delivered by the Honourable Chief Minister of Nagaland, Shri. Neiphiu Rio. He began with words of appreciation to the Governing body, HOD'S, esteemed guests and the whole family of St. Joseph University. He stated that the convocation was a day of celebration and pride and most importantly a day of new beginning. He addressed the achievement of the graduands as not merely theirs alone, but also for the Assistant Professors and Professors who had been guiding them throughout, and their families and friends as well. He emphasized on the degree as not just a piece of paper of academic excellence, but also a proof of one's ability to innovate and contribute to the society. He enforced them to be an asset to the society and the community they belong to.





The programme was then followed by the Award of Degrees by the Chancellor. There were 244 undergraduate graduands and 402 post-graduate graduands. In total, there were 646 graduands who received their Awards of Degree which was then followed by an administration of Pledge by the Chancellor. The programme proceeded with a photo session of the dignitaries with the rank holders. After the dissolution of the Convocation ceremony by the Chancellor, a special song dedicated to the graduands was presented by the students. The programme came to an end with a Vote of Thanks by Prof. Charles Mhonthung Ezung, Dean of Student Affairs, and concluded with everyone present, singing the University Anthem



2ND JOSE-FESTIVPORIUM, ST. JOSEPH UNIVERSITY

The much-anticipated 2nd edition of the Jose-Festivporium was held with great enthusiasm on February 20, 2025. The event, organized by St Joseph University Students' Council (SJUSC) brought together students, dignitaries, and esteemed guests in a celebration of culture, talent, and unity.

The special guest for the occasion was Shri. Achumbemo Kikon, Hon'ble MLA and Chairman of SDPDB, who graced the festival with his presence. Addressing the gathering, Shri. Achumbemo Kikon emphasized the importance of such platforms in nurturing young talents and fostering community harmony. He lauded the efforts of the organizers and encouraged the youth to actively participate in cultural and educational endeavours.

The event was further honoured by the presence of the greeting guest, Mr. Tenyisinlo Bukh, President of the All Nagaland College Students' Union (ANCSU). In his address, Mr. Bukh expressed his appreciation for the vibrant display of talents and encouraged students to use such opportunities for self-growth and networking.



2nd Jose-Festivporium 2025 featured a series of engaging activities, including cultural performances like Folk dance, folk song and war cry, making the event a lively and spirited affair.

SJU SCIENCE CLUB CELEBRATES NATIONAL SCIENCE DAY 2025 WITH INSPIRING INITIATIVES AND COMPETITIONS

St. Joseph University (SJU), Chümoukedima, marked National Science Day 2025 with a grand celebration organized by the Science Club in collaboration with the Institution Innovation Council. The event was attended by 288 students and over 40 faculty members from the six science departments: Biotechnology, Botany, Chemistry, Mathematics, Physics, and Zoology. The event was graced by esteemed dignitaries, including Rev. Sr. Thianes Mary (Deputy Registrar), Sr. Chinnamal (Finance Controller), Fr. Agustin (Campus Administrator), Dr. S. Thiyagarajan (Controller of Examinations), and the Heads of the six science departments

The Vice Chancellor of SJU, Dr. D. Gnanadurai, was the keynote speaker, delivering an insightful talk on the theme “Science and Technology for a Sustainable Future.” He highlighted the significance of National Science Day, tracing its history back to 1986 when the National Council for Science & Technology Communication (NCSTC) recommended February 28 as National Science Day in India



He also spoke about the 2025 National Science Day theme: “Empowering Indian Youth for Global Leadership in Science and Innovation for Viksit Bharat.” Additionally, he urged the university to celebrate Indian Space Week (August 12-18) with relevant programs. He praised the students of Nagaland, emphasizing their unique ability to celebrate both cultural and scientific activities, a rare combination in most regions.

He motivated students with the example of Thomas Alva Edison, who faced multiple failures before successfully inventing the light bulb, stressing that failures are stepping stones to success. Further, he discussed the advancements in science and technology, noting that experiments can now be conducted using open-source software before being validated in laboratories. He recommended AICTE-listed software tools for experiments like the sonometer, urging faculty to integrate them into teaching. Lastly, he emphasized the need to increase the enrolment of students in the science stream at SJU from the current 10% to at least 25-30%, aiming to foster a stronger scientific and innovation-driven culture in Nagaland.



"A Tapestry of Light and Love"

The night is dark and silent,
Stars shine brightly in the sky,
Twinkling softly in the heavens,
A tapestry of light, a lullaby.

The gentle breeze carries the scent,
Of the earth and the fragrance of the flowers,
Whispering softly of love,
Of timeless hours and sacred powers.

We lift our hearts in gratitude,
For the sun that rises, the dawn's embrace,
For the gift of life, for the multitude,
Of blessings poured with boundless grace.

The rivers sing, the mountains stand,
In every leaf, in every dove,
We see the creator's gentle hand,
And feel the warmth of boundless love.

So let us cherish this sacred bond,
With the earth, the sky, and the divine,
In harmony, we respond,
To the love that makes the universe shine.

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PLACEMENT CELL ORGANIZES CAREER AWARENESS WORKSHOP ON AVIATION, TOURISM AND HOSPITALITY SECTORS

A one-day career awareness workshop on aviation, tourism and hospitality sectors was held for the final year PG and UG students on 10th Feb, 2025. The purpose of the workshop was to create an awareness on the job opportunities available in these sectors of services industry.

The main resource person was Mr. Imsumeren Imsong, trainer and business development executive at Eagle Crest Training and Consultancy Pvt Ltd, Nagaland. Eagle Crest was formerly known as Emporium Training and Consultancy.



Mr. Imsong introduced the students the jobs opportunities under each of the three sectors, such as the skills and qualifications. He went on to elaborate the nature of the jobs, salaries and the career growth prospects in aviation, tourism and hospitality businesses. He also shared few success stories of the Nagas working abroad such as, the Middle East countries.

The second session was on interview soft skills, which was taken by Ms. Ayani Kikon. She highlighted the basic interview etiquettes, such as, the body posture/gestures, dress code, being on time and being prepared. A mock interview was also conducted in which five students participated.

The workshop was hosted by Gaisindai Rikhi, BBA IV semester, welcome note was given by Ms. Aching Susanna, Asst Professor and the university Placement Coordinator, while vote of thanks was proposed by Chawang Tingthenglungbou, BBA VI semester

DEPARTMENTAL MEETINGS

- Department of Biotechnology held department meeting on 26th of February, 2025
- Department of Botany held department meeting on 21st of February, 2025
- Department of Chemistry held department meeting on 25th of February, 2025
- Department of Commerce held department meeting on 21st of February, 2025
- Department of Computer Science held department meeting on 17th and 24th of February, 2025
- Department of Education held department meeting on 19th of February, 2025
- Department of History held department meeting on 27th of February, 2025
- Department of JMC held department meeting on 21st of February, 2025
- Department of Mathematics held department meeting on 21st of February, 2025
- Department of Physics held department meeting on 20th and 25th of February, 2025
- Department of Physical Education held department meeting on 7th of February, 2025
- Department of Social Work held department meeting on 26th of February, 2025
- Department of Zoology held department meeting on 21st of February, 2025

SOCIAL WORK

On 1st February 2025, the Bachelor of Social Work 2nd semester student visited Sustainable Development Research Center (SDRC), 7th Mile, Chumokedima Nagaland as a part of field work. A total number of 28 students have visited the organization under the supervision of Dr. Oinam Anjali, Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work, St Joseph University, Chumoukedima, Nagaland.



The chairman of SDRC Dr. Mechuselie Kehie oriented the student by giving a detail explanation of their organization. SDRC is a societal driven Organization working on a wide spectrum of sustainable development areas by leveraging multidisciplinary approaches towards a sustainable future through research and development, creativity, innovation and also by acting as an implementing agency for various development programs. Throughout the lecture the student not only enhance their understanding on sustainable development but also inspired them to move towards success through the core value of social work.

J.M.C Dept of 4th Sem-UG, visited “Grace Mission Orphanage Home” - located at Chumoukedima, on 3rd Feb 2025. Our class set out on a meaningful journey to orphanage home, where in the main purpose was to bring joy, spent time with them and understand their needs. There were 39 children 18 boys and 11 girls, ranging from toddlers to teenagers. Visiting an orphanage was an eye-opening experience for all of us. It made us realize how fortunate we are to have good families and basic necessities. We saw the resilience and positivity in the children despite their struggles which was truly inspiring. The visit also taught us the importance of kindness, sharing and community service, we understood better that small act of love, care and sharing brings happiness to those in need. It was a memorable and touching moment.



On 17th of February 2025, the 4th semester students of JMC participated in a community service activity at the cricket stadium in Sovima. The primary objective of this initiative was to clean the surroundings of the stadium and promote a cleaner environment for the community.



The work began in the morning when the students gathered at the stadium around 10 am. Without any equipment, the students used their hands and sticks to collect litter and clean up the area. Despite the limited number of participants, everyone worked diligently and showed great enthusiasm as they focused on picking up trash and tidying up the green spaces around the stadium.

During this time, the students not only concentrated on cleaning but experienced a sense of teamwork and responsibility among the students, emphasizing the significance of community service.

SJU ANTHEM MUSICAL NOTE ON RECORDING IN JMC LAB-27 FEB



HISTORY



Chumpo Museum -3rd Feb.2025

The PG II Sem students of the Department of History, SJU conducted field visit on 3rd, 10th and 17th of February 2025 under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Avinuo Chupuo, HOD of History, SJU. The places visited are Chumpo museum, Kachari ruins, and Diezephe crafts village.



Diezephe Crafts village - 17th Feb. 2025



Kachari ruins- 10th Feb. 2025



11th Feb. 2025- 7th Mile Model village

The UG IV semester students of the Department of History, SJU conducted community engagement services by forming various groups under the supervision of Ms. Teisovinuo, Asst. Professor, Department of History, SJU. The students reach out to various communities on 11th, 18th and 25th of February, 2025. Some few examples are 7th mile model village, Chekiye village, Thilixu village, Aoyimti village, Government middle school Chumoukedima, etc.



Chekiye Village-18th feb.2025

Govt. Middle School,
Chumoukedim-25th feb.2025



ECONOMICS AND COMMERCE

A two-day Certificate Course on Securities Market was conducted by the Department of Economics and Commerce on 4-5 February 2025 with Mr. Chenio Lotha (M. Phil Soc MBA HR) as the resource person.

The two-day workshop consisted of eight sessions on securities market which focused on the “importance of investment”, “financial investment opportunities”, “process and pre-requisites for investing in securities market”, “investment in primary markets”, “Investing in Secondary markets”, “Introduction to Mutual Funds”, “Precaution while interesting in Securities Market” and “careers in securities market”.



The two – day workshop of financial education program gave insights of essential investment strategies and career in the financial sector. Altogether 89 students and 10 faculties attended the workshop

MATHEMATICS

The Department of Mathematics at St. Joseph University, Chümoukedima, Nagaland, successfully hosted the third edition of Erudite Fest on the 6th and 7th of February 2025 at the university's auditorium and seminar hall. The fest, themed "Confluence of Curiosity and Creativity," provided students with a platform to engage in intellectual and recreational activities, fostering curiosity and innovation.



The event commenced with an inaugural function featuring an invocation by Thüjoveto Swüro, a welcome note by Achomang, a speech by Opangnenla Lkr, and an inaugural address by Prof. Dr. S. Vinoth S, HOD, Department of Education. Various competitions, including Penalty Shootout, Duet Singing Competition, Chess Tournament, Extempore Speech, Model Exhibition, and Quiz Competition, were conducted, offering students opportunities to showcase their talents.



The fest concluded with the Valedictory Ceremony on 7th February 2025 at 1:30 p.m. in the Seminar Hall, featuring prize distribution by Dr. K. Rajaganesh, Dean of Science and Management Studies, a vote of thanks by Watinungba L. Yaden, and a closing prayer by Sengbani D. Sangma.

Erudite Fest 2025 was a grand success, bringing together students from diverse backgrounds to participate in academic and extracurricular activities. The event provided a platform for creativity, intellectual growth, and camaraderie among students. Several photographs capturing the highlights of the event, along with geo-tagged locations, have been included for documentation. The Department of Mathematics looks forward to organizing the next edition of the fest with even greater enthusiasm and participation.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION



The Department of physical Education Organized workshop on “Officiating and coaching in Athletics” on 7th Feb 2025, at 2:30 PM. The resource person for the workshop was Mr. Mhonsao Ngullie, a professional of Athletics and Secretary of Nagaland Athletic Association. The session proved to be an invaluable resource for the students. It was attended by students of BPES and other sports enthusiasts.



ENGLISH

DESIGN THINKING, CRITICAL THINKING & INNOVATION: CREATING SOLUTIONS FOR THE FUTURE

The Department of English, in collaboration with the Institution's Innovation Council (IIC), organized a lecture on Design Thinking, Critical Thinking & Innovation: Creating Solutions for the Future on February 10, 2025. The event took place in the Conference Hall of St. Joseph University, Nagaland. The session began with an invocation Prayer by Rev. Fr: Dr. Michael Arokiam Nathan, followed by a welcome address by Ms. Betina Vashi. Ms. Vanthunglo Murry delivered a lecture on “Design Thinking, Critical Thinking & Innovation: Creating Solution for the Future”. She elaborated on how design thinking fosters creativity and how critical thinking enhances decision-making the session was interactive, with students engaging in discussions and activities. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Ms. Kainali chishi, MA 2nd semester, Department of English.



The objective of this lecture was to enhance students understanding of design thinking, critical thinking, and innovation. The session aimed to equip participants with problem-solving skills, foster creativity, and encourage innovative approaches to real-world challenges. By engaging with an expert in leadership and personality development, students gained insights into how critical thinking can be applied in academic and professional settings. The session- also highlighted the importance of innovation in addressing future challenges and adapting to the ending landscape of various industries.



Seventy- four students with Professor and Assistant Professors from the Department of English, including Rev. Fr. Dr. Michael Arokiam Nathan, Dr. Alemmenla Walling and Ms. Betina Vashi from the Department of English participated in the program. The resource person was Ms. Vanthugelo Murry, a leadership and Personality Development Trainer from Unity college, Dimapur.



The lecture successfully provided students with a deeper understanding of design thinking and critical thinking. Participants learned how to approach problems creatively and use innovative strategies emphasized the importance of adaptability in the modern world and encouraged students to think beyond conventional methods.

Faculty members appreciated the practical applications discussed during the session, which could be integrated into academic and professional growth. The event also strengthened the collaboration between St. Joseph University and Unity college, fostering an exchange of knowledge and expertise.

Overall, the lecture motivated students to develop their problem-solving and leadership skills, which will be beneficial for their future careers.



MANAGEMENT

INDUSTRIAL VISIT: NAGALAND TOOL ROOM AND TRAINING CENTRE

On 10th February 2025, a group of 25 MBA students from St. Joseph's University, accompanied by faculty member Ms. Livikali, visited the Nagaland Tool Room and Training Centre as part of an educational field visit. The visit aimed to provide students with practical exposure to the Centre's core activities, which include supporting innovators, skill development, recycling initiatives and promoting environmentally friendly practices. The students observed various processes and gained insights into how the Centre assists in technical innovation, imparts industry-relevant skills, and contributes to sustainable development through recycling and ecofriendly solutions.



This educational experience allowed students to understand the real-world applications of these concepts, reinforcing their academic learning with hands on observations. The visit was insightful, helping students appreciate the importance of technical training and sustainable practices in today's industrial landscape.

SESSION WITH TIC ON "ACHIEVING PROBLEM-SOLUTION FIT AND PRODUCT-MARKET FIT"



The session on "Achieving Problem-Solution Fit and Product-Market Fit" organized by the Department of Management Studies in collaboration with Institution's Innovation Cell (IIC), provided insights into aligning innovations with market needs. It covered key frameworks for identifying business opportunities, refining product ideas, and ensuring market fit. Held on February 25, 2025, the hybrid session engaged 67 participants, including MBA and BBA students. Session was highlighted with, Problem-Solution Fit – Mr. Sivagnana Selvakumar, Innovation Ambassador, Assistant Professor in Marketing, SIIMS Business School, Tamil Nadu discussed problem identification using Design Thinking and Lean Startup principles and Product-Market Fit.

PHYSICS

NATIONAL SCIENCE DAY CUM PHYSICS EXHIBITION

The Department of Physics, St. Joseph University observed National Science Day cum Physics Exhibition on 24th February 2025 at Room no. 3206, Science Block. The theme of the Program was “From atoms to galaxies: the physics behind it all”. The program commenced with an invocation by Sr. Lokho Athia, followed by a welcome address given by Prof. Gowri SA, Head of Department of Physics. The Key note address was delivered by Prof. Vinoth S. Head of Department of Education. He explored the foundation of our understanding on the theme the tiny atoms that make up matter to the vast expanse of the galaxy and captivated the imagination and curiosity, showcasing the beauty and importance of physics in understanding the universe. The students showcased twenty (20) innovative projects on various physics topics, accompanied by live experiments and demonstrations to illustrate key concepts.

The exhibition was a huge success with over 45 students along with the faculties from Physics Department. Ms. Aleminla, Assistant Professor announced the winners. Niraj Budathoki won the first prize for his project, “Water Tank Control System”. Kezia H Roy and Sr. Lokho Athia and Sr. Angelle Shingnaishui secured the second position for their project “Automatic Irrigation System” and “Science Tricks” respectively. Dr. G John James, Assistant Professor, proposed the vote of thanks and Nicky Tamang delivered the benediction marking the conclusion of the program.



POLITICAL SCIENCE

The Department of Political Science, St. Joseph University, Chumukedima, organized its seventh Annual Veritas Lecture on the 25th of February, 2025 at the University Auditorium with Mr. Mmhonlumo Kikon (an Author and Poet) as the speaker, on the topic “Revisiting our History from the Perspective of Native”. The program chaired by Mr. Benjungnungsang (Asst. Prof.) commenced with the singing of the University Anthem led by SJU choir. Dr. Achanger (Professor) delivered the introductory address on the objectives of the annual Veritas Lecture Series and highlighted the various achievements of the Speaker.

Mr. Mmhoneumo Kikon began his talk by raising concerns about the absence of the study of history of the Northeast in the curriculum of our universities and colleges and strongly urged autonomous colleges and Universities to design and adopt curriculum about history of our region. Kikon attempts to look into how history engages and impact us as people from Northeast. He started the conversation with the idea of 'colonial naming' and the practices of colonial agents mispronouncing and renaming places and terms like Kohima, Angami, Rengma, Lotha and the like. He emphasized that none of these names are indigenous to the respective Nagas tribes but a result of the Britishers mispronouncing local names/terms. For instance, Kohima is the accidental exonym for Kewhima/ Kewhira derived from words 'wildflower', 'visit' and 'settlement' (According to the constitution of Kohima village). He asserted that there is no decolonization process in Nagaland and therefore these names which is given by the British is still stuck with us. He opined that renaming places and identity is a part and parcel of the colonization process while dehumanizing and rewriting the history of the subject. This process is what we called 'cultural eraser' and is an integral part of cultural imperialism by imposing cultural hegemony. He also stressed on how the Britishers recorded the term 'Kacha-Nagas' for the word 'Ketsa', given by Angami to the Zeliang, meaning 'forest dwellers' without any ill intentions was converted into a derogatory term by the British. He argues that the terms like Kacha-nagas, savages, non-believers etc. are all binaries of colonialism where words are used to subjugate.



He remarked that colonial era's policies and rules have spillover post-independence and have extended even in legislation. So also, colonial language legacy still remains and these language narratives which still affects us has its origin in the colonial past like the term kacha-naga or any such similar terms/names. Natives continue to use such language because they are not familiar with our own history. "A society which is not familiar with their history is a lost society, and this is my remark on Naga society" Kikon commented. He concluded the lecture by reposing that 'problems of today can be addressed meaningfully if we look into the past and its origin'. The talk was followed by an interactive Q and A session from students and teaching faculty moderated by Dr. Shonreiphy Longvah (Associate Prof). The event concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Mr. K Tohuto (Asst. Professor).

BOTANY

The Department of Botany, Research Forum at St. Joseph University, in collaboration with the Institution's Innovation Council (IIC), successfully organized a special lecture on "The Process of Innovation Development, Technology Readiness Level (TRL); Commercialization of Lab Technologies & Tech-Transfer in Ayurveda." The event aimed to provide insights into technological advancements and innovation in Ayurveda, with a focus on research commercialization and technology transfer. Dr. K. Rajaganesh, Dean of Science and Management Studies, formally acknowledged the presence of the resource person, Dr. Vilas Gangurde, who serves as the Research Officer (Ayurveda) and In-Charge at the Regional Ayurveda Research Centre (RARC), Dimapur, Nagaland under CCRAS, Ministry of AYUSH, Government of India, New Delhi

The resource person, delivered an insightful lecture covering key terminologies such as Health Information Technology, Digital Natives, Digital Immigrants, Information Technology, and the Concept of Innovation. Dr. Gangurde emphasized the need for students to go beyond textbook knowledge and actively engage in transforming their ideas into marketable products. He encouraged them to develop ground-level knowledge that could be applied to market-level commercialization, fostering an entrepreneurial mindset among young researchers. He stressed the importance of creativity, problem-solving, and innovation in bridging the gap between academic knowledge and real-world applications.



PSYCHOLOGY AND COUNSELLING

INAUGURATION AND LAUNCHING OF INSPA CENTRE FOR NORTH EAST REGION AT ST JOSEPH UNIVERSITY NAGALAND

St. Joseph university, Department of Psychology and Counselling in collaboration with Indian School Psychology Association inaugurated InSPA Centre for North East Region , at St Joseph University on 27th Feb 2025, with dignitaries Prof. Panch Ramalingam, National President of InSPA; Dr. Rajendra, Secretary InSPA, Prof. Zavisé Rume, Professor SCERT Nagaland & President of All Nagaland Counsellors' Association; Dr. D. Gnanadurai , Vice Chancellor St. Joseph University, InSPA members of Nagaland, faculty members and students of the department of Psychology and counselling, St Joseph University



Dr. Watinaro Longkumer, Assoc. Professor and HOD Dept of psychology and counselling SJU chaired the inaugural session. In his inaugural speech Dr. D. Gnanadurai, Vice Chancellor SJU, warmly welcomed the esteemed guests and shared his encouragement and support that the psychology department of SJU has undertaken, for this new endeavor in the field of school psychology. Prof. Zavis Rume, Professor, SCERT, Nagaland & President, All Nagaland Counsellors' Association in his keynote address, stated he had been longing for 5 years to have an InSPA Centre in the North East. He emphasized that students experience stress and anxiety in modern day; parents and society are aware of this but they are not trained or professionally equipped to help them. In this context, InSPA a professional organization can promote psychology, counselling and mental health.

There is need to integrate Psychology in school education, so that counselling is not treated as a problematic activity, but integral part of school curriculum where all children receive counselling. There is a dire need for public awareness, psycho education and professional service of school psychologists. The Centre will facilitate more services for the people and help institutions to cater to the mental, emotional well-being of students.



He also encouraged the students of SJU to utilize the Centre as much as possible and create more centers in Nagaland and attract professionals to give their services. Prof. Panch Ramalingam National President InSPA, in his speech shared an overview of the organization's history. He noted that the first five years of InSPA existence were focused on awareness and enrolling members. He also mentioned the organization's efforts to provide online counselling during the COVID-19 pandemic. Prof Ramalingam expressed his hopes for the establishment of 1500 InSPA Centers across India, with the St. Joseph University Centre being the first in North East region.



He also highlighted the publication of the book “School Psychology in Indian Context” which has been translated into 16 regional languages and is being implemented in schools across India.

The official Centre for InSPA Centre for North East region was inaugurated jointly by Dr. D with a ribbon cutting ceremony by Gnanadurai, Vice Chancellor St. Joseph University and Prof. Panch Ramalingam, National President of InSPA.

WORKSHOP ON “PROSPECTS OF SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY IN INDIA”

Technical Session-I

The first session was moderated by Ms. Janthunglo Ngullie, Asst prof. Dept of Psychology and counselling SJU. Resource person Prof. Panch Ramalingam, PhD, National president (InSPA) highlighted the brief history and overall functioning of the association. He also mentioned that School Psychology Council will be established soon which would be authorized to license psychologist to practice in school settings. He hopes for 1500 centers in the entire country to be launched, and that the first Centre is starting in St. Joseph University. He also emphasized that to empower budding psychologists they have also published a book “School Psychology in Indian Context” which has already been translated into many regional languages and is already being implemented in various schools. He also hopes that this Centre becomes an international Centre for interaction among other schools in the world. Ms. Linoka Chisho, Asst Prof. Dept of Psychology and Counselling in her concluding remark shared the notion that India is at a pivotal moment in integrating psychological services into its education system and it is crucial for educators, psychologists, policy makers, and stake holders to collaborate and to advocate for stronger mental health support in schools ensuring access to psychological services students need to thrive and persevere and concluded.

Technical Session-II

“School Psychology and Learning Disabilities”

Ms. Lucy Chirhah, Asst. Prof. Dept of Psychology and Counselling SJU, moderated the second session. Resource person Dr. Shripuja Siddamsetty, Clinical psychologist, encouraged the students pursuing counselling to develop practical skills as psychology today has varied scopes. She said, “It is easy to be a psychiatrist, but very difficult to be a psychologist”. She also emphasized on the practicality of group sessions, over individual sessions stating that people open up more in a group. Moreover, in a school setting it is easier to meet more people in a group that individually.

Ms. Yanbeni Lotha, Asst. Prof., Dept of Psychology and Counselling delivered the concluding remarks and ended the session. There was a brief sharing of experiences by Prof. Zavis Rume Professor, SCERT, Nagaland & President, All Nagaland Counsellors' Association and Dr. Wael Abuhasan Prof., Clinical Health Psychologist Arab American University of Palestine, followed by the distribution of certificates and photo sessions before the gathering was dispersed.

BRIEF REPORT ON SIGNING OF MOU



St Joseph University signed an MoU with Indian School Psychology Association (InSPA) Puducherry on 27-02-25 at the University board room, St Joseph University campus.

The two parties came to an agreement with the following Objectives:

1. To foster sustainable collaboration, provide opportunity for broader experience, and to facilitate advancement of knowledge on the basis of reciprocity, best effort, mutual benefit, and frequent interactions to enhance the quality of training program on School Psychology and other related subject matters like Psychology and Counselling, Educational Psychology.
2. To establish an InSPA center for North East Region and Coordinate all activities and program of Indian School Psychology Association (InSPA), in North East India Region at InSPA Centre, North East Region to be located at St. Joseph University, Virgin Town, Ikishe Model village, Chumoukedima, Nagaland.

The program for signing of MoU was convened by Dr. Watinaro Longkumer, Assoc. Prof. & HOD Department of Psychology and Counselling. She gave a brief introduction to the purpose and scope of the MoU. Dr. D. Gnanadurai, Vice Chancellor SJU exhorted to both the parties to keep the MoU active and alive by organizing activities consistently. The Centre should design various activities whereby students can involve actively which should enhance their academic credits too. Timely training programs for government and private school teachers, seminars and conferences both virtual and physical can be organized. The Vice Chancellor also emphasized that annual report of activities conducted can be submitted by the end of one year of MoU.

This was followed by signing of the MoU between the two parties, Prof. Panch Ramalingam President InSPA and Dr. D. Gnanadurai, Vice Chancellor SJU were the authorized signatories from both the parties and key witness signatories were Dr. Rajendra Secy of InSPA, Dr. Zavis Rume, Head of InSPA North East Centre and Dr. Thiyagarajan COE of St Joseph University and Dr. Watinaro Longkumer, Assoc. Prof. & HOD Department of Psychology and Counselling.

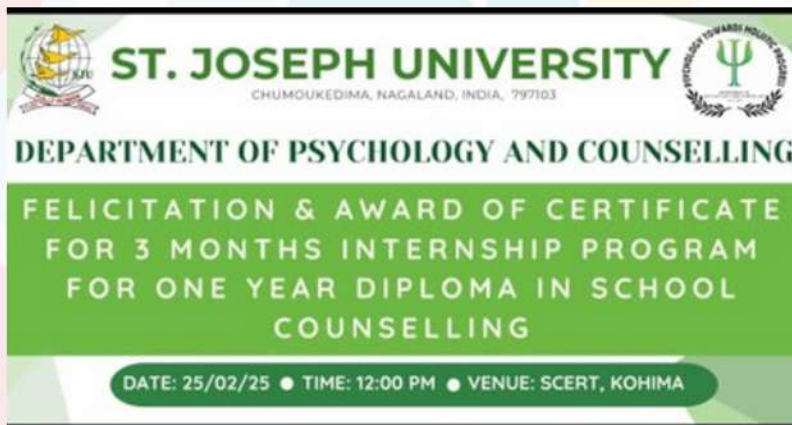
The MoU signing program was attended by InSPA members from Nagaland, Deputy Registrar SJU, PRO SJU, Finance Controller SJU, Faculties of department of Psychology and Counselling SJU.

FELICITATION AND AWARD OF CERTIFICATE FOR 3 MONTHS INTERNSHIP PROGRAM FOR ONE YEAR DIPLOMA IN SCHOOL COUNSELLING BY SCERT

A special program for 'Felicitation and Award of Certificate for 3 Months Internship Program for One Year Diploma in School Counselling By SCERT' was held on 25-02-25 in the conference Hall at SCERT, Kohima Nagaland, organized by the Department of Psychology and Counselling, SJU in collaboration with SCERT.

The program was chaired by Madam Medemmongla Jamir, Reader SCERT, Greetings from SCERT was given by Prof. Zavise Rume, Deputy Director & Head of Guidance and Counselling Cell, SCERT Kohima Nagaland. Dr. Watinaro Longkumer, Assoc. Prof. & Head Department of Psychology and Counselling St Joseph University shared her reflection and feedback about the program. Ms. Zuchano Ovung Trainee of Diploma in School counselling shared her experience and learning as an intern of the intensive internship program. Ms. Janthunglo Ngullie, Asst. Professor as a representative of the department of Psychology and Counselling SJU also accompanied and participated in the program

The program was a culmination of 3 months intensive internship program offered by the department of Psychology and Counselling, St Joseph University for Government school teacher trainees in school counselling under Guidance and Counselling Cell SCERT, Nagaland. A total of 12 interns were enrolled for the program on 04-11-24 and 11 interns successfully completed 200 hours of supervised internship under the supervision of Dr. Watinaro Longkumer, Assoc. Prof & HOD of Department of Psychology and Counselling and coordinator of the program.





National Science Day is celebrated annually to honour the discovery of the Raman Effect by Sir C.V. Raman. On this occasion, the Dept conducted a webinar on the theme "Effect of Innovation and Technology in Transforming Lives.". The Program was hosted by Miss Nangjenkala B. followed by Invocation which was led by Mr. Yanthungo M Ngullie (BCA, II Year). Thereafter, the Welcome Address was presented by Dr. T. Ebanesar (HOD) which was followed by the Keynote Address given by Dr. S. Thiyagarajan (COE).

After that, the main objective of the event was followed, where the Resource Person, Dr. G. Nagappan, proceeded to present his Online presentation. The session focused on the impact of emerging technologies, with discussions on Industry 5.0, Society 5.0, and research areas aligned with Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The resource person provided valuable insights into how advancements in science and technology contribute to societal transformation.

Outcome of the Event

1. Industry 5.0: The Human-Centric Approach

The speaker introduced Industry 5.0 as the next phase of industrial evolution, following Industry 4.0. Unlike its predecessor, which emphasized automation and smart systems, Industry 5.0 prioritizes collaboration between humans and machines.

2. Society 5.0: A Technology-Driven, Inclusive Future

The concept of Society 5.0, was another focal point of the webinar. The resource person emphasized how this vision seeks to create a super-smart society where technology enhances the well-being of individuals. Some key aspects covered included:

Leveraging big data, AI, and the Internet of Things (IoT) to solve societal challenges.

The transformation of healthcare, education, and urban planning through smart technologies.



3. Research Areas Aligned with SDGs

The webinar also explored research opportunities linked to the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The speaker highlighted the role of technology in addressing global challenges. The resource person also encouraged the UG, PG, PhD scholars and Faculties included to take up research work in alignment with the UN SDGs and unveil to tackle the global technology-driven problems.

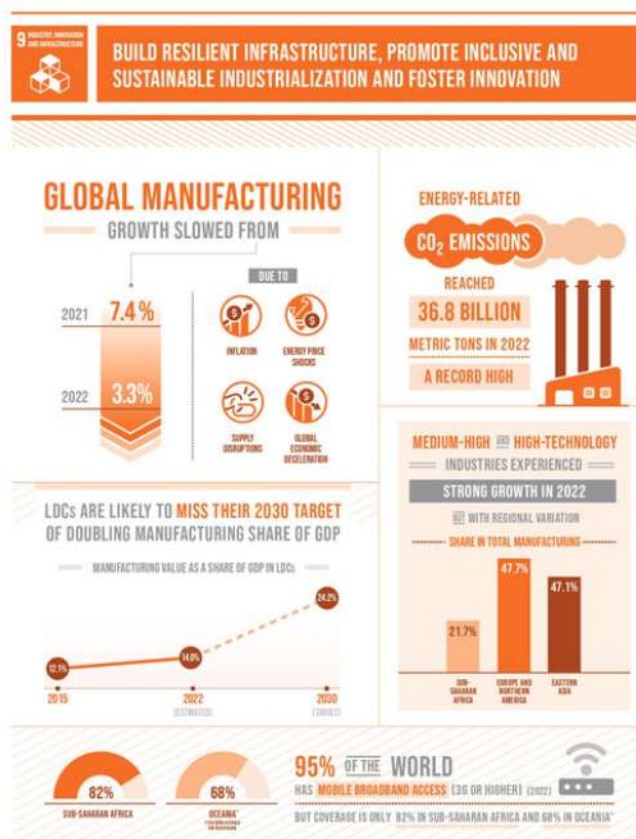
Towards the end of the program, the Vote of Thanks was shared by Miss. Esther Chang and the Benediction was done by Sr. Juliana S (BCA, II Year).The event was concluded with a photo session.

ZOOLOGY

Achievements:

1. Dr M Baranitharan Assistant Professor, Department of Zoology has been awarded “Research Excellence Award” in International Conference on Multidisciplinary Approach of Sustainability and Green Innovation ICMASGI-2024 and Award ceremony Pratibha.

2. Dr M Baranitharan Assistant Professor, Department of Zoology Joined as “Associate Editor” in the Journal “MOJ Biology and Medicine”.



A METHOD FOR ENHANCING SKILLS IN OFFICIATING AND COACHING IN ATHLETICS

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1. Introduction

The Workshops on officiating and coaching in athletics aimed to provide a comprehensive understanding of the key roles that coaches and officials play in the development of athletes. The primary objective is to enhance the knowledge, skills, and best practices necessary to ensure that athletics events are conducted efficiently, fairly, and in line with established regulations. The workshop is designed to cater to both new and experienced coaches and officials. It provides a platform for sharing experiences, clarifying common challenges, and exploring innovative strategies for improving athletic performance.

2. Objectives of the Workshop

- To equip coaches with updated methods and techniques for effective training.
- To improve understanding of the rules and responsibilities of officiating in athletics.
- To enhance collaboration between coaches and officials for smooth event execution.
- To discuss and address the challenges faced by both coaches and officials in the field of athletics.
- To promote best practices in creating an ethical, fair, and competitive environment in athletics

3. Agenda

The workshop spans over two hours with the following schedule:

Session I: Officiating in Athletics

Introduction to the Role of Officials

- Overview of the different roles in athletics officiating: Referees, Timekeepers, Starters, Judges, etc.
- Key responsibilities and ethical conduct expected from officials.
- Common challenges faced by officials in maintaining the integrity of competition.

Understanding the Rules and Regulations

- A detailed discussion of the core rules of track and field events.
- Case studies of rule violations and how to address them.
- Updates on rule changes in international athletics and how they impact local events.

Practical Officiating Skills

- Hands-on training on the use of timing equipment and measurement tools.
- Mock competitions for officials to practice officiating in a real-time environment.
- Techniques for managing disputes and resolving conflicts during events

Session II: Coaching in Athletics

Effective Training Techniques for Coaches

- Planning and structuring training sessions for track and field athletes.
- Discussion on physical conditioning, skill development, and mental preparation.
- Analysis of performance metrics and how to use data for improving athlete performance.

Building Strong Coach-Athlete Relationships

- The importance of communication and trust between coaches and athletes.
- Strategies for motivating athletes and fostering a positive training environment.
- Handling the psychological aspects of coaching, such as dealing with injuries and setbacks.

Conclusion

The workshop is successful in achieving its objectives of improving both officiating and coaching practices in athletics. Participants can gain valuable insights into the evolving role of officials and coaches, as well as the skills required to ensure fair competition and athlete development. The event fosters a sense of community and collaboration among the participants, which is crucial for the growth of athletics at all levels.

The like-minded organizers are encouraged to continue offering such workshops to promote further growth in the sports community, especially focusing on professional development, ethical conduct, and innovation in coaching and officiating practices.



ST. JOSEPH UNIVERSITY CELEBRATES NATIONAL VOTERS' DAY 2025

On January 24, 2025, St. Joseph University celebrated National Voters' Day with great enthusiasm and a strong sense of civic responsibility. The event aimed to create awareness among students and staff about the importance of voting in a democratic society and to encourage them to actively participate in the electoral process.

The celebration began with a formal inauguration in the university auditorium with the rendition of National Anthem by the participants. The Resource Person for the occasion, Professor Charles M Ezung, Dean of Student Affairs, delivered an inspiring speech on the role of young voters in strengthening democracy. He highlighted this year's theme, "Nothing Like Voting, I Vote for Sure", emphasizing the importance of informed and ethical voting. He stated not only inspired a shift from old, passive mindsets to an active, responsible approach to voting but also strengthened the resolve of young voters to contribute meaningfully to the nation.



All attendees took the Voters' Pledge to uphold the values of democracy and committed to fostering a progressive, inclusive, and participate democratic spirit. The celebration concluded with a vote of thanks by Mr. Sinyhunlo Keppen, who urged all students to be proactive citizens and contribute to the democratic process. The program was organized by Political Science Department in collaboration with SJU Electoral Literacy Club.

The event was a resounding success, leaving a lasting impression on the university community. It not only motivated young voters to exercise their franchise but also instilled a sense of pride and responsibility toward nation-building.

SJU CELEBRATES PRE-CHRISTMAS WITH A SPECIAL EVENT ON THE THEME “THE GREATEST GIFT OF ALL”

St. Joseph University in Chümoukedima, Nagaland, hosted a vibrant Pre-Christmas celebration on December 17th, 2024, at its university auditorium. The event, centered around the theme "The Greatest Gift of All," brought together students, faculty, and administrators in a joyous and reflective celebration of the Christmas season.



The celebration was hosted by Ms. Linoka Chishi, Assistant Professor from the Department of Psychology and Counseling, and Mr. Hokato, Assistant Professor from the Department of History. Their engaging hosting set the tone for an evening filled with meaningful messages and festive cheer. A key highlight of the evening was the special address delivered by His Lordship Most Rev. Dr. James Thoppil, Pro-Chancellor and Bishop of the Kohima Diocese, who served as the distinguished guest. In his heartfelt Christmas message, Bishop Thoppil reflected on the biblical phrase from the Gospel of John: “The word became flesh and dwelt among us,” emphasizing that the birth of Jesus Christ is one of the greatest gifts to humanity.



He further elaborated on the significance of Jesus, describing him as both fully divine and fully human, making him the perfect mediator between God and humanity. This message resonated deeply with the university's motto, “Fully Alive and Fully Human,” urging all to work toward the greater good of humanity.

Vice-Chancellor of St. Joseph University, Dr. D. Gnanaduari, also delivered a special address, highlighting the importance of Bible research and study in shaping one's life. Dr. Gnanaduari encouraged the attendees not to focus solely on academic research, but to also delve into the profound wisdom found within the Bible. Through dedicated study, he said, individuals can uncover timeless truths that help to shape faith, character, and personal outlook, reinforcing the role of the Bible as a source of guidance for everyday life.

The event concluded with a heartwarming exchange of gifts among the university administrators, faculty, and staff, symbolizing the spirit of giving that defines the Christmas season. Following the gift exchange, a bonfire was lit, and attendees enjoyed a festive dinner, further strengthening the bonds within the university community.

The Pre-Christmas celebration at St. Joseph University proved to be a meaningful and memorable occasion, uniting everyone in celebration of both the spiritual and joyous aspects of the season. The evening's reflections on faith, human connection, and the spirit of giving set the perfect tone for the upcoming Christmas celebrations.

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