

## TOWARDS NEW HORIZONS



Exhibition was educative in nature covering all spheres of education, depicting the scientific advancements made by the Humankind with motivational impact on the students to develop scientific temper and knowledge. Students of all the 28 Departments as well as NCC, NSS, NGC, ALERT and HEPSN Departments enthusiastically participated in the Exhibition with their creative Exhibits prepared under the round-the-clock Planning, Execution and Coordination of the Steering Committee comprising Mr. M. Arokiasamy, Vice Principal (UG), Dr. B. Siva Kumari, Secretary-Academic Activities, Mr. G. M. Srirangam, IQAC Coordinator, Dr. N. Srinivasa Rao, Dean of Sciences, Dr. M. Sivaram, Dean of Humanities and Mr. D. Praveen, Dean of Student Activities.

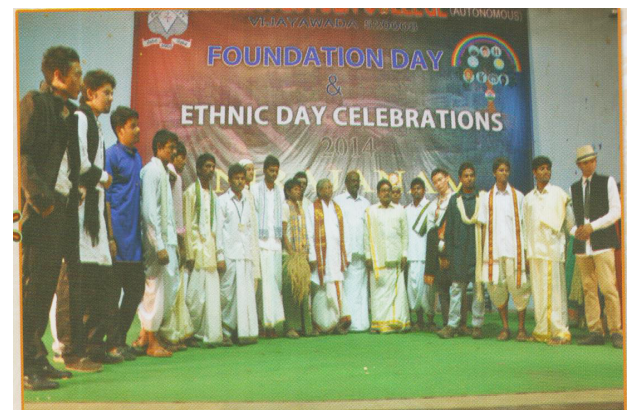
A triennial 2-day Arts, Commerce & Science Exhibition with the theme 'Towards New Horizons' was conducted on 1st and 2nd September 2014. Prof. V. Venkaiah, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Krishna University, the Chief Guest, unveiled the Exhibition Logo and inaugurated the Exhibition. All the officials of the College and the students of Degree Section were in attendance at the inaugural function Dr. CH. Srinivasu, Coordinator of the Exhibition, introduced the Theme for the Exhibition. The

# ETHNIC DAY AND 61st COLLEGE FOUNDATION DAY



states. Students of Andhra Pradesh served variety of traditional dishes to the visitors. The students created village atmosphere by putting up huts with sugar cane, bullock carts, rangolis and arranged sparkling 'bogi fire' as well as cockfights creating Sankranti festival atmosphere. Hari Dasus explained the importance of the harvest festival.

The 5th Edition of **Ethnic Day** was celebrated on 9th December 2014 which also happened to be the 61st Foundation Day of the College. The theme for this year's Ethnic Day is 'Nirajanam' respecting respective Cultures. The aim of Ethnic Day is to preserve the age old cultural and traditional values of our country. The Ethnic Day celebrations got off to a colourful start with the students of Jharkhand state presenting their Tribal Dance to welcome the participants. As part of the festival, students belonging to fifteen states presented the rich culture and heritage of India converting the campus into a Mini India. The students actively participated in the Ethnic Dress Show and the Food Stalls organized by the participants from different



# WOMEN'S CELL ACTIVITIES

The activities of Women Cell for this academic year were inaugurated on 19th August 2014. On this day, a meeting with the parents of as well as the first year degree girl students was organized wherein they were explained about the activities concerning the girls. Issues and problems generally faced by the girl students and redressal mechanisms available in the college were explained to both the parents and girl students. Rev Fr P. Anil Kumar, SJ, Vice Principal (UG) presided over the program and took note of the suggestions made by parents with regard to their wards and assured them of necessary action.

## Other activities conducted by Women's Cell

a) On 23rd March 2014, students of Andhra Loyola College attended a rally organized by Vasavya Mahila Mandali, Vijayawada, on the theme 33% Women Reservation in legislative bodies.

b) Mrs. B. Baby Rani, Coordinator, Women's Cell, along with the girl students attended a Guest Lecture on 'Engaging youth for Gender Equality' organized by Vasavya Mahila Mandali on 11th August 11 2014. Mr. Ben and Mr. Senthil from U.S. Consulate, delivered the lecture.

c) Women's Cell organized a guest lecture on the topic 'Gender Equality' on 12th December 2014 which was delivered by Mrs. Indraganti Kiranmayi, Faculty, Eenadu School of Journalism and Independent film maker s".



# ANDHRA LOYOLA ASSISTANCE FOR NEIGHBORHOOD ADVANCEMENT (ALANA)

The primary objective of our College is to impart higher education with integral formation and to form leaders in service, men and women of Competence, Conscience and Compassionate Commitment. Towards fulfillment of our 3rd objective i.e. Compassionate Commitment, a new Extension program Andhra Loyola Assistance for Neighborhood Advancement (ALANA), was launched as a part of the Diamond Jubilee initiatives last year. The program entered its second year of implementation under the aegis of the Departments of Ethics and Religion with Dr. K. Job Sudarshan, H.O.D. as the Coordinator and Mr. R. John, M.A., M.S.W. as the Extension Work Coordinator. The student's activities under the ALANA Program, supervised by the Coordinator, commenced on 3rd September 2014. Under this program, the First-year Degree students numbering 947, divided into three batches, visited the identified Centers of Learning viz. Six Schools, Seven Social Welfare Hostels and 29 Churches

located in the slums of Vijayawada city. Inspired by our Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri. Narendra Modi's 'Swachh Bharat' program and as part of ALANA extension activity, our first year Degree Students numbering 950 undertook a two-day Cleanliness Drive at 'Krishnaveni Pushkara Ghat' and 'Padmavathi Ghat' of Krishna River on 3rd and 4th February 2015 with the cooperation and support of local officials.



# HIGHER EDUCATION FOR PERSONS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS (HEPSN)

HEPSN, a UGC initiative for the benefit of differently-abled students, under implementation at our College employs new initiatives to provide a supportive environment for the academic growth of physically and visually challenged students. They include reading of newspapers to the visually challenged students, recording and supplying of audio format of notes given in the classrooms, arranging of volunteers as scribes during examinations, and connecting the NGOs/Governmental agencies with the visually challenged students, for obtaining all forms of support. During the current academic year, a total of 26 differently-abled students, including nine visually challenged students, sixteen orthopedically challenged students and one hearing impaired student, have enrolled themselves for various courses.

The following activities have been undertaken under the leadership of Dr. G. Sahaya Baskaran, Dept. of Physics, the HEPSN Coordinator.

1. Scholarships from the 'Help the Blind' Foundation, Hong Kong.
2. Guest lecture on Opportunities for the Physically Challenged.
3. Leadership Deaf Youth Training Deaf Enabled Foundation, Vijayawada Branch, organized Leadership Deaf Youth Training on 11th January 2015 in collaboration with the HEPSN, Members of Deaf Enabled Foundation, Hearing impaired youth from various parts of Andhra Pradesh participated. The Resource Persons delivered motivational talks offering Career guidance.
4. **Certificate course to Deaf Students** - Activity As part of HEPSN's Extension Activity, a Short-term Certificate Course on IT Applications, designed by Dr. G. Sahaya Baskaran, HEPSN coordinator, has been offered to the Students of Madonna College for the Deaf to teach them the advanced ICT



applications including the advanced applications of MS Office.

5. Notable Achievements of HEPSN Students - Chiranjeevi a visually challenged alumna, secured employment as a Probationary Officer in the State Bank of India, during August 2014. - Siva, another alumna of B.A., course (2010-13), secured employment as a Clerk in a Nationalized Bank during August 2014.

## SPANDANA

**Spandana**, the annual Cultural and Literary Festival of Intermediate Section was held on 21st and 22nd October 2014. Smt. Shailaja Suman, Deputy Director General, Doordarshan, Vijayawada, was the Chief Guest and Sri M. Raja Rao, RIO, Vijayawada, was the Guest of Honor. Fr. Rector, Fr. Principal, Fr. P Balashowry, SJ, and Mr. CH. Srinivasa Rao, Vice Principals (Intermediate), and faculty of Intermediate section and students participated in the program. As part of the festival, competitions were held in 13 literary and cultural events. Sri Gadde Ram Mohan, MLA, Vijayawada East, was the Chief Guest and Sri Dilip Kumar was the guest of honor.

