

Annual Report of the Jabalpur Interreligious Forum [JIRF]

Session 2017-18

The basic theme of JIRF of St. Aloysius College (Autonomous),Jabalpur is to bring together people of different religious locale but with common belief together with the feeling of love and solidarity. The ethics behind celebrating five major festivals of India has been to promote the common interreligious motive and to emphasize on peace and universal brotherhood through interfaith dialogues , guest lectures and cultural activities .

Society Incharges for the Session 2017-18

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Following major festivals were celebrated during the session 2017-18 till date .The details of the functions are as follows:

1. ID-UL –FITAR

Under the aegies of JIRF St. Aloysius College (Autonomous), Jabalpur celebrated Id-ul-Fitar at St. Thomas Higher Secondary School, Civil lines,Jabalpur on **07/07/2017** to mark the end of the month of Ramzan. Sayed barkaat Ahmed Kausar Rabbani, Advocate , was the chief guest and Dr Taqui Raza was the special guest of the function .All the eminent speakers focused on communal harmony and peace .Other highlights of the events included scripture readings, songs and Skit by the students of college.The contribution of the event incharges Ms Khudsiya Raza and others were noteworthy.



2. DEEPAWALI AND GURPURAB CELEBRATIONS -

JIRF held the combined function of Deepawali and Gurunanak Jayanti at St Aloysius Senior secondary School, Jabalpur on **11/11/2017** to bring together people of different religious beliefs. Shri D.M.Dharmadhikari ,Former Judge,Supreme Court of India was the chief guest of the function who focused on communal harmony among people of different religions. S.Harjeet Singh Kang and Mrs Geeta Sharad Tiwari enlighten the gathering on Gurburab and Deepawali respectively.The major highlights of the function included scripture readings and cultural events by the students of the college.The input of the Deepawali function team under the supervision of Dr Nisha Pandey and GurunanakJayanti committee under the supervision of Dr Tarvinder Kaur Ghai was remarkable.



4. CHRISTMAS-

JIRF of St. Aloysius College (Autonomous), Jabalpur celebrated Christmas at St. Aloysius Institute of Technology JBP on **20/12/2017** to spread the message of love, joy and peace. Most Rev. Gerald Almeda, Bishop of Jabalpur Diocese 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. Shri Ashok Rohani (MLA, Cantt.) and Mrs L.B.Lobo (Nominated MLA) were the Guest of Honour. 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 Manju Maria Solomon was noteworthy.



5. MAHAVEER JAYANTI-

Mahavir Jayanti was celebrated at Pragma Mandapam, Brhind Mehta Petrol pump, Labour Chowk, Garha road, Jabalpur on **07/04/2018**. Hon'ble Br. Jinesh Bhaiya, Adhishthata Shri Varni Digamber Jain Gurukul, Pisanhari Ki Madiya 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, dance and group song by the students of the college. The contributions of the Mahavir Jayanti committee under the supervision of Mr Satyendra Jain and Dr Preeti Jain was praiseworthy.



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