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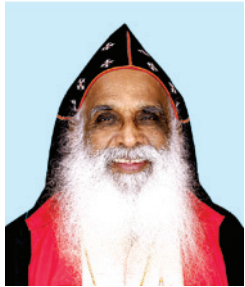
ST. THOMAS COLLEGE, KOZHENCHERRY

Re -accredited by NAAC with 'A' Grade



Vol.10 December 2015

Manager's Message



A New Phase

I am extremely happy to know that a Newsletter, recording the most up-to-date progress of the college, is getting published. I congratulate all those involved in the endeavour. The re-accreditation of the college with 'A' Grade in the third cycle by NAAC marks a new phase in the history of the college. I appreciate the great efforts put in by all the teachers and students of the college.

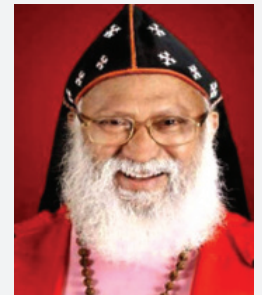
The college which is through its Diamond Jubilee celebrations has gone a long way in motivating academic quality and enhancing the living standards of the community in the region. Let us thank God almighty for the abundant blessings he showered on the college in its growth and development. Let us thankfully remember all those who supported and contributed to the growth of the college.

It's worthy to note that remarkable achievements have marked the recent strides of the college towards excellence. We have attained the rare distinction of being the only college in India to be a signatory in SKA project, an

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A Blazing Light Merges with the Eternal Light

Rt. Rev. Dr. Zacharias Mar Theophilus Suffragan Metropolitan, former Manager of the college, whose luminous leadership marked by broader ecumenical vision, compassion and charity to the marginalized and the needy, has inspired the Mar Thoma community to lead a better fruitful life. His contributions to the college in his capacity as Manager of the college and as the chairperson of the Mar Thoma Higher



Education Commission, in initiating new PG courses, in setting new standards for the sustenance and flourish of the academics here are noteworthy. The institutions he contributed to the Mar Thoma Church with a view to lending help to the poorest of the poor, and escalating the standards of living a community life are instances undying. We remember Thirumeni with immense love and gratitude; may his soul rest in peace.

Defining Moment : 'A' Grade in the Third Cycle Re-accreditation by NAAC

A brilliant team work at its diligent zenith has chiselled a scintillating synergy, winning for the college a crowning and path-breaking achievement. On the recommendation of the NAAC (National Assessment and

Accreditation Council) Peer Team, subsequent to their visit to the college for its third cycle re-accreditation, the executive committee of NAAC declared the college as re-accredited with CGPA of 3.21 (Descriptor: "Very Good") on four point scale at 'A' Grade.



Momentous Advent: A warm welcome accorded to the NAAC Peer Team

The NAAC Peer Team

The Peer Team comprised of Prof. R. Lalthanluanga, Vice Chancellor, Mizoram University (Chairperson), Prof. Ishwar Chandra Shukla, PIUGC Project, Former Head, Department of Chemistry, University of Allahabad (Member Coordinator) and Prof. Jaswinder Singh, Principal, Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Khalsa College, University of Delhi (Member).



From the Principal's Desk

The Icing on the Cake

Hearty Congrats to all who strove well for the NAAC 'A' Grade. Success is not that comes in a day and not through one person. Preparation to perfection is the key to success. Team efforts and interactive work patterns open new vistas of progress. Behind me is a team, the college community, that strives hard and have been preparing for long, big achievements for the college. The dreams and aspirations, of students that come from remote regions of the district, sparkle and foresee destinations of success.



The NAAC Peer Team visit has inspired us to test our skills to the maximum. We have achieved great things : SKA project, collaborative research projects with foreign universities , UN Academic Impact membership, optimum initiatives of social service programmes by NSS, unique expressions of ideas and conduct of activities by clubs like Sunday Magazine Club, Brains Trust etc. To top it all , like the icing on the cake, the college received the most coveted 'A' Grade from NAAC.

Since its inception in 1953, the college has kept till date a tradition of whole heartedly contributing to the enhancements of the living standards of the marginalized and the downtrodden. By God's Grace our efforts have scaled greater academic heights. The editorial board has strived well to map the changing times of the college. Hope in the times ahead, with changes emerging, tide after tide, we shall sail ahead to newer golden horizons of knowledge exploration.

Prof. Dr. Roys P. David

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international enterprise to build the largest and the most efficient telescope. Education is all about reaching out to the marginalized and improving their status. The college has always done this and has gone one step further in connecting with the advancements of the global community.

The field of education has been facing a lot of challenges. Educational institutions which favour a culture of research will prosper. The best techniques and technology provided to students help attaining the best results. Such an orientation towards research from early stages of education is aimed at by our institutions. Key to becoming successful and competent is the motivation in learning received from teachers. An inspired student is mostly the offshoot of inspired teaching. Let the college benefit from effective teaching and learning by incorporating the best methods in academics.

With blessings,

Most Rev. Dr. Joseph Mar Thoma Metropolitan
Head of the Malankara Mar Thoma Syrian Church

EDITORIAL

Fruits of Perseverance

Newsletter 10, 2015 December edition attempts to cover events of the college spanning from June 2014 onwards. A penchant for the photographic mingled with relevant descriptions mark the pages of this volume. The college underwent hectic preparations for a significant uplift, and the changes which have come about-including the prestigious NAAC 'A' Grade- are the fruits of hard work and perseverance of the college community for greater glory, beginning from the days of its inception. Student initiatives have been given greater thrust now. The brilliance of students in academics and other activities shall augur well for the future of the college.

The serene green hills and the bubbly sunny dales of Kozhencherry, with the river Pamba flowing in between, sustain the wide spectrum of lives around. The college tries to bring in support to the living community around through their thick and thin. This Newsletter, like the river Pamba that flows round hills and through vales, reflects and meanders through the heights of the achievements of the college, attempting to highlight the best. Errors, and omissions, if any, are not deliberate. We express our profound gratitude to all who supported us and contributed to the Newsletter in various ways. We are also grateful to Suku B and his wife Smt. Ushakumari of the Creative Design, alumni of the college, for a very impressive execution of this work. We thank God almighty for making this Newsletter a reality.

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'A' WINNING SYNERGY

NAAC Peer Team visited St. Thomas College on 14, 15 and 16 September, 2015 for the third cycle re-accreditation. The Peer Team evaluated curricular aspects, teaching, learning and evaluation, research consultancy and extension activities, infrastructure and learning resources, student support and progression, governance leadership and management, innovation and best practices and various other aspects of the college. The third cycle re-accreditation was ably monitored by an executive committee of IQAC (Internal Quality Assurance Cell) consisting of the following members:

Chairman	: Dr. Roys P. David, Principal
Coordinator	: Dr. Philip Varughese Porattoor, Associate Professor, Department of Commerce
Co-coordinator	: Dr. Nelson P. Abraham, Associate Professor, Department of Zoology

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Kudos to all the teachers, non-teaching staff, students, retired principals, retired teachers, alumni and a number of well-wishers in and around Kozhencherry and all over the world who have supported and helped, put in a lot of commendable efforts, in attaining this epic feat...



Peak Speak : Prof. R. Lalthanluanga, NAAC Peer Team Chairperson, flanked by Prof. Ishwar Chandra Shukla and Prof. Jaswinder Singh, interacting with the teachers at the 'Exit Meet'.



Dr. Philip Varughese Porattoor
IQAC Coordinator



Dr. Nelson P. Abraham
IQAC Co-coordinator

IQAC

The aim of College IQAC is:

- To develop a system for conscious, consistent and catalytic action to improve the academic and administrative performance of the institution.
- To promote measures for institutional functioning towards quality enhancement through internalization of quality culture and institutionalization of best practices.

NAAC Visit - Cultural Evening - JYOTHIRGAMAYA-Sparkling Highlights



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CD Release of NAAC Cultural Evening - 'Jyothirgamaya'

The College Joins the SKA-India Consortium as a Founding Member

The college is accorded with the great honour of being the sole college in India to become a signatory to SKA project. The Square Kilometre Array (SKA) is the next generation radio telescope, with phenomenal capabilities for a variety of science goals and applications. It is a truly international telescope with India as a member country in the SKA Organisation. It will have about 30 times more sensitivity to radio signals than the Giant Meter wave Radio Telescope (GMRT), one of the biggest telescopes in use today. SKA will have a collecting area of about one square kilometre and will be using 3000 small sized antennas built at a total estimated cost of 650 M Euros to achieve its sensitivity. It will far surpass any existing or planned radio astronomy facility on the planet.

A consortium is constituted in India to fully utilise the facility of SKA project for the next five years of its activities. The consortium would be a formal body who can deal with funding, interfacing, with government bodies and other issues. Any institution or individual can apply to become a member of this consortium. The members are bound to follow a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) that was signed at the time of joining. A small number of institutions who have been involved from the initial stages will become the founding members of the consortium. The shortlisted group of twelve founding members are: (1) National Centre for Radio Astronomy (NCRA), Pune,



(2) Inter University Centre for Astronomy and Astrophysics (IUCAA), Pune, (3) Raman Research Institute (RRI), Bangalore, (4) Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bangalore, (5) Indian Institute for Astronomy (IIA), Bangalore, (6) IIT Kanpur (IITK), (7) IISER Mohali,

(8) Presidency Kolkata, (9) Physical Research Laboratory (PRL), Ahmedabad, (10) Saha Institute of Nuclear Physics (SINP), Kolkata, (11) St. Thomas College, Kozhencherry and (12) Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam. Needless to say this places our college at a higher level along with the leading research centres in the

country and surely offers a greater opportunity to scale further. The Consortium is funded by the Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) and Department of Science and Technology (DST), Govt. of India and has now turned into a formal body approved by the Govt. of India. Dr. Ninan Sajeeth Philip, Associate Professor, Department of Physics, and scientist with IUCCA signed the MoU on behalf of the college on 16 February, 2015. Arun Kumar, a native of Ayroor, Kozhencherry, who completed his research under the guidance of Dr. Ninan Sajeeth Philip, presently works with the SKA project in South Africa.

Joins United Nations' Academic Impact

The United Nations Academic Impact (UNAI) is a global initiative that aligns institutions of higher education with the United Nations in furthering the realization of the organization through activities and research in a shared culture of intellectual social responsibility. The student branch of the UN Academic Impact is known as ASPIRE ('Action by Students to Promote Innovation and Reform through Education'). It is a student driven initiative and actively embodies UNAI's principles within student communities around the world. St. Thomas College, Kozhencherry became the second college in Kerala to be conferred with the UNAI membership. The formal conferring of membership and **inauguration** of the chapter was conducted on 27 October, 2014. The meeting was presided over by our Manager, Most Rev. Dr. Joseph Mar Thoma Metropolitan. The chief guest of the day was Mr. Saji Thomas from the Department of General Assembly and Conference Management, United Nations.



Most Rev. Dr. Joseph Mar Thoma Metropolitan inaugurating the first UNAI Meet

UNAI Membership certificate was handed over to the Manager by Mr. Saji Thomas.

Mr. Saji Thomas from the Department of General Assembly and Conference Management, United Nations conducted a **seminar on 'Initiatives by Academic Institutions'** to the students of the college on 31 October 2014. He gave a detailed account on the 10 principles and working of UNAI ASPIRE programme. The academic initiative started in the

year 2010 under the patronage of UN Secretary General. An **essay writing competition** was held for the students of the college on the topic, "Human Rights 365" on 10 December, on the occasion of World Human Rights Day. Ms Adheena Elsa Jones of 1 M.Sc. Botany won the first place in the competition.

A **seminar dealing with the problems of the ageing population** was organized under the UNAI in collaboration with Women's Studies Cell.



Diamond Jubilee Celebrations Emblazon a Fitting Finale

The Diamond Jubilee celebrations came to a jubilant finale on 19 February 2015 with the formal inauguration of the valedictory function by Justice P. Sathasivam, Hon'ble Governor of Kerala. Most Rev. Dr. Joseph Mar Thoma Metropolitan, Manager of the college, presided over the function. Shri P.J. Kurien, Deputy Speaker, Rajya Sabha delivered the keynote address. Shri. Shibu Baby John, Minister for Labour and Skills, Government of Kerala, Shri Anto Antony, M.P., Adv. K. Sivadasan Nair, M.L.A., Dr. Babu Sebastian, Vice Chancellor, Mahatma Gandhi University and Shri. Haridas



Edathitta, President, Pathanamthitta District Panchayath spoke on the occasion. Diamond Jubilee Projects of Phase IV were launched: Njana Marg, Digital Theatre, Public Address System

and CCTV Camera. In the afternoon students presented various cultural programmes, in vibrant hues and figures, greeted with rapturous applause from the viewers.



New Courses

M.A. Course in Malayalam as a regular course in the aided stream and M.Sc. Course in Computer Science in the self-financing stream were launched during the academic year 2014-15. Adv. K. Sivadasan Nair, M.L.A. inaugurated the courses at a function held in the college, presided by the Manager, Most Rev. Dr. Joseph Mar Thoma Metropolitan. Dr. Babu Sebastian, Vice Chancellor of M.G. University delivered the keynote address.





Most Rev. Dr. Joseph Mar Thoma inaugurates the **Research Block of the Department of Botany**



"Literature ought to endow humans with everlasting values ..."observed Prof. M. Thomas Mathew in his inaugural talk at the college as part of Kerala Sahithya Akademi's state-wide seminar series titled **Desaperuma**; the seminar reminisced the works of Dr. K. M. Tharakan, E. M. Kovoov; Vennikulam Gopalakurup and P.C. Koruth .



Prof. P.J. Kurien, Hon. Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman, inaugurating the **Centre for Parliamentary Studies**. Most Rev. Dr. Joseph Mar Thoma presided over the function.

Commemoration Day



Dr. George Onakkoor, renowned Writer and Critic in Malayalam, Chief Guest of the **Commemoration Day** of the college delivering the keynote message. Most Rev. Dr. Joseph Mar Thoma Metropolitan presides over the function.



Sri. P. N. Suresh, Vice-Chancellor of Kerala Kalamandalam Deemed University for Art and Culture, former Alumnus, inaugurating the **Silver Jubilee celebrations** of Abudhabi Alumni Chapter at a function held in Abudhabi.



Smt. Annapoorna Devi, President, District Panchayat, inaugurating a **Seminar on "Anti-dowry and Anti-domestic Violence Day"** jointly organized by the Social Justice Department, Government of Kerala and the Women's Cell of the college.

ADIEU

Profound gratitude for the dedicated and inspiring services rendered
and the sublime imprints left...

RETIRED TEACHING STAFF



Prof. Thomas Daniel (History)



Prof. Dr. Koshy George (Commerce)



Prof. Dr. Saji Chacko (Physics)



Prof. Jacob.P.Koshy (Mathematics)



Prof. Dr. Annie Susan Koshy (English)



Prof. Dr. K. Mary Varghese (Botany)



Prof. Dr. P.J. James (Commerce)



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Prof. Prasad. Cherian (Mathematics)

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Prof. Dr. Joseph John (Zoology)



Prof. Dr. Benson Kunjiku
(Commerce)



Prof. John K Abraham
(Chemistry)

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Sri. Thomas Abragam
(Library Staff)



Sri. Philipose Mathew
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Sri. Abraham Joseph
(Laboratory Staff)



Smt. M.K. Santhamma
(Technical Staff)

NEW APPOINTMENTS 2014-15



Dr. Jaya Jacob M.
Department of Commerce



Shinu Koshy
Department of Chemistry



Dr. Prathibha Vasudevan
Department of Physics



Chinnu Mariam Chacko
Department of Economics



Dr. Cimi A. Daniel
Department of Chemistry



Ajith Thomas
Department of Commerce



Anju Susan Thomas
Department of Economics



Anoop Koshy George
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Arun John
Department of Chemistry

NEW APPOINTMENTS 2015- 16



Dr. Lekha P.K.
Department of Chemistry



Jeethu Rachel Mathew
Department of Commerce



Ria Mammen
Department of Commerce



Neethu Mariam Ajith
Department of Commerce



Laby Cherian Punnose
Department of Commerce



CONGRATULATIONS

Prof. Dr. Roys P. David, Principal of the college was elected as Senate Member, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam. President of Kerala Forum of United Nations Academic Impact. Mar Thoma Academic Excellence Award winner.



Dr. Nelson P. Abraham, Associate Professor, Department of Zoology. Participated in the Advanced Leadership Training Programme by Hagai Institute at Hawaii, USA.



Dr. Asha Susan Jacob, Associate Professor, Department of English selected for Associateship of the UGC Inter- University Centre for Humanities and Social Science (IUC) functioning at the Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla for three years. Participated in the Advanced Leadership Training Programme by Hagai Institute at Hawaii, USA.



Tom Thomas, Assistant Professor, Department of English was awarded Level 3 Certificate in Graded Examination in Music Theory, Grade 8 Theory of Music from Trinity College, London.



AWARDED Ph.D.

Jaison Jose, Assistant Professor, Department of Malayalam was awarded Ph.D. in Malayalam by Mahatma Gandhi University for his thesis entitled “Malayala Sahithyathilae Adhunikatha Vadhavum Niroopanavum – Oru Vimarsanathmaka Padanam” (“Modernism in Malayalam Literature and Criticism – A Critical Study”)

Dr. Praveen S. S., Assistant Professor, Department of Physics, was selected as Co-convenor of Kerala Science Congress, Government of Kerala entrusted with the specific charge of organizing Children’s Science Congress held in Alappuzha, January 2015. ‘Best Debater’ in a debate competition organized by ‘The New Indian Express’.

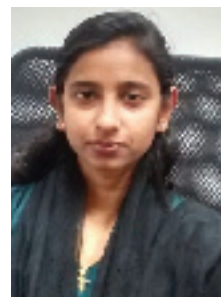


Dr. Jaya Jacob M., Assistant Professor, Department of Commerce has been appointed as the co-principal investigator of a major project on the topic “Problems and Prospects of Auditing Practices in LGs of Kerala- An Analytical Approach” funded by World Bank.

Awarded Ph.D. to Research Scholars



Arun Kumar A. was awarded Ph.D. by Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, in April 2015. He was a Research Scholar working under the guidance of Dr. Ninan Sajeeth Philip, Department of Physics. He is working now with SKA Project in South Africa. His research thesis was on the topic “Feature Extraction and Analysis of Scientific Data”.



Sheelu Abraham was awarded Ph.D. by Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, in November 2015 for her research thesis on “Photometric Studies of Astronomical Candidates from Sloan Digital Sky Survey”. She worked under the guidance of Dr. Ninan Sajeeth Philip, Department of Physics.

Student Achievements



Mr. Anish Chandran secured ‘A’ grade and Fourth position in the M.A. Economics Degree examinations conducted by M.G. University, Kottayam during the year 2012-2014.



Abina Mariam George, secured A⁺ in all papers for B.Sc. Mathematics Exam conducted by M.G. University, Kottayam, 2015



Ankita G. Krishnan, bagged A⁺ in the B.Sc. Zoology Degree Examinations conducted by M.G. University, Kottayam, 2015 College

OUR PUBLICATIONS



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THE STUDENTS OF JOURNALISM
ADD ON COURSE CONDUCTED BY
THE DEPARTMENT OF
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NSS (National Service Scheme- Unit No.42)



On June 26, 2014, Antidrug day awareness was carried out in the college under the auspices of NSS. Dr. Roys P. David (Principal), Dr. Nelson P. Abraham and Dr. Jaison Jose delivered messages highlighting the importance of abstaining from drugs and its usages, warning about its consequences and the threat it can cause to the society.



Through TEAM NSS, St. Thomas College, Kozhanchery became the first college in M. G. University and the third in the State to sign organ donation willingness forms of Government of Kerala. The forms were formally accepted by Shri. Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan, Hon. Minister for Forest, Transport and Cinema from the Principal.



Setting up of "Fragrance Garden" in the college premises.



- 1) Making handi-products: Hand wash, Dish wash and Detergent Powder.
- 2) Installation of natural seating arrangements using bamboo stalks.



Donating hair for cancer patients. The inauguration of the project being done by Smt. Nisha Jose, social activist and a votary of women empowerment.



Hair Donation: Three of our volunteers donated their hair for making wigs for cancer patients (Anu Maria Tom, Arundhathi and Maya).



Donated hair and prepared wig for a cancer survivor; the wig was handed over to Smt. Mariamma Varghese as a gift on her birthday.



Organic Farming



Waste Management



Media Seminar inauguration by Adv. A. Jaya Sankar (Renowned Media Analyst and Social Critic)



TEAM NSS distributing natural juices / drinking water to weary passersby / travellers in Kozhencherry town



Habitat Cleaning Drive



Dr. Jaison Jose, Assistant Professor, Department of Malayalam inaugurating the Environment Day Celebrations



Cleaning Chengannoor Railway Station, and setting up of "Fragrance Garden"



Dental Camp



Team "Kattan Kappi", an offshoot of NSS, bagged first prize in KABOOKI – theatrical expressions of current social issues – organized by Sunday Magazine Club.



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Under the initiative of NSS, the college fraternity raised an amount as financial assistance to the bereaved family of late Mridula Suresh, our NSS Volunteer and student of the Department of Mathematics. The amount was handed over to Mridula's father by His Grace Most Rev. Dr. Joseph Mar Thoma Metropolitan, Manager of the college.



The products made by TEAM NSS of St. Thomas College, Kozhenchery being gifted to inhabitants of Kurangumala village, the adopted village of the college as part of its Diamond Jubilee Projects.



Team NSS took the lead role in cleaning Cherukolpuzha village



Distributing rice collected from the college to the destitute tribals in the Achenkovil.

SUNDAY MAGAZINE CLUB (SMC)

The Launch

The club was formally launched by **Shri. S. Hari Kishore IAS, District Collector**, in a function held at Dr. Juhanon Mar Thoma Hall. In his inspiring key-note address he spoke about his own experiences of reading numerous books during his college days, and the discussions and debates he has been part of ever since. He underlined the need for the students to read various newspapers on a day to day basis to keep abreast with and be eloquent about the changing times.

Dr. Roys P. David, Principal of the college presided over the function; Rosin Sara Roy, Secretary of SMC 2014-15 (DC III Eng.) delivered the welcome speech; Sri. Nelson P. Abraham, Associate Professor, Department of Zoology and Sri. Arun Bahuleyan, Executive Committee Member, SMC (DC III Physics) rendered felicitations; Sri. Febu George Mathai Kurichiyath, convener of the club, Assistant Professor, Department of English, spoke about the relevance and scope of the club on the occasion. Wednesday noon intervals were kept apart for SMC's discussions and debates for the college. Members of the club are divided into teams to lead each week's programmes.



Sri.S.Harikishore IAS inaugurating the Sunday Magazine Club

Discussions on “Onam Then and Now”

Just after the launch, close to Onam, SMC held a discussion on “Onam Today and Yesterday”. Capt. Dr. Roys P. David, Principal of the college, shared his ideas and reveries of Onam on the occasion. Students came up with brilliant ideas about the multidimensional festival. Subhash S., Assistant Professor, Department of History, rendered a brief overview of the history of celebrating Onam.

Deliberations on a Classy/Down-to-Earth “Mission Mars”

“Mission Mars” was one of the most successful endeavours in our recent scientific advancements. Controversial questions as to why we spent so much of money on an extra terrestrial mission than investing the money for the poor in India was hotly discussed at a weekly discussion session organized by SMC. Dr. Ninan Sajeeth Philip of the Department of Physics, with the help of relevant slides, logically and eloquently defended the Mars mission and the huge amount of money shelled out on it.

Debate on a Crucial “BAN”

Among the various discussions the club held, the debate on the liquor policy in Kerala proved to be a seminal one as youngsters are more affected by rampant



Principal sharing reminiscences of Onam with students

alcoholism. The hypocrisy, eye-washing and discrimination involved in the ban of liquor in the state, compared with the effects of such policies elsewhere became food for thought. Jobin Mathew of DCI English moderated the session.

Reaching Out to Wider Student Community

Sunday Magazine Club was successful in the last one year to create a



Discussions on "Mission Mars"

culture of healthy discussion and debates among the student community of the college. As part of reaching out to other students, convener of SMC, Febu George Mathai Kurichiyath, Assistant Professor, Department of English, moderated a debate session with the NSS, at their annual camp one evening. Almost eighty students divided into two groups opened up their minds. Dr. Praveen Sakalya, convener of NSS, actively joined the discussions. Remya R. Pai (DC II English, now in DC III English), Secretary of NSS, also took lead role as student moderator in the discussions.

KABOOKI

In the year of its launch, a series of discussions and debates held centre stage until the staging of *KABOOKI—theatrical expressions on current social issues*—which emerged as a runaway success and became popular among students. Six teams with almost sixty students (on stage and behind the scenes) competed with each other for the best, presenting issues of wide social concern in interesting histrionic guises. Judged by a professional theatre artist along with a faculty of our college, some of the themes and presentation styles from the part of students were identified as showcasing their brilliant talents hitherto dormant and unexplored. A team comprised of students from various departments, with their own group names.

Team "Kattan Kappi" ("Black Coffee" in translation) won the first prize for "Inniyelum Nannayikoodae" ("Will Things Improve?"), a vibrant humorous satirical expression of a series of related problems seen around us, through drawing our attention to the witnessing and suffering of complex trials and tribulations of a team of folk gypsies ever-excluded from and exploited as per chance by the mainstream. The student members of the team include Manjusha Raju, Karthika Dinesh, Gokul Prasannan, Roshan James, Ricky Saji, Vivek P. Biju and Mukund Mohan.

Team "Cholapoovu" ("Corn Flowers" in translation) won the second

prize for their "Shalomi". They poignantly portrayed with heightened melodrama on stage the double marginalization of women in predicaments of terrorism. Best Actress Daliya Rachel Solamon (DC I Commerce, presently in second year) who essayed the lead role, with no inhibitions at all of a beginner, could not be forgotten by spectators for her long alarming screams, real-like expressions of being victimized, manly defiance, and bold words against impending trauma. The student members of the team include Daliya Rachel Solamon, Anu Padmanabha Iyer, Sarath M.R., Anuj Sadasivan and Yohan Zachariah.



First Prize - Team 'Kattankappi' for "Will Things Improve ?"



Second Prize- Team 'Cholapoovu' for "Shalomi"



Third Prize- Team 'Pleiston Keinos' for "Selfie Manu"

Team "Pleiston Keinos" won the third prize, for their "Selfie Manu", the story of a young man interested in virtual selfies even in the face of disasters: taking a selfie with a person who lies on the road after a fatal accident and finally taking selfie with his dead father, all with the casualness of taking selfies with his girl friend. Praveen (DCIII English, passed out)

won the award for the best actor, for his superb role as Selfie Manu. The student members of the team include Praveen Mathew, Ashita Murali, Monu Chacko, Anu Jaya Mathew, Dan Thomas, Syama Murali and Anushaj. In a poster designing competition, held as part of KABOOKI, team "Cholapoovu" received the first prize.

Drama Club - A Creative Offshoot

KABOOKI paved way for the idea of a Drama Club, which is presently organized as an offshoot of SMC, as a semi-autonomous forum, aiming to motivate students into acting, scriptwriting, direction, stage-setting, costume designing, basics of production, theatre- world transactions, viewership studies and all those elements which go into the organizing of dramas.. The three teams that bagged prizes in the Kabooki competition 2014-15 are members of the Drama Club, and the competitions, KABOOKI 2015-16 proposed to be held, shall decide the new members. Febu George Mathai Kurichiyath, Assistant Professor, Department of English continues as the convenor of SMC. The committee includes the following teachers: Dr. Teena Rachel Thomas (Assistant Professor, Department of English), Siby John (Assistant Professor, Department



Best Actress gleefully receiving her cash prize from Prof. Thomas Mathew.

of English), Prathibha Vasudevan ((Assistant Professor, Department of Physics) and Anoop Koshy Abraham (Assistant Professor, Department of Economics). The Drama Club, an offshoot of SMC, has Dr. Teena Rachel Thomas, Assistant Professor, Department of English, as its Director, Daliya Rachel Solamon (DC II Commerce) and Roshan James (DC II Malayalam) as student-in-charges.



Best Actor - Praveen Mathew, DC III English



Best Actress - Daliya Rachel Solamon, DC I Commerce

The Brains Trust

The official inauguration of the Brains Trust was on 16 September 2014 by Ravivarma Thamburan, Sub-Editor, Malayala Manaroma, Pathanamthitta. Various programmes were held to improve the overall skills of students. Essay writing on the topic “Third World War” and poster designing competitions on the topic “Innocence” were conducted. A **photography competition** based on the topic “**Amazing Beauty of Nature**”, followed by an interactive talk by Febu George Mathai Kurichiyath, Assistant Professor, Department of English on the same topic was conducted on 6 January



Virtual Nature: Students curiously observing the photos of the Photography Competition on the topic “Amazing Beauty of Nature”.

2015. The Brains Trust and the English Department jointly organized a two-day film festival - **Light and Shade** - on 14 and 16 February 2015 in the college campus. Film festival introduced some major classics and modern cinema to the campus cinephiles. Ten films were screened at 3 venues in 2 days. Annie George, Assistant Professor, Department of English served as the



Director. Rosin Sara Roy (Department of English) was the President and Nigin Shibu John (Department of Commerce) was the Secretary.

The Brains Trust - 2015

The official Inauguration of the Brains Trust was held on 16 July, 2015 by Dr. Mohan Varghese, Associate



Students keenly involved in an interactive talk on “Photography of the Amazing Beauty of Nature”

Professor, Dept. of Political Science, Mar Thoma College. The inaugural session was followed by a lively interactive session with students.

Exhibition and Documentary

On 11 August, 2015 an Exhibition and Documentary about former Indian President Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam was organized in the Media centre. Various talks led by teachers of the college were conducted during Thursday lunch breaks. During the academic year 2015-16, Prof. Thomas Mathew, Dept. of Mathematics functioned as the convener of the Brains Trust. Prof. Annie George, of the Dept. of English and Prof. Shinu Koshy of the Dept. of Chemistry were also nominated to the executive committee. Abhijith S. of DCII Hindi and Akshara M. Mani of DCII English were the students-in-charge of the Brains Trust.

WOMEN'S CELL (2014-2015)

Prof. Mary Mathew, former faculty, Baseli College, Kottayam inaugurated the activities of Women's Cell for the year 2014-2015 on 29 Aug, 2014. The Women's Cell celebrated 1 October, 2014 as International Day for Old People. In this regard, a painting competition was conducted on the theme "Love the Old". Almost thirty students and six teachers visited Kumbanad Dharmagiri. A panel discussion on "Is old age a curse?" was conducted on 22 Jan 2015, joining hands with NSS and UNAI. A hair donation campaign by Smt. Nisha Jose was conducted by Women's cell in association with NSS on 3 February, 2015. A jewellery making class was held on 3 February 2015. Various department wise cultural competitions were held on 13 February 2015. Valedictory function and Miss St. Thomas competition were held on 26 February 2015. Anu Padmanabhan [II V.Com] won the Miss St. Thomas title, Smitha P. [I PG, English] emerged as the first runner up and Sanam Devi (DC III B.Com.) as the second runner up.

President - Prof. Dr. Jasy Thomas [Dept. of Botany]

Secretary - Prof. Bettymol Elizabeth Thampy [Dept. of Commerce]

Treasurer - Prof. Susan George [Dept. of Mathematics]

WOMEN'S CELL (2015-2016)

Dr. Achamma Alex, Principal, Christian College, Chengannur inaugurated the activities of Women's Cell for the year 2015-2016 on 6 August 2015. Theme – "Empowering the Empowered"

President - Prof. Dr. R.S. Sindhu [Dept. of Physical Edu.]

Secretary - Prof. Dr. Teena Rachel Thomas

Treasurer - Prof. Dr. Jaya. Jacob M. [Dept. of Commerce]



Miss St. Thomas flanked by runners-up

CENTRE FOR WOMEN'S STUDIES (2014-15)

A Symposium on "Free and Fearless Life for Women in Society: Possibilities and Challenges".



Adv. Jaisy Karingattil inaugurates the Symposium



"Women and Stress in the 21st Century" - Release of a Book



Adheena Elza Johns, PG I Botany - Best Speaker



John Mathew, PG I English - Best Speaker



Abhijith S., DC I Hindi, First Prize - Poster Designing Competition



Students and teachers attending the Symposium

Science Club Moulds Innovations

The Science Club of the college, functions with the objective to impart among students, a scientific attitude to observe, analyze and understand daily experiences. It organizes lectures, discussions and field studies to interested students helping them to find the answers themselves rather than becoming dependent on the instructors. While a larger number of students used to participate in the lectures, the number drastically reduces when it comes to hands on sessions and field visits. But on an average there are 10 to 15 students from all branches of science together that take up these activities seriously.



Training programmes: The science club arranges training programmes on technical gadgets and the use of technology for community service to the students in the form of hands on sessions. Students are also encouraged to participate in different workshops and training programs held outside the campus. The use of ICT is an inherent part of these training programmes. Many of the experiments that require expensive equipment in the past can be easily carried out on computer based development platforms. The club makes use of many of the hardware facilities available in the 'Santhom Computing Facility' working in the campus to conduct these training programmes.

Innovation: Applied Science is innovation. Scientific understanding should lead to innovative thinking and technology development. The mercury recycling plant is just one such attempt. Mercury is the most prominent pollutant in the soil. It directly affects the brain cells and is understood to be the major reason for blacksmiths who spend most of their lives handling mercury, necessary for the purification of gold, have a miserable end in later years. This was blindly reckoned to be the curse of gold but is infact the side effect of dealing with mercury. Fluorescent tubes contain mercury. It is an unfortunate practice of the common public to discard the fused fluorescent lamps in the backyard. Eventually they break and the mercury flows into the soil. In fact one teaspoon of mercury is sufficient to pollute an area of one square kilometer. It is very important to set up an awareness campaign and also a facility to store fused fluorescent lamps. The science club with the help of the management has set up a collection room to keep fused fluorescent lamps. Students spread the word to the community and anyone is allowed to come and deposit the tubes in the collection room. A method to recycle the mercury in these tubes is under active consideration and discussion of the science club.



Students using Expeyes hardware interface to study acceleration due gravity with high accuracy by optically monitoring the time taken by a ball to travel a given distance when released from rest.



Arun Bahuleyan, an active participant of the Science Club, of 2012-2014 batch, is now doing his M.Sc. in Physics at Hyderabad Central University. He qualified the entrance test and interview, and proudly the Science Club has a seminal role in his success.



Fused lamps are collected and safely stored here.



Students involved in the prevention of pollution caused by mercury concealed in fused fluorescent lamps.



Two examples of medicinal plants seen in the campus. The first one is a well known medicine for stomach related illness while the second is claimed to be capable of healing wounds.

The Science Club has taken initiatives in setting up an environment friendly campus by discouraging the use of plastic and encouraging the concept of recycling.

Membership:

The club offers free membership to students on condition that they will share their time for the various activities of the Science Club and to the benefit of the society.

MAR THOMA STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION (MTSA)

MAR THOMA STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION of St. Thomas College, Kozhencherry is a unique organization which strengthens the students and enrich their moral and spiritual development. The daily morning worship of the college is lead under the auspicious of MTSA.

The activities of MTSA for 2014-15 was inaugurated by Rev. Ommen Philip (Sabha secretary) on November 6 2014. Dr. Annie J. Mathew presided over the meeting. Dr. Roys P. David, Principal and Prof. P.G Philip, Former faculty of Mar Thoma College, Tiruvalla gave felicitations. Rahul Mathew Joseph, Secretary welcomed the gathering. Thomas Daniel, Programme Coordinator explained the various activities for the new year.

Twelve students participated in the voluntary mission work *Minutes for Ministry* in which they served Kumbanadu Dharmagiri Mandiram, Tharangam Mission Action Centre, Jyothis Mavelikara, Navajeevan Kendram- Malayalapuzha, Aasha Bhavan - Pidavoor, Prathyasha Bhavan - Ranni and NavaDarshan de-addiction Centre-Kidanganoor for 10-20 days during their semester break. Our students also took part in the one night prayer *Twelve Plus* on November 21 at Kadavil Malika, Kallissery.



Rt. Rev. Zacharias Mar Theophilos Saffragan Metropolitan delivering the inaugural address at a two day camp.

Our students bagged prizes in quiz, solo, and group song competitions and won the Prof. P.G. Philip Endowment Ever-rolling Trophy consecutively for the second time in the Intercollegiate cultural competition *Expressions 14* conducted under the auspices of the MTSA of Mar Thoma College, Thiruvalla. On 8 December 2014 the *Mission to College* programme was conducted and students participated in the MTSA meeting of Mar Thoma College at Thiruvalla under the leadership of Prof. Tom Thomas, Assistant Professor, Department of English.

Christmas celebrations *Jingle bells* was conducted on 17 December in the Chapel. Rev Asish Thomas, Assistant Vicar of St. Thomas Mar

Thoma Church, Kozhencherry gave the Christmas message; MTSA choir led the carol service.

A two day camp was conducted from February 16-17, 2015 at 'Tharangam Mission Centre'. Rt. Rev. Zacharias Mar Theophilos Saffragan Metropolitan inaugurated the camp. Rev. Bobby Mathew, Rev Prince Varghese, Rev. Sibi Mathew, Rev. Thomas K Mathew, Rev. Robin Varghese and Mrs Anu Kurien led the classes. 35 members of MTSA were the VBS leaders in different centres. Lyrics of two songs of the VBS of 2015 was written and tuned by Thomas Daniel and Jerin K. Mathew. We are thankful to God Almighty for the blessings he had showered to the activities of MTSA.

NATIONAL CADET CORPS (NCC)

ST. THOMAS COLLEGE, KOZHENCHERRY

Congratulations.....!

Cdt. Akash P. Pillai Cdt. Jithin Kumar U/O Parvathy B. Cdt. Aleena M. J.

Participated in the All India TSC, New Delhi

Col. Akash P. Pillai Secured Prize and Silver Medal in Obstacle Crossing (Individual Event)
U/O Parvathy B. Secured Second Prize and Silver Medal in Map Reading (Group Event)



"Media Excellence Awards 2014" organized by the Alumni Association

Onam and Christmas Celebrations



DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

A Seminar on Dalit Life Narratives Inaugurated by Sharankumar Limbale, Sivakami and Ajay Sekher

A seminar on “Discourse of Human Rights in Dalit Life Narratives” was held at the Postgraduate and Research Department of English. The seminar was jointly inaugurated by Dr. Sharankumar Limbale, noted Marathi dalit writer and critic, Smt. P. Sivakami, IAS retired, noted tamil dalit writer and activist, and Dr Ajay S. Sekher, translator of the songs of Poyikayil Appachen, noted critic, and Assistant Professor at Department of English, Sree Sankaracharya University, Kalady.

In his inaugural keynote Dr. Sharankumar Limbale, poignantly remembered his days of writing and the bitter realities he underwent as part of publishing his autobiography ‘Akkarmashi’ (Outcaste). Such autobiographies tell not just about the author but about the society to which the author belongs and about the world at large. And as a dalit writer he faced a lot of harsh criticisms. Dalit life narratives and creative writings, Limbale stressed, ultimately strives to attain unity and equality in India.

Smt. P. Sivakami who held a talk on the topic “Counter Writing – Dalit and Subaltern”, pointed out that embedded patterns of extreme caste discrimination still exists in our society. She reiterated that she’s ready to concede total revocation of reservation policies if the society and the government are ready to provide land and help dalits realize their lawful rights.

Dr. Ajay S. Sekher, speaking on the topic “Poyikayil Appachen and Subaltern Speech in Kerala”, hailed Poyikayil



Appachen’s bold contributions to the anti-legacy of slavery and Brahminism in Kerala. Through his poems and activism he tries to fill the absence of a prominent history of the dalits, and speaks of the history of the fragmented realities of the subaltern. Poyikayil Appachen is, in Gramsci’s terms, an organic intellectual. He inspired wings of flight from oppression for not just the paraya community but for the entire subaltern.

Dr. Roys Mallassery, the Principal of the college, delivered the presidential address. Dr. Anne Susan Koshy, Head of the Department, Tom Thomas and Siby John, conveners of the seminar spoke on the occasion. Teachers and students from various colleges of Kerala presented papers.

The activities of the **English Association** were formally inaugurated by the former HoD, Prof. T. Nessie Joseph. Freshers’ Day - titled ‘Accueil’ - was held on the occasion. The first ‘Prof. T. Nessie Joseph Endowment fund’ was also

awarded at the event for the best outgoing students of BA and MA English.

A film fest - ‘Light and Shades’ - was held in collaboration with the Brains Trust of the college on 23 and 24 February 2015. The two day event witnessed the screening of 10 films from different languages. The Association members made an effort to provide financial assistance to the event by running a food stall in the campus.

The Valedictory function of the Association was held on 3 March 2015. The occasion witnessed a farewell to Dr. Anne Susan Koshy, HoD and to the outgoing students of the UG and PG programmes. Annie George was the teacher-in-charge of the Association.

The activities of the Association for the academic year 2015-16 was inaugurated by the famous novelist Sri. Benyamin. In his key-note speech and through his interactions with the students he spoke about his experiences as a writer, interface of the writer with the world, diasporic lives in gulf regions where he worked for a long time etc..The recently translated *Goat Days*, his most popular work is a byproduct of his gulf days. Freshers’ day was held afterwards. Vishnu Vijayan (DC III) is the Secretary and Annie George is the teacher-in-charge of the Association.



Benyamin inaugurating the activities of the English Association 2015

DEPARTMENT OF MALAYALAM AND SANSKRIT

Dalit Literary Thoughts and the Counter Readings of Power



The Post Graduate **Department of Malayalam** organized a two day UGC Sponsored National Seminar on the topic “DALIT SAHITHYA VICHARANGALUM ADHIKARATHINTE PRATHIVAYANAKALUM” (*Dalit Literary Thoughts and the Counter Readings of Power*) with the aid and sponsorship of the University Grants Commission and in collaboration with Student Christian Movement (SCM) on 27 and 28 of July 2015 at Dr. Juhanon Mar Thoma Hall. The seminar was attended by faculty members, students and academicians from various colleges and universities. Famous dalit activists and writers led various sessions as resource persons. Discussions and debates on the topic gave way to new perspectives and outlook on dalit literature and its contemporary value in research and academics. Papers

were presented by the delegates in the seminar and the discussion forums gave new insights into the subject. The programme served as a platform, for all those who study and work in the field, to come together and share each one's thought. The seminar was inaugurated by the celebrated film director Dr.Biju. He emphasized the need to make use of all the media including the visual media to bring into light the issue relating to dalit empowerment and enlightenment. Dr.O.K.Santhosh (Asst. Professor of Malayalam, Madras University) delivered a lecture on “Cultural Studies and Dalit Discourse”. Dr.K.S.Madhavan, Dr.M.B.Manoj, Dr.S.Joseph, Sri.K.K.Das and Sri. K.K.Kochu (eminent academicians and writers) spoke on different vital topics in the seminar that spanned for two days.



Keynote speakers at the Seminar : Sri. K.K.Koch, Dr. O.K.Santhosh, Sri. S.Joseph, Dr.M.B.Manoj and Dr. K.S. Madhavan

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS

The activities of the **Physics Association** for the academic year **2014-15** started with the official inauguration on 25 July, 2015 by Dr. Achamma Kurian. She inaugurated the proceedings and delivered the key-note address in which she emphasized the role and need of pursuing physics at the higher levels of education and the role of incorporating the application of physics through research and development as a contribution towards the society. The association actively participated in the Onam Competition held on September 4th 2014 and emerged victorious by bagging the overall championship. Students won top prizes for Thiruvathira, Group Song, Onam Theme Song and Floral arrangement. The department participated in the Christmas Celebration too and actively took role in competitions like Christmas Tree Planting and group song.

A seminar on “Human Rights” was conducted on 30 December, 2014: Dr. George K. Alex delivered the lead talk and initiated a brainstorming session for the students focussing on the rights of citizens as a tool for opposing rampant exploitation persisting in the society.

Dr. Moncy V. John, Former Head, gave an inspiring talk on “Cosmology” on 15 December 2014, in which he explored and unraveled the various aspects and dimensions of astrophysics. Students found the talk interesting and actively participated in the interactive session.



Dr. M.T.Simon inaugurating Physics Association 2015-16

As the growth, research and development in the field of Quantum mechanics have been swiftly on the rise, a special seminar on “Quantum Mechanics through Problems” was conducted on November 28 to 29, 2014. Besides inspiring and thought provoking talk by several emeritus researchers like Dr.K.C. Ajith Prasad, Dr. Babu Joseph, Dr. Moncy V. John, Dr. Susan Mathew, Prof. Blesson Thomas, a special hands on session was arranged for students in which they were given practicing sessions on problems in Quantum Mechanics.

As a token of gratitude, love and mark of respect to former faculty members, an Alumni meet was conducted to felicitate former faculty members. The formal meeting was inaugurated by **Shri. P J Kurian, Hon. Deputy Chairman of Rajya sabha**, on 25 March, 2015.

In his opening address he lauded the efforts of the Department of Physics in the field of research, development and academics and the effective contribution made to the society and Nation. He pertinently mentioned about his career, growth and trajectory of inspiration he gained while serving as a faculty member in this department. Former Faculty Members were felicitated and honoured as

a token of gratitude and love. The Alumni meet was followed by an interactive session in which all members shared their memories. The programme was presided over by Prof. Jesso Annie Mathews, Head of the Department. Present faculty members and former faculty members spoke on the occasion. Prof. P. J. Kurian distributed academic excellence awards to Sreekala P. Nair (UG Topper), and Jinsu Ann Mathew and Blessy Beena Thomas (PG Toppers). A cultural fest and a grand luncheon followed the programme.. The programmes came to an end by offering a farewell to Dr. Saji Chacko.

The Physics Association for the academic year **2015-'16** was inaugurated by **Dr. M.T. Simon, former Principal of the College** and former HoD of the Department. The ceremony was followed by a talk on ‘Fundamental Interactions in Nature’ by Dr. M.T Simon. He enlightened the gathering on the various areas of research in Physics and its opportunities. Seeniamma C. Chennattuserry is the teacher-in-charge of the Association for the academic year 2015-'16.



Inauguration of Alumni Meet

Collaborative Research

Dr. Ninan Sajeeth Philip through his commendable scientific enterprise has, in addition to the SKA project, paved way for the launch of few more Bilateral International Research Projects:

1. Indo-US bilateral project on Time Domain Astronomy.
2. Indo-SA bilateral project on Virtual Observatory Development for SALT.

3. Principal investigator of Indo-SA bilateral project for developing Machine Learning Tools for Big Data MeerKAT, MeerLIGHT, GMRT, SALT and the SKA. This is an exchange program in which research students and PI can visit SA for technology development and sharing funded by the departments of Science and Technology in both countries.
4. Co-investigator of Indo-SA bilateral project for Galaxy Evolution study

involving simulation, observations and data analysis.

5. Co-Investigator of the National Knowledge Network big data mining project for data driven initiatives in astronomy and biology. Financial support for a research student and some equipment are procured through this project. The total funding is approximately 3 crore besides hardware.



Principal, along with Dr. Ninan Sajeeth Philip, interacts with scientists working with IUCCA, Pune.

DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY

The association activities of the Department of Chemistry were inaugurated on 25 August 2014, by **Prof. P. C. Varghese**, former Professor of Chemistry at CMS College, Kottayam. Our DC II students Nidhin Rajendran and Jibin Mathew bagged second prize in the Sports Quiz held on 16 December 2014. A human rights seminar was held on 17 December 2014 on “**Environmental Pollution-Human Rights Perspective**”. **Prof. Thomas Mathew**, Head, Department of Chemistry, Mar Thoma College, Tiruvalla delivered the keynote address. On 20 January 2015, chemistry students and teachers along with Botany and Zoology departments under the Blue House, took part in the Marathon race Run Kerala Run, associated with the National Games. Blue House bagged A grade for both March Past and Mass drill competitions conducted in annual sports meet on 5 and 6 February 2015. The valedictory of association activities was held on 5 March 2015. Former Head of the Department, **Prof. Daisiamma Cherian** spoke on the occasion. Cash prizes for class toppers were distributed.

2015 - 2016

A regional seminar was conducted on ‘Computational Chemistry – a



Prof. P. C. Varghese inaugurating Chemistry Association 2014-15

Novel Tool for Molecular Modelling’ on 8 July 2015. Dr. Cyriac Mathew, former Professor of St. Alberts College, Ernakulam handled the classes. Former Head, Prof P. M. Thomas inaugurated the seminar.

Hiroshima Day was observed on 6 August 2015. Inter departmental competitions were conducted in Quiz, Cartoon, Poster etc and the prizes were distributed.

The association activities of the academic year 2015-2016 was inaugurated on 13 August 2015 by Dr.

Sabu Thomas, Professor, School of Chemical Sciences and Director, International and Inter University Centre for Nanoscience and Nano Technology, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam.

An alumni meet of the Department of Chemistry was held on Teachers’ Day, 5 September 2015. Former teachers, non teaching staff, first batch students like Sri M. M. Mathew (thrice state award winner), Dr. T. K. Krishnankutty (Scientist, BARC) were honoured.



Prof. P.M.Thomas inaugurating the Regional Seminar on Computational Chemistry

DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY

Botany Association 2014-2015 was inaugurated on 14 August 2014. Dr. J. G. Ray, Director, School of Biosciences, M. G. University, Kottayam, was the chief guest and delivered the keynote address on the topic “Why Botany? The Concept of Academic Excellence”. He discussed the various scopes and challenges faced by Botany students.

Botany department participated in the Onam Celebrations of the college and bagged the third prize in “Pookkalam Competition” and “Onam Paattu” competitions. “Onam Sadhya” was arranged for the teachers and the students in the department. Each batch from DC I to PG II manages the notice board wherein the students display their art works and newspaper cuttings on current topics. PG I students made a “terrarium”. Botany Association also conducted a class wise competition of skits, songs, dance etc. Dr. Thomas John, Associate Professor functioned as the Association-in-charge.

Student Enrichment Programmes:

Botany Association is taking a lead role in arranging student enrichment programme. Experts and scientists from various fields were invited to take classes on their areas of expertise through seminars, workshops and classes. To enrich their experiences in learning the students are often taken for field visits and study tours. For enriching their talents, class wise programmes are arranged during noon



Adheena Elza Johns, II M.Sc. Botany, topper in B. Sc. Degree Examinations, 2014 being felicitated at a function of NSS.

intervals where the students perform various programmes like dance, music, drama etc. They are also encouraged to submit hand written magazines, where their literary talents are exhibited. Debates and discussions are also arranged during noon intervals. Various competitions like drawing, extempore, poetry recitation, essay, short story and poetry writing are also arranged during noon interval. To make them familiar with the plant diversity and curious plant life themes, students are encouraged to collect and exhibit plants and various parts of plants such as flowers, fruits and inflorescence. “**Know the Plant**” competitions are conducted for plant identification and prizes are distributed to the winners.

A Seminar on Bioinformatics by Prof. Stephan James (MACFAST) was conducted on 24 February 2014. Dr. M. Radhakrishna Pillai, Director, Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Biotechnology,

Thiruvananthapuram was the keynote speaker at the K. V. George Memorial Lecture conducted on 5 December 2014; he spoke eloquently on the topic “Keeping God’s Own Country Healthy”. Renosh Tom Varghese, faculty of Mar Thoma College, Tiruvalla led a Regional Seminar on the topic “GM Crops”, on 10 and 11 February 2015.

Prof. K. V. George Memorial Lecture Series-VII

Post Graduate and Research Department of Botany organized Prof. K. V. George Memorial Lecture Series-VII on February 5, 2016. Dr. G. M. Nair, Advisor, Kerala Biotechnology Commission, Govt. of Kerala and Former Director, Jawaharlal Nehru Tropical Botanical Garden and Research Institute, Palode delivered a lecture on the topic “New Biology: Challenges and Prospects”.



Prof. K. V. George Memorial Lecture Series-VII inaugurated by Dr. G. M. Nair



National Workshop on, “Genomics, Proteomics and Bioinformatics: Fundamentals to Advanced”

Post Graduate and Research Department of Botany organized a three day workshop on “Genomics, Proteomics and Bioinformatics: Fundamentals to Advanced”, from November 18, 2015 to November 20, 2015, jointly sponsored by UGC and KSCSTE. Adv. K. Sivadasan Nair, M.L.A., inaugurated the function. Dr. Achuthsankar S. Nair, Head of the Department of Computational Biology & Bioinformatics, University of Kerala, presented the keynote address. This workshop aimed to unite the themes of Genomics, Proteomics and Bioinformatics and provide a forum to the Postgraduate students, Researchers and faculty for learning, presenting and exchanging new ideas and experiences in these areas. Resource Persons from various parts of the country delivered invited talks. 113 delegates from in and around the state were benefited from these lecture-cum-practical sessions. The department was also successful in bringing out the Proceedings of the National Workshop for the benefit of the delegates.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

- Conducted Net Coaching and Career Guidance sessions led by Dr. T. C. Thankachen (St. Thomas College of Teacher Education , Pala) on 06-06-2015
- Conducted ‘Life Guidance’ class by Spiritual leader Rev. Father Bobby Jose Kattikad on 13-07-2015
- Organised a class for first year B.Com. Batch to uplift their personality by Shri. Lovewin K. Cherian (Secretary, SCM, Kerala Region) on 30 and 31 July 2015.
- Arranged a class on Research Methodology for Degree III Year students by Prof. Anish Thomas (Assistant Professor , Devamatha College, Kuravallangadu) and Prof. Jacob Boss (Assistant Professor , Marian College, Kuttikanam) on 03-08-2015
- Commerce Association was inaugurated by Dr. Stephen Mathews, Director Berchman’s Institute of Management Studies (S.B. College, Changanassery) on 05-08-2015
- Conducted a personality development class by Dr. Ajith P.R. (Clinical Physiologist, Mental Health Centre, Thiruvananthapuram) on 03-07-2015 and 07-08-2015.
- Academic collaboration with GIFT (Gulati Institute of Finance and Taxation Trivandrum) –under the initiative of Commerce Department - PGDT course for the students of St. Thomas College Kozhencherry. Dr. Thomas Joseph Thoomkuzhy, Registrar, GIFT, took a class as an introduction to the course.
- Academic collaboration with G-Tech to provide add-on-course on ‘Tally’ for Commerce students.
- Muthoot Excellence Awards for 2014-15 were given to Karen Susan Mathew (B.Com.Computer Application), Swetha Susan Thomas (B.Com. Computer Application), Vishnu P.S. (B.Com. Finance and Taxation) and Rajani Achamma Thomas (B.Com. Finance and Taxation).



Dr.P.J.Philip delivering the keynote address at a seminar on “Human Rights”



Sri.Georgie Kurien,
M.D. Muthoot
Healthcare,
speaking at the
Muthoot Excellence
Award for the
B.Com. Toppers



Dr. Thomas Joseph Thoomkuzhy signing MoU on behalf
of Gulati Institute of Finance and Taxation (GIFT)



Sri.Abin Oommen Abraham Inaugurating Commerce Association 2014-'15

CAREER CLUB: SMART FACTS OF SUCCESS

There is always a joy in realizing your cherished dreams, of securing a job while embracing the concluding days of formal studies. Students of commerce have successfully been placed to some of the well-established companies in *Technopark* and *Infopark* after attending interviews at career fests, under the astute guidance of the 'Career Club' of the Department of Commerce. Laby Cherian Punnose, Assistant Professor, functions as the Coordinator of the 'Career Club', well supported by the teachers of the department.

The following students received placements:



SNEHA ANIE JOHN
M.COM. 2014-16
PLACED AT KPMG



MERLIN MATHEW
M.COM. 2014-16 PLACED AT EXL



NITHIN BABY BLESSOM
M.COM. 2014-16
PLACED AT EXL



SWETHA SUSAN THOMAS
M.COM. 2014-16 PLACED AT EXL



SHILPA JACOB
M.COM. 2014-16
PLACED AT EXL

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION

- Conducted the Annual Sports Meet, Mass Drill and Inter House Games Competitions from 6 to 26 February, 2015.
 - Conducted Inter Department Sports Quiz Competition on 17 December 2014
 - Conducted RUN KERALA RUN in connection with 35th National Games on January 2015.
 - Conducted the Jubilee Memorial All Kerala Inter Collegiate Volleyball Tournament (2 to 4 February 2015)
 - Conducted Shuttle Badminton Tournament for Teaching and non Teaching community
 - Conducted yoga classes for students of N.S.S. .
 - Organized various Minor Games for Open Course students.
 - Celebrated Inter National YOGADAY -(Talk on the topic, Poster display and demonstration)
- ACHIEVEMENTS IN SPORTS:**
- College Volleyball Team**
- M.G .University South zone (Third position)
 - Junior District Championship (Winner)
 - Senior District Championship (Runner up)
 - Youth District Championship (Winner)



Run Kozhencherry Run: Principal handing over the 'Deepashika' to the Captain of the 'Run Kerala Run team' of the college as part of wholeheartedly supporting the National Games hosted by Kerala. Students and teachers dressed in vibrant hues, donning placards and waving flags, symbolically ran to the town from the college and back to the college from the town inspiring the inhabitants of the locale.



Allen John
(DC II Zoology)
Participated in the
State Athletic Meet
at Ernakulam.



Aswathi.R
(DC II Hindi)
Represented the Kerala
State in Wushu Team in
the 35th National Games held
at Thiruvananthapuram.

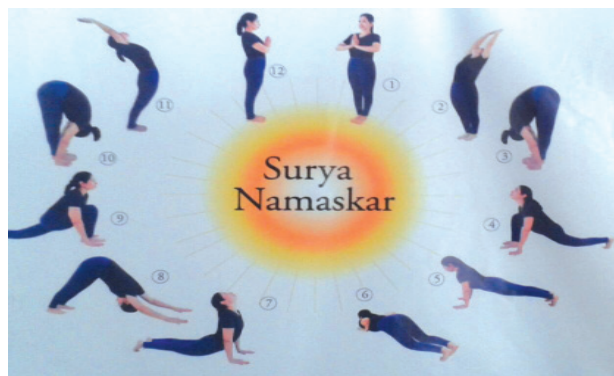


Jibin J. Mathew
(DCI B.Com.)
Participated in
National Throw Ball
Championship

Vishnukumar (DC II Economics:),
Arunkumar A.P. (DC II Economics)
and
Kailas Krishnan (DC III Chemistry)
Participated in the
Senior State Volleyball Championship
and
Youth State Championship.



Yoga (Men and Women) - Third Position



Team Sports: Sri.Anto Antony, M.P. inaugurating Jubilee Memorial All Kerala Inter Collegiate Volley ball Tournament 2015.

DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY

Zoology Association activities for the year 2014-2015 started with the formal inauguration on September 3, 2014. The meeting was presided over by Dr. Joseph John K., Head of the Department. The presidential address envisaged the need for a good academic performance and advised the students to funnel energy into both curricular and extracurricular activities. He also welcomed the first year degree students to the Zoology family. Dr. Roys Mallasery, Principal, inaugurated the function followed by the inaugural address. The keynote address was delivered by Rev.

Alexander M. Isaac. He gave an insight into human behaviour through linking Ethology with Religion. The Zonal Zoofest, under the aegis of Zoological Society of Kerala, which conducts competitions every year in the field of Zoology, witnessed winners from the department. Students enthusiastically participated in various cultural programmes and sports activities. A meeting of the old students was also held on 12 August 2014. The meeting proved to be an unforgettable experience as the old students were accompanied by their family members.

The Association also honored the First batch of Zoology Students of the academic year 1955-58, along with the honouring of IAS rank holder Mr. Johny Tom Vargese who is the son of the alumni Mrs. Annie of 1983 batch in a meeting held in September, 2014. Shri. Johny briefed the students on various aspects of the challenges involved in the IAS examination.

Manuscript annual "Challenger" was released aiming to bring out the hidden talents of the students. Students from every class avidly contributed articles for the magazine.

SEMINARS

An invited lecture was conducted on 6 January, 2015. The talk was based on "Regulation of Antiviral Innate Immunity – Identification of Novel Proteins and Drug Modulators". Dr. Manoj N.K., Assistant Professor, Duke-NUS Graduate Medical School, Singapore was the main speaker. His talk emphasized the need for new drugs to be identified in the light of emerging viral diseases. Shri Sivadasan Nair, M.L.A. inaugurated the event. Dr. Sreekanth G, Principal, Muthoot Medical Centre, offered felicitations on the occasion. Students from various academic institutions participated in this programme.

On February 26, 2015 a Regional Seminar was conducted on "Implications Of Ethnopharmacology

In Modern Medicine". Dr. Ajikumaran Nair, Scientist and Head, Department of Ethnopharmacology, Jawaharlal Nehru Tropical Botanical Garden and Research Institute was the main speaker. He disseminated information regarding the tribal medicines, the value of which are not yet explored. Raju Abraham, M.L.A. inaugurated the session. Dr. Thomas John, Governing Council member of the college offered felicitations on the occasion. The second session was led by Dr. A. Chandra, Director, University College of Applied Life Sciences, M.G. University. He gave an insightful talk on "Fish Parasite". The session was highly informative, especially for the post graduate students.

CONSULTANCY SERVICE

Department of Zoology provides Service to the society by conducting 'water and soil analysis' under the auspices of the Pollution Control Board of Kerala. The Department thus has a Public Facility Laboratory accredited as Type B Laboratory and recognized by the Pollution Control Board of Kerala.

The Research and Postgraduate Department of Zoology, St. Thomas College, Kozhencherry organized a two day UGC Sponsored National Seminar on "Fishery Resources: Implication and Conservation Strategies" on 29 and 30 September, 2015. The seminar was inaugurated by the Hon. Vice Chancellor of *Kerala University of Fisheries and Ocean Studies*, Prof.



Sri. Sivadasan Nair, M.L.A. inaugurating a talk on "Regulation of Antiviral Innate Immunity"



Dr. Nelson P. Abraham speaking at the UGC Sponsored National Seminar on "Fishery Resources: Implication and Conservation Strategies"

Dr. Madhusoodana Kurup. The Keynote address was delivered by Prof. Dr. B. Suresh, Department of Zoology, Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda, Vadodara, Gujarat. Eminent Scientists in the arena of Fishery biology like Dr. P. U. Zacharia (*Principal Scientist and Head, Demersal Fish Division, CMFRI, Cochin*), Dr. A. Biju Kumar (*Head, Department of Aquatic Biology and Fisheries, University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram*), Dr. Grinson George (*Senior Scientist, CMFRI, Cochin*)

lead the technical sessions. The seminar witnessed an unprecedented participation of over 100 participants, comprising faculty, students and researchers from within and outside Kerala. Scientific papers on the main and the allied topics were presented by the students and researchers of national repute. Dr. Nelson P. Abraham was the Convener; Dr. Reena Pappachan George and Prof. Sam Thomas were the Joint Conveners for the Seminar.

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

Association Inauguration

Economics Association activities for the academic year 2014-2015 started on 18 September 2014 with a Lecture on "Dismantling of Planning Commission: What Next?" by Dr. Jose Jacob, Director, Gulati Institute of Finance and Taxation. Dr. Roys P. David, Principal of the college, gave felicitations on the occasion. Suresh Mathew George was the teacher-in-charge of the Economic Association.

Prof. Thomas Varkey Memorial Lecture

The department of Economics has been organizing Prof. Thomas Varkey Memorial Lectures since 1997, in January, in memory of late Prof. Thomas Varkey, the first Head of the Department, a simple, down to earth personality, respected and loved by the entire academic community. Eminent scholars from various fields



Shri. K.T.Chacko IAS delivering keynote address at Prof. Thomas Varkey Memorial Lecture 2015

of Economics are invited to deliver the lectures.

The 17th annual Prof. Thomas Varkey Memorial Lecture was delivered on 3 February, 2015. **Shri. K.T.Chacko IAS**, Director of Indian Energy Exchange and IIM Rohtak, Former Director General of Foreign Trade and Former Director of Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, spoke on "India's Competitiveness in International Trade". Jollyamma George, Head of the Department welcomed the audience, Suresh Mathew George, Assistant Professor introduced *Eco-Search* and Shaju K. John, Assistant Professor, extended vote of thanks.



Students at the Orientation Camp with the Chief Guest Dr. Rony Thomas Rajan

Association Inauguration 2015

Economics Association activities for the academic year 2015-16 started on 4 August 2015 with a Lecture on “Niti Aayog- A New Era in Centre-State Relations?” by Sri.Robin Koshy, Africa Director for Adam Smith International, UK. Dr Roys P. David, Principal of the college, gave felicitations on the occasion. Teacher- in-charge of the Economics Association was Suresh Mathew George.

Orientation Programme

Department Organised a Residential one day Orientation Programme for all students at Perungalam, Kollam on 2nd and 3rd of July, 2015. Dr. Rony Thomas Rajan, former faculty of the



Sri.Robin Koshy inaugurating the activities of Economics Association 2015

department, and presently Assistant Professor at Nedumangadu Government College, Thiruvananthapuram inaugurated the camp and took an inspiring session for the students.

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY AND POLITICAL SCIENCE

The Department of History conducted a one day seminar on Human Rights on 8 January, 2015. The seminar was on “Islam and Human Rights”. Shri. K.M. Venugopalan, Editor, ‘*Liberation*’, delivered the keynote address and Dr. George K. Alex, Department of History and Political Science presented a paper on “Cairo Declaration and its Political Significance”. Thomas Daniel, Head of the Department during the academic year 2014-'15, chaired the meeting.



DEPARTMENT OF HINDI

Hindi Sangam 2014

A reunion of teachers and former students of Hindi Department was held on 9th August 2014 at Dr. Juhanon Mar Thoma Hall. Shri Anto Antony M.P., inaugurated the function and announced to computer for the Department of Hindi to be availed with the aid of the M.P. Fund. The Department website was launched by the college Principal Prof. Dr. Roys P. David. Former teachers of the department Prof. K.M. Varghese, Prof. M.T. Koshy, Prof. N.A George, Prof. Elizabeth M. Ninan were honoured at the function with *Ponnada*.

Meritorious former students Ms. Sangeetha R. who cleared SET, Ms. Arpana Isaac who won 1st rank for M.Phil. of CUSAT and Ms. Rinu Elizabeth Philip who won 4th rank in CAT, CUSAT were also felicitated. The main function was followed by a cultural programme. An executive committee of the former students was formed with Mr. Anson Thomas as President, Mr. Anto Alex John as Secretary and Ms. Tina Anu Thomas

as Joint Secretary. Dr. Jenu Mary Mathews was unanimously elected as the Treasurer. The Hindi Sangam meeting was presided by Dr. Sheena Eapen, Head



of the Department. Dr. Mini Rachel Thomas, Dr. Jenu Mary Mathews, Prof. Mini Varghese, Sanish Mathew, Anson Thomas, Arpana Isaac, Anto Alex John, Vineeth Kumar V, Teena Anu Thomas, Sajini R and Sabith P. Anand spoke on the occasion.

Inauguration of the Hindi Association and the Hindi Sampreshan Kaushal Course

The inauguration of Hindi Association was followed by the inauguration of Hindi Sampreshan Kaushal Course on 21 August 2014. The Chief Guest of the function Smt. K. Girija Nambiar, renowned educationist and career counsellor stressed the importance of Hindi in technology. The Hindi Sampreshan Kaushal Course or the Communicative skills development programme was

inaugurated by the college Principal Prof. Dr. Roys P. David. Trophies were distributed to the toppers of the outgoing B.A. Hindi batch, to Ms. Athira Sasikumar, Sajini R, Kanchana M and Arya Harikumar.

The topper Athira Sasikumar was given the cash prize of Rs. 1500/- instituted by Dr. Sheena Eapen in memory of her late father Shri Eapen Prakash Mathew, Parakkamannil. Dr. Sheena Eapen Presided over the meeting. Prof. Mini Varghese, Dr. Jenu Mary Mathews, Dr. K. Asha, Princy Alex, Sneha Surendran Nair, Nithin P.B. and Anjana Rose George spoke on the occasion. The inaugural session was followed by a training session on communicative skills for students and teachers of the department. The session was led by Mrs. Girija Nambiar.

FIRST INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR OF THE COLLEGE

An **International Seminar**, the first of its kind organized in the college, on the '**Role of Travelogues in Cultural Exchange**', held under the auspices of the Department, was inaugurated by Prof. P.J. Kurien. Prof. Kurien said travelogues had a high degree of literary merit in conveying personally and informally the information relating to journey and travel. Hemraj Soonder from Mahatma Gandhi Institute at Moka in Mauritius; Gagan Gill, renowned Hindi writer; Hari Mohan Sharma, Vice-Chancellor of JS University in Uttar Pradesh; Scariah Zachariah of the Hermann Gundert Chair at Tübingen University in Germany; N. Mohanan, N.K. Joseph, K. Vanaja, and Siby James, all academics, were the key resource persons at the three-day seminar. Smt.



*...and here starts a journey: Prof. P.J. Kurien inaugurates an **International Seminar**, the first of its kind in the college, on the '**Role of Travelogues in Cultural Exchange**'.*

Gagan Gill said travels and deep thoughts on them are purely motivated by the reader in her. A reader's curiosity to know what lies beyond the surface of things inspires the traveller in her. Bygone travellers and their critical readings of texts which have taken them to destinations beyond reckoning are also good paradigms for all to follow. Hsuan-Tsang, for instance, while reading a 'Yogachar' identified a strange interpolation. This finding instilled in him the immense zest to visit India and read the original source text. The UGC-sponsored seminar was organised in association with the Bharatiya Sahitya Prathishtan and the Hindi Department of the Cochin University of Science and Technology.

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS AND STATISTICS

The activities of the Mathematics Association for the academic year 2014-15 were inaugurated by Prof P.M. Thomas (former HoD, Dept. of Mathematics and Director, Department of Computer Science-Self-financing) on 29 August 2014. The inaugural talk was on "Applications of Mathematics in Various Fields". The top scorers of B. Sc. and M. Sc. classes were awarded cash prizes sponsored by Prof. Alexander K. Samuel, former Principal of the College. The Association celebrated Teachers' Day on September 4, 2014. A class on "Calculator Techniques", led by Shri. Solomon T. George, B. Tech., MBA, Irrigation Department, Chengannur, was organized on 4 December 2014 for the final year degree students. A one-day seminar on "Foundations of Dynamical Systems" was organized on 18 December 2014, as part of National Mathematics Day celebrations. Dr. Vinod Kumar P. B., Professor and Dean of the Department of Basic Science and Humanities, Rajagiri School of Engineering and Technology, Kochi was the resource person. As part of the Mathematics Alumni Meet, a one day seminar was arranged on 13 Feb 2015. Dr Vishnu Nampoodhiri K., BJM Govt. College, Chavara, Kollam delivered a lecture on "Primes in Arithmetic Progression" and Dr. Reji T., Govt. College, Chittur, Palakkad delivered a lecture on "Graph Decomposition" on that day.



Student Achievements

Jinu P Zachariah, secured A⁺ in all the papers in M.Sc. Mathematics Exam conducted by M.G. University, Kottayam, 201. Abina Mariam George, secured A⁺ in all papers for B.Sc Mathematics Exam conducted by M.G. University, Kottayam, 2015.

Priya Mathews who passed her degree and PG from the department secured **JRF-NET**.

R. Aswathy, Merin Sara Mathew, Merlin Elizabeth Mathew and Revathy Sharma of 2013-16 batch of the UG programme have been **placed at Infosys** in the campus placement held on 17 December 2015 at St. GITS College, Pathamuttam, Kottayam.

Association Activities 2015-'16

Mathematics Association 2015-'16 was inaugurated by Prof. Prasad Cherian, former faculty of the Department inducted ceremoniously on 12th August 2015 at the College

Auditorium. He gave an informative talk on the topic "Real Line- A Real Friend". Various literary competitions, chess and caroms tournaments were organized by the Association to promote the talents of students. The Manuscript magazine 'Convergence 2015' was published by the Department Association. Prof. Susan George served as the President, Akash Joyce and Soumya M. Murali of DC III were the student secretaries. Students actively participated in the Onam celebrations and bagged the first place for Onappattu and third place for Thiruvathira. Around 20 students from third year and second year classes of the Department attended the Madhava Mathematics Competition, organized by S.P. College, Pune and Homi Bhabha Centre for Science Education, T.I.F.R. Mumbai funded by National Board for Higher Mathematics held on 13 Dec 2015 at St. Teresas College, Ernakulam and St. Aloysius College, Edathua.

DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE (SELF-FINANCING)

B.Sc .Computer Science Programme started in the college as a self-financing degree course in 2003, with a sanctioned strength of 60 students. Half the seats are filled on merit basis and the remaining are management seats. Dr. Roys. P. David, Principal of the College inaugurated the activities of the Computer Science Association (COMPASS) on 4 August 2014. The inauguration was followed by cultural events by students. The Department arranged a three day workshop on 'PHP and MySQL' from



September 22 to 24 in collaboration with the department of MCA, MACFAST, Thiruvalla. One of the B.Sc. Degree students of the Department, Joel Simon, got **placed in Wipro Technologies**.

PAPERS PUBLISHED IN JOURNALS/BOOKS/ PROCEEDINGS/PERIODICALS

ENGLISH

DR. ASHA SUSAN JACOB

1. Mapping the Contested Terrain of Indian Literary Historiography. European Academic Research 3.2 June 2014. ISSN2286-4822

ROSHIN GEORGE

1. "From Space to Place: Constructing California in *Daughter of Fortune*." *New Academia* vol.4. Sachin V. Londhe (Ed). Maharastra. 2015. 137-146. Print. (ISSN 2347-2073)
2. "Wandering Between two worlds: Negotiating Postcolonial Identity in Chimamanda Adichie's *Purple Hibiscus* ." *Contemporary Discourse* vol. 6. Madhavi Nikam, Sudhir Nikam (Eds). Mumbai. 2015. 223-228. Print. (ISSN 0976-3686)

TOM THOMAS

1. "The Coventry Carol." *Mar Thoma Yuvadeepam*. 20.12 (December 2015). Print
2. "The Story of the Duduk." *Mar Thoma Yuvadeepam*. 20.10 (October 2015). Print.
3. "Notes on Postcolonial Ecocriticism: Mapping a Fissured Land." *Critical Encounter: A Journal of Literary Studies* 1.1 (June 2015): 17-26. Print.
4. "Traversing the Critical Ouvre of Edward Said", Reyono, Journal of Interdisciplinary Studies Vol. 3.2., July 2014. Print.

VINEETHAS.

1. "It's Individual Incompatability Rather than Cultural Baggage: Tracing the Roots of

Diasporic Dilemma in Bharathi Mukherjee's *Jasmine*". Proceedings of UGC Sponsored National Seminar on "On the Margins of Many Cultures: Narrating Diaspora Consciousness". Dept. of English, Mar Thoma College, Thiruvalla

SIBY JOHN

1. "ARiver's Heart Pulsing in the Human Body: An Ecocritical Reading of Gita Mehta's *A River Sutra*". *Lux Montis*. Vol. 2. No. 1. Jan. 2014 (ISSN 2321-8053)
2. "Unfolding the Consciousness of the Author: A Phenomenological Reading of Samuel Beckett's *Waiting for Godot*". Proceedings of UGC Sponsored National Seminar on Interpreting Literary Narratives: A Phenomenological Perspective. Kottayam: Dept of English. CMS College, 2014
3. Socio- Cultural Identity Question in Jhumpa Lahiri's *Namesake*. Proceedings of UGC Sponsored National Seminar on "On the Margins of Many Cultures: Narrating Diaspora Consciousness". Dept. of English, Mar Thoma College, Thiruvalla

SUSANT. SUSHIL

1. "Self- Discovery of an Unquiet Mind: Psychosomatic Vortexes of a Culturally Colonised Self Typified in the Motion Picture *Bricklane*." Proceedings of UGC Sponsored National Seminar on "On the Margins of Many Cultures: Narrating Diaspora Consciousness". Dept. of English, Mar Thoma College, Thiruvalla
2. "An Evolutionary Discovery of Life Theory: Representation of Alternate Mindscape in

the movie A Beautiful Mind”. Proceedings of UGC Sponsored National Seminar on “Re-tracking the Celluloid: History, Politics and Popular Culture in Films”. Dept of English NSS College, Pandalam.

HINDI

DR.SHEENA EAPEN

1. Translation of Hindi Writer Amarkant's short story in Malayalam published by Kerala Sahitya Academy-2014
2. An experience-sharing published in Mathrubhumi weekly-2014

DR. JENU MARY MATHEWS

1. An article on “Daudupanyasvaisveek arankesandarbhmein” in the Proceedings of National Seminar conducted by Dept. of Hindi, K.E. College, Mannanam from 10 to 11 November.
2. An article on “Samakaleena Samajikkahanimeinprem” in the Proceedings of National Seminar conducted by Dept. of Hindi, NSS College, Pandalam from 5 to 6 February 2015

PHYSICS

Dr. Moncy V. John (Former HoD of Physics, Research Guide at the Department)

1. “CORRIDORS OF COSMOLOGY” Vilavinal John, Moncy, *PhilSci Archive* (2014).
2. “Exact Classical Correspondence in Quantum Cosmology”, Moncy V. John, *General Relativity and Quantum Cosmology*, May 2014, *arXiv:1405.7957*
3. “Tunneling in energy eigenstates and complex quantum trajectories”, Moncy V. John, *Quantum Studies: Mathematics and*

Foundations, July 2015(accepted) (along with Kiran Mathew)

DR. NINAN SAJEETH PHILIP

1. “A Wavelet Based Algorithm for the Identification of Event Related Potential Components”, A.K. Aniyar, N.S. Philip, V.J. Samar, J.A. Desjardins, S.J. Segalowitz, *Journal of Neuroscience Methods* 233(2014)63-72.

DR. PRATHIBHA VASUDEVAN

1. “Synthesis and dielectric studies of poly (vinyl pyrrolidone) / titanium dioxide nanocomposites” Prathibha Vasudevan, Sunil Thomas, Arumkumar K V, Karthika S and Unnikrishnan N V, *IOP Conf. Series: Materials Science and Engineering* 73 (2015) 012015.
2. “Structural and spectroscopic studies of Sm³⁺/CdS nanocrystallites in sol-gel TiO₂-ZrO₂ matrix” Karthika S, Prathibha Vasudevan, Ann Mary KA, Viji Vidyadharan, Biju P R, Unnikrishnan N V, *Journal of Elec. Materi* 43 (2014):447-451.
3. “Structural, Optical and AC electrical properties of Ce³⁺ doped TiO₂-SiO₂ Matrices”, Viji Vidyadharan, Prathibha Vasudevan, Karthika S, Cyriac Joseph, N V Unnikrishnan and P R Biju, *Journal of Elec Materi* 44 (2015) 2754-2761.

BOTANY

DR. JASY THOMAS

Jasy Thomas and S. Gopakumar, 2014. A Comparative Study of Growth Behaviour, Quality Attributes and Yield Potential of *Pleurotus* spp. on Oil Palm Factory Wastes. Eighth International Conference on

Mushroom Biology and Mushroom Products.

HISTORY AND POLITICAL SCIENCE

DR. GEORGE K. ALEX

1. "Ecological Movements and Peoples Power", in *Deliberative Democracy, Public Sphere and the Politics of Alternatives in India*, Dr. Teresa Joseph (ed.), Reference Book, New Delhi. Print.
2. "Ayyankali: Redical Experiences of Politics", in *Politics and Resistance Today*. Dr. C. Lakshman (ed.), Kalchuvadu, Chennai. Print.

PAPERS PRESENTED IN CONFERENCES/SEMINARS/ WORKSHOPS

ENGLISH

DR. ASHA SUSAN JACOB

1. Politics of Land and Gender in Sarah Joseph's *Gift in Green*. International Conference on Towards Ecocultural Ethics : Recent Trends and Future Directions. Birla Institute of Technology and Science, K K Birla Goa Campus, Goa. 9-10 October 2014
2. Female Life narratives as Culture Study. Women's World Congress. 17-22 August 2014, University of Hyderabad.

ELIZABETH JOHN

1. "Baby Kamble's *The Prisons We Broke*: An Epiphany of Social Protest." UGC Sponsored Seminar on 'Discourse of Human Rights in Dalit Life Narratives', Department of English, St. Thomas College, Kozhencherry. 3 December 2014.

TOM THOMAS

1. "Land, Life and Struggle: Reading Seleena Prakanam's *Chengara Samaravum Ente Jeevithavum*." UGC Sponsored Seminar on Discourse of Human Rights in Dalit Life Narratives, Department of English, St. Thomas College, Kozhencherry. 3 December 2014.
2. "Palestinian Land, Memory and Identity in Edward Said's *Out of Place*." UGC Sponsored National Seminar on Technologies of Self: Writing Lives, Making History at All Saints' College, Trivandrum. 9-10 October, 2014.

FEBU GEORGE MATHAI KURICHIYATH

1. "Problematizing Embedded Patterns of Oppression and Exclusion: Balbir Madhopuri's Self-Narrative *Changiya Rukh (Against the Night)*." UGC Sponsored Seminar on 'Discourse of Human Rights in Dalit Life Narratives', Department of English, St. Thomas College, Kozhencherry. 3 December 2014.

VINEETHAS.

- "It's Individual Incompatibility Rather than Cultural Babbage : Tracing the Roots of Diasporic Dilemma in Bharathi Mukherjee's Jasmine ". Seminar proceedings- UGC Sponsored National Seminar- On the Margins of Many Culture: Narrating Diaspora Consciousness. Department of English, Mar Thoma College, Thiruvalla 2015

SIBY JOHN

1. UGC Sponsored National Seminar on Interpreting Literary Narratives : A phenomenological perspective. Kottayam : Department of English, C.M.S. College. 2014
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SUSAN T. SUSHIL

1. UGC Sponsored Seminar on “ Discourse of Human Rights in Dalit Life Narratives. “ December 2014
2. UGC Sponsored National Seminar on “ On the Margins of Many Cultures : Narrating Diaspora Consciousness”. January 2015

ROSHINT. ROY

“Determining Cultural Identity : Memory in Orhan Pamuk’s *My name is Red and The Black Book*”. International Conference ENGONE 2015 on “ Transitions , Literature- Language and Culture- Post 1980-” at Garden City College, Bangalore. 6 - 7 February 2015.

PARTICIPATION IN CONFERENCES/ SEMINARS/WORKSHOPS

ENGLISH

TOM THOMAS

1. Two-Day Workshop on Research Methodology and Developments in Literary Studies by Department of English, St. Thomas College, Pala. 24-25 June, 2014.
2. UGC Sponsored Refresher Course in English Language and Modern Literature at UGC-ASC, University of Kerala, Kariavattom. 1-21 August, 2014.

ROSHINT. ROY

1. Refresher / Orientation Courses attended since 2015
2. Seminar on Modern Trends in Higher Education

MATHEMATICS

SUSAN THOMAS

1. Refresher Course for college teachers in Kerala, Programme III- Number Theory and Cryptography, Kerala School of Mathematics, Kozhikode, 9-12 October 2014
2. Refresher Course for college teachers in Kerala, Programme-Algebra, Kerala School of Mathematics, Kozhikode, 8-11 Jan 2015

SUSAN GEORGE

1. UGC sponsored national seminar on “ Women and Stress in the 21st Century”, St.Thomas College, Kozhencherry, 11-12 March 2014
2. UGC sponsored national seminar on “Recent Trends in Mathematics”, NSS Hindu College, Changanassery, 23-24 October 2014
3. Orientation Programme, UGC-ASC, Kerala University, Thiruvananthapuram, 30 Jan-26 Feb 2015.

ANN SUSA THOMAS

1. Refresher Course in Mathematics, UGC-ASC, Kerala University, Thiruvananthapuram, 4-24 August 2015

THOMAS MATHEW

1. Workshop for internal mentors of WWS at SN College for Women, Kollam on 27 October 2014.
2. Skill development training programme of FLAIR at Maria Rani Training Centre,

Sreekariyam, Thiruvananthapuram on 14 November 2014

3. Three day Orientation Programme for teaching faculties by FLAIR at Institute of Management, Thiruvananthapuram , 22-24 December 2014

COMMERCE

REJIK. THARIYAN

Orientation Programmes at Academic Staff College, Kariavattom, Thiruvananthapuram in March 2015.

DR. JYOTHIS T.

Orientation Programmes at Academic Staff College, Kariavattom, Thiruvananthapuram in March 2015.

DR. LEENA K.

Orientation Programmes at Academic Staff College, Kariavattom, Thiruvananthapuram in March 2015.

PHYSICS

DR. PRAVEEN S.S.

1. Propagation Characteristics of Tsunami in the South East Arabian Sea (SEAS) and Scenarios of Vulnerability Analysis along the South-West Coast of India. S S Praveen, N P Kurian, T S S Hameed and K B Shafeer (2014), Paper Presented at International Tsunami Symposium held at Costarica (Presented via Video Conferencing).

RESOURCE PERSON/INVITED TALKS

ENGLISH

DR. ASHA SUSAN JACOB

- Resource Person, Peer Education Programme for Students of Alapuzha and Pathanamthitta Districts, VHSE Directorate. 9 December, 2014
- Resource Person, Career Guidance and Counselling Training for Career Masters and Souhrada Club Coordinators of Alapuzha and Pathanamthitta District, VHSE Directorate, 10 December, 2014
- Chair, International Conference on Towards Ecocultural Ethics: Recent Trends and Future Directions. Birla Institute of Technology and Science. KK Birla Goa Campus, Goa. 9-10 October 2014

HINDI

DR. SHEENA EAPEN

1. A paper on Regionalism, Folk Culture and Women's Life :with special reference to 'Maila Anchal' at the National Seminar on regionalism in Hindi novels held at P.G.& Research Department of Hindi, St. Thomas College, Pala from 28 to 30 January .(Resource Person)
2. A paper on Feministic Criticism in Hindi in the Contemporary Changing Scenario at the National Seminar conducted by the regional centre of Sree Sankara Sanskrit University's Centre at Ettumanoor, Kottayam from 17 to 19 March 2015.(Resource Person)
3. Invited as Guest in the Training programme for teachers jointly organized by the central Hindi Directorate Mysore and DIET thiruvalla June 2015.

- Invited to chair a session on the UGC Sponsored National seminar on Human Rights and Hindi Literature held at Sreesankara Vidyapeetom college, Perumbavoor on 19 August 2015.

PHYSICS

DR. NINAN SAJEETH PHILIP

- IUSSTF Joint Center Meetings, January 20 - 24, 2014, Macfast, Thiruvalla.
- IUCAA Workshop on Python Programming in Astronomy, February 17th - 21st, 2014, IUCAA, Pune.
- IUCAA Workshop on The central region of spiral galaxies (winter school), January 12-23, 2015, IUCAA, Pune.
- Astronomical Society of India (ASI) Meeting XXXIII, 17-20, February, 2015.
- 'Workshop on Variability of Astronomical Sources', January 22-24, 2014, Macfast, Thiruvalla.
- 'Workshop on Recent Developments in Cosmology', September 10-13, 2014, Sacred Heart College, Thevara, Kochi.
- Workshop on Tools and Techniques for Research in Astrophysics at Multi-wavelengths, October 15-17, 2014, Calicut University.
- IRC conference on Research in Astronomy-opportunities and Challenges', 8-10 December, 2014, Nirmala College, Muvattupuzha.
- 'Advanced Workshop on Time-Domain Astronomy & Cosmology', July 9 - 11th, 2015, CMS College, Kottayam.

HISTORY AND POLITICAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

DR. GEORGE K. ALEX

- "Folklore: A Quest for Power", in the National Seminar on "Vanishing Tradition: 'Erasure' of Dalit Oral and Folklore Expressions?" NOV 17, 2014 at Govt. College, Tripunnithura, Directorate of Collegiate Education, Government of Kerala, (Keynote Address).

SUBJECT EXPERT PANEL

ENGLISH

DR. ASHASUSAN JACOB

- Subject Expert, Inspection Committee (for recognition as Research Centre), Department of English, Catholicate College, Pathanamthitta

PAPERS PRESENTED BY STUDENTS IN CONFERENCES/SEMINARS/ WORKSHOPS

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EXTENSION PROGRAMMES:

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

- **Adoption of CMS UP School, Punnackadu.**
- As part of the Diamond Jubilee projects of the College, the Department of English, St Thomas College, Kozhencherry adopted CMS UP School, Punnackadu as an extension programme of the Department. The programme was initiated with the view to offer opportunities to the financially backward students from rural background to improve their communication skills and their competence in English. Unofficially launched on 28 November 2013, classes in Communicative English are taken there on a regular basis by the faculty of the Department and they receive a very enthusiastic response from the children there. To inculcate the habit of reading in the young minds, an English newspaper (*The Indian Express*) was subscribed for the school. A good number of books were also donated to the school.

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- UGC Sponsored International Seminar organized by the Dept. of Hindi on The Role of Travelogues in Cultural Exchange to be held on 22, 23 and 24 September, 2015.

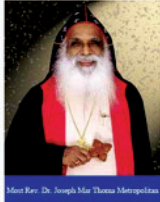


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