

ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE, MOOLAMATTAM

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2016-2017

Distinguished guest of honour **Dr. Tharsis Joseph**, Deputy Managing Director, Deepika Daily, Kottayam, and former Principal, Deva Matha College, Kuravilangad; the president of the meeting **Rev. Fr. George Mattathil CMI**, Local Manager; **Mrs. Lissymol James**, PTA Vice President; **Mrs. Sunitha Mathew**, Staff Secretary; **Lt. Pramod Joseph**, PTA Secretary; retiring staff members viz **Sri. Thomas Joseph**, Office Superintendent, & **Sri. T. M. Joseph**, Lab Assistant; College Union Chairman **Sri Nithin Raj**; College Union Secretary **Sri. Rijo V George**, honourable guests, members of the faculty, members of the administrative staff and my dear students,

INTRODUCTION

In the 21st century every venture is teamwork oriented and education too, is not an exception here. Webster's Dictionary defines teamwork as "a joint action by a group of people, in which each person subordinates his or her individual interests and opinions to the unity and efficiency of the group." College education, I think, should function as a backbone to develop and nurture the spirit of teamwork among youth. Today everywhere we see 'Group Work' than 'Teamwork'. These two terms cannot be considered in the same way as they are different like darkness and light. For instance, members of a group, work independently and often they are not working towards the same goal; whereas team members work interdependently and work towards both personal and team goals and aware that these goals are accomplished best by mutual support and backing. Again, in groups, its members focus mostly on themselves because they are not involved in framing the group's overall objectives and goals. But in teams, members feel a sense of collective ownership towards their role in the group because they committed themselves to the goals that are set by them.

In education scenario, teamwork is necessary between students, between students and teachers, and among parents and educators. The more teamwork fundamentals are exhibited, the more opportunity exists for students to learn the vital skills of compromise, participation and collaboration. Teamwork introduces a variety of skills that will be valuable for students later in their career such as effective communication, spirit of solution oriented compromise, collective effort and promoting the spirit of togetherness. Again, teamwork promotes conflict resolution. This includes the ability to understand and consider others' points of view without being easily offended. It also means avoiding to make personal or cutting remarks about someone with whom you have disagreements with.

COLLEGE COMMUNITY

The college community consists of 60 teaching faculty, 21 non-teaching staff and 1012 students. Among the 60 teaching staff, 25 are in the aided stream and 35 are in the self financing stream. Among the 25 aided staff members, 12 are Ph. D holders and one is an M. Phil degree holder. **Mrs. Sunitha Mathew** is elected as the staff secretary for the current academic year.

This year we are blessed with a new Bursar **Rev. Fr. Jobin Thayyil CMI**. He is endowed with a great vision on education and we witness many notable changes taken place in the campus after his arrival here. A visible outcome of his effort is the Campus Interview taken place in the college on February 25 and the one scheduled in the next week. I also place on record the efforts of the former Bursar **Rev. Fr. Lijo Joseph CMI**.

Mrs. Anju. P Mathews, Assistant Prof in Electronics, got deputation under FDP of UGC to undergo Ph. D with effect from October 2016. Hearty welcome to **Mrs. Preetha Vasu** who joined as FDP substitute. Twelve teaching staff joined this year in the self-financing stream. They are **Anjana Jose** (Dept of English), **Annu Joseph** and **Divya Baby** (Dept of Mathematics), **Manu Stephen** (Dept of Physics), **Preethy Mathew** and **Meenu Mathew** (Dept of Management Studies), **Manu Kurian** (Dept of Social Work) and **Jimmy George, Eswarasarma, Sunitha M.T, Abin Jose, George Mathew** (Dept of Commerce). Among 1012 students, 453 are boys and 559 are girls.

I am happy to note that one of the strengths of our institution is the service minded and committed administrative staff. **Mr. Thomas Joseph**, the present superintendent will retire on February 28 and **Mr. Thomas Sebastian** will take charge as new superintendent on March 01, 2017. Along with him the other staff members who retire from service are **Sri. T. M. Joseph**, Lab Assistant, and **Fr. Gilson John CMI**, Principal.

Mr. Thomas Joseph: Mr. Thomas Joseph retired after 33 years of praiseworthy service in the college office. He started his career as an L. D. Clerk in the office. With his perseverance and audacity he rose to the positions of U.D Clerk and Head Accountant which culminated in assuming the role of Superintendent. Besides, he also made his presence felt in the college cooperative society in the capacity of its president for ten years. He is known for his meekness and soft spoken nature and meticulous in dealing with college accounts and office administration.

Mr. T. M Joseph: Mr. T.M Joseph retired after 33 years of creditable service in the college as Lab Assistant. In addition to his respectable service as the Lab Assistant in the Departments of Chemistry and Physics, from the inception of his service he also assisted the college and the management in overseeing the construction of the

college buildings. His passion for selfless service, perfection in every undertaking and obedience to the authority gave him a place in everyone's heart.

Rev. Dr. Gilson John CMI: Rev. Dr. Gilson John CMI retires after eight years of illustrious service in the college as the Principal. A man of firm commitment who resolves to nurture academic and professional excellence in institutions to which he has associated himself during his more than two decades of professional career. This vibrancy is discernable in his resolution to be the Director of a range of programmes like Career Guidance Centre, Campus Ministry, Jesus Youth and the like during his service in S.H College, Thevara. He has undertaken top-notch research projects pertinent to the Dairy sector in Kerala.

His fervor for imparting employability to students transformed him to be a Resource Person for Career Guidance programmes in more than twenty five colleges in various parts of India. His fondness for implementing management principles in customary affairs assisted him to be the Resource Person for Staff Enrichment Programmes for faculty in various colleges. The college witnessed unprecedented development during the short span of his tenure. Besides being an adept administrator, he attested his name in the fields of authorship, training, counselling and academics. He is an orator par excellence. His passion for oration resulted in his compiling the speeches of the renowned orator **Dr. Sukumar Azhikode** in seven volumes. He also authored a text titled *Sunday Homilies in the light of Management Outlook* which interpreted the Bible in the standpoint of management principles. He served the NAAC in the capacity of Coordinator of various Peer Teams to several colleges for assessment and accreditation. He is instrumental in giving a face-lift to the college by appending a new block and a seminar complex. He is a man of vision with perfection and action with managerial direction. His intellectually responsible disposition helped the college function smoothly.

INAUGURATION OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR

The first year degree classes were started on July 18, 2015. It was inaugurated by **Rev. Fr. George Mattathil CMI**, the Local Manager. The guest of honor was **Dr. Madavana Balakrishna Pillai**, the then Syndicate member and Director, School of letters, MG University.

ORIENTATION PROGRAMME FOR THE STAFF

At the beginning of the academic year orientation programmes were held for both teaching and non teaching staff separately. The resource person for the teaching staff was **Rev. Dr. Varghese Pudusery CMI**, Director, Santhwana Counselling Center, Ernakulam. The session for administrative staff was guided by **Dr. Benny Kurian**, International Trainer, Synergy HR Solutions, Ernakulam.

COLLEGE UNION

Election to the College Union was held on September 03, 2016 in the Parliamentary Mode. The following students were elected. Nithin Raj(Chairman), Athira Treesa Jose (Vice-Chairperson), Rijo V George(General Secretary), Govind S.V & Johns Kochumon(UUCs), Ajo Thankachan (Arts Club Secretary), Vishnu Dev C.S(Editor), Akhila Manmathan & Elizabeth Mathew(Lady Representatives), Amal K.M (II PG Rep), Febin Antony(III DC Rep) Christin Thomas(II DC Rep) Paul Jimmy(I DC Rep). **Dr. George V. Thomas**, faculty member, Department of Chemistry, was the returning officer for the College Union elections 2016.

The Union was inaugurated by **Mrs. Kochuthresia Poulouse**, President, Idukki District Panchyat. Film Artist **Mr. Jino John** was the special guest of honour. The Union organized a **Two-wheeler Fancy Dress** competition and a **Food Fest** for the entire college. College Magazine entitled *Onnu Ocha Vachirunnangil, Onnu Urakke Karanjirunnengil* is released by **Sri. Vayalar Saratchandra Varma**, the great Malayalam Poet.

Special appreciation to **Sri Midhun Manohar**, the editor, for its timely publication.

CHAVARA MEMORIAL TALK

Every year it is organized by the PTA. This year it was held on January 3, 2017 and the guest of honour was **Dr. Sebastian Paul**, former MP and MLA Ernakulum Constituency.

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. **Mrs. Lissymol James** is the Vice President and **Lt. Pramod Joseph** is the secretary for the academic year 2016-17.

CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES

A cultural exchange programme led by **Mr. Ross Young** and team from the U.K was held on November 09, 2016. It was an occasion for the students and staff to know more about the culture and education system prevailing in UK.

Another exchange programme was organized for students when **Mr. Paul Pargeter**, Managing Director, Dimensions, UK, visited the college. In his talk he explained the career opportunities awaiting in UK for the bright students.

NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME

The activities of the National Service Scheme were inaugurated on June 18, 2016 by **Sri Augusty Azhakathu**, President, Idukki Block Panchayat. To begin this year's activities, the students visited the Kanjar Integrated Watershed Theme Park. The park has been not well maintained and so not useful to the public. It was decided that the NSS unit will take the responsibility to maintain and beautify the park.

NSS, in collaboration with the Social Work Department of this college, has undertaken the construction of a house in Arakkulam and have a collection from the students. The house is completed now.

On June 16, our students took part in the World Blood Donor Day observation at Thodupuzha by IMA Blood Bank, and secured Best Participant Award.

The seven day camp for this year was held at Govt IHEP School, Kulamavu, from September 9 to 15. The construction of school ground, organic farming and renovation of various roads were undertaken by the students. Various activities in connection with anti-plastic campaign of the Panchayat were also undertaken by the volunteers.

In January, the students prepared a herbal garden in the campus. About 100 varieties of rare plants are maintained here. NSS has also helped a needy family in Pannimattom area, to complete the construction of their house by digging a waste pit and paving tiles in the floor. On February 15, a Medical Camp for the women students of the college was conducted with the support of the Department of Health, Government of Kerala.

The volunteer secretaries for this year were **Subin Thomas** and **Priyamol C J**. The programme officers were **Sri Abhilash Mathew**, Department of English and **Dr. Praveen Joseph**, Department of Physics.

NATIONAL CADET CORPS

NCC cadets observed the International day of Yoga on June 21, 2016. Sixty cadets participated in the Yoga camp. Corporal Anisha K. S (II B. Sc Mathematics) won the NCC cadets welfare society scholarship. Thirty cadets attended the annual training camp at St. George College, Aruvithura. Ten cadets attended the pre-TSC camp at Thiruvalla. Cpl. Jyothish K H and Cpl. Paul Manuel attended the National integration camp at Jammu. Cpl Anandakrishnan V M attended the National Integration Camp

at Ajmeer. Cpl Amalu Shaji attended the trekking camp at Darjeeling. Four cadets attended the army attachment camp at Pangode, Thiruvananthapuram. Twenty cadets attended the CATC at St. Stephen's college, Uzhavoor and thirty five cadets appeared for the **B** certificate examination. Special thanks for **Lt. Pramod Joseph** for the creative leadership.

WOMEN CELL

The activities of this year were inaugurated by **Ms. Merin Joseph IPS**, ASP Munnar. A seminar was organized on the same day by Ms. Merin Joseph IPS on the topic 'Role of Women in the Changing Scenario'. Ms. Anitta Jojo (II BA Economics) and Ms. Anju Vargese (II BA Mathematics) were elected as the President and Secretary in this year. **Dr. Sobhitha Sebastian** and **Ms. Priyanka Babu** serve as the staff coordinators. The women cell coordinated Flower Carpet competition in the college as part of Onam celebration. Various inter departmental competitions such as Essay Writing, Quiz and Debate were organized by the Cell as part of '*Agaratha 2016*'.

SAHITHYA VEDHI

Functioning under **Dr. Joshy Varghese and Mrs. Alphonse P. Parackal**, the following activities were undertaken this year:

- Inauguration of the year of reading and a seminar on Environmental Protection by Sri. Sunil Sebastian, coordinator Bodhi, on June 20, 2016.
- A documentary film was screened for students based on the life of P. N Panicker, the founder of Kerala State Library Council.
- As part of the Father's Day celebration, students were given opportunity to talk about how the life and deeds of their parents influenced them.
- An extempore elocution competition was held among the students regarding the best book the students had so far come across.
- June 30, 2016 was observed as the special day commemorating the legacy of Sri. Kavalam Narayana Panicker.
- One day symposium on the topic 'the contribution of Vaikom Muhammad Basheer to Malayalam literature'.
- A National Seminar was organized commemorating former teacher Rev. Fr. Z.M Moozhoor. The chief guest of the function was **Sri. Vayalar Sarathchandra Varma**, a noted Malayalam film lyricist, and **Sri P.M Prabhu** made the memorial talk.
- As part of the extension activities of Malayala Sahithyavedi, a library was instituted for the tribal settlement in Chinnar.
- An anthology of research papers was published under the auspices of Malayala Sahithyavedi.

- 17 manuscript magazines were prepared by the initiative of students and published on September 29, 2016.
- The literary contribution made by the parents was published under the title "Snehaveedu".
- "Language day" was observed on November 01 2016, and a Malayalam literary quiz was organized.
- On November 02, 2016, a quiz competition was held on Indigenous Culture of Kerala.

DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY

University Ranks: Gopika Sabu, Radhika S. and Reeja Augustine secured first, second and sixth ranks respectively at the M G University M. Sc. Chemistry examination 2016. Out of **seven** overall **A** grades in the M G University, **three** are from our college.

Exhibition, Chemirabilis 2017: An exhibition was conducted for plus two students of nearby schools on January 9, 2017 as part of *Argyrum*, Silver Jubilee celebrations of the Department. More than 500 students from five different schools participated in the event and made it successful. A quiz, poster and extempore competitions were also conducted for the plus two students as part of *Chemirabilis* 2017.

Career Guidance Class: A career guidance class was conducted for the students of the department and plus two students of nearby schools as part of *Chemirabilis* 2017. The session was handled by Josh.S Paikada, Engineer, Australia, and a former student of our College.

Chemaurora 2017: On behalf of *Argyrum*, the Department of Chemistry conducted an innovative talent fest *Chemaurora 2017* for the students of various departments of our College on January 21, 2017. The programme was inaugurated by **Mr. Roshy Augustine MLA. Mr. Jude Anthany Joseph**, director and actor from Malayalam Silver Screen was the chief guest of the function. The Rank holders of M. Sc Chemistry Examination, 2016, viz **Gopika Sabu, Radhika. S and Reeja Augustine** were honoured on the same occasion.

The winners of the talent fest are: **I prize** (Rs. 5001): Dept of Physics

II prize (Rs 2501): Dept of Commerce and Dept of Chemistry

III prize (Rs 1001): Dept of Mathematics

Papers presented in National or International Seminars: In the 26th Swadeshi Science Congress held at Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute ,Kochi from

November 7-9, 2016, the following Research Papers were presented by the Department:

1. Radhika S, Josna Joseph and Ebey P Koshy, presented a paper on "Microwave Assisted Green Synthesis of Silver Nanocatalysts using the Leaf Extract of Phyllanthus Acidus.
2. Gopika Sabu, Reeja Augustine and Dr. George V Thomas presented a paper on "Clove mediated Green Synthesis of Polypyrrole – Copper Nano Composite – A morphological Study".
3. Rev. Sr. Sijo Francis, Beena Mathew and Ebey P Koshy presented a paper "Synthesis of Silver Nanoparticles by Green Pathway and Investigations of their Catalytic Potentials".

Dr. Geoege V Thomas presented a paper in Prof. K. V Thomas Endowment International Symposium on "New Trends in Applied Chemistry" organized by The Postgraduate and Research Department of Chemistry, Sacred Heart College, Thevara on February 9 -11, 2017.

Dr. Siby Joseph Memorial Lecture Series II: A seminar was organized as part of Dr. Siby Joseph Memorial Lecture Series on Tuesday, 21 February 2017. The resource persons for the seminar were **Dr. Vijay Nair**, National Institute for Interdisciplinary Science and Technology, Thiruvananthapuram, and **Dr. G. Anilkumar**, School of Chemical Sciences, Mahatma Gandhi University.

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

The department has contributed Rs.10, 400/ for the medical treatment of a third year Economics student as part of social commitment. The inauguration of the activities of Economics Association was solemnly conducted on June 29, 2016 by **Prof. K. A Thomas**, former Head, Dept of Economics, St. Joseph's College, Moolamattom. It was followed by a seminar on "Development Economics". The students of the department participated in the *Pookalam* and *Onappattu* competitions in the college and bagged prizes. A seminar on "Insurance Business in India" was led by **Sri R Nandhakumar**, Senior Bank Manager, LIC Pala and team. Another seminar on "Demonetization in India" was led by **Prof. Alan Zacharia**, Dept. of Economics, St. Thomas College, Pala.

Students of the department participated in the interdepartmental fests and won several prizes. **Miss Athira Hari** (III Degree Economics) secured IV position in the Voice of Idukki musical reality show. Department team participated in the intercollegiate debate competition at Alphonsa College, Pala, Girijothi College, Cheruthony and won prizes.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK

Tribal Partnership Programme at Kuttampuzha: Our Students conducted an awareness programme for the tribal people of Kuttampuzha Panjayath on the theme "Importance of Education". As part of the programme 50 primary schools students were provided with 'Educational Kit'. With the help of the department of Malayalam 1001 library books were provided for establishing a library in the Tribal area.

Life-Line Club Inauguration: It was inaugurated by the Excise Commissioner **Mr. Rishiraj Singh IPS**. After the inaugural function the Commissioner gave an awareness class on the impact of drug abuse.

Educational Visit: Students visited and gained insights about five national and international organizations in Delhi and undergone one month training programmes in 'Chaithanya Mental Health and Rehabilitation Centre Pune' and in different organizations in Kerala.

Samanwaya 2016: The first semester students of the department participated in the national seminar & social work students meet at BCM College Kottayam.

Social Research: In association with Police Department, two students from MSW department, Ms. Amrutha S Kumar and **Ms. Anju Cicily Kuriakose**, conducted a social research on the topic, "*A study on the attitude of police towards women clients*". Data were collected from various sources like personal interviews with women clients, case studies, discussion with judges & police officers and by attending court sessions.

School Mental Empowerment Programme: Students of the department organized a one day seminar on "How to face exam without fear" for the 10th standard students of Government IHEP School Kulamavu. The programme was conducted on the special request of school officials.

International Seminar: The department has conducted an International Seminar on the topic "Management of Disabilities through Person Centered Approach". The entire session was presided over by Mr. Ross Young, International Trainer UK. As part of the programme the department signed an MoU with two international agencies viz **Dimensions UK & Helen Sanderson Associates UK**.

Awareness Programme in Schools: The department, in association with **Tiny Seed** (NGO) selected seven schools nearby the college for sensitizing the children on the very need of proper waste management. As part of the programme MSW students organized awareness sessions in each selected school and provided dustbins on request.

Florence-2017: The department, in association with NSS and Students Initiative in Palliative Care is planning to conduct a three day camp (**Florence – 2017**) for person with disabilities. The event is scheduled on March 3-5, 2017.

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS

Ms. Divya Baby and **Ms. Annu Joseph** joined in the Department as guest lecturers this year. The renovated Department was blessed by the local manager **Rev. Fr. George Mattathil CMI** on May 27, 2016. The Department arranged a seminar on 'Geometric Shapes' and a Puzzle Solving Contest' on June 20, 2016 for the students of St. Joseph's UP School, Arakulam. **Mr. Midhun Manohar**, III B.Sc. Mathematics, was selected for the prestigious St. Chavara Award for the best outgoing male student of the Academic year 2016 – '17.

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS

Mr. Manu Stephen joined the department on June 1, 2016. Inauguration of Physics Association was held on July 12, 2016. Dr. Joe Jacob, Associate Professor, Newman College, Thodupuzha, was the Guest of honour. A seminar on the topic 'The dawn of a new era in understanding the universe' was conducted by him on the same day. The department conducted a short term Skill Development Programme on 'LED Bulb Assembling' under the expert guidance of **Dr. Roy Sebastian K**, Head, Department of Physics.

Ms. Anju P Mathews is relieved from the department on 3rd October 2016 under Faculty Development Programme (FDP) to complete her Ph.D at CUSAT. **Ms. Preetha Vasu** joined the department as Assistant Professor of Electronics on October 4, 2016.

A seminar on 'Microwave Dielectrics for Wireless Communication' was conducted on December 16, 2016. **Dr Sumesh George**, Assistant Professor, St George College, Aruvithura was the resource person. A group of 19 Students from III year BSc Physics and 3 teachers from the department visited the 'Doddabetta Tea Factory and the Tea Museum,' Udthagamandalam, as part of the industrial visit programme on December 20, 2016. A Workshop on 'Science Journalism' was organized by the Physics Association on January 13, 2017. **Prof. Juby Thomas**, Assistant Professor, Kristu Jayanti College, Bengaluru was the resource person.

The department of Physics is the winner of the inter-departmental cultural fest *Chemaurora – 2017* organized by Department of Chemistry as part of its Silver Jubilee celebrations. The traditional cultural fest of the department '**Resonance - 2017**' was conducted on February 25, 2017.

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

The English literary association was inaugurated by **Dr. T. C Thankachan** on June 16, 2016. It was followed by a seminar on 'Comprehensive Development of 21st Century Learners'. In connection with the 'Reading Week' the Department conducted an extension programme which included various competitions for the selected students of St. Thomas U.P School, Arakulam. A mock Viva was conducted for the students of II M.A English on 16 July 2016. It was led by Mr. Joby Mathew, Mr. Jishnu Venugopal and Mr. Jibin Thomas, Assistant Professors, Department of English, St. Thomas College, Pala.

The Department signed two Memorandums of Understanding with the U.K based "Helen Sanderson Associates" headed by **Mr. Ross Young** and "Dimensions" headed by **Paul Pargeter** respectively. A seminar titled 'Financial Planning for Young Investors' by **Dr. Joseph George**, authorized Resource Person for SEBI and Assistant Professor of Management, St. Joseph's College, Moolamattom was conducted on December 15, 2016. A power point presentation competition for the students of the Department of English on the topic of 'Influential work of Benyamin' was conducted on December 19 in which **Krishnaja K.J** and **Simmy Jose**, II MA English, became winners. It was followed by a symposium on 'Creative Writing for a Proactive Society' was convened on December 20, 2016 led by the renowned Malayalam writer **Sri. Benyamin**.

DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT STUDIES

The Management Association was inaugurated on June 04, 2016 by Mr. T. Ajay, Chief Manager, IBS, Hyderabad followed by a Workshop on "Career Planning and Personality Development" for the final year BBM students. The **Best Manager** and **Best Management Team** competitions were also conducted.

A Bridge Course for the first year BBM students was organized on July 29, 2016. An Orientation Programme -cum -Workshop on Life Skill Development was conducted for the 1st year BBM students on September 05, 2016 by Mr. Siju Thomas and Mr. Noble Varghese, **Wings to Win**, Kochi.

The mega inter-collegiate Management Fest **CHRYSALIS 2016** was conducted on, September 23 & 24. Around thirty colleges participated in the event.

The Dept has organized the following programmes:

- Seminar on "Modern Trends in Banking" by **Dr. Jobin Mathew**, Regional Digital Marketing Officer, South Indian Bank Ltd. on November 01, 2016
- Seminar on *Enhancing Employability* for the final year students was conducted on January 05, 2017 by Mr. Joy Manuel, Corporate Trainer

- "A survey among the rubber planters regarding their opinion to deviate from the conventional rubber processing to modern practices" in association with The Thodupuzha Taluk Rubber Marketing Society.
- Another survey regarding 'the Utilization of Government Funds for the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes' in association with the Vigilance Cell of Kerala Police.
- A training programme for the parents hailing from rural areas to familiarize the usage of ATM card and E-Banking and a seminar on *Practical aspects of the Goods and Service Tax* for the merchants of Arakulam, Kanjar and Moolamattom in collaboration with the Merchants Association are to be organized during the second week of March.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Commerce Association for Computer Application was inaugurated by Prof. K. Benny, Dept of Commerce, Newman College Thodupuzha. A one day seminar on the topic "*EU Sans UK-Global Effects*" was given by **Prof. Divya James**, Newman College, Thodupuzha.

Association activities of B.Com (Finance and Taxation) and BBA was inaugurated by **Dr. Santo Jose**, Professor, Dept. of Commerce, Hendry Baker College, Melukavu. He conducted a one day seminar on the topic "Strategic Management".

Another one day seminar was conducted on the topic "*Success in life and success in career*" by **Mr. Babu Pallipattu** (MG University) and **Mr. K .R Somarajan** (JCI Trainer) for the second year B.com students.

Intra collegiate Commerce Fest '**DEXTRA 2K16**' was conducted.

One day seminar on "*Digital Banking*" was conducted with the collaboration of South Indian Bank by **Mr. Josbin Mathew**, the Regional Digital Marketing Officer SIB.

Industrial visit to **Kannan Devan Factory** in Munnar for II B.Com (Finance and Taxation) was conducted.

One day seminar on *Modern Interview Techniques and GD* was conducted by **Prof. Thomas Lazer**, former HOD, Dept. of Commerce, Nirmala College Muvattupuzha, for third year B.Com Computer Application & Taxation students. Industrial visit to **Lockhart Tea Factory**, Munnar, for II year B.Com Computer Application and BBA students were conducted.

One day *Motivational Training* was given to I B.Com Computer, Finance and Taxation and BBA students by **Jijo Chittady**, the motivational trainer, Kenshu Foundation.

CAMPUS MINISTRY, CSM AND JESUS YOUTH

Campus Ministry, CSM and Jesus Youth are coordinated by **Dr. Joshy Varghese, Fr. Jobin Thayyil and Mrs. Roopa Jose**. They attend on the spiritual and moral development of the staff and students in the college, and rendered the following services:

- Campus Ministry and CSM arranged devotion to the Sacred Heart, Holy Mass for the Catholic students and Life Guidance Talks for the non-Catholic students on every first Friday
- An Orientation Programme was arranged for the teaching and non-teaching staff separately in the beginning of the academic year to motivate them about their noble mission.
- Jesus Youth and CSM conducted regular prayer services and Bible classes on every Thursday at 1.00 p.m. for the students.
- In the month of October, departmentwise rosary reciting was arranged for ten consecutive days.
- A one-day programme was arranged by Jesus Youth for the first year degree students on October 1, 2016.
- Jesus Youth and Campus Ministry together conducted a Pro-Life Exhibition in the Chavara Hall on November 8, 2016.
- Campus Ministry arranged the following Life Guidance talks
 - "Your Attitude Determines Your Altitude" by **Prince J Mathew**, Dept. of English on July 1, 2016.
 - "The Power of Prayer in Your Life and Mind" by **Dr. Raju D. Krishnapuram**, Retd. Prof Henry Baker College, Melukavu, on Aug 5, 2016.
 - "New Media – Challenges and Possibilities", by **Dr. Brincy Mathew**, Devamatha College, Kuravilangadu, on Oct 7, 2016.
 - "From Secularism to Humanism", by **Jose Konattu**, HRD Trainer, Munnar, on Nov 4, 2016.
 - "Turning Point" by **Benny Kurian**, Corporate Trainer and Director, Synergy HR Solutions, EKM, on Dec 2, 2016.
 - "Perspectives of Successful People" by **Justin Aerthayil**, HR Trainer, on Feb 3, 2017.

STUDENT'S INITIATIVE IN PALLIATIVE CARE

In association with Palliative Youth Movement, the unit conducted **Phoenix 2016**, a socio-cultural fest for the palliative patients in and around Idukki district on July 9 & 10, 2016. **Phoenix 2016** became a platform for the physically challenged people to have an avenue to showcase their talents.

A seminar on Palliative training was organized in the college on July 30 in order to sensitize the students on issues related to patient care, health and geriatrics. The seminar was inaugurated by **Rev. Dr. Sr. Annie Cyriac**, Chief Psychiatrist, Bishop Vayalil Medical Centre, Moolamattom. Palliative Care Coordinators of Health Department Sri. Sijo Vijayan, Dr. Mini Mohan, Dr. Varghese have led various sessions.

As part of the *Onam* celebration, the students visited Moolamattom Assisi Snehabhavan and contributed food kits for the inmates. On December 1, 2016, World Aids Day was observed with programmes like Red ribbon distribution, Aids Awareness Quiz and Street play. Christmas celebration of Palliative volunteers was held among the inmates of Sneha bahvan, Painkulam on December 28, 2016.

A three Day orientation camp for the Palliative volunteers of various colleges across Idukki district was held on March 13, 14 and 15 in the college. Students from 10 colleges participated in the programme. A one-day tour to Cochin was held by the Palliative Volunteers of the college for the physically challenged and bed ridden patients on January 22, 2017. It was a unique experience for the patients to venture out in to the open world and to see many interesting things.

Home Care programme is a new venture initiated by Students Initiative in palliative Care volunteers of the college. On every week, the palliative volunteers along with health department officials visit a destitute around Arakulam and provide the necessary medical aid and solace to the bedridden patients. **Sri. Prince J Mathew** and faculty members **Ms. Priyanka Babu** and **Thomasukutty Sunny** give creative leadership to the activities of the Palliative Care Movement in the college.

WALK WITH A SCHOLAR PROGRAMME

The Walk With a Scholar Programme, a New Initiative under the Government of Kerala, for the bright students. This year's programmes have begun with a one day motivational class on 'Group Dynamics and Personal Effectiveness' by **Sri. Justin Aerthayil**, renowned NLP trainer. It was followed by a Cultural Exchange Programme under the leadership of a team of scholars from the U.K.

Mr. Paul Pargeter from UK has led a seminar on 'Learning Strategies for the Adolescents'. A workshop on 'Verbal and non-verbal Communication for Career Prospects' was conducted by **Mrs. Ajitha M. Thomas**. A Seminar was organized on 'Scholarships and Opportunities to Study Abroad' by **Dr. Jayaseelan Raj**, Post Doctoral Fellow, at London School of Economics, London on January 16, 2017. A Career Guidance Seminar was conducted on January 28, 2017 under the leadership of "TIME Institute", Kochi. On February 04, 2017 a Seminar on 'Business

Communication' was led by **Ms. Priyanka Babu**, Dept of English. It is functioning under the guidance of **Prof. Roby Mathew**

CAREER GUIDANCE CELL

The activities of the Career Planning Cell for the academic year were inaugurated by the Principal on July 15, 2016. The Cell arranged two seminars viz "Graphic Designing and Related Careers" on November 09, 2016 with the Technical Support of Image Creative Education, Thodupuzha and "Higher Education Abroad" on January 16, 2017 by Dr. Jayaseelan Raj, a Fulbright Fellowship holder and a SRF at London School of Economics and Social Sciences. **Dr. Sabukutty MG** is the director of the Cell

CIVIL SERVICE FORUM

The activities of the Forum for the academic year 2016-17 were inaugurated by **Mr. Jojo Mathews**, Civil Service Trainer, Alternative Learning Solutions, New Delhi, on 28 July, 2016 which was followed by a seminar by him on *How to face Civil Service Examination*.

Another seminar by **Mr. Joy Manuel** was also organized the same day on "*Achievement & Motivation*". The members of the Forum introduced a novel idea of *Lunch-Break Discussion* wherein the members discuss/present papers on ancient Indian History. A workshop on *Planning to Better Future* by **Mr. Prasad T.U.**, Veteran Civil Service Trainer, was also organized by the Forum. The Forum conducted National Level Scholarship Examination for brilliant civil service aspirants in our College on 21 February, 2017. It was guided by **Dr. Joseph George** and **Sri Shibu P.G.**

ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT CLUB

The activities of the Club were inaugurated by **Mr. Lewis Prasad**, Regional Coordinator, IBS, Hyderabad, on 04 June, 2016 followed by a seminar on "Prospects of an Entrepreneur". The Club also organized a workshop titled *Kitchen Treasure* exposing the marketing prospects of homemade chocolates and food items. It is also proposed to organize a workshop on ornament making to attract women to entrepreneurship in the first week of March. **Dr. C.T. Francis** gives creative directions to the club.

SERVICE ENTRY

Coaching for Entry in Services is conducted in the college during Saturdays and other public holidays. The programme aims at giving training to the students who mainly belong to the minority and backward communities so that they can appear for competitive examinations for jobs. The total number of students who benefit from the scheme is 100 this year. Classes are handled by teachers from various

departments of the college as well as experts from outside. The specific areas covered include English Grammar, Numerical Ability, Reasoning, Computer Awareness and Career Guidance. A model test was given to the students by Talent Academy Thodupuzha. The coordinator of the programme is **Sri Abhilash Mathew**, Department of English.

BHOOMITRASENA

Bhoomitrasena is an organization in the campus to promote awareness as well as respect towards nature. The aim of the scheme is to nurture the greenery in the campus by taking care of the flora and fauna and planting more trees and flowering plants. This year, the activities were inaugurated by planting of saplings by Dr Gilson John, the principal. A seminar on "The Importance of Preserving the Rain forests and Wildlife of Kerala" was conducted with the help of the Forest Department, Thodupuzha Circle.

An essay competition on the topic Climate Change was conducted on July 8, for the students of the college. Cash prizes were distributed for the winners. A debate on 'Whether Plastic should be banned' is organized by *Bhoomitrasena* on August 12. The moderator was Dr. Praveen Joseph. An awareness class was given to the students on the processing of electronic waste.

Another landmark this year is the construction of a Herbal Garden in the campus. A seminar was conducted on January 21 on 'Wildlife and Rare Plants' with Sri A. T. Thomas, the retired Forest Officer, as the Chief resource person. The staff advisors are **Sri. Abhilash Mathew** and **Dr. Praveen Joseph**. The student secretary is Praveen K Narayanan.

TOURISM CLUB

Tourism club promotes a sense of awareness among students towards issues such as sustainable development, afforestation, eco-tourism, and environmental protection. A Nature Education Camp was organized in Chinnar wildlife sanctuary to sensitize the students regarding issues like climate change and global warming on July 13 to 15, 2016. 20 students have participated in the camp. **Prof. Prince J Mathew** and **Dr. Saju M Sebastian** promote the activities of the club.

ORATORY CLUB

The oratory club gives assistance to foster the skills of public speaking. Members of the Oratory club participated in various inter collegiate competitions and won prizes. Oratory club organized the St. Chavara intercollegiate Elocution Competition.

DEBATE CLUB

Debate club promotes a sense of rational attitude in the students to comprehend and analyze the socio-cultural milieu of various events happening in the society.

The club conducts intra collegiate debate competitions favoring a critical mindset in the minds of the youth. This year the debate club in association with the women's cell conducted **Asthra 2017**, an intra collegiate debate competition for the girl students on the topic, "Demonetization: effects and consequences". Prof. **Prince J Mathew** coordinates the activities of the club.

MUSIC CLUB

It functions under the guidance of **Prof. Roopa Jose, Sumi Sugathan** and **Brille K Benzkutty**.

Auditions were conducted for the first year degree students and new members were selected to the club in Aug 2016. The members participated in the Inter-Collegiate Patriotic Song Competition held at Darsana Cultural Centre, Kottayam on August 15, 2016 and won prizes. The Club organized an interdepartmental Onappattu Competition in association with the College **Onam** Celebrations and gave prizes to the winners

Athira Hari, of III BA Economics won the fourth position in the prestigious Voice of Idukki Reality Show conducted at Kattappana. Teachers-in-charge of the Music Club along with the Staff Secretary organized Christmas Carol of the staff, as part of Christmas celebrations. Club members are actively involved in the Holy Mass and prayers on every First Friday and in providing entertainment to the audience in all the common programmes in the college through their soulful melodies

CHEMISTRY ASSOCIATION

The Chemistry Association was inaugurated by **Dr. Beena Mathew**, Professor, School of Chemical Sciences, Mahatma Gandhi University, on June 28, 2016. Following the inauguration, she delivered a talk on "Supramolecular Chemistry". The major activities of the association are:

- Students of the Department visited *Snehasadan* Old Age Home, Muttom, and celebrated *Onam* with the inmates.
- Seminar on 'A Chemist's View towards Environmental Awareness' was led by **Sri. Josukutty J Ozhukayil**, Associate professor, Department of Chemistry, Nirmala College, Muvattupuzha, on November 9, 2016.
- **Dr. Kishor Mohanan**, a former student of the Department and currently a senior scientist at Central Drug Research Institute, Lucknow, interacted with

students and delivered a talk on 'Domino Reactions Involving the Bestmann-Ohira Reagent' on December 14, 2016.

- Trauma care training was given to the students of the College on January 12, 2017 on the occasion of Road Safety Week 2017. The seminar was inaugurated by **Mr. C.K Abraham**, Motor Vehicle Inspector, Thodupuzha. **Dr. Lipin S Prasad** has led the training on trauma care.
- Treesa Johns and Soumya Thomas of II B.Sc. Chemistry participated in the PowerPoint Presentation Competition at St. Mary's College, Manarcad and Anakha A.V and Merline C. Joy participated in a Quiz Competition at Alphonsa College, Pala.

Dr. Saju M Sebastian gives creative guidance to the Association.

MATHEMATICS ASSOCIATION

The activities were inaugurated by **Dr. Shiny Jose**, Associate Professor of Mathematics, St. George's College Aruvithura on June 17, 2016. A seminar on "Decision Making in a Fuzzy Environment" was also delivered by Dr. Shiny Jose on the same day. The Association also organized a seminar on "Higher Education Abroad" on January 16, 2017 and the speaker was **Dr. Jayaseelan Raj**, a Fulbright Fellowship Awardee and a SRF at London School of Economics.

The department team secured first prize in *Athappookkalam* competition and III position in the Talent Show competition conducted by the Department of Chemistry. Special thanks **to Dr. Sabukutty MG** for its vibrant leadership.

TAGORE FORUM

Tagore Forum, the auxiliary club of the Department of English, was headed by **Mrs. Brillie. K. Benzkutty**. A literary quiz was organized on November 16, 2016. An interdepartmental PowerPoint Presentation Competition on "Reality and Advertisement" was held on January 25, 2016. **Lijo K Joy** and **Sreejith T.R**, II BA Economics, bagged the first prize and **Abigail Thomas** and **Manju T. Benny**, II B.A English, won the second prize

NATURE CLUB

Nature club functions under the leadership of **Dr. Praveen Joseph**, Assistant Professor of Physics. Two students of the Nature club took part in the International Tiger Day Celebrations at Periyar Tiger Reserve on July 29, 2016. They are also participated in the power point presentation competition conducted as part of the Tiger Day celebrations. The Nature camp for the academic year was held at Salim Ali Nature Education Centre (SANEC), Thattekad, during December 5-7, 2016. 26 students and 3 teachers attended the 3 day residential camp. Club members attended a seminar on organic farming conducted in the college on January 21,

2017. The retired forest officer **Mr. A.T Thomas** was the resource person to the seminar.

HINDI ASSOCIATION

As part of the 'Reading week celebration, the Dept in connection with Dept. of Malayalam organized a lecture by **Mr. Sunilkumar Sebastian**, a well renowned Environmental Activist. Another seminar was organized by Prof. M. P. Narayanan Nampoodiri on the topic "New Trends in Hindi Short Stories". As part of Republic day celebrations, Dept. of Hindi conducted various competitions such as poster designing and Patriotic song competition. Prizes were distributed to the winners. **Dr. Shobitha Sebastian** gives guidance to the association.

AWARDS, ACHIVEMENTS AND RECOGNITION

Dr. Saju M Sebastian served as the Chairman for the conduct of M.Sc. Second Semester University Practical Examination, October/November 2016.

Dr. Ebey P Koshy served as the question paper setter for the UG examination of Calicut University.

Dr. Joshy Varghese is appointed as the Subject Expert in the interview board of Kerala Public Service Commission. He is also appointed as the Chairman of the Board of Examiners of the First Semester BA/B.Sc./B.Com Malayalam Common Course (CBCSS), M.G University.

Dr. C.T. Francis is appointed as a member in the Board of Management Studies, M.G. University, Kottayam.

Dr. Joseph George has presented a paper entitled "*Green Signal to Green Earth*" in the UGC sponsored *International Carbon Credit Conference* from August 28-31, 2016 at Bharat Mata College, Thrikkakara. He is also served as a resource person in the *Financial Planning Program* organized by Securities & Exchange Board of India in Idukki and Ernakulam districts.

Dr. Sobhitha Sebastian is appointed as the question paper setter and external evaluator for the UG Examination, November 2016 in CMS College Kottayam (Autonomous).

Lt. Pramod Joseph bags the Lions Club's Best Secretary par excellence award-2016. He won the **Kalaprathibha** title in the Lions District Cultural Fest. He also won the best voluntary Blood Donation Promotion Award instituted by IMA, Thodupuzha. He is elected as the vice-president, Lions Club, Kollappally, Pala.

MS. Charlotte P. Kurian (I BA English) is selected for the Best Social Worker Award instituted by the College.

MS. Aneesa Ganesh (II B.Com) is selected to represent All India Inter University Competition in Table Tennis, to be held at Himachal Pradesh.

CONCLUSION

It is with great joy and satisfaction that I have presented before you the major activities of the college during the academic year 2016-17. I am grateful to those who have cooperated with me to make the running of the college easy and smooth. I specially thank our Manager **V. Rev. Dr. George Edayadiyil CMI** and our Local Manager **Rev.Fr. George Mattathil CMI** for their inspiration and whole hearted support. The teaching faculty, the supporting staff, the parents and the students are doing a lot for the development of the college. **Rev. Fr. Jobin Thayil**, our beloved bursar, deserves special mention for the smooth running of the college with a wonderful vision. I thank **Dr. Eby P. Koshy** and **Sri Sijo John** for the photo presentation on the report. My special thanks to **Dr. Tharsis Joseph**, Deputy General Manager, Deepika, for accepting our invitation to be the chief guest of the day. Finally, before I conclude, I raise my heart to God Almighty and to our Patron St. Joseph, who direct and inspire us in our endeavours to mould a value based and committed young generation for a better tomorrow. I like to conclude my report with a principle I have been practicing for the last eight years in the college as a principal;

If everyone is happy with you, surely, you are making many compromises in your life;

If you want to be happy with everyone, be ready to ignore many faults of others.

I wish everyone a bright future and to lead a happy life here on earth.

Fr. Gilson John

Principal.