



From the Principal's Desk



Though Higher Education in India has undergone a number of changes during the past years, educationists and parents often lodge complaints against the modern educational system for importing irrelevant, purposeless and directionless education to the blooming youth. In our society 'Youth' constitute the bulk of the population that represent abundant and potential source of creative energy but they have become disoriented and disillusioned primarily due to the fallacious examination oriented educational system. So in order to mitigate the multifarious problems extension has been recognized as the third dimension of Higher Education. Programmes seeking to inculcate social relevance in the mind, training and up-gradation of their inherent skill are implemented all over the country.

Education is the major social instrument to foster the all-round development of the students with integrity and moral and human values. It must stem him the roots and culture of the society, its living conditions, problems, goals and aspiration. Only then can education become relevant to life and contribute to the development of the individual and his society. The recent attempt of University Grants Commission to give more stress for extension programmes even as a criterion for promotion of teachers is a commendable step in this direction.

Recognizing this noble vision of education last year our college has launched a package of extension programmes contributed by various departments and clubs in the IXth ward of Manarcaud Grama Panchayath, where the college is situated. 'Care, Share & Learn Project' is a mutually beneficial community extension programme, which ensures sustainable development of the IXth ward and enrichment of academic learning process with grassroot level experiences. It is expected that the project will bring new insights for teachers which enable them to empower community with the academic knowledge and help them to design unique educational tools that lead to the generation of knowledge. Certainly students will learn a lot that relevant to life which will be highly beneficial for themselves and society.

Dr. Punnen Kurian
Principal

A Journey into the Wild

A Day with a Wildlife Photographer

In connection with the World Environment Day Celebrations, Dept. of Chemistry along with NSS organized an enlightening talk by world famous wildlife photographer - nature conservation activist and author Sri N.A. Naseer. The programme was supported by Kerala State



Council for Science Technology and Environment. The programme was based on this year's theme "Connecting People to Nature". The organic farming project, a novel initiative of NSS unit of the college was also inaugurated during the function. The screening of selected photographs taken by Sri. N.A. Naseer was the highlight of the programme. College Principal Dr. Punnen Kurian presided over the function. Prof. E.K. Kuriakose (HOD, Chemistry), Asst. Prof. Tony Francis, Asst. Prof. Bincy Susan Andrews (NSS Programme Co-coordinators) and Silfa Anna Joy (Secretary, Chemistry Association) were also present.



Bird Club - For the Revival & Conservation of Environment



The Nature Club and a Unit of Bird Club was inaugurated by the noted film director Sri. Jayaraj on 29 June 2017 by planting a sapling in the campus. Birds Club International is a noncommercial organisation that aims at promoting global interest in birds, conservation of nature and the environments through public campaigns and education. Started in 2010, by National and International award winning Indian film maker, Jayaraj, it is an organization to revive and conserve rain groves, by tapping and utilizing optimum natural resources.

Care, Share and Learn Project - 2017-'18

Community Project of St. Mary's College for Sustainable Development - IXth Ward of Manarcaud Grama Panchayath

Proposed Projects for 2017-18

Department of History

- ▶ Village Heritage Museum: India's first diffused community museum for heritage collections. Preserving heritage collections at the owner's residence itself.
- ▶ TK Bank: Collection and documentation of traditional knowledge of the local community.
- ▶ Local history workshop: Community members share their historical knowledge about the locality and documentation of such knowledge.
- ▶ History of Rivulets: Collection and documentation of every streams and rivulets of the locality.
- ▶ Charithra Vandi: One week historical campaign at schools in the locality.

Department of Physics

- ▶ Earn money and save energy: LED bulb assembling training and marketing for unemployed women.
- ▶ Learn to Type: Training for typewriting.
- ▶ Sky watching Programme: Star watching for community members.
- ▶ Home Appliance Repair: Training for repair of electric and electronic home appliances.
- ▶ Energy Audit: Energy saving campaign through households.

Department of Commerce

- ▶ Basics of Internet: Orientation programme for senior citizens.
- ▶ Cashless transaction: Awareness workshops.
- ▶ Computerized accounting: For Kudumba-sree workers.
- ▶ Home accounting package :For housewives.

Department of English

- ▶ English for communication- Imparting communication skills for educationally challenged persons.
- ▶ Village International film Festival- Introducing world famous foreign cinemas to local community.
- ▶ Mobile Library: Focusing on the students of the locality.

Department of Chemistry

- ▶ Home made Cleansers: Soap and detergent making at home.
- ▶ Water Purifiers for home: Simple household water purifying techniques.
- ▶ Milk Products: Training for masking value added milk products at home for daily use.

Department of Zoology

- ▶ Mosquito trap: Aesthetic guppy tank for mosquito control for all houses in IXth ward.
- ▶ Poultry for every home: Distribution of chicks, produced at the incubator of the department, among the community.
- ▶ Mushroom Farming: Training for community members.
- ▶ Honey at home: Bee-keeping training for community.

National Service Scheme (NSS)

- ▶ JAIVAM: Organic farming at households
- ▶ Waste to Vegetable: Grow bag making using used and discarded flex (vinyl) sheets
- ▶ Let the River flow: Cleaning of rivulets in the locality.

Nature Club

- ▶ My Recycle Bin: Collection of plastic wastes from houses and sending for recycling.
- ▶ Waste to wealth: Pit compost unit for every home.
- ▶ Flower ways: Beautification of roads to college.

Hindi Parivar

- ▶ Speak Hindi: Spoken Hindi classes for women, shop keepers and labourers.
- ▶ Learn Hindi: Hindi grammar classes for school students.

Sahithyavedi

- ▶ Learn Malayalam: Malayalam course for migrant community.
- ▶ Reading Promotion: Books and shelves for local library.
- ▶ Peoples Literature: Collection and documentation of literary works of common people in the IXth ward

College Library

- ▶ Librarian Course: Training for library management for person in charge of local libraries.

Say No to Drugs....

International Anti Drugs Day was observed in our College on June 27. The programme was a joint venture of History Association and NSS Unit. Dr. Punnen Kurien, the college principal inaugurated the signature campaign to register our protest against the unnecessary use of drugs.



Prayer Group

The official inauguration of college prayer group and MGJSM was conducted on 9 August 2017. Rev Fr. M.I. Thomas Mattathil, Asst. Vicar. St. Mary's Cathedral, Manarcaud and former College Manager delivered the inaugural address. The meeting unanimously selected Mr. Sajin Mathew of D3 English and Ms. Sneha Elsa Paulose of D3 Zoology as Secretary and Joint Secretary for the current academic year.

Padheyam

The official inauguration of Padheyam a charitable wing of the college was held on 4 August 2017 by Rev. Fr. John Ipe Mangadu, Secretary Aashraya Charitable Trust, Kottayam. On 31 August 2017 100kg of rice, stationery and clothes collected from the students of our college were donated to the Trust.

Career and Placement Cell

Under the auspices of Career and Placement Cell a motivation cum guidance class was organized on 10 August, 2017. Mr. Jaiker T., motivational speaker and author of many PSC question banks motivated the first year students in planning their career aspects.

Mr. Jobin S. Kottaram, author of over 23 motivational books took civil service orientation class on 10 July 2017..

One Day Training Program

The Postgraduate Department of English organized a one day training programme to improve the communication skills for undergraduate students on 6 July 2017. Professional trainers from Overseas English Training Centre, Kalady led the programme. The programme provided a platform for students to speak in English freely.

VANMURI - A Short Film

A short film titled 'VANMURI' was produced under the initiative of D2 Chemistry Students. Mr. Bibin Kanth of D2 Chemistry was the director of the short film.

College Union Election

College Union election was conducted on 22 August 2017. Mr. Sachu Saji (Chairman), Ms. Shaima Shajahan (Vice-Chairman), Silfa Anna Joy (Arts Club Secretary), Sarath P. Saji (General Secretary), Ajay Sekhar B. (Magazine Editor), Abijith Mohan (UUC) and Rahulmon Rajan (UUC) were elected as College Union Members. Oath taking ceremony was conducted on 31 August 2017. Dr. Punnen Kurian College Principal led the oath of office.



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Seminar on Goods and Service Tax(GST)

Postgraduate dept. of Commerce in association with ICAI Bhavan and Merchant Association Manarcaud organized a seminar on Goods and Service Tax(GST) on 14 July 2017. Institute of Chartered Accountants, Kottayam Chapter President Sri. P. Anil delivered the keynote address. During the interaction programme the anxieties of the merchants regarding GST was cleared. Mr. George Mathew (President Merchants Association), Dr. Punnen Kurian, Dr. P.U. Mary (HOD Chemistry Dept.), Asst. Prof. Susan Bincy Andrews, Mr. C.A. Jijo also talked during the function.



Sahityavedi

Under the auspices of Sahityavedi, 'Vayana Vaaram' was celebrated from June 12 to 19, 2017. A literary work was introduced each day.



On June 19 the remembrance day of Sr. P.N. Panicker the club was officially inaugurated by Dr. S. Rama Chandran, former Principal, NSS College, Vazhoor. Various literary competitions were held. A visualization of 'Ravanaputhri' by Vayalar Rama Varma was performed by Ms. Gayathri K.S. of D2 English. On 5 July 2017 a documentary on Vaikom Muhammed Basheer was screened to make the students aware of the relevance of Basheer's works in today's world. A quiz on Basheer was also conducted. Asst. Prof. Manjusha C.G. and Lecturer Neethu K. Zachariah co-ordinated the events.

Nature Club Activities

The Nature Club and a Unit of Bird Club was inaugurated by the noted film director Sri. Jayaraj on 29 June 2017. Members of the Nature Club and the Bird Club visited the 'Jaivavaividhya Retham' on 6 July 2017. On 10 July 2017 the members of the Nature Club cleared the thickets near a curve on the road which obstructed the visibility and planted some flowering plants there. A quiz programme on general environment was conducted on 29 August 2017.



Onam Celebrations

Onam was celebrated in our college on 31 August 2017 with all its pomp and glory. The celebrations started with a public meeting presided over by the College Union Chairman Mr. Sachu Saji, Mr. Paul Manalil, former Asst. Editor, Malayala Manorama inaugurated the programme and delivered the keynote address. During the meeting, certificates of appreciation were distributed to student editorial board members of the college Newsletter 'Marian News' during the academic year 2016-17. Various competitions added colour to the celebrations. Dept. of Zoology and Dept. of English secured the first and second prize for Floral Carpet Competition respectively. Dept. of Physics won the first prize for Tug of War, Dept. of Chemistry became the runners-up. The highlight of the celebration was the 'Mega



Thiruvathira' by the vibrant girl students of St. Mary's. A floral carpet designing competition was organized by Sahityavedi in connection with onam celebrations and Hindi parivar organized a Payasa Mela.

Hindi Parivar

A Hindi DTP class was started on 17 August 2017. Around 27 students joined the class Dr. Sheelakumari R.S. and Lecturer Simi T. are coordinating the classes.



Members visited Aashrya, the charitable Trust and donated on amounts Rs. 10,000/-. The members also spent a day with the destitutes.

Anti-narcotic Cell

In order to make the youth aware of the dangers behind drug use, the Excise Department, Anti-narcotic Cell of the College and NSS Unit conducted an awareness programme on 4 August 2017. Mr. Mathew Kurian (Kottayam Divisional Assistant Excise Commissioner) and Adv. Vineetha led the class.

ASAP

ASAP orientation class on 4 August 2017. Mr. Joby Thomas ASAP District Manager talked on the possibilities and benefits of joining this program.

NCC



International Yoga Day was celebrated on 21 June 2016. Dr. Punnen Kurian, Principal, presiding over the function underlined the need of vibrant youth to our nation's progress and the role of yoga to catalyze such a change. Alwin Thomas Ex-SUO, gave a detailed demo-class on the importance of Yoga. Cadets also planted tree saplings in connection with the World Environment Day celebrations.

Independence Day Celebrations

Dr. Punnen Kurian, Principal hoisted the flag and addressed the gathering. Captain Joby Kurian, was the Chief Guest. Cadets were actively involved in the clean campus campaign following the Independence Day celebration.

NCC Cadets actively participated in various camps, conducted by NCC Kottayam Battalion. Six cadets participated in the Combined Annual Training Camp at Yeratayar, Idukki. Anju M. (D3 Zoology) was selected as the best cadet. Akhila Manikkuttan (D3 English) won the cultural award. Thal Sainik Camp, Thiruvalla was attended by two cadets. Eight cadets were selected to Republic Day Camp of which Namitha Reghunath (D2 Chemistry) was selected for Inter-Battalion Competition, Inter-Group Competition I & II Camps. An Annual Training Camp was conducted at St. Ephrems School, Chirakkadavu. 20 cadets participated in the camp.

Library - Reading Week

As part of the Reading Week the College Library and NSS conducted a programme of introducing the author. Authors from Hindi, Malayalam and English were introduced. A recitation competition was also organized.



Association Activities

Commerce Association

Commerce Association activities were inaugurated on 25 August 2017. Mr. T. Ananthakrishna Pillai, Retd. Asst. General Manager SBT was the Chief Guest. He led a workshop on "Technologies in Bank - An Indian Scenario."



Zoology Association

Zoology Association activities officially began on 23 August 2017. Sri. Korah, Thomas Deputy Commissioner, Agricultural Dept., Pampady was the Chief Guest. He lectured on the topic organic farming.



All the departments gave a hearty welcome to their degree first year students.

Seminars/Workshops

Seven second year BSc.Chemistry students attended a seminar on Biofuel-scope & advantages for environmental and entrepreneurs in connection with World Biofuel day at Hotel Aiswarya International, Kottayam on 12th August 2017.

Lab Visits

BSc. Chemistry students visited School of Chemical Sciences, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam on 29/08/2017. Thirty students visited different labs situated in the department. The lab visit gave the students a fine outlook of how different types of labs function and they had a first look on different sophisticated instruments like the IR, UV Raman BET analyser, TG, etc. Dr. Radahakrishnan of Advance Molecular Research Centre along with Research Scholar Ashwathy demonstrated the working and usage of different instruments in the lab.

Attendance Digitalized

The official launch of digitalized software regarding all the academic details of the entire students of the college on 1 Aug 2017 was a new venture from the part of the college authorities. With the help of this software, it has become quite easy to communicate with the parents and brief them the details regarding the attendance and academic performance of their wards. As the attendance is daily updated, documentation has also become easy.

PTA General Body Meetings

On 22 June 2017 Dr. Varghese P. Punnoose (Professor and HOD, Department of Psychiatry, Medical College, Kottayam) gave an orientation class to the parents and students of Degree 2nd and 3rd year. He exhorted the need to understand the emotional needs of child in this tech savvy world.

Renowned social activist Dr. M.S. Sunil (HOD, Department of Zoology, Catholicate College Pathanamthitta) gave the keynote address on the First UG installation programme. According to her, to be humane and to be empathetic are the qualities that must be inculcated in the students.

Student Achievements

The Students of D3 B.Com bagged first prize in the Treasure Hunt organized at Devamatha College Kuravilangadu. D1 B.Com students secured III prize in Treasure Hunt organized at Alphonsa College, Pala.

Open Courses - New Avenues

On 14 June 2017 a presentation regarding the different open courses was organized in the college auditorium. All the departments made a PowerPoint presentation regarding the possibilities of the open courses they offer to Semester V students.

NSS - Heralding Change

Orientation Day for First Year NSS Volunteers



National Service scheme of St. Mary's College conducted a Mini Camp on August 4, 5, 6. Jaivam-2017 mini camp to learn and practice Organic farming. The programme was inaugurated by Manarcaud Panchayath President. Ward member Sri.Kochumon and kudumbasree members were present. Classes were taken by Dr. Punnen Kurian, Principal, St. Mary's College and Sri. John Sherry agriculture officer. 133 NSS volunteers were present in this camp.

Practice on Organic Farming

NSS unit during the three day camp initiated an unique project for institutional farming. The volunteers under the guidance of our Principal Dr. Punnen Kurian and Programme Officers collected used flex from different parts of Manarcaud panchayath and turned it into grow bags for farming. The Volunteers filled the grow bags with organic fertilizers and placed them in the terrace of the college.

Green Campus

As part of the Environment Day Celebration, the College hostel inmates planted saplings around hostel premises. The inmates along with college principal Dr. Punnen Kurian and hostel wardens tried to impart a new message of Save Earth on the Environment Day.

Class on Logistics

State Resource Centre, Kerala, which works under The Ministry of Human Resource Development and State Public Education Department conducts various professional Diploma Courses. As part of giving awareness, a class on logistics was organized on 27 July 2017. Mr. Binoy Samuel who is an expert in this field delivered the keynote address. Mr. Jithesh S., District Co-ordinator, SRC was also present.



Motivational Class

An orientation programme for the D2 & D3 students was organized on 3 June 2017. Sri. Isaac Thomas, President of ASK and a Research Scholar, School of Behavioural Science, MG University, Kottayam made a motivational talk on career guidance and placement.

Yoga Day Celebrations



National Service Scheme of St. Mary's College, Manarcaud celebrated World Yoga day. More than Hundred Volunteers participated in this mega event. The class was led by Yogachariya, Dr. Jiji Thomas Associate Professor and Head of the Botany Department. The performance was done in the open stage temporarily set up in front of the college. Principal Dr. Punnen Kurian, Head of the English Department Smt. Vimala Anna Jacob, NSS Programme officers Smt. Susan Bincy Andrews and Tony Francis took initiatives of this class.

NSS also organized a quiz programme as part of the Independence Day celebrations.

