

## **Mary Matha Arts and Science College, Mananthavady Annual Report 2018-19**

Mary Matha Arts and Science College is an aided, private, minority higher education institution established in 1995. The college symbolizes the realization of the dreams and aspirations of the people of the tribal, minority dominant and backward hill district of Wayanad. Managed by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Mananthavady, the college is a vital part of the only Aspirational District in the state of Kerala. In the year 2006, the college was accredited by NAAC with a B++ grade, and later in 2013 with an A grade.

The annual report of the academic year 2018- 19, provides an overview of all activities, initiatives and accomplishments of our institution. It highlights the hard work of the entire college community.

### **June – July**

- First year degree admission was scheduled from 26 to 30 June 2018 and the first semester classes started on 2 July 2018.
- Mary Matha Arts & Science College was adjudged the Runner-up by Kannur University for the Jimmy George memorial ever rolling trophy and cash award in the Men's category of Sports and Games. The Vice-chancellor ceremoniously gave away the award on July 3, 2018.
- The NSS Units organized campus cleaning as part of Swachh Bharath Mission and a tree sapling plantation drive in connection with the World Environment Day.
- Mary Matha Arts and Science College Mananthavady in association with Department of Physical Education, NCC and NSS celebrated International Yoga Day on 21 June 2021.
- Department of Mathematics organized a seminar on 'Research Methods- an Introduction' on 23 June 2018. Ms Silja C, Research Scholar, Kannur University was the resource person.
- Mr. Binoy Joseph participated in The District Level Training for NSS Programme Officers on 18/6/2018.

### **July- August**

- Organized Induction and Orientation Programme for first years on 30 & 31 July 2018
- The schedule for admission to the UG Programmes of Kannur University was revised to extend the process of admission till 31 July 2018.
- The National Service Scheme of the college organized a legal awareness programme in which Adv Joseph conducted a class for the students.
- Independence Day was observed without any pomp or festivity. In view of the sufferings of the people of Wayanad consequent on the Monsoon fury, Onam and Independence Day celebrations were suspended and all our resources were diverted to the Flood Relief work

started already by our NCC Cadets, NSS Volunteers and the AICUF Unit. After the ceremonial Flag hoisting, the Manager and Principal spoke reiterating the urgency of the Flood Relief work.

- Organized a one day 'Awareness Programme on Entrepreneurship' on 18 July 2018. Mr Nasar V (Officer Taluk Industrial Centre, Mananthavady) was the resource person
- Department of Physical Education: International Yoga Day was celebrated on 21 June and a mass Yoga practice session involving the students and staff was organized in the morning.
- The Entrepreneurship Development Club of Mary Matha Arts & Science College organized a one-day seminar cum orientation programme in collaboration with the Industrial Development Corporation on 18 July 2018 in which Sri Pathrose PM, Executive Director, Jeevan Jyothi, Kalpetta, was the chief Resource Person.
- Department of Mathematics organized a seminar on IPR "Role of Copyright in Media industry" on 20-07-2018. Mr. Sravan Krishna, Senior Reporter of Asianet News (alumni 2008-11 batch) was the resource person.
- Ms Sharon Rose joined as an Assistant Professor (permanent faculty) at the Department of English.

### **August - September**

- After the unprecedented floods and disruption of academic activities, the college reopened in the last week of August 2018. Despite the busy academic schedule, it was also necessary to carry on with the relief and rehabilitation work. As directed by the Government, a collection drive was held to raise fund for the Chief Minister's Distress Relief Fund. In addition, all our resources were diverted to the Flood Relief and Rehabilitation work already commenced by our NCC Cadets, NSS Volunteers and the AICUF Unit.
- The Commanding Officer of the NCC, Colonel Eldy P Elias, visited the college to encourage and support the activities of the NCC cadets. He conducted a class on Disaster Management on the occasion. The College Union Election was conducted in the first week of September 2018.
- In the Kannur University Intercollegiate Table Tennis competitions, our Women's Team became the champions and the Men's Team became the Runners-up.
- Mr. George Sebastian participated in a Two-day workshop for Non-teaching staff from 2/8/2018 to 3/8/2018.
- Mr. Johnson C J participated in a training program on GAINPF for staff of government aided colleges on 3 August 2018.

### **September - October**

- Academic Excellence Day 2018 was celebrated together with the Blessing and Inauguration of the newly built UGC assisted Staff Quarters cum Guest House Complex. The complex was blessed by His Excellency Mar Jose Porunnedom, our Patron & the

Bishop of the Diocese of Mananthavady, and inaugurated by Prof Gopinath Ravindran, Honourable Vice-chancellor of Kannur University. On this occasion, Honourable Vice-chancellor delivered the fourth Dr K T Varkey endowment lecture on the topic, *Higher Education in India: Trends & Challenges*, and distributed the prizes to the winners of Rev Fr Francis Njallampuzha Memorial Magazine Award 2018.

- The "Seminar on Basic Computer Skills for Commerce" organized by the Department of Commerce, under the guidance of Mr. Regi Francis, HOD & Assistant Professor, took place on September 20, 2018, at the Audio-Visual Room. Mr. Sobin Varghese, Assistant Professor from Government College, Mananthavdy, was the resource person.
- Mr Sonabin V Sabu of II B Sc Physics was shortlisted to participate in the Camp-cum-Seminar to be held in Mumbai for his exemplary performance in an Essay Writing Competition conducted by the Department of Nuclear Science and Technology for college students.
- The College Union 2018-19 was inaugurated by Sri C K Saseendran MLA (Kalpetta constituency) and the Principal formally administered the oath of office to the College Union office bearers at the inaugural ceremony.
- Mr. Binoy Joseph participated in the workshop for Internal Mentors of Walk with a Scholar Programme of Wayanad District on 31 October 2018.

### **October- November**

- The University Syndicate Commission visited the college for an inspection in connection with the granting of Permanent Affiliation to the PG Programme in Computer Science and UG Programme in Physics.
- The college gained eligibility for financial assistance by RUSA (Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan) and its modalities were finalized.
- Mr Sonabin V Sabu of II B Sc Physics got an opportunity to participate in the Camp-cum-Seminar held in BARC Mumbai in which he presented a paper on Nuclear Science and Technology.
- In the intercollegiate Table Tennis competitions, the Women's Team of the college won the championship and the Men's Team secured the second place. A few students secured selection to the University Team. In the intercollegiate Wrestling competitions, our Men's Team secured the third place.
- The KSEB Officers Association conducted the college level Power Quiz competition in which Vishnu CA and Jibimol James who secured the first and second prizes respectively got qualified for the District level competitions.
- The IQAC and the Department of Malayalam jointly organized a competition for finding equivalent Malayalam words for English words/expressions as part of the celebrations in connection with the *Malayala Bhasha Vaaram* from 1-7 November 2018.

- Department of Hindi, Mary Matha Arts and Science College, Mananthavady in association with IQAC organized “Katha-Kathan Khel”, which is an innovative and interactive program to promote Hindi language and communication skills on 15 November 2018.
- Mr. George Thomas participated in a National seminar cum workshop on 3 November 2018.
- Mr. Binoy Joseph participated in *NAAC, Revised Accreditation Framework – new initiatives Workshop* on 3 November 2018.

### **November- December**

- The Science Departments of the college organized a three-day Residential Science Workshop namely *Sasthrajalakam* for the High School students with the financial assistance of State Institute of Educational Technology (SIET) for the promotion of scientific temper and aptitude in school students. The programme was inaugurated by Sri NSK Umesh IAS, the Sub-collector of Wayanad and Dr Koshy John, Dean of Studies at Veterinary University, Pookode, was the guest of honour. About 50 students selected by SIET from various Government and Government-aided schools participated in the workshop.
- The Department of Zoology conducted a two-day workshop on the topic, “Getting along with Elephants” to familiarize the students of the Zoology Department with the behaviour of wild elephants. Dr B A Daniel of the Zoo Outreach Organization led the sessions.
- In connection with *Shasthrajalakam* Residential Science camp for High School Students, Department of Chemistry organized an expert lecture and Lab demonstration on Waste Management. Expert Lecture was given by Dr. Rajeev Thomas (HOD, Dept. of Chemistry) on 30 November 2018.
- In the intercollegiate Yoga competitions, both the Men's and Women's Team of the college won the championship.
- The NCC Cadets of the college participated in the rally organized by the District Administration in connection with the World Aids Day and secured the second place for their performance in it.
- Ms. Jisha T E participated in the International Conference of Soft Computing for Problem Solving (Socpros 2018) from 17/12/2018 to 19/12/2018.

### **December – January**

- Christmas 2018 was celebrated prior to closing of the college for Christmas vacation. The College Manager, Rev Fr George Mylador delivered the Christmas Message.
- The seven-day NSS annual camp was conducted at TTI Kaniyaram in which 87 NSS volunteers participated in community service and other activities.
- Selected NCC cadets attended training camps during the vacation.

- After reopening, the Science Departments of the college organized a three-day Residential Science Workshop namely Sasthrajalakam for the second batch of High School students with the financial assistance of State Institute of Education Technology (SIET) for the promotion of scientific temper and aptitude in school students.
- The Department of Commerce conducted the Master-mind Quiz named Quizzardo 2K19, in which teams from Kannur University Teacher Education Centre, WMO College, Muttill, and Don Bosco College, Sulthan Bathery, secured the I, II and III prizes respectively.
- The Department of Mathematics conducted a Maths-Fest named MATTRIXS in which various competitions like Treasure Hunt, Sudoku, Problem Solving, Quiz and a Mathematical Exhibition were organized.
- Department of Chemistry organized a student-alumni interaction with Mr. Muhammed Hussain, alumni of the department on 14 December 2018.
- A "Seminar on Research Methodology" organized by the Department of Commerce, led by Mr. Regi Francis, HOD & Assistant Professor, was held on January 7, 2019. This seminar aimed to provide valuable insights and guidance on research methodology to enhance the research capabilities of participants. Mr. JayaPrakasan, a distinguished Research Scholar from Calicut University was the resource person.

### **January – February**

- The Fine Arts competitions were held on 24 & 25 January 2019 at the college and those selected at the college level participated in the University level competitions held later.
- The Science Departments of the college organized a three-day Residential Science Workshop namely Sasthrapadham for a batch of Higher Secondary students with the financial assistance of General Education Department, Government of Kerala, for the promotion of scientific temper and research aptitude in students.
- Department of Mathematics organized Math fest "Matrix" on 16 & 17 January 2019. Dr Savio James, Principal of the College inaugurated the programme. Mathematics exhibition, treasure hunt, Sudoku, Rubik's cube solving and Intercollegiate quiz competition were conducted as part of the fest.
- The Departments of English, Malayalam and Hindi jointly organized a Two-day National Seminar on "New Directions in Translation Studies" on 15 & 16 February. Dr KM Sheriff (HoD of English, University of Calicut), Dr P Bhaskaran Nair (former Professor, Pondicherry University) and Dr Iris Koileo (CIIL, Mysore) engaged the Plenary Sessions.
- The Department of Chemistry conducted a Chemistry Fest named Fiesta de Quimica, in which Dr P Raveendran, HoD of Chemistry at University of Calicut, was the chief guest.
- The NSS Volunteers participated in a training programme organized by the Health Department in connection with the World Cancer Day at the Town Hall, Mananthavady. The Health Department also organised a Kalajadha in the campus as part of their AIDS awareness initiative.

- A National Seminar was organized on 3 February 2019 on the topic “Green Chemistry”. Dr. P. Raveendran, (Head, Dept. of Chemistry, Calicut University) was the resource person.

### **February – March**

- The college successfully completed the SSR work and quantitative assessment and entered the final phase of the third cycle of NAAC accreditation.
- A few of our students won prizes in items like Gazal, Light Music and Kaavyakeli in the intercollegiate Fine Arts competitions held at Nehru College, Kanhangad.
- In the University level Judo competitions, our Men's team secured the second place .
- In the University level Wrestling competition, our Men's team secured Bronze medal.
- The college community gave a warm farewell to the Principal, Dr Savio James V and Dr Sudha Devi A R of the Department of Zoology, two of the senior teachers of the college. During the farewell function, our Patron His Excellency Mar Jose Porunnedom, gave the Benedictory Speech and Retirement Message.
- The Department of Hindi organized a stimulating and informative debate on the topic "Bharat Ki Rajneeti" (Politics of India) on 20 February 2019. The event aimed to encourage students to express their views and engage in thoughtful discussions on the political landscape of India.

### **March – April**

- NAAC approved our DVV clarification and intimated us that the Peer Team visit was scheduled on 29th and 30th of March 2019. The College community, worked whole heartedly and made all the arrangements for the visit leaving no stone unturned. As part of the infrastructural development, college successfully set up a new A/C conference hall and seminar hall. The peer team consisted of PROF.WUDAYAGIRI RAJENDRA (Chairperson), Former Vice Chancellor of Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati, PROF.K.K.AGARWAL (Member Co-ordinator) and DR ANJALI KULKARNI (Member). The peer team evaluated the report of the college and made meticulous assessment of the college activities. They gave us insightful comments for the improvement of the college. The College got B++ Grade with 2.85 CGPA.
- The second semester university examination began on 8 th April 2019.
- Kerala Forest Department selected a team of 5 students of II BSc Zoology to participate in the fish survey conducted at Aralam Wildlife Sanctuary on 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> April 2019.

### **April – May**

- All the teachers participated in the Five-day workshop on Post- Accreditation Quality Enhancement Strategies organized by the IQAC from 27/5/2019 to 31/5/2019.