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CELEBRATING FRIENDSHIP





Principal's Message

'Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends'. 'No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not understand what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, because everything I have learned from my Father I have made known to you'. John 15:13-16.

Friendship is the hardest thing in the world to explain. It is not something you learn in school. But if you haven't learned the meaning of friendship, you really haven't learned anything. **Friendship** is a state of enduring affection, esteem, intimacy and trust between two persons. A friend is someone who understands your past, believes in your future and accepts you just the way you are. A friend knows the song in my heart and sings it to me when my memory fails. Truly great friends are hard to find, difficult to leave and impossible to forget.

Valentine's Day or Saint Valentine's Day is celebrated annually on 14 February.

It originated as a Christian feast. Saint Valentine was a clergyman in the Roman Empire. He was sentenced to capital punishment, because he was not ready to leave his Christian faith. He succeeded in restoring judge Asterius' blind daughter's sight miraculously, when he was behind the bars. Obviously Asterius' daughter felt unconditional love towards Valentine, the redeemer who gave her the eye sight. Before martyrdom he wrote a letter to Asterius' daughter where he signed 'From your Valentine', which is said to have inspired today's romantic missives. The Feast of Saint Valentine was established by Pope Gelasius I in AD 496 to be celebrated on 14 February in honour of Saint Valentine of Rome, who had died on that date in AD 269.

No friendship is an accident, but a divine plan. Friends are siblings God never gave us. A real friend is one who walks in when the rest of the world walks out. Don't make friends who are comfortable to be with. Anything is possible when you have the right people there to support you.

Wish You A Happy Friendship Day

Prof. Fr. Johnson CMI
Principal

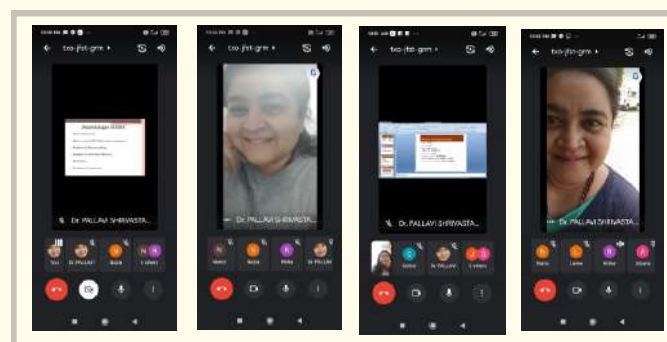
Admissions Open for B.Ed. and M.Ed.

Campaigning for B.Ed. and M.Ed. admissions started in the month of July. Electronic and social media were used for the campaigning. Christ College has been known for its expertise in the field of Teacher Education and has been running B.Ed. since 2005 and M.Ed. since 2011. The final phase of admissions will begin from 1 August 2021.



Commencement of the Academic Year

Academic year 2021 – 22 for B.Ed. and M.Ed. commenced from July 2021 and will last till June 2022. Online/ virtual classes for III Semester B.Ed. and M.Ed. have been started from the first week of July 2021. Students are enthusiastically participating in the online classes as it gives them opportunity to indulge in learning for their bright future. Classes have been taken by Dr. Diwakar Singh, Ms. Jaya Saini, Dr Pallavi Shrivastava, Ms. Pooja Srivastava and Mr. Adarsh Roushan and Dr. Fr. Varghese K.

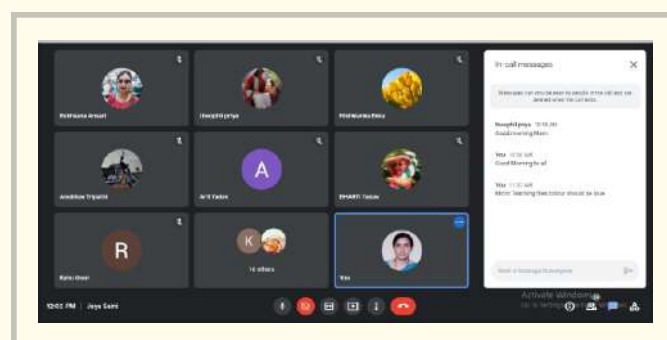


Open Book Annual Exam

Barkatullah University organized an open book annual exam for B.A. and B.Com. students from 8 July to 20 July 2021. The exams were held online, students then submitted the answer scripts in the college. The new mode of examination was altogether a new experience for the students and teachers. Covid-19 has opened new methods of learning and evaluation!

Induction Meet for B.Ed. Students

An induction meet for III semester B.Ed. students was organized on 19 July 2021. The purpose of the meet was to orient the students to the B.Ed. activities for the upcoming session and classes on Micro teaching skills. The induction program coordinator Ms. Jaya Saini gave a detailed description about the course. Principal Rev. Prof. Johnson stressed on the importance of these activities especially Micro teaching skills. The special classes on Micro teaching skills started from the very day and will finish by 11 August 2021. Further classes on Psychology Practical will be organized from 13 August till 23 August 2021. Classes on Lesson Planning will be from 24 August till 27 August 2021. Discussion on subject wise Lesson Plan will be on 27 and 28 August 2021 by the subject experts. The resource persons will be Mrs. Rony Joy, Mrs. Annsi Sojan, Dr. Diwakar Singh, Mrs. Jaya Saini, Dr. Pallavi Shrivastava and Mrs. Pooja Srivastava.



Induction Meet for B.Ed. Students

**FRIENDSHIP ISN'T
A BIG THING
IT'S A BILLION
LITTLE THINGS.**

PAULO CHELHO

Special Meeting with Officials of IGNOU

A Special Meeting of the Principal of Christ College, Rev. Prof Johnson with the Regional Director, Indira Gandhi Open University, Dr. U.C.Pandey, was held on 22 July 2021. The agenda of the meeting was introduction and activation of new courses at Christ College from the present academic session. The meeting was attended by Rev. Prof Johnson, Principal Christ College, Dr U.C. Pandey Regional Director, IGNOU, Dr. Nayak, Assistant Regional Director IGNOU and Dr. Anshuman , Assistant Regional Director IGNOU. The new courses will be declared in the month of August 2021 and soon after that candidates can choose the subject combinations of study at UG and PG levels.



Plantation of Anacardium Occidentale

A cashew tree or Anacardium Occidentale was planted at Christ College campus at the onset of the monsoon this July 2021. Cashew was planted with the objective of educating students about a unique plant which is rarely seen in a place like Bhopal.

A cashew tree is a tropical evergreen tree that produces the cashew seed and cashew apple. The tree can grow as high as 14 mts but the dwarf variety cultivators grow may reach upto 6 mts.

The cashew seed is primarily consumed as a snack nut, eaten on its own, used in recipes, processed into cashew cheese and cashew butter. The shell of the cashew seed yields derivatives that can be used in many applications including lubricants, water proofing, paints etc.

The cashew apple is a light reddish to yellow fruit, whose pulp and juice can be processed into a sweet, astringent fruit drink or fermented and distilled into liquor.

The campus is made greener and healthier year after year with varieties of exquisite and rare collections of annuals and perennials and the surrounding seasonal flower gardens. The sprawling orchard behind the college is a beautiful view to behold, with chikoos, mangoes, gooseberry, lichee, jackfruits, guavas, lemon, dragonfruit, avocado and many other shade trees along with the rich collection of medicinal plants in the herbal garden.



Plantation of Anacardium Occidentale

Congratulations to Dr Pallavi on Her Ring Ceremony

Christ College celebrated the engagement ceremony of Dr Pallavi Shrivastava, Assistant Professor, with Mr. Ritu Kant Sinha. To mark the occasion cake was cut and sweets were shared. Rev Fr. Dominic on the occasion congratulated the couple and prayed for God's blessings on the couple.

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Campaign Against Hunger and Disease

The Lord said, “Love thy neighbour as thyself”. Inspired by the teachings of Lord Jesus Christ, Christ College organized under the guidance of Rev. Fr. Dominic, Director, a campaign to help and support the needy from the neighbourhood. This time we went to the interiors of Bilkhiriya village where the residents were adversely affected by heavy rains and corona virus.

The Management and the staff showed the concern and collected food materials which included rice, pulses and packets of biscuits along with warm clothes. It was on 28 July at 11 AM that we all drove to the interiors of the village, where small children were seen in torn clothes running towards us after coming to know that we had brought some food to share. The villagers then gathered at a place where Principal, Rev. Prof Johnson addressed them. Rev. Father said, “We come here to share what we have and invite your children to come and get educated in our college which exist in the neighborhood.”

Then Rev. Fr. Dominic and Rev. Fr. Johnson distributed clothes and food packets to all the adults and the children present. Provision packets containing grocery were distributed to women.

The objective of organizing the campaign was not only to serve and share with the people in the neighborhood but also to inculcate the value of sharing what we have with others among the students and the public. The program was organized by Dr. Pallavi Shrivastava, Assistance Professor, Ms. Pushpa Prakash and supporting staff, Mr. Prakash Jatav and others.



Campaign Against Hunger and Disease



Awareness campaign to fight the third wave of COVID 19

An awareness campaign was organized on 28 July 2021 at the nearby Shanti nagar hamlet to fight the third wave of COVID 19 which as predicted by the authorities, is round the corner. To spread awareness the Principal Rev. Fr. Johnson along with the Director, Rev. Fr. Dominic, Dr. Pallavi Shrivastava and Ms. Pushpa Prakash also visited Bilkhiriya, a nearby village. There the masks which were made by the students of Christ College were distributed specially to the children. Rev. Prof. Johnson on the occasion explained to the villagers the importance of maintaining hygiene, social distancing and wearing masks properly. People were invited to participate in the activities of the college and benefit from its social outreach programs. The villagers' response was awesome.



Distribution of mask to fight Covid-19



What Worth Is a Good Friend?



Some people make you laugh a little louder, smile a little brighter, and your life a little better. Those people are called friends, and the relationship we share with our friends is called friendship. It is a ship which floats on the high and low tides of life. Friendship is the relation of mutual understanding and affection between people. Friends are very important in our lives. Friends are easily formed in young age but the bond of friendship even gets stronger as the life advances and with the maturity of friends.

A friend holds a lot of importance in our life and everybody enjoys the company of a friend. True friends are very rare to get. Through every hardship and failure the faithful friend will stand by. He/she never leaves you during hard time, your failures and your success.

We are not blessed to choose our family, but we can choose our friends, So we have to choose them wisely. Real friends always support and share. Whenever you are in worry, a chat with a friend chases out all problems. Friendship is sometimes more durable than the relationship of love.

Even though the definition of friendship varies from person to person, the core meaning is the same for everyone. Friendship can happen between any individuals irrespective of their geographical boundaries or nationality.

But in the present scenario the definition of friendship changes day by day. Youth is confused and not very choosy when it comes to choose a friend. People of today's world only want a person who always appreciates them for their deeds, but a true friend not only always appreciates but also criticises you as well, so that you can do still better.

A strong friendship does not need daily conversation; does not always need togetherness. As long as the relationship lives in the heart, true friends never part.

Friendship can also make a major impact on your health as well as on your well being. It prevents loneliness and boosts your happiness, improves your self-confidence and also helps you to cope with trauma.

We can nurture our friendship by developing and maintaining a give and take policy. Every act of kindness and every expression of gratitude are deposited into this account. Listen to your friend's each and every talk carefully. Open up about yourself. Show that you can be trusted. Make yourself available and manage your nerves with mindfulness. If we practice this in our friendship, our relationship will be lifelong. Friendship helps us for the safest take off and perfect touchdown in the tumultuous weather of life's many situations. Stay connected always.

Prerna Vyowhare
B.Ed. IV Semester



***A GOOD FRIEND
IS LIKE
A FOUR-LEAF CLOVER:
HARD TO FIND
AND
LUCKY TO HAVE.***

IRISH PROVERB

BE MY BEST FRIEND FOREVER

Friendship is not a day to celebrate it is a lifetime to live and cherish. Nope, nothing great happens in a day but several million memories are created in company with a true friend. Are there any rules for friendship? No, there are no rules for friendship but yes, there are certain things which you must keep in mind when you call yourself a friend. Here are some points to ponder on:-

- Ø Be a patient listener
- Ø Be truthful and honest. Always speak your heart out
- Ø Don't judge
- Ø Accept the person as a whole with all the flaws concentrating more on all goodness that the person carries
- Ø Be a giver and not a taker
- Ø Never befool them by misguiding; give them correct feedback
- Ø Help them become a better person. Involve them in activities which keeps them productively involved.
- Ø Easily forgive
- Ø Never stop talking especially after a fight.
- Ø Never put them down
- Ø Be concerned about every high and low of their lives.
- Ø Solve their problems if possible.
- Ø Be there when they need you most.
- Ø Give them space. Don't be after them all the time.
- Ø Make them feel loved and wanted.
- Ø Keep their secrets intact. Never insist others to reveal their secrets
- Ø Never ever cheat them.
- Ø Sometimes it's good to do something special for them like cooking a great meal, presenting them their desired gifts etc.
- Ø Remember all the important dates and wish them without forgetting.
- Ø Be present physically and give a rational support during illness and any other mishaps.

As it is popularly said, 'with a friend you laugh a little louder, cry a little less and smile a lot more'. A friend is the one who would comfort you during the testing times, will stand by you during the trials and is there for and with you no matter what. So value your friend.

Remember, Good friends care for each other, close friends understand each other but true friends Stay Forever, beyond Words, beyond Distance and beyond Time.



THE ONLY WAY
TO HAVE
A FRIEND IS
TO BE ONE.

RALPH WALDO
EMERSON



The World Stands in Need of Liberation

The world stands in need of liberation, my Lord,
It still has to feel your power.
The blind and the deaf, the dumb and the maimed,
All need to feel your healing touch.
The world stands in need of liberation my Lord,
It still has to learn to love.

There are those who have eyes but refuse to see
The inhumanity around.
There are those who have ears but refuse to hear
The cries of those in agony.

There are those who have mouths but refuse to speak
Against injustice done to some.
There are those who have hands
But refuse to reach them out in love and charity.

There are those who have talents they do not use
To build a true community.
And we know that we all have the talent to love
But leave it buried in ourselves.



Important Events in August 2021

- 01 Friendship Day
- 03 World Sanskrit Day
- 06 International Forgiveness Day
- 10 Islamic New Year
- 13 World Organ Donation Day
- 15 Independence Day
- 19 Muharram, World Photography Day
- 21 Onam
- 22 Raksha Bandhan
- 26 Women's Equality Day
- 30 Janmashtami / Small Industries Day