



From the Principal's Desk



In order to increase the employability of the students pursuing higher education, several programmes and projects are already implemented in Colleges and Universities in India. The concept to integrate skills in higher education sector was unanimously accepted, and the ways and means to achieve this objective are not yet evolved as perfect. Community colleges are one such system implemented in India where job-oriented education is provided to students from local communities.

The suggestion of NAAC to improve extension activities of Arts and Science colleges among the local community also serves this purpose. However, both these approaches have sharp differences in its ways, outputs and impacts. Attaching local community to the rural and semi rural colleges is a challenging task - both economically and socially. Hence building better community participation that benefits improvement in job skills of both stakeholders shall be more practical.

Our College started Care, Share and Learn Project in 2016 with this sole aim, and now it is the time to go into higher levels. The programmes and projects implemented so far benefitted both the community and the College in many ways. More than 60 women from local households have undergone Yoga training, and now they are practicing it in their home. Several products such as LED bulb, handmade water filter, detergents, soaps, lotions and an array of local cuisine food products are now being prepared by the women themselves, thanks to the training they got from the college.

As a culmination of these diverse activities in the village, a grand festival will be conducted during January 2019. The village fest 'GRAMIKA' will be a platform to show case the talents of those from the community as well as the college. Besides, the products will be launched under the brand name GRAMINS too.

College has been benefitting from these activities in multitude ways. Faculty and students are getting lot of knowledge from this community laboratory. The real socio-economic and development issues of the community will make the academic perspectives more sharp and meaningful. I wish we could scale up this project into amazing heights in the coming months.

Dr. Punnen Kurian
Principal

Fight for Ozone for a Better Tomorrow

The postgraduate department of Chemistry of St. Mary's College, Manarcaud organized a programme "Fight for Ozone for a Better Tomorrow" in connection with World Ozone Day on 19th September, 2018. There were lectures and Intercollegiate Photographic Competitions. The programme was supported by Kerala State Council for Science, Technology and Environment (KSCSTE). The programme was inaugurated by Dr. E.V. Ramaswamy, Professor & Director, School of Environmental Sciences. Dr. Punnen Kurian, Principal presided over the meeting. Dr. Bijoy Nandan, Director, School of Marine Biology, CUSAT delivered the keynote address. Dr. Sholly Clair George, Assistant Professor welcomed the gathering and Dr. Shiby Susan Kuriakose, Head of the Chemistry Department addressed the students and teachers during the inaugural session.

The first lecture was by Dr. E.V. Ramaswamy on the "Sustainable Environment and Ozone Layer". The second session by Dr. Bijoy Nandan was on "Ozone Depletion and Climate Change". Along with the lectures there was an Inter-Collegiate Photographic Competition on the theme "Environmental pollution that leads to ozone depletion". There were 28 entries from 12 Colleges. The first two prizes were won by Aadithyi N.J. of St. Thomas College, Pala and Poornima K.J. of St. Mary's College, Manarcaud.



World Aids Day - Blood Donation Camp

NSS and NCC unit of St. Mary's College organized blood donation camp in association with Lion's Club International 318 D District on World Aids Day. In the Public meeting Principal Dr. Punnen Kurian gave a message on the relevance of voluntary blood donation. The programme was inaugurated by Captain George Vathapally, Head of Blood Donation, Lions Club International. NCC in-charge Sri. Moideen C., NSS Programme Officer Smt. Manjusha C.G. spoke on this occasion. Twenty five unit blood was collected in this camp. Prof. Marina Philip, NSS Programme officer Tony Francis, Smt. Nisha of Commerce department donated their blood and inspired students for voluntary blood donation.



Lecture on Health & Humanity

National Service Scheme organised an Interactive session with Srinivasa Chowdary Alluri, founder and President of Manavata International - registered in UK, India and USA, and accorded special consultative status by United Nations. His talk was on the humanitarian activities which he is carrying on with Manavata. Gigi Joseph, Asst. Prof., Dept. of History delivered the welcome address. Dr. Punnen Kurian, Principal presided over the function and Sherry Mathews, Asst. Prof., Dept. of English delivered the vote of thanks. There was an interactive session led by Tony Francis, NSS PO.



DISHA 2018 & Keralapiravi

The main activities of the NSS 3 Day Camp included maintenance of college roadside garden, flower vase making, interaction with senior citizens and honoring them, *sramadan*, cultural activities, classes on environment awareness, etc. 126 volunteers were present.

NSS Unit of St. Mary's College celebrated Kerala Piravi day by starting a Palliative cell and honouring eminent farmers in the locality. District Panchayath President Adv. Sunny Pampady inaugurated the function. Principal Dr. Punnen Kurian presided over the function. The palliative cell was inaugurated by MG university NSS programme Coordinator Prof. M.J. Mathew by giving helping aid to the needy. Adv. Anilkumar the coordinator of Meenachil-Meenanthara-Kodur relinking project honoured the eminent farmers. Award winner of Dooradarshan's reality show's Best Women Farmer, Smt. Hema R. Nair shared her experiences with the young generation. Sri. Geoge Mullaakara took classes on farming history of Kerala. Agricultural Asst. Director Sri. Korah Thomas, Sri. K.G. Sharma, NSS Programme Officer Smt. Manjusha CG, NSS volunteer secretaries Gokul C. Deelip, Rakeshmon Rajan spoke on the occasion.

Renovated College Society

The renovated College Co-operative Society started functioning on 8th October, 2018. Rev. Fr. Kuriakose Kalayil, College Manager inaugurated the renovated Society. A Milma outlet was also started in the campus.



Consecration of New Exam Block

The consecration of the newly built exam block was conducted on 20 October, 2018. Rev. Fr. Kuriakose Kalayil, College, Manager blessed the new block after customary prayers. The trustees of St. Mary's Cathedral, Manarcad, College Board Members, teachers and students were present.

Seven Day Camp Report - Sukruthum-2018

National Service Scheme of St. Mary's College, Manarcaud organized a 7 day special camp from 21st to 27th December, 2018 in the College campus. 98 volunteers participated in this camp. Dr. N. Jayarajan, MLA Kanjirapally inaugurated the camp. Rev. Fr. Kuriakose Kalyayil, College Manager delivered the words of blessing. Smt. Lissy Babychan, Manarcaud Panchayath President was present. The special purpose of the camp was to create a database for the novel mobile application *Thozhilidam*. It

is an online platform for people in the unorganized sector searching for job. The reconstruction of a former student's flood affected house was a major initiative of the Unit. Money for the purpose was donated by teaching and non-teaching staff of the College. NSS volunteers and programme officers also took part in *Vethayulsavam* in *nalumanikkatu* paddy fields, a way-side eco-tourism destination. This project will bring hundreds of acres of fallow paddy land under cultivation.



This programme was in association with Meenachil - Menathra - Kodoor river relinking project. Other activities involve talks with eminent persons like Benyamin, famous writer and Sri. TSP Moose, Retired High Court Judge. Art and craft workshop, Christmas celebration at *Ammaveedu Agathimantiram*, *Nattile Pattukar* (a stage for singers of the adopted ward), personal counselling, NSS alumni meet, cultural night, evaluation, IPL auction game and treasure hunt group activities, etc. where part of this camp.

Sagan Sajan of D2 English was awarded as best Camper. Neenu & Nithya identical twins of D2 Chemistry were awarded the best volunteers in the camp. The members for the Kitchen duty headed by Rithu Krishnan and Chinchu were given special gift as a token for their hard work. Principal Dr. Punnen Kurian distributed the prizes.

Green Campus

NSS volunteers conducted a Flash Mob in the College Campus to convey messages of Green Campus. The programme was conducted on Gandhi Jayanthi Week on October 5. Messages on waste segregation, 3R Principles - Reduce, Reuse and Recycle were conveyed to the viewers.

A Special Children's Day

NSS unit of St. Mary's College recreated the lost childhood memories with playing native games and making native toys for Govt. UP School, Areeparambu. Toys made from coconut leaf like watch, snake and specs, jackfruit leaf cap and many native toys astonished the young kids. This programme - arranged in connection with Children's Day Celebrations - concluded with a public meeting presided over by school headmistress Smt. Susanna John. College Principal Dr. Punnen Kurian distributed study materials for children. Gramapanchayath member P.E. Cherian offered felicitation. Prizes were distributed by Jiomon, former NSS Volunteer Secretary of St. Mary's College, Manarcaud. Programme Officers Tony Francis, CG Manjusha spoke on this occasion. The programme was led by volunteer secretaries Gokul C. Deelip and Rakeshmon Rajan.



Christmas Celebrations

Under the auspices of the College Prayer Group and MGJSM, Christmas was celebrated on 21 December, 2018. Rev. Fr. Kuriakose Kalayil, College Manager presided over the meeting. Mr. P.U. Thomas of Navajeevan Trust shared his first hand experiences in serving the destitutes and Rev. Fr. Jiby Mathew delivered Christmas message. Christmas carol by the students added colour to the programme.

A Bible Quiz competition and Carol Competition were conducted on 10th and 20th December, 2018 respectively as part of the Christmas celebrations. Ms. Divya George, Asst. Prof., Department of English prepared and conducted the quiz programme and Ms. Teena Das of M2 English, Geo George of D3 English, Ajay Shekhar of D3 English secured first, second and third positions respectively.

Depts. of Commerce, English and Chemistry secured first, second and third prizes in the Carol competition. College Manager distributed prizes for the winners of Bible Quiz Competition and Carol Competition.



World Food Day

World Food Day is celebrated by NSS Unit on 16 October to commemorate the founding of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in 1945. NSS unit distributed food items to nearly 20 houses in Maalam village. Programme officers C.G. Manjusha and Tony Francis, volunteer secretaries Gokul C. Dileep, Rakeshmon Rajan, Telmiya, Jasmine, Sabeena, Gokul and Justin were present.



A Mini Food Fest was arranged in the College premises. The programme shared the message of leading a happy and healthy lifestyle and focused on the importance of the theme 'Eat what you take and take what you eat.'

Inter-Collegiate Workshop

NSS in association with Election Cell organized an Inter-collegiate Workshop for Colleges in Puthupally Constituency on 27 October, 2019. The programme was to introduce the process of Election ID registration to students and teachers of other colleges. Dr. Punnen Kurian, Principal presided over the function. Sri. Ashok Balachandran, Tahasildar, Kottayam inaugurated this meeting, Deputy Tahasildar Sri. Anil and other members of Kottayam Taluk were also present.



NCC Week Celebration

National Cadet Corps of our College celebrated NCC week from 27 November, 2018. The programme was officially inaugurated by Assistant Sub Inspector of Police, Manarcaud on 27 November, 2018. Various programmes like Exhibition, Quiz Competition, Blood Donation Camp, Cultural Programmes, Film Shows were arranged in and out of the campus. The programme focused on making the society aware of the duties and the responsibility of the public. On 30th November, 2018 NCC cadets paid visit to the Veer Jawan Memorial at Kavumpady.

Faculty Achievement

- ▶ Dr. Punnen Kurian got nominated as Vice-Chairman of working group on Environment of District Panchayaths for developing proposals for Post Flood Development on 31-10-2018.
- ▶ Smt. Vimala Anna Jacob, Head of the Department of English is appointed as the Chairman of Board of Studies (UG Courses) of Mahatma Gandhi University.
- ▶ Smt. Anupa Rose Bobby, Assistant Professor, Department of English got selection to attend FLAIR, an orientation programme under Human Resource Department, Govt. of India.
- ▶ Tony Francis, Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry presented a paper on "Room temperature synthesis of calcium based nano metal organic framework for nitrobenzene detection" and won second position held as part of DST-SERB sponsored International Conference-ICAFM 2018 organized by Department of Chemistry, SB College, Changanassery from 9-10 October, 2018.

Participation/Presentation

- ▶ Dr. Punnen Kurian presented a paper on the success story of Meenachil River, Meenanthara River, Kodurar River relinking project at State Level Meeting of River Organizations at Thiruvananthapuram on 25-26 September, 2018.

Invited lecture on the topic 'Challenging Ozone Depletion through Lifestyle Adaptations' at Newman College, Thodupuzha in the seminar organized in connection with Ozone Day Celebrations on 18 September, 2018.

Delivered keynote address at the seminar on Post Flood Rebuilding Solutions for Kerala organized by Apollo Tyre Foundation on 29 September, 2018 on the topic - Green Rebuilding Solutions.

- ▶ Asst. Prof. Moideen C. presented a paper on "Disaster Management: A Historical Perspective in Kerala" jointly organized by Department of Student Service MG University and KE College at KE College, Mannanam on 16 October, 2018.
- ▶ Asst. Prof. Anupa Rose Babu presented a paper titled "Decoding Lucifer: Challenging the Retro-Fittings in the History of Satan" in the International Colloquium on Literature, Theory and History of Ideas and KSHCE Erudite Scholar-in-Residence Programme at MSM College, Kayamkulam on 3-5 October, 2018.
- ▶ Asst. Prof. Divya George attended the International Seminar on Marx Today organized by Dept. of English, SB College, Changanassery.

Student Achievement

- ▶ Adharsh B. NCC Cadet (D2 Physics) got selection to the Indian Navy.
- ▶ Megha Ann Manoj M1 Chemistry presented a paper on "Green Synthesis of Iron Nano particles Using Leaf Extracts for Treatment of Waste Water" held as a part of KSCSTE sponsored National Seminar on Functional Materials on Future at Assumption College, Changanassery on 28 September, 2018.
- ▶ Akhil Abey Mathai and Elias P. Mathew, final

year PG students participated and presented a paper titled Non Performing Assets of Scheduled Commercial Bank, in India in a paper presentation competition organized by Dept. of Commerce, BCM College, Kottayam on 6 November, 2018.

- ▶ Quiz Competition - GIIMS Institute, Kochi organized a quiz competition for final yr. U.G. students on 15 Nov., 2018. Antony Sony and Anjana Krishna of Commerce Dept. won a cash prize of Rs. 2,500/-.

Kudos to Winners...

College Kho-kho team became runners-up at the Inter-Collegiate Kho-kho Competition held at BPC College, Piravom.

Zoology Association

The Official inauguration of the activities of Zoology Association was held on 28 September, 2018. Pradeepa Sivan was congratulated during the meeting for securing 2nd rank in the MSc Zoology University exam.

English Association

The official inauguration of English Association 'Daffodils' was held on 4 October, 2018. Mr. A. Sahadevan, (MASCOC, Kottayam) delivered the inaugural address followed by a lecture on film making.

The Dept. of English created a platform for the postgraduate students in English literature to attend an online lecture on "Staging Shakespeare" by Prof. Marc C. Conner of Washington University on 17 October, 2018. The lecture was taken from the series "How to Read and Understand Shakespeare." Sherry Mathews, Asst. Professor co-orientated the programme.

Syriac - Add-on Course

The Department of English in association with SEERI, Kottayam started an Add-on Course on Syriac Language. The programme was officially inaugurated by Rev. Fr. Jacob Thekkeparambil, Director of SEERI on 5th October, 2018. College Manager Rev. Fr. Kuriakose Kalayil delivered the keynote address. Ms. Divya George, Asst. Professor, Dept. of English is the co-ordinator of the programme.

History Association

The inauguration of History Association was conducted on 5 October, 2018 by Rajeev Pallikonam, Secretary of Kottayam Nattukoottam. He also gave lecture on methodology of local history.

Study Tour - Physics

16 - 20 Nov, 2018: Chikmagalur, Belur and Wayanad - Asst. Prof. Saneju M. Salu and Asst. Prof. Manjusha C.G., accompanied the degree final year students.

Photo Exhibition

'The Nature Club and Zoology Association jointly organized a photo exhibition on October, 2018. The programme entitled 'Diversity of Endangered Vertebrates' displayed photos of endangered Vertebrate and was inaugurated by principal Dr. Punnen Kurian. Dr. Biju John, HOD co-ordinated the programme.

NAAC Orientation

An orientation class on updated rules and NAAC accreditation was arranged on 29th October, 2018 in the college auditorium. Ms. Suby Baby, Asst. Professor, Nirmala College, Muvattupuzha took the classes. Rev. Fr. Kuriakose Kalayil presided over the function.

College Library Activities

On 18 September, 2018 Late Shri. Chemmanam Chacko - the Saahitya Academy Award Winner - best known for his satirical works, was remembered. Students, Rahul S. and Biji Kuriakose, both of D2 History recited the poem *Bhoomikilukam*. Ajeena Philip of 2nd Msc. read a prose piece from *Rajavinu Vasthramalla... Nannai... Nannai*.



ESITLUS 2K18

PG Dept. of Commerce organized an inter-collegiate paper presentation competition titled ESITLUS 2K18 on 10 October, 2018 relating monetary policy and investment portfolio. Dr. Mary P.U., Head of the Dept. inaugurated the function. The session was chaired by Mr. Vineeth K.M., Assistant Professor, Dept. of Commerce, Maharajas College, Ernakulam. Of the 18 teams participated, BCM College, Kottayam won first prize, KG College, Pampady -second and TM



Jacob Memorial Govt. College won third prize respectively.



A Career Guidance orientation programme was conducted by PG Dept. of Commerce for all UG final year students in order to provide an awareness for selecting the right stream after Degree. The session even led by Mr. Rakesh Bhaskar, Director, Admission in Presidency University, in association with CAN APPROVE Consultancy Institute, Kottayam.