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From the Principal's Desk



With the introduction of semester system in our Universities instead of annual examinations several tests are being conducted in different periods during a course as part of summative assessment process, together with semester exams.

The biggest problem with annual examinations was uncertainty in the timely publication of the results, and that could unsettle even the academically brilliant students. In order to offset this problem, the new systems are being implemented such as mid-term/semester examinations and unit tests.

Internal assessment which includes test assignments and attendance are of high significance in semester system. Periodic tests enable students to study more effectively with minimum portions, avoiding the accumulated load of annual system.

Students can complete the projects and assignments at ease as they are provided ample time. As it is time bound, students have to complete the works on time. Teachers are free enough to introduce student friendly evaluation tools, as there is no standard format for test papers or assignments put forth by the University.

In the present scenario as importance is given to the grades and marks scored more than the overall development of an individual, it is doubtful whether the true aim of education is being fulfilled. In spite of giving emphasis on rote memory, the creativity and the ability of the students to handle and solve the situations and problems must be evaluated. The summative assessment processes can be administered in a meaningful and effective way so that one could achieve the best output.

The main purpose of education is to educate students, and help them appreciate the knowledge that is being imparted to them. Continuous evaluation process is being implemented in our College in a very effective and systematic way. Students must make best use of it to achieve their goals.

I wish all my students best wishes for the upcoming University examinations.

Dr. Punnen Kurian
Principal

GRAMIKA

In collaboration with IX ward of Manarcaud Panchayat a village fest was organized in the College on 27 January, 2019. This event was conducted as a culmination of the various extension activities of the College in the IX Ward of Manarcaud during the academic year 2018-19. The event was presided over by the College Manager Rev. Fr. Kuriakose Kalayil and was inaugurated by State Joint Land Revenue Commissioner Mr. U.V. Jose IAS. College Principal Dr. Punnen Kurian, Panchayat President Lizy Babychen, IX Ward Panchayat Member and Programme Convener Mr. Biju Thomas, College Governing Board Secretary Shan T. John, PTA President Reji T. Moozad, Maalam Nagar Residence Association President G. Govind Raj, Dr. P.U. Mary, HOD Commerce Dept., Sajan Zachariah, College Supt. and Program Co-ordinator P.P. Jijomon spoke on the occasion.

The occasion was quite memorable for the gathering. Presence of the artists of the film 'Allu Ramachandran' Aparna Bala Murali, Krishna Shankar, Shantini Sreedar and also child artist Meenakshi added colour to the function. The various stalls which highlighted the cultural, artistic and culinary tastes of the area invited great applause.



National Water Award 2018... Congratulations

St. Mary's College won the National Water Award 2018 for the various water conservation activities organized in and outside the College for the last two years. The College won the III Prize of Rs. 1 lakh and Certificate. College Principal Dr. Punnen Kurian and College Manager Rev. Fr. Kuriakose Kalayil received the award from Union Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal at a function held on 25 February, 2019 at Delhi. The award was instituted by the Union Ministry of Water Resources for universities and colleges of the country for their best practices and activities related to the conservation of water.



EMINENCE 2K19

PG Dept of Commerce organized an Inter Collegiate Commerce & Management Fest titled 'EMINENCE 2K19' on 19 2019. Rev. Fr. Kuriakose Kalayil, College Manager inaugurated the function. The key events of this fest include BMT, BQ, IPL auction, Dance, Treasure Hunt, Dark Football and Shootout. The overall objective of this fest was to enhance analytical & decision making skills of the students. Around 250 students from 40 colleges participated. St. Thomas College Pala won first prize and Saingits College Pathamuttom won second prize.



Energy Conservation

An energy conservation awareness programme and LED bulb distribution was conducted by the college Physics Department on 2 February, 2019. The programme created awareness among the villagers regarding, effective means of conservation of electricity. The Department also started a certificate course in Android Application Development to create awareness among the students regarding the job opportunities in the area.



College Band

College Music band received applause for their performance, in the government organised programme to celebrate 1000 days of current Govt. rule.

OPATOFUIDICS - A Seminar

Physics Alumni organized a seminar on OPTOFLUIDICS on 18 Feb., 2019. Dr. Renjini Radhakrishnan (KE College) delivered the lecture.

Annual Sports

Sports Day was conducted on 13 February, 2019. College Principal Dr. Punnen Kurian inaugurated the function. Postgraduate Dept. of Chemistry was the overall champions.

College Union Inauguration

College Union was inaugurated on January 18, 2019. Mr. Abhilash Menon (Reporter Channel) inaugurated the function. A mesmerizing performance by college music band added colour to the function.



Extension Activities - Dept. of English

► The PG Department of English as the part of the extension activity screened three animation movies at Government Upper Primary School Maalam. Lizay Babychan Panchayath President inaugurated the function. Mr. Biju, Ward Member, Dr. Punnen Kurian, Principal, Santy A.K., HM Government UP School Maalam and other faculty members graced the occasion. The animation movies included *The Gruffalo*, *The Gruffalo's Child* (2009), *The Stickman* (2015)

Critically commended animation films like *Horton Hears a Who!* (2008), *The Gruffalo*, *The Gruffalo's Child* (2009), *The Stickman* (2015), and *Isle of Dogs* (2018) were screened.

► Postgraduate Dept. of English conducted a seminar on 'Introducing the Text' by Rajesh James Asst. Prof. S.H. College Thevara on 12 February, 2019. He introduced the text *Illumination* common course text for Sem. IV, which was edited by him.

► The Department organized Teacher Film review session at College of Teacher Education Thottakkad on 29 and 30 January, 2019, at Mangalam College of Teacher Education Etumanoor, Kottayam on 8 February, 2019 and St. Joseph's Training College Mannanam, Kottayam on 27 February, 2019. *No One Less* and *Teacher's Diary* were screened. Asst. Prof. Sherry Mathews delivered invited talks on the subjects 'How to Read a Film?' and 'Why Teachers Should See Films?'.

► The PG Department of English in association with Film Club conducted International Children's Film Festival at Nalumanikattu from 28 to 30 December, 2018. The Film Fest was inaugurated by acclaimed film director Pradeep Nair. The meeting was presided over by Dr. Punnen Kurian, Principal.



Job Options in LIC



National Service Scheme in association with Career placement Cell conducted a seminar on career opportunities in Life Insurance Corporation of India on 12 February, 2019. Sri. Varatharaj, LIC Regional Manager inaugurated the programme. Dr. Mary PU, Principal in-charge presided over the function. Sri, Sreenivasa Rao, Senior Division Manager, Sri. Ajith Kurian, Deputy Manager took the technical sessions.

Vermicompost

On January 14, 2019 a vermicompost unit was formed by the Zoology Dept. and it was inaugurated by the Principal Dr. Punnen Kurian.

Study Tour

- ▶ January 21-26, 2019: Chickmagaluru, Belur & Coorg - Asst. Prof. Susan Bincy Andrews, Allen Varghese Jacob and Thomas Sabu, accompanied the Degree Final Year students.
- ▶ January 27-30, 2019: Chickmagaluru, Belur & Coorg -Allen Varghese Jacob and Aju Mathews accompanied the PG Final Year students.
- ▶ February 13-16, 2019: Asso. Prof. Vimala Anna Jacob, Asst. Prof. Anupa Rose Babu and Mr. Darin accompanied D3 English students.

LEGAN 2K19

P.G. Dept. of Commerce, in association with Physical Education Dept. organized an inter collegiate IPL Auction titled 'LEGAN 2K19' on 20 February, 2019. St. Mary's Cathedral Trustee, Sri. Sabu Mylakkattil inaugurated the function. Of the 15 teams participated, our students won the first prize and St. George College Aruvithura won second prize.

Quiz Competition

Quiz competition, organized by the Quiz Club, was conducted every week and prizes were distributed to the winners. This programme created a spirit of inquiry among the students. Dr. Sheela Chacko, Ms. Divya George, Dr. Sholly Claire George and Mr. Thomas Sabu took the initiative for the successful and smooth running of the programme.

KITHAB 2K19 - College Arts Festival



Art fest 'KITHAB 2K19' of the College was conducted on 5 and 6 February, 2019. Famous cine artist Harisree Asokan inaugurated the function. Crew of his new film '*An international local Story*' also attended the inaugural session. Arts Club Secretary Ms. Haritha Vijayan welcomed the gathering. College Chairman Abbin Joseph presided over the function and Ms. Mary P.U., HOD Commerce Dept., Asst. Profs. Shine O.V. and Tony Francis delivered felicitations. Postgraduate Dept. of English were the overall champions.



Women's Cell

A poster designing competition was conducted by the Women's Cell in collaboration with Child and Woman Welfare Department on 11 February, 2019.



Hindi Samsarikam

Hindi Parivar conducted Spoken Hindi class for school children on 9 February, 2019 and '*Hindi Samsarikam*' programme for the house wives. Various competitions were also organized.



Cancer Awareness Programme & Hair Donation Campaign

National Service Scheme of St. Mary's College, Manarcaud organized a one day Cancer Awareness Programme on 19 January, 2019. The objective of the programme was to create awareness on the deadly disease among the public. The programme was inaugurated by Sub Collector Eesha Priya IAS. College Principal Dr. Punnen Kurian presided over the function. Social worker Nisha Jose K Mani delivered the keynote address and Prof. M.J. Mathew, NSS Programme Coordinator of Mahatma Gandhi University offered felicitations. A technical session on cancer awareness and precautions taken was conducted by Dr. Binitha Treesa Thomas, Assistant Professor from the Department of Oncology, Medical College, Kottayam. The programme included hair donation by teachers, non-teaching staff and students for helping cancer patients.



Railway Station Cleaning Drive



On Republic Day 30 NSS Volunteers under the guidance of programme officers Tony Francis and C.G. Manjusha took part in a cleaning drive at Kottaym Railway Station. The programme was inaugurated by Chief Medical Superintendent Dr. T. Sebastian Joseph. Health Inspectors Sri. Prathap Sathyan and S. Anjana guided the volunteers. 25 saplings were planted in different parts of the railway station.

Student Achievements

- ▶ Students from the Dept. of Zoology got runners-up trophy in the Zoo-Fest conducted by KG College, Pampady on January 11, 2019.
- ▶ Naveen, Alan, Hari B. Kaushik of D2. Commerce got III prize in Treasure Hunt Event in the Inter Collegiate Commerce Fest, organized by SB College, Changanassery
- ▶ Our College team (Abin Joseph, Aswin P. Raj and Siju Abraham) became champions of 3x3 Football Tournament conducted at Mangalam College.
- ▶ D3 Chemistry Students Divya S. Kurian and Ashwathy A. won first prize, and D1 Chemistry students Jayakrishnan and Arun won III prize in Chemistry Quiz competition held at Devamatha College, Kuravilangadu.
- ▶ Divya S. Kurian and Aswathy A. of D3 Chemistry won first prize in the Intercollegiate Quiz Competition conducted at KG College, Pampady.
- ▶ D2 Physics students Joel and Dalvin won first prize in Inter-collegiate Power Point competition held at KG College, Pampady on 26 February, 2019.

Participation /Presentation

- ▶ Asst. Prof. Susan Bincy Andrews, Dept. of Commerce attended the National Seminar on Financial Modeling held at Govt. College, Kottayam as a participant which was sponsored by DCE, Govt. of Kerala.
- ▶ Asst. Prof. Susan Bincy Andrews and Allen Varghese Jacob presented paper on "Job Stress of New Generation Private Sector Bank" in National Seminar regarding the transforming Indian Economy organized by Dept. of Commerce, BCM College, Kottayam on February, 2019.

Publication

Women Empowerment: Context & Concerns paper titled -"Woman empowerment through Kudumbasree" by Susan Bincy Andrews, Dept. of Commerce.

World Wetland Day 2019

NSS unit along with TIES celebrated World Wetland Day 2019 supported by KSCSTE. 50 NSS volunteers participated in this event. The programme was inaugurated by Dr. KG Padmakumar. Dr. Punnen Kurian, Principal, presided over the function. Tony Francis, NSS Programme officer offered the vote of thanks. Technical sessions were handled by Dr. KG Padmakumar and Adv. Anil Kumar. NSS Volunteer Rahulmon Rajan and team got first prize in the quiz competition which followed.



Workshop on Skill Development

Career and Placement Cell in association with NSS conducted one day workshop on Employability Skill Development on January 12, 2019. Classes was led by eminent career guru Dr. Brijesh George John, Associate Professor & Head Corporate Relations, Marian College, Kuttikannam.



Sent Off Meeting

Sent off meeting was conducted as 19 February, 2019, to extend the felicitation of the college community to the 3 retiring staff members: Dr. P.U. Mary, HOD, Commerce Dept., Prof. Jaise Jacob, HOD, Physical Education Dept. and office staff Sri. Anthrayose V.C. The programme was inaugurated by Dr. M.C. Dileep Kumar, former VC, Sree Sankara Sanskrit University, Kalady. Prof. K.M. Varghese, former Principal, Smt. Lisy Babychen (Panchayat President), Sri. Biju Thomas (IX Ward Member), Sri. Sabu Mailakkattil (College Trustee), Asso. Prof. Mariamma Kuriakose, (Staff Representative), Sri. Sajan Zachariah (Non-Teaching Staff Rep.) Prof. K.P. George (Retd. Staff. Rep), Sri. P.K. Mathew (Retd. Non. Tg. Rep.), Sri. Regi P. Moosath (President, PTA) and Sri. Abhin Joseph (College Union Chairman) extended felicitation. Sri. Shan T. John, College Secretary) delivered the vote of thanks.



Free Eye Testing Camp



NSS in association with Edimannickal Opticals conducted a free eye testing camp for students, teachers, non-teaching staff and people of the adopted ward of St. Mary's College, Manarcaud. More than 300 people attended the programme on 14th February, 2019. Sri. Tom Sebastian Kalayil PRO of Edimannickal took a class on the importance of eye health.

Training for NSS Prog. Officers



Our College hosted a one day training programme for 55 NSS Programme Officers conducted by MG University NSS Cell on 13th February, 2019. The function was inaugurated by Dr. K Sabukuttan, State NSS Officer, MG University NSS Programme Coordinator Prof. M.J. Mathew presided and former NSS Programme coordinator Dr. C. Thomas Abraham took classes.