



## KRIDOTSAVA 2023: Celebrating Sportsmanship and Achievements



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Kristu Jayanti College's Bagalur campus recently hosted KRIDOTSAVA 2023, the annual undergraduate sports day, creating a vibrant and enthusiastic atmosphere. The event began with the opening speech by Major General Ravi Murugan AVSM, a distinguished military officer, who emphasized the significance of fitness and sports. The occasion was graced by members of management and notable guests both on and off the stage.

Mr. Arockiaraj S, the Physical Education Director, delivered a motivating welcome address, drawing inspiration from Indian athletes' success highlighting their rise to international standards. After the welcome address, Students representing each team participated in the march past where they marched with the enthusiasm for the upcoming events. The ceremonial light-

ing of the torch followed, with outstanding students from various fields carrying it before passing it to Major General Ravi Murugan AVSM. In his inaugural speech, he stressed the connection between physical health and the military, sharing insights from a British pundit during the World Athlete Championship. Major General Ravi Murugan emphasized the value of the sports journey, stating that success hinges on the experiences and lessons learned, with participation being the true victory and winning as the icing on the cake.

Principal Rev. Fr. Dr. Augustine George announced Jayantian Spartans as the winners of the march past, inspiring students to uphold sportsmanship, excellence, fair play, and teamwork. The events ended with Jayantian Spartans taking up the title of overall champions, followed by Jayantian blasters. They also won the title for athletic champions followed by Jayantian titans.

### Picture of the Day

*Maria Liz Keertana*



*Creating memories in the glow of twinkling lights*

## Kannada Rajyotsava: A Celebration of Pride and Joy

Kusuma S

Karnataka Rajyotsava, also known as Kannada Rajyotsava, is celebrated annually on 01 November in the state of Karnataka. It commemorates the merger in 1956 of the Kannada-speaking regions of southwestern India under the States Reorganisation Act to form the state.

On this day the state's official red and yellow flags adorn the streets, houses, schools, colleges and other official buildings to celebrate the foundation of the state. The day also marks the annual presentation of the Rajyotsava Awards which is the second-highest civilian honour in the state.

The state foundation day is a public holiday and the day also sees the hoisting of the



official Karnataka flag which was followed by an address by the Chief Minister and the Governor of the state.

### History and Significance

The Karnataka Ekikarana movement was started by a renowned Historian Aluru Venkata Rao back in 1905 and culminated with the Mysore State, which included the former princely state of Mysore,

that resulted after merging the Kannada speaking areas of Bombay and Madras presidencies as well as the principality of Hyderabad to create a unified Kannada-speaking state on November 01, 1956.

Rajyotsava is a grand celebration for Kannadigas, all across the state and on this day the Kannada anthem ("Jaya Bharatha Jananiya Tanujate") is chanted. To celebrate the rich and authentic culture of the state, people organize special events and showcase traditional dances like Dollu Kunitha, Veeragase, Kamsale etc. It is a wonderful way to honour the heritage and keep the traditions alive. It also unites people in gratitude and pride for the shared history. Let's revel in the spirit of Rajyotsava and embrace the beauty of Karnataka.

## Helix70:Bio-fest Celebrates 70 Years of DNA Discovery

Upama Upadhayaya

In a spectacular celebration of scientific achievement, the Life Sciences Department at Kristu Jayanti College (Autonomous) hosted the annual intra-department Bio-fest, aptly named Helix70.

This event marked the 70th anniversary of the groundbreaking discovery of the DNA double helix. Guided by distinguished faculty members, Dr. Sriram Thiruvengadam and Dr. Esther Shoba R., the fest spanned an impressive 14 days, commencing on 20 September and culminating on 03 October. The fest featured a total of 12



engaging events, including the highly anticipated "Primer's Pitch." The grand finale took place on 03 October, with Mr. D.T. Arasu, Founder and Managing Director of IDD Research Solutions INC, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, gracing the occasion as the chief guest. Accompanying him was the esteemed guest of honour, Ms. Gayathri Arumugam, Founder of Talent Surabhi. The inaugural ceremony was presid-

ed over by Fr. Jais V. Thomas, Financial Administrator of Kristu Jayanti College. At the valedictory ceremony, Fr. Deepu Joy, Director of the Student Welfare Office, KJC, lauded the winners of the various events and commended on the efforts the senior students for orchestrating a successful Bio-fest. The coveted title of overall champion was clinched by the group "Morgans Magicians."

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