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From the Principal's Desk



An ideal education is the one which not only empowers the student with essential tools for survival in this competitive and ever changing world, but also aims at achieving the development of character.

The 21st century has seen the education system changes by leaps and bounds. Globalization and technological advances have brought the world together but the people have moved away from each other. In the present scenario which is marked by high competition and unmindful attitude, we are losing the sensitivity and sensibility of being human. We at St. Mary's College take lot of care to ensure that the qualities of hard work, discipline, value system and obligation towards society and nation are imbibed in our students. The Care, Share and Learn program and Gramika Cultural Fest prove to be a testimony to this.

Currently, the biggest challenge to the education system is unemployment or substandard employment. To increase the employability of students, the college has already undertaken many initiatives. There are skill based enrichment programmes conducted under the initiative of NSS and NCC Units of the College. Students can partake in them parallel to the conventional courses and earn an additional skills.

Our college provides quality education by equipping the students with proficiency, confidence and a positive approach essential for an all-round development. Our experienced faculty at UG and PG levels help in developing a critical and analytical thinking in the students. The Internal Quality Assurance Cell makes incessant efforts to impart quality teaching, ensuring continual improvement in the processes and operations and providing growth oriented and progressive work culture to the faculty.

Our emphasis would always be on helping our students create and keep an open minded attitude for better learning, understanding and exploration of technical knowledge. The students of our college have won great number of prizes and accolades in different competitions and tournaments.

I am sure our students would do remarkable progress in which ever fields they choose and make us proud.

Dr. Punnen Kurian
Principal

Gramika

Gramika, the Cultural Fest organized jointly by the College and IX Ward of Manarcaud Panchayat was conducted from 31 January, 2019 to 2 February, 2020. The proclamation rally of the Fest was on 31 January. On Saturday 1 February the various stalls exhibiting art, science and agricultural products were inaugurated. A film festival organized by the Department of English and drawing competition for school students were the highlights of the day. Around 80 students participated in the painting competition. The exhibition was inaugurated by the College Manager Rev. Fr. Kuriakose Kalayil. A Kung Fu show by the youngsters of the locality and Thiruvathira by the college team in the evening created a festive mood.

The Cultural meeting on 2 February was inaugurated by Dr. Sabu Thomas Vice Chancellor of MG University. He pointed out that these sort of cultural festivals are best examples showing the social responsibilities of Higher Education Institutions. College Manager Rev. Fr. Kuriakose Kalayil presided over the meeting. Manarcaud Panchayat IX Ward member Sri. Biju Thomas, St. Mary's Cathedral Trustee Sri. Shaji Puthumana, College Principal Dr. Punnen Kurian, College Secretary Sri. Shan T. John, PTA President K.K. Chacko, Alumni representative Sri. Gigi K. Aymanam and College Union Chairperson Ms. Jishna D. delivered felicitations. After the inaugural meeting various cultural programmes by students of the host College, from neighbouring schools and people from the locality were organized.

During the occasion, NSS unit released "Nattika", a book comprising of several village facts, stories, short poems, essays which were written by the village people of Manarcaud Panchayat. The book was released by Haritha Kerala Mission Executive Vice-Chairperson Dr. T.N. Seema released "Nattezhthu" by handing over the first copy to Writer Sri. Murali Mecheril.



Farewell Meeting

A farewell meeting was arranged on 18 February, 2020 to bid adieu to Smt. Mariamma Kuriakose (HOD Commerce), Dr. Sheelakumari R.S. (HOD Hindi) and Mr. George Thomas (Lab Asst.) who retire from service this academic year. College Manager Rev. Fr. Kuriakose Kalayil presided over the function. The Chief Guest Dr. Mathew George (St. Peter's College, Kolencherry) delivered the keynote address.

Representatives of existing Teaching, Non-teaching Staff, Retired Teaching and Non-teaching staff, representatives of PTA, College Governing Board, Alumni and College Union delivered felicitations. All appreciated the meticulous service by the retiring staff members and wished a happy retirement life to each one of them.



EMINENCE 7.0

Eminence 7.0, National Level Commerce & Management Fest, was conducted on 4 January, 2020. Rev. Fr. Kuriakose Kalayil (College Manager) inaugurated the Fest. 356 students from various colleges participated in the fest. The competition events were BMT, BQ, ADMAD, B.PLAN, T.H, IPL, GROUP DANCE, SELFIE CONTEST, and SPOT EVENT. Saintgits College, Pathamuttam became the overall champions of Eminence 7.0. Prizes worth 121 K were distributed among the winners.



Anti-Narcotic Campaign

PG Dept. of Commerce, in association with Kottayam Narcotic Cell, Janamythri Police Station, Manarcad & 9th ward of Grama Panchayath, Manarcad conducted an Anti - Narcotic Campaign on 19 December, 2019 at Shishu Bhavan, Community Centre for residents in Parampukara. Dr. Benjamin, Rtd. DMO, Kottayam led an awareness class. He highlighted the importance of adopting various measures to prevent narcotic diseases.



Manimalayar Cleaning



The NSS volunteers under the guidance of NSS Program Officers cleaned Manimalayar Pazhayidum Check damon 5 Dec 2019. Dr. Jayaraj, MLA (Kanjirappally), Adv. Anilkumar (Meenachilar, Meenanthalayal, Kodoor River Coordinator) and Dr.Punnen Kurian gave full support to the students. The volunteers cleaned the river banks and also planted trees along the riverside.

Cultural Fest

P.G. Department of Commerce in association with St. John of God College conducted a cultural fest on 18 December, 2019 for children and adults with learning or intellectual disabilities. Dr. Punnen Kurian, Principal inaugurated the fest. Various games were conducted promoting a fraternity among them.

Social Volunteership

A social volunteership campaign was conducted at St. Mary's College on 4 March, 2020 as part of creating new non-profit organizations. The campaign, conducted under the instruction of MG University, aimed at creating a group in which a volunteer is meant for 100 people. The campaign was coordinated by the NSS unit of send Mary's College under the leadership of Mr. Arjun Sekhar and Sandra Ann Yohannan coordinated by Program Officers Asst. Professors Saneju M. Salu and Manjusha C.G

Historia 2020

History Association - "Historia 2020" was inaugurated on 4 February, 2020. Dr. Harilakshmeendra Kumar, Former Director, School of Gandhian Studies, MG University inaugurated the meeting. Sri. K.N. Pradeep Kumar, (Suvarna Neelam Documentary) delivered the keynote address. Sri. Eldo Jacob (Research Scholar, MG University), Dr. Punnen Kurian, College Principal, Lnt. Moideen C. (HOD) and Asst. Prof. Shine O.V. spoke during the function.



Traffic Awareness Session

The NSS Unit conducted a class-wise awareness session on traffic rules and road regulations. The programme was initiated by Mr. Arjun Sekhar, NSS Volunteer Secretary, to make aware the students of our College about the traffic laws. The session made students of the campus aware about the need of traffic rules. The programme was coordinated by NSS PROs, Asst. Prof. Manjusha C.G. and Asst. Prof. Saneju M. Salu.



National Seminar & All Kerala Inter-Collegiate Quiz Competition

Postgraduate Department of Chemistry of St. Mary's College, Manarcaud supported by Association of St. Mary's Chemistry Alumni (ASMCA) organized a National Seminar & All Kerala Inter-Collegiate Quiz competition. The programme was conducted as a part of celebrating International Year of Periodic Table (IYPT-2020). Tony Francis, Asst. Professor and Coordinator of the programme gave the welcome speech. Dr. John Prakash, Asst. Professor, Central University of Tamilnadu, Thiruvavur inaugurated the National Seminar and inaugurated the association activity of the department. He also released a manuscript on details of 118 elements on the periodic table by the students of Chemistry Department. Dr. Punnen Kurian, Principal delivered the presidential address. Dr. Shiby Susan Kuriakose, HOD, Chemistry Department and Amrutha CS, Association Secretary of Chemistry Department spoke on the occasion.

The technical sessions were managed by Dr. John Prakash, Dr. Vibin Ipe Thomas (Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry, CMS College, Kottayam) and Mr. Jaimine George (Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry,

St. Aloysius College, Edathua). The lectures focused on history and different aspects of periodic table.

On the same day an All Kerala Inter-collegiate Quiz competition in connection to IYPT-2020 was conducted. 21 teams from 11 Colleges participated in this event. Dr. Ajish K.R., Asst. Professor, CMS College was the quiz master. The prizes were sponsored by alumni of Chemistry Department. The first prize was won by Mebin Thomas and Praseetha V., School of Chemical Sciences, MG university campus. Second prize was won by A. Aswathy and Stephy Maria Chacko of St. Mary's College, Manarcaud. Principal Dr. Punnen Kurian distributed the prizes.



Blood Donation Camp

The NCC unit of the College in association with the Lion's Club Ayarkunnam conducted a Blood Donation camp on 16 December, 2019.



Christmas Celebrations

Christmas was celebrated with all its grandeur on 20 December, 2019. The celebrations were organized by Prayer Group and MGJSM unit of the College. Mr. Narayana Sharma, President All Kerala Brahmin Samajam inaugurated the celebrations and delivered the Christmas message. Fr. Jiby Vazhoor, Director, Catholics Spiritual Centre Vazhoor and Vicar of Holy Innocents Chapel, College Manager Rev. Fr. Kuriakose Kalayil, Dr. Punnen Kurian Principal, Dr. Sheelakumari. R. (HOD, Hindi Department), Ms. Jishna D. (Chairperson) delivered felicitations. Christmas Carol by the Teaching & Non-Teaching Staff and Students added colour to the function. The programme was coordinated by Mr. Sherry Mathews, Asst. Prof. English Dept. and Mr. Aju Varghese, Faculty, Commerce Department.

Paper Pen, Grow Bag & Mat Making

A workshop was conducted by Dept. of Commerce for 100 NSS Volunteers of Al Azhar College of Arts & Science, Thodupuzha on 3 December 2019. Gokul C. Dileep; Naziya B.N. and Shabana K. S. were the members of the team who did this commendable job.

College Union & Art's Fest Inauguration

The College Union and Art's Fest "RED ALERT" was inaugurated on 18 December 2019. Cine Artist Sri. Bineesh Bastin inaugurated the function. College Principal Dr. Punnen Kurian presided over the function. Smt. Vimala Anna Jacob (HOD, English Department), Ms. Jishna D., College Chairperson, Mr. Paulose K.C. (Gen. Secretary) spoke during the function. The inaugural session was followed by the Arts Fest. Students from various departments competed in different items. Department of English won the overall Championship.



Vegetable Sapling Distribution

As part of the new year activities, NSS Unit distributed vegetable saplings and seeds to the villagers of IXth ward, Manarcaud Grama Panchayat in the 1st week of January, 2020. The people were made aware of the habit of creating "kitchen garden" for yielding fresh, pesticide free vegetables. The programme was inaugurated by Dr. Punnen Kurian (College Principal). The saplings were made available in the campus through the Agriculture Dept. Office, Manarcaud.



National Integration Camp

Our Volunteer Suryaja V.O. is selected for the National Integration Camp at JSS Academy Of Higher Education And Research, Mysore, Karnataka.

Study Tour

B.Com students went for a 4 day trip to Coorg, Dandeli and Malpe from 29 January to 2 February, 2020. Faculties Asso. Prof. Mariamma Kuriakose, Thomas Sabu and Aju Mathew led the tour. M.Com students had a 4 day trip to Ooty and Wayanad from 22 - 26 February, 2020. Faculties Darin Thomas, Allen Varghese Jacob and Nisha C. Vijayan led the trip.

Old-age Home Visit

Members of the PG Department of Zoology visited the Old Age Home at Thiruvanchoor on 21 January, 2020. The teachers and students spend some memorable time with the inmates.

Celebrating 150 Year of Periodic Table

College Library along with the Department of Chemistry celebrated 150 year of periodic table on 20 January, 2020. The students from Chemistry Department presented the ancient science - Panchabhutha and its importance in periodic table. They explained how the missing elements were given the Sanskrit term like Eka-Aluminium, Eka-Silicon, Eka-Boron where Eka means first.

Pennarivu

Women's Cell of the College organized an awareness class "PENNARIVU" for the girls students on 16 January, 2020. Prof. Sisy Joseph, of Govt. Nursing College, Kottayam led the session.



Lecture

PG Department of English organized a lecture on 14 January, 2020 by the renowned author and State Award Winner Sri. Ethiran Kathiravan who is currently working at the University of Chicago. His lecture on the topic "Aesthetics, Literature and Neurons: An Interdisciplinary Approach" highlighted how the aesthetic sense is interrelated with ones neurons. He also put light on the emerging discipline of "Neuroaesthetics".

CHEPPU- The Defused Museum

The History Department of the College along with IX Ward of Manarcaud Panchayat started an innovative program, "CHEPPU" a defused museum. There are wide varieties of archaeological artefacts in several homes in the ward. Under the new initiative the artefacts will be stored and preserved by the villagers themselves in their homes.

They are properly preserved and kept as they are kept in a museum. The students and teachers of the department has prepared a booklet giving a description of each item in English, Malayalam and Hindi. A QR Code is given to each product and when it is published in the college Website anyone around the world with the help of QR code can see the artefact.

O.N.V. Anusmaranam

Sahityavedi of the college organized O.N.V. Anusmaranam on 13 February, 2020. Malayalam Department HOD Ms. Manjusha C.G. and faculty Dr. Archana M. coordinated the programme. Students from various departments discussed about the various works of the great writer, his style and the variety of subjects he selected to write.

E-Resources for Learning

The College Library conducted a class for PG students on effective use of e-resources in technical writings on 10 February, 2020. Dr. Surendran Cherukodan, Assistant Librarian, Cochin University of Science and Technology was the resource person. Separate sessions were organized for Science and Arts students.

Enrolment in Voter's List

As a part of National Voters Day celebrations on 25 January, 2020, the ECI provided a chance to the citizens of India who attained 18 years, to get their names enrolled in the national voters list. As it was a nation wide program, the enrollment was coordinated through universities and colleges. The NSS unit of St. Mary's College Manarcaud conducted the enrolment program in our campus on 14th January 2020. The programme was coordinated by NSS Program Coordinators Asst. Prof. Saneeru M. Salu, Asst. Prof. Manjusha C.G. and Volunteer Secretary Mr. Arjun Sekhar.

Faculty participation & achievements

- ▶ Asst. Prof Dr. Sholly Clair George and Asst. Prof. Tony Francis got Financial assistance for Student project given by Kerala State Council for Science, Technology and Environment.
- ▶ Asst. Prof. Moideen C. presented a paper on "Archaeological Evidence, Chinese trade in Calicut under Ming Dynasty" in 80th session of Indian History Congress held at Kannur University from 28 to 30 December, 2019.
- ▶ Asst. Profs. Gigi Joseph and Shine O.V. participated in a six day workshop on Reconfiguring History Pedagogy: Theory, Method and Practice from 21 to 26 January, 2020 at The School of Gandhian Thought and Development Studies, MG University.
- ▶ Asst. Prof. Elizabeth Zachariah participated in a short term workshop on Research Methodology conducted by the College Development Council, MG University from 20 to 24 January, 2020.
- ▶ Asst. Prof. Gigi Joseph chaired a session at the Kerala History Congress held at The School of Gandhian Thought and Development Studies, MG University on 9 to 11 January, 2020.
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CSIR-NET Coaching

CSIR-NET coaching was initiated by Postgraduate Department of Chemistry from 25 January, 2020 onwards. Dr. Divya Mathew took the inaugural class.

Student participation & achievement

- ▶ Mr. Joppachan Tom, M.Com student (2016-'18 Batch) cleared UGC Net Examination held on 05-06-2019.
- ▶ Ms. Sruthy G. Nair, M.Com Student (2016-'18 Batch) cleared UGC Net examination held on 06-12-2019.
- ▶ Ms. Sholiya V.K. MA English Student (2017-19 Batch) cleared UGC Net examination held on 06-12-2019.
- ▶ Final year MSc. Chemistry students Bino Varghese, Finny Varghese and Jerry K. Mathew were placed in MRF for the position of Supervisor Technical.
- ▶ Aswathy A. and Stephy Maria Chacko won the second prize in All Kerala Inter-College Quiz competition held at St. Mary's College, Manarcaud on 16 December, 2019.
- ▶ Elza Mariam Thomas and Aleena Aby Abraham, Bsc Chemistry students won first prize at "Basechem Spellistry-2020", an Intercollegiate Chemistry Spell Competition organized by the Department of Chemistry, Baselius College, Kottayam on 10 January, 2020.
- ▶ Ajith T. Cherian and Sachu Kuriakose, MSc Chemistry students attended the National Conference on Creative Science Communication (NCCSC)- 2020 jointly organized by Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), Mahatma Gandhi University Kottayam and STEAM Academy, Mumbai, on 19 February, 2020 at MG University, Kottayam.
- ▶ 12 MSc first year chemistry students participated in the National Conference on "Recent Advances in Chemical Sciences" (RACS-2020) organized by School of Chemical Sciences, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam from 7 - 8 February, 2020.
- ▶ Our College team got A Grade in the Inter-collegiate Drama Festival held at Cochin College, Kochi on 22 January, 2020.
- ▶ 19 First Year MA Students have presented papers in various National and International Seminars.

PhD Awarded

Ms. Archana M., Faculty of Malayalam Department was awarded doctorate on 20 December 2019 from MG University based on her study on the topic, "Novelile Desham - Oru Padanam"

