



# DE PAUL NEWS

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

### STEP FORWARD

Challenges always bring out the best of a person. The biggest challenge the world and more specifically the education sector faces today, with the pandemic forcing the people to be in lockdown, is to impart quality and wholesome education. The ingenuity and the potentialities of human species have been on tremendous display throughout these pandemic times. The pandemic period has also reinforced the dichotomy visible in human behaviour patterns. Some emerge as innovative and inventive while others remain in a regressive and uninspiring state of mind. Depaulians have shown resilience all these years while addressing real time human challenges, even before and during the pandemic. A step forward is a yard ahead. May the Depaulians step up with an innovative and inventive spirit during this depressive time of our history and emerge successful and creative in life. Wish you the best!

With a sense of joy and pride, we begin the monthly publication of De Paul News, the newsletter of the College. May this platform enable the students, parents/guardians and the alumni, to know, assess, appreciate and support the educational programmes of the college.

Rev. Dr. Baiju Antony, CM, Ph.D.



## SEMESTER II COMMENCES

The second semester of the academic year 2020-2021 commenced from May 4, 2021. After the first semester university examinations and a short break, the college community returned to academic classes and allied programmes, including the add-on courses. Due to the second

wave of the pandemic, the college is conducting the semester programmes on virtual platform. Yet, the richness of the education experience is kept ever high with the department-wise seminars and activities of different student associations and forums.

## THANKS TO THE DIRECTOR

De Paul College family thanked Rev. Fr Johny Koyikkara CM, the outgoing director of the College, on May 4, 2021. On the occasion of the inauguration of the Second Semester of the Academic year, the members of the management, faculty and students met virtually to thank Fr Johny for all his contributions to the growth of the institution. Faculty representatives spoke of the quality of leadership and newness he brought to the campus. Fr Baiju, the new Principal, thanked the director for his effective management of the college for two years, for introducing more add-on courses and broadening the network of the institution through memorandums signed with many corporates and agencies. During his tenure, the college received the best NSS Unit Award of the University of Mysore and many recognitions in the fields of Athletics and Sports. He steadied

the growth of the institution with strong organizational structures and practices. He also wished Fr Johny all success as he is taking charge as the principal of St. Vincent's ICSE School, Keralapuram, Kerala. In his response, Fr Johny also thanked the members of the management, faculty and students for their support and collaboration.

## WELCOME BACK



Rev. Dr Baiju Antony C.M took charge as the new Principal of De Paul College on 3rd May 2021. It was indeed a happy occasion for the college to welcome back the founding Principal of the college. Fr

Johny Koyikkara CM, Fr Johnson Purayidathil CM, Fr Sherin Dominic CM, Fr Santoy Kurian CM and Fr Peter Martin CM welcomed him to the campus on behalf of the management and staff of De Paul College.



# MANAGING COVID-19



Bangalore were the guest speakers. The webinar highlighted the history of Covid-19 pandemic, the impact it had on the nation during the second

The BCA department, in association with the IT club of the college, hosted a webinar on "How to tackle the second and third wave of Covid" on May 22, 2021. Dr Varun B.R and Dr Surya Prasad, two eminent medical professionals from Columbia Asia Hospital, Hebbal-

wave and the measures individuals should take to protect themselves. This was followed by a Q & A session between the participants and the doctors. The webinar concluded with a tribute video in honour of the Covid-19 frontline workers.

# COMMITMENT DAY



The Jesus Youth of De Paul First Grade College conducted an online prayer meeting to commemorate the day of the Pentecost and Jesus Youth Commitment Day on May

26, 2021. Dr Baiju Antony CM and Rev. Fr Sherin Domenic CM led the prayer session and reflections which was followed by the members of the club reciting the commitment prayer to renew their pledge to live by the principles of Jesus Youth.

# PRINCIPAL, A PANELLIST



Rev. Dr Baiju Antony CM, the Principal of De Paul College, was one of the panellists of the webinar on COVID19: Shift towards Digital Media in Higher Education in Karnataka. The webinar was organized on May 7, 2021 by Collegedunia. Fr Baiju emphasized on the relevance of blended learning in higher education and pointed out the demerits of increased digitalization of the education sector. Blended learning highlights on the balance between traditional and digital approaches in learning. The panellists deliberated on the impacts of pandemic on the education sector which has been run primarily on a traditional platform,

technological and digital adaptations by schools, colleges, and universities and the shift from seminars and conferences to webinars and WhatsApp sessions.

Besides the panel discussion, a case study of a top Karnataka college and its success with digitalization in teaching and learning was presented to create awareness about the merits of digitalization in education sector. The panellists of the webinar were scholars and administrators from various pioneering Higher Education institutions in Karnataka. Around 600 participants attended the webinar including eight Assistant Professors from De Paul College.

# BIRTHDAY & FAREWELL



A virtual celebration was hosted to celebrate the birthday of Fr Sherin Domenic, the vice-principal on May 19, 2021. The event was attended by the members of the management, staff and students through online

mode. The event also marked a tearful adieu to the beloved vice principal with students and staff expressing their love and gratitude for the self-less efforts put forth by Fr Sherin for the college. Fr Baiju Antony CM, the Principal, thanked him for his efforts for the betterment of the institution and wished him all the best in his future endeavours. Fr Sherin expressed his thanks to all for the cooperation and love received during his tenure at De Paul College. The event concluded with a virtual cake cutting and gift exchange ceremony.

# ALUMNI CORNER



To be the best, learn from the best. De Paul College has definitely played a very pivotal role in what I am today. De Paul has helped me to realize my potentials and improve my skills. The strong guidance and mentorship I had in my alma mater, not only helped me to prepare for a professional work environment but also groom my personality. I will be always indebted to all my professors who guided and inspired me to believe in myself.

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Always fascinated by technology and computer science since young, I decided to take up BCA for my graduation at De Paul College. Looking back, there was no better place I could have studied it. The institution always strived to provide an interdisciplinary approach to all the courses. There was always a platform for me to showcase, develop and impart my skills - both curricular and non-curricular. De Paul has provided me with some exciting opportunities to learn and innovate. It played a key role in the development of my love for Computer Application. The motivation from the faculty helped me in choosing the right path in my IT career.

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