

SOMASCAN FATHERS

Secretary – **Fr. Prakash**

Name of the Society: Somascan Fathers.

Name of the Institution: St. Jerome's P U and Degree College

Year of Establishment: 2013

Vision and Mission: "To enlighten the minds, and look up for the values"

Number of Institutions:

- St. Jerome's PU College
- St. Jerome's Degree College



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This year marks twelve years of dedicated service in empowering the needy and rural youth, who remain at the heart of our mission. We express our deep gratitude to God Almighty and St. Jerome for their blessings and guidance. We sincerely thank our Fr. General, Rev. Fr. Jose Antonio, Vice Provincial Fr. Hrudaya Raju, and the Provincial Councillors for their continued support.

We extend special thanks to our Superior, Rev. Fr. Sagi, for his visionary leadership and constant encouragement. We also appreciate our committed staff and well-wishers for their invaluable support.

Currently, our campus serves around 500 students. At St. Jerome's, we go beyond academics, striving to instill courage, prudence, and confidence in our students to face real-world challenges.

Academics: We are pleased to report that during this academic year, 57% of our students achieved First Class, while 37 students secured Distinction. This commendable performance reflects the dedication and hard work of our students, supported by the consistent efforts and commitment of our faculty.

Infrastructure Development:

Our focus on holistic growth extends beyond academics. This year witnessed significant developments in infrastructure:

- Up gradation of laboratories to meet competitive academic standards
- Development of sports facilities and expansion of student relaxation areas
- Introduction of digital classrooms and a fully Wi-Fi-enabled campus
- Launch of a new academic program—Bachelor of Computer Applications (BCA), designed to equip students with industry-relevant skills.

Seminars and Workshops: We prioritize experiential learning beyond the classroom. Throughout the year, students participated in seminars on Road Safety, Anti-Drug Awareness, Skill Development, and Career Guidance.

Additionally, faculty members underwent two days of motivational and professional development sessions, fostering both personal and professional growth. These initiatives have contributed to shaping responsible, aware, and competent individuals.

Talent Hunt: Recognizing the unique talents of every student, we organized a Talent Hunt Fest featuring 30 diverse competitions spanning arts, culture, and contemporary creative fields.

This platform enabled students to showcase their abilities and significantly enhanced their confidence, creativity, and pursuit of excellence.

Educational Tour: A three-day educational tour to Nagercoil and Kanyakumari was organized, offering students exposure to historical, cultural, and natural landmarks including palaces, waterfalls, beaches, and monuments.

The tour proved to be both educational and enriching, providing memorable learning experiences.

Charity and Ethnic Day: At St. Jerome's, we believe that true education nurtures compassion and social responsibility. As part of this vision, a Charity and Ethnic Day was organized.

Students raised approximately ₹1, 00,000 in a single day and extended support to various centers serving the underprivileged, sharing their time, care, and solidarity.

The Ethnic Day celebration highlighted India's rich cultural diversity, with students proudly representing traditional attire, fostering unity in diversity.

Sports: We strongly believe that sports play a vital role in character development. A week-long Sports Day was conducted, featuring both team and individual events marked by enthusiasm and sportsmanship.

Our students actively participated in inter-college competitions, securing accolades in volleyball, throwball, kabaddi, football, and other events.

A special recognition is extended to Mr. Dillu for his outstanding achievements in powerlifting, where he secured multiple gold and silver medals in various competitions. We congratulate him and all our sports achievers for bringing laurels to the institution.

Inter-College Achievements: Our students have consistently excelled in intercollegiate competitions, winning prizes in singing, dancing, and cultural events. These accomplishments reflect the institution's commitment to fostering all-round development.

Celebrations: Throughout the academic year, we celebrated occasions such as Teachers' Day, Christmas, and other significant events. These celebrations strengthened our sense of community, reinforcing unity, joy, and shared values.

Conclusion

As we reflect on the past year with gratitude and look forward with renewed hope, we are reminded of the words of Nelson Mandela:

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."

At St. Jerome's College, we remain steadfast in our mission to nurture bright minds and compassionate hearts. We are committed to shaping responsible citizens who will face the world with courage, wisdom, and integrity.