



### Principal's Message

LOVE is the need of the time. People have defined and redefined love in different ways in different centuries. Saint Paul has written about love :

“If I speak in human and angelic tongues  
but do not have love,  
I am a resounding gong or a clashing cymbal;  
If I have the gift of prophecy  
and comprehend all mysteries and all knowledge;  
If I have all faith so as to move mountains,  
but do not have love, I am nothing;  
Ref: (Bible: 1 Corinthians 13: 1-2)



The word 'LOVE' has different connotations or rich vocabulary. Like – **Philia** i.e. non-romantic love between equals, **Erotas** i.e. romantic love, **Agape** i.e. spiritual or charitable love, **Storgé** i.e. affection between parents and children, **Theophilia** i.e. love of God, etc. Actually love is an experience or feeling. So human being experiences it differently as the 'blind men who felt an elephant'.

All religions preach love. Bhagavad Gita highlights Nishkama Karma, self-less or desireless action which is an expression of love. It is an intrinsic human value.

Often we say 'God is Love'. No human mind can comprehend God. If God is incomprehensible, then so is his love. We cannot define God in the sense of delimiting exhaustively who he is, but we can nonetheless describe him truthfully. Love starts with God. The love of God is demonstrated by the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross. As children of God, we will also be growing in the love of God. The cosiest feeling in life is to love and to be loved. We do understand God because of his love for us. Love is the quintessence of life. There is nothing more pleasing and more rewarding than love in all life.

Scripture says “Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

(Mathew 22:35-40)

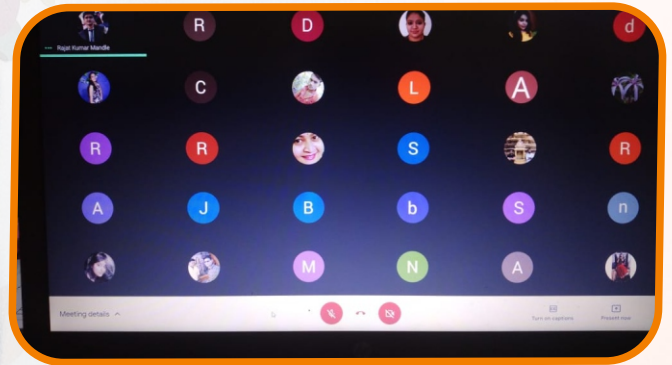
Yes, dear students, “Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, it is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.”

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Prof. Fr. Johnson  
Principal

## New Year Celebrations

## Christ College resumes virtual classes

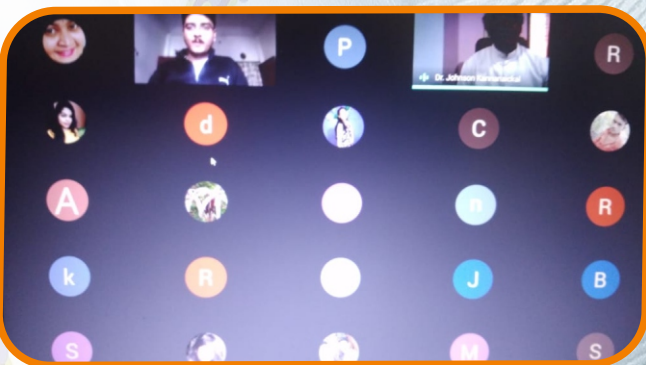


New Year was celebrated in the college on 4 January 2021 by the staff and management of the college. Principal Rev. Prof. Johnson greeted everyone with prayerful wishes for the New Year. In his message, Rev Father Johnson said that this new Year would bring new hope and aspiration to the college and wished everyone that this year should be a time of good health and prosperity for all. At the end cake was distributed to everyone present.

After Christmas vacation Christ College commenced online classes from 4 January 2021. It was with beautiful smiles on their faces, enthusiasm in their hearts and hope in their eyes that both teachers as well as students reunited for teaching and learning. First day began on a lighter note with laughter and sharing of stories on how everyone spent their Christmas vacation and what resolutions they took for the new year. Principal Rev. Prof. Johnson on the occasion greeted everyone and prayed for everyone's wellbeing. He advised all to make plans for the year ahead and to work hard to achieve the targets. Studies then resumed in full swing. Everyone present online expressed their desire to join college as soon as possible.

## Awareness Program on Banking Fraud

## Ms. Nandita Prajapati brings laurels to the College



Ms. Nandita Prajapati secured second position in a dance competition organized by BHEL on 26 January 2021. The program was organized on the occasion of Republic Day where Nandita performed Kavdi Chind, a folk dance from Tamil Nadu.

Two virtual awareness programs on COVID-19, and Banking Frauds were organized by Christ College in association with HDFC bank Bhopal on 25 January 2021.

The resource person on the occasion was Mr. Rajat Mandle, Deputy Manager of HDFC bank Bhopal. The session was attended by 70 students of Christ College along with the teaching and non teaching staff. The purpose of the program was to make the students and the staff members aware of the banking frauds that are happening these days. The Coordinator and the moderator of the program was Dr. Pallavi Shrivastava. The program was of immense benefit for all attendees.



## Republic Day Celebration

Christ College witnessed the celebration of the 72 Republic Day on 26 January, 2021. Students and Staff members imbued with the feeling of patriotism gathered in front of the college building. The celebration started with the hoisting of the National Flag by Rev. Fr. Justin, the President of the St. Paul Society, attended by Rev Fr Dominic, Director of Christ College and Rev Prof. Johnson, Principal along with the staff and students of the college. The cultural program began with a welcome song by the college choir. Then the Principal delivered the welcome address; he highlighted the importance of the Constitution and threw light on its unique features such as Sovereign, Socialist, Secular, Democratic and Republic as enshrined in the preamble of the Constitution. He also gave an insight into the various accomplishments achieved by the college and motivated the gathering to bring more laurels to the college.

The other events of the day included patriotic songs by college choir, a special rendering by Mr. Sahib Singh, patriotic dances by Ms. Pooja Jain and her group and Ms. Karishma Jigne and her group. A skit on The Fundamental Rights was performed by Ms. Pooja Jain and group.

The program ended with the message to create a great nation through collective efforts of all citizens. Sweets were distributed to all the guests and participants. The Coordinator of the program was Rev. Fr. Varghese and the program was anchored by Dr. Pallavi Shrivastava.

## Acharya's Birthday celebrated



75<sup>th</sup> birthday of Rev. Fr Paul, Pattath, the Acharya of Yesu Ashram, was celebrated on 28 January 2021. The celebration commenced with a prayer for Fr Paul. Then cake was cut and good wishes were showered through songs dedicated to him. Rev Prof Johnson, the Principal on the occasion narrated his priestly life of love and sacrifice and told that this was also Fr. Paul's 50<sup>th</sup> year of first Vow, as a religious Priest in the CMI congregation. Prayerfully, everyone wished for Father's happy and healthy life ahead.

# Republic Day Celebration

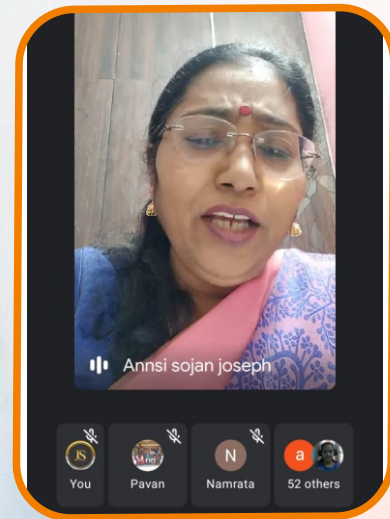


## In the lap of the Nature

The staff of the Department of Education, Commerce and English set out to explore the beauty of the nature by retreating into the Samardha Forest on 30 January 2021. The serene scenery, the sylvan surroundings, the pristine streams and the quiet ambience of the forest refreshed the mind and body of all. The serendipitous wildlife sighting and the hike in the woodlands were a real treat for everyone. We could also interact with shepherds and the rural folk and share their wisdom. Everyone suggested that more of such darts away from the busy academic schedules would be refreshing and replenishing.



## Workshop for B.Ed. students of IGNOU



An online workshop for B.Ed. 2019 and 2020 batch students was organized from 18 January to 30 January 2021. Practical of various topics like Pedagogy of subjects, lesson planning, Research, ICT, Language across curriculum, Critical thinking etc were conducted. The councilors of the workshop were Ms. Ansi Sojan, Ms. Rony Joy, Dr. Diwakar Singh, Ms. Jaya saini, Dr. Pallavi Shrivastava, Ms. Pooja Srivastava and Mr. Adarsh Roushan. The program in-charge was Rev. Prof. Johnson and the Coordinator was Ms. Jaya Saini.

## Birthday Celebrations

Christ College celebrated Ms Jaya Saini's birthday on 4 January 2021. Her birthday falls on 1 January but as the college reopened on 4 January the celebration took place then. Rev. Prof. Johnson on the occasion appreciated her services and wished Ms. Jaya a long life. Cake was cut and distributed among all present.





## Taj Mahal, Palace, Bhopal.

If I told you I had just visited the Taj Mahal that was built by Shah Jahan whilst I was staying in Bhopal, you could quite rightly wonder what I meant. But I meant exactly that, as this monument was built by his namesake Shah Jahan; she was the begum of Bhopal in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century.

And unlike the Taj Mahal in Agra, it's namesake in Bhopal is now a complete ruin and not really on the tourist map at all. I arrived outside the main entrance, which was firmly shut, and banged repeatedly on the old wooden door for a couple of minutes. Even the facade of this palace gives little clue as to what lies within, with crumbling masonry, faded colours and the plaster almost falling from the walls as my door banging exploits continued.

Eventually a guard opened the door, somewhat in a daze (I may have woken him up), and offered to show me around...

Originally called Raj Bhavan, but renamed Taj Mahal on the suggestion of the British, this palace was commissioned in 1871 by the 11<sup>th</sup> ruler of Bhopal and took 13 years to complete at a reputed cost of ₹ 3,000,000. The palace has 120 rooms in total, a sheesh mahal and an elaborate fountain structure called "savan bhadon" that simulated the effect of rain. The palace's architecture is a unique combination of British, French, Mughal, Arabic and Hindu influences.

Amazingly this was one of the largest palaces ever built at the time, and was part of a complex of monuments together with the Benazir Palace (the begum's summer residence) and the Taj-ul-Masjid (one of the largest mosques in Asia), along with three surrounding lakes. The wind blowing from the lakes helped keep the palace cool even in summer!

After Partition in 1947, Nawab Hamidullah Khan allowed several Sindhi refugees to live in the palace. Many stayed there for around four years before shifting to Bairagarh, with the last of the refugees moving out in the 1980s.

Some members of the royal family of Bhopal also remained in the palace, but gradually they all moved away without the necessary finances for repairs to the building. By 2008 large parts of the palace had completely collapsed.

So what you see today is the accumulation of 70 years of neglect, except for a brief period when the state archaeology department carried out some restoration after taking it over in 2005. Since then, even the restored areas have become undone, you can't see specifically where those efforts have taken place at all. The state archaeology department now says it has no funds for any further restoration, and is unlikely to generate them in the future.



Augustin William

## Ways to develop positive peer relationship

1. Identify Your Relationship goals and purpose
2. Develop Your Emotional Intelligence
3. Practice patient listening
4. Schedule Time to Build Relationships
5. Manage Your Boundaries
6. Appreciate Others
7. Be Positive
8. Avoid Gossiping – Discuss ideas rather than people
9. Learn To Reserve Judgment- Give only when asked.
10. Practice and model good communication skills.



## Important Events of February

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- 4 Feb. World Cancer Day
- 11 Feb. World day of Sick
- 20 Feb. World day of Social Justice
- 23 Feb. World Peace and Understanding Day
- 28 Feb. National Science Day.



### Competitions of the Month

- Pot Decoration Competition
- Poetry Recitation
- Intra College Debate



### Special Events of the month

1. Awareness Program on traffic Security
2. Mid Term Exam
3. Picnic for Departments (staff & students)



### Festival of the month

Basant Panchami, 16 February 2021



