



Newsletter

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Annual Inter House Athletic Meet 2024

St. John's College Jaffna stands as a prestigious and towering figure not only in academics but also in the realm of sports. The college has nurtured generations of athletes who have excelled at various levels, bringing pride and glory to their alma mater. Accordingly the annual Inter-House Athletic Meet of St. John's college was held on 23rd of February the Friday at 8:30 am in the college grounds. It was a resounding success, with students, staff and guests alike enjoying a day of friendly competition and spirited comradeship.



The esteemed Guests of Honor at the event were Dr. A.T. Gowribahan, a Consultant Genito-Urological Surgeon at the Teaching Hospital Jaffna and Mrs. Balamathy Gowribahan, the Deputy Manageress (Emeritus) of People's Bank. They received a warm welcome from the Principal Mr.V.S.B.Thuseetharan, Vice-Principals Dr.A.H.Gnanarajan and Mr.V.Kumanan. Along with Mr.C.A.Aravinthan, Prefect of Games, Athletic Captain Mas.S.J. Sanjeevan and Athletic Vice Captain Mas.C.S.S. Aadharshan.



The March past commenced with the college band leading, followed by the procession of Marchpast teams of the houses: Thompson, Peto, Johnstone, Pargiter and Handy. First, Mas. S. Daniyal, the ground secretary, handed over the Olympic torch to Mas. J. Jeyathanushan, the vice-captain of Handy. He then passed the torch to Mas.U.Abijoyshanth, the vice-captain of Pargiter where as he in tum handed over the torch to Mas. J. Meshach, the vice-captain of Johnstone. He transferred the torch to Mas. S. Yumeshvar, the vice-captain of Peto and he then passed the torch to Mas.T.Dincikan, the vice-captain of Thompson.



He handed over the torch to Mas. C. S.S.Aadharshan, the athletic vice-captain and finally, he transferred the torch to the athletic captain, Mr. S. J. Sanjeevan. The athletic captain then placed the Olympic torch in the Olympic stand. The air thrummed with anticipation as the Chief Guest, hoisted the college flag high, their colors fluttering proudly in the breeze. Senior house masters followed suit, each raising their respective flags.

Mas.S.J.Sanjeevan, with unwavering determination took the oath, pledging fair-play and sportsmanship throughout the meet. The Chief Guest officially declared the Annual Inter-House Athletic Meet 2024 OPEN!.



Right after the college band and the march past teams were dispersed, the 100m races for Under-12, Under-14, Under-16, Under-18 and Under-20 categories started.

The 4x50m relay for Under-12 followed by the 4x100m relay for Under-14, Under-16, Under-18, and Under-20 showcased their exceptional coordination and speed, with each house cheering their team on to victory. The 800m race for Under-20 athletes and the 1500m race for Under-18 participants pushed their endurance to the limit, demanding both pacing and power.



The 80m race for under-14 provided a thrilling spectacle of speed and agility from the young athletes, showcasing their powerful strides. The interval was given at the end of 200m race for Under-16, Under-18 and Under-20 categories. During the interval, middle school students presented an impressive drill display program, delighting the audience with their skills and precision.



The seniors and juniors together participated in the medley relay, expressed the exemplary coordination within them. The next aspect of the meet is the musical chair which is the most fun filled game of the day, teachers from all five houses participated in it and finally after so many rounds Mrs.G.Muhunthan from Johnstone house secured the first place. Then the 4x400m relay race for the under 18 age group took place.



The final event for the day is the most anticipated Tug O War between the old boys and the present boys. The competition was so high, both the teams were so determined in winning but finally the old boys won the game reminiscing their school days.

The prize giving commenced with the principal's address, he expressed his heartfelt thanks for the distinguished chief guests and he ended his address by congratulating and motivating the students with the phrase "Today's losers are tomorrow's winners." Then our chief guest Dr.A.T.Gowribahan addressed the gathering, he wished all the athletes for their untiring efforts and the successes. He further looked back his school life, as a student of St. John's college and expressed his gratitude towards the alma mater for providing him with such a blissful life.



A special word of thanks to the Boy Scouts and the St. John Ambulance who did their duties very carefully and attended the medical and Non-medical needs of the students. This is the end of the Annual Athletic meet 2024 of St. John's college



After the address, all the prizes were distributed to the students by the chief guest Mrs. Balamathy Gowribahan. In march past, Handy, Johnstone and Pargiter houses stole the show, earning first, second and third places respectively where as in drill display, Pargiter's electrifying performance secured them the top spot, while Johnstone and Thomson became second and third. As per the final scores were calculated, Thompson House emerged victorious, having consistently displayed excellence across various events. Peto secured a well-deserved second place, while Pargiter and Handy shared the third position, and Johnstone rounded out the top five.



A heartfelt thanks to the students, old boys, neighboring schools, principals, teachers, academic and non-academic staff, teachers-in-charge, organizers, and each and every individual involved in making the Annual Inter-House Athletic Meet 2024 at St. John's College Jaffna a resounding success. Your unwavering dedication, support, and contributions have truly made this event memorable and inspiring.



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