

ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE, MOOLAMATTOM

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2012-2013

Distinguished guest of honour **Dr. T. M. Joseph**, Principal, Newman College, Thodupuzha, the president of the meeting Rev. Dr. James Aerthayil, Local Manager, Sri Tomy Thurithikkara, PTA Vice President, Dr. Joshy Varghese, Staff Secretary, Dr. K. C Joseph, Staff representative, retiring staff members Dr. Baby Joseph, Asso. Prof. M. P. Narayanan Namboothiri, Sri P.V. Chacko and Sri Markose Mathew, College Union Chairman Sri Jiju K Jose, College Union Secretary Sri. Deepak Benny, guests, members of the faculty, members of the administrative staff and my dear students,

INTRODUCTION

I am much delighted to present before you the 32nd annual report of our college. It was a year that witnessed a turning point in the forward growth of our college, due to the UGC-NAAC peer team visit. Their observations and creative suggestions for the overall growth of the college have to be implemented in the forthcoming years in a time bound manner to equip our college to fulfill the need of the 21st century student community. Another factor we all should reflect at this juncture is that in the World University Ranking done by **Quacquarelli Symonds (QS)**, not a single university from India has a place in the top 200 institutions in the global level. At the same time, seven institutions from China have figured in the list of the top 200. Collective thinking, reflection and research, I think, are needed to revamp today's higher education. At any cost, we have to frame some strategies to improve the quality of our education system. No one can move forward with the 19th century mind set, and the 20th century process and procedures to meet the needs of the 21st century. The needs of the 21st century should enable us to re-define our concept and vision of higher education. Our institutions and Universities should enjoy the autonomous rights of independent thinking and free expression within the frame work of the National constitution and laws to make the giant leap forward.

NAAC PEER TEAM VISIT

We began the re-accreditation process in 2009 and it was completed in the academic year 2012-13. We submitted the re-accreditation report in October 2011. The peer team comprising Dr. **Ashish Ray**, Chairman, **Dr. K. Rama Mohana Rao**, member co-ordinator

and **Prof. B. Harishchandra Bhat**, member, visited our college in August 20, 21, and 22. The college secured 2.82 grade point out of 4 and is accredited with **B** grade. I sincerely congratulate everyone especially **Dr. Baby Joseph**, Head, Dept. of English, who functioned as the co-ordinator of the entire work.

COLLEGE COMMUNITY

The college has on its rolls 675 students attending various programmes offered by the college. Of these 332 are boys and 343 are girls. The college has on its faculty 32 lecturers and 15 guest lecturers who are dedicated and well qualified. The four teachers who were on deputation, under the faculty improvement programme of the UGC, for the last three years, joined in August 2012. There are 11 Ph. D holders and 9 M. Phil degree holders in the college. Four of them have both M. Phil and Ph. D degrees. Several teachers have enhanced their knowledge in their field of specialization by participating in conferences, seminars, and refresher courses. **Sri. Mathew Kanamala**, HoD, MSW dept has been selected as Asian's first trainer in Person Centered Training on January 24, 2013, by a team of professionals from London, UK.

The college is blessed with a very good and hardworking team of administrative staff, whose present strength is 19. The office, labs and library function smoothly due to their dedicated service.

This year the college got a new Bursar, **Rev. Fr. Jenty Mukalel CMI**. He is very much involved in strengthening the infrastructure in the college. He completed the protection wall of the college building and is presently engaged in the construction of a new seminar Hall and class room above the present Chavara Hall. He is also a faculty member in the B.Com department. The college welcomes him in a special way. Our former Bursar **Rev. Fr. Bastian Mathew** has taken a study leave and he is doing his M. Phil degree in Christ University, Bangalore. He will join as a staff member in the coming academic year.

Two staff members are newly appointed in this academic year. **Mrs. Anju P. Mathews** was appointed in the department of Physics and **Mrs. Draupadi Devi** was appointed as the new Librarian of the college. I wish them all success in their service to the college.

Two of our teachers retire from service at the end of this academic year. **Dr. Baby Joseph**, head, dept of English, retires after 30 years of dedicated service to the college. He was the co-ordinator of the NAAC accreditation done in 2006 and also the re-accreditation done in 2012. He served the college in various capacities as the chief

editor of our news letter **THROBS**, co-ordinator of add on courses, editor of College Handbook, co-ordinator of tutorial system etc. His hard working nature and time bound approach to all duties are praise worthy. His extra ordinary teaching skill and his wide knowledge have benefited thousands of students who have passed the portals of the college. His style and command on the English language is excellent. Apart from his official duties he finds time to help the management and principal to draft documents for various purposes. **Prof. M. P. Narayanan Nambuthiri**, dept of Hindi, too retires this year after 31 years of dedicated service to the college. He was in charge of the principal's duties several times when the principal was away for a considerable period of time. He served the advisor of students' union for a considerable period of time. We have all noted his commitment to the duties and other assignments given by the management. His dedication and selfless service are an example to all of us. His silent nature makes him a person of much introspection and reflection and that has helped the students to form a habit of reflection, independent thinking and imagination.

Two of our office staff, also retire on November 30, 2013. They are our Office Superintendent **Sri. P. V. Chacko** and Higher Grade UD Clerk **Mr. Markose Mathew**. Sri. P.V. Chacko retires after 31 years of service in the college office. Before becoming the superintendent, he served in the sections of scholarship and fee concession. He has also served as the head accountant for a considerable period of time. His precision and wide knowledge of service rules enable the smooth running of the office. His commitment to punctuality and his hard work with a proper vision are an example to all of us. **Mr. Markose Mathew** retires from service after 31 years of dedicated service in the office. From 1982 onwards, he has been in charge of the Salary bill of the staff here. He knows very well the service rules of the State and is keen in securing all the benefits to the staff as declared by the government from time to time. I too get high appreciation from the Deputy Directorate Office, Kottayam, for the prompt and accurate presentation of bills done by Sri. Markose Mathew. He is a man with a hunger for perfection and his spirit of hard work and dedication to duties are exemplary. I am sure, the students as well as the staff members are heavily indebted to him. I wish both Mr. P. V. Chacko and Mr. Markose Mathew all the best in future.

OBITUARY

Rev. Dr. Z. M. Moozhoor, who served in the dept of Malayalam in the college from 1981 to 2003, died on November 03, 2012. He was a versatile genius, renowned writer and a

devoted teacher. The institution remembers his service with gratitude and wishes his soul eternal repose.

Sri. Thomas Sebastian, who died on December 26, 2012, was a teacher in the dept of Chemistry from 1982 to 1986. He was an excellent teacher with a passion for inculcating values into the minds of the students. Immensely humane and gregarious as a person, he was a friend of all and the institution deeply grieves over his sad demise and prays eternal repose of his soul.

PTA

The Parent Teacher Association has been our strong supporter and timely friend in all our endeavors. With its help we succeeded in providing better facilities to our students. It supplies funds to give cash award to the meritorious students and it helps to print our News Letter **THROBS**. The **Chavara Memorial Lecture** is also organized by the PTA. **Mr. Tomy Thuruthikkara** is the Vice President and **Dr. K. C. Joseph** is the Secretary. I would like to say a big 'thank you' to all the parents and other benefactors of the college.

ORIENTATION PROGRAMME FOR THE STAFF

At the beginning of the academic year, separate orientation programmes were organized for the teaching faculty and the administrative staff. **Rev. Dr. Jose Kuriedath CMI**, the Education Secretary, CMI Congregation and former principal, S.H College, Thevara, was the resource person for the teaching staff and **Rev. Fr. Poulose Kidengen**, Principal, Sacred Heart Higher Secondary School, Thevara, was the resource person for the administrative staff.

INAUGURATION OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR

The new academic year began with a prayer session led by Rev. Sr. Sijo Francis and team. The academic year was officially inaugurated by **Rev. Dr. James Aerthayil**, the Local Manager. The principal informed the parents and new comers of the traditions and rules of the college. **Prof. Mathew Kanamala**, HoD, Department of Social Work, also addressed the parents and new comers. The classes began with a three day orientation programme. The orientation to college life was given by Profs. K. A. Thomas, Joshy Varghese, Baby Joseph, Pramod Joseph, Jose James, Roopa Jose, Mathew Kanamala, Jollymon Sebastian, and Sindhu P.S.

CHAVARA MEMORIAL TALK

It was introduced by the PTA in 2009. This year the guest of honor was the famous Film Script Writer **Sri. John Paul**. According to him Blessed Chavara was a pioneer who walked ahead of his time and the great movements he initiated are considered as pioneering steps by the Kerala society today. His idea of living wage to workers and noon meal scheme in school [*Uccha kanji*] are commendable. He was a forerunner in many fields and in Kerala he made foundation to the present co-operative movement. He established a home for the destitute at Kainakary, in the co-operative model. He instituted a self employment scheme for the poor households by introducing Rosary making as a home based production unit at Koonammavu in 1862. Around 300 families, even today in Koonammavu area are involved in Rosary making in their home and thereby seeking their livelihood.

ALUMNI GATHERING

Every year the Alumni gathering is held on the 26th of December. This year it was planned under the heads of all departments. Around 200 former students attended the function. It was a good occasion for the alumni to meet their teachers and to refresh their memories. Many shared their experiences, too, in the gathering.

RELEASE OF COLLEGE MAGAZINE

The College Union prepared a college magazine entitled **RESURGENCE**. It covered the major events happened in the academic year 2011-12. It was released by **Dr. Ashish Ray**, Chairman, NAAC Peer team by giving a copy to **Dr. K. Rama Mohana Rao**, member co-ordinator, NAAC Peer team on August 22, 2012. Hearty congratulations to the editor Sri. **Muhammad Riyas M.M.** and his team for the hard work taken to prepare the magazine.

LIBRARY

The institution gave a fillip to the library by introducing the **inlibnet** in 2012. Now the staff and students have at their disposal a number of e-journals and e-books for their study and research.

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

The department has organized an interdisciplinary Add- on Course in Functional English for the students. "Hiroshima Day" was observed by the department with a poster designing competition for the students. The 150th birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda was celebrated in the department on September 24, 2012 with *bhajans*, orations and a power point presentation on the life of Swamy Vivekananda. **Smt. Ambika Devi**, a retired Sanskrit teacher and an authority on Vivekananda, Rama Krishna Math, delivered a talk on "The Vision and Mission of Swamy Vivekananda". The students performed a replay of the famous Chicago Speech of Swami Vivekananda. The 2nd year students visited Viani Printings, Ernakulam, as part of their curriculum. The staff of the department has raised an **Empathy Fund of Rs.20, 000/-** to provide financial assistance to the low income students of the department. The genuine cases of need for assistance are identified by the respective class teachers. The department organized a **Philatelic and numismatics exhibition** on October 4, 2012. Mr. Sebastian Mathew, the well known philatelist and numismatist displayed his rare collection of stamps and coins. The department organized a one-day seminar on goal setting by Human Resource Trainer **Mr. Justin Aerthayil**. The department organized some cultural exchange programmes for the students. Eight Ph. D students and their dean from **Edinburg University, Ireland** visited the department and interacted with the faculty and students. Other interactive sessions were conducted with Mrs. Jan Killeen, a social worker from Scotland, and Mrs. Julie Lunt, a person-centered international trainer from UK. Classwise PTA interaction sessions were also conducted.

The department conducted a leadership training programme in association with **Altius** on February 25, 2013 .It intends to conduct a film festival on 2nd week of March, and the English Fest in the first week of March.

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

On behalf of the department, a half day seminar on the topic **General Awareness in Civil Services** was organized and the resource person was Sri George Joseph Chemmazham, Civil Services Institute, Pala. Classwise PTA interaction sessions were organized successfully. A department gathering was conducted on December 18, to chalk out the programmes of the department. Another seminar was organized on the topic "Concentration Improving Techniques "by **Mrs. Sangeetha Sanil**, Asst. Professor, Dept. of Psychology, Sree Sankara Sanskrit University, Kalady, on September 25, 2012.

DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY

The M. Sc students **Anjaly V.S. and Roniya Joseph** jointly presented a paper on “India – Israel meeting on Material Science and Nano Science” at School of Chemical Sciences, M. G. University, Kottayam, on January, 30, 2013. In a National Seminar conducted at St. Aloysius College, Edathva, **Dr. George V Thomas** and **Prof Jose James** together with M. Sc students **Jaise Mariya George** and **Jewel Jyothi Jose** presented a paper on ‘Synthesis of Nanocrystalline CoSe by Chemical Bath Deposition’. **Dr. Siby Joseph** presented a paper on “Thermal Studies of Transition Metal Complexes” at ICMST, Pala, on June 10, 2013. **Dr. Siby Joseph** and **Rev. Sr. Sijo Francis** presented a paper on “Phenomenological and Kinetic Studies on Transition Metal Complexes” at ICMST, Pala, on June 12, 2012.

NET COACHING

The Research and Post Graduate Department of Chemistry offers NET Coaching to post graduate students of the dept. It is of immense use to the students in the college as such an opportunity is not available elsewhere in the district.

DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT STUDIES

The department is very keen in developing the skills of the students to make them employable. The BBM Association organized several seminars on a variety of topics to equip students to face the contemporary realities. It functions under the leadership of the Director Dr. V. P. Thomas, the Secretary Sri. Ananthu. K. Chandrabose and Joint Secretary Kumari Parvathy T.U. In collaboration with **RACE Education and Management Solutions, Pvt. Ltd, Cochin**, the following programmes were conducted during the academic year:

A two day seminar on **Leadership and Team Building** by Mr. Shoy. K. George on July 25, 2012.

A seminar on **C. V. Preparation** by Jinto Mathew on September 7, 2012.

A seminar on **Time Management** by Jijo James on October 3, 2012.

A seminar on **Personal Effectiveness** by Mr. Philip Mathew on February 7, 2013.

A seminar on **Interview Techniques** by Jinto Mathew on February 8, 2013

A seminar on **Group Discussion** by Linto John on February 15, 2013.

A seminar on **Psychometric Profiling and Style Fixing** by Rahul. J. Nair on January 1, 2013.

A seminar on Recruitment **Strategies and Career Profiling** by Justin Joseph on January 18, 2013

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

The Commerce Association was officially inaugurated by **Prof. V. J. Peter**, Principal, Pavanatma College, Murickassery. He conducted a one day seminar on the topic **Discipline and Character Formation of Students**. A seminar on **“Cyber Crimes”** was organized and the resource persons were Sri. Sasidharan, C. I. Cyber Cell, Idukki and Sri. A. C. Cherian, C. I. Kanjar. The department organized a one day seminar on **Traffic Rules and Regulations** on September 8, 2012. The resource person was Sri Abdul Kareem, S. I. Thodupuzha. A One day seminar on ‘Stress Management’ was organized on September 25, 2012 and the resource person was **Dr. Vivich. C. Roldant**. Another seminar on ‘Career Guidance’ was organized under the leadership of **Sri. Babu Pallippattu**, Career Consultant, M. G. University, Kottayam. The department organized a food fest in the college which was different in variety of items and attractive tastes.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK

The department observed Alzheimer’s Day and as part of it, leaflets on **prevention of the disease** were distributed to the students. The department organized a two-day intercollegiate workshop on “Statistical Package for Social Science” (**SPSS**) wherein **Dr. Manikandan**, Professor, Calicut University, was the resource person. Students and faculty members from six colleges participated in the programme. **National Mental Health Day** was observed in the campus. As part of it, a Musical Concert was organized at Municipal Ground, Thodupuzha. It was conducted by the inmates of **Maria Sadan, Pala**, a rehabilitation center for Alcoholic patients. It was inaugurated by Adv. Joseph John, Municipal Councilor, Thodupuzha.

The department organized a two-day workshop on “Project Proposal and Planning” wherein **Rev. Fr. Joy Vattoly**, Director, CEVA, Kochi, was the chief facilitator. As part of the **AIDS awareness campaign**, the students conducted a role play in the campus. In the workshop on “Person Centred Thinking”, world famous experts **Mrs. Julie Lunt and Mrs.**

Louise Skelhornthe, from UK, engaged the sessions. Another international workshop was organized on “Dementia Practices and Policies “by **Mrs. Jan Killeen, Commissioner, Mental Health Association, Scotland**.

A seven-day village exposure programme was organized at Kulamavu. It included house visits, counselling, *Shramadan*, personal enhancement programmes and training activities. The seven-day stay in the village gave a new and unforgettable experience to the students. Independence Day was celebrated in the campus and the MSW students organized a role play on the history of our independence. The students attended workshops on **Neuro Linguistic Programme** held at Pala, **Person Centered Approaches** held at Ernakulam and **Sustainable Development** held at Trichur.

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS

This year **Mrs. Anju P Mathews** joined the department as Assistant Professor and Ms **Anjaly V.P** joined as guest lecturer. **Rev. Fr. Bastian Mathew** took leave and joined the Christ University, Bangalore, for higher studies. The department, in collaboration with Amritha Vishwa Vidya Peedam University, is conducting Virtual Lab Experiments in Physics and Electronics. **value@amrita** is a program sponsored by MHRD under NME-ICT of Govt of India. The interactive session through A-VIEW Classroom is available for the students and faculty of the department. Mrs. Anju P Mathews and Ms. Anjaly V.P were selected by the management to attend a workshop on **Effective Teaching Skills**, conducted by Christ University, Bangalore.

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION

The department offers coaching in Basket ball, Volley ball, Foot ball and in Cricket. Our college participated in various inter collegiate tournaments viz: cricket at SH College, Thevara, Basket Ball at SNG college, North Paravoor, Foot Ball a Newman College, Thodupuzha and Chess at MA College, Kothamangalam. Students are divided into four houses for the smooth conduct of sports and games. Annual sports day was celebrated on February 19, 2013. It was inaugurated by **Dr. Yobu**, Principal, St. Joseph Academy of Higher Education and Research. Special thanks to **Rev. Fr. Thomas George** for his great leadership and organization and our General Captain **Sudharsh K. S.** for the success of the events.

CAMPUS MINISTRY AND LIFE GUIDANCE PROGRAMMES

Life guidance programmes were arranged on all first Fridays of the month. Devotion to the Sacred Heart is done on all **First Fridays** in the college. This year the following life guidance programmes were organized:

1. "Value Based Orientation and Steady Success in life" by **Prof. Jose James**, St. Joseph's College, Moolamattam.
2. "Moral Lessons from Indian Epics" by Smt. **Saraswathay Dhanyandhari**, Santhigiri College, Vazhithala.
3. "Cultural Formation through Action" by Prof. **Cicilyamma Perumpanny**, Santhigiri College, Vazhithala.
4. "Inner Light, beyond our Sensual Knowledge" by **Dr. T. C. Thankachan**, St. Thomas Training College, Pala.
5. "Priority Areas of our Life" by **Justin Thomas Aerthayil**, St. Joseph's Engineering College, Pala.
6. "How to Develop a Proper Vision in Life?" by **Sojan Thomas**, JCI Trainer
7. "Good Thoughts are the Mother of Good Actions" by **Gopalakrishnan**, former Director, Public Relations Department, Trivandrum.

Special thanks to **Dr. Joshy Varghese** for organizing the Life Guidance Programmes successfully.

COLLEGE UNION

Election to the college union was held on October 12, 2012 in the parliamentary form. The following students were elected:

Jiju. K. Jose (Chairman), **Arya Bose** (Vice Chairperson), **Deepak Benny** (General Secretary) **Amal Joshy** and **Don Johnson** (UUCs), **Liz Sebastian** (Arts Club Secretary), **Akhil Cheriyan**(Editor) **Jayalakshmi S** and **Jeslyn Jose**(Lady Representatives), **Jithin M**(II P. G. Representative), **Cyril Jose**(I PG Representative), **Mansoor C. M.**(III DC Representative), **Jithin Joy**(IIDC Representative) and **Abhin Rajendran**(I DC Representative). Special thanks to **Dr. George V Thomas**, Returning Officer, who took much pain to conduct the election in a smooth manner

The College Union was inaugurated on January 9, 2013 by **Sri. P. C. Vishnunath MLA**. Under the auspices of the Union the 150th birth Anniversary of Swami Vivekananda was

celebrated in the college. It was inaugurated by **Sri Joseph Vazhakkam MLA**. The key note address was made by **Sri Baburaj Sharma**, Trainer, IGNOU. The union successfully organized the Arts fest of the college. It was inaugurated by cine artist **Nishanth Sagar**. Special thanks to **Asso. Prof. K. A. Thomas**, the Union Advisor and all the union members. Again, special thanks to **Dr. V. P. Thomas** and **Asso.Prof. M. P. Narayanan Namboodhiri** who served as Union Advisors for a long period of time.

NCC

The National Cadet Corps functions actively and lively in the campus. Apart from regular parade on all Saturdays, the unit was vibrant with their manifold activities both inside and outside the campus. On World Environment Day, the cadets planted saplings in the College campus. They donated Water Purifier to the students of Govt. L. P. School, Kudayathoor and donated food items to the inmates of Blind School, kudayathoor. Our cadets served as volunteers in the mega eye testing camp held at Moolamattam. They also attended various camps held at Kottayam, Thiruvalla, Trivandrum, Kuravilangadu, Kulamavu, Assam, Jammu and Kashmir and Bangalore.

The Unit conducted a blood donation camp on January 15, 2013. Fifty units of blood were donated. The Unit secured the **Best Voluntary Blood Donation College Award** instituted by the IMA, Idukki District. Our cadets won the first prize in the quiz competition and drawing competition held in connection with the World Blood Donor Day. Our unit participated in the Independence Day Parade at Thodupuzha and won the trophy. Our college hosted the CATC from September 12, to 21, 2012. The NCC Day Run was organized on December 15, 2012.

The newly installed Obstacle Course in our college ground was another milestone in the history of the NCC unit. It was inaugurated on January 30, 2013 by the provincial **Rev. Fr. Josekutty Padinjarepeedika**. The NCC News Letter was released by Group Commander **Col. V. P. Paul** on July 24, 2012 at a function held at the NCC office, Pala.

Special congratulations to **Lt. Pramod Joseph**, who worked hard to take the NCC unit to new heights.

NSS

The National Service Scheme was vibrant with different kinds of activities. The NSS Calendar was prepared in the beginning of July, 2012. **Mr. Siby Kurian** inaugurated the

activities of the year on July 21, 2012. Three one-day camps were conducted in the college and the volunteers cleaned the premises of the college and the nearby public roads. The NSS Brochure was released on August 17, 2012

In collaboration with the **Haritha Farmer Club**, the NSS Unit of the college distributed **Seed Kits** among students and staff. A National Integration Rally was conducted from the College campus to Kanjar Town and seed kits were distributed among the merchants and taxi drivers at Kanjar.

A seven-day camp was held at St. Antony's HSS, Poonjar from December 21 to 27, 2012. The camp was heralded with a rally which announced the objectives of the camp. The volunteers undertook the repairing of two roads viz **Kadukappara-Pottamkudy road** and **Payyanithottam-Idamala road**. The volunteers conducted a health survey in the first ward of the Panchayat. **Sri. P. C .George MLA** visited the camp and inspired the volunteers with his thought provoking words. The students benefited greatly from various classes by experts in various fields

The NSS programme officers attended a seven-day training programme held at Rajagiri College, Kalamassery. In association with the NSS unit of the college, the Govt of Kerala conducts **Additional Skill Acquisition Programme** for the college students. The recruitment day falls on March 13, 2013. The NSS programme officer of the college **Assit. Prof. Jose James** gave an orientation class for the NSS volunteers at St. George Collge, Aruvithura.

Special words of congrats to **Asst. Prof. Jose James** and **Roby Mathew**, the programme officers and **Ebin Thomas and Shabana Aboobakker**, the volunteer secretaries for making the NSS unit a vibrant one in the M. G. University.

LITERARY FORUM (Sahithya Vedhi)

The year 2012-13 was observed as 'A year of Reading' and it was inaugurated by the poet **Sri Sukumar Arikuzha**. As part of it, the *Sahitya Vedhi* conducted a literary quiz and a presentation of the individual literary works of the students. **Sahityotsavam -2012** was observed on August 9, 2012. **Rev. Dr. Baby Sebastian Thonikuzhy**, Syndicate Member, MG University and Principal, St. George College Aruvithura, was the guest of honor. He released 15 manuscript magazines prepared by the students. August 6th was observed as anti-war day. The renowned writer and our former Malayalam Professor **Rev. Dr. Z. M. Moozhoor** slept in the Lord on November 3, 2012. The *Sahitya Vedhi* has decided to

organize a memorial talk every year, on varied topics, to commemorate his contribution to the college and Malayalam Literature. The first talk was made by **Dr. Babu Sebastian**, Director, State Institute of Education Technology, on December 4, 2012 on the topic “Education and Modern Technology”. He was also the research guide of Rev. Dr. Z. M. Moozhoor. Special word of appreciation to **Dr. Joshy Varhese** and **Alphonse P. Parackal** for providing effective leadership to the *Sahithya Vedhi*.

CLUBS AND ASSOCIATIONS

TAGORE FORUM

The official inauguration of the Tagore Forum was done by **Asst. Prof Bijo N. Mathew**, S.H College, Thevara. The department launched a blog for showcasing the literary talents of the members. The blog is titled as sjtagoreforum.sosblogs.com. The forum organized an essay competition and a poem competition and the best essay and best poem were uploaded in the blog. The forum organized a talk on the topic “Into that Good Night: an Exploration of Death and Illness in Literature”. It was given by Asst. Prof. Bijo N Mathew. Thanks to **Asst. Prof. Roby Mathew** for organizing the various activities of the Forum.

HINDI ASSOCIATION

The association organized competitions in reading Texts in Hindi. Patriotic Song competitions and Hindi poem recitation competitions were also conducted and cash prizes were distributed. Thanks to **Asso. Prof. M. P. Narayanan Namboodhiri** and Miss. **Jyothimol P. S** .for leading the activities.

PHYSICS ASSOCIATION

The Physics association was inaugurated on August 6, 2012. Our alumni Sri. Azad C. S, Research Scholar, M. G. University, was the guest of honor for the day. The inauguration was followed by a Seminar on Astrophysics “In Searching the Sky”. It was an interactive and informative session for the students and faculty members. *Onam* and Christmas were celebrated under the banner of the association. The Physics Fest –**Resonance 2013** - was organized on February 16, 2013. It was a mix of cultural programmes, talent hunt, science quiz and mock sports. The Special Agape at noon time was a different experience for the students and faculty members. Thanks to **Asso. Prof. Jacob Sebastian** for the active leadership.

INVESTMENT CLUB

It functions under the Department of Commerce. The club organized a seminar on “Modern Trends in the Indian Capital Market” and the guest of honor was **Mr. James Mathew**, advisor, Indian Equity Investment Peninsular Stock. Another one day workshop was organized on “Preparation of Projects”. It was led by **Mr. Tegil Thomas**, Assit. Prof. St. Thomas College, Pala. Thanks to **Asso. Prof. Joy Jose** for the effective leadership to the club.

ENTREPRENEURSHIP CLUB

The official inauguration of the club was done by **Dr. N. N. P. Nampoothiri**, Managing Director, Sreedhareeyam Ayurvedic Eye Hospital and Research Centre, Koothattukulam, on August 13, 2012. The club conducted a seminar on “Practical Skills for Entrepreneurs”. The club organized a Talent Hunt Competition in the campus. The club also organized a Cool Drink Fest by name **THIRST** in connection with the Arts Fest and another cool drink fest by name **Run Baby Run** in connection with the sports day. Special congrats to Dr. V. P. Thomas for the encouragement and direction to the various activities of the association.

THE ECONOMICS ASSOCIATION

The formal inauguration of the activities of the Economics Association was done on August 2, 2012 by **Dr. P. S. Mohan Kumar**, Professor, D. C. School of Management and Technology, Thiruvananthapuram. In connection with that a half day seminar was organized on the topic “Inclusive Growth” by Dr. P. S. Mohankumar himself. *Onam* and Christmas celebrations were conducted in the department under the association with various programmes. Thanks to **Dr. K. C. Jacob** for his effective leadership in the conduct of the various activities.

CHEMISTRY ASSOCIATION

The association was formally inaugurated by **Dr. Baby Thomas**, Professor, St. Dominic’s College, Kanjirappally. The association organized a half-day seminar on Computational Chemistry. A seminar on Polymer Chemistry was led by **Sri Jose Sebastian**, Assistant Professor, University College of Engineering, Muttom. *Onam* and Christmas were celebrated with various indoor competitions. **Chemi Fest** and Valedictory function of the Association are proposed to be conducted on March 16, 2013.

JESUS YOUTH

Prayer meetings were held on all Thursdays under the leadership of Jesus Youth. The members visited orphanages and also the nearby pilgrim centers. **Asst. Prof. Roopa Jose** was a special invitee for the two-day training programme for college teachers organized by Xavier Board of Higher Education, India. The activities of Jesus youth are organized under the leadership of **Asst. Prof. Roopa Jose** and students viz: **Jasmine Baby, Anupama Joy** and **Mathews Thankachan**.

WOMEN CELL

The election to the new executive body was held on July 20, 2012. **Miss Sania Basheer** was elected the President and **Jewel Teresa Tom** the Secretary. **Amrutha Raj** was elected the treasurer. The cell along with the English department conducted a half day workshop on Making Paper Carry Bags. A colourful *Athappookkalam* was made by the members of the women cell as part of Onam celebrations. The cell conducted an essay competition and selected three best essays for sending to the essay competition conducted by AIACHE, Delhi.

The members of the cell made a visit to the inmates of 'Assissi Sneha Sadan' and distributed sweets, clothes and entertained them with melodious Christmas songs on December 20, 2012. The cell conducted an awareness programme about the deadly disease Cancer. The class was led by **Dr. Mini Mohan**, Chief Physician, Govt Hospital, Thodupuzha. The members of the cell attended a one-day Seminar, organized by the police Department, Idukki, to discuss the ways and means to protect women in view of the recent Delhi incident. Special thanks to **Mrs. Sindhu P. S.** for giving a proper leadership to the women cell.

LEGAL LITERACY CELL

Under the auspices of the Legal Literacy Cell of our college, a one-day seminar on "Marriage Acts in India" was conducted for the second year degree students. **Adv. Prince. J. Pananal** was the resource person for the day. Thanks to **Asso. Prof. K. A. Thomas**, for organizing the seminar.

MUSIC CLUB

An *Onappattu* Competition was conducted in connection with *Onam* Celebration and a Carol song competition was organized during the Christmas Season. Prizes were

distributed to the students. During the NAAC Peer Team visit the club showcased their talents and it was highly appreciated by the NAAC Peer Team members. Congrats to **Asso. Prof. Sajan Jose K.** for his effective leadership to the club

ORATORY AND DEBATING CLUB

The club offered training for the students who were selected to participate in inter-collegiate and University level competitions. The club organized the Inter University Chavara Elocution Competition in the college. Due to the training and support of this club, many students became winners in many intercollegiate competitions. The major winners were **Muhammad Riyas**, III BBM and **Jisny K Joice** II B. Sc. Chemistry. The club functions under the guidance of **Dr. Joshy Varghese** and **Asst. Profs. Jose James** and **Roby Mathew** and I thank them for their service.

QUIZ CLUB

The quiz club proved very successful this year and the students won many inter-collegiate competitions. The major winners were **Robin C. Thomas, Jijo Jose, Aleena Sojan, Josna Joseph, Manual Tomson** and **Abbas K Shaji**. Congrats to **Dr. Ebbey P Koshy** for his wonderful guidance.

TOURISM CLUB

The Tourism club is headed by **Dr. Roy Sebastian** and **Mrs. Anju P Mathews**. The club conducted a Nature Awareness Programme in Munnar in collaboration with the Department of Forest and Wild Life Division, Munnar, from January 12-14, 2013. 33 students and two teachers participated in the camp. The club members also attended a two-day workshop at Idukki, organized by DTPC, Idukki. It included programmes like visiting tourist destinations, boating and visiting the Idukki Fest.

COACHING FOR ENTRY IN SERVICES

With the purpose of enabling the students to acquire jobs in various sectors, our college has been conducting coaching classes for entry in services. The topics covered were GK, Marketing, Reasoning, Quantitative Analysis, General English and Computer basics.

REMEDIAL COACHING

Each batch of students is a heterogeneous group and the grasping capacity of the students is not at all the same. So our teachers resort to remedial teaching wherein the

disparities in the individual learning process are reduced to the minimum. It helped a lot to increase the academic standard of students.

CAREER PLANNING CELL

The activities of the Career Planning Cell were formally inaugurated by the principal Rev. Dr. Gilson John on July 28, 2012. The cell organized orientation programmes on Personality Development, Group discussion, Interview Techniques, CV preparation etc. Courses on Computer Basics were also given to the students. **Dr. M. G. Sabukutty** was in charge of Coaching for Entry in Services, Remedial Coaching and Career Planning Cell. I personally appreciate his hard work in a special way because he did these extra works by working on many Saturdays and holidays. Thank you sir.

ADD-ON COURSES

The institution presently provides **three** add-on courses viz: functional English, Soil Science and Counselor Training to the students to equip them with a career oriented programme of their choice.

AWARDS, ACHIEVEMENTS AND RECOGNITIONS

Prof. Mathew Kanamala, HoD, Social Work, has been selected as the First Trainer in “Person Centered Thinking”, from India by a team of Professionals from London, UK.

Lt. Pramod Joseph has been selected for the Best Voluntary Blood Donation Promotion Award, instituted by IMA, Idukki District.

Under Officer Alphonsa Jose won the gold medal in the Obstacle Race at the national level in the Thal Sainik Camp held at New Delhi. The Kerala State got this medal after a gap of 13 years.

Under Officer Thomson Thomas won the gold medal in the obstacle race at the state level in the *Thal Sainik* Camp held at Trivandrum.

Dr. V. P. Thomas, Head, Management Studies, was awarded the MBA degree in Finance by Bharathiar University, Coimbatore.

Dr. Joshy Varghese was selected as a question paper setter and Interview Board Member by the Kerala Public Service Commission. He edited a book entitled *Malayalathile Kathakarikal*, which was selected by the MG University as a text book for

MA Malayalam Course. He is also selected as a Judge by the Malayala Manorama in its programme called *Nalla Paadam*.

CONCLUSION

A college of higher education is mainly meant for serious study and research. If we do hard work with high objectives and ambitions, nothing is impossible for us. We alone are responsible for our future. I would like to conclude this report with a wonderful quote:

“The sea is common for all
Some take pearls, some take fishes
Some come out just with wet legs!
The world is common to all
What we get is what we try for”.

Before I conclude, I raise my heart to God Almighty for His ever loving protection and guidance and to our patron St. Joseph, whose intercession enables us to move forward with the true spirit of faith, hard work, commitment and dedication. I sincerely thank our manager, **Rev. Fr. Josekutty Padinjarepeedika** and our local manager **Rev. Dr. James Aerthayil** and our Bursar **Rev. Fr. Jenty Mukalel** for all the assistance they are rendering for the smooth running of our institution. Once again, I thank all the staff and students for their whole hearted co-operation and support for maintaining a serious academic atmosphere in the college which helps a lot in our onward march to provide **quality education at an affordable cost.**

I sincerely thank **Dr. T. M. Joseph**, who has been kind enough to accept our invitation and come here as our chief guest.

Thank you very much.

FR.GILSON JOHN CMI

PRINCIPAL.

