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Kristu Jayanti (Deemed to be University)

Kristu Jayanti (Deemed to be University) has been a beacon of learning and innovation since its inception in 1999 as an affiliated institution under Bangalore University. The Institution is managed by St. Joseph Province Kottayam, Kerala of Carmelites of Mary Immaculate (CMI), the first indigenous catholic religious congregation in India. Marking a significant milestone in its journey, Kristu Jayanti attained the 'autonomous' status in the year 2013. As per the notification dated July 08, 2025, vide letter No. 9-13/2025 - U.3(A), Kristu Jayanti has been conferred the status of Deemed to be University under section 3 of UGC Act, 1956, by the Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, Government of India under General Category.

Kristu Jayanti Deemed to be University offers undergraduate and postgraduate programmes in Arts, Science, Management and Commerce, and integrated Law programmes. The institution was reaccredited with the highest grade 'A++' by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) in the Third Cycle of Accreditation in 2021. In the National Institutions Ranking Framework 2025, the institution has been ranked 34th place and is one of the top 100 colleges in the country. Moreover, the programmes of the Institute of Management are internationally accredited by the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs [ACBSP], USA. The Institution was accorded 'DBT Star College' status under the strengthening component by the Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science & Technology, Government of India during the year 2020. Kristu Jayanti has consistently featured as one of the top institutions in rankings and surveys conducted by various agencies

Kristu Jayanti Deemed to be University stands as a dynamic centre of excellence, committed to fostering scholarship, leadership and societal impact. The institution strives to fulfil its mission to provide educational opportunities for all aspiring youth to excel in life by developing academic excellence, fostering values, creating civic responsibility, inculcating environmental concern and building global competencies in a dynamic environment.

Department of Political Science

Established in the year 2006, the Department of Political Science provides a comprehensive programme of instruction and research in the fundamental and contemporary areas of the discipline. As a community of students, faculty and staff, the Department of Political Science is committed to academic freedom, equal access to education and collegial self-governance through experiential learning. The department focuses on research on areas affecting polity, society and economic issues in international politics. The Department strives to inculcate research aptitude in students by imparting basic and advanced research skills. The Political Science club

stages various activities ranging from Mock Election, Youth Parliament, Polemic (Debate House), (Quiz), Policrazy, Documentary Presentation, Movie Screening, and game show etc. Besides, there has been a regular extra-curricular exercise including paper presentation, workshops and other development orientation programmes. ntation, workshops and other development orientation programmes.

About The National Seminar

The National Seminar on "Decentralisation and Good Governance: Panchayat Raj System in the 21st Century" focuses on strengthening grassroots democracy by promoting participatory planning, enhancing transparency through digital governance, empowering women and marginalized groups, and ensuring fiscal autonomy for Panchayats. The importance of Gram Sabha-led development and Gram Panchayat Development Plans (GPDs) is highlighted as central to inclusive and need-based rural planning. Key discussions revolve around the integration of PRIs with centrally sponsored schemes such as MGNREGS, Jal Jeevan Mission, and Swachh Bharat Abhiyan; adoption of e-governance tools like e-Panchayat and e-Gram Swaraj; recommendations for strengthening State Finance Commissions; and the creation of an All-India Panchayat Raj Service to improve administrative efficiency. The seminar emphasizes that the future of democratic governance in India lies in empowering Panchayat Raj Institutions with the authority, resources, and capacity to deliver inclusive and accountable governance at the grassroots level. The seminar aims to provide participants with opportunities to engage in thought-provoking discussions, network with experts, and contribute to the ongoing dialogue around these critical issues.

Key Themes:

- Inclusive Development and Social Justice
- Panchayat Raj and Sustainable Rural Development: Integrating SDGs
- Role of Panchayats in Disaster Management and Climate Resilience
- Policy and Constitutional Dimensions of Panchayat Raj Institutions
- Decentralised Planning Initiatives in Karnataka
- Recent Trends in Panchayat Raj System: Opportunities and Challenges