

Principal's Annual Report 2015-16

Distinguished Guest Sri Cheruvayal Raman, Honourable Manager Rev Fr Chandy Punakkatt, the College Union Chairman, other dignitaries on and off the dais, my dear colleagues and students.

I am privileged to present the 21st annual report of the activities of this reputed institution. Sri Cheruvayal Raman, a committed social activist, and paddy seed conservationist, is well known to the people of Wayanad for his candid efforts to conserve indigenous varieties of paddy. His presence here can certainly inspire the students to recognize the importance of preserving traditional knowledge for sustaining a healthy life style and nourishing environment.

The College: Our College, which is accredited with Grade A by NAAC, offers two postgraduate and seven undergraduate programmes, which include the recently started MSc Computer Science and BSc Physics. In addition, the college has recently got recognized as the Study Centre of Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) and the centre was formally inaugurated on 11 June 2015 by Dr K Paneer Selvam, the Director of IGNOU Regional Centre, Vatakara. The establishment of the IGNOU study centre has now made higher education accessible to the less fortunate people of Wayanad.

The academic activities of the college are managed by 26 faculty members in the regular stream and 18 on the ad-hoc stream. Most of the regular faculty members hold doctoral degrees and the majority of the rest are arduously pursuing PhD. A team of 17 staff members takes care of the administration and support services. Many of our teachers from various Departments are now functioning as Chairpersons and Members of Boards of Studies and other academic bodies constituted by Kannur University.

Results: Our students performed creditably in the University examination in the academic year 2014-15, placing ourselves among the top performing colleges affiliated to Kannur University.

Course	Pass Percentage
B A English	94
B Com	91
BSc Maths	93
BSc Computer Science	96
BSc Zoology	86
BSc Chemistry	89
MSc Mathematics	82

UGC Assistance and Proposals: The UGC sanctioned an amount of Rs 65 lakhs for the basic developmental activities of the College in the 12th Plan Period. A major portion of the grant has been used for providing ICT facilities to the Departments and for procuring equipment. Fifty percent of the grant, which is earmarked for the development of infrastructure on the campus, is being utilized for the construction of a staff quarters-cum-guest house complex. A proposal for financial support for the construction of a Multipurpose Gymnasium and another one for constructing a separate Library Block are being considered by the UGC. Besides, we have forwarded a proposal to the UGC for getting us recognized as a College with a Potential for Excellence (CPE).

Initiatives for New Courses and Facilities: This year the College got the approval of Kannur University to start four new courses: MA English, MCom, MSc Zoology and BSc Botany and the proposal is being considered by the Government of Kerala. Another proposal for obtaining a sports hostel along with stipends for women volleyball players and women athletes is under the consideration of the Kerala Sports Council.

College Union: The office bearers of the College Union for the academic year were elected on 18 September 2015 adopting the parliamentary mode. The following are the office bearers.

Ajay Geo K Chacko – Chairman

Jithya E S– Vice Chairperson

Nimmy Francis – General Secretary

Neethu George – Joint Secretary

Albin Joseph – Fine Arts Secretary

Nayana V T – Student Editor

Sushobh CB – University Union Councillor

Jackson K B – General Captain

Mr Mamukoya, noted film actor, inaugurated the activities of the Union on 13 October 2015 and renowned Gandhian and Social Activist, Sri KPA Rahim, was the Key Note Speaker on the occasion. The Principal administered the oath of office to the Union members. The formal inauguration was followed by various cultural programmes by the students.

The College Union successfully organized various co-curricular activities of the College. I thank the Union and all the student representatives for the support and cooperation they lent to the College administration. Congratulations and thanks to Dr P P Shaju, the Advisor to the College Union, for his proper guidance and involvement in the Union activities.

Academic Excellence Day

Academic Excellence Day which marks the formal inauguration of the academic activities for the current academic year was celebrated on 29 October 2015 with the usual inter-religious invocation to the almighty God. Every year we hold this event also to honour all those who achieve excellence in academic and allied activities. The occasion this year was graced by the Patron of the college, His Excellency Rt Rev Dr Jose Porunedom, the Bishop of the Diocese of Mananthavady. He gave an inspiring benediction talk on the occasion and gave away the awards and prizes to the achievers.

Major Events

1. The department of computer science organized a UGC sponsored national workshop on *Emerging Research Trends in Computer Science* from Oct 15 to Oct 17, 2015. The workshop was inaugurated by Dr B Ashok, the Vice-chancellor of Kerala Agriculture and Veterinary University, Pookode. Dr C Pandurangan of IIT Chennai was the Chief Resource Person and Dr. Thomas monoth was the organizing secretary.
2. International Yoga Day was observed on 21 June under the guidance of Brig Sanal Kumar from the Thiruvanthapuram Artillery Unit.
3. Prof Harshwardhan Wnnare of IIT Kanpur interacted with the Science Students on 6 October 2015 and gave a talk on the Properties of Light.
4. The College Magazine of the year 2014-15 was released on 16 Feb by Sri Shaji Pulpally, an upcoming Malayalam Short Story writer.

Sports and Games

Our students have performed very well in University, Inter-University, District and State level sports and games competitions. The Physical Education Department regularly imparts systematic and rigorous training to the students with a view to constantly improving their performance. This year many students achieved success in the University level competitions. The following are some of them.

In Kannur University Inter Collegiate Table Tennis 2015-16, both Men's & Women's team won the championship. (Men's Team: Denil Tom Paul, Albin Baby, Muhammad Salih, Stephin Jith Kuriakose, Vishnu. Women'sTeam: Jasmin Sunny, .Dency Dev, Aneeta Beno, Amrutha V S, Liya Paulose)

Denil Tom Paul, Albin Baby, Vishnu V (Men); Jasmin Sunny, Dency Dev (Women) were selected to the Kannur University Table Tennis Team and represented the University in the South Zone Inter University Championship held at Vikrama Simhapuri University, Nellore.

The college team won the Kannur University Inter Collegiate Yoga championship 2015-16, both in the Men's and women's categories. **The following students constituted the team. Men's Team:** Arun Kumar, Noel Jose, Nikhil Joseph, Richard Anna Mathew, Vishnu K R, Muhammad Ejas. **Women's Team:** Sneha Rajan, Anit Susan, Ayana Manoj, Amala Maria Augustine, Swathi Mohana, Surya Rajan

Arun Kumar, Ehjas Aslam, (Men) Anit Susan, Ayana Manoj, Amala Maria Augustine, (Women) were selected to the Kannur University Yoga Team and represented the University for the All India Inter University Championship to be held at Chaudhary Ranbir Sigh University , Jind.

Our Men's team was adjudged the Runner up in the Kannur University Inter Collegiate Judo championship 2015-16. **The team Members were Jayasoorya K S , Muhammad Suhail K, Arun Joseph, Abhinesh N S, Nikhil Joseph, Cline Johnson, Ramseena T.**

Sarath E R got selected to the Kannur University Hockey Team and represented the University for the South Zone Inter University Championship held at Acharya Nagarjuna University, Vijayavada; **Anand P B**, to the Kannur University Archery Team and represented the University for the All India Inter University Championship held at Punjab University, Patiala, and **Archana Joseph** got selected to the Kannur University Chess Team and represented the University for the South Zone Inter University Championship. I wish to congratulate all the achievers on behalf of the college.

In addition, our college hosted the Kannur University Table Tennis Coaching Camp (22-26 September 2014) and Yoga Coaching Camp (18-27 January 2016). Annual Sport Day was held on 05 February 2016. Sri Varghese George, Municipal Councillor and Member on the Standing Committee for Education, was the chief guest on the occasion.

University Arts Festival

The Fine Arts Festival of the College was held on 19 and 20 January 2016. The festival was formally inaugurated by the film Director Sri Basil Joseph, *Kunjiramayanam* fame. In the Intramural Competitions in off-stage items, The Pearl House came first scoring 378 points followed by Emerald with 324 points, Coral with 310 points and Ruby with 265.

The University Fine Arts Festival was held from 28 February to 03 March 2016 at Govt. Brennen College, Thalassery. Seventy five students from our college participated in the

competitions and our college could rise to the 15th position. The following students of our college won prizes in the University Fine Arts Festival.

1. Nimidha James, VI Sem Functional English : II with A grade in Elocution, English
2. Aneena II Sem Mathematics : III with A grade in Kavyakeli
3. Pournami IISem Mathematics : III with A grade in Aksharaslokam
4. Jefrin Tom, VI Sem Mathematics : II with A grade in Poster Making
5. Kripa Jose, IV Sem Zoology : III with A grade in Guitar
6. Keerthana V V , IV Sem Physics : III with A grade in Lalithaganam
7. Vishnuprasad ,IV Sem Msc computer science:III with A grade in Computer Designing

Events of the Departments

Dept of Mathematics: Mathematics Association was inaugurated by Dr. Subin Joseph , HoD, Department of Mathematics, Govt Engineering College Mananthavady on 27-10-15. A Mathematical model making competition was organised on 6-11-15 and conducted an exhibition in the afternoon. Many students of the Department participated in various workshops and competitions conducted by neighbouring institutions. A seminar on ' Initial Value problems – a functional analysis approach' was organized in the department on 17-12-15. The Class was led by Dr. Lakshmi Shankar, Inpire Faculty, Nicer, Bhubhanaswar and a career orientation class by Dr Sarath Sasi, a former student of the Dept. The Dept also organized A district level Quiz Competition for Higher Secondary and College students on 9 Jan 2016 in which SKMJ Kalpetta and St. Mary's College Bathery bagged the I and II prizes .

The students of the **Commerce Department** participated in management fests conducted by various colleges and won many prizes. An investor awareness programme was conducted for the students on 09 Feb 2016 by Mr Sivaram Ravindran –Business Development Manager of Finmart in which 140 students participated. The inter collegiate quiz programme , **Master Mind Quiz 2016**, was held on 20 Feb 2016. The teams from St Mary's College, Manathavady , Governement college Manathavady and Co- operative college Mananthavady won the First , Second and Third prizes respectively. The Dept also conducted several Higher Studies/ Career Orientation and recruitment programmes for the students.

Ms Rajitha Xavior published a paper on the topic '**Continuing Professional Development in Higher Education**' in the **Don Bosco Journal Of Humanities And Social Science Vol-2** January

2016 and another paper on the topic '**A Study on Consumer Attitude towards Eco-Friendly Products**' in the journal **POSEIDON Vol.4 No. 1** June 2015 **Ms Ramyan Krishnan M** published a paper on the topic *Effectiveness of Relationship Marketing Orientation of Commercial Banks – A Study on Gender differences in the Journal for Studies in Management and Planning*

The Dept. of Zoology organized several workshops and seminars on various topics. Students of Zoology Dept secured II & III prize in quiz competition conducted by the Forest Dept in connection with the wild life week celebrations. Arif K A & Smija were awarded Ph.D in Zoology by Kannur University under the supervision of Dr P K Prasad and Dr. A R Sudhadevi respectively. Dr.P.K Prasad joined as Asst Professor in Department of Zoology of Kannur University, Mananthavady campus on 17 December 15. Dr K V Radhakrishnan , Retired Professor of Zoology at Mangalore University ,visited the Dept and arranged a documentary show on spiders on 6/2/16.

The department of computer science organized a UGC sponsored national workshop and several other supplementary academic programmes for the students. Jisha TE and Lisha A have started working on minor research projects funded by the UGC. Dr. Thomas Monoth, HoD Computer Science, got recognized as a Research Guide by Kannur University. Many of the teachers are on various Academic Bodies of Kannur University. Many students, Akshaya K, Rahul P M, Lidiya Devassia, Abino Augustine and Vishupriya, got recruited by Tech-Mahindra through Campus placement programmes.

The department of chemistry visited plywood factories as part of their industrial visit. The students successfully carried out soil analysis in the soil test laboratory at Mananthavady. They also took up various projects such as caffeine analysis, oil analysis etc.

The English Department organized a seminar and poetry fest in connection with the inauguration of the English Association. Dr P A Mathai from St Mary's College, Batheri was the Chief Resource Person. Many students won prizes in several literary fests organized by the nearby institutions.

NSS : The college has two NSS units (No. 33 & 46) in which there are around 200 hundred volunteers. *Mr Bibin Jose and Sr Dr Bindhu K Thomas* are the Programme Officers. The NSS units undertook a number of programmes that help the students to develop in them social service orientation and commitment to social issues. The NSS organized several activities this year and the following are some of them.

1. *Programmes to help anti-intoxication drive on the anti-narcotic day (26th June 2015)*
2. Visit to *Karunya Bhavan*, Kattikulam Mananthavady, an old age home to interact with the inmates.
3. Participation in palliative *training* and *personality training programs* organized by Kannur University.

4. *Blood donation camp* in the college in collaboration with District Hospital Mananthavady.
5. *Green campus campaign* by planting and tending saplings on and around the campus
6. Organic farming and cultivation of *vegetables* on the campus with the help of the Department of Agriculture, Govt of Kerala.

The annual camp '*OLI*' was conducted by the NSS units at St Catherine's HSS Payyampalli with special focus on rural empowerment programmes.

N C C: The NCC Unit of the College has 100 cadets under the guidance of Lt Dr Rajeev Thomas. Two cadets, Albin Binoy and Aleesha Thomas attended Pre RD Camp. Cdt Nirnaya Babu attended a National Integration Camp at Calicut. Several other cadets participated in various training camps in different parts of the country. 34 and 32 cadets successfully completed B certificate and C certificate exams respectively. The NCC also organized blood donation camps and other socially oriented activities.

New Initiatives (ASAP, SSP and WWS)

1. **Additional Skill Acquisition Programme (ASAP)** conducted a Foundation Course cum Orientation Programme to develop soft skills essential for working efficiently in a corporate environment. 150 first year students participated in it.
2. **Communicative English Trainer (CET):** ASAP Conducted an interview cum group discussion for the students in which 60 students participated and 10 of them were selected for the 21 day's camp.
3. **Scholar Support Programme (SSP):** It aims at imparting personalized additional support to the students through tutorials, study materials, additional lectures, question banks, interactive sessions, formation of quality circles in colleges, dissemination of classes through personal modes etc. Mr Regi Francis coordinated the activities of the ASAP and SSP.
4. **Walk with a Scholar (WWS):** This scheme offers specialized mentoring for undergraduate students. A total of 60 mentees are trained by 10 internal mentors. 30 hours of external mentoring sessions are also arranged for the mentees. A Govt. sponsored Motivational Visit to IIM Bangalore, IISc Bangalore, ISEC Bangalore was conducted from 09 March 2016 to 11 March 2016. 30 mentees and 3 teachers were there in the group. In addition, WWS organized workshops on various topics availing the services of renowned resource persons. Mr Sabu O J coordinated the activities of WWS.

Scholarship Support

127 students of our college have received various scholarships and an amount of Rs 5,30,000 was distributed among them. 221 other applications are being processed by various agencies. The College secured a good amount from various agencies like the UGC, Kerala Govt and Central Govt for giving scholarships to the students. I appreciate the valuable service of the coordinator, Dr Pamy Sebastian and her team.

The following chart shows the details of scholarships.

YEAR:2015-16			
Fresh Applications			
Name of the scholarship	No of students	Amount each	Total amount
Higher Education	3	12,000	36,000
Suvarna Jubilee	5	10,000	30,000
		Total	66,000

Renewal of 2014-15

Prathibha Scholarship	1	18,000	18,000
Higher Education	3	18,000	36,000
PMS	99	3,000	2,97,000
CSS	9	10,000	90,000
HINDI	1	6,000	6,000
SJMS	6	10,000	60,000
		Total	5,07,000

Total 5,30,000

Scholarships applied but list not published:

Post Matric 206

Snehapoorvam 7

CH Muhammed Koya 8

Other Clubs and Associations: With due appreciation, I place on record the glorious service rendered by different clubs and support units like Fine Arts Club, Network & Website

Monitoring Unit, PEN-R, Music Club, Media Club, Jesus Youth, Quiz & Debate Club, Bhoomitra Sena etc and congratulate the coordinators on their dedication and hard work.

Women's Cell: Women's cell of the College organized a Women's Health Awareness Programme for girl students on the International Women's Day. District Medical Officer Dr. Asha Devi was the resource person.

Conclusion: On introspection, we can proudly state that the academic year 2014-15, was bustling with various activities. We succeeded in imparting information and knowledge to the students placing them in the right environment for the formation of their character and personality. This was done with a view to helping them transform into socially useful responsible individuals. I thank the Patron, Manager, Faculty, Administrative Staff, Support Staff, College Union, Students, Parents and the Alumni for their effort and cooperation in this regard. Above all, let us be thankful to God Almighty and our Patron Saint Mother Mary for the blessings showered on us. I seek all your support and cooperation to overcome all the constraints of the semester system and to make our academic activities worthier and more effective.

Thank you all.

Dr Savio James V

Principal