Principal Speaks...

St Joseph’s College for Women was born out of the inspiration to educate and empower young women of whom their families, the society and the nation at large can be proud of. The Christian tradition of education involves a pedagogy of the heart and the mind, a pedagogy of spiritual formation, of humanistic education. Thus Christian education aims at character formation, attitude formation, development of moral goodness, as well as strengthening and sharpening of the intellect. With this fusion of moral, academic and professional excellence we aim at grooming our students to be catalyst of change with social sensitivity.

In the technology dominated national and global scenario one notices below the periphery the glaringly painful inability of humans to bridge the gap between man and man. It is unfortunate to note that even with all the explosion of knowledge we witness today, humans most of the times have not been able to attain authentic interpersonal relationships. The outcome is such crises as social polarization, regional disparity, communal disharmony, terrorism, disturbance of genuine peace at various levels, suffering and persecution of the weaker sections of the society. So we want our students to build up social sensitivity and be ready to face the challenges of the twenty-first Century. Hence, dear students, in your education, go beyond what you can touch and experiment to certain value frames and attitudes that would address character that form the bed-rock of all human Civilizations. St Joseph’s College for Women wants to help you to be the change for the change, to be trend setters and trail blazers in the fast changing world so that our world may bring forth persons who live on moral and ethical values and would fight against corruption, and degradation of the poor and the underprivileged of our society. If so all would experience the simple joys of honest living. This should be your dream. Dreams are essential for success. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam, the former President, encouraged the youth of the country to dream dreams. A dream mingled with confidence, determination and persistence is the key towards the goal and one must be willing to make a commitment to realize that dream and to fight towards it till the end. “If you lose hope, somehow you lose the vitality that keeps life moving, you lose that courage to be, that quality that helps you go on in spite of it all. And so today I still have a dream,” said Martin Luther King Junior. So keep your dream alive and kindle the fire within you and others to live in loving kindness.
Growing up with India

"At the stroke of midnight hour, when the world sleeps, India will awake to life and freedom. A moment comes, which comes but rarely in history, when we step out from the old to the new, India discovers herself again." These are the famous words said by Jawaharlal Nehru on Indian Independence Day, 1947.

Independence Day is a symbolic celebration of the freedom we won on 15 Aug 1947. But, it would not mean much if our freedom were only symbolic, we enjoy the fruits of our successful struggle for independence on other days as well.

Political independence was not the only or sole objective of that struggle but independence from gender prejudice, the caste system, poverty and illiteracy among many social evils. These are few spheres where independent India has taken the positive steps to make its citizen's freedom more meaningful.

Women's Rights:

There are number of laws to safe guard the interest of women. There have been acts like the one among the domestic violence, against dowry deaths, rape, also voting rights which empower women in true sense.

But, the real freedom for women will be possible when they become financially independent. Presently, most bills are about violence against women. Something should be done regarding their financial dependencies, whereby they will protect themselves.

People with Disabilities:

After much pressure on govt. in 1995, govt. passed "Disability Act" which says people with disabilities could demand their rights and go to court if they were denied. It was a great leap and from then on several acts were passed and even private industry is being made accountable and forced to stop discrimination. And now, even the elections are made disabled friendly.

Digital Empowerment (Connecting people to bring about transformation):

From PCO's to the current roll-out of broadband connection in every panchayat office, information has empowered Indians in many ways. For instance all the information is available online for any reservation, unlike the earlier long queries Likewise there is e-governance which allows people to monitor the actions of govt.
There is also meteoric rise in mobile phone connections. One of the significant steps taken by govt. is to allow the operation of community radio.

**Right to Information:**

It began in a village in Rajasthan in early 1990's where people were discussing about corruption, where an old woman suggested to check accounts of gram panchayat. When laughed at, she became defiant. It escalated into a big movement. It was the beginning of the campaign for the right to information (RTI). People realized that they could ask for information, and it was their right to do so.

**Education (Enabling the freedom to upward mobility):**

Education makes upward mobility possible, which is crucial in democracy. The National Literacy Mission (NL) of 1988 which was aimed at adult literacy has increased this demand for education. As a result, states like U.P. and Bihar have benefited a lot from the Sarva Siksha Abhiyan.

There are many more spheres where India has progressed, but we need to progress more. The future beckons us to bring freedom and opportunity to the common man, to the peasants and workers of India, to fight and end poverty and ignorance and disease, to build up a prosperous democratic and progressive nation which will ensure justice and fullness of life to every man and woman. We have to work hard. There is no rest for anyone of us, till we make all the citizen of India what destiny intended them to be. All of us, whatever religion we may belong, are equally the children of India with equal rights, privileges and obligations. We cannot encourage communalism or narrow-mindedness, for no nation can be great when people are shrunk in thought and action.

To the nations and peoples of the world we send greetings and pledge ourselves to cooperate with them in furthering peace, freedom and democracy. And to India, our much-loved motherland - the ancient, the eternal and the ever-new we pay our homage and bind ourselves afresh to render service.

Jai Hind........

Madhurima Tripathi

*Lecturer in Psychology*
The Fresh Experience of A Fresher

It was my earnest desire to take admission in this college. I wanted to take admission in this college because of its discipline and well conducted classes. It was the grace of God and my good luck that I got admission here.

On 2\textsuperscript{nd} of August there was a welcome ceremony for the new students. I was very excited to go to the college. Firstly I met a student and asked her about my class. She answered me very politely. Later I came to know that she was my senior. The Freshers' Day was celebrated in a big hall. The stage was beautifully decorated. The dances were performed by seniors. I enjoyed all day in the college.

Everyday, when I enter the college in the morning, the beautiful lawns with flower-beds attract me very much. The atmosphere of this college is peaceful and conducive for good studies. There are some shady trees also that protect us from extreme sunlight. The sweet smell of flowers refreshes my mind.

I like the Morning Prayer and good thought of each day. All the classrooms are ventilated and airy. These are electrified also. So many facilities and comforts are available for the students. The whole college campus is neat and clean.

The Principal is also new to this college but she talks to students as a family member. It seems that she knows them for a long time. She advises very politely. She looks like an apostle of peace and love. The Fathers are also noble and gentle at heart. They have sweet nature. They are kind towards students. All the teaching staff is very humble. They help and guide us. They not only give us knowledge but form our character also.

The seniors are well mannered. They behave with us like their own family members at every time. They are always ready to help each other.

One more thing which I like most is that there are many chances for every one to show the talents and abilities. So many competitions and functions are held here. There are some noble traditions and valuable rules and discipline in this college which make it different from other colleges. These rules and disciplines form our character and make us good students.

I am proud of being a student of this college. I thank God for giving me a chance to study in this college. I have a great love for this college.

Afsar Iram

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FACTS! STRANGE, BUT TRUE

- Abraham Lincoln was born in 1808.
- John Kennedy was born in 1908.
- Abraham Lincoln was elected President in 1860.
- John Kennedy was elected President in 1960.
- Both Lincoln and Kennedy were shot dead in back of their heads in front of their wives.
- Both Lincoln and Kennedy were shot dead on Friday.
- The person who shot Lincoln was born in 1839 and the person who shot Kennedy was born 1939.
- Both the killers were of the same town.
- Both died before they were brought to Court.
- Lincoln was killed at the theater and his killer ran to the car.
- Kennedy was killed in the car and his killer ran to the theater.
- The name of the P.A. of Kennedy was Lincoln.
- The name of the P.A. of Lincoln was Kennedy.

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CHALLENGES

The challenge is high,
The dreams are bright and new
The world is out there
And it’s waiting for you
Reach you it all.
Dare to dream and dare to try
No goal is too distant
No star is too high!
Whatever the challenges,
You face.
As you sail through the
Voyage of your life,
You will find the best in every thing.

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## Success in Life

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Mohine Agrahari  
*B.A. I*
Of Dejection and Hope

Tired of life
A shattered girl I was
Frustration was at the high level
My whole life was at a loss
Walking all alone in the night
Thinking of the days
That has passed by.
Friends I loved, had left me
I really wished I could cry.
What is life?
I thought to myself
Was it a only burning matchsticks
Were the pressure immense?
I went to the beach
I saw the sea.
I wanted to end life.
As I was not someone
Who I wanted to be.
Suddenly I saw the sun
Rising in all its glory
A ray of light left me mesmerized
I opened my eyes slowly
but surely,
was it only a ray of light,
or was it a ray of hope?
Yes, I will live with what I am
And try to achieve more.

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THE REAL BEAUTY

One day I thought a lot
If I had the uniqueness of Aishwarya Rai,
Smartness of Priyanka Chopra,
And the ever green smile of Mona Lisa,
What a beauty then I would be!
If I had the sharp mind of Vishwanath Anand,
The agile muscles of Michael Jackson,
The confidence of Sania Nehwal,
What a famous person then I would be!
If I had the acting skills of Kajol,
With the beautiful face of Rani Mukherjee
And the dancing style of Madhuri Dixit,
What a versatile actress, then I would be!
If I had the bold voice of Amitab Bachchan,
The magnetic smile of Sharukh Khan,
And the dancing skills of Hirtik Roshan,
No doubt, I would be a superstar!
For dreaming fetches nothing
Pleasurable is accepting oneself
And becoming always oneself.

Sweta Giri
B.Sc. II (Maths)
The worth of being Independent

I want wings of freedom to soar high
To be free, independent and touch the sky,
To retain peace, harmony and fraternity,
To wipe the tears of crying humanity
To strengthen dying beggars in chilled cold nights,
To protect children from religious fights,
To have laws well implemented at peak of heights
To glorify human right against bloody nights
The fear of terrorism may be swept away
To keep the people of our country happy and gay
To have hope in my eyes with an earnest wish
That my countrymen’s face be accompanied with laughter,
I hope this dream to be accomplished
And see my nation glooming hereafter.

Ananya Banerjee
B.A. II