

Report on St. Thomas Day Competition 2022

Date: 3rd July 2022

Mode: Online

Targeted Participants: Students of St. Francis College

Number of Participants: 9 (5 for Drawing Competition, 4 for Essay Writing Competition)

1. Introduction

The St. Thomas Day Competition was organized on 3rd July 2022 to commemorate the contributions of St. Thomas the Apostle in bringing Christianity to India in 52 AD. The event encouraged students to reflect on the teachings of Jesus Christ and embrace the faith passed down through generations.

The competition featured two categories:

- Online Drawing Competition: "*Doubting St. Thomas*"
- Online Essay Writing Competition: "*Apostle of India*"

Both events provided students with an opportunity to express their understanding of St. Thomas's influence in India through artistic and literary means.

2. Objectives of the Competition

- To recognize and celebrate the influence and contribution of the Christian faith in India by St. Thomas the Apostle.
- To encourage students to embrace their faith by reflecting on the phrase "My Lord and My God."

3. Outcome of the Competition

- Participants deepened their knowledge of St. Thomas's missionary work in India.
- Encouraged students to celebrate their Christian identity and embrace faith with conviction.
- Reinforced the message of Jesus Christ, as written by St. Thomas in 52 AD, among students.

4. Competition Details & Results

A. Online Drawing Competition – "Doubting St. Thomas"

- Number of Entries: 5
- Judging Criteria: Creativity, artistic representation, and relevance to the theme.

Winners

1st Prize – Melvin V (BCA B, 1st Year) – *(23 points)*

2nd Prize – Edison Raj M (BBA Reg B, 1st Year) – *(19 points)*

3rd Prize – Steph Varghese (BSc EMS, 3rd Year) – *(17 points)*

Finalists:

- Avinash M (BBA Reg A, 2nd Year) – *(10 points)*
- Nagaraju BG (BSc PJC, 2nd Year) – *(8 points)*

B. Online Essay Writing Competition – "Apostle of India"

- Number of Entries: 4
- Judging Criteria: Clarity of thought, depth of research, and expression of ideas.

Winners

1st Prize – Ashwini Mary F – (13 points)

2nd Prize – Steph Varghese – (12 points)

3rd Prize (Joint Winners) – Joel Motha & J. Christopher – (8 points each)

5. Conclusion

The St. Thomas Day Competition 2022 successfully engaged students in reflecting on their faith, Christian heritage, and the missionary contributions of St. Thomas. Through artistic and literary expression, students celebrated the legacy of the Apostle of India and strengthened their spiritual connection to Christianity.

The competition served as a meaningful tribute to St. Thomas's unwavering dedication in spreading the message of Jesus Christ and helped students appreciate the depth of their faith.

