

INTER DEPARTMENT COMPETITION 2024-2025

INAUGURAL CEREMONY

Date: 5th March, 2025.

The inaugural ceremony of the Inter Department Competition was held on the 5th of March, 2025 with integrated Inter Department Dance Competition. The Dance competition was themed "Indian Diversity" celebrating and showcasing the various culture of India.

INTER DEPARTMENT DANCE COMPETITION

Date: 5th March, 2025.

The Department of the Year event at St. Joseph's College, Darjeeling, kicked off on 5th March, 2025 with a vibrant cultural celebration organized by the Students' Council and various college clubs. The event began with a welcome address from the Assistant Head Councillor, followed by a lamp lighting ceremony by key figures including the Principal, Dean of Students, Vice Principal, SFC Director, and Head Councillor.

The MCEEs briefed the audience on the event schedule and rules before an opening dance by the heads of the Dance Club. The participating departments showcased their cultural performances, including:

- 1. Department of Commerce*
- 2. Department of Geography*
- 3. Department of Political Science*
- 4. Department of Nepali*
- 5. Department of Botany*
- 6. Department of BA Multidisciplinary*
- 7. Department of Chemistry*
- 8. Department of History*
- 9. Department of English*
- 10. Department of Zoology*
- 11. Department of Physics*
- 12. Department of Computer Science and Applications*
- 13. Department of Sociology*
- 14. Department of Microbiology*

The Department of Political Science claimed first place with their Tamang Selo Cultural Dance, followed by the Department of Sociology in second with a Jhyaure Dance, and the Department of English in third with a Lavani Dance.

The event concluded with a Nepali folk song by the Music Club Duo, the announcement of results, and a vote of thanks. The college anthem was sung, marking the end of a successful and culturally enriching day.

UNSCRIPTED: INTER DEPARTMENT EXTEMPORE COMPETITION

Date: 15th March, 2025.

The Interdepartmental Unscripted Extempore Competition, organized by AICUf in collaboration with the Student Council, was a resounding success. The event took place on March 15, 2025, at 1 PM in Campion Hall and saw enthusiastic participation from eleven departments. The program was hosted by the Masters of Ceremony, Nancy Christian Lakra and Shib Oraon, who ensured the event ran smoothly and kept the audience engaged.

The event commenced with a warm welcome speech by Melvin Moktan, President of AICUf, who greeted the esteemed guests, including the Principal, Vice Principal, Fathers, Heads of Departments, council members, and club heads. Following this, the four judges—Mrs. Manjula Rai from the Botany Department, Fr. Binay Xavier Kandulna, Vice Principal, Fr. Dr. Sanjiv Lakra, Self-Finance Director, and Miss Dr. Shristi Chetri from the Sociology Department—were introduced. The rules, regulations, and judging criteria were then clearly explained to the participants.

Eleven departments—English, Botany, BBA, Nepali, Geography, CSA, political science, commerce, Sociology, Zoology, and Mass communication —actively competed in the Interdepartmental Unscripted Extempore Competition, which tested their ability to think on their feet and articulate their thoughts clearly within a limited timeframe. The participants displayed remarkable confidence, creativity, and analytical skills, making the competition both engaging and intellectually stimulating.

After the completion of all speeches, the judges provided insightful feedback, highlighting the strengths and areas for improvement for the participants.

Father Dr. James Anthony, AICUf Animator, also addressed the gathering, appreciating the enthusiasm and talent displayed by the students. He emphasized the importance of such competitions in

nurturing critical thinking, confidence, and leadership qualities among young minds. His words served as an encouragement for students to continue striving for excellence and to embrace challenges as opportunities for growth.



Following this, Melvin Moktan officially announced the winners. The Commerce Department emerged victorious, securing the 1st position, followed by the CSA Department in 2nd place and the Zoology Department in 3rd place.

The event concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks delivered by Isha Kerketta, Joint Secretary, who expressed gratitude to the judges, participants, and organizers for their efforts in making the competition a grand success. Despite the overwhelming participation and excitement, it was noted that some key board members—Parinaya Prem Sharma, Vice President, and Adarsh Johny, Secretary—were absent from the event. Nevertheless, the Interdepartmental Unscripted Extempore Competition fostered a strong sense of competition, teamwork, and camaraderie among students from various departments, making it a truly memorable and impactful occasion. The event successfully

concluded with a group photo, capturing the joyous and celebratory spirit of the participants, judges, and organizers.

IMAGINARIUM: INTER DEPARTMENT ART COMPETITION

Date: 15th March, 2025.

On March 13, 2025, The Art Club of St. Joseph's College organized an Inter Department Art Competition as a part of the Department of Vocational Studies initiative. The Competition featured three categories: Painting, Sketching, and Heritage Stroke Strokes, all with creative themes that challenged participants' creativity and artistic skills.

THE THEMES FOR THE COMPETITION:

1. **Painting-"Seasons connect"**

In this category the participants need to category represent a connection between the four seasons together. Spring, Summer, Monsoon, Autumn, and Winter.

2. **Sketching - "Stellar Dreamscape"**

In this category the participants have to create an artwork of an infinity space.

3. **Heritage Strokes - "Past meets Present"**

In heritage strokes 4 more categories were given 1) Madhubani Art 2) Pattachitra 3) Nirmal paintings and 4) Kalamkari Art. The participants were instructed to create art about how unique one of the traditional forms depicts stories using everyday modern elements. The main motive of Heritage Strokes is to promote Indian traditional art styles.

WINNERS OF THE COMPETITION

SKETCHING CATEGORY

- Aman Sharma (BCA Dept) (4th Sem) – 161 points (1st position)
- Preetam Tamang (History Dept) (6th Sem) – 158 points (2nd position)
- Ashim Sharma (Chemistry Dept) (6th Sem) – 157 points (3rd position)

PAINTING CATEGORY

- Abhimanyu Rai (Physics Dept) (6th Sem) – 158 points (1st position)
- Bijay Thami (Political Science Dept) (6th Sem) – 150 points (2nd position)
- Rikke Gurung (Botany Dept) (6th Sem) – 149 points (3rd position)

HERITAGE STROKES CATEGORY

- Ayush Rai (BBA, 2nd Sem) – 157 points (1st position)
- Umang Lhasom (Political Science Dept) (6th Sem) – 154 points (2nd position)
- Mihauk Gupta (Mass Communication Dept) (2nd Sem) – 154 points (3rd position)

INTER DEPARTMENT BOARD WORK COMPETITION

Date: 15th March, 2025.

The Yat Club of St. Joseph's College hosted an exciting Inter-Department Board Work Competition with collaboration with the Student's Council on March 15, 2025. A total of 15 departments participated, each sending 10 representatives to work on the competition. The theme for the event was "Tribes in India," where each department was tasked with selecting and presenting a tribal community of their choice, which they were not initially assigned. This allowed the departments to explore and showcase a variety of tribal communities across India.

Participation and Execution:

Each department worked together to create a board work focused on the tribal community they selected. The objective was to provide a comprehensive overview of the tribe's culture, history, traditions, and current issues. Participants researched their tribes in-depth, designed their boards creatively, and presented them in a visually appealing and educational manner. The board works were set up in their department boards, each one offering a unique and insightful portrayal of the tribal community chosen.

Judging Panel:

The competition was judged by three professors from St. Joseph's College. The judges asked participants various questions about their chosen tribal community to assess the accuracy, depth of knowledge, and clarity of their presentation. They also focused on the creativity of the boards and how well participants could explain their research.

Judging Process:

The judges carefully evaluated the boards based on content, creativity, and the participants' ability to discuss their work. It was a difficult task for the judges, as all departments had put in great effort, producing high-quality work. The judges also asked questions to ensure that participants truly understood the tribe they were presenting. The final results reflected both the depth of research and the creativity displayed by each department.

Winners:

After thorough evaluation, the winners of the competition were announced:

1st Place: Department of Political Science

2nd Place: Department of Sociology

3rd Place: Department of Chemistry



A special thank you to the YAT club for their dedication, support and co-ordination throughout the event. Their involvement helped ensure the event's smooth execution and success.

INTER DEPARTMENT ELOCUTION COMPETITION

Date: 22nd March, 2025

The Scholars' Society in collaboration with the Students' Council of St Joseph's College had organised the Inter-Department Elocution Competition, on 22nd March, 2025, from 2pm onwards, at the Campion Hall. The motive of this event was to provide a stage to release and appreciate the oratory power encapsulated within the students and help them build confidence in public speaking. The event was hosted by Shreya Sarkar and Tenzin Yangchen Bhutia. The esteemed judges for the event were Ms. Kalyani Sharma, Prof. Department of Mathematics, Mr. Gyanendra Mani Pradhan, Prof. Department of English and Ms. Prashanti Chettri, Prof. Department of Physics.

The event was inaugurated by an opening dance by the 2nd Semester students from the Department of English, followed by a welcome speech by Choeing Sherpa the Vice President of the Scholars' Society. The event started with the lighting of the lamp by the judges, the President of the Scholars' Society and the Head Councillor, followed by the felicitation of the judges with khadas by Tenzin Yangchen, the President of the Scholars' Society. The students had a choice to present a piece from three categories, which were: Poetry, Prose, Extract. The competition had 19 participants and from 9 different departments, who presented their pieces with mesmerizing eloquence, raw emotions and confidence.

The list of Students and their pieces are listed below :

Dept of Chemistry

- Shradha Tamang – 'O Captain, My Captain' by Walt Whitman*
- Aryan Rana – 'The Case for Defence' by Graham Greene*
- Shradha Dewan – 'Mark Anthony's Speech Act III Scene 2' (Julius Caesar by William Shakespeare)*

Dept of Business Administration

- Nidup Tamang – Compilation of poems by David Gilmore*
- Rickdeen Tamang – 'Believe in Yourself...' by APJ Abdul Kalam*
- Agnesh Rai – Romeo and Juliet Act II Scene 2 (William Shakespeare)*

Dept of Physics

- Neeha Gurung – 'Daffodils' by William Wordsworth*
- Shoaib Akhter Ansari – Screenplay 'The Shawshank Redemption' (based on a novella by Stephen King)*

- Ankit Dewan – ‘To be or not to be ...’ Act III Scene 1 (Hamlet by William Shakespeare)

Dept of Political Science

- Sarbashri Sunuwar – A Translation of ‘Munna Madan’ by Laxmi Prasad Devkota.
- Isha Kerketta – ‘Draupadi’s Outrage’
- Nancy Tamang – ‘Tryst With Destiny’ by Jawaharlal Nehru

Dept of Sociology

- Ashwini Tamang – ‘If’ by Rudyard Kipling

Dept of Commerce

- Lokpriya D. Subba – ‘Where the Mind is Without Fear’ by Rabindranath Tagore

Dept of English

- Nancy Christina Lakra – ‘An Introduction’ by Kamala Das
- Pemba Tshering Tamang – ‘Waiter From Hell’ by Gene Perret
- Rickchen Sherpa – ‘Crazy: A Monologue’ by Mindy Jones

Dept of Zoology

- Anurodh Pradhan – ‘If’ by Rudyard Kipling Dept of History
- Preetam Tamang – ‘I Have a Dream’ by Martin Luther King Jr
- Shib Oraon – ‘The Way I Look At Her’



During the Judges' deliberations, the event saw three song numbers. Benjamin Subba , the Public Relations Officer of the Scholars' Society presented us with a melodious song titled , followed by Pemba Tamang's beautiful rendition of ‘ We Can’t be Friends’ by Ariana Grande and closed off by Aman James's energizing ‘Sadhai Sadhai’ by the Mantra band. Sir Gyanendra Mani Pradhan shared a few encouraging words to the performers and the audience and the judges were presented with a token of appreciation by the President of the Scholars’ Society.

After the Judges’ deliberations the results were as follows – Neeha Gurung , from the Department of Physics, stood third with 128 points. Nancy Christina Lakra , from the Department of English, stood second with 131 points and Pemba Tshering Tamang from the Department of English stood first with 133 points , Making the Department of English the winners of the Inter-Department Elocution Competiton. Rickchen Sherpa, the Secretary of the Scholars’ Society, presented his piece ‘Crazy- A Monologue’ by Mindy Jones as a guest performer and was awarded 144 points by the Judges. The event concluded with a Vote of Thanks by the President of Scholars' Society followed by a felicitation of all the participants by the esteemed judges.

INTER DEPARTMENT PLACEMENT PURSUIT

Date: 22nd March, 2025.

On 22nd March 2025, the Commerce Club of St. Joseph's College, Darjeeling organized "Mock Interviews", an insightful and dynamic career development competition. This event was open to all departments of the college aiming at igniting the minds and interests of students to represent them in various job scenarios. The occasion helped the competitors to learn more about the different types of job interviews they are most likely to deal with when they graduate and begin their careers in the future.

With the aim to impart the essential information, the Commerce Club introduced this grand competition to cultivate creative thinking and collaboration-based conversations between the interviewer and the interviewee. This also aimed to boost self-confidence and help the students become familiar with interview settings.

Together with all these enriching information, the Commerce Club proudly expresses the success of the event, which ensured to equip the students with the responsibilities and real-life experiences that they would be able to relate to as they step closer to adulthood and the job market.

The program was overseen by the Club's faculty in-charge, Mr. Raj Kiran and also assisted by the executive members of the Commerce Club. A five-member panel was eventually introduced as the interviewers, instead of just judges, which created a very real-life dynamic and scenario, to judge and evaluate each candidate. This helped the panel and the audience to better understand the potential and the performance of the students.

The Judges for the Event Were:

- Miss Deepika Sharma – Faculty (Commerce Department)
- Rinku Chhetri – BBA Department (6th Semester)
- Saukan Chhetri – Commerce Department (Commerce Block)
- Salisha Chhetri – Chemistry Department (Science Block)
- Smiles Thami – Sociology Department (Arts Block)

These five well-experienced and professional panel of judges had to evaluate participants through a very strict lens. The competition was conducted in two rounds:

Round 1 – Introductory Round

The first round was designed into sets of three, each consisting students from different departments. A set of judges was used for randomly recognizable topics which come from industries and were intensely analyzed based on:

- *Communication*
- *Teamwork*
- *Stress management*
- *Subjective knowledge*
- *Time frame*

Each set was designed to include topics that are both new and ensure fairness to all candidates. Judges assessed the participants based on their:

- *Resumes*
- *Personality*
- *Communication skills*

Round 2 – Final Round:

The top eight performers from the first round were selected for the final interview. In this round all four judges were present and evaluated each candidate individually.

This format allowed judges to observe the participants in greater detail and determine the top performers with more precision.



Participation and Winners Info:

A total of 127 students from various departments participated in the event.

After two intense rounds, the three performers were:

- **1st Place:** *Timisha Shakya – Sociology Department (82.8% proficiency)*
- **2nd Place:** *Nirmal Bhandari – Computer Science Department (82.2% proficiency)*
- **3rd Place:** *Pratima Gurung – BBA Department (79.5% proficiency)*

These participants were felicitated by the judges and for their exceptional performance.

The event concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks delivered by the President of the Commerce Club, who acknowledged and appreciated the efforts of everyone who contributed to making the event a grand success.

INTER DEPARTMENT OPEN MIC STAND UP COMEDY COMPETITION

Date: 5th April, 2025.

*As part of its ongoing mission to cultivate confidence, creativity, and public engagement among students, the **Accord Society and the Student's Council of St. Joseph's College** successfully hosted an **Inter-Departmental Open Mic Stand-Up Comedy Competition** in 2024. This unique and highly entertaining event brought together students from **11 academic departments**, reflecting the club's commitment to inclusive, inter-disciplinary participation and student-led expression.*

*Held at the **Mass Communication and Journalism Seminar Hall**, the event drew a packed audience and an enthusiastic crowd eager to support their peers and enjoy an afternoon of wit and humor. The programme began with a warm welcome by **Accord Club President Sreyashi Singh**, followed by the formal introduction and felicitation of the panel of judges with traditional khadas. The judging panel featured esteemed faculty members from across academic blocks: **Mr. Vikram Rai** (Self-Financed Block), **Mr. Jason Moktan** (Arts Block), and **Ms. Divyashree Chettri** (Science Block).*

*In the **first round**, students shared humorous personal anecdotes centered around bizarre or unforgettable childhood experiences. The spontaneity and relatability of the performances sparked continuous laughter and lively applause from the audience, setting the tone for a vibrant and memorable event.*

A special interlude performance by **Aditya Gurung**, a sixth-semester student from the Sociology Department, was a standout moment. His engaging set drew much appreciation and highlighted the talent that thrives within our student body.

From the initial pool of participants, six departments advanced to the final round: **English, Botany, Mathematics, Microbiology, Physics, and Political Science**. In this segment, finalists tackled randomly assigned hypothetical topics, crafting five-minute stand-up routines on the spot—a true test of creativity, improvisation, and presence of mind. The audience responded with resounding cheers, further energizing the performers and enhancing the interactive atmosphere.

After a thorough evaluation, the following winners were announced:

- **Second Runner-Up:** Aditya Rodrick Chettri (Microbiology Department)
- **First Runner-Up:** Ayush Rai (Mathematics Department)
- **Winner:** Jay Xalxo (English Department)



The event concluded with reflections from the judges, a formal vote of thanks, and a group photo session capturing the joy and camaraderie of the day. Organizers and faculty alike hailed the competition as a success, lauding the Accord Society for its innovative approach to student engagement and community-building.

The Open Mic Stand-Up Comedy Competition stands as a testament to the power of laughter and storytelling in building confidence, breaking boundaries, and bringing departments together in the spirit of fun and creativity.

INTER DEPARTMENT ART AND CRAFT COMPETITION

Date: 5th April, 2025.

Nature Club in collaboration with Student Council organized the Inter-department Art and Craft Competition cum Exhibition. The event started at 1 p.m. in the afternoon with the Secretary's welcome speech. It involved 9 Departments B.Com, Sociology, Political Science, BBA, Botany, English, Mathematics, Microbiology, Zoology. However, Department of Zoology and Microbiology remained absent.

Participants from B.com presented a cooling panel made out of plastic bottles, Sociology with a bird house, BBA with traditional style bag and basket, Botany with paper pen stand, Mathematics with a paper tray/basket, English with a paper dress, and Political Science with a poster displaying environmental awareness related to the recent Hyderabad IT park construction.

The exhibition was judged by a distinguished panel of faculty members from Microbiology, History, Political Science, and Commerce. The department of Political Science stood out with an impressive 158 points and was awarded with the 1st position, followed by BBA as 2nd and B.Com as 3rd.

The event successfully concluded with the President's vote of thanks and a photo session.

INTER DEPARTMENT OBSTACLE GAMES

Date: 5th April 2025.

The National Cadet Corps with the help of the Student Council organized an obstacle race called 'The Obstacle Odyssey' for the Best department of the year Competition.

We had 13 Departments participating with a total of 26 participants that is 2 from each department where it was compulsory for one to be male and the other female.

The winners were decided on the basis of

:The least amount of time taken to complete the entire course.

Certain penalties were also included per obstacle which were added at the end of the game.

The course extended from the NCC office to the Arrupe House of St Joseph's College Darjeeling. The course had 10 completely different obstacles testing the participants' will power, strength and bravery.

Of the 13 Departments we had 3 departments with the best time.

1st position Department of Microbiology

2nd position Department of B.Com

3rd position Department of Zoology.

Their time was 4 minutes 22 seconds, 4 minutes 37 seconds and 4 minutes 43 seconds respectively.

In conclusion The Obstacle Odyssey was a resounding success, demonstrating endurance, teamwork and determination within every participant. Despite the hurdles the event was conducted smoothly thanks to the College faculty, Student council and the enthusiastic participants.

AURORA: INTER DEPARTMENT QUIZ COMPETITION

Date: 5th April, 2025.

An Inter-Departmental Quiz Competition - AURORA was held by the Science & Research Club, in collaboration with the Student's Council on the 5th of April, 2025 in the Campion Hall. Departments from all the streams - Science, Arts, Commerce, took part in the Quiz Competition. Beginning with the qualifying preliminary round, where only 12 out of 13 teams qualified. This was followed by a semi-finale round in which only 6 out of 12 teams progressed further and lastly to the final round.

For the preliminary round, the quiz master had prepared a set of questions that each team was required to answer. As the quiz papers were distributed, a visible change appeared in the expression of the participants. The atmosphere grew increasingly tense, with signs of stress, anxiety, anticipation and excitement which reflected on the faces of the team members as time progressed. Each team was given an hour to answer the questions. Once the time was up, the papers were exchanged between alternative teams for evaluation, allowing teams to assess their performance and understand where they stood. The answers were revealed and a range of emotions swept across the room - expressions of shock, disappointment and excitement. Some faces lit up with joy upon realizing their answers were correct, while others wore the look of sudden realization and sat in quiet stress processing their mistakes.

The semi-finals, which was the only pathway to the finals, was conducted in two different slots. The questions were tough, and it was a round where only the best teams were selected. Out of 12 teams, only Mathematics, Political Science, Zoology, Botany, Commerce, and Chemistry made it to the finals.

As the finals approached, the questions became tougher and tougher. There were a total of three rounds in the finals. The first was a regular question round, the second consisted of video clips from which questions were asked, and the third was a "Guess the Word" round, where four pictures were shown and we had to guess the word.

The competition was incredibly tough, and we got to learn so much from the quiz. It expanded our horizons of knowledge and ignited our curiosity. Each quiz round contained a backstory—a trail of events from which we could learn immensely.

The teams that secured the top positions were: Political Science in first place, Botany in second, Mathematics in third, Zoology and Chemistry tied for fourth, and Commerce in fifth place.

Overall, it was an eye-opening experience. There was so much to learn, and it made us realize how vast the world is and how much more there is to know. As Albert Einstein once said, "The more I learn, the more I realize how much I don't know." This experience truly echoed that sentiment.

INTER DEPARTMENT POSTER PRESENTATION

Date: 5th April, 2025.

Theme: Empowering Darjeeling Future: Insights from Classrooms to Community

On 5th April, 2025 The Microbiologist Society India in collaboration with the Microbiology Club and Student Council successfully organized an interdepartmental poster presentation with the theme “Empowering Darjeeling future: Insights from classrooms to community.”

The poster presentation featured posters from various departments focused on empowering the future of Darjeeling through education, sustainability, and community development. Participants showcased their work, highlighting its impact on the political, economic and local communities.

A total of 6 posters were presented, covering topics such as:

Political system and policy that empower Darjeeling, Impacting Darjeeling through technology, Microbial science: Boosting agriculture in Darjeeling, Business strategies to empower Darjeeling and much more.

Out of the 6 posters, Poster presented by the Department of Business Administration won the 1st position followed by Department of Political science and Business Administration as the 1st and 2nd runner up

The interdepartmental poster presentation was a resounding success, highlighting the potential of collaboration and community engagement in empowering the future of Darjeeling. The event demonstrated the commitment of students and faculties to creating positive change in the region.

MAP MASTER: THE HUNT BEGINS

INTER DEPARTMENT GEO HUNT COMPETITION

Date: 5th April, 2025,

Geo Hunt Event Report

Organized by: Geographical Society, St. Joseph's College

Participants: 13 departments (4 players per team)

Volunteers: 1 assigned per team to ensure fair play

Time Limit: 160 minutes

Event Format:

The Geo Hunt challenged teams to navigate and decipher clues using a unique map provided to each. The objective was to locate five hidden pieces of a world map scattered across the campus. Once collected, the pieces had to be assembled accurately to form a complete world map and submitted to the judging panel within the allotted time.

Results:

Winner: Botany Department

Event Highlights:

The event featured thrilling and intellectually stimulating gameplay that tested participants' geographical knowledge and teamwork.

All 13 teams actively engaged in the challenge, showcasing high levels of enthusiasm and competitive spirit.

The event was efficiently organized and successfully executed by the Geographical Society of St. Joseph's College, receiving positive feedback from both participants and spectators.

Conclusion:

Geo Hunt 2025 was a resounding success, fostering inter-departmental interaction, teamwork, and a fun learning experience. The Geographical Society of St. Joseph's College extends its gratitude to all teams, volunteers, and coordinators for their support in making the event a memorable one.

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