

# Annual Report of The Jabalpur Interreligious Forum [JIRF]2015-16

**Motto- “To spread Love and Unity ”**

"We must learn to live together as brothers, or we are going to perish together as fools." -

**Martin Luther King, Jr.**

The JIRF report of the session 2015-16 gives a glimpse of the assemblage of religious and spiritual people belonging to various professions together at one place with a single motive to spread love and solidarity and to guide our changing world towards justice, peace, and sustainability .

With an aim to promote harmony and peace among believers of different communities, JIRF had celebrated five major festivals in the session 2015-16.They were organized under the able guidance and supervision of Dr. Fr. G. Vazhan Arasu, Principal, St. Aloysius College (Autonomous), Jabalpur .The contribution of teacher and student members of JIRF and incharges of various events were noteworthy to make all the events successful .

## **Society Incharges**

1. Dr Parnashree Mukherjee
2. Dr Preeti Jain
3. Dr Rupesh Thakur
4. Dr Deepti Deshpande
5. Mr Kunal Ku.Verma



During the

session 2015-16 first JIRF Society meeting was held on 31/07/2015 in R. No.31 in both the shifts , in which all the JIRF members along with Ms Khudsiya Raza and Mr Satyendra Jain representing Eid and Mahaveer jayanti committee were present .In this meeting students were enrolled in the JIRF society and discussion on preachings of different religions were done . Second JIRF Society meeting was held on 28/08/2015 in R. No.31in both the shifts , in which all the JIRF members along with Mr Satyendra Jain representing Mahaveer jayanti committee were present. During this meeting scripture readings from various religious books were done and students were informed about the events to be organized by the JIRF society during the session 2015-16.

## **Major Events of the society-**

Following major festivals were celebrated during the session 2015-16 –

### **1. ID-UL –FITAR**

“ And whosoever fears Allaah and keeps his duty to Him, He will make away for him to get out (from every difficulty)” [al-Talaaq 65:2]

JIRF of St. Aloysius College (Autonomous), Jabalpur celebrated Id-ul-FitaratAnjuman Islamia Higher Secondary School, Marhatal on 23/07/2015 to mark the end of the month of Ramzan.Dr Taqui raza was the chief guest and Pyare Sahab ,President, Anjuman Islamia Higher Secondary School was the special guest of the function .All the eminent speakers focused on universal brotherhood and communal harmony.Other highlights of the events included scripture readings and kawwaali by the students of college.The contribution of the event incharges Ms Khudsiya Raza ,Dr Sanjay rajak ,Dr Sunil Tiwari and Mrs Arifa Anjum were noteworthy.

## 2. DEEPAWALI-

“The meaning of Karma is in the intention. The intention behind action is what matters. Those who are motivated only by desire for the fruits of action are miserable, for they are constantly anxious about the results of what they do” - **Bhagavad Gita**

JIRF held the Deepawali meet at St. Thomas Higher Secondary School, Civil lines on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2015 to bring together people of different religious background and humanistic beliefs. Hon'ble Justice Shri K.K.Trivedi, M.P. High Court, Jabalpur was the chief guest of the function who focused on cooperative, constructive and positive communication between people of different religious traditions. The major highlights of the function included scripture readings and cultural events by the students of college. The input of the Deepawali function team under the supervision of Dr Rita Chouhan was notable.

## 3. GURUNANAK JAYANTI -

“He who has no faith in himself can never have faith in God.”  
— **Guru Nanak, Sri Guru Granth Sahib**

Gururanak Jayanti was celebrated at Mata Gujri College, Marhatal on 05/12/2015 by the JIRF of the College to build candid coexistence and sustainable peace, through joint community interfaith dialogues at grassroots level. Hon'ble Mayor, Dr Smt. Swati Sadanand Godbole Nagar Nigam, Jabalpur was the chief guest of the function who focused on interfaith peace and harmony. The major highlights of the function included scripture readings, speech and skit by various students. The contributions of the Gururanak Jayanti committee under the supervision of Dr Tarvinder Kaur Ghai was remarkable.

## 4. CHRISTMAS-

Keep on loving each other as brothers and sisters. - Hebrews 13:1 (NLT)

JIRF of St. Aloysius College (Autonomous), Jabalpur celebrated Christmas at St. Aloysius Institute of Technology JBP to spread the message of love, joy and peace. Justice Alok Aradhe, M.P. High Court, Jabalpur was the chief guest of the function who focused on the fact that spiritual diversity does not persist as a source of conflict, but can instead emerge as potent source of hope for universal brotherhood and peace. The major highlights of the function included scripture readings, coral singing and skit by the students of college. The involvement of the Christmas committee members under the directions of Dr Smarika Lawrence was noteworthy.

## 5. MAHAVEER JAYANTI-

There is no separate existence of God. Everybody can attain God-hood by making supreme efforts in the right direction. - **Lord Mahavir**

Mahavir Jayanti was celebrated at St. Aloysius College (Autonomous), Jabalpur on 22/04/2016 by the JIRF of the College. Brahmacharini Preeti didi, Principal, Pratibhasthali, Tilwara, Jabalpur was the chief guest of the function who focused on the preachings of Lord Mahavir and extension of peace and harmony. The major highlights of the function included scripture readings, bhajans and skit by the students of the college. The contributions of the Mahavir Jayanti committee under the supervision of Dr Ashu Jain was remarkable.

## Id-ul-Fitar Deepawali



## Gurunanak Jyanti Christmas Mahavir Jayanti

