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LET'S UNITE FOR THE WORLD

WORLD REMEMBRANCE DAY

“STORIES OF COURAGE: RESISTANCE TO
SLAVERY AND UNITY AGAINST RACISM”

EDITORIAL

Dear Readers,

The year 2022, began with varieties of expectations and it comes to a conclusion with diversities of experiences. At the outset, the editorial team would like to place on record the sentiments of gratitude to all of you for the collaboration you had extended towards the publication of the sjunewsbytes.

This issue reaches you with a different sort of the theme that is unusual, "STORIES OF COURAGE: RESISTANCE TO SLAVERY AND UNITY AGAINST RACISM". It is the theme of the world Remembrance Day 2022. The United Nations observes it with the homage paid to the persons who lost their lives in war, especially the World War I.

Remembrance Day is the anniversary of the agreement that marked the end of World War I. Every year, countries observing Remembrance Day observe a two-minute silence at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, the exact time when the fighting stopped in World War I.

There is a need to recollect the eternal words of Abraham Lincoln when he was face with challenges "no modification of my oft-expressed personal wish that all men everywhere could be free." A person of innovative social reforms considered human dignity as of supreme importance and relevant. It is appealing to the context of today whether in legislation or in social work or in education or in communication. The concept and the practice of human dignity affects the situation of life. Being a social construct, human enterprises will inspire through practices the ability of people to co-exist and progress with vision.

The multilevel poverty index in India finds only one district with zero level poverty. There is illiteracy, lack of food, ill health, lack of housing and clothing. It indicates that there is much to be done to lead people to a level of wellbeing. It makes everyone conscious of the urgency to make concerted efforts for living a dignified life. The persons in the field of education have the esteemed responsibility for such a conscientization especially for voluntary efforts with initiatives using creativity and innovation.

As the year 2022 gives way to new opportunities in 2023, it is hoped that new ventures will bloom for all to lead greatly fulfilled lives.

With greetings for the new year

THE EDITORIAL TEAM.

THE MESSAGE

THE WORLD HAS MANY A REMINISCENCES. Such one was the event “Rhythms of Resistance” cultural event highlights history and legacies of transatlantic slave trade. The Department of Global Communications, which manages the United Nations Outreach Programme on the Transatlantic Slave Trade and Slavery and communications around the International Decade for People of African Descent (2015-2024) – together with UNESCO and UNFPA –held an online cultural event to mark the International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade. Called “Rhythms of Resistance,” the online event highlighted the history of the transatlantic slave trade, as well as its ongoing legacy of racism. Through showcasing rhythmic performances in multiple countries, it also demonstrated how African cultures have shaped societies throughout the Americas.

One may question the relevance of such programmes today in a globalised world with continuous policies on trade and the economy. From the perspective of education it is to be understood as the need of the hour to acknowledge the contribution of history so that the present society continues without problems that hindered progress.

There are transformed practices of the similar situation in the present world in the forms of human trafficking. The illiterate rural folk are the victims of such a practice. They are often driven away from the homeland and are compelled to live in dehumanizing situations. It makes no sense of the dignity of people. To be capable of demanding the power to express oneself as human makes people at times suffer more. It is seen in the labour camps, in the colonies, in slums and in areas where people struggle to make ends meet.

The educational implication is propelling a sense of urgency for social consciousness that all are brothers and sisters worthy of a decent living condition. Abraham Lincoln could understand it well and had the courage to respond to it. Similarly, there are many people who are capable of being sensitive to the social realities that are in need of a change. I pray that all citizens will have such an attitude to change the life conditions of others in the peripheries of society. May our efforts in education strive to achieve this transformation of the person to leave behind the reminiscences of love.

*Thanks
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Dean, Administration*

ACADEMIC WORKING COMMITTEE MEETING

2nd December 2022

16th December 2022

HEAD OF DEPARTMENT MEETINGS

7th December 2022

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Department	Date
English	8th December 2022
Psychology and Counselling	8th December 2022
Sociology	8th December 2022
Botany	17th December 2022
Biotechnology	19th December 2022

ST. JOSEPH UNIVERSITY CELEBRATES CHRISTMAS

St. Joseph University, Chumoukedima, Nagaland celebrated its 6th Advance Christmas with all the administration, teaching and non-teaching staffs on 12th December 2022 with Most Rev. Dr. James Thoppil, Pro Chancellor and Bishop of Kohima as the special guest. Welcoming the Bishop and the gathering the Vice Chancellor invited all to imbibe the sense of commitment with humility and hard-work for the good of the society. The Bishop delivered the Christmas message with the emphasis of the social relevance of truth and integrity in the context of today. He exhorted all to grow sensitive to the humane needs of the people around and to be proactive for the glory of God as the intellectually enlightened persons.



St. Joseph University, Nagaland celebrated its 6th Advance Christmas in the University auditorium on December 12th 2022 with Most Rev. Dr. James Thoppil, Bishop of Kohima Diocese as the chief guest.

Memorandum Of Understanding



The Department of Economics St. Joseph University and Confederation of Indian Industries (CII) signed a MOU on 02/12/2022 at St. Joseph University. The main objective of the understanding is to promote entrepreneurial activities which include multi skill training programs and mentoring services of the students of the univer-

sity. The Vice Chancellor Dr. D. Gnanadurai and Mr. Albert officials of CII and Young Yuva Chair, Nagaland, and Founder of Clefnote Music Academy jointly signed with the Memorandum. The management of St. Joseph University Dr. Sethupatty K, Registrar, Dr. I. Arockia Mary, Dean of Administration, Dr. Kinitoli H Yeptho, Dean of Academic, Prof. Charles Mhonthung Ezung, Dean of Students Affairs, faculties of the Department of Economics and other officials of the university attended the signing of MOU.



SJU DST-SEED Farmers Training Programme on Eri Silkworm Rearing



A one-day Hands-on Training programme on Eri Silkworm Rearing sponsored by DST SEED (Ref. No. DST/SEED/TSP/STI/2021/513/G) were held on 07th December 2022. 30 farmers and Master graduate students attended the training programme along with the Dean of Administration, Registrar, Dean of Academics, Faculty members and project staff members. The Programme was graced by Fr. Augustin, Dr. S. Jeyaparvathi, Professor & Head of Zoology Department welcomed the participants and esteem guests in

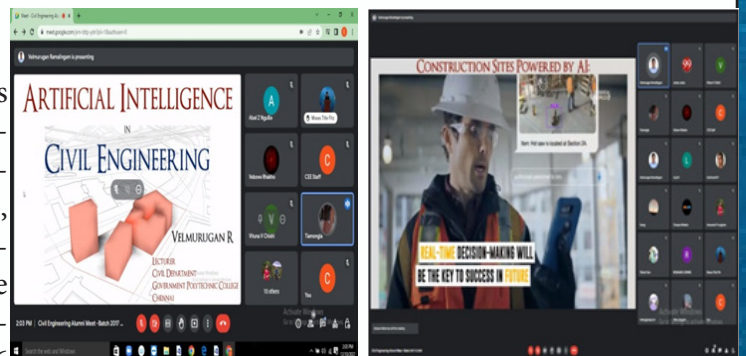
the training programme and Dr. Kinitoli H. Yeptho, Dean of Academics delivered the key note address. A Atenjemba Imchen, E.O. Farm-in-charge, ESG, Dhan-siripar was the guest lecture for the programme. The programme was concluded with the demonstration of rearing of silkworm from the Silkworm rearing room by the project staff members (Ms. Pazhuni Pfoote & Ms. Chubanaro Aier). The participants were also distributed with castor seeds for plantation

DEPARTMENTAL PROGRAMMES

DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL ENGINEERING

Alumni meet

Department of Civil Engineering successfully held its first alumni meet for 2017-2021 and 2018-2022 batches on 10th December 2022 via Google meet. The resource person for the meet was Mr. Velmurugan R., lecturer, Govt. Polytechnic College, Chennai. Mr. Velmurugan delivered a lecture on "Artificial Intelligence in Civil Engineering," where he explained about intelligence in nature, animals, and humans. A Total of 26 alumni attended the meet.



DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Personality Development Programme

Department of Commerce conducted personality development programme with the students of St. Joseph Global School Chumoukedima Nagaland on 7th December 2022.



DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Interactive Sessions on Christian Education

On 7th December 2022, the students of P G 1 Education interacted with Rev Fr Benny Varghese, Director Pastoral Centre, on the dynamics of Catholic Education at the New Man Pastoral centre, Chumoukedima, the session was an effective learning experience with the presentation on the Catholic concept of education. The session was followed by shared lunch and a visit to the Peace Centre that houses Northeast Institute of



Social Science Research and the office of the Peace Channel. The Director enlightened us on the programmes offered by the institute and the possibility of availing oneself the coaching for civil services examination facilitated by the institute.

The PG 1st Semester students of Education Department went for the interactive session on Christian Education at Oriental Theological Seminary (OTS) on 08-12-22 at 2:30 pm under the guidance of Father Sunny, Professor, Education Department. 24 students participated in this programme. The sessions were conducted by Dr Cho and Dr James. It was appreciated for its usefulness in practical life.

DEPARTMENT OF JOURNALISM AND MASS COMMUNICATION

Internship Orientation Programme

Department of Journalism and Mass Communication conducted orientation programme for UG V semester students who will be undergoing 30 days internship in different institutions and media houses in and outside the state. The programme was conducted on December 19th 2022 in hybrid mode i.e., both offline and online. All together 15 students attended the programme.



DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

Outreach Programme

Department of Sociology M.A. first Semester (25 students) along with 2 faculties, Dr. BesiiKholi and Mr. Montu Kumar Daimary visited Grace Mission Orphanage located at Virozouma in Chumukedima district on 09th December 2022 at 12.30 PM as part of the outreach programme. The orphanage home shelters around 30 children from various backgrounds. The main motives of the visit were to be with the children, to interact with them and to understand their perspectives of life.



DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY

VISIT TO NHBM FOR NAGALAND HONEYBEE DAY

On 5th December 2022, the 4th Nagaland Honey bee Day was celebrated by Nagaland Beekeeping and Honey Mission (NBHM). Dr. G. Gnanadurai, Vice-Chancellor and Dr. K. Sethupathy, Registrar, St. Joseph University, Nagaland were the special guest of the event. The I semester M.Sc., Zoology Department students along with two faculty members, Dr. S. Jeyaparvathi

and Mrs. VincyVijila, St. Joseph University attended the 4th Nagaland Honeybee Day celebration at Nagaland Beekeeping and Honey Mission (NBHM), Chumoukedima. The program included the success story of two farmers who have made Bee keeping as their main source of income. The Chief Patron, Shri. Y. Kikheto Sema, IAS gave motivating speech and stated that Nagaland is the super state for Honey production.



THE INTERNATIONAL REMEMBRANCE DAY 2022

THEME: "STORIES OF COURAGE: RESISTANCE TO SLAVERY AND UNITY AGAINST RACISM"

The transatlantic slave trade is often studied and discussed at the macro level. It was a phenomenon characterized by unprecedented mass human trafficking, degrading economic transactions and unspeakable human rights violations. But examining the transatlantic slave trade at the micro level reveals its true brutality. Behind the facts and figures are millions of human stories. The stories of those who were ripped from their homelands and families. The stories of those who fought against their oppressors. The stories of those who triumphed against all odds to win their freedom. Those stories continue today as people across the globe keep struggling together against the transatlantic slave trade's most enduring legacy – racism.

Message of the United Nations Secretary-General

There is much that we know about the transatlantic trade in enslaved Africans, and today is a day we remember: the crime against humanity; the unprecedented mass human trafficking; the degrading economic transactions and unspeakable human rights violations.

But there is also much that we do not know, and today is a day we learn. Behind the facts and figures are millions of human stories. Stories of untold suffering and pain. Stories of families and communities ripped apart. But also stories of awe-inspiring courage and defiance against the cruelty of oppressors.

We will never know every act of resistance – great or small – that slowly but surely triumphed over injustice, repression and enslavement. But these accounts are crucial to our understanding of a past whose most pernicious and persistent legacy continues to blight our present: racism. The International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade is a time to learn about and reflect on such stories. To pay tribute to the millions of Africans who were torn from their homelands and communities. And to stand up in solidarity against racism everywhere.

Today, people of African descent continue to confront racial discrimination, marginalization and exclusion. The political, economic and structural power imbalances rooted in colonial rule, enslavement and exploitation, still deny equality of opportunity and justice.

On this International Day, let us stand united against racism and together build societies based on dignity, equality and solidarity.

We are happy and thankful to the Almighty Father for choosing everyone, as His own tool to do His will and reach out His glory to the whole world. It will be a constant effort of the Team to keep mirroring the University's activities and innovative initiations undertaken towards the holistic approach of Education Empowerment. Keep connecting with us through this monthly edition and shower us with love by sharing our issue. Thank you.

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