

## Campus roundup

### College magazine released

Noted poet K T Haris released *Mananthavady Junction*, annual magazine of the college, on Feb 13. Dr Joseph K Job, staff editor and Subin Raj, student editor, were present at the function.

### Ms Nirmala defends PhD thesis

Ms Nirmala Borgia, Associate Prof, Dept of Zoology, successfully defended her PhD thesis on Feb 23 at the Dept of Zoology, Kerala University. Her study was on the biological control of pests. The Syndicate of Kerala University will soon formally award the PhD.

### Schollege launched

Dept of English launched its extension programme, *schollege* at GHSS Kartikulam. Selected students of the Dept will engage classes at the school.

### Exams rescheduled

Semester exams of Kannur University are rescheduled. II, IV and VI semester exams are postponed to April 25, April 18 and March 27 respectively.

# Revamp democratic system: Pavithran Theekkuni

**Campus:** Education should not be merely meant for acquiring degrees and diplomas rather it should foster real values and equip students to face the challenges in life, said noted poet Pavithran Theekkuni.

He was inaugurating the Union activities of the college. Students should revamp the democratic systems in the college and be more creative in building better support systems.

Pursuing higher education was my dream but I could not complete it because of financial problems. I had to carry out several manual jobs to raise money for meeting the expenses for education, Pavithran narrated his ordeals of his college days.

A few years back I was digging the road side in front of Mary Matha College for laying the fiber optical cable and today I am being invited to inaugurate your College Union, Pavithran told students.



*I hereby declare that... Oath taking ceremony of the members of the College Union*

Principal Dr Savio James administered the oath of office to Vishnu K, the chairman designate. Subsequently, chairman of the college administered the oath to other office bearers of the College Union.

Dr Rajiv Thomas, students' union advisor, welcomed the gathering. Dr Joseph K Job, Associate Professor of Malayalam,

Sanoop Devassia, member of the outgoing college union and Anilda Ann Saji, Vice Chairperson, spoke on the occasion.

A variety entertainment programme was presented in the afternoon by the students. The union also served lunch for all the staff and students as part of the inauguration of union activities.

*Preenu & Neena*

### Sahapadikkoru Kaithang

**Campus:** College Union has decided to construct a house for the most deserving student of the college. Named as *sahapadikkoru kaithang* (helping hand to the classmate) is part of its extension activity for the year, said Vishnu K, chairperson of the union.

We are planning to raise 3-4 lakh rupees from students, staff and well-wishers to meet the expenses for the project, the first of its kind in the college. Students volunteers will spare their time during summer vacation for the construction of the house, the chairman added.

*-Shakkeela & Varun*

## New Leaders...New Dreams...

**Campus:** In a keenly fought election, Vishnu K (III BSc Maths) was elected chairman of the college union. The election was held on August 30, 2017 in the parliamentary mode where representatives from each class elected the members of the union. The election was contested without party politics.

The Union election was held peacefully under the leadership of the returning

officer Dr Rajiv Thomas. The following are the elected office bearers of the college union: Anilda Anne Saji (Vice Chairperson), Navaneeth K B (General Secretary), Christeena Sabu (Joint Secretary), Visakh P D (UUC), Ajay Babu (Fine Arts Secretary), Thejaswini MC (Student Editor) and Ajay M S (General Captain).

Secretaries of Associations: Neena Varkey (English), Shamila

A (Maths), Prince Babu (Zoology), Shamila A (Maths), Aswathimol (BCom), Rinson Babu M (Computer Science), Ajilal P A (Physics) and Anagha Shaji (Chemistry).

The students, led by the newly elected office bearers of the union, took out a procession to mark the victory.

*-Shakkeela & Varun*



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## Better to burn out than rust: Fr Myladoor

**Campus:** Rev Fr George Myladoor, former vicar of St Joseph's Cathedral Church, Kaniyaram, took charge as the new manager of the college from May 2017. A dynamic priest and builder of several land mark churches and buildings in the Diocese of Mananthavady has already begun the task of furthering the infrastructure of the college.

It is better to burn out than rust out, said Fr George Myladoor while addressing the staff of the college in the beginning of the academic year. We will be better remembered by the community for burning out our talents and skills, he added.

Fr Myladoor had previously served the college as its bursar and has returned to the college after a gap of 10 years. He has a clear vision for the college both for the short and long terms. It should



*Rev Fr George Myladoor*

become an autonomous college with many PG and research programmes.

The construction for the library cum auditorium will soon commence and it is expected to be complete before the NAAC visit in February 2019.

Rev Fr Chandy Punakattu, former manager of college, was given a farewell by the college community in March 2017. He presently serves as the parish priest of St Mary's Forane Church, Mullankolly.

*-Akhil Benny*



