



# MARY MATHA ARTS & SCIENCE COLLEGE

Mananthavady, Wayanad, Kerala

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### Major Events



Dr. Jane Smart, Global Director, IUCN inaugurating the International Seminar on Biodiversity Conservation.



His Excellency, Rt. Rev Dr. Jose Porunedom, the Bishop of Mananthavady Diocese and the Patron of the College giving away the Tharsis Joseph Foundation Award for the Best Principal in Kerala 2013 to Dr. Raju George, the Principal of the College



Dr. Jancy James, the Vice Chancellor of the Central University Kerala delivering the third Dr. K. T. Varkey Endowment Lecture

## From the Editor's Desk...

Greetings from the Academic Community at  
Mary Matha Arts & Science College.



*Tidings from Mary Matha* is a sincere attempt at recapturing how the days have been rolling down in this highland College with an excellent Team Work of all its stake-holders: Students, Parents, Management, the Teaching, and Administrative Teams in the process of sweating out our Mission: *to make knowledge available to the students through quality*

*education irrespective of their religion, caste, or sex, but keeping in view the educational needs of the Christian Community as well, thus to be an active agent contributing to the socio-economic and cultural transformation of Wayanad.* My job has been to remind everyone of our Vision: *Holistic development of students with sound intellectual, physical, psychological, emotional, and spiritual maturity that will pave the way for a truly democratic, secular, and equitable social order.*

The Catholic Diocese of Mananthavady established this College way back in 1995 with the primary objective of meeting the higher educational needs of the Youth of Wayanad because it considers education not just as a search for knowledge, but as a great mission in which all the stakeholders participate actively in the process of developing human resources for the benefit of Society and the Nation. *Tidings from Mary Matha* will demonstrate our efforts towards the fulfillment of that dream.

Presenting this special edition of the News Letter prepared by the IQAC led by Dr P.K. Prasad and Dr Joseph K. Job, we look ahead to a fruitful exchange of ideas and resources among the academic fraternity.

**Raju George (Dr)**

## Message

Rev. Fr Chandy Punakkattu  
(Manager)



Mary Matha Arts and Science College of the Diocese of Mananthavady, started in October 1995, is the dream realized of the people of the district of Wayanad. It was the long cherished desire of the settlers of Wayanad to have adequate infrastructural facilities for quality higher education; the Diocese of Mananthavady, in an effort to realize the aspirations of the people, decided to start the college. The principal objective of Mary Matha Arts and Science College is to impart quality higher education to the children of tribal people and other rural natives of Wayanad, the most backward district in the educational arena of Kerala. The Management, the Principal, the staff, the parents and the students are striving hard to achieve the motto of Mary Matha, "Education for Total Liberation".

Rev. Fr Chandy Punakkattu

## Developmental Activities Initiated/completed

- Construction of Multipurpose Sports Facility including Indoor Auditorium
- Outdoor Stadium
- Sports Pavilion
- Additional toilet facilities for the girl students
- Wi-fi Internet connectivity
- Solar water heating systems in the Women's Hostel and Canteen
- Earthen Pond for Water Recharging
- Additional Classrooms
- Additional Rooms for the Teachers
- Seminar Hall
- Common Prayer Hall
- Heritage Museum





## Karshakamela cum Workshop



## *Welfare of the farmers-top priority:* Minister P K Jayalakshmi

*Farmers in the state will be given more support and the government would not let an agricultural crisis to happen in the state,* said the Minister for Tribal Welfare and Youth Affairs Ms PK Jayalakshmi. The youth should be encouraged to take up farming in order to overcome the food shortage in the state. She was inaugurating the Organic Agri-Fest and Workshop at Sarvodaya U P School on 23rd December 2012 (The World Agriculture Day) jointly organized by the FC(India) and NSS

& Internal Quality Assurance Cell of Mary Matha and Science College. She said that the government has initiated an ambitious project to make the state a major centre for organic farming in the country. Adv P P Baburaj, Member Magistrate, Juvenile Court Mysore spoke on Zero Budget Farming, Sri Digaul Thomas on Precision Farming, Sri K M George Coordinator, Organic Waynad on Organic Farming and Sri Raman Cheruvayal, on the Rare Rice Varieties in various sessions of the workshop. Dr Joseph K Job, President of the Farming Concepts (India), Sri T J Mathew, Secretary and Sri Sreejith O. S were the moderators in the special sessions of the workshop. Sri Regi Francis and Sri Sabu O J Coordinated.

## FILM FESTIVAL OF MARY MATHA 2013

## Film Fest: A Rare Opportunity for Film Lovers



The Dept. of English in collaboration with the Students' Union organised a Three Day Film and Documentary Festival from 31st Jan to 2nd Feb in the College. The Festival was inaugurated by the Noted film director Srinath Rajendran (Director of Second Show) on January 31. Twenty one films and documentaries under five categories namely: Classics, World Panorama, Indian Panorama, Malayalam Cinema and Documentary have been shown on four screens. In addition, short films produced by the students of the college were also screened during the fest. Four screens were named after Satyajit Ray, Akira Kurosawa, J C Daniel and Anand Patwardan. Every screening was followed by an open forum that has helped viewers to better understand the film and the issues raised by the cinema. Films such as *Colours of the Mountain*, *White Balloon*, *Lost and Found*, *Life Above All*, *Getting Home*, *Arth*, *Jalsagar*, *Bicycle Thieves*, *Ozhimurui*, *T D Dasan Standard VI B*, *Kathavaseshan*, *Shit*, were screened in the three day film and documentary fest.



## HAVE YOU SEEN THE ARANA? 'NINGAL ARANAYE KANDO'

### Environmental Documentary Film Fest 2012

An Environmental Documentary Fest 2012 organized under the joint auspices of IQAC and the Film Club of our College was inaugurated by renowned Documentary Film Director Ms Sunanda Bhat on 17th November 2012. Her non feature film named 'Have you seen the Arana?' was the inaugural Documentary, followed by an interaction with the director. The Documentary, based on the life and culture of the people of Waynad, had received many awards and

recognitions. The film is a lyrical journey through vibrant landscapes and lifestyles of Wayanad. Interwoven into contemporary narratives is an ancient tribal creation myth that traces the passage of their ancestors across this land, recalling past ways of reading and mapping the terrain. As it was the premiere screening in Wayand, the tribal people associated with the production of the film were also present at the time of screening. In the inaugural session Dr Raju George, Principal of the college, presided over the function. Dr Shaju P P, Dr Joseph K Job, Dr Rakesh Kalia, Sri Arun PA and Sri Rejin C K spoke on the occasion. 'Home', a documentary film directed by Yaan Arthus Betrand and 'From Pole to Pole' documentary directed by Richard Attanborough were the films screened on the first day.

### SPIC MACAY Programme & Concert



## Music concert enthralls College Community

Music concert of the World renowned Sarod maestro Pandit Brij Narayan and Tabala Exponent Meghasyam Keshav enthralled the college community during a two hour concert in the College on 13th September 2012. Pt. Brij Narayan has been actively involved in teaching, introducing classical Indian music to students through his participation in teaching programs run by Universities/Colleges in India, the US and Europe. As a part of this he has performed a music concert in our College. The Programme was co-ordinated by Mr. Jocymon Joseph, Dept of English.





## Confluence 2013



### Value Based Education, Need of the Hour: Mar Jose Porunnedom

Education is a powerful and pervasive agent for all round development, individual and social transformation. This alone can sustain culture and civilization, said the Bishop Mar Jose Porunnedom, Patron of the College. Speaking after inaugurating the Confluence-2013, a special parent-teacher

meet, the Bishop led a session on 'Value Based Education, the Need of the Hour'. Education should lead to the development of integrated personality and inculcate values like patriotism, humanity etc. Value education is a many-sided endeavor as value itself, the Bishop added. His Excellency gave away the Dr Tharsis Joseph Foundation Award for the Best College Principal in Kerala to Dr Raju George in the function. The Principal has been honoured and felicitated in the function. Sri Ibrahim Kaippani, PTA Vice President, Dr Savio James, Dr Prasad P.K., Dr Dennis Joseph spoke.

### Every species of living organism needs to be conserved: Dr Jane Smart, Global Director, IUCN



The importance of conserving individual species of life on earth was stressed at an international seminar on 'Biodiversity conservation' organized by the Internal Quality Assurance Cell of Mary Matha College, in association with the Wildlife Trust of India (WTI) and the Department of Zoology at the college auditorium on Monday, the 22nd October 2012.

Speaking after inaugurating the function, Jane Smart, Global Director, International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), said the academic community should take initiative in imbibing a conservation culture among the younger generation.

She emphasised the significance of conserving every species of living organisms as close to 25 per cent of the world's mammals, 13 per cent of birds, and 41 per cent of amphibians were facing the risk of extinction.

When the IUCN updated its study recently, as many as 20,219 species were at the risk of disappearance, she said adding that 402 species such as the Egyptian dab lizard and Sichuan Taimen, a freshwater fish from China, were added to the threatened category of the Red List.

Ms. Smart said the mode of habitat destruction for developmental and other related anthropogenic activities posed serious threats to many species. She expressed her concern at the rate of disappearance of living organisms from the earth owing to the activities.

She explained the functioning of the IUCN, the mode of preparation of the Red List of animals and plants, the criteria for the inclusion of living organisms under different categories such as extinct, verge of extinction, and endanger

The Research Officer in Wildlife Trust of India, Dr Nixon Armstrong was the invited speaker in the second academic session. Researchers, Dr Aneesh E M, St Joseph's College, Thrissur, Dileep Kumar & Ms Priyanka M Thanal, Thiruvananthapuram and Mr Misvar Ali of Kannur University presented papers on various topics in Biodiversity Conservation. Dr P.K Prasad and Dr Joseph K. Job co-ordinated.

## I have dreams about women's empowerment: Rosakkutty Teacher



Smt K C Rosakkutty Teacher, the Chairperson of the Kerala State Women's Commission inaugurating the College Day Celebrations 2012-13

There are a lot of incidents happening against women in Kerala, which are beyond our imagination, Smt K C Rosakkutty Teacher said while inaugurating the College Day Celebrations. "There are a lot of issues related to domestic violence. Young girls are becoming victims of abuse even from their own family members. Women live with fear and insecurity in most houses in rural areas. Sometimes people we meet regularly might be victims. Some remain silent, some hide the pain. There are no proper rules to support those who are not orphans. I plan on creating awareness in the women in our state about domestic violence and how exactly they can save themselves from it. College students should be aware of the grave situation" she opined. Manager Rev Fr Chandy Punakkatt, Principal Dr Raju George, Sri Ibrahim Kaippani, Dr Shaju PP Spoke.

Exhilaro 2013



## College Union Inauguration-2013-14



Sri. Kalpetta Narayanan  
Inaugurating College Union

Kishore Thomas,  
Chairman, College Union

Oath Taking

## Winners in the Kannur University Arts Festival 2013

Ms Alna Maria Issac and Ms Naynthara Rajeev (II with A Grade, Debate in English).  
Ms Sruthi Mohan (III with A Grade in both Carnatic and Light Music).  
Ms Panchami A. (II with A Grade in Akshraslokam)  
Mr Harimurali Devadass (II with A Grade in Flute)