

# DESALITE NEWSLETTER



## SAMVADA

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### Quote for thought

The calling of the humanities is to make us truly human in the best sense of the word

**J. Irwin Miller**  
(Patron of Modern Architecture)

### Learn-a-Word

#### Quixotic (adj)

*Not sensible about practical matters; unrealistic*

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### Message from the Principal



**Rev. Dr. Roy P. K.**  
Principal

**Dear Desalites,** I'm happy to share my thoughts with **SAMVADA**, the Newsletter of the Department of Arts of our College. You have chosen a current and socially relevant theme for this issue of the newsletter, i.e., 'Kerala-Coorg floods 2018.' As we all know that Kerala and Coorg are now reeling from its worst natural calamity in over a century. Though Kerala was known all over the world for its spices, green landscapes, backwaters, tea gardens, lovely rivers and lakes, almost three weeks of torrential rain, floods and landslides made over a million people end up in relief camps and over 500 people were reported dead. The oddly high rainfall, increased the dam water to dangerous levels, making the dam authorities open 35 of its 42 dams, thus, 774 of its 1564 villages were underwater.

In Coorg district of Karnataka too, thousands of people have been battered by heavy rain and devastating landslides. Almost 20 people were re-

ported dead and many have lost their houses and cultivations. Both in Kerala and Coorg floods and landslide have damaged thousands of hectares of cultivations, bridges, road networks, rail roads, buildings and industries. Although we believe that the worst is over, the next few months will be about rebuilding houses, roads, bridges, cleaning, scrubbing picking up pieces and moving ahead.

Help and support were pouring in from all parts of the world as the local and government agencies were mobilising money and material to help these victims of floods and landslides. It's a fact that people from all walks of life were contributing with an open heart.

Let me also acknowledge and thank you all for the contribution made from our College to alleviate the sufferings of these people affected by this natural calamity. Apart from donating cash and goods, our NSS team was also planning to visit some of the relief camps in Coorg to render their services to them.

*My prayers and best wishes!*

### Inspirational Words

Remember that *life's greatest lessons* are usually learned at the *worst times* and from the *worst mistakes*

## Fight against the Floods

The unprecedented flood brought about by the persistent rain, left the rivers overflowing and filling the lands of Kerala. This event will remain historic since the mass destruction it brought upon the land and its people was disheartening.

The floods stunned the State government and the agencies responsible for the rescue as they had a tough fight against the floods. However, with the constant support of the people and the local fishermen in association with the proficient men of the armed forces, the state was able to fight back



the devastation that claimed a loss of several lives and homes of people.

The state received the support and goodwill from across the globe and online portals were made available to contribute to the Chief Minister's Distress Relief Fund. Support groups from Karnataka and Tamil Nadu sent several trucks with necessary amenities for people in the relief camps.

SFS College actively participated in collecting money and the necessary supplies for the needy. The fruition of the efforts found its results rather soon than expected. The worst is over, but the work at hand is to revive the land in its former state. This can be attained through persistent prayer and by instilling hope in the hearts of the people who witnessed the agony.

- Haripriya, I BA (JPE)



## Infinity 2018 - Guest Lecture Week

*"Share your knowledge. It is a way of achieving immortality"* says Dalai Lama.

Infinity 2018 - a Week of Guest Lectures, aims at sharing knowledge. In light of the same, the Guest Lecture week was conducted by the Department of Humanities in association with the other respective departments under Humanities from the 6<sup>th</sup> of August to the 11<sup>th</sup> of August 2018.

Several resource persons from different colleges

were invited to give a talk on their respective field of expertise. The lecture began at 11:00 am and concluded by 12:30.

The seminars conducted were on several diverse topics relating to Culture and Socialization, Multiculturalism, Past and Future of Psychology, Civilizations Digital Economy with reference to demon-

etization and so on.

The lectures were educative and the interactions thereafter with the resource persons were an edifying experience for the students.

## Interesting Facts to know

- ⇒ If you started with 0.01 paise, and doubled your money every day, it would take just 27 days to become a millionaire.
- ⇒ Chewing gum while you cut an onion will help keep you from crying
- ⇒ Cherophobia is the fear of fun.
- ⇒ You are 1% shorter in the evening than in the morning
- ⇒ Months that begin on a Sunday will always have a "Friday the 13th."



## Message by the Head of the Department



**Dear Students,**  
Greetings to you!

Education is the joy of life. As Aristotle stated 'Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all.' The department of humanities aims to "Educate, Enlighten and Empower" students with ethos of moral values and principles.

The department offers creative learning and gives you an opportunity to explore your talents in dif-

ferent fields. Dear students, remember the three years time you are going spend with us is a time to mould and train your brains for good and to challenge the competitive world. Three years of good time will decide your career and future, so make best use of available resources and valuable time.

Don't be ordinary, be extraordinary; if you are extraordinary, be a star. Do the best things, always! *Wish you success in life!*

**- Prof. Kusuma R**  
**Department of Humanities**

## PRAYAN AND PRATHIBA 2018

**Prathiba** - the Intra Collegiate Cultural Fiesta and Prayan 2018, the Inauguration of the Department Associations, was celebrated with pomp and grandeur on the 28th of August, 2018. The Investiture Ceremony of the College Student Council was also held on the same day.

The Honourable Guest for the grand function was Colonel Rajesh Varma and Special Guest Colonel Regil Raj Abraham. The Cultural Fiesta was inaugurated by Rishab Shetty and Mr.Pramod Shetty, popular director and actor of the Kannada Cinema industry.

Prathiba 2018 brought forth healthy competitions to the forefront with talented students vying for laurels in many events. Colors met creativity, harmony met music, dance met rhythm, words met ideas and formed an amalgamation of talents, that enriched both the participants and the viewers.

In the events of Prathiba that followed on the 29th and 30th of August, Desalites participated in various events and won prizes and laurels.

This year, Team Astros bagged the Overall First Place. The Department of Humanities was proud to have many students who bagged a number of prizes as well were actively involved in the organisation of the event. A big word of congratulations to all the students who actively involved themselves in Prathiba 2018.



**Tharun. B, I BA (JPE)**

## LET'S KNOW MORE: WHAT IS ANTHROPOLOGY?

Anthropology is the study of what makes us human. Anthropologists take a broad approach to understanding the many different aspects of the human experience. They consider the past, through archaeology, to see how human groups lived hundreds or thousands of years ago and what was important to them. They consider what makes up our biological bodies and genetics, as well as our bones, diet, and health.

Anthropologists also compare often, other primates like mon-we have in common with them though nearly all humans need food, water, and companionship, can be very different.



humans with other animals (most keys and chimpanzees) to see what and what makes us unique. Even the same things to survive, like the ways people meet these needs

## REVIVE 2018 - Annual Retreat



**REVIVE** is the Annual Retreat conducted to encourage students to grow spiritually and also imbibe moral values in their daily life. The retreat was a getaway for the students from their mundane daily academic activities and to spend time to reconnect with God through the Word of God, praise and worship.

Jesus Youth led the retreat in association with the Desalite Christian Association on the 28<sup>th</sup> of July. The retreat began at 9:00 am with talks on the Word of God and there were intermittent sessions of worship songs to keep the students lively. There were confessions that happened simultaneously for the students as well as the staff. The retreat ended with the Holy Mass and the Adoration by 3:30 pm.

### POEM - Help me, cried she...

*Help me, cried she...*

She was one among us,  
She was green, filled with coconuts and dates;  
Birds flew across her chirping happily,  
Her forests were filled with beasts and preys of all kinds.

Fishes in river and boats on banks was she.  
Her people were called God's own people,  
She was called 'The Gods own Country!'  
Overnight she was devastated, *Help me cried she...*

Her waters rose in rage, immersing her beauty,  
the people of her womb.  
Her trees, her birds that flew around happily - all swept away

All she did was pray and pray.  
Help came rushing from far and near.  
She became a victim, yet she never lost hope!  
She tried and never gave up.  
She was weak, yet not fragile.  
Nothing could tear her apart.

Yes!! It was her people, her pillars.  
They held her up, up in the sky above.  
She rose again and stood in full potential.

She will grow again, more than what she was before,  
She will live forever... She is God's own country after all!

- **Teresa Sonia, I BA (JPE)**



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