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NEWSLETTER



IF YOU ARE  
STRONGER, YOU  
HAVE TO HELP THE WEAK.

**SAROJINI NAIDU**

The  
**Nightingale**  
of India

Sarojini Naidu



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



It is with great pride and admiration that we acknowledge the remarkable contributions of Sarojini Naidu, a true icon of Indian literature, a dedicated freedom fighter, and a visionary leader. As we reflect on her legacy, we are reminded of the strength, determination, and intellect that she embodied in every aspect of her life.

Sarojini Naidu, fondly known as the "Nightingale of India," left an indelible mark on the world of literature. Her poetry, rich with lyrical beauty and vivid imagery, touched upon themes of love, nature, and patriotism, resonating deeply with the Indian spirit. Her words, infused with the essence of Indian culture and the struggles of her time, continue to inspire readers across generations.

Beyond her literary prowess, Naidu's role in India's fight for independence cannot be overstated. A close associate of Mahatma Gandhi, she led by example, fighting for justice and freedom with unwavering courage. As the first woman president of the Indian National Congress and later the first woman governor of an Indian state, she shattered barriers, advocating for the empowerment of women and their equal participation in all walks of life.

Sarojini Naidu, known for her powerful vision for India's independence, social progress, and women's empowerment. She envisioned a free India where people of all religions, castes, and backgrounds lived in harmony. She encouraged women to break free from societal restrictions and take an active part in nation-building. She promoted the idea of unity and worked against social evils like untouchability and gender bias. Through her poetry, she celebrated India's traditions, nature, and struggles, inspiring a sense of pride and patriotism among Indians.

As we move forward, let us draw inspiration from Sarojini Naidu's example, ensuring that her spirit of resilience, creativity, and leadership continues to guide us in our personal and collective journeys.

Prof. Fr. Johnson  
Principal

## National Workshop- Transformative Teaching Practices

A National Workshop titled 'Transformative Teaching Practices' was organized by Sant K E Chavara B. Ed College, Bamni, Ballarpur, on 29th January 2025 at the College Auditorium. The workshop aimed to delve into the nuances of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, offering valuable insights and practical strategies for educators to enhance their teaching practices. The faculty members of Christ college Prof. Fr. Johnson, Dr. Diwakar Singh, Dr. Pallavi Shrivastava and Ms. Jaya Saini were invited as resource persons.

The event was skillfully anchored by Dr. Priya Trivedi, Assistant Professor at Sant K E Chavara B. Ed College, who extended a warm welcome to the dignitaries and participants. The workshop began with the traditional lighting of the lamp, followed by an inaugural address by Fr. Joseph Thachaparambath, President of the CMI Service Society, which runs the college. In his address, Fr. Joseph highlighted the importance of adapting to the changes in the education sector through transformative practices in line with the NEP 2020.

Dr. Priya Trivedi then introduced the theme of the workshop, setting the stage for the sessions that followed. The workshop comprised four insightful sessions:

1. Pillars of NEP 2020 – Presented by Prof. Johnson, this session provided an in-depth understanding of the key components and objectives of the National Education Policy 2020, emphasizing its potential to revolutionize the education landscape.
2. Classroom Management for Experiential Learning– Dr. Pallavi led this session, offering practical strategies to manage classrooms effectively while promoting hands-on, experiential learning that engages students in the learning process.
3. Collaborative Learning Strategies – Facilitated by Ms. Jaya Saini, this session focused on the significance of collaborative learning in the classroom, demonstrating techniques to foster teamwork and cooperation among students.
4. Digital Tools for Effective Teaching – Dr. Diwakar Singh presented this session, showcasing a variety of digital tools and technologies that can be utilized to enhance teaching practices and create more interactive learning environments.

Following the sessions, a Question & Answer segment allowed participants to engage with the experts, posing questions and clarifying doubts regarding the workshop topics.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Rev. Fr. Paul, Head of the Department of Education at Mar Thoma Province Chanda, the sponsor of the event. Fr. Paul expressed his gratitude to the speakers, participants, and organizers for making the workshop a success.

At the conclusion of the workshop, all participants were presented with Certificates of Participation in recognition of their engagement and contribution to the workshop's success.

Overall, the workshop proved to be a significant learning experience, offering valuable insights into the transformative teaching practices envisioned by NEP 2020, and equipping educators with the knowledge and tools to enhance their teaching methodologies in the modern educational landscape.

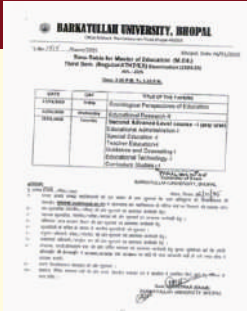


## Birthday Celebration of Ms. Jaya Saini

On 21st January 2025, the birthday celebration of Ms. Jaya Saini was held at Principal's office. The event was attended by close family members, friends, and colleagues, who gathered to celebrate her special day. The cake-cutting ceremony was a joyful moment, with Ms. Saini cutting a beautifully designed cake that was a symbol of her radiant personality. The cake was a hit, with flavors that everyone thoroughly enjoyed. Overall, Ms. Jaya Saini's birthday celebration on 21st January 2025 was a successful and joyous occasion that reflected the affection and admiration Principal and colleagues have for her. It was a day filled with laughter, love, and unforgettable moments.



## Exam Dates Announced



Exam dates have been announced by Barkatullah University. The B.Ed. III Semester exams will begin on January 16, 2025, while the M.Ed. exams are scheduled from January 17 to January 23, 2025. Wishing all students the best for their preparation and success!

## Christ College Submits AQAR for the Academic Session 2023-24 to NAAC

Christ College successfully submitted the Annual Quality Assurance Report (AQAR) for the academic session 2023-24 to NAAC. The comprehensive report highlights the institution's commitment to quality enhancement and includes detailed information across various critical aspects:

- **Curricula Aspect:** Innovations and implementations in curriculum delivery and design.
- **Teaching-Learning and Evaluation:** Strategies adopted for effective learning outcomes and continuous assessment.
- **Research and Outreach Activities:** Initiatives to foster research culture and community engagement.
- **Infrastructure and Learning Resources:** Upgrades and maintenance ensuring optimal learning environments.
- **Student Support and Progression:** Efforts to support student development and career progression.
- **Governance, Leadership, and Management:** Transparent and efficient institutional administration.
- **Institutional Values and Best Practices:** Sustained efforts toward ethical, social, and environmental responsibility.

### ***\*\*Did You Know?\****

***Sarojini Naidu, also known as the \*Nightingale of India\*, was the first woman to become the President of the Indian National Congress (1925) and the first female Governor of an Indian state (Uttar Pradesh, 1947). She was also a gifted poet whose work blended Indian culture with lyrical English verses.***

## International Seminar on Integrating the Indian Knowledge System

International Seminar on Integrating the Indian Knowledge System into Higher Education and NEP 2020 – 10th to 12th January 2025

From 10th to 12th January 2025, a team comprising staff and alumni from Christ College presented a research paper at the prestigious International Seminar on Integrating the Indian Knowledge System into Higher Education and NEP 2020, organized by the Department of Continuing Education and Extension at Barkatullah University, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh. The seminar brought together academics, educators, and thought leaders to discuss the integration of traditional Indian knowledge systems within the framework of modern higher education, in alignment with the goals set out in the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. The event provided a platform for exchanging ideas and discussing strategies to merge indigenous knowledge with contemporary education systems to promote holistic learning.

The paper presentation was led by a distinguished team from Christ College, which included:

- Dr. Diwakar Singh
- Dr. Pallavi Shrivastava
- Ms. Jaya Saini
- Mr. Augustin William

The team was joined by Alumni members:

- Ms. Ritambhara Singh
- Ms. Ashima Gupta
- Ms. Syed Nazma Hussain

Together, they presented their research on the significance and potential of integrating the Indian Knowledge System into higher education under NEP 2020. The paper explored various facets of how traditional knowledge can complement contemporary educational models, fostering a more inclusive and culturally rich academic environment.

Throughout the seminar, the team received immense appreciation from experts and participants for their comprehensive insights and thought-provoking discussions. Their paper was regarded as an important contribution to the ongoing dialogue on educational reform and the importance of preserving and incorporating Indian cultural and intellectual heritage in modern education systems.

At the conclusion of the seminar, all the presenters were awarded Certificates of Participation in recognition of their valuable contribution to the event. Their work has not only advanced the discourse on the integration of the Indian Knowledge System into higher education but also highlighted the importance of NEP 2020 in shaping the future of education in India.

The team from Christ College, with their collaborative effort alongside alumni members, successfully showcased the institution's commitment to academic excellence and progressive educational reforms.



## List of Important Days in February

### 1 February – Union Budget

Every year, on February 1, the Union Budget of India is presented by the Finance Minister, outlining the government's revenue and expenditure plans for the upcoming financial year. As one of the most anticipated events in the country, the Union Budget sets the tone for economic policies, sectoral allocations, and developmental priorities.

### 3 February- Vasant Panchami

Vasant Panchami, popular as Saraswati Puja in honour of the Hindu goddess Saraswati, is a festival that marks the preparation for the arrival of spring. The festival is celebrated in Indian religions in different ways depending on the region.

### 4 February - World Cancer Day

Every year on 4 February World Cancer Day is observed globally and is celebrated by WHO to aware people of the disease Cancer and how to cure it. The 2020 theme was 'I Am and I Will'. According to WHO, the theme is an empowering call to action urging personal commitment and represents the power of individual action taken now to impact the future.

13 February - World Radio Day World Radio Day is Celebrated on 13 February to raise awareness about the importance of Radio. In several countries, it is the primary source for providing information.

### 13 February – Sarojini Naidu Birth Anniversary

13th February is celebrated as the birth anniversary of the Nightingale of India i.e. Sarojini Naidu. She was born on 13 February 1879 in Hyderabad to scientist and philosopher Aghornath Chattopadhyaya and Barada Sundari Devi. She was the first Indian woman President of the Indian National Congress and also the first woman governor of an Indian state that is Governor of United Province which is now known as Uttar Pradesh. National Youth Day: Theme, History, Celebrations, and Significance

### 14 February - Saint Valentine's Day

On 14 February every year, Valentine's Day or the Feast of Saint Valentine is observed. Valentin's Day is named after a Catholic priest named saint Valentine who lived in Rome in the 3rd Century.

### 20 February - Mizoram Foundation Day

Every year on February 20, Mizoram, one of the northeastern Indian states, observes its Foundation Day. This marks the day in 1987 when the state became the official 23rd state of India.

### 20 February - World Day of Social Justice

World Day of Social Justice is observed every year on 20 February to encourage people to see how social justice affects poverty eradication. The main aim of this day is to achieve full employment and support for social integration. This day tackles issues like poverty, exclusion, and unemployment.

### 21 February - International Mother Language Day

International Mother Language Day is celebrated annually on 21 February worldwide to aware of the diversity of the language and its variety. This day promotes the awareness of language and cultural diversity across the world. On 17 November 1999, it was first announced by UNESCO.

### 23 February- World Peace and Understanding Day

Every year on February 23, World Understanding and peace Day is celebrated. Actually, this day serves to remember Rotary International's inaugural convention. This gathering of businessman was intended to be a place where their backgrounds didnt matter, which set off a series of developments that eventually resulted in the creation of Rotary International.

### 26 February- Mahashivratri

Maha Shivratri is one of the most important and auspicious festivals of Hindus. The annual festival honours Lord Shiva and his sacred union with Goddess Parvati. Shiva and Shakti together represent love, power, and unity, the fusion takes place at night.

27 February - World NGO Day World NGO Day is dedicated to recognizing, celebrating, and honouring all non-governmental and non-profit organizations, and also the people behing them that contribute to society.

### 28 February – National Science Day

National Science Day is celebrated every year in India on 28 February to mark the discovery of the Raman Effect by the Indian physicist Sir Chandrasekhara Venkata Raman. He discovered the Raman Effect on 28 February 1928 and for this discovery, he was honored with the Nobel Prize in Physics subject in 1930.