

ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE, MOOLAMATTOM

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2015-2016

Distinguished Guest of Honour **Rev. Fr. Bobby Alex Mannamplackal**, Chief Editor, Deepika; the president of the meeting **Rev. Fr. George Mattathil CMI**, Local Manager; **Kumari Sarayu Mohan**, Cine Artist; **Sri. Roy J Kallarangattu**, PTA Vice President; **Captain Pramod Joseph**, Staff Secretary; **Mrs. Sunitha Mathew**, Staff Representative; **Prof. Jacob Sebastian**, **Prof. Sajan Jose K.**, **Dr. K. C. Joseph**, **Sri. Johny Thomas**, **Sri. Kul Bahadur**, **Mrs. Thresia K. P.**, the retiring staff members; **Sri. Liffin Eppachan**, College Union Chairman; **Sri. George James**, College Union Secretary; guests, members of the faculty, members of the administrative staff and my dear students,

INTRODUCTION

I am very much delighted to present before you the 35th annual report of our college. It was a year that witnessed a turning point in the forward growth of the college, due to the addition of a new building named **St. Chavara Block** to the College. I sincerely thank the Local Manager, **Rev. Fr. George Mattathil CMI**, who took much pain and effort to realize the New St. Chavara block with modern facilities. Drastic changes are taking place in the field of teaching-learning process in the 21st century and the major trends are named as collaborative learning, interactive learning and independent learning. **Collaborative learning** is an educational approach to teaching and learning that involves groups of learners working together to solve a problem, complete a task, or create a product. It is a method of teaching and learning in which students would team together to explore a significant question or create a meaningful project. A group of students discussing a lecture or students from different schools working together over the internet on a shared assignment are both examples of collaborative learning. **Interactive Learning** is a pedagogical approach that incorporates social networking and urban computing into course design and delivery. Interactive learning has evolved out of the hyper-growth in the use of digital technology and virtual communication. Students strengthen their

critical thinking and problem-solving skills by using a much more holistic approach to learning. Interactive learning can take place across the curriculum with or without technology. **Independent learning** takes place when an individual is able to think, act and pursue their own studies autonomously, without having the direct support from a teacher. Here teacher should take the role of a facilitator.

COLLEGE COMMUNITY

The college community consists of 59 teaching faculty, 20 non-teaching staff, and 967 students. Among the 59 teaching staff, 27 are in the Aided Stream and 32 are in the Self Financing Stream. Among the 27 Aided staff, 13 are Ph. D degree holders and 2 are M. Phil degree holders. 17 teaching staff joined this year among whom Deena Paul in the Department of Chemistry and Aneesh N in the Department of Mathematics are in the Aided Stream and Priyanka Babu, Rony Thomas, Thomaskutty Sunny (Dept English) Raji Vijayakumar, Prabhul George, Parvathy S, Anu Saju, Sanitha V.B, Neenu M. N., Maria Mathews (Dept of Commerce), Julie Francis (Dept of Physics), Sumi Sugathan (Dept of Mathematics), Jobin Joy, Femina Tomy (Dept of Economics), and Jain Jose (Dept of Computer Science) are in the Self Financing Stream. Former Superintendent Sri. K. T. Joseph is appointed as an assistant in the Office. Among the 967 students, 428 are boys and 539 are girls.

I am happy to note that one of our strengths is the service minded and committed administrative staff. **Mr. Thomas Joseph** is appointed as the new superintendent from June 1, 2015.

Prof. Jacob Sebastian, Head, Dept of Physics, Prof. Sajan Jose K., Associate Professor, Dept of Zoology, Dr. K. C. Joseph, Associate Professor, Department of Chemistry, Sri. Johny Thomas, Sri. Kul Bahadur and Mrs. Thressia K.P. the administrative staff members, will retire from Service on March 31, 2016.

Prof. Jacob Sebastian, Associate Professor and Head, Department of Physics, will retire on March 31, 2016 after 33 years of service to the college. Joined in 1983 as Physics lecturer in the college, he became the

first Head of the Department of Physics, when B. Sc Physics was started in the year 1998. His academic commitment to students is praiseworthy. He took initiative in starting the Co-operative Society in the college and became its first President from 1986-1991.

Dr. K C Joseph has served the institution for the last 24 years as a teacher in the department of Chemistry. Joined in the college in 1992, his service was not limited to the four walls of classrooms. He served as Staff Council Secretary in 2011 and PTA Secretary in 2012. He gave creative leadership to NSS for four years as its Programme Officer. He was appointed as the Returning Officer for College Union Election and Staff Advisor to the College Union from 1995 to 1998. He served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Staff Cooperative Society for two terms. He was appointed as a member in the MG University PG Board of studies in Chemistry from 2011-2013. He was awarded Ph. D in Chemistry by M G University in 2010. Before joining the college, he was served as a High School teacher in Santhome High School, Kanamala, from 1983 to 1992.

Prof. Sajan Jose K, Department of Zoology, is retiring from service after 34 years of service to the college. An authority in Stingless Bees, he keeps bees, doing research on them and submitted his doctoral thesis on Stingless Bees to the MG University last month. He served the college as Secretary of PTA, Governing Board Member, Secretary of the Co-operative Society, and Director of Arts Club for 20 years. He served as NSS Programme Officer for nine years. His other service areas include Students' Union Advisor, Director of Nature Club and Director of Music Club. He was a Vigilance Squad Member in MG University in 2011-12. He also served as Additional Chief Superintendent at Universal Institute, Kuwait, during 2011. He is nominated as a Board of Studies member in SB College Changanassery (Autonomous).

He completed two minor projects of UGC and co-investigator of a major multi institutional project under Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, supported by the Dept. of Biotechnology, Govt of India. He is the principal investigator of a major project on Popularization of Meliponiculture, supported by Kerala State Council for Science, Technology and Environment.

He has several papers on his credit and gave talk on Meliponiculture on All India Radio and TV channels like Amrita, Asianet, Doordarshan and Surya.

Sri. Kul Bahadur joined in the college on March 24, 1988 as a supportive staff. Though born and brought up in Nepal, he absorbed the life style and culture of Kerala and speaks the Malayalam language fluently. He served in the college office and in the Library and tries his level best to keep the premises of the college neat and beautiful. He always showed respect to the authorities and co-workers. He retired from his service on January 31, 2016.

Sri. Johny Thomas started his career in the college on July 15, 1985. He served in the College Office and in the Physics Lab. Being blessed with a good knowledge in electrical works and sound system, his service in the Electronics Lab and in the conduct of various activities in the Auditorium are praise worthy and is appreciated both by the staff and students of the Department of Physics. He will retire from service on May 31, 2016.

Mrs. Theresia K.P. is retiring from service after fulfilling her commendable service in the college for the last 24 years. Joined in the institution in 1992, she always shown a sense of commitment and dedication in keeping the college and its surroundings neat and tidy. She is a **Priyappetta Chechi**, a very dear sister, to all girl students here. In her free time, she is ready to assist various works in the office and in the library. With her retirement the college would lose a 'silent doer personality' that cannot be easily bridged.

I wish all the retiring staff a happy and a pleasant life in future.

INAUGURATION OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR

The first year degree classes were started on July 15, 2015. It was inaugurated by Rev. Fr. *Geoerge Mattathil CMI*, Local Manager. The guest of honor was Dr. *Sunny. K. George*, Syndicate Member, MG University.

ORIENTATION PROGRAMME FOR THE STAFF

At the beginning of the academic year orientation programmes were held separately for teaching staff and non teaching staff. The resource person for the teaching staff was **Dr. Harry Cletus**, Principal, St. Albert's College,

Ernakulam. The programme helps to prepare more intensely on the re-accreditation process of NAAC .The session for administrative staff was guided by Rev. Fr. **Vineeth Vazhekkudy**, Teacher, Calvary High School, Kattappana.

INAUGURATION OF CHAVARA BLOCK

The new block of the college, named as St. Chavara Block, was inaugurated at the beginning of the academic year by Rev. Dr. George Edayadiyil CMI, Provincial and Manger. Principal Rev. Dr. Gilson John specially mentioned the initiative and the hard work by Rev. Fr. George Mattathil CMI, Local Manager for the timely fulfillment of the construction works.

COLLEGE UNION

Election to the College Union was held on December 11, 2015 under the Parliamentary Mode. The following students were elected. Liffin Eppachan(Chairman), Mariyon Maggi Jose (Vice-Chairperson),George James(General Secretary), Jaison Mathew & Sooraj Soman(UUCs),Ajumal Abubaker(Arts Club Secretary), Midhun Manohar(Editor), Anila Sudhakaran & Arsha Thomas(Lady Representatives), Aleena Sojan (II PG Rep), Sneha Jose(I PG Rep), Christy Manuel(III DC Rep) Anand A. S.(II DC Rep) John Kochumon(I DC Rep).

The Union was inaugurated by Dr. Cyriac Thomas, former Vice-Chancellor, MG University, on January 10, 2016. Under the initiative of the Union RAZZMATAZZ, the Campus Radio was started. It not only brings all the events taken place in the campus, but also it is a forum to develop the cultural talents of students. *Snehapoorvam Sahpadikku* was conducted on January 1st, Sports Day on February 10th, Food Fest on February 15th, and Arts Fest on February 22nd.

College Magazine entitled ***Ithimmade Selfiyatto*** is released by Sri K. V. Joseph, Superintendent of Police, Idukki District and the first copy was received by Mr. Tomy Kunnel, President, Arakulam Grama Panchayat. Special appreciation to Sri. Liffin Eappachan, the editor, for its timely publication.

CHAVARA MEMORIAL TALK

Every year it is organized by PTA. This year it was held on February 5, 2016 and the guest of honour was the retired IG Sri. Alexander Jacob IPS.

ALUMNI GATHERING

December 26th is observed as Alumni Day and this year around 200 former students gathered and shared their feelings regarding the role played by the college in their present career and growth.

PTA

PTA gives strong support to our college. It instituted merit awards and comes to our help in all needs of the institution. Sri Roy J. Kallarangattu is the Vice President and Mrs. Sunitha Mathew is the secretary for the academic year 2015-16.

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS

The Department of Mathematics held its first meeting on June 22, 2015 and discussed the various activities to be arranged this year. Mrs. Sumi Sugathan joined the Department as Guest Faculty and Mr. Aneesh N joined as a permanent faculty. The Class wise PTA interaction sessions were held in October.

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS

The activities of the department for this academic year started with a departmental staff meeting in which the academic calendar, details of work load and activities of the physics association were discussed.

Ms. Julie Francis joined the department as a new faculty member. Dr. Praveen Joseph published a research paper entitled "Studies on Cell Inactivation Efficiency of Gamma and Proton Radiation Using MTT assay" in the journal **Pearl**. The Physics Association conducted its annual fest **Resonance 2016** on February 6, 2016. PTA meetings were held for all three batches of the B. Sc Physics.

Our students Aardhra Merin Kurian, Maria Ann Kuruvilla, Ditta V. Denny and Grace Maria Baby got campus selection in Wipro technologies Ltd, along with an opportunity to pursue M. Tech course of VIT Chennai. Students from Physics department participated in several state and national level intercollegiate fests and won several prizes.

DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY

- **Dr. Siby Joseph Memorial Charitable Trust** was inaugurated by Sri P.J Joseph, Hon. Minister for Water Resources on September 28, 2015. Rev. Dr. George Edayadiyil CMI, Provincial and Manager, Sri. Roshy Augustine MLA, Rev. Fr. George Mattathil CMI, Local Manager, Rev. Dr. Gilson John CMI, Principal and former students of the college participated in the programme.
- A UGC sponsored National Seminar on **Emerging Trends in Chemistry** was organized on 9 and 10 December, 2015. The Seminar was inaugurated by Dr. Mangala Sunder Krishnan, Professor, IIT Madras. The resource persons for the seminar were Dr. Mangala Sunder Krishnan and Dr. M Padmanabhan, Professor, IISER, TVM. A Paper Presentation Competition was also conducted as part of the seminar. Dr. Lovely Mathew, Professor and Dean of Science, Viswajyothi College of Engineering, Vazhakulam, chaired the paper presentation sessions. Certificate and Cash prize was given for the best paper presented in the seminar.
- **Dr. Siby Joseph Memorial Lecture Series** was inaugurated by Dr. Dileepkumar, Vice Chancellor, Sree Sankara Sanskrit University, Kalady, on February 18, 2016. The resource person was Dr. V. N. Rajasekaranpillai, former Chairman, UGC and former Vice Chancellor, M.G. University.
- **Chemifest**, the cultural fiesta of the association, was celebrated on February 20, 2016. Various cultural activities and competitions marked the event.

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

A **seminar** was organized for II PG students under the guidance of Mr. Jishnu Venugopal and Mr. Joby Mathew, Assistant Professors, Department of English, St. Thomas College, Pala. In connection with the World

Environment Day, the Department conducted an interdepartmental **poem writing competition** in which Ms. Rani Sebastian (I MA English) and Ms. Fathima Salim (III BBM) secured the first and second prize respectively. **Reading Day** was observed on June 19 with a news paper reading competition in which Linnet John of I MA English and Ann Simi Joseph of II BA English bagged first and second prize respectively. A Literary Quiz was conducted on June 29 in which the team consists of Anju P. Nair and Amalu.B won the first prize. **The English Literary Association (ENLITA)** was inaugurated by Dr. K. Jeevan Kumar, Associate Professor, Department of English, HBC, Melukavumattom on July 6, 2015. It was followed by a seminar entitled 'The Transmission of Literature through Translation'.

A seminar on **Group Dynamics and Synergy of Motivation** by Mr. Justin Aerthayil was conducted on August 5, 2015. **The Add-on Course** for the year 2015-16 was started on August 20, 2015. It was followed by a seminar on **The Trend of Newspapers in the Present Era** by Mr. Chandrakanth, Editor, The New Indian Express, Kochi. The Department in collaboration with the Department of Malayalam conducted a two- day UGC sponsored National Seminar on **Representation of Women and Nature in Cinema** on October 8 and 9, 2015. It was inaugurated by Mrs. Bina Paul, renowned film editor. Eminent personalities like Mr. N.S Madhavan (Renowned writer and Retired IAS officer), Dr. P.S Radhakrishnan (Director, School of Letters, M.G University, Kottayam) led various sessions. **The Add-on Course Certificates** were distributed by Dr. Baby Joseph, Principal, St. Joseph's Academy of Higher Education and Research on January 13, 2016.

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

A meeting of the staff members of the Economics department was held on June 19, 2015. The various activities of the department for the academic year 2015-2016 were discussed and finalized in the meeting. Prof. K. A. Thomas, former Head, Dept of Economics has taken a class on **Union Budget 2016**. The PTA interaction sessions of degree students were organized and Economics Fest and Valedictory is scheduled on February 27, 2016.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

- One day **Motivational Training** by Mr. Jijo Chittady, Motivation Trainer, Kenshu Foundation, was given to I B. Com Computer Application students and I B .Com Taxation students.
- Industrial visit to **Kannan Devan Factory in Munnar** for II B.Com was conducted.
- One day seminar on **Financial Planning for Young Investors** for II B.Com students by Dr. Joseph George, Certified Financial Resource person, Securities Exchange Board of India, Mumbai.
- One day **Career Orientation Programme** was conducted for III B.Com students by Joy Manuel and team, Placement Trainer, Viswa Jyothi College of Management, Vazhakulam.
- Deepa Thomson and Ashvin Thomas (III B.Com Computer Application) were selected to Wipro through the Campus Recruitment conducted at Santhigiri College Vazhithala.
- Interaction sessions with parents were organized.

DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT STUDIES

The Dept. organized a Bridge Course for First Year Students to familiarize them the course and the college. PTA interaction sessions were organized in October, 2015.

The Department organized various Workshops and Seminars this year: They are:

- **Trends in Financial Markets** by Mr. K. Sukumaran, Director, National Institute for Securities Market, Mumbai.
- **Modern Trends in Banking.** Mr. Ashok Kumar P., Regional Manager, IDCB, Idukki

- **Financial Planning for Young Investors** by Dr. Joseph George, Certified Financial Education Resource Person, Securities Exchange Board of India
- **Goal Setting** by Mr. Shaji M. George, Career Launch, Thodupuzha.
- **Effective Learning** by Mr. Justine Joseph, Lecturer in Psychology, St. Joseph's College, Moolamattom.
- **Motivation Training Programme** by Mr. Jijo Chittady, Motivation Trainer, Power Stream.
- **Vigilance Awareness** by Mr. T. A. Antony, Dy SP, Vigilance Cell, Idukki and Mr. Tipson Thomas, CI, Vigilance Cell, Idukki.
- **Effective Personality** by Ms. Lucy Benzilin and Bibin Jose, HR Trainers, i-Chimes Career Developers Pvt. Ltd.
- **Communication and Interview Techniques** by Mr. Joy Emmanuel, Trainer, VJCET for final year students.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK

Life Line Club: As part of the international day against drug abuse, on June 26, 2016, the department has organized an Awareness Programme, against the evil effects of drug use among children, in 7 different schools of Arakulam and Kudayathoor Panchayat. A Quiz Competition was also conducted in the college campus to create awareness among the students.

Alzheimers Day (September 21): The Department observed Alzheimers Day with a Poster Presentation and Quiz Competition in the college campus.

Samanwaya 2015: The students have participated in the Intercollegiate Social Work Students Meet and won several prizes.

Mental Health Day: The Department observed National Mental Health day on October 10, 2015. Along with the members of Maria Sadanam, the students have participated in a Symposium on 'Challenges in Mental Health and Management'.

Diabetics Day: As part of the Diabetics Day observation, the Department has organized a special programme, includes diabetic survey, flash mob, streetplay, quiz competition and leaflet distribution in Thodupuzha Private Bus Stand and in Mangattukavala Bus Stand.

Educational Visits: Students visited and gained insight about 5 national and international organizations in Hyderabad. The students had also undergone one month training programs in Pune, Bangalore and Kerala.

National Seminar: The Department has conducted a National Seminar on the topic "Management of Disabilities through Person Centered Approach" on November 25, 2015. The sessions were led by **Mr. Ross Young** (International Development Trainer, UK) and **Mr. Anish Mohan** (Coordinator, IPCAI).

Thanal 2015: The Department conducted seven day tribal camp (**Thanal**) at Mamalakandam, from November 26 to December 02, 2015. The students involved in Home Visit, Group Discussions, Cultural Events and awareness programs including Street Play, Mime, Awareness Talk etc on various social issues.

AIDS Day 2015: The Department observed World Aids Day with a Poster Presentation, Street Play, Flash Mob and Quiz Competition in Adimaly Private Bus Stand and also conducted the same in the college campus on December 1 and 7, 2015.

Human Rights Day (December 10): Awareness Programmes like Poster Presentation and talk were conducted to promote awareness among people about human rights.

Arikil: The Department celebrated Christmas and New Year with the inmates of Assisi Sneha Sadan Rehabilitation Centre, Moolamattom.

Swanthanam 2016: In connection with the decennial celebrations, the department organized an event (Swanthanam) to honor the talented individuals with disabilities on January 22, 2016. Mr. Saji Thomas, Mr. Biju Mukoottuthara, Sri. Babu Kayamkulam, Ms. Robitha P Thomas were honoured on this occasion. It was inaugurated by Sri. Roshi Augustine MLA. & Dr.

Sabukuttan (Director, Life Long Learning & Adult Education) presided over the function.

Tribal Awareness Camp at Edamalakudy: During this camp, the students were encouraged to organize and carry out programmes and events for social awakening and development of the people.

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION

The Department conducted coaching camps for various games such as volleyball, football and cricket. Mr. Arun Viswanath was appointed in order to give coaching for our basketball team and Veteran Volleyball Coach Mr. Mohammed Ali gave coaching for our Volleyball Team. All the students of the College were divided into six houses in order to conduct Annual Sports and Athletic Meet. Annual Games Meet of our College was organized from January 15 to February 09, 2016. In connection with the Annual Games Meet, a unique volleyball match between young teaches of our College and inter-house winners of our Volleyball were conducted. Annual Athletics Meet was held on February 10, 2016.

The Annual Athletic Meet started with colourful march-past followed by 'Deepashikha Prayanam', Oath taking and Flag hosting. The Annual Athletic Meet was declared open by Sri. Tomy Kunnel, President, Arakulam Grama Panchayath and Vice-President, Kerala Football Association. We conducted several minor recantation games (mock sports) in the afternoon session of the Annual Athletic meet. Thanks for Fr. Thomas George and Mr. Alphin Baby, the General Captain

DEPARTMENT OF HINDI

Hindi Association organized various literary programmes such as Essay Writing, Versification and Short Story Writing competitions and prizes were distributed for the winners.

STUDENT INITIATIVE IN PALLIATIVE CARE UNIT (SIPC)

The college promoted a student's initiative in Palliative Care with an objective to build up and nurture every student- a sense of service and social responsibility. The organization was inaugurated by Mr. Sijo Vijayan,

Dist. Palliative Co-ordinator, Idukki District on December 6, 2014. Sri. Sanju Scaria, Dept. of Mathematics, is nominated as staff Co-ordinator and Nithin Thomas, Joseph George, Akhilraj K.S and Sajith P.K were chosen as the student co-ordinators

The activities of the unit are as follows:

- Every week the volunteers donate one rupee each. It is used for the activities of the Palliative Care Unit.
- The members of the unit visit the houses of the patients to give home care at least once in a month under the auspices of Arakkulam PHC & Puthupariyaram PHC.
- The students, as a token of service, engage in the reconstruction of houses of the patients. About 10 houses were reconstructed in Iruttuthodu, Shasthampara, Uppukunnu and Madakathanam .
- The Unit organized Snehasangamam-2015, a get together of about 15 disabled personalities on Disability day.
- On world Palliative Care Day, a seminar for the volunteers was organized in Thodupuzha with a rally for propagating the idea of Palliative Care Mission.
- An awareness rally was conducted from the College to Arakkulam PHC on World Cancer Day.
- A one-day trip was organized along with 4 physically challenged people to Ernakulum.
- Food packets were distributed among palliative patients with the amount contributed by the students.
- Our college was achieved the rare distinction of being honored as the first college having credited with the best palliative unit in the state of Kerala. The award was instituted by Palliative Mission in our state.

NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME

The activities of the National Service Scheme, for the year 2015-16, were formally inaugurated on June 27, 2015 by Smt. Bridgit Cyriac, President, Arakkulam Grama Panchayat. NSS undertook Dengue Awareness Programme, in association with Arakkulam Primary Health Centre. The students visited

about 200 homes of Arakkulam Panchayat, and disseminated the message to control the spread of Dengue Fever. The World Environment Day was celebrated on June, 5. The volunteers formed groups and planted saplings in the campus. Rs. 10600/- was collected and sent to the account of the Vice Chancellor towards the treatment fund of Ambily Fathima, who is a student of our University. Our volunteers participated in the Independence Day Rally at Thodupuzha. International Yoga Day was also celebrated under the leadership of NSS volunteers this year, by practicing yoga for four hours in the campus.

The Seven Day Special Camp was conducted from 21 to 27 August, 2015 at St Thomas High School, Thudanganad. The major work undertaken was the renovation of Thudanganad - Vallippara Road. On World AIDS Day, the volunteers conducted an awareness programme for the students of Govt. Higher Secondary School, Kudayathoor. The NSS also co-operated with the College Union to collect more than ten thousand rupees for the government programme, 'Sneha poorvam Sahapaadikku'. It was directed by Sri Abhilash Mathew and Dr. Praveen Joseph. The student leaders are Midhun Manohar and Helen Maria George (II DC Mathematics).

NATIONAL CADET CORPS

On World Environment day, NCC cadets planted saplings in the college campus. Our cadets participated in the District Level Blood Donation Camp at Al-Azar College, Thodupuzha and won the trophy for the Best Voluntary Blood Donation College.

As part of the NCC day celebrations, NCC cadets visited the Blind School at Kudayathoor and distributed food kits to the inmates of the Blind School. The NCC Unit of St Joseph's College donated Rs.5000/- to Palliative Care Unit of this college.

The college hosted the Combined All-wing Annual Training Camp from September 26, 2015 to October 05, 2015. NCC Kottayam Group Commander Brigadier M.D Chacko visited our college and addressed the cadets. NCC cadets attended the flag hosting ceremony on the Independence Day and

participated in the Independence Day Rally at Thodupuzha and won the trophy.

On International Day of Yoga on June 21, our cadets participated in the Yoga Camp held at Deva Matha College, Kuravilangadu. NCC cadets also participated in the Yoga Camp at St Joseph's College, Moolamattom on the same day.

The cadets donated umbrellas to the poor students of New Govt LPS Kanjar on July 02, 2015. The Unit is providing lunch and supper to the inmates of *Sneha Sadanam*, Muttom, on all First Fridays of the month this academic year. NCC Orientation Seminar for the first year students was conducted on July 16, 2015. Our cadets cleaned the premises of the Blind School, Kudayathoor, on October 02, 2015.

Cadet Amal George and Cadet Justin Thomas attended the **AP Trek-2015** at Tirupathi from July 1 - 9, 2015. Six of our cadets attended the Annual Training Camp at SGC Aruvithara from May 1 to 10, 2015 and five cadets are attending the Army Attachment Camp at Pangode, Thiruvananthapuram, from February 15-29, 2016.

Cadet James Anto attended the Basic Leadership Camp at St Xavier's College, Vaikom, Corporal Jithu S Netto attended the Thal Sainik Camp at Delhi and U/O Amal Soman represented Kerala and Lakshadweep at the NCC National Games at Delhi from October 18-29, 2015.

A Blood Donation camp was organized on February 10, with the collaboration of IMA Thodupuzha.

ORATORY CLUB

Directed by Dr. Joshy Varghese, members of the Club secured prizes in different inter-collegiate competitions. All Kerala Chavara Elocution Competition was held in the college on January 18, 2016. Participants from 16 colleges competed in the event.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

On First Fridays, there has been Holy Mass for Catholics and Life Guidance Seminars for all other students were organized and as part of it, eminent personalities were interacted with the students. Co-ordinated by Dr. Joshy Varghese and Rev. Fr. Lijo Joseph, this year the following programmes were arranged:

- A seminar on **Inclusion of Values with Insight** by Dr. Shaju Varghese, Associative Professor of Malayalam, St. Peters College, Kolenchery
- **How to Attain Success** by Sri. Justin Aerthayil, International Mentor and Life Skills Trainer.
- **Action Oriented Life** by Sri. V.A. Rajendran, President Film Society, Thodupuzha.
- **How to Develop Positive Attitude** by Shan Pazhayari, Lecturer, St Joseph's Academy, Moolamattom.

MALAYALA SAHITYA VEDHI

As part of the Reader's Day celebration, students prepared notes on renowned works of literature. Professor Prince J Mathew, Department of English made a lecture on 'Aesthetics of reading' on July 2, 2015. Students conducted an interactive workshop on 'My Most Influential Book' on July 20, 2015. A special day was observed in remembrance of former Indian President Dr. A. P. J Abdul Kalam.

Sahityotsavam 2015 was inaugurated by Dr. M. C Dileepkumar, Vice Chancellor, Sree Sankara Sanskrit University, Kalady. He made a lecture on 'Literature and Culture'. **Rev. Fr. Z. M. Moozhoor Memorial Lecture** was done by Mr. S. Joseph, the poet and Odakkuzhal Award Winner. The lecture was on the topic 'Contemporary Art Forms '. Poet Sri. Sukumar Arikuzha presented his cartoon works. 17 Manuscript Magazines were released and the total number of Manuscript Magazines so far published reached up to 200. II B. Sc Chemistry students staged the Malayalam adaptation of Shakespeare's play 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. Riya Jose was adjudged the best actor. The Poet ONV Commemoration was held on February 16 with the release of a Manuscript magazine. It was directed by Dr. Joshy Varghese.

WALK WITH A SCHOLAR

The Walk with a Scholar Programme, a new initiative by the Government of Kerala, is headed in our college by Mr. Roby Mathew, Head, Department of English. The following programs were organized in this academic year:

- **A Cultural Exchange Programme** on November 25, 2015 by Mr. Ross Young, International Trainer of IPCAI, from UK on Language and Education.
- **A Work Shop** on Communication Skills on January 30, 2016 by Ms. Priyanka Babu, Lecturer, Department of English of our college.
- **A seminar** on 'Banking Career and Aptitude Test' by Mr. Deepak Jose, Trainer, Pragmatix, Kochi, on 6 February.
- As part of the Motivational **Institution Visit Scheme**, thirty mentees visited premier institutes like Indian Institute of Management, Kozhikode (IIM-K), National Institute of Technology, Kozhikode (NIT-C) and Regional Science Centre and Planetarium, Kozhikode, February 19 & 20, 2016

TAGORE FORUM

Tagore Forum, the auxiliary club of the Department of English, conducted interdepartmental programmes for the entire student community of our college. It was headed by Ms. Brillie Benzkutty, Lecturer, in the Dept of English. It conducted a **short film competition** with the sponsorship of Haritha Ayurvedic Hospital, Thodupuzha. Nithin Thomas (III BA Economics) was adjudged the Best Director and Jithumon Babu (II B.Com Tax) won the Best Actor prize. It also conducted an interdepartmental **Power Point Presentation Competition** on the topic 'Social Networking Sites for Social Changes'. Alfred J and team (III B. Sc Physics) and Abigeil Thomas and team (I BA English) won first and second prizes respectively.

WOMEN CELL

The activities of this year were inaugurated by Prof. Indu K. S., Head, Dept. of English, D.B College, Thalayolaparambu & Syndicate Member, M. G University, on August 10, 2015. A Seminar was organized on the same day by Prof. Indu K. S on the topic **The Need of Alertness in the Use of Social Media**. Miss. Aiswarya Sukumaran (II B. Sc Physics) and Miss. Steny Stephen (II B. Sc Chemistry) were elected as the President and Secretary for the year 2015-16. Mrs. Anju P Mathews and Dr. Shobitha Sebastian serve as the staff coordinators.

Women cell coordinated the "Onappookkalam 2016" competition conducted in the college. An interactive session on "Cancer and its prevention" by Dr. Mini Mohan, Chief Medical Officer, Government Taluk Hospital, Thodupuzha, was conducted on January 13, 2016. Women cell organized self defense practice sessions under the aegis of The Janamythri Police, Kerala, in the college. Women cell, with the aid of Government Hospital, Arakulam, keeps a well-equipped First Aid Box in the college to help the students in their emergency situations.

SERVICE ENTRY COACHING

Service entry coaching is aimed at preparing our students to appear for various competitive examinations. This academic year, about 100 students have registered for the programme. Classes are conducted on Saturdays. Students are given awareness about the job opportunities and are given practice in handling various kinds of questions. In addition to this, they are directed to use the large number of career related books in our library. Sri. Abhilash Mathew, Dept of English, gives creative leadership to this programme.

CIVIL SERVICE FORUM

The activities of the forum were inaugurated on September 17, 2015 by Prof. Joseph Vettickan, Director, Pala Civil Service Institute followed by a seminar on **Prospects in Civil Service**. The Forum started a desk, VENT, to provide a platform for the member students to sit together and discuss contemporary issues and developments every day from 3.30pm to 4pm.

The Forum also organized a seminar on **How to Crack Civil Service?** by Mr. Jojo Mathews, Veteran Civil Service Trainer, on November 28, 2015. The Forum is directed by Dr. Joseph George and Mr. Shibu P.G.

ENTREPRENEURSHIP CLUB

The Club conducted Inter class Best Sales Team Competition on **July 07, 2015**. On **August 17, 2015**, a practical session on Group Discussion was arranged under the initiative of Dr. Joseph George.

COMMERCE ASSOCIATION

Commerce Association (Computer Application) was inaugurated by Prof. George James, Former Principal, Nirmala College, Muvattupuzha. He conducted a one day seminar on the topic **Recent Trends in Advertisement**. The Association activities of B. Com (Finance and Taxation) were inaugurated by Dr. G. S. Gireesh Kumar, Director, Centre for Continuing Education, Govt. of Kerala. A one day seminar was conducted on the topic **Growth Drivers of Indian Economy**. One day seminar on **Cyber Crimes** was inaugurated by K. V. Joseph IPS (SP Idukki). The Resource Person was C. R. Sashidharan, Cyber Cell CI, Idukki Dt. In the seminar Commerce Association Logo was released by Pious Thomas, CI, Kanjar

PHYSICS ASSOCIATION

Inauguration of Physics association was held on July 06, 2015. Dr. Saji Augustine, Head, Department of Physics, Deva Matha College, Kuravilangadu, was the Chief Guest of the function. A seminar on the topic **Nanostructures and Beyond** was conducted by him on the same day. The traditional cultural fest of the association '**Resonance-2016**' was conducted on February 6, 2016. It was directed by Prof. Jacob Sebastian.

ECONOMICS ASSOCIATION

Inauguration of the activities of Economics Association was solemnly conducted on July 1, 2015. **Rev. Dr. Sr. Rejeenamma Joseph**, Head, Dept

Economics, Alphonsa College, Pala, was the Guest of Honour. It was followed by a seminar on **Environmental Economics** by the chief guest. A Student motivation and enrichment program was organized on August 18, 2015 under the guidance of Mr. **Benny Kurian**, the JCI International trainer. It was directed by Lt. Pramod Joseph

CHEMISTRY ASSOCIATION

The activities of the Chemistry association for the year 2015-2016 were inaugurated by **Dr. Aniamma K.C**, Principal, Henry Baker College, Melukavu, on June 30, 2015. An awareness programme against drug abuse was organized by The Anti-Narcotic Wing of Kerala Excise Department on August 18, 2015. A quiz and power point presentation competition were conducted for the students of the Department by Dr. Ebey P Koshy and Mr. Jose James on July 8, 2015. Another Seminar on **Chemistry in Rocketry** was conducted on January 29, 2016. The resource person was Dr. Benny K. George, Senior Scientist and Group Leader, Analytical and Spectroscopic Division, VSSC, Thiruvananthapuram.

MATHEMATICS ASSOCIATION

The activities of the Mathematics Association were formally inaugurated by Dr. K V Alice, HOD of Mathematics, Newman College, Thodupuzha, on 1st July 2015. A seminar on **Cryptography** was arranged in connection with the inauguration.

The members of the Association participated in various competitions and activities arranged by the College. Sri. Midhun Manohar of II B. Sc. Mathematics secured Third Prize in the All Kerala Intercollegiate Presentation Competition held at BCM College, Kottayam.

The Association organized two more seminars viz Sri. Jijo Chittady led a one day seminar on **Motivation** on December 4, 2015 and Dr. Joseph George, a certified resource person for SEBI, led a seminar on **Financial Planning for Young Investors** on December 30, 2015. A Puzzle Solving Contest called

Solve the Rubik's Cube was organized by the Association for the students of our College.

NATURE CLUB

It functions under the leadership of Dr. Roy Sebastian. A group of 31 students and three teachers have participated in a 3-day Nature Camp organized by The Kerala Forest Dept from January 7-9, 2016 at Thekkady.

CAREER PLANNING CELL

Functions under the direction of Dr. Sabukutty M.G, the Cell organized a one day seminar on **Personality and Soft Skill Development** on December 15, 2015 in association with the MG University Career Guidance and Information Bureau. Another seminar on **After Graduation, What?** was also organized on December 16, 2015. Prof. Tomy Cherian and Prof. Pius of KIZCO Career Training Institute, Pala, led the Seminar.

PLACEMENT CELL

It functions under Dr. Sabukutty MG. A total of nine students viz two from III B. Com. Computer Application, four from III B. Sc. Physics and three from III B. Sc. Chemistry got selected in the **Wipro Campus Recruitment** organized at Marian College, Kuttikkanam and Santhigiri College, Vazhithala. Congratulations to all of them.

TOURISM CLUB

- A three day Tourism Camp was held at Chathurangappara, Rajakkad, from September 10-12, 2015 to promote farm and spices tourism. 27 students and 3 teachers participated in the camp.
- Organized a procession in connection with the college Onam Celebrations.
- Dr. Saju M Sebastian and four students of tourism club participated in the Tourism Camp held, at Holy Cross College, Puttady, conducted by District Tourism Promotion Council, Idukki District.

- A Tourist Spot Destination Cleaning Programme was conducted at Elappally Waterfalls on November 29, 2015.
- A three day Nature Education Tourism Camp was held at Shola National Park, Munnar, to the club members from January 20-22, 2016, organized by Kerala Forests & wildlife Department. 26 students and two teachers participated in the camp.
- Arranged a trekking expedition to Ulupooni, near Vagamon. 40 club members participated in the trekking.
- Arranged a one day picnic to the club members to Kochi, Vallarpadam and Cherayi beach on December 19, 2015.
- Organized a two wheeler fancy dress competition on February 17, 2016 for all the students of the College.

Dr. Saju M. Sebastian gives creative leadership to the club.

AWARDS, ACHIEVEMENTS AND RECOGNITIONS

Dr. Roy Sebastian is appointed as Senior Assistant Superintendent by M.G University for the conduct of University Examinations in the college.

Dr. Joseph George was a Resource person for UGC sponsored National Seminar on Human Values and Ethics in Mar Athanasius College, Kothamangalam and a Workshop on Research Methodology in Santhigiri College, Vazhithala. He was also invited as Chief Guest in Government College, Kattappana, for the inauguration of FIRE, a financial inclusion programme for rural women. He is selected as a Certified Financial Resource Person of the Securities and Exchange Board of India, for the conduct of awareness programmes in Idukki District. He was selected as a question paper setter for BBA (First Semester Examination) and for BHM (Fifth Semester Examination), Kerala University, Thiruvanthapuram.

Dr. Joshy Varghese has selected to lead a Seminar on *Nanma Vidyalayam* by Malayala Manorama for its *Nallapadam* co-ordinators. He was also chosen as

an Expert Panel Member for awarding the doctoral degree in Kerala, Kannur and Kalady Universities.

Lt. Pramod Joseph is appointed as a member in the Board of Officers' for the all Kerala NCC 'C' Certificate Examination - 2016. He bags the Lions Club's Best Treasurer Par Excellence Award-2015. He is also elected as the Secretary, Lions Club, Kollappally, and Vice President, JCI, Piravithanam.

Dr. Saju M. Sebastian is appointed as the Chairman of the Board of Examiners for the II Semester M.Sc. Examinations, M. G. University. He was also appointed as the question paper setter in Kerala Public Service Commission, 2015.

Prof. Mathew Kanamala has worked one week in Manchester, UK, for developing the Person Centered Practices. *India e-learning Version* from the existing UK version is now available on the website. He made a visit to the University of Bangor, Wales, UK, and delivered a lecture on *Person Centered approaches: Challenges and Possibilities in Indian multicultural scenario*. He led a planning session at the University of Bangor for initiating a new course on Dementia in the Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, with the academic support of the University.

Mr. Jain Jose is selected as a Resource Person for the Workshop on MS Access for Higher Secondary Teachers, Kerala State.

Ms. Aneesha Ganesh (I B.Com) is selected as a member of M.G. University Table Tennis Team and the team got first place in South Zone Intervarsity Table Tennis Competition. She also got second position in doubles at Kerala State Championship held at Ernakulum

CONCLUSION

Before concluding the report, I raise my heart to God Almighty for His special blessings bestowed on this institution through the intercession of St. Joseph, our Patron for the last 35 years. I sincerely thank our Manager, Local Manager, Bursar, Staff, Parents and Students for their valuable support and cooperation towards the smooth running of the institution. I sincerely thank Rev. Fr. **Boby Alex Mannamplackal**, Chief Editor, Deepika

News Paper, and Kumari Sarayu Mohan, Cine Artist, for being with us today even in his busy work schedule. Though we are proud of our many success stories, we cannot be satisfied by simply resting on our laurels. Indeed, it is our mission to strive higher and higher. So, I would like to conclude this report with a quote;

Dreams are like stars, you may never touch them;

But if you follow them, they will lead you to your destiny.

FR. GILSON JOHN CMI.

Principal
