

CHRISTIAN COLLEGE, CHENGANNUR
Annual Report 2013-14

By the Grace of God Almighty we have successfully crossed another academic year. This is a time for us to look backward and evaluate our activities during the past one year and at the same time look forward to a brighter, more promising, momentous year. Let us gaud ourselves up with new decisions, seeking the necessary strength and blessings from God to plan and materialize another fruitful year. At the outset, may I express my gratitude to our patron The Most Rev. Dr. Joseph Mar Thoma, and our Manager, Dr. Zachariahs Mar Theophilus Suffragan Metropolitan who have been gracious enough to support us and guide us through their precious daily prayers, timely advice and love. We are also thankful to the former and present members of the Governing Council, Treasurer.

Our College offers eight Under Graduate courses and four Post Graduate courses.

At present we have 46 permanent teaching staff is and 29 Administrative Staff. The lack of permanent staff is compensated amply with the love and support of 14 guest faculty and 2 sweepers appointed by the Management.

The Internal Quality Assurance Cell of the college is efficiently functioning under the leadership of the Prof. John George Athyal and Dr. Hysen Thomas. Matters related to UGC funding and DST-FIST are dealt by Dr. Johnson Baby and IQAC coordinators.

A one day workshop on was organized on 24th September 2013. The famous novelist Sri. Bennyamin and Sri. Suresh Varma, a ‘Tullal’ artist, were the resource persons. Tullal was also staged.

A Two days ***workshop in Web-designing*** was organized on 27th and 28.09.2013 by the Botany department. Mr. Blesson (Bangalore) was the resource person.

First year P. G. classes started on 30th September 2013. A Debate on ***‘Is Genetic Modification necessary? Is it against faith?’*** was conducted on 9th October 2013. Dr. Jiji Joseph (Kerala Agricultural University), Rev. Dr. Alexander M. Issac, Rev. George Mathew, Rev. A. C. Thomas, Dr. Deepu Oommen were the resource persons.

Economics department conducted PTS meetings on 8th, 9th and 10th October 2013 for S₅, S₃ and S₁.

Activities of the Chemistry association were inaugurated on 11th October 2013 and a talk on ‘A small dip into the Vast ocean of Organic Chemistry’ was organized. Sri.RonyRajan Paul, CSIR Research Fellow was the resource person.

Activities of the Mathematics association were inaugurated on 23.10.2013.

Vidhya V. and Rency V. participated in the Regional Quiz Competition in Statistics at MSM College, Kayakulam on 19.10.2013.

Physics department organized a seminar on ‘De Broglie Bohus approach in Quantum Mechanics’ on 23rd October 2013 Dr. Moncy V. John was the resource person.

Department of English organized a talk on ‘Bridging the Cultural Gap’ by Sri Ravindra Ranasinglie, a practicing Drama therapist from Srilanka. They also organized another talk “Humour—Texts and Contexts” by the famous Canadian witer and humourist, Drew Hayden Taylor on 4 December 2013.

Golden Jubilee office opening and Logo unveiling was done on 25th September 2013. Rt. Rev. Dr. Zacharias Mar Theophilus Suffragan Metropolitan inaugurated the Jubilee office and Sri. P. C. Vishnunath MLA unveiled the Jubilee logo. Rev. George Mathew, Adv. Abi Kuriakose, Mr. SajiCherian, Sri. B. Krishnakumar, Prof. Samuel Joseph offered felicitations.

The newly sanctioned M.Sc. Zoology classes started on 2nd November 2013 with prayer and blessings by Very Rev. C.K.Mathew.

Guideship was granted to Dr. Rani Abraham by the University of Kerala vide decision of the Syndicate at its meeting on 05.11.2013.

A debate on the topic ‘Hazards and Potential uses of Nanomaterials’ was held on 12th November 2013.

On 13th November 2013, formal inauguration of M.Sc Zoologyprogramme was done. Manager Thirumeni presided over the meeting. Sri. P. C. Vishnunath MLA inaugurated the Programme. Sri. T.P.Sreenivasan (Vice Chairman, Higher Education Council) offered the key note address. Rev. George Mathew, Adv. Abi Kuriakos, Sri. Joji Cherian offered felicitations.

An intercollegiate seminar on Computational Chemistry was organized by Chemistry department on 28.11.2013. Dr. Abraham George was the main faculty.

A news paper designing competition was conducted by the English department on 25th November 2013.

Interview for the guest lecturers in Zoology was conducted on 04.11.2013. Very Rev. C. K. Mathew, Dr. Johonson Baby (HOD Zoology) Dr. Laly (Subject Expert), and Principal were the members of the selection committee.

Dr. Susan Abraham of the Department of Economics received the best paper award for the paper entitled 'Direct and Indirect Benefits of Paddy wetlands; The hidden cost' organized by department of aquatic biology, University of Kerala.

Dr. Jisha John, Economics Department was awarded Ph. D.

Prof. Lalu Varghese and Dr. Susan Abraham published a paper 'Quality Perspectives in Higher Education' for a Sustainable and Dynamic Society.

Inspection team, consisting of the representatives of the Higher Education Commission, Higher Education Department and Government visited our college in connection with the granting of autonomy to colleges.

Holy Qurbana was performed in the College chapel on 1st January 2014. Governing Council members, Staff, former staff and students participated. Manager Thirumeni Dr. Zacharias Mar Theophilus Suffragan Metropolitan celebrated the Holy Qurbana.

Foundation stone laying ceremony of the proposed Golden Jubilee building was held at 1.00 pm on 1st January 2014. Mar Thoma Metropolitan His Grace Dr. Joseph Mar Thoma laid the stone in the presence of Manager Thirumni, Vicar General, Very Rev. C. K. Mathew, Diocesan Secretary Rev. Thomas K. Mathew who represented archbishops from various parishes in and around Chengannur, Governing Council members, Alumni and PTA office bearers, former staff, staff and students.

Principal Prof. Mathew Varghese participated in the International Conference on Higher Education at Trivandrum, where delegates from 18 countries participated from 3rd January to 6th January 2014.

One day Nature Study camp was organized by the Social Forestry department in our college on 11.01.2014. Our BhoomithraSena Club was selected as the best club in Kerala State and we have received an award worth Rs. 25,000/-. A debate on KasthuriRangan report was conducted on 13.12.2013. Mr. Raju Abraham Abraham M. L. A. participated.

Gender awareness programme was conducted in association with the Police department was held on 15th January 2014.

A Nature study camp was organized by the Department of Botany from 16th to 18th January.

Chemistry department organized a National seminar on *Emerging trends in Polymeric Materials* on 23rd and 24th January 2014.

A proclamation rally in connection with the inauguration of the Golden Jubilee Celebrations was held on 6th February 2014. The rally started from Vellavoor Junction (near Railway station) and ended at the college campus. The rally was well organized with maximum participation of the stake holders.

Formal inauguration of the Golden Jubilee celebrations was done on 7th February 2014. Hon'ble Chief Minister Mr. OommenChandy inaugurated the celebrations. The public meeting was presided over by the Manager of the college, Dr. Zacharias Mar Theophilus Suffragan Metropolitan. The Mar Thoma Metropolitan, His Grace Dr. Joseph Mar Thoma offered the key note address. Mr. P. C. Vishnunath MLA, Mr. Saji Cherian, Adv. Aby Kuriakose, Rtd. Justice Sarika Devi, and Sri. Thomas Mammen (PTA President) offered felicitations. Mr. Joji Cherian proposed the Vote of Thanks.

In connection with Golden Jubilee celebrations of the college an intercollegiate cricket match was conducted from 10th to 13th February 2014. Nine teams from various Universities participated.

Science Day celebrations were conducted on 17th and 18th February 2014. Dr. Mahadevan Nair was the Chief Guest. M. D. John memorial staff shuttle tournament in connection with Golden Jubilee celebrations was conducted on 19th February 2014. Fifteen teams from various colleges participated.

Commemoration Service was conducted on 20th February 2014, Holy Qurbana was performed by our Alumnus, Rt. Rev. Thomas Mar Thimotheos at 8.30 am. This was followed by a meeting presided by our Manager Thirumeni, Rt. Rev. Dr. Zachariahs Mar Theophilus Suffragan Metropolitan

Our college hosted the annual conference of Mar Thoma College Teachers at Santhigiri, Aluva on 21st and 22nd February. Twenty five teachers from our college participated.

The College Annual Sports was conducted on 26th February 2014.

Wild life day was celebrated by the BhoomithraSena Club on 3rd March 2014.

A job fair in association with Ministry of labour was organized in our college on 8th March 2014. Sri. Kodikkunnil Suresh inaugurated the job fair.

Health club organized a seminar on “Adolescent and Reproductive Health. Dr. Sajeev Kumar was the resource person. A talk on ‘*Art of Living*’ was done by Dr. B. Harikumar on 11.03.2014 organised by Health Club.

An *Art of Living* class was conducted by Dr. Athira on 17th March 2014.

The Department of Physics organized a National Seminar on 13.03.2014 to 15.03.2014

The Non Teaching Staff of the college, in connection with Golden Jubilee celebrations, organized an intercollegiate seminar on “***Role of Non – Teaching Staff in Quality enhancement in Higher Education***” on 15th March 2014. Manager Thirumeni inaugurated the programme. Higher Education Chairman Sri. T. P. Sreenivasan & Research Officer Dr. L. Chithra were the main resource persons.

As part of the Golden Jubilee celebrations, Very Rev. A. A. Pylee Memorial Lecture was conducted on 20th March 2014. The former Additional Chief Secretary Mr. Babu Paul I. A. S. was the main speaker.

The Department of Physics organized a one day seminar on 26th March 2014.

The College day celebrations & Arts Festival was conducted on 27th March 2014. Farewell to the retiring staff, Dr. Jacob George, Prof. Mathew Varghese & Prof. Lalu Varghese, was also arranged during the occasion.

The Staff tour was conducted on 28th March 2014.

As a part of the Golden Jubilee celebrations, a house is constructed by the college in association with National Service Scheme. The key was handed over to the beneficiary Athira Das of DC III Botany by the Manager Thirumeni on 31st March 2014.

Our college was declared as Wi. Fi campus on 31st March 2014.

The tiling of the College Office floor is completed and the renovation work is progressing.

Dr. Achamma Alex, Head of the Department of English is appointed as the new Principal of the college.

Dr. Jayakrishnan of Department of Physics is awarded a Major Research Project worth Rs. 26 lakhs by the Department of Science and Technology.

By the Grace of God, our college has won the first prize for Mime for the third consecutive time in the University Youth festival.

Prof. Mathew Varghese
Principal