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Police manage crowd despite huge footfall

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CAMPUS: Heavy security was deployed in Bengaluru city as President Draupadi Murmu arrived for the inauguration of St Joseph's University, putting to test the efficiency of the city police.

In the ceremony held on Tuesday evening, President Draupadi Murmu inaugurated St. Joseph University. Several heads of the state attended the event including Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, Governor Thawar Chand Gehlot, Higher education Minister Dr CN Ashwath Narayan, Archbishop of Bengaluru Rev. Fr. Peter Machado, and MLA NA Harris, among others.

As part of the security process, the guests and students were subjected to scrutiny by the police. Nagaraj, a head Constable from the Ashok Nagar police station said a large number of policemen were deployed as the event was attended by many VIPs. "As the policemen from the Ashok Nagar station could not handle such huge security, there was a need to call people from Banashankari station and Hanumantha Nagar station. Although there was an earlier notification about this program at the commissioner level, we were about this only two or three days ago," he said. As a result of the collective effort, the police managed to control the traffic on the routes adeptly.

President inaugurates SJU, recounts its legacy

Jenett Jose

CAMPUS: The National Education Policy (NEP) is an effort to make academics align with the changing needs of society. Education is more about critical thinking and less about rote learning for the young generation, said the President of India, Droupadi Murmu at the inaugural function of St. Joseph's University in Bengaluru on Tuesday.

"The approach of working and studying in silence will not be effective. It has to be a multi-disciplinary approach in order to fulfil the emerging demands," Murmu said. A well-rounded curriculum should include arts and crafts, humanities, sports and fitness, languages, and literature in addition to science and arithmetic, as well as culture and values. "Such an integrated curriculum will help develop all-around capabilities among the students," she



President Droupadi Murmu inaugurates SJU by lighting the lamp

Anandhu K H

added, expressing confidence in the newly upgraded institution's curricula in meeting the aforementioned criteria.

Talking about the updated status of the institution, she congratulated everyone associated with the achievement. The university had a humble beginning as a college in

1882 and has since provided consistent service in the field of education for the past 140 years, she said. "Today, the university is a renowned institute." She commended the institution for its reputation of setting high academic standards and contributing significantly to co-curricular

activities. "The success of an institution is reflected in the success of its students," she said, referring to several distinguished alumni the university has produced over the years in various fields.

Many Indian institutions have also etched a position in the international rankings,

but the number is small, she said. Every Indian educator should strive to establish a world-class learning institution. The most significant socio-economic changes in our society have been brought about by scientific and technological advances. "We aim to join the league of development in order to achieve this national goal. It is important for young people like you to work with enthusiasm and contribute to the development of our country," she added.

Tuesday witnessed a grand inauguration of the newly upgraded St. Joseph's University. Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, Governor Thawar Chand Gehlot, Higher Education Minister C N Ashwath Narayan and Bengaluru Archbishop Rev. Fr. Peter Machado also attended the ceremony and termed the upgradation of the institution to university status a historical milestone.

SJU nurtured brilliant minds: CM Bommai

Ashish Bhandarkar & Sowmya A

CAMPUS: Applauding the contributions of St. Joseph's institution, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Tuesday said it has contributed immensely to nurturing brilliant minds of the country by maintaining high standards of education. Further stating that students enrolling in St. Joseph's aspire for an illustrious career and a content life.

"It has really been a part of the growth of not only the city but also the entire state. It has given excellent students to society... The



CM Bommai at the inauguration ceremony

Anandhu K H

contribution of this institution will be remembered for centuries to come," he said.

Referring to the changing times he said, knowledge is the power that rules the world, unlike

commerce, which was the strength of colonial powers. "When there was a time where business and capital ruled the World in the 16th century that's what all Great Britain did. But the 21st

century is not the time for the land and for the money; it is only for knowledge."

Bengaluru has emerged as an education hub of the country, surpassing the country's capital and has been attracting students across the globe to pursue their education in this city, he said. "All the students of the different countries used to come to Delhi. Now they no more come, they come to Bengaluru... They go to Infosys and Wipro campuses. It is a... shift of levers of power. Knowledge is a very very powerful tool," he added.

Morality, a necessity in education: Thawar Chand Gehlot

Anuja Jose

CAMPUS: The Governor of Karnataka, Thawar Chand Gehlot, said there is a dire need in education to impart morality to the youth while addressing the gathering at the inauguration of St. Joseph's University on Tuesday.

"When morality is tied with scientific temperament, it helps build the integrity and sovereignty of the nation, and it also builds unity and fraternity that contributes to overall human development," he said. Education has a primary role to play in character building and social development. He expressed that St. Joseph's University has always been active in achieving this goal. "I believe Jesuits, with their elite education and institutions, are greatly contributing to the future of India, and that this university will provide world-class, supreme quality education, and humanitarian and moral temperament to its people."

He hoped for a prosperous future for the university and congratulated the institution on its achievement.

SJU video team captures hearts

Megha Mukundan

CAMPUS: A cinematic experience of SJC's history, a visual transition of the college into a University-the five-minute long video produced by the media department received a huge round of applause during the inaugural ceremony.

The video is a first of its kind. Every single animation and shot was put together from scratch. The production began a week ago with a student team of 18 members under Anandhu K H, the technical



Masterminds behind the scenes

faculty of the ICMS. "My students were yearning to study more than what they are being taught. They experimented with every new possibility which worked out at its best," said Anandhu, sounding

proud.

The dedicated group put their minds and hearts into the video, working several nights staying at the studio. The mutual support and guidance gave a fillip to the students to bring out the best and was evident in the output.

"Creating something of our own was a different kind of learning experience compared to what we learned in class. We feel more confident now," said a member of the production team.

'It all started as a dream'

Vanlalhuma

CAMPUS: Inclusivity has been a hallmark of St. Joseph's institution since its inception in 1882 which caters to the underprivileged, said Fr. Dionysius Vaz SJ, the Chancellor of the newly formed St. Joseph's University.

Welcoming the heads of the state and other dignitaries at the inaugural function of the university, he said the Bangalore Jesuit Educational Society envisages a university that moulds the future generation with "enlightened minds and compassionate hearts".

Enabling the students to

develop personal integrity through academic excellence and character formation with social concern will continue to be our vision, he said.

"Today that dream has become a reality. St. Joseph's College Autonomous has now been upgraded to St. Joseph's University. The institution was conferred university status in April of 2021 under the Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan scheme 2.0 of MHRD, following the legislation to this effect of the state assembly and approval under the University Act by the honourable governor of Karnataka," he stated.