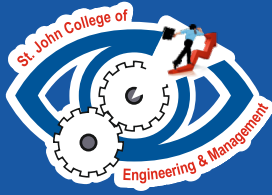


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Message from the Principal's Desk



Dr. Kamal Shah
Principal, SJCEM

Dear Readers,
Warm greetings to all!
It gives me immense pleasure to present to you the Fourth Edition of our Bi-monthly newsletter, a vibrant reflection of the dynamic academic and co-curricular life at SJCEM.

As an autonomous institution, we take pride in our ability to innovate, adapt, and lead with a student-centric approach. The beginning of A.Y. 2025-26 have been a testament to our collective efforts in nurturing a culture of excellence, discipline, and creativity.

This newsletter edition captures the spirit of SJCEM — a place where knowledge meets purpose, and education is enriched by values. I would like to extend my heartfelt appreciation to the editorial and design team for their dedicated efforts in bringing this publication to life. Your creativity and attention to detail make this newsletter not just informative, but truly inspiring.

Thank you for being an integral part of the SJCEM family. Your support, enthusiasm, and participation fuel our mission to shape responsible and capable professionals of tomorrow.

Wish you a very happy reading to all avid readers!

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A Two-Day Science Fest 2025 at SJCEM

St. John Technical and Educational Campus (SJCEM), Palghar, organized a vibrant two-day Science Fest 2025–26 on 27th and 28th November, drawing enthusiastic participation from students, educators, and visitors across the district. The event aimed to foster scientific thinking, innovation, and experiential learning among young minds.

The fest witnessed the active participation of 456 students from 28 schools and 7 junior colleges. It featured five major competitions—Project Exhibition, Debate, Elocution, Quiz, and Poster Making with Slogan. A major highlight was the display of 50 innovative projects based on the national theme “Viksit Bharat @2047,” reflecting students' vision for a developed India.

The Science Fest was inaugurated by Mr. N. K. Roy, Superintendent, TAPS, in the presence of Mr. S. K. Pradhan, Head of TAPS 1 and 2, and members of the Eldel Education Trust. In the project competition, Piezoelectric Energy Harvesting (Chinmay Vidyalaya), Sanitary Pads from Sugarcane Bagasse (S. T. Kadam Vidyalaya), and Grain ATM (St. John International School) emerged as winning projects. Projects on tribal empowerment, energy utilization, and desalination also attracted special attention.

The fest was enriched by expert sessions from industry professionals and a guided AICTE IDEA Lab tour, offering participants hands-on exposure to advanced technologies. The event also welcomed students from 35 visiting schools, adding to its wide outreach.

The valedictory ceremony was graced by Mrs. Linda George, Principal of Tarapur Vidyamandir, and Mrs. Mugdha Raut, SJIPR alumna. Mr. Albert W. D'Souza, President, appreciated the students' innovation and dedication. Event Coordinator Mr. Kiran Beldar expressed gratitude to all contributors for the successful conduct of the fest.

Science Fest 2025–26 was a resounding success and continues to be a flagship annual event at SJCEM, reinforcing the institution's commitment to nurturing innovation and scientific temperament.



SJCEM Unveils Palghar's First AICTE IDEALab

St. John College of Engineering and Management (SJCEM), Palghar, inaugurated the district's first AICTE IDEALab on 5th December, marking a major step toward fostering innovation and experiential learning. The lab was inaugurated by Mr. Vincent Mathais, blessed by Rev. Fr. Elvis Rodrigues, and attended by Chairman Mr. Albert D'Souza, management members, Principal Dr. Kamal Shah, HoDs, and SJTEC faculty.

Established with a funding model of 30 lakh each from AICTE, SJCEM, and the Velvin Group of Industries, the 90-lakh facility spans 6000 sq. ft. and is equipped with cutting-edge fabrication and prototyping tools such as laser cutters, CNC routers, FDM and SLA 3D printers, vinyl cutters, mini lathe–milling machines, PCB milling equipment, 3D scanners, and mixed signal oscilloscopes. As the first AICTE IDEA Lab in Palghar, this initiative aims to boost creativity, technical skills, and industry–academia collaboration, empowering students to transform ideas into real-world innovations.



SJCEM's Drobotics Club Shines at Robotex International 2025, Estonia

Students from the DROBOTICS SJCEM Club of St. John College of Engineering and Management (SJCEM), Palghar, achieved a proud milestone at the prestigious Robotex International Competition held in Tallinn, Estonia, on 5th and 6th December 2025. Representing the institute were students Deep Kale, Maan Surti, and Ayush Pimple, guided by faculty mentor Ms. Joslyn Gracias.

Competing among 67 teams from 58 countries, the SJCEM team secured an impressive 10th Global Rank in the Line Following Robot Challenge, showcasing their technical excellence, creativity, and competitive spirit on an international platform.

This achievement was made possible with the constant support of the Aldel Education Trust Management, especially Mrs. Elaine Buthello and Mr. Aldridge D'Souza, whose encouragement fosters innovation and global exposure for students.

SJCEM celebrates this international success as a reflection of its commitment to nurturing future-ready engineers and promoting excellence in technology and innovation.



SJCEM students Maan Surti, Deep Kale and Ayush Pimple, guided by faculty mentor Ms. Joslyn Gracias.

Winter Wonderland Celebration 2025 at SJIS

St. John International School celebrated the joy of the festive season with its Winter Wonderland Celebration on 19th December 2025 at the SJIS Quadrangle. The evening was filled with warmth, cheer, and a strong message of peace and togetherness.

The programme began at 4.45 p.m. with a welcoming address by the compères, followed by a Universal Prayer for Peace, setting a serene and meaningful tone for the event. **Mr. Aldridge D'Souza**, Member of the Aldel Education Trust, then shared an inspiring message highlighting the true essence of Christmas and the importance of unity and compassion.

The celebration continued with a heartfelt Christmas message by Sr. Veena Monteiro, Principal, SJIS, who encouraged students to spread kindness and joy in their everyday lives.





The highlight of the evening was a series of vibrant cultural performances, featuring energetic dances and melodious singing by the students. Their enthusiastic performances captivated the audience and reflected the festive spirit of the season. The event concluded on a patriotic note with the National Anthem, followed by a Vote of Thanks proposed by Mr. Shubham Tiwari, expressing gratitude to the management, staff, students, and organizers.

The Winter Wonderland Celebration 2025 was a joyful and memorable occasion, bringing the SJIS community together to celebrate the values of love, harmony, and goodwill.

Christmas Celebration 2025 at St. John Campus – A Joyful Gathering of Unity and Talent

SJCEM celebrated Christmas 2025 with great enthusiasm and festive spirit on Monday, 22nd December 2025, at the Main Auditorium. The celebration brought together staff members from all institutes, fostering a sense of togetherness, gratitude, and joy.

The programme was conducted in three vibrant segments. The Inter-Institute Best Crib Competition added a traditional and spiritual charm to the campus, with beautifully crafted cribs displayed at the entrances of respective institute buildings. An evaluation team visited all the displays, and the most creative and meaningful crib was awarded during the main programme.

The second segment featured Inter-Institute Performances, where staff members showcased their talents through soulful singing, energetic dances, skits, and other creative acts. The performances reflected the joy of the season and highlighted the hidden talents within the St. John family.

The celebration concluded with an engaging session of Tambola (Housie), which was enjoyed by all staff members. Exciting prizes and cheerful participation added to the festive mood.

Overall, the Christmas Celebration 2025 was a memorable event that strengthened bonds, celebrated creativity, and spread the true spirit of Christmas across the campus.





Departmental Activity ECS

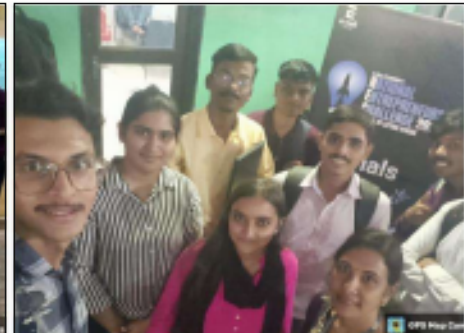
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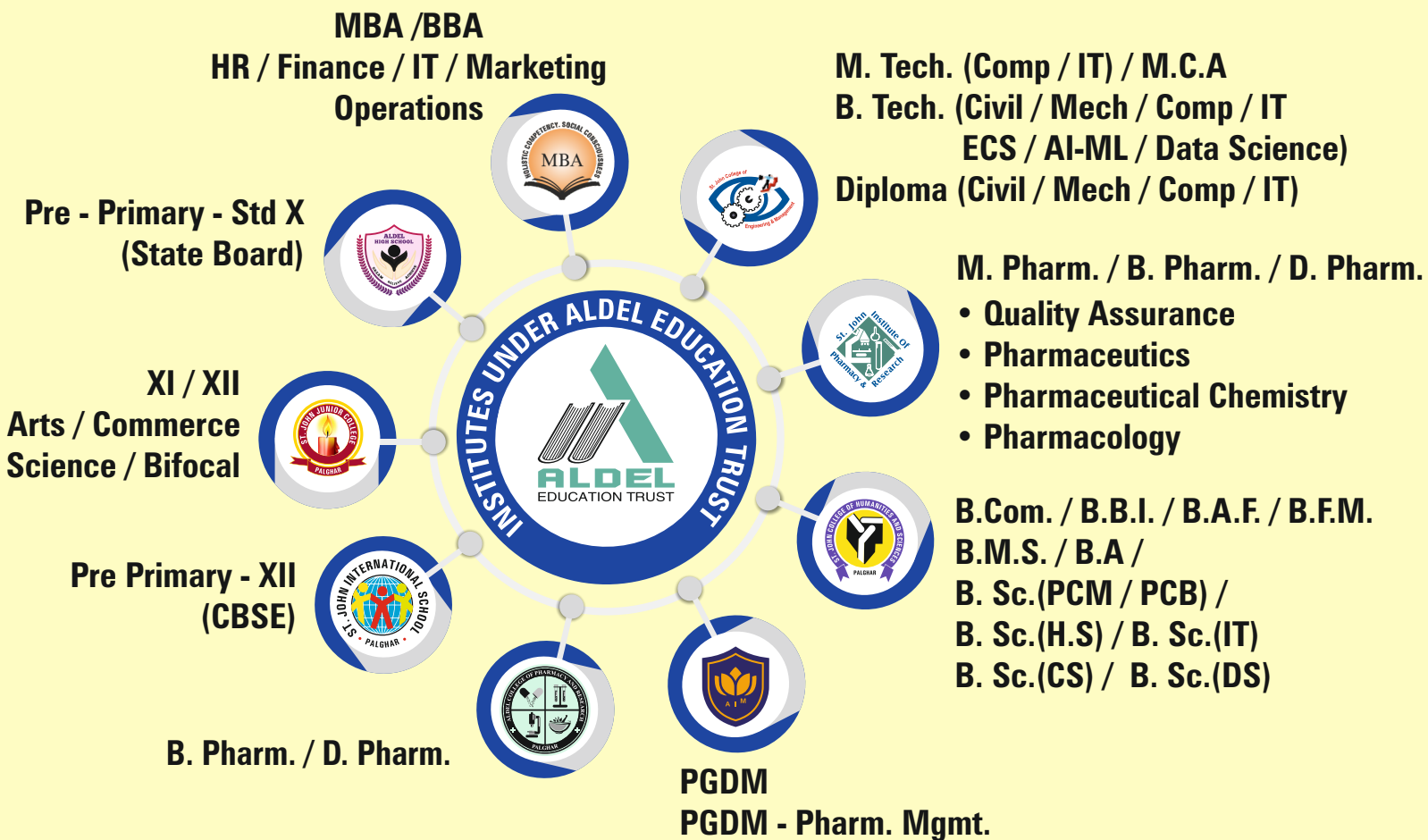
E-Summit 2025 at IIT Bombay, held from 10–12 December, offered an enriching entrepreneurial experience to 15 students from E-Cell SJCEM under IIC.


The activity was guided by Faculty In-charge Mrs. Shilpa Katre and coordinated by Mrs. Meenal Kate and Mrs. Rosy.

Through case studies, quizzes, presentations, and group discussions, participants gained hands-on exposure to the national startup ecosystem. Interactions with IIT Bombay E-Cell members and entrepreneur-led sessions enhanced critical thinking, teamwork, communication, and problem-solving skills.

The team completed all tasks successfully, securing 3rd place in the semi-finals and 9th place in the finals, showcasing strong performance and competitive spirit at a national level.





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