

MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL

THE IMPACT OF AUTONOMY



On April 3, 2024, St. Claret College was elevated to the status of an Autonomous College by both the UGC and the Government of Karnataka. It is a very proud moment for all Claretines and all stakeholders. Achieving this status in less than two decades of SCC's existence is a remarkable accomplishment. From the academic year 2024-25, we launch the first batch under autonomy both at UG and PG levels. What will be the impact of autonomy on SCC

as we move forward? The success of autonomy depends on how responsibly we handle it. The following are some of our plans:

We will design and update our own curriculum, ensuring that it remains relevant and responsive to the latest industry trends and academic advancements. This enables us to introduce new courses, interdisciplinary programs, and innovative teaching methods tailored to students' needs. We will emphasise on practical skills and experiential learning, incorporating internships, workshops, and industry projects that are critical for students' professional growth.

With autonomy, we will seek accreditations and recognition from national and international bodies, enhancing its reputation and attracting high-calibre faculty and students. Autonomy allows for a more student-centric approach, where we will develop personalised learning plans and support services tailored to individual student needs.

Autonomy grants us greater control over our administrative and financial decisions, allowing for more efficient and effective management. This can lead to better resource allocation, infrastructural improvements, and faculty development. Autonomous status facilitates a robust research culture by providing the freedom to establish research centres, partnerships with industry, and collaborations with other academic institutions. It also enables us to forge international collaborations and student exchange programs, providing global exposure and enhancing the educational experience.

Overall, autonomy plays a pivotal role in our mission to deliver high-quality education, foster innovation, and maintain academic excellence. It provides the flexibility and authority needed to continuously evolve and meet the challenges of modern higher education. We are committed to let autonomy positively impact all aspects of our growth. Thank you all for joining hands to work towards this dream.

Regards,

Fr. Dr. Thomas Thennadiyil, CMF
Principal

CONFERMENT OF AUTONOMOUS STATUS

Forging Pathways of Achievement

St. Claret College has touched yet another milestone in the year 2024 with the conferment of Autonomous status by the UGC. This achievement heralds a new era of growth and innovation for SCC positioning it as a pioneering institution in the realm of higher education. Moreover, the autonomous status of the institution opens up avenues for collaboration with industry and research organizations, fostering a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship. Looking ahead SCC is poised to leverage its autonomous status to further enhance its academic offerings, research endeavors, and outreach initiatives, thereby reaffirming its commitment to excellence and contributing significantly



to the educational landscape of the region.

EXCEPTIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS OF SCC

Inter-University Music Prizes

1. Students of SCC participated in the 37th Inter-University National Youth Festival and won prizes and awards for various musical competitions. Jonathan S. Varghese, Bhuvaneshwaran, Maria Jessica K.P., Kevin Renold, Vinaya Glancin, Rodoshi Gosh & Paul Kurian won prize for Western Group Song.

2. Memorandum of Association (MoU)

For Academic, Research and Exchange Collaborations

On 07 February, 2024, St. Claret College entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College, Indiana, USA. This significant partnership aims to enhance academic, research, and exchange collaborations. It marks a milestone in the pursuit of global education and knowledge sharing, promising a brighter future for students and faculties of both institutions.

3. Ms. Sahana K. L. of II BCom, won Bronze medal at State level powerlifting competition showdown in Mangalore, Hosted by the Karnataka Powerlifting Association.
4. Certificate of Excellence towards practising sustainable education was awarded to St. Claret College under the Gold category.
5. The Alumni association of SCC is registered under Govt. of Karnataka.

6. Bangalore University Ranks:

Students of SCC bagged three University Ranks yet another year showcasing their talents and outstanding results through their unwavering hardwork and dedication.

The following are the rank holders of 2023 BBA batch.

Ms. K. Vaishanai - 1st Rank

Ms. Nuthana - 2nd Rank

Ms. Thanuja N. - 7th Rank

The following are the rank holders of 2023 BCA batch.

Ms. B. S. Spoorthy - 2nd Rank

The following are the rank holders of 2023 BCOM TTM batch.

Ms. Garima D. Ranawat - 1st Rank

Ms. Jyothika G. - 2nd Rank

Ms. Khushi S. - 3rd Rank

Mr. Aravnind Daniel Weltha - 4th Rank

Ms. Ananya L. N - 5th Rank

FACE TO FACE ORGANISED

The second edition of "Face to Face: Claret's Meeting with a Champion" was held on 30 April 2024 at the APJ Abdul Kalam Auditorium. Esteemed



Dr. Ramana Rao addresses students during the second edition of Face to Face

guests, including Padma Shree Dr. Ramana Rao and his wife Smt. Hema Rao, was warmly welcomed. The event also acknowledged the presence of Rev. Dr. Xavier Manavath, Manager of St. Claret Institutions, Principal Rev. Dr. Thomas Thennadiyil, and Vice Principal Rev. Fr. Joseph. In recognition of his contributions, Rev. Dr. Xavier Manavath and Rev. Dr. Thomas Thennadiyil felicitated Dr. Ramana Rao and Smt. Hema Rao. The highlight of the event

was the engaging panel discussion featuring student panellists Mr. Vivek M. Patel, Smitha Mane, and Sri Nithya. They led an insightful conversation with Dr. Rao, covering his childhood, professional success, and altruistic efforts. The discussion explored his motivations, family support, work-life balance, sustainability of his initiatives, spiritual motivations, community response, and tangible results. Dr. Rao shared lessons from his journey, reflections on humanity, alternative ideas of success, and advice for youngsters, addressing their questions with wisdom and encouragement.

WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION

Empowering Women

On 08 March 2024, SCC celebrated Women's Day at the college auditorium to appreciate women for their contribution to society. The day was celebrated with prize distribution and fun activities for the faculty members and staff. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating gender parity. This day is observed worldwide as groups come together to celebrate women's achievements or rally for women's equality. It is an opportunity to celebrate women's accomplishments.

FRESHERS' DAY (PG)

Swagat Conducted

On the 15 February, 2024, St. Claret College was abuzz with excitement as the Freshers' Day 'Swagat' unfolded in the APJ Abdul Kalam Auditorium. The new batch of postgraduate students from MCom, MSc, and MSW programs



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were welcomed with a spectacular array of activities. The event was a vibrant tapestry of games, dance, and music, showcasing the diverse talents of the students. It was a day marked by joyous celebration and the forging of new friendships, truly a memorable start to their academic journey.

BANGALORE UNIVERSITY STANDING COMMITTEE

Visit to St. Claret College

On 08 February, 2024, St. Claret College advanced its pursuit of academic

independence with a pivotal visit from Bangalore University's Special Committee. This visit was integral to the college's application for autonomous status, which would allow greater control



The University Standing Committee were felicitated after their audit and interactions with Management at Mother Teresa Conference Hall

over its educational programs. Led by Prof. Dr. Jayakara Shetty M., Vice-Chancellor of Bangalore University, and including Shri Sheik Latheef, K.A.S., Registrar, along with other academicians and administrators, the committee conducted a detailed audit and engaged in meaningful discussions with faculty and students, marking a significant step in the college's autonomy journey.

BIRTHDAY CHEERS TO FR. JOSEPH

On 11 March 2024, the momentous occasion of the 50th birthday of Fr. Joseph S., Vice Principal of St. Claret College was Celebrated. The Faculty, Staff and family members of Fr. Joseph came together to celebrate his birthday with music, dance and fun as his



The student council organises the birthday celebration of Fr. Joseph S.

family and friends shared stories and experiences of working with Fr. Joseph.

IQAC

Enriching Communication Skills

One-day Workshop Conducted

The IQAC of SCC conducted a One-day Workshop on Effective Communication for the first-year PG students to strengthen their communication skills forging brighter career prospects and future. Faculty members from various departments of SCC shared their knowledge on the same through lectures, video presentations, group discussions and hands-on training sessions.

ORIENTATION ON EXAMINATION SYSTEM CONDUCTED

As St. Claret College is gearing up for autonomy, Dr. C. Mohanadas, Controller of Exams at St. Joseph's University, Bengaluru, led an enlightening session on autonomy in examination systems, empowering faculty and staff as he explored innovative approaches to testing and valuation to shape the future of education in the college. The event became a platform for faculty and staff to voice their concerns and questions as they take up the challenge of autonomous testing and evaluation.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE COMMITTEE

Nexus - Faculty Enrichment Program Conducted

The Academic Excellence committee of St. Claret College organised NEXUS-Faculty Enrichment Program on 04 April 2024 in the Mother Theresa Conference Hall. The resource person Ms. Monica Forret, Director and Professor of Business Administration at St. Ambrose University, USA took three sessions the topics- The Power of Yes: Developing your Leadership Skills and Network, Effective Communication in the Workplace and Innovative and Mindful Teaching Pedagogies for Engaging Learning. The program was open to faculty within the college and outside the college. The faculty members actively participated and appreciated the wealth of knowledge that was imparted during the session.

EXCHANGE PROGRAMME ORGANISED

An Exchange of Students' Ideas & Values

On 28 February, 2024, a vibrant exchange of culture and knowledge took place between St. Claret College, Bengaluru, and St. Anthony's College, Shillong. This innovative online event, coordinated by Ms. Preethi Jose, connected students of humanities from both institutions to share and discuss their diverse ideas and values. The initiative, running from 10 AM to 12 PM on Google Meet, was a resounding success, fostering a sense of unity and intellectual growth among the participants.

CULTURAL AND ARTS CLUB

Recipro 2024 Organised

The intra-collegiate cultural festival of Recipro 2024 was conducted on 20

April 2024. Mr. Liben Tom a musician and ex-Claretine was the chief guest for the event who mesmerised the audience with a special performance during the inaugural ceremony. The event saw immense participation, and enthusiasm from students who showcased various cultural dances, music and fashion. There was a tight competition between



Students showcase Indian cultural diversity during Recipro Fashionwalk competition.

the I, II, III year UG and PG students for the champions trophy. The second year UG students were crowned the victors. The fest gave a platform to showcase and celebrate the rich tapestry of cultural expressions, talents, and traditions of its students. This fest is an essential part of the collegiate experience, offering a platform for artistic expression, cultural exchange, and community building.

ROTARACT CLUB

Chess Tournament Conducted

On 10 February, 2024, St. Claret College buzzed with intellectual fervor as it hosted a grand chess tournament. The event was a collaborative effort between the Rotaract Club of St. Claret College and the Rotaract Club of Swarna Bangalore, under the aegis of the Karnataka State Chess Academy. Esteemed individuals such as Rtn. Meera Bai Shankar and Rev. Dr. Thomas V. Thennadiyil graced



Participants engrossed in a game of chess at St. Thomas Parish Hall in a tournament organized by Rotaract Clubs and St. Claret College

the inauguration, marking the start of a day filled with strategic battles and camaraderie. Over 170 participants took part, each contributing to the day's spirit of competition and community.

IN-DEPTH ANALYSIS OF INTERIM BUDGET 2024

Collaborating Young Minds

On 27 February, 2024, St. Claret College became a hub of economic discourse as MBA and MCom students delivered a comprehensive analysis of the Interim Budget 2024. The APJ Abdul Kalam Auditorium resonated with insightful discussions on sector allocations and fiscal strategies. This scholarly gathering not only highlighted the budget's key focus areas but also forecasted the potential economic trajectories, offering a glimpse into the government's financial blueprint for the forthcoming year.

LIBRARY AND RESOURCE CENTRE Library Orientation Organised

On 01 March 2024, the Library and Resource Center of SCC conducted an orientation for the PG students to help the students understand details related to book issuing, WEB OPAC and various other online journals and resources. The orientation was conducted to brief the students about the library facilities, basic rules, book issue and return procedure, library manners and the online resources the college has subscribed such as INFLIBNET, DELNET, Knimbus, Ebsco, and Pearson e-books. The session was conducted at Mother Teresa Conference Hall from 10:00 AM to 01:00 PM by the librarians, Ms. Priscilla Nancy and Mr. Suresha.

WORLD BOOK DAY CELEBRATED

The Library and Resource Centre celebrated World Book Day on 23 April 2024. The Theatre Group, guided by Mr. Vineeth from the Humanities Department, performed an engaging skit in the college quadrangle during the short break, highlighting the importance of reading habits. The festivities continued with two competitions starting at 03:15 p.m. The first, a public speaking event titled "Share Your Favourite Author," saw students passionately discussing the writers who have influenced them. This was followed by a "Written Book Review" competition, which allowed students to articulate their perspectives on recent reads. Both events, coordinated by Ms. Renita and Mr. Pruthvi from the Library Committee, witnessed enthusiastic participation, showcasing the vibrant literary culture fostered within the college community.

THE ART OF STORYTELLING FOR ENGAGING PRESENTATIONS ORGANISED

On April 25, 2024, the Department of Library and Resource Centre hosted a workshop titled “The Art of Storytelling for Engaging Presentations” aimed at advanced learners. The session emphasized the importance of using storytelling techniques to maintain audience engagement during presentations. The resource person Mr. Sujay C, Assistant Professor, PES University led the workshop with a discussion on the significance of storytelling, highlighting its ability to create emotional connections, enhance understanding, and increase information retention.

THEATRE CLUB Celebrating the Craft

On 27 March 2024, the Theatre Club of SCC celebrated World Theatre Day with a skit performance. The day was celebrated to honour the day of creativity, expression and artistry.

LITERARY CLUB Inspiring Young Minds

The Literary Club of SCC conducted the second session of the Muggle Reads Society on 05 March 2023 and 24 April 2024 at I BCA Classroom. The Muggle Reads Society is an initiative by the club to revive the dying habit of reading, endorsing critical thinking skills and humanitarian ideals through the simple act of reading. The readers meet once a



*Literary Club members discuss
Book of the Month*

month and discuss the book unanimously chosen for the month. The book reading community discusses the various themes and motives in the work, rendering a platform for the students to share their perspectives on the text. The book chosen

for the discussion was Totochan: The Little Girl at the Window by Testsuko Korayanagi. A poetry discussion on the theme of Death was also conducted where students shared their experiences and perspectives drawing examples from poetry.

TRAINING AND PLACEMENT CELL Driving Towards Success

The TPC of SCC conducted an on campus placement drive to connect the students and potential employers. The program became an enriching experience for the students as they got an opportunity to attend sessions related to career and growth from eminent resource persons. The students also got exposure to various options available based on their respective fields' creative enriching networks of teachers, professionals and experts.

NCC Election Awareness Rally Conducted

On April 25, 2024 from 9:15AM to 10:00 AM, 24 NCC Cadets participated in an Election Awareness Rally in preparation for the upcoming election on April 26, 2024. They walked around Jalahalli Village carrying posters and chanting slogans in both English and Kannada. The primary objective of the rally was to educate and motivate the local community of Jalahalli Village about the significance of participating in the upcoming election. The use of posters and slogans helped create a visible and memorable presence, capturing the attention of residents and emphasising the importance of voting as a fundamental democratic right. By raising awareness and fostering a sense of responsibility among residents, the efforts of the NCC Cadets likely contributed to an increased civic engagement.

SPORTS CLUB Athenia Organised

The Intra- collegiate sports meet - Athenia was organised on 08 April 2024 in the college premises. The sports meet saw immense participation and sportsmanship from students and faculty members alike. Ekalavya awardee Lt.



*Faculty and staff took to the
tracks on Athenia 2024.*

Rani M. S. was the chief guest for the event. She encouraged the students to participate in sports and talked about the importance of an active lifestyle. The UG and PG students competed with



*Athenia bear witness to healthy
competition and true sportsmanship*

each other for the Athenia trophy and the second year UG students were crowned as the victors. An intra-collegiate sports meet is much more than a series of games and competitions. It is a celebration of physical fitness, community spirit, and personal growth.

ENVIRONMENT CLUB Greenovation 2024 Organised

Greenovation 2024 which is a ‘Best Out Of Waste’ competition was organised by SCC Environment Club on 5 April, 2024. The students from various departments participated in the competition bringing in innovation and out of the box ideas to reuse and repurpose waste into creative inventions. The students were required to make explain the model or craft they had made to the judges based on which the winners were decided.

ORIENTATION ON COMPETITIVE EXAMS

Upgrading Young Minds

On 11 March 2024, an insightful orientation on Government competitive examinations was conducted to explore the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead. The session was conducted to render a great opportunity to prepare young minds for a rewarding career.