"Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself"

- John Dewey.

Encouragement of higher education for our youth is critical to the success of our collective future. Towards achieving this end, CBBJC has strived to bring in new activities and opportunities for the college students.

The year began with a milestone event when the NAAC team visited the college for assessment and accreditation on 3rd February 2017. Preparing for the assessment was itself a challenge to which the staff members and students contributed whole-heartedly. The 2-day visit by the NAAC peer team was a learning experience by itself and the college was graded 'B' which is an achievement for any college going for the assessment for the first time.

The academic year started with the Investiture Ceremony and the Fresher's cum Talents' day where the fresher's were given ample opportunities to showcase their talents.

To give a fillip to Women Empowerment the college became an institutional member of Confederation of Women's Chambers of Commerce & India and signed an MOU with the confederation to take up skill development activities which would empower women. The event was graced by Hon. Minister for Minorities Sri Tanveer Sait and a host of other dignitaries.

In September, Confluence the Sixteenth Inter Collegiate Fest was held. Mr. Anil Yadav – TV Host & VJ was the Chief Guest. More than 40 colleges participated and made the event a grand success.

Several workshops for students were organized, major among them being **AGAM** (Accelerated **Growth of Achieving Minds**) for Final Year B.Com and BBA students. A 2-days workshop on GST was organized in the month of October and the inauguration of this workshop was by Dr. B.V. Muralikrishna, Joint Commissioner Of Commercial Tax, the guests of honour were Dr. M. Muninarayanappa, Chairman & Dean of Commerce, Bangalore University, & Mr. B.T. Manohar – Chairman, State Taxes Comm & Team GST, FKCCI. The workshop proved to be extremely useful to the students & faculty alike. A one-day students' workshop on "Personality Development conducted by Disha Foundation was very well-received by the students." Workshops on International Financial Accounting Standards for final year B.Com students proved to be extremely informative.

This year's highlight was commencement of M.Com Course affiliated to Bangalore University. Future plans are to start B.A. with Journalism and B.Ed. Course.

Another major milestone was the launch of **Kalam Industry Incubation Centre (KIIC).** A joint initiative with **SME One Source Make-In-India Foundation**. The chief guest on the occasion was Justice Sri. Santhosh Hegde and the guests of honour were Sri. Anadi Charan Sahu, GM, SIDBI and Sri. Nagaraj G, CEO of SME One Source Foundation. Prof Srinivasan Ranganathan was the key note speaker. An MOU between the Foundation & the college was exchanged to promote social entrepreneurship and women empowerment. Three projects were announced and completed by November 2017.

A host of other activities are planned for the next semester namely Annual Day, Commerce & Management Fest, Placement Week etc.

This is a brief of the events completed so far.