



PAINTING THE POETRY OF EXISTENCE: ART ASSOCIATION

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A true artist is not one who is inspired, but one who inspires.

- Salvador Dali

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unimpressive will the school campus be without the Art Association's untrammelled creativity?

Over the past academic year, the Art Association of St. Joseph's College, Prayagraj, with its unwavering belief in art as the soul's language, has thrived as a beacon of creativity and innovation. By nurturing talent and fostering vibrant expressions, we celebrate art's transformative power in shaping perspectives and inspiring students.

In August 2024, our Art Association facilitated the All India Swachh Bharat Competitions organised by the National Educational and Human Resource Development Organization for classes 6 to 10. The competitions included Colouring, Drawing and Painting, Art and Crafts, Picture Composition, Essay Writing, and Quiz and Social Awareness activities. Later in October, we organised an art competition

conducted by the Makoons School of Art and Research for classes 1 to 12.

This year, in 2024, the Art Association adorned our College Notice Board with vibrant creativity on the occasions of Independence Day and Teacher's Day. The Independence Day bulletin board featured a portrait of an Olympic medallist, iconic monuments, the ICC World Trophy, and inspiring quotes. On Teacher's Day, the bulletin board was masterfully designed and painted by Akshat Arya. It featured a Starry Night-inspired background brought to life with thousands of intricate brushstrokes and a striking portrait of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan. The phrase "Happy Teacher's Day" was elegantly inscribed in Old English font, with thoughtful assistance from Aorgo Dutt and Priyanshu Kumar. Furthermore, the Art Association prepared personalised gifts for the teaching staff of SJC for Teacher's Day 2024. We crafted 200 unique keychains, each adorned with pearls, feathers, charms, and wooden pieces, along with personalised clay initials for each teacher. The intricate details of the pearls, feathers, and charms were meticulously assembled by Akhil Yadav, while Akshat Arya and Priyanshu Kumar painted the wooden pieces.





Moving on to the Art Association's Assembly, held in August, the event was a resounding success, with each office bearer playing a vital role in making it impactful and engaging. The assembly centred on the theme of ART, emphasising its importance and presence in every individual's life. We highlighted how art transcends traditional mediums of paint, weaving through the very fabric of nature and existence. The audience was also enlightened about the various traditional art forms of India, representing different states. A beautiful traditional tabla performance was also presented by Priyanshu Kumar while the paintings were introduced. Special attention was given to the banner designed by Akhil Yadav and Akshat Arya, which symbolised the new era of the Association. The banner, showcased on the day of the Assembly, reflected new beginnings under the guidance of our esteemed Principal, Rev. Father W. D'Silva, while symbolising the vibrant future of the Association.

At Josephest 2024, themed *La Symphonie Solaire: Beyond the Stars*, the Art Association played a significant role in the event's success, particularly during the Opening Ceremony. The Association members proudly unveiled the trophy, with the President, Akhil Yadav, leading the unveiling. Additionally, our team designed and decorated the props for the Opening Ceremony. The office bearers meticulously prepared and decorated the stand where the trophy was displayed throughout the two day event. They also crafted elegant star-shaped props for the participating schools. With equal precision, the Group Dance props and Sell-It-to-Win-It props were designed and adorned. Furthermore, we prepared props for Expressions and painted the faces of participants in the Silent Shadows event. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our esteemed mentors—Mrs. A. Joseph, Mrs. V. Paul, Mrs. D. Mishra, and Mrs. C. Walia—for their invaluable guidance throughout the preparations, particularly for the Opening Ceremony, which set the tone for the entire event.

In the art events at Josephest 2024, our Art Association boys brought laurels to the institution. Khwaja Ebrahim secured 1st position in the Poster Making Competition, with Abhyas Kesarwani also contributing as a participant. Vaibhav Srivastava garnered the 1st position in the Portrait Making Competition, alongside Aorgho Dutt as a fellow participant. In the Face Painting Competition, the team of Akshat Arya and Akhil Yadav achieved 2nd position.

At the end of our series of creative endeavours

throughout the year, the boys of our Association assisted in creating a humongous globe, decorated with glitter and paper cutouts of continents, for the 140th Annual Athletic Meet & P.T Display 2024. For their indispensable assistance, I would like to thank Mrs. V. Paul, Mrs. U. Robinson, Mrs. A. Benjamin, Mrs. K. Sakpal, and Mrs. S. Singh.

The success of the Art Association throughout the academic year 2024-2025 would not have been possible without the unwavering dedication and tireless efforts of our office bearers: Akshat Arya, Priyanshu Kumar, Aorgho Dutt, and Avatansh Bishen. Their creativity, leadership, and teamwork have been the cornerstone of our achievements, and I extend my heartfelt thanks to each one of them.

As the President, I would like to express my deepest gratitude to our esteemed chairpersons, Mrs. A. Joseph and Mrs. V. Paul. Their guidance, constant encouragement, and inspiring leadership have been the true stepping stones of our success. Their belief in our abilities and their tireless efforts to provide us with opportunities to grow have meant the world to us. They have not only supported us at every step but have also motivated us to push boundaries and achieve excellence. We owe much of our progress and achievements to their dedication and nurturing presence, and for this, we are profoundly thankful.

I wish to thank our Principal, Rev. Fr. Walter D'Silva, Headmaster, Fr. Melwin Pais, our Additional Administrator, Mr. Aubrey McGowan, and our Senior Staff Coordinator, Mr. Jyoti Dube, for their unstinted support and encouragement.

Thank you SJC, for being the place where unforgettable memories were created to last a lifetime.

The Office Bearers for the academic year 2024–2025:

President:	Akhil Yadav	(12 B)
Vice President:	Avatansh Bishen	(11 F)
General Secretary:	Akshat Arya	(12 F)
Organising Secretary:	Priyanshu Kumar	(11 F)
Treasurer:	Aorgho Dutt	(12 E)

Akhil Yadav,
President

“Every artist dips his brushes in his own soul and paints his own nature into his pictures.”

– Henry Ward Beecher