



## **CULTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT**

**JUNE 2021-JULY 2022**

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The cultural committee organized two Music Fest in the academic session June 2021 to July 2022.

With a view to strength the bond among students and bring about a sense of belonging in them the Cultural Committee, St. Joseph's College organized Music Festival on 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2022 in the Arrupe open air quadrangle. The Fest was organized as a respite for students as they reeled through uncertainty during the Covid 19 pandemic and got back to attend offline classes only after the college reopened after a gap of two years. There were many programs put up by different departments like folk song, folk dance and groups songs of different languages. The enthusiastic and energetic participation of the students was seen.



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The National Level Inter-college Music Festival “SYNERGY 2022” was organized on May 20, 2022. The event marked the visionary initiative of St. Joseph's College to encourage an associative and collaborative culture in the Hills. An overwhelming participation was seen from the hill colleges. The participating colleges were Darjeeling Government College (Darjeeling), Sonada Degree College (Sonada, Darjeeling), Bijanbari Degree College (Bijanbari, Darjeeling), Mirik College (Mirik, Darjeeling), Kurseong College (Kurseong, Darjeeling), Cluny Women's College (Kalimpong, Pedong), Government Degree College at Pedong (Kalimpong), Loyola College of Education (Namchi, Sikkim) and St. Joseph's College (Darjeeling). The colleges had to compete each other in three categories namely Group Song (Nepali/Hindi), Group Dance (Indian Folk) and Battle of Bands (English). Renowned judges were invited for judging the competition. Among the judges were Mr. Chandan Lomjel, well-known musician, Mr. Devern Gurung, Head Master, Gyanodyaya Niketan and a well-known singer, composer and song writer, Ms. Lamu Sherpa, dancer and proprietor of Triveni Sangeetalaya and Mr. Pravash Golay Tamang, dancer and founding Director of Sadhana Kala Kendra.





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The schedule of the programme was planned for two sessions; morning session included Group Song and Group Dance and afternoon session included the Battle of Bands.

The event commenced with welcome address by Dr. Rajani Dewan cultural committee coordinator. The judges were formally welcomed by Dr. Radha Sharma, Dean of Students. The principal and the judges were invited for the Lighting of the Lamp, to make the occasion auspicious and blissful.



The rules and regulation for each event was given in details by Ms. Sumanta Pariyar, Member, Cultural Committee.

The details of each competition are given below:

Morning Session

1. Group Song (Nepali/Hindi) Competition



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1	St. Joseph's College	Cluny Women's College	Darjeeling Government College	Loyola College of Education
2	Darjeeling Government College			
3	Sonada Degree College			
4	Kurseong College			
5	Mirik College			
6	Cluny Women's College			
7	Government Degree College at Pedong			
8	Loyola College of Education			



## 2. Group Dance (Indian Folk) Competition

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1	St. Joseph's College			





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2	Darjeeling Government College	Loyola College of Education	Mirik College	Cluny Women's College
3	Sonada Degree College			
4	Kurseong College			
5	Mirik College			
6	Cluny Women's College			
7	Bijanbari Degree College			
8	Loyola College of Education			



### 3. Battle of Bands (English) Competition

Sl. No.	Participating Colleges	First Position	Second Position	Third Position
1	St. Joseph's College	Darjeeling Government of College	St. Joseph's College	Sonada Degree College
2	Darjeeling Government College			
3	Sonada Degree College			
4	Kurseong College			



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After all the performances were over Principal, Fr. Dr. Donatus Kujur, SJ was called on the stage to speak about the whole event. He said that he was very happy to see all the performances and was amazed to see the talents of the students from the hill colleges. He expressed his happiness over the participation of so many colleges and hoped to see such participation in the future events organized by the college.





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Mr. Chandan Lomjel and Mr. Deven Gurung, the judges gave detailed feedback about the performances and mentioned the areas of improvement.



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The principal handed over the Memento to the judges for sparing their valuable time for judging the performances. Mr. Ashish Chettri, Member, Cultural Committee declared the results. Darjeeling Government College was declared the best performing college.





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The response received from various colleges and the feedback of the participants was positive which is a great boost to the institution. Over all the event was well organized and successful.