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Space Technology is a Luxury Outwardly, But a Necessity for any Developing Nation - G Madhavan Nair

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"It's a general belief that space technology is a luxurious affair. But according to a study carried out by the Madras School of Economics, the advances and facilities gained as a result of satellite technology are 1.5 times more valuable than what is invested for space technology", said Dr. G. Madhavan Nair, Chairman, High Power Committee, National Civil Aircraft Development, Govt. of India & Former Chairman, ISRO. Dr. Madhavan Nair was interacting with the students of Kristu Jayanti College on the occasion of 'Vicharmanthan-an interaction with Indian and global visionaries.'

He said that space technology is an exciting and challenging field but though a luxury outwardly, it is a necessity in a developing country like India. He also enlightened the students on the innovative ideas of tele-education and tele-medication through space technology in this advanced world. "Through tele-education the problem of shortage of good teachers are very effectively

dealt with. The facility of tele-medication through Indian space technology is even reaching out to the under-developed nations of Africa and South America", said the pioneer of PSLV mission. In his address, Dr. Madhavan Nair also spoke on the application of satellite technology in India namely the DTH system, weather forecasting system and earth observation system. He also added that through Space technology India saw almost cent percent increase of yield in both fishing and agricultural sector.

While interacting with the young minds of the college, Mr. Nair emphasized on the need to break away from the conventional roots and to focus on improving the quality of life of the people around. He stressed on the importance of the betterment of productivity, healthcare, energy sector and water security of the nation. "The technical skills of the youth should be married with the demands of the country", he said.

The students enthusiastically took part in the interactive session with the great visionary. They quizzed Dr. Nair on various issues of applications of space technology ranging from terrorism to space elevators to the setting up of the International Space Station. Rev.



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Fr. Sebastian T.A., Principal, Rev. Fr. Jose P.J., Financial Administrator and Head, Department of Social Work, Rev. Fr. Augustine George, Head, Department of Computer Science, Prof. Aloysius Edward J., Staff coordinator, Vicharmanthan and Ms. Rini Abraham, Student coordinator, were also present during the occasion.

'Vicharmanthan' is a programme hosted by Kristu Jayanti College to provide an interactive platform for the students to familiarize with the global trends in various streams.

Dr. Deepa gains US patent

The Jayantians are fortunate enough to rejoice at an overwhelming achievement of one of its faculty member. Dr. Deepa M.A., Professor, Life Science Department, has made us proud by acquiring US patent for her scintillating invention. Dr. Deepa was successful in extraction of cysteine based compound from a plant. The reported compound is a potential antidiabetic drug which controls the blood sugar level of the human body using

insulin like activity. In addition, it possesses antioxidant properties to control the free radical production in kidney/liver and thereby ensures protection against tissue damage. The intake of the drug formulation once in a day will maintain the blood glucose level throughout. Taking the medicine along with regular diet also showed potential control in blood glucose levels. The invention is sure to be one of the milestones in diabetic treatment.

'Bhavishyajyothi' program to support underprivileged students



"Education is the right of every child, and one should utilize available opportunities to come into the main stream of society" said Rev. Fr. Sebastian, T.A., Principal, Kristu Jayanti College, while distributing the "educational support kits" to the students of Government Primary School, K.Narayanapura, as a part of the philanthropic support program Bhavishyajyothi'.

Bhavishyajyothi is a student initiative program by Center for Social Activities (CSA) of Kristu Jayanti College for the underprivileged, economically backward, orphan or single parent children. It aims at

quality education by providing basic facilities and educational materials like books, bags, uniforms and other stationary items. Medical support and computer education are also included in the initiative.

"Dropouts have been reduced and attendance is stable after our association with the Center for Social Activities" said Mrs. Ulfath Unissa, HM, Government Primary School. Mr. Dayanand Reddy, Village Head, Mr. Manjunath S. Gowda, Coordinator, Center for Social Activities, were also present on the occasion. This philanthropic endeavor has sponsored books and uniforms to 78 students of the school.

KJC tops among the best colleges

Kristu Jayanti College has once again proved its superiority among the colleges of India. Our college has been ranked as one of the best colleges in the country

and one among the top ten commerce colleges in Bangalore city. The rankings were brought out by the survey conducted by India Today- A.C. Neilson.

Be Ready To Change.....!!!

The mind is not a vessel to be filled, but a fire to be ignited. In this twenty-first century the temples of education must serve as a flint that should spark the thirst for knowledge and innovations among its devotees. We, Jayantians, have always been proud of Kristu Jayanti College because of her immense success in enlightening young minds. In its 12 years after establishment, each year had been a stepping stone towards the peak of attaining new educational heights. If the first decade was, on the whole dedicated for the establishment of the college as a major one in the state, during the second decade the college is likely to focus on launching herself as one of the prominent autonomous institutions in the country.

Every new beginning comes from another beginnings end. Thus our new Principal Rev. Fr. Sebastian T.A. starts from the end of an inspiring beginning by our former Principal Rev. Fr. Josekutty PD. Let us hope that Fr. Sebastian will be the harbinger of the Jayantian dream of autonomy to the institution. And let us follow him to reach our target by adhering to the values and discipline imbibed in us by Fr. Josekutty.

Being autonomous helps the management to prepare its students to face the challenges and competitions of the changing world. Today, when technology and communication goes hand in hand with education, the uphill task of any educational institution is to mould out resourceful youngsters. And hence our management has always been cautious to see that its students are not confined to the limited knowledge of syllabus oriented training. To ease the flow of information, the college introduced various value added courses, both curriculum and non-curriculum oriented, to enable its students to face the challenges of the professional world with practical knowledge and experience.

Moreover, the management plans to bring about drastic changes in its infra-structure to facilitate the self directed form of education. Improved resources of interaction like Information and Communications Technology (ICT) can be helpful in enhancing the techniques in teaching. It improves the student-lecturer compatibility factor which in turn can boost the performance of the college. In addition, ICT also provides with increased access to resources and assists in a student centred learning experience. Furthermore, it can also heighten the soft skills of the students coming from diverse culture and can aid the exposure of students to the spirited world outside.

Ultimately all these improvisations focus on a necessary change in the educational system of our college. A change or innovation is the key for sustenance in the modern world. "The illiterate of the twenty first century will not be those who cannot read or write, but those who cannot learn, unlearn and relearn". Let's remember these words of the renowned futurist, Alvin Toffler as we begin this academic year by 'fostering innovations'.....



Cleanliness is next to Godliness

K. Merline Christina

The walls of Kristu Jayanti College hold within them students of varying nationalities, races and religions. We are proud to be recognized as Indians and this pride increases when we are referred to as Jayantians, even more when we step into the gates of other colleges. However, in today's scenario, people, particularly young citizens have forgotten the ethics of acceptable behaviour.

Civic sense along with good behaviour improves our personality and also the value of education. Civic sense is not only to be maintained in public places. Rather it extends to private environments such as homes, colleges etc. First and foremost in order to cultivate the practice of keeping our class room clean, throwing of papers and other waste covers should be avoided. We are conscious of cleanliness at our home. Why not be conscious of the same within our college which essentially becomes our second home? Let's view our college through the same lenses that we use to view our homes

and be cautious enough to uphold cleanliness. May it be the canteen, play ground, parking lot, library, laboratory or rest room, lets maintain our civic sense and this pride increases when we are referred to as Jayantians, even more when we step into the gates of other colleges. However, in today's scenario, people, particularly young citizens have forgotten the ethics of acceptable behaviour. Civic sense along with good behaviour improves our personality and also the value of education. Civic sense is not only to be maintained in public places. Rather it extends to private environments such as homes, colleges etc. First and foremost in order to cultivate the practice of keeping our class room clean, throwing of papers and other waste covers should be avoided. We are conscious of cleanliness at our home. Why not be conscious of the same within our college which essentially becomes our second home? Let's view our college through the same lenses that we use to view our homes

Let's rid ourselves of the step-motherly treatment that we very often express towards the properties of our college. Self discipline and civic sense goes hand in hand. If we go further in analysing this concept, the following are also included. Ensure that you leave the canteen tables clean after using them for your purposes. There may be persons allocated to clean

tables. Yet, it is our duty to show more concern in such matters. After using the books in the library make sure you place the books in appropriate shelf. Gestures such as pushing back a chair in to its place, switching off the fans while leaving the class exhibit civic sense.

"Life grants nothing to us mortals without hard work". Don't let pollution win! "There are article after article in foreign nations calling Indians unhygienic and dirty. Being a true Indian, I wanted to change the scenario," says Kiran Bedi, socio-political thinker. India was the first nation in the world to cradle the civic virtue as 'Indus and Mohenjo-daro civilization'. Civic sense or rather the lack of it is a topic that has been discussed widely and there are many results of such discussions seen in India. Many people, though consider civic sense as an ethic, becomes a nuisance. Civic sense is nothing but social ethics. lot of us assume that civic sense is just about keeping the roads clean and public places clean. But

it is more than that; maintaining DECORUM in public places is also civic sense. Many homes and schools do not teach their children about how these factors affect country's quality of life style.

When civic sense is absent in a society, it leads to a lot of problems. Being unethical in daily activities, does not benefit anyone, as the behaviour only gets emulated by the people of society. Chewing gum in inappropriate places, using of mobile phones within college campus, teasing of female co-students within or without the campus, quarrelling in front of other departments or colleges are actions that disrupt civic sense. Thus, our behaviour should be in check at all times. Maintaining cleanliness will add renewal in the area of academics as the concept of civic sense does include a sound education. Making the best of the kind of education system we are in is civic sense.

Swami Vivekananda, Mother Theresa and many more have showed care and responsibility to take care of such values, spreading the good image of our country worldwide. Instead of instructing others, first as students we must question ourselves about our civic sense. We witnessed the spreading of swine flu in the nations owing to the absence of hygiene. Yet, do we have this phenomenon called civic sense embedded within us? This article is an attempt to initiate a vibrant change in our minds about the need of civic sense.

Culture is bound with much variety, but it is the circumstances induced by us humans that make it dark. People know that cleanliness is next to godliness. I wish to add that cleanliness is great virtue. Keeping our environment and surrounding clean demonstrates our purity and holiness. As Jayantians we have a responsibility towards our College. And this responsibility is much more than securing good grades!



International Conference on Innovations in Teaching

'Adaptive Advantage' is the need of the hour in the contemporary educational scenario, as managing the changes is the important challenge in modern educational practices, compared to 'competitive advantage', which ruled the system in yesteryears' said Rev. Fr. Josekutty PD, Provincial St. Joseph's Province of CMI Congregation. He was addressing the academicians in connection with the inauguration of the two day long International Conference on Innovations in Teaching: Learning, Research and Unique Practices in Higher Education, organized by the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of Kristu Jayanti College.

In his inaugural address, Rev. Fr. Josekutty also stressed the importance of factors like 'accessibility', 'equity', and 'quality' in education, and significance of instilling social responsibility and eco-consciousness through educational programs. Furthermore, the nurturing of Passion Quotient (PQ) and Curiosity Quotient (CQ) over Intelligent Quotient (IQ) in

Higher Education. He also released a Report made by the Social Works Department of Kristu Jayanti College titled "The Impact Assessment of Street & Pavement Children Rehabilitation Project of 'Anbu Illam', Chennai, for the renowned NGO 'Don Bosco' Prof. Alain Ouvrieu, Director, International Development, Normandy Business School was the "Guest of Honour" at the Conference. In his Keynote address, he focused on "Active Learning Pedagogy", a unique successful learning strategy implemented in the Normandy School, which enabled the students to solve problems in reality with the association of corporate, unlike the conventional conceptual problem solving methods happening in classrooms.

Rev. Fr. Sebastian T.A., Principal, Kristu Jayanti College; Rev. Fr. Jose P.J., Financial Administrator & Head, Social Works Department; Rev. Fr. Augustine George, Head, Computer Science Department; Prof. Aloysius Edward, Conference Convener; Dr. Calistus Jude, Staff

Coordinator, were also present. The two day International Conference (Nov 17-18) envisaged three keynote sessions, case studies and paper presentations.

Key note sessions were on topics of 'Innovative Techniques in Curriculum & Teaching Learning', 'Innovations in Research and Consultancy' and 'Academic Ranking vis- a- vis Quality', chaired by eminent academicians from different universities of the country and France. The conference will be deliberated and published 60 technical papers on the unique practices in Higher Education by the eminent academicians and researchers of the country and France. The conference has brought around 200 delegates from different states of the country like Maharashtra, Goa, Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Delhi, Kerala, and Pondicherry. The International Conference ended with a valedictory function on November 18 and it was presided by Rev. Fr. Abraham V.M., Pro- Chancellor, Christ University, Bangalore.

Faculty training program by CCPD

Anju Micheal

In vision of the motto of Kristu Jayanti College 'light and prosperity', the Center for Continuing Professional Development continued the faculty training program for the third year with success. The CCPD has been conveyed as an attempt to stimulate and discover through experience, the perspectives in education so that individuals and institutions reflect and rediscover themselves and become more productive towards achieving their individual and organizational

goals. The team consist of trained and skilled faculty members of the college. Prof. Jonas Richard A. Prof. Aloysius Edward, Dr. Nelson Michael, and Prof. Sen B. Mathews, with the belief that real education does not stop at school or college levels but continue till the end, Center for Continuing Professional Development Development puts up a variety of innovative and progressive workshops and programs CCPD has a group of professionals both from academic and corporate background. CCPD is committed for the cause of higher education with a strong belief in education equipped with life-skills than the mere scholarly achievement. There are more than 2,200 teachers and corporate members benefitted out of this faculty training program which was conducted over the last three years. "We have organized the program all over the country

especially in the states of Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Orissa, Maharashtra. We went to 15-20 educational institution and about 750 teachers were benefitted out of this every year," said Prof. Jonas Richard director of Center for Continuing professional Skill and faculty of MSW department. In 2010 alone the programs were organized in various schools and colleges in and around the state. Ooty Social Service Society, Principals and Headmistress of Dominican Sisters, teachers of Montfort school Tindivanam, Tamil Nadu, teachers of Charles high school Bhandravathi, St. Francis Xavier School Bangalore, St. Paul's Higher Secondary School Hyderabad, All Saints School Hyderabad, Mount Fort School Balesha, Madhya Pradesh are some of the beneficiaries of this program last year.

With change in time there is an increasing complexity among the new generation learners and the type of challenges they face. Their concern are more psycho social than physical or academic. The training program is formulated in such a way that it tries to address the issue after a careful research study by imparting training to the academicians on the need for understanding the young generation in a better way. The program aims to discuss and debate the present methodology and to suggest newer ways of making them more life oriented without compromising the academic requirement. The programs were highly oriented and organized. Training was given on building effective teacher student relationship, mobilization and workshop. The faculty training program varies from one day

workshop to one week seminars. The one day workshop focuses on various issues of learners and the roles that are expected to be played by teachers and mentors. It acts as a platform to create the need for life skill education among learners. The one week programs include the topic of roles of teachers in the contemporary era, communication with the stakeholder, discussion on topic of studentship, their challenges and conflicts and the holistic changes possible in the field. "We discuss on every relevant and important topic on how to understand and help learner in the difficult circumstances, classroom management, performance management, reciprocal relationship of learner. Educator training and workshop is given on the areas related to stress management, life skill development and soft skill training", added

Prof. Richard. Over the few years many people get benefitted out of this. School teachers, college lectures, decision makers of educational institutions, parents and corporate employees are the main delegates of this program. The programs are organized according to the need and demand of the delegates. It varies from presentation from the field experts, role play, focused group discussion, group assignment to management games. Moreover, the CCPD is responsible for conducting faculty training programs for the lecturers of Kristu Jayanti College. There are positive reports about the program from the different institutions where it was organized. This year also the center for continuing professional development is organizing a variety of programs all across the country.

Inside Out

Believe- All things are possible

Jonathan Emmanuel

The Kristu Jayanti college choir dazzled the audience through a wonderful journey of music. The elegant voice of twenty eight figures dressed in the colours of Christmas ran among the walls of the auditorium bringing a message of 'Hope and Belief'. The choir brought to the audience's attention that Christmas isn't just about Santa Clause, cakes or gifts but it is about the birth of Lord Jesus Christ. The KJC choir, under the guidance of choir director, Zack Ninan gave the audience a true feel of Christmas.

Unlike a book, a play cannot rely on the audience's imagination to put forth a theme. Lights were set correctly to achieve the desired effect. 'Yellow' was the most prominent light used, which set the theme



of 'Birth and Life'. Dance ballet gave a deeper meaning to the emotions being portrayed.

Mr. Regi Chandy, the director of Glorious, the leading choir in South India was the chief guest for the day. He sang a special medley along with the choir. The power in his voice demonstrated the belief his family has in changing lives through music. Another special

song sung by Reeva Cherin, a living testimony of God's grace and favor made the audience believe that there is always hope in God. "During rehearsal I was amazed that the voices of KJC choir could reach such a professional level", stated Reeva Cherin.

The audience came alive as they too joined in singing. Songs like 'come on ring those bells' and 'ding dong merrily on high' could be heard from every corner of the auditorium. Christmas isn't Christmas without the presence of Santa Clause, especially an Indian one. A humorous act by Santa brought laughter and joy to every person present. 'Believe' was a huge success.

Kalajyothi- the secret behind the unbeaten show

The opening fest of an academic year, the first stage of a Jayantian and the show time for a palette of arts. This is what Kalajyothi is to each and every Jayantian. In short, as the literary meaning suggests Kalajyothi is the spectrum of arts that lights up the Jayantian spirit.

Like the previous years, this year also we witnessed a very enthusiastic participation from the students during Kalajyothi.

'Kalajyothi' covers various fields of co-curricular activities. With the theme 'Carnival- adding colour to life' for this year, it envisaged about 30 events embracing all the major

areas of arts, viz. dance, music, drama, fine arts and literature where the students are tested for their creativity, technicality and confidence. Every year a new event is added to the list giving the students a wider range of events to choose from.

This year the events ranged from Mehendi designing and Salad making to Creative writing and theme dance. The preliminary rounds that had started a week before itself concluded with a daylong performing arts competition on July 30.

The fest of Kalajyothi finds its ultimate success when the Literary and Cultural

Association of the college selects and train its winners and participants to face the turbulent competition outside college. It is through this fest that the college grooms its new talents for the year. This strategic and systematic approach of the college in developing young talents is worth mentioning especially because Kristu Jayanti College remains unbeaten at the University Youth Festival for the past four years. As we anticipate the results of Bangalore Youth Festival 2011, let us wish that our college wins the overall trophy for the fifth time.

Sustainable Management- Key to Excellent Management

"Sustainable Management is the key to excellence in management, and that's the secret behind the 160 year old effective endurance of Siemens in the world" said Mr. Michael Becker, Regional Cluster & Competency, Group Manager, Software Technologies, Siemens Information Ltd. He was addressing the students in connection with the inauguration of the two day long International Conference on Excellence in Management Practices (ICEMP), organized by the Management Department of Kristu Jayanti College.

In his inaugural address, he also stressed the significance of Tom Peters and Bob Waterman's eight attributes of management excellence, and how Siemens have correlated concepts like people, profit and planet with employee, company and manager to bring desired excellence in management. Rev. Fr. Josekutty PD, pointed out the relevance of this seminar in BRICS context and said

Business is no more confined to competitions, as collaborations is an integral part of business, and the situation demand changes in strategies, procedures, methods and activities to bring in excellence in management. Followed by the addresses, there was a release of "Conference Proceedings" and the Departmental newsletter "The Crest" by the dignitaries. The International Conference envisaged three Keynote Sessions focusing on excelled practices in multinational companies like Siemens, Volvo, Toyota and Texas Instruments, and three Contributor's Sessions, discussing around 250 technical papers by research scholars, students and faculty from within and outside the country. The international seminar ended with a valedictory function on April 16, and it was presided by Shri. N. Ramanathan, Advisor, TQM, SRF Limited. Furthermore, the organizers have also announced a prize for the best student's presentation.

Young Scientist Award

Our college has yet another feather to add to its cap. Dr. Kavyashree, Professor, Department of Life Science, has been selected for the Young Scientist Award. The award was on the basis of recognition of her outstanding contribution in the field of plant biotechnology- medicinal plants, medicinal spice and medicinal orchids. It will be awarded at Sri Lanka during the Third International Conference on Medicinal Plants and Herbal Products.

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Paving the Path to Success



Nini John, Kavya Santosh

Kristu Jayanti College imparts value based education to its students and also helps them to carve a niche in the competitive world. Owing to this is the college's Placement Cell Forum, headed by Prof. Sen B. Mathews and Prof. Vinod Joseph, which prepares the young ambassadors to face the corporate world. The cell emphasizes on continuous training programs channelized as the Express Expedition which includes aptitude testing, Speed, for career orientation and Gear, for employability skills, etc.

The cell provides vocational guidance and acts as a platform for higher education and entrepreneurship. The Centre for Placement and Corporate Relations, popularly known as the Talent Transformation Team, trains the aspiring students under the Placement Orientation Sessions, Soft Skill Development, Group Discussions, Mock Interviews, audio-visual clippings, aptitude tests which encompass puzzles, mind benders, brain teasers etc.

The year 2010-11 saw the successful placement of over 420 Jayantians in various prestigious institutions. The cell conducts a number of workshops, seminars and industrial visits and brings in various companies like I-Gate for BCA and BSc students, E&Y for BA, BCom and BBM

students, Landmark for the students of Humanities and Biocon for the students of Life Science Department. Other major recruiters include Google, Federal Bank, South Indian Bank, Pepsi, Coca Cola, Infosys, Wipro, Accenture, IBM, TCS, Cross Domain etc.

Under the cell's Industry Institute Interface, the students get to interact with various eminent personalities from across the sectors every week through guest lectures, seminars and workshops. Also, the Placement Extension Service gives a chance to students from across the city to come and be a part of the recruitment process. It has proved to be a healthy competition for the Jayantians and an opportunity for others.

Last year witnessed a growth of 20% more companies which visited the campus for recruitment, among which were Google, Pepsi, Federal Bank, Aldius Consulting Group, BCD Travels, IBM India etc.

Ms Gayathri VM, HR Pepsico India, Karnataka and Kerala Unit, praised the significant contributions of the Placement Cell which had put forth their "strenuous endeavors in inculcating the right attitude and deportment and eventually grooming the students for the entire recruitment process", which she said was the secret

Sanskritik Sanyog

"India showcases one of the best tourism resources in the world, enriched with historical, geographical and cultural diversities, making the verse 'saare jahan se accha Hindustan hamara' very true in real life" said Dr. J Alexander, IAS, former Tourism Minister, Government of Karnataka, while inaugurating the World Tourism Day- 'Sanskritik Sanyog' organized by the Department of Tourism of our college.

Sanskritik Sanyog' also arranged a food carnival which brought the aroma and taste of exotic cuisines from 16 states, comprising akki roti, adapradman, methi paratha, Lucknow poori and kheer, Delhi rajma chawal, shahi chicken kurma, thukpa, aloo chop, pongal, Hyderabad biryani, Nagaland beef pickle,



chole, arbi leaf paratha, khasi dish, gujia, litti and khurma.