

# ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE, MOOLAMATTAM

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2014-2015

Distinguished guest of honour **Rev. Dr. Manual Pichalakkattu**, Associate Professor, Newman College, Thodupuzha, the president of the meeting **Rev. Fr. George Mattathil**, Local Manager, **Sri. Roy Kallrangattu**, PTA Vice President, **Sri. Jose James**, Staff Secretary, **Dr. Roy Sebastian**, Staff representative, retiring staff members **Dr. V.P. Thomas**, **Dr. K. C. Jacob**, **Prof. Joseph Thomas**, **Prof. Joseph Justin**, **Sri. K. T. Joseph**, College Union Chairman **Sri Jiju K Jose**, College Union Secretary **Sri. Ajo Micheal**, guests, members of the faculty, members of the administrative staff and my dear students,

### INTRODUCTION

The Higher Education System in our country is undergoing radical changes, today, not only to meet the global challenges but also to consider the ever increasing indigenous requirements. Though unprecedented expansion in the number of institutions has been a reality in the last decade, still the **Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER)** is less than the minimum international threshold levels and there exists wide spread inequalities across different regions in the country. We see, today, greater challenges with respect to quality and market relevance of Higher Education. The students coming out of the colleges and universities are incapable of meeting the demands of today's industrial sector. The success of Kerala, in the field of primary education, is not adequately reflected in the field of Higher Education. It is due to the politicization of our campus for petty selfish pursuits and over emphasis placed upon lucrative careers at the cost of service dimension in the field of education. In this context, a college situated in the rural area, like ours, could give emphasis to the formation of a society embedded in moral values that can be translated into Social Justice.

### COLLEGE COMMUNITY

The college community consists of 57 teaching faculty, 18 non-teaching staff, and 828 students. Among the 57 teaching staff, 31 are in the Aided sector and 26 are in the Self Financing Sector. Among the 31 aided staff, 15 are Ph.D degree holders and 8 are M. Phil degree holders. Seven teaching staff joined this year

viz Brillie K. Benzkutty and Aswathy S in the department of English, Sanju Scaria in the dept of Mathematics, Smitha Tess George and George Mathew in the dept of Physics, Mrs. Anitha Krishnan, Soumya Sebastian and Shobin P Thomas in the dept of Commerce. Miss Alphonsa Joseph has been appointed in the Library. **Sri C.T Francis and Sri Joseph George**, dept of Management Studies, have been awarded Ph. D in this academic year by MG University, Kottayam. Among the 828 students, 384 are boys and 444 are girls.

I am happy to note that one of our strengths is a dedicated and committed administrative staff. They are much cooperative with the Principal and the Management under the leadership of **Sri. K. T. Joseph**, the superintendent.

This academic year witnessed a change of leadership in the top level Management and we have a new Manager Rev. Dr. George Edayadiyil and a new Local Manager Rev. Fr. George Mattathil. Both of them are veteran educators. **Rev. Dr. George Edayadiyil** was a professor of Theology and Bible at Dharmaram College, Bangalore, and **Rev. Fr. George Mattathil** is a retired principal from St. Anne's Higher Secondary School, Kurianad. In the beginning of the academic year **Rev. Fr. Justin Kaliyaniyil** was appointed the Bursar of the college. He was replaced by **Rev. Fr. Lijo Kochuveetil** in the month of September as Fr. Justin was sent to higher studies by the Management.

Our former Manager **Rev. Fr. Josekutty Padinjarepeedika** was appointed the Principal of Kristu Jayanthi College, Bangalore. Our Local Manager **Rev. Dr. James Aerthayil** was transferred to CSR, Pariyaram, as the renewal programme coordinator and our former Bursar **Rev. Fr. Jenty Mukalel** was transferred to Carmel Public School, Puliyanmala, as Vice Principal. **Rev. Fr. Bastian Mathew**, our former teacher and Bursar has successfully completed his M. Phil degree from Christ University, Bangalore. I extend our thanks and good wishes to all of them.

Prof. Joseph Thomas, Head, Dept of Mathematics, Dr. V. P. Thomas, Head, Dept of Management Studies, Dr. K. C. Jacob, Head, Dept of Economics, and Prof. Joseph Justin, Dept of History will retire from Service on March 31, 2015. Sri. K. T. Joseph, office superintendent will retire from service on May 31, 2015.

**Prof. Joseph Thomas**, Head, Dept of Mathematics, is retiring from service after 33 years of service in the institution. He joined the college as a lecturer in Mathematics in 1982. Besides teaching, he served the college in various

capacities viz Staff Adviser to the College Union, Editor-in- chief of the College Magazine, Executive Committee Member of the PTA and Executive Committee Member of the Staff Co-operative Society. He has also served as the Deputy Chairman for the B. Sc Mathematics Examination in the University several times. He was also a member in the Curriculum Reconstruction Committee of the M. G. University for restructuring the Degree Syllabus in 2009.

**Prof. Joseph Justin**, Professor of History, retires on March, 31 after 28 years of service to the college. Though he joined in our college on September 30, 1987, he also served as a High School teacher under the Cooperative Agency of Kothamangalam, before joining here. Apart from teaching over the last 28 years, he served the college in various capacities viz Staff Council Secretary in 2002 and in 2009, PTA Secretary in 2010, Secretary of Staff Co-Cooperative Society from 1994 – 1997 and from 2002 - 2006. He was appointed the Director of Scholarship in 2010 and continues his service till today. He also served as the Chairman of the Examination Board of History, M.G University.

**Dr. V. P. Thomas**, Head, Dept of Management Studies, retires after 33 years of service in the college. Joined in 1982 as a teacher in the department, he became the Head of the Department in 1995. He was awarded Ph.D in Commerce by MG University in 2008 for the thesis entitled “A Study on the Performance Efficiency of Commercial Banks Against Cooperative Banks in Kerala”. He has also taken MBA degree in 2012 from Bharathiar University, Coimbatore.

He served the institution on various capacities viz Staff Council Secretary from 1982 to 1986, Returning Officer from 1987 to 1990. He was the founder Secretary of our Cooperative Society. He also served as the Staff Advisor to the Student’s Union, Chief Editor of the College Magazine, Secretary of PTA and Member of the Executive Committee of PTA for several years.

In the University level he was the Chairman of BBM Degree examinations from 1995-2012, Chairman of B.Com Degree Examinations from 2009- 2012, and Expert Committee Member for the syllabus Revision Committee of BBM and B.Com Degree courses. He also served as a subject expert for the PSC Interview Board and Kerala District Cooperative Bank.

**Dr. K. C. Jacob**, Head, Dept. of Economics, retires from service on March 31, 2015 after 32 years of selfless service to the College. He joined service on October 24, 1983. Besides teaching, he served the college in various capacities,

viz, Staff secretary, staff editor to college magazine, Secretary of Cooperative society, and member of IQAC. He was Head, Department of Economics, since 2010. In the academic realm he served as a Member, in the Core Committee for Syllabus Revision, and a Member, Board of Studies of Economics, in M G University. He was awarded Ph. D in 2008 and the topic of research is 'Role of NGOs in Economic and Community Development of Kerala'.

**Sri K.T. Joseph**, our Superintendent, retires from service after 34 years of selfless service to the institution. Starting his profession as a Lower Division Clerk, he has been able to adorn the various positions in the office hierarchy and finally retire as the Superintendent of the institution. It stands to his credit that he did make his imprint in the various positions held by him. As a person gregarious by nature and an inveterate multitasker, he has been accessible to all and always willing to lend a helping hand to everyone in need. What makes Sri K.T. Joseph stand out is his great loyalty to the CMI Congregation and his cheerful willingness to admit it. Being a close aide of **Rev. Fr. Clerus CMI**, the then Education Councilor, St. Joseph's Province, in charge of finding a proper location for the College, Sri. K. T. Joseph has played his part in helping the institution grow and bloom. The institution expressed its immense gratitude towards him for standing with it through thick and thin and for his selfless services especially when they were most needed like the NAAC Accreditation and Reaccreditation.

I wish all the retirees a very happy and fulfilling retired life.

## **ST. KURIAKOSE ELIAS CHAVARA**

St. Kuriakose Elias Chavara, the founder of the CMI Congregation, was raised to a Saint in the Catholic Church by His Holiness Francis, the Pope, at Vatican on November 23, 2014 and the year 2014-15 is observed as St. Chavara year by the CMI Congregation. As part of the celebration, the college organized the Chavara Memorial Talk and erected the Statue of St. Chavara, in front of the college. The Chavara memorial talk was delivered by **Dr. Babu Sebastian**, Hon Vice Chancellor, M. G. University on January 5, 2015. Chavara Award, instituted by Dr. Joshy Varghese, was distributed to the best out going boy and girl of the College viz **Navaneeth S and Sneha Jose** by the Vice Chancellor. On the same day the Statue of St. Chavara was blessed and dedicated by Rev. Fr. George Mattathil, the Local Manager.

## **NEW COURSES AND THE NEW BUILDING**

New Courses viz B. Sc. Mathematics and M.A. English in the aided stream and an additional batch for M.com in the Self Financing Stream were started in the beginning of the academic year. The Management is kind enough to construct a new building for these courses. I thank **Rev. Fr. George Mattathil** for taking sincere efforts for the construction of the building. The toilet section of the Lady's Retiring Room was renovated with the financial assistance from the Management and our Staff members.

## **PTA**

The PTA was very supportive and generous to help the college in a number of ways. The St. Chavara Memorial Talk and the publication of the College News Letter are done with the financial assistance of the PTA. The PTA has instituted a number of awards for meritorious students and provides financial assistance to the students of low economic background. This year **Sri Roy Kallarangattu** serves as its Vice President **and Dr. Roy Sebastian** as its Secretary. I specially thank their sincere services.

## **ORIENTATION PROGRAMME FOR THE STAFF**

In the beginning of the academic year, an orientation programme for the staff was organized under the leadership of **Rev. Fr. Roy Kannanchira**, Kochettan, Deepika Children's League and **Rev. Fr. Roby Kannanchira**, Director, Chavara Cultural Center, Kochi. It was inaugurated by Rev. Fr. George Mattathil, the Local Manager.

## **INAUGURATION OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR**

The New Academic Year was inaugurated on 28<sup>th</sup> July, by Rev. **Fr. George Mattathil**, local Manager. It was followed by the Principal's address to both the new comers and to their parents. The key note address was given by **Prof. Indu K.S.**, Syndicate Member, M. G. University. It was followed by a three-day orientation programme led by the **Principal, Dr. Joshy Varghese, Sri Jose James, Dr. Siby Joseph, Sri. Mathew Kanamala, Rev. Sr. Sijo Francis, Lt. Pramod Joseph, Sri. Roby Mathew, Mrs. Anju Mathews and Mrs. Sunitha Mathew.**

## **ALUMNI GATHERING**

Every year the Alumni gathering is held on December 26. This year all the HoDs took the initiative to gather their former students and around 275 students gathered that day. It was a good occasion for teacher-student interaction and to strengthen their relationships. Many shared their experiences in the gathering.

## **RELEASE OF THE COLLEGE MAGAZINE**

The Students Union prepared a magazine entitled **AMANECER-2014**, highlighting all the major events of the college and the literary talents of the students. It was released by the Principal **Rev. Dr. Gilson John** giving a copy to **Rev. Fr. Lijo Joseph**, the Bursar of the College. Hearty congratulations to **Prof. Sajan Jose K.**, the Chief Editor and **Sri Unnikrishnan G.** ( III DC Physics) the Student Editor, for their sincere efforts in this venture.

## **CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMME**

The College promotes Cultural Exchange programs to have an interaction with other cultures and traditions. This year Mrs. Kathleen Bencivenga, member, Administrative Council, Archdiocese of NewYork, USA, visited the college and interacted with staff and students. She explained the American social and economical practices and told that America has overcome the depression and many employment opportunities will emerge there in the near future. She welcomes all students to have their higher studies in American Universities.

## **COLLEGE UNION**

Election to the college union was held on January 29, 2015 in the parliamentary Model. The following students were elected:

**Jiju. K. Jose** (Chairman), **Ashika John** (Vice Chairperson), **Ajo Michael** ( General Secretary) **Abin Rose Kurian** and **Dinil N Joseph** (UUCs), **Athul Jaison** (Arts Club Secretary), **Liffin Eppachan** (Editor) **Aju Dominic** and **Anjana Unni** (Lady Representatives), **Arjun S** (II P. G. Representative), **Mathews Thankachan** (IPG Representative), **Dony Thomas** (III DC Representative), **Ebin Tom Baby** (I IDC Representative) and **Alphin Baby** (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 February 20, 2014 by **Sri. V. T. Belram MLA**. The union successfully organized the Arts Fest of the college and cooperated to organize the major programs of the college. Special thanks to **Asso. Prof. Sajan Jose K.**, the Union Advisor and all the union members.

## **DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH**

Inauguration of the literary association of the Department of English titled 'ENLITA' was done by Dr. Siby Joseph, Associate Professor, Department of English, St. Thomas College, Pala, on July 9, 2014 and he led a seminar on "Linguistics in Literature". The Department organized a literary quiz competition on July 7, 2014 for the second and third year English Degree students. The Department organized a programme on July 21, 2014 to pay tribute to Nadine Gordimer, the South African writer who passed away recently. A couple of students made Power Point presentations on Nadine Gordimer. Certificates of Add-on course conducted by the Department of English in the previous year were distributed by Dr. Baby Joseph on June 24, 2014. On August 7, 2014 the students initiated a series of presentations on the impact of world wars on literature.

The senior students of the Department gave a ceremonial welcome to the First year students on September 1, 2014. Add-on course on Functional English for the first year Degree students was commenced on September 2, 2014. A PTA meeting for the third year students was conducted on September 19, 2014 and mark list of the students were distributed to them. Similar PTA meetings of the second and first year Degree classes were conducted in the succeeding months.

The department commenced the Post-Graduate programme in English in aided stream on September 29, 2014. The Post-Graduate Department of English conducted an inter-collegiate seminar on 'The Indian Contribution to English Literature' on October 30, 2014. **Prof. K. G Srivastava**, former Vice Chancellor of Allahabad University led the seminar. He reiterated that Indian culture, epics and philosophy influenced the civilizations across the world. Many students from the neighboring colleges also participated in the Seminar

The department magazine titled "*Seasons*" was released on February 13, 2015. An industry visit for the second year Degree students was conducted to Viyani Press at Ernakulam on February 21, 2015. The Post- Graduate Department of English also established a departmental library of its own.

## DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

The activities of Economics Association were formally inaugurated by **Prof. M. J Mathew**, Principal, M. E. S College, Erattupetta, on July 10, 2014. Prof. M J Mathew reiterated the need for a pragmatic approach in applying the economic theories.

An Evaluation of the Union Budget 2014-2015 was conducted on August 7, 2014, under the auspices of Economics Association. **Dr. P S Mohanakumar**, Professor, Calicut University Centre, Palakkad, delivered the budget evaluation speech.

Fresher's day was celebrated under the auspices of Economics Association, on August 14, 2014. A warm welcome was given to the I B.A Economics students. The meeting was presided over by the Principal Rev. Dr. Gilson John. Class wise PTA meetings were convened on different days and top scorers in the class tests were felicitated with special prizes.

## DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS

B.Sc. Mathematics was started this year in the aided sector. In the first batch there are sixteen students. **Sri. Sanju Scaria** serves as a Guest Lecturer in Statistics in the Department. The class PTA was held on November 11, 2014.

## DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS

**Mr. George Mathew** and **Mrs. Smitha Tess George** joined the department on Aug 18, 2014 and September 03, 2014 respectively.

Inauguration of Physics association for the year 2014-15 was held on July 9, 2014. Dr. Ison V Vanchipurakal, St Thomas College, Pala, was the Chief Guest on the occasion. A seminar on the topic '**solar cells**' was conducted by him on the same day. Fresher's day was organized on August 26, 2014 to welcome the new comers to the department. Class wise PTA Meetings in the department were held for all the three batches. Students from Physics department participated in several state and national level intercollegiate fests and won several prizes.



The traditional cultural fest of the department '**Resonance -2015**' was conducted on February 21, 2015.

### **DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY.**

The activities of the Chemistry association were inaugurated by Dr. M. N. Radhakrishnan, Principal, Dewaswom Board College, Thalayolaparampu, on July 17, 2014. The inaugural session was followed by a seminar on "Applications of Natural Rubber and Polyvinyl Chloride by Dr. M. N. Radhakrishnan.

Another seminar on Energy and Environment was also conducted by the association on December 02, 2014. Dr Aravindakumar, Director, School of Environmental Sciences, M G University, Kottayam, was the resource person. Chemifest, the cultural fiesta of the association, was conducted on February 21, 2015. The day began with a cleaning of the various chemistry laboratories by students. Prizes for the various competitions were distributed on the same day.

Dr. George V. Thomas participated and chaired a session in 13th Prof. K. V Thomas Endowment National Seminar entitled 'New Frontiers in Chemical Research' conducted at SH College, Thevara, from 4 - 5 December, 2014. Dr. George V. Thomas and Mr. Jose James of the Department presented a poster in an International conference in Polymer Science on Interpenetrating Polymeric Network of PVA and Poly Naphthylamine. Sri Jose James participated and presented a poster in Polymer Conference for Young Researcher (PCYR 2014) at Thiruvananthapuram. Linu Mathew and Cyril Jose, M. Sc Students, presented a Paper on "Synthesis and Morphological Studies of Copper Selenide Nano Crystals Supported on Graphene.

### **DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK**

The department conducted a survey on the influence and impact of BAR prohibition among the 400 Alcoholics of Idukki District and the result of the study was revealed to the public through the press conference conducted at Ernakulum and Thodupuzha.

Life Line Club is formed under the department to give awareness to the evils of drug and alcohol. It was inaugurated by Mr. Shaji George, Assistant Excise Inspector, Idukki District. The club inspires students, parents and public to maintain an alcohol and drug free lifestyle.

National Mental Health day was observed on October 10, 2014 and Diabetics Day on November 14, 2014. The special programmes include diabetic check up and awareness class at Kudayathoor Panchayat.

The department conducted a seven-day rural camp, **Prayanam**, at Koruthodu from November 17-24, 2014. The programme includes home visit, awareness programs like street play and mime. The students helped the Panchayat authorities to collect data to write the history of Koruthodu.

The department organized a trade fare on December 16 and 17 and the amount raised is used for charitable activities.

World Aids Day was observed on December 1, 2014 with a Poster Presentation and Quiz Competition.

The department organized a Food Fest in the campus on December 31, 2014.

“*Sparsham 2015*” was a special programme organized by the department to honor the talented individuals with disabilities on January 23, 2015. **Mr. Joby Mathew**, Gold Medal Winner in World Arm Wrestling Championship, **Mr. Anish Mohan**, State Award Winner for Best Social Worker with Disability, **Ms. Bilji Paul**, National Gold Medal Winner in Shuttle Badminton, were honored on the occasion. It was inaugurated by **Sri. M. T Thomas**, Idukki District Panchayat President.

Tribal Awareness Camp was held at Edamalakudy from February 12-15, 2015. During this camp, the students gained experience to organize and carry out programmes and events for social awakening and development of the people.

The department organized a workshop on Film Making from February 16-18, 2015. Principal **Rev Dr. Gilson John CMI** inaugurated the programme.

The department conducts an Add on course on ‘Counselling Skills’.

## **DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT STUDIES**

Business Management Association functions under the guidance of **Dr. C. T Francis**. **Sri. Aravind Vijayan** was elected as the secretary and **Ashika John** as Joint Secretary. The activities were inaugurated by **Mr. Thomas Antony**, Regional Head, Federal Bank Ltd. It was followed by a seminar on “Modern Trends in Banking” by Mr. Thomas Antony.

A seminar on the “Prospects of Higher Studies” was conducted by the Marian Academy, Kothamangalam, on September 17, 2014. A three-day work shop cum seminar was organized on October 28-30, 2014 by Race Solutions Pvt. Ltd,

Cochin, on topics such as Leadership Skills by **Sri Joseph Antony**, Communication skills by **Akhila Varun**, and Goal setting by **Philip Mathew**.

Another two-day seminar on 'Resume Preparation, Interview Techniques and Group Discussion' was conducted on February 9-10, 2015 by **Mr. Prazidh Prasad**, Praxis Knowledge Solutions, Bangalore. On February 10, 2015 a one-day seminar on Career Planning and Guidance on Higher Studies was conducted by an expert team from Viswajyothy College of Engineering And Technology, Vazhakulam.

The Department organized a UGC sponsored National Seminar on Human Rights Education on March 2-3, 2015. **Dr. Joseph George** has presented a paper on *International competence of PPP models in India* in the International Seminar held from 13 -15 November 2014 at Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur, West Bengal.

## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

The Commerce Association for Computer Application Course was inaugurated by **Dr. Antony Joseph**, Head, Dept of Commerce, Henry Baker College, Melukavumattam. He conducted a one day Seminar on the topic "New Trends in Commerce and Management". The Association activities of B.Com Taxation Course were inaugurated by **Dr. Johnson Varghese**, Head, Dept .of Commerce, Nirmala College, Muvattupuzha. A one day seminar was conducted by **Prof. Sony Kuriakose**, Assistant Professor Newman College, Thodupuzha, on the topic "Current Indian Banking Scenario". A two-day workshop on "Overall Personality Development" was conducted for I B.Com students by JCI, Vazhithala .

A one day career orientation seminar was conducted for III B.Com students by **Joy Manuel** and team, Placement trainer, Viswa Jyothi College of Management, Vazhakulam. An Industrial Visit to Kannan Devan Factory in Munnar for II year students and an excursion for final year students to Mysore were conducted. A one day seminar on "How to Face Challenges in Higher Education" was conducted for I B.com students by **Mr. Shaji George** and team.

## DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION

The department organized the Sports Meet and games with student support and initiative. **Abhin Rajendran, Brother Jibin Joy, Arya Bose and Alphosa Joseph** are appointed as sports co-coordinators.

### **SAHITHYA VEDHI**

A seminar was conducted on the topic '*The Chemistry of Reading*' by Prof. Jose James, Dept of Chemistry.

**Rev. Fr. Z. M. Moozhoor** Memorial Talk and the unveiling of the manuscript magazines of various classes were held on September 29, 2014. The topic of the talk was 'Right to Information and Democracy'. The State Chief Information Commissioner **Dr. Kurias Kumbalakkuzhi** presided over the function. The entire programme was aired by VBC news channel.

**Ms. Gopika Varma**, III BA Economics, participated in 'Kavyotsavam' held by 'Ayyappapanikker Foundation' under the auspices of World Malayali Council.

### **ORATORY CLUB**

Under the auspices of the Oratory club, an Inter University Chavara Elocution Competition was held in the college. The competition was vibrant with numerous participants from various colleges.

### **CIVIL SERVICE FORUM**

The Forum is constituted to provide direction and motivation to students to pursue Indian Civil Service as their career. The forum organized an inspirational session on '*Career Excellence through Civil Service*' by **Mr. Abraham Kurian IPS**, former DGP, Uttar Pradesh State, on March 4, 2015.

### **NATURE CLUB**

Nature club organized a three day nature camp from January 30 to February 1, 2015, at Idukki wild life sanctuary. 28 students and 4 teachers participated in that camp.

## ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT CLUB

It functions under the Supervision of **Dr. V. P Thomas. Sri Alwin George** is appointed as the Secretary and **Shilpa Annie Paul** as Joint Secretary.

The activities of the club were formally inaugurated on August 3, 2014 by **Anoop Nampoodhiri**, MD, Dhanwanthiri Ayurvedic Hospitals Pvt. Ltd, Thodupuha. It was followed by a seminar on Practical Skills for a Successful Entrepreneurship by Anoop Nampoothiri. A half-day seminar on “Ways to Successful Entrepreneurship” was conducted by **Mr. Renjit Babu**, Asst. Director, Industries Department, Idukki.

A One-day Seminar cum Handloom Exhibition was conducted by the club together with the Handloom Promotion Council and District Industries Center, Idukki, on December 12, 2014. An Elocution Competition on the “Relevance on Handloom in Kerala” was held and the First Prize was won by **Riyaz Muhammad**, I M Com, and Second Prize by **Arya Boss**, II MSW. A Handloom Fashion Show Exhibition was also held in the evening and the first prize for women was won by **Anupama Joy**, I MA English, and the second prize won by **Reenu Sunny**, II B.Com. The first prize for men was won by **Mr. Sambhu A. Kandathil**, III BA Economics, and second by prize **Mr. Anson Alex**, II B.Com.

## CAMPUS MINISTRY

An Orientation Programme was held to mentor and motivate the first year degree students. The Orientation talk to parents and students was given by **Prof .Jose James**.

**Sri. Prince J Mathew** gave a talk on ‘How to Achieve Success’ on July 4, 2014.

**Sri. Prince Varghese**, HR Trainer, made a lecture on Concentration and Study Skills on December 5, 2014.

**Prof. John Muzhuthettu** made a talk on the topic ‘Unique Capabilities of Human Brain’ on February 6, 2015

## NATIONAL CADET CORPS

On World Environment day, NCC cadets planted saplings in the college campus. On 'World Blood Donor Day' cadets participated in the District Level Awareness Rally at Thodupuzha and donated blood. Our NCC Unit was awarded the best Voluntary Blood Donation Award in 2014. On Antinarcotics day, a half day seminar was jointly organized by NCC and NSS units of this college and Antinarcotics Pledge was taken by the cadets. An orientation seminar for the first year students was conducted on July 24, 2014. NCC Cadets participated in the flag hoisting ceremony on Independence Day. NCC unit participated in the Independence Day Rally at Thodupuzha.

Eleven cadets attended the combined annual training camp at Labour India Public School, Maragattupally, from August 24 to September 2, 2014. Sgt. Abin George attended the national Integration Camp at Meerut, UP, from August 18-29, 2014. Lt. Pramod Joseph was the 2IC for the CATC from August 24-September 2, 2014 at Labour India Public School. U/o Amal Soman and U/o Anice George represented Kerala & Lakshadweep Directorate in the Thal Sainik Camp held at New Delhi from September 20-30, 2014. Cpl Haridas P attended the All India Doon Trek during September 20-30, 2014. Cpl Deen James attended the Basic Leadership Camp at Velloor from September 6-15, 2014. U/o Bibin T represented Kerala and Lakshadweep Directorate at the NCC National Games at New Delhi from October 7-19, 2014. Seven cadets attended the Army Attachment camp at Pangode, Thiruvananthapuram from October 13-27, 2014. Sgt Jishnu Chandran, Cpl Vishnu Unni and Sgt Angini Jolly attended the National Integration Camp at Delhi from November 17-27, 2014. Sgt Amal Murali and L/cpl Soumya John attended the National Integration Camp at Vadamakara from December 19-30, 2014.

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. On Teachers' Day, NCC cadets greeted the teachers and presented gifts to them. NCC unit won the second place in the intercollegiate Guard of Honour Competition held at St. Thomas College, Pala on January 31, 2015. The NCC unit in association with NSS organized a blood donation camp on February 4, 2015.

## **NSS**

The activities of the National Service Scheme were inaugurated by **Mr. Mathew M. Kuriakose**, Principal, St. Mary's HSS, Arakulam on August 23, 2014 and the

same day he led a motivation class for the volunteers. On World Environment Day, the volunteers planted about hundred saplings in and around the campus and also distributed a sizeable fair of saplings to the students and teachers. On July 5, 2014 a seminar on drug abuse was conducted and the volunteers took an oath against drug abuse. On Independence Day, the volunteers participated in the Freedom rally held at Thodupuzha. The volunteers undertook a one day activity in the month of July in which they cleared both sides of the short stretch of the State Highway in front of the college.

On World Blood Donors Day, the volunteers participated in a rally at Thodupuzha and donated blood. The volunteers cleaned the college campus as part of the 'Clean Campus Campaign'. As part of the Palliative Care Day, about 20 volunteers participated in a walkathon held at Thodupuzha. The seven-day special camp was conducted at Melukavu from September 5 - 11. In the camp the volunteers cleared both sides of the road from Melukavu to Kanjiramkavala and Melukavu to Kulappuram. Two volunteers from the college participated in the Intercollegiate camp held at MES College, Erumeli and cleaned the Pampa river. The volunteers took initiative in conducting the 'Run Kerala Run' programme in the college.

As part of the observance of World Aids Day, in association with Aids Control Society, the NSS unit conducted various competitions including essay writing, poster presentation, etc. The unit took initiative in sensitizing the Summer Skill School Programme of ASAP and helped the students in various stages of the selection process. On February 4, 2015, a blood donation camp was conducted in which about fifty volunteers donated blood. A one day voluntary work was arranged on February 7, 2015 in the college campus in which the volunteers cleaned the tiny pond in front of the college and its premises. On the same day a team of seven volunteers participated in the NSS intercollegiate competitions held at Newman College, Thodupuzha, and two volunteers took part in a workshop on Career Guidance at the Mahatma Gandhi University.

## **TAGORE FORUM**

Tagore Forum, an auxiliary club of the Department of English, was inaugurated by Dr. Baby Joseph, Principal, St. Joseph's Academy of Higher Education and Research, on June 24, 2014. This forum assisted the students to participate in various literary competitions. A class on Film Appreciation was conducted on September 19, 2014. An essay competition was held on December 4, 2014. A

poem translation competition was also organized on February 5, 2015 and a story writing competition was arranged on February 12, 2015.

## **MATHEMATICS ASSOCIATION**

The Mathematics Association functions under the Directorship of Prof. Joseph Thomas, the Head of the Department of Mathematics. **Helen Maria George** was elected as the Secretary and **Midhun Manohar**, the Joint Secretary.

The Association conducted a Puzzle Solving contest for the students of our College. In connection with the Association, a seminar on “Fuzzy Sets” was conducted and the resource person was **Dr. K V Thomas**, Associate Professor, Bharat Matha College, Thrikkakara.

## **CAREER GUIDANCE CELL**

The activities of the Career Guidance Cell were formally inaugurated by The Principal Rev. Dr. Gilson John CMI on December 15, 2014. The Principal, in his inaugural address emphasized the need for acquiring skills on areas like web designing and graphic designing, where opportunities are plenty. In connection with the inauguration, a Seminar was arranged on ‘Web Designing and Graphic Designing’. **Mr. Ravi Shanker** and **Nibilamol** from Image Creative Education, Thodupuzha, led the classes.

The College Library has a separate section exclusively for career books and periodicals and a special section on Civil Service. The College also imparts career guidance for selected students through ‘Walk with the Scholar Programme’, a programme supported by the Government of Kerala.

## **WALK WITH THE SCHOLAR PROGRAMME.**

The college undertook initiative to commence one of the programmes under the New Initiatives of the Kerala Government. As directed by the Government, thirty meritorious first year students from the six aided under graduate programmes were given training on various topics. This forum is headed by **Sri Roby Mathew**. On January 23, 2015 a motivation class by **Sri. Anish Mohan**, State Award Winner for Best Trainer (differently abled), was conducted.



## **WOMEN CELL**

Inauguration of the Women Cell activities was done by Prof. Jessy Antony, Municipal Councillor, Thodupuzha. On behalf of *Kalalaya Jyothi*, a Kerala Women's Commission Venture, the Cell organized a seminar by **Dr. Prameela Devi**, member, Kerala Women's Commission, on September 18, 2014. Another seminar was organized on Cardiac Awareness among Girls by **Dr. Sr. Alphonse Kurithadam**, Cardiologist, Deva Matha Hospital, Koothattukulam. An inter departmental flower carpet competition was conducted as part of Onam celebration.

## **DANCE CLUB**

The activities of the Dance club for the year 2014-15 were inaugurated by Rev. Dr. Gilson John, Principal, on December 18, 2014. The Dance team of our college participated in various inter-collegiate competitions and bagged many prizes including a second position in the Commerce fest conducted at BCM College, Kottayam.

## **HINDI ASSOCIATION**

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

## **AWARDS, ACHIEVEMENTS AND RECOGNITIONS**

**Lt. Pramod Joseph** won the best NCC Officer Award for his contribution in Voluntary Blood Donation. He was also appointed as a member in the Board of Officers' for the All Kerala NCC **B** Certificate Examination, 2015.

**Dr. Joshy Varghese** was appointed as Subject Expert of Malayalam and a Board Member of U.G studies, Malayalam, in M.G. University. He was also appointed as Chief Judge of *Nalla Paadam*, an initiative by Malayala Manorama, in Idukki zone.

**Prof. Sajan Jose** was appointed as a member in the Board of Studies of Zoology at SB College (Autonomous), Changanassery. He successfully completed two minor projects supported by UGC viz "Stingless Bees of Southern Western Ghats" and "The Molecular Systematics and Ecology of Stingless Bees of Southern Western Ghats, Kerala". Doordarshan telecasted his programme on Bee Keeping in *Krishidarshan* on February 16, 2015.

A major project on "Popularization of Meliponiculture" supported by Kerala State Council for Science, Technology and Environment is in progress. His success story as an outstanding Bee Keeper is published in the Agricultural Technology Management Agency (ATMA) Publication "Uyarangalil"

**Dr. Siby Joseph**, Head, Dept of Chemistry, was nominated as a member of the UG Board of Studies in Chemistry, M G University, Kottayam. He was also appointed as the Chairperson of the Board of Examiners for the first semester M. Sc Examinations, 2014

**Dr. Saju M. Sebastian** is appointed as the Chairperson of the Board of Examiners for the IV semester B. Sc examinations, 2015.

**Sneha Jose** of final year B. Sc Chemistry has made a remarkable achievement by securing **A Grade** in all the subjects up to the V semester.

**Dr. K. C. Joseph** synthesized Two New Single Crystals characterized by XRD and deposited them in Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre this year.

**Dr. C. T. Francis** is nominated as a member in the Board of Studies of Management in Mahatma Gandhi University.

**Dr. Joseph George** was selected to participate in the Inter-institutional Faculty Enrichment Programme of AIACHE, New Delhi, under which he visited St. Xavier's College, Calcutta, and interacted with the staff and students there for a week. He is also selected as the Financial Resource Person of the Securities Exchange Board of India to represent Idukki District.

**Alfred J Chettimattel, George James, Shijo Joy, Aswin V.S. and Alex Avirachan**, of II year B.Sc Physics, have participated in the National Level Technical Fest organized by Marian College, Kuttikanam, and won First Prize in

the events 'Product Launch' and 'Video Presentation', and a Second Prize in the event 'Treasure Hunt'. They also participated in National level technical fest 'Luminance 2014' organized by DC College, Pullikkanam, and secured II prize for the event 'Product Launch'. Alfred.J. Chettimattel has also won first prize in the Power Quiz conducted by KSEB.

**Captain Aardhra Merin Kurian** and **U/o Reenu Sunny** were awarded the prestigious 'Cadets Welfare Society Meritorious Scholarship' for the academic year 2013-14.

**Albin Joseph**, has secured the first prize in the All Kerala Inter Collegiate Karate Championship, 2014

## CONCLUSION

Dear friends, I conclude: I have seen many people weep in their later stages of life about not having made use of their time fruitfully in their youth. Time is like a river. You cannot touch the same water twice because water is flowing. So be alert and make of use every moment of life. I raise my heart to God Almighty for His protection and guidance and to our patron St. Joseph, whose intercession empowers us to move forward with vigour and enthusiasm. I thank **Rev. Dr. George Edayadiyil**, our Manager, **Rev. Fr. George Mattathil**, our Local Manager and **Rev. Fr. Lijo Joseph**, our Bursar, for all the assistance given for the smooth running of the college. I also thank all the staff members and students for their generous and whole hearted cooperation in our mission of providing quality education at an affordable cost. I like to conclude this report with a quote from His Holiness Pope Francis.

Weep not for what you have lost, fight for what you have.

Weep not for what is dead, fight for what was born in you.

Weep not for the one who abandoned you, fight for who is with you.

Weep not for those who hate you, fight for those who want you.

Weep not for your past, fight for your present struggle.

Weep not for your suffering, fight for your happiness.

I thank **Rev. Dr. Manual Pichalakkattu**, for accepting our invitation and coming here as our Chief Guest.

Fr. Gilson John,  
Principal