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Principal's Message

Warm greetings from Union Christian College, Aluva.

'The Union Christian College, Always, is established and maintained in the spirit of Jesus Christ by a Christian Association of members representing the cooperating churches and the Inter Church Fellowship to impart the finest values in life to young men and women regardless of caste, creed or community through wholesome education in various disciplines', states the Preamble to the Constitution of Union Christian College. As we countdown to the centennial of the college in 2021, it is imperative to take stock of where we stand and envision the direction in which we must travel. At present, our college has 15 undergraduate programmes, 15 post graduate programmes and 9 research centres. The departments are staffed with meritorious faculty members, 47 of whom are PhD holders. We cater to 2753 students; 25 % belong to backward communities and 75% avail various types of fee concessions and scholarships. In the past three years, there has been an increase in the number of women students from 58 % to 73.6 % in the aided stream. Many of them are first generation learners. In addition, U C College is one among the few selected institutions hosting students from Lakshadweep. It is heartening to note that the passage of time has kept alive the vision of education reflected in the preamble. It is at this juncture that we have been recognised as the most eligible among colleges that have applied for RUSA infrastructure funding.

In its illustrious history, the U C community has responded proactively to all manner of challenges. As in 1924 and 1961, the college upheld our tradition of being a flood relief camp in August 2018 also. It opened its portals to around 13000 people without any financial aid from the government. The NCC was the backbone of our disaster management team along with the NSS, Sports and the Pain & Palliative Care unit. The relief activities could not have materialised without the support of the District Collector, the local government, NGOs and well-wishers. The Parent Teacher Association, faculty, non-teaching staff, former students and UCCAANA joined hands with the management to financially support flood affected staff and 82 severely affected students. I strongly believe that it is on the foundation of the whole person education imparted to UCCians that they have been able to prove their mettle in times of crises.

U C College has much more to achieve in the coming years. Infrastructure, class rooms, the library and men's hostel facilities need to be upgraded; a central instrumentation centre and an international house are yet to materialise; renovation is also a major challenge. With a common vision shared by students, faculty - former and present, staff-non teaching and supporting, alumni and friends, I am sure that we will be able to make it.

I thank our international partners - the United Board, Scranton Women's Centre, South Korea, International Christian University, Japan, Hope College, USA, North American and Kuwait alumni associations and all well-wishers for their inspiring support.

Today, the greatest asset of Union Christian College is our young, vibrant faculty and non teaching staff, who have a calling to mentor students in their charge. I have complete confidence in the integrity, commitment and spiritual and ethical leadership provided by our youngsters. With adequate support, training and enhanced professional competencies they can scale greater heights. May God help us in fulfilling the dreams of our founders.

Dr. Thara K Simon



Yet another milestone - First woman Principal,
Dr. Thara K Simon

RUSA Ranking

RUSA (Rashtriya Uchchar Shiksha Abhiyan), a centrally sponsored scheme, provides strategic funding to eligible state higher educational institutions. Union Christian College was placed first on RUSA's list of 622 eligible colleges in the country. The college has been sanctioned Rs. 2 crore for infrastructure development.

OSA Golden Jubilee Reunion Meet -2018

Union Christian College invites her alumni to the 50th Reunion Day celebrations on Saturday, 10 November 2018

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| 9.00 am | : | Registration |
| 9.15 am | : | Thanksgiving Service, College Chapel |
| 10.00 am | : | Public Meeting, VMH |
| | | Chief Guest : Sri. Thomas Jacob |
| | | (Former Editorial Director, Malayala Manorama) |
| 12.00 - 12.30 pm | : | Business Meeting |
| | | Lunch Break |
| 1.30 - 3.00 pm | : | Cultural Ensemble by the 70's batch and the Swaralaya Club, Union Christian College |

OSA November Meet-2017

Every November, the alumni of Union Christian College come together to relive the past and renew their love and loyalty to their Alma Mater. On 11 November 2017 the OSA meeting started with a thanksgiving service, in which Rev. KV Paulose delivered the message. Dr. D Babu Paul, former Additional Chief Secretary and distinguished alumnus was the chief guest at the meeting. He also inaugurated the fund raising programme for centenary projects, with a significant contribution.



FOUNDERS' DAY ADDRESS

Sri. T D Ramakrishnan delivered the Founders' Day Address on 2 November 2017. While speaking about the contributions of Malayalis in all walks of life, he also put forward his ideas on the present generation. Contrary to popular perception, he argued that today's youth make meaningful contributions to society. His words were a source of inspiration to teachers and students alike.



SCALING NEW HEIGHTS

It is a matter of pride that three former faculty of Union Christian College have been elected as members of the Kerala State Higher Education Council. Dr. Rajan Gurukkal P. M (History), now serves as Vice-Chairman ; Dr. Rajan Varghese (Economics), is Member Secretary and Dr. Joy Job Kulavelil (Botany), is an Executive Council Member.

Adding another feather to our cap, Dr. P Thomas Mathew, former Principal of the College, was appointed as Syndicate Member of Mahatma Gandhi University. The college organized a meeting to felicitate them on 2 March 2018.



UNITED BOARD PARTNERSHIPS

The UBCHEA continues to be a key partner on our journey forward. Rev. Thomas John, Manager of the college, presented a paper on 'Death of Mission Schools: Toward a Christian Perspective on Education in the Era of Commoditization of Education under Neo-liberalism' at Chang Jung Christian University, Taiwan in October.



Dr. Rachel Reena Philip, the UB Coordinator of UC College, interacted with Mr. Ricky Cheng, United Board's Executive Vice President at Christ University, Bengaluru.

The college hosted an international workshop on Peace Studies wherein Rev. Dr. Maher Spurgeon, United Board's Regional Programs Consultant for South Asia gave the keynote address. Three partnering institutions from Asia also attended.

The Faculty support programme was in full swing this year. Dr. Anil Thomas Koshy (Physical Education) and Dr. M I Punnoose (Malayalam) attended University Leaders' Seminar in Sri Lanka; Ms. Syna Soosan



Abraham and Dr. Malini R. (Psychology) attended service learning programmes at Fu-Jen University, Taiwan and De-Lasalle University, Philippines. Mr. Cijin K Paul (Computer Science) attended a conference on Technology Assisted Learning at Hong Kong Baptist University in May. Dr. Vidhu Narayan (Malayalam), Dr. Jenish Paul (Chemistry), Mr. Cijin K. Paul (Computer Science) and Mr. Akhil TV (Electronics and Computer Maintenance) attended a faculty training workshop at St. Aloysius College, Jabalpur.

ENGLISH

Prof. Susan Thomas Memorial Lecture was delivered by Dr. Muse Mary George, Kerala Sahitya Academy Member and UCC faculty on the theme 'Poetry and Memory', in October 2018. The department commemorated the 150th year of the publishing of Marx's *Das Kapital* with the unveiling of Marx Book Bank in the department library by Rev. Thomas John (Manager) who delivered a lecture on 'Marxism and Christianity', a talk



by Mr. Cheri Jacob K. (Head of the Department) on 'The Curious Case of Shakespeare and Marx' and the screening of the movie *The Young Karl Marx*. A series of nine invited lectures on various topics was held during May-June entitled 'Bricolage: A Harrisian Journey'. English



Department students performed *454-a non-play*, written and directed by Mr. Cheri Jacob K. at School of Letters, M. G. University in October as part of 'V. C. Harris Commemoration Conclave'. Renowned British Shakespeare-scholar, Prof. Jonathan Dollimore, the chief dignitary of the event, joined the UCC team on stage for this ensemble-pageant.

Along with the Department of Malayalam, the department hosted a 'Meet the Author' platform with Vamba Sherif (Liberian-born writer who writes in English and Dutch).

ECONOMICS

The 13th Dr. M V Kurien Commemorative Lecture was delivered by economist Mr. Siddik Rabiyyath, University of Kerala on 'Firms as a Source of Market Failure: Reflections from Institutional Economics'. As part of equipping students on the impact of GST on daily life, the department organized an interactive session on 'What GST is and What GST is not', by Mr. Abraham Renn, IRS, Assistant Director, Directorate of GST Intelligence, in January.

In July 2018, Dr. Mathew Kurien (Jt. Director of Dr. K N Raj Study Centre) and Mr. Cheri Jacob K (HoD of English) delivered lectures to commemorate the 150th year of the publication of *Das Kapital*.

CSRS Explores Alternate Lives

The Centre for the Study of Religion and Society has continued to raise awareness on a variety of areas ranging from gender and documentary film making, to



mock interview techniques. As part of its annual activities a lecture on third gender and a book reading session on Reena Cheriaian's *Juxta-*

pose: Seven Stories on Adoption, by Mr. Cheri Jacob K, Department of English, was organized in December, 2017. A half day presentation in December on documentary film making, by Mr. Manoj Chandran (Editor-in-Chief of the Manorama News Channel) was followed by a three day workshop on documentary making by eminent practitioners, in February 2018.

A series of mock interviews was held to prepare students for further interaction with people from all walks of life. Sri. Devesh Mahadevan, Prof. Dr. R V G Menon (former Director of ANERT and IRCTC), Sri. G Sankar (proponent of green architecture), Sri Shoukath (Malayalam writer) and Sri. Biju Bhaskar (proponent of *Thannal Architecture*) were interviewed by students.



The department hosted the prestigious 'Erudite-Scholar in Residence Programme' sponsored by Kerala State Higher Education Council, in association with St. Berchman's College, Changanassery. Prof. Vamsi Vakulabharanam, from the University of Massachusetts delivered two lectures on 'Growth and Inequality in India after 1980s : A Class Perspective' and 'Re-reading *Das Kapital*'.

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CPSD Lights the Way

The Centre for Peace Studies and Dialogue, the first of its kind in Kerala, is a result of the collective experience of faculty and students associated with service learning programmes. With 25 student volunteers, the centre conducts lectures and workshops on peace in conflict situations, interfaith dialogue and interreligious understanding. The centre offers certificate programmes in fundamentals of peacebuilding and interreligious



dialogue and understanding. Members attended the National Peace Convention at Kochi which resonated the idea that lighting a lamp is better than cursing the darkness. Fourteen volunteers attended a workshop on Gandhian Leadership at Pala and a panel discussion sponsored by UCCAANA on 'Ragging-free Campuses: Striving Towards Peace' sponsored by UCCAANA and jointly organized with the Dept. of Psychology.

HISTORY

A lecture titled *Madhyakalathile Charithranirmithikal* on medieval historiography, was delivered by Mr. P S Manoj Kumar, Govt Arts College, Trissur this September. The department also observed *Ethnic Day* to propagate the cultural diversity of Kerala, in September 2018.



UCC Gains State Attention

UCians had a proud moment to cherish when the State Finance Minister Dr. T M Thomas Issac pointed out the significance of the paper co-presented by Dr. Sebastian Joseph, Dept. of History and Ms. Lekha Pillai, Research Scholar in his budget speech in the wake of the Okhi Disaster. The paper examines the role of erstwhile Travancore State in managing the after effects of the flood in 1924 and was presented in Kerala History Congress, hosted by Union Christian College.

HINDI

The department conducted extempore' and recitation competitions in Hindi on the occasion of National Hindi Day on 14 September 2018.

MALAYALAM

A national seminar on *Samakalika Malayala Novel Vayanaum Vicharavum* was organized by the Malayalam

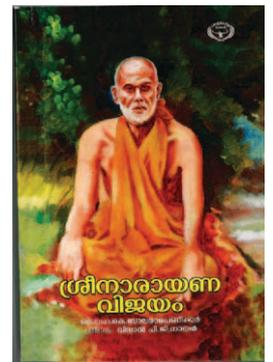


Department under Vidwan P G Nair Research Foundation in February 2018. Renowned Tamil and Malayalam writer Sri. Jayamohan was the chief guest. P V Narayanan Namboodiri

Endowment Lecture on 'Environmental Philosophy in Literature' was delivered by Sri. Asha Menon, famous writer and reviewer.

The birth centenary of Kuttippuzha Krishna Pillai was celebrated in collaboration with Kendra Sahitya Academy this year. A one day seminar was organized in association with Kerala Bhasha Institute on the birth centenary of M P Sankunni Nair in which Dr. Naduvattom Gopalakrishnan gave the key note address.

The silver jubilee celebration of the M A Malayalam programme was inaugurated (in association with the Kuttippuzha Study Center and the Malayalam Old Students Association), by the well known poet and alumnus, Sri. Balachandran Chullikkadu. Sri. Lijo Jose Pellissery, a distinguished alumnus who won Kerala State's Best Director award for the film *Ee Ma Yau*, was honoured. Students also interacted with the Vayalar award winning novelist Sri. T D Ramakrishnan. The department organized the book releasing function of *Sree Narayana Vijayam* by Vidwan P G Nair in February 2018.



The Malayalam Samajam witnessed a performance of *Kalyana Sougandikam*, in Sheethanganthullal, by Ambalappuzha Suresh Varma and team. The Dept. of Malayalam organized a Mohiniyattom performance by famous artistes Kalamandalam Prasheeja and Kalamandalam Veni, in association with Kerala Kalamandalam.



CHEMISTRY

The Prof. T R Anantharaman Memorial Lecture on “Fluorescence: Simple but Powerful” by Dr. John Prakash, Dept. of Chemistry, Central University of Tamil Nadu and the



Dr. A M C h a c k o Endowment Lecture on ‘ D y e - sensitized ‘Smart Cells’ for Smart Applications ’ by Dr. Suraj S o m a n ,

CSIR-NIIST, Thiruvananthapuram were delivered in March 2018. World Ozone Day was observed with a talk on ‘Montreal Protocol’ Dr. Soney C. George, Dean (Research), Amal Jyothi College of Engineering.

The Dept. of Chemistry and the Innovation and



Development Centre, Kerala Startup Mission, jointly organized a o n e d a y s e m i n a r o n ‘Exploration to Entrepreneurship in Chemical Sciences’ in July. Dr. K E George,

Mr. Sajith Kumar E V and Mr. Padmadas P explored aspects of communication and entrepreneurship in their lectures.

COMPUTER SCIENCE

Union Christian College is now a local chapter of NPTEL online courses, a joint initiative of 7 IITs and IISC, thanks to the Department of Computer Science The department also offered technical and nontechnical sessions to the students from the International Christian University, Japan.

The students of the department were equipped to face the future, with a class on motivation and career guidance, by Prof. Brijesh Paul, MA College, Kothamangalam

BOTANY

Students of Botany Department had the rare opportunity to meet and exchange ideas with Dr. Felix Bast, from the Central University of Punjab, who was a member of the Indian expedition to Antarctica in July 2018. The department played an important role in the campus beautification drive by raising saplings for planting, and in setting up a medicinal bio-park at Govt. LP School, Chamaparambu.

MATHEMATICS

CIPHER-2017, an interschool quiz was conducted for the Prof. K P Mathew Endowment Ever Rolling Trophy and the Ms. Thasnim Memorial Ever Rolling Trophy for intercollegiate seminar presentation competitions were held in November 2017. An intercollegiate



Mathematics Fest ZERONE 2K18, held on 5 March 2018, had 70 students from various colleges participating.

A workshop for P G students, on how to face competitive examinations like UGC-NET, was led by Dr. Ullas Thomas, Assistant Professor, St. Berchman’s College, in March 2018.

“One touch” for a Lifetime

The One Touch Pain and Palliative Care Unit, as part of extending a healing touch, organized a gathering of 75 paraplegic patients, ORMA 2K18, on the campus in March. Mr. Arun Jose, of Insight Soft Skill and Motivational Training Centre conducted an orientation programme for the patients while students of the college provided cultural entertainment. The students also escorted the paraplegia patients to Kuzhuppilly beach for a day out, in April.

A visit to the Oncology and Isolation wards of the



General Hospital, Ernakulam brought the unit members closer to the sufferings of the terminally ill. A close association with Dr. Mohan, Head of ‘Arike’, (pain and palliative unit) also evolved out of the visit. The extension activities of the unit included material collection and fund-raising. 500 mentally challenged patients of Bethlehem ‘Abhaya Bhavan’, Kodanadu benefitted from the dress materials distributed by the students. Mr Santhosh, a paraplegia patient and a resident of the college neighborhood was the recipient of the financial assistance provided by the unit.

PHYSICS

Dr. T Shripathi, Scientist and Emeritus Professor, UGC DAE Consortium, Indore delivered the Dr. T K Avirah Endowment Lecture ‘X-ray Photo-electron Spectroscopy’, on 2 March 2018. A seminar on ‘Nanotechnology and Nanomedicine’ led by Dr. Deepthy Menon (Amrita Center for Nano Sciences and Molecular Medicine) was organized in October 2018. Prof. Jay Kandampully, Service Management, Ohio State University, delivered a talk on ‘Opportunities for Higher Studies in International Universities’ on 29 June 2018.



A series of national workshops on ‘Designing Physics Teaching Tools’ was organized for college teachers in association with the Academy of Physics Teachers, Kerala, on topics ‘How to Create Your Own Demonstrations for Teaching Fundamental Physics’, ‘Optical Experiments’ and ‘Electronics Experiments’. A two day theory workshop, in association with APT, on ‘Quantum Mechanics’ was held from 28 to 29 April 2018, by Prof. Sivakumar (IGCAR).

SERVICE LEARNING

Yumi Miyake, Hana Kuraoka, Konomi Toda and Yuiko Kajiki from International Christian University, Tokyo underwent training in Service Learning as part of the ‘International Student Exchange Service Learning’ from 23 July to 20 August 2018.



As part of the same initiative, two undergraduate Psychology students participated in the Japan Summer Service Learning Programme in July 2018.

Dr. Justin R Nayagam of Botany Department, also took part in the Japanese Summer Service Learning Programme in Japan and engaged a class.

PSYCHOLOGY

The Dr. V K Alexander Memorial National Seminar on ‘Chiseling out the Professional in Psychologists’ was held in February 2018. Dr. Mathai Fenn (Management Consultant), Dr. Sheela Julius (Retd. Prof. WCC, Chennai) and Dr. Keerthy Pai (Marine Psychologist) led the sessions.



A workshop on ‘Test Construction’ led by Prof. Immanuel Thomas and Prof. V George Mathew (both from University of Kerala) was held on 4 Dec 2017. Dr. Santosh K R and Dr. Baiju Gopal, Christ Deemed University, Bangalore, conducted the workshop ‘Qualitative Research Methods’ on 28 June 2018.

Kerala Floods: Rehab Lecture Series

With the aim of training Psychology students to help combat the trauma of the floods, the department organized a series of niche lectures. Ms. Soji Anna Philip, Sr.Liji Varghese and Dr. Sany Varghese, all clinical Psychologists, headed the orientation lectures. Further training sessions for students on counselling children in distress and on ‘Solution Focused Brief Therapy’ were provided by Dr. Bindhiya Ibrahim and Dr. Bhasi Sukumaran.

ZOOLOGY

Dr. Shobi Veleri, Ramanujam Fellow, CSIR -NIIST interacted with students on ‘Recent Advancements in Cell Biology’ in November 2017. A lecture on ‘Ornamental Fisheries – Prospects and Opportunities’ was delivered by Mr. Santhosh Baby, Aquaculturist on 9 November 2017. Ms. Priya Jacob Eapen, Dept of Nutrition, SNTD, Juhu, Mumbai (Editor US Healthcare Documentation) addressed the students on ‘Healthy Living: Staying on Track with Your Healthy Eating Goals’ on 5 October 2018.



A training session on ‘How To Successfully Set Up A Sustainable Aquarium’ was organized on 1 Aug 2018 for the Japanese students visiting UCC campus on student exchange program.

BIOSCIENCES

The departments of Biotechnology and Bioinformatics were merged to form the Department of Bioscience. Dr. Oommen K Mathew, Senior Scientist, Agrigenome Labs Ltd., delivered a talk on 'Genomes and Sequencing Technologies' for M. Sc. Bioinformatics students, in March 2018. The department organized a training programme aimed at better students' placement in February 2018 which was led by Mr. D Harikumar, HRD trainer and coach, in association with the College Placement Cell. Studies on the biological potentials of Green Jackfruit Flour Eastern Jack fruit 365™, were also undertaken this year.

COMMERCE

The Department of Commerce organized a seminar on 'Goods and Services Tax' Pros and Cons' led by C M Cheriyan Chartered Accountant. The department



also conducted a twoday training programme for students and teachers on 'GST Practitioner' under the leadership of Mr. T H Shajahan, Academic Counsellor, Govt. of India in February 2018. A fifty hour training in Tally ERP 9 was held for students in association with LCC, Aluva and Tally Education.

ELECTRONICS AND COMPUTER MAINTENANCE

The Department of Electronics and Computer Maintenance organized a seminar on 'Image Processing' by Dr. Hari C V, Associate Professor, Rajagiri College of Engineering, in November 2017. Over the years, separate orientation sessions on soft skills and personality development were also organized. The department arranged a 30 hours on-the-job training in inverter designing and installation at Laxmi Infotech, Kalamassery in December 2017.



The third year students visited Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre, Thiruvananthapuram in January, 2018. The

academic year came to a close in March, 2018 with a seminar on 'Wireless Communication and its Recent Trends' by Dr. Thomaskutty, Associate Professor, STAS College, Edapally.



RAANDHAL

CREATING ART OUT OF WASTE

Raandhal - Light a Smile campaign was a Department of English initiative to rally consciousness towards a sustainable lifestyle. The student volunteers kicked off the activities with a poster cum artefact competition on 'Art out of Waste'.



The awareness campaign brought in raw materials from across the campus and the student artists from the Department of English turned them into upgraded products - wall hangings, paintings, curios, bags, purses, dream-catchers - which went up on sale.

The exhibition held on December 20 and 21 also showcased a food stall put up by student chefs and a live music performance. The success of the event pointed to the strength of the student community in honing their artistic skills to support sustainable initiatives. The event also provided them with an opportunity to test their entrepreneurial acumen.

GANDHI DARSHAN CLUB

Gandhi Darshan club was established on the campus this year, commemorating the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, by lighting 150 candles near the *Gandhi maavu* by teachers and students.



On 26th October, the club organized a talk in collaboration with the Cochin International Book Fest Samithi. A *Padayatra* led by the Sarvodaya Mandal



was given a warm reception on the campus. Both the events witnessed participation from a good number of students. The Gandhi Darshan Club conducted a Gandhi caricature competition which found enthusiastic participation from students.

MCA

Several programmes were organised by the department to upskill the students and enhance their employability. In association with Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development Centre, a seminar was organized on Entrepreneurship led by Mr. Sonu, CEO of *Starting Trouble*, in August 2018. Students were exposed to Linux server configuration, GIMP and Inkscape, Data Science and Machine Learning using Python. In addition, Mr. Shiju Thomas M Y spoke on Advanced Java Programming. A workshop on resume building and interview preparation was organized in December.

Training sessions on quantitative techniques and android basics were coordinated by the department. Placement Training by Mahindra Pride School and Aptitude training sessions were organized in March 2018. The department also organized an Intercollegiate Competition *Aikya* this year.

HOW MITES TURNED MIGHTY.....

Contributions from diverse sponsors like UCCAANA, under the leadership of President Mr. Thomas Mathew and Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Technology (RIT, Kottayam) Old Students (Civil), came in time to sponsor a fully motorized wheelchair for a female undergraduate student of the Malayalam Department with special needs. Thanks to this support, the student has gained freedom of movement and found assistance for her financial requirements.

MBA

It has been an eventful year for the department. Seminars on the stock market and on GST were led by Mr. Babu Vettoor, Founder of Cochin Stock Exchange the GST centre (promoted by Teach Group, Angamaly) respectively. A one day seminar, in association with IALM, on Logistics and Supply Chain Management was



organized in October 2018. Mr. S R Krishnan, Academic Head of IALM was the resource person.

Soft skills and interview training classes led by Prof. H Venkidachalam (Ex – Director, Adi Sankara Institute of Management and Technology, Kalady), Mr. Krishna kumar (Mahindra Pride School) and Mr. Biju (Master Trainer at *Skilled Birds*) helped to boost the self confidence of students. The Department also organized a training programme on Microsoft Excel by Mr. Jomon Joseph (CEO, *The Strategist*).

A women's empowerment cell named *Bhoomika* kickstarted its activities organising a seminar on challenges faced by women entrepreneurs and a workshop on ornament making in collaboration with Fevicryl, Pidilite Industries. As a stress reliever, Yoga and Zumba training classes for the students were also initiated this year.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Sports has always held a place of pride in UCC's history. The annals of Mahatma Gandhi University, state and national meets are enriched with the achievements of our players and athletes. As the college strides towards its centenary, the Physical Education Department can boast of having contributed invaluable to the nation as well.

Union Christian College has fared well in the Mahatma Gandhi University sports and games competitions held in 2017-18. The Hockey men and women's teams, Roller Hockey and Cricket women's teams and Hockey 5's men and women's teams have emerged winners. The runners-up position was bagged by women athletes of the college in Fencing, Roll ball and Shuttle Badminton. The 25th Dr. A. K. Baby Memorial South Zone Hockey Tournament was organized in February 2018 with 11 teams participating from South India. In the face of tough competition, the college teams emerged as the runners-up in both men's and women's events.

The 96th College Annual Athletic Meet was held over three days in February 2018. Enthusiastic participation by all departments in the march-past and athletic events, ensured a spirit of healthy competition. The overall rolling shield was bagged by the Economics Department. The Department also organized the 8th Okinawan Budo Cup Karate, the Senior National Fastball Championship and the Ernakulam District Senior, Junior and Mini Netball Championships.



PROMOTING HEALTH AND FITNESS



The Department of Physical Education introduced Karate as an extension activity for the local community in 2013. The activity continues to attract many participants even today. The Department also observed the International Day of Yoga in association with the NCC and NSS units of the college.

Champions of the Department

56 students represented Mahatma Gandhi University in various All India Inter University championships and 22 students represented Kerala in various national championships.



Abhijith Gegarin (Computer Science) emerged Individual Champion in the MGU Aquatic Championship winning 5 gold medals.

Ragendhu Gireesh (Economics) represented Kerala in the Senior National Women B Division Hockey Championship and won the silver medal.



Devika Santhosh Kumar (Psychology) has been selected to the Mahatma Gandhi University Shuttle Badminton Team.



Darsana Mohan, Sourabhya P, Aleena Surendran, Ansu Sunil (Economics) and Sayoojya K.S (English) participated in the Women Cricket Under-19 T20 League Tournament at Himachal Pradesh and secured second place.

- Shanavas S, Sreejith B and Sabari Sasidharan represented Kerala in the Senior National Hockey Championship at Manipur.
- Sourabhya P (Economics) attended the Under-19 (Girls) camp at the National Cricket Academy, Bangalore.
- Sourabhya P and Sandra Suren (BCom) participated in the South Zone Under-19 Girls Cricket Tournament at Chennai.

NATIONAL CADET CORPS

The 22 Kerala Bn. NCC cadets have kept the college's flag flying high with their participation in social service activities and in various national level camps. 52 cadets along with NCC Officer Capt. K. S. Narayanan participated in the 'Swatchatha Hi Seva' programme at Edapally. Lt. Col.



Anil Raj, Administrative Officer of the battalion and Capt. Narayanan spoke on the occasion.

The 7 (K) Girls Bn. NCC-Trissur cadets engaged in a variety of activities including both parade and social service. NCC Day rally was held in November, 2017. Cadets visited the School for the Blind, Keezhmad and helped in weeding the playground. There were talks by Mr. Renjith Raj D Section Forest Officer, Trissur, Dr. Mansoor Hassan, MD, FRCS, and awareness lectures on World Environment Day and on Anti-narcotics Day. They also participated in *SwatchathaPakvada* and cleaned the college campus.

A Rare Privilege

Union Christian College had the opportunity to host the all Kerala IGC - RDC Camp, usually held only at Police Academy. The camp was organized in October, to select cadets to represent Kerala & Lakshadweep in the Republic Day Competitions, to be held in New Delhi next year. Around 600 cadets from across the state battled it out in demanding conditions, to get selected for various competitions like the PM Rally, Rajpat Parade, Firing and cultural competitions

ROLL OF HONOUR 2017-18



SUO Harikrishna R
(Attachment Camp, Indian Military Academy)



Cpl. Sarath KA
(Attachment Camp, Officers Training Academy, Nagpur)



SGT Midhun Udayakumar
(RDC New Delhi, 2018)



CSM Jithin K Manoj
(SNIC Delhi PM Rally, 2018)



JUO Anjana Jayachandran
(SNIC Delhi PM Rally, 2018)



SUO Aleena George
(Pre RDC II)

22 Kerala Bn. NCC

Cdt. Sahil V N,
Cdt. Appukrishnan,
Cdt. Alfin John,
L/Cpl. Sreenath A K
Represented Union Christian College in Army Attachment Camp, Pangod, Trivandrum 2018 (13 Garhwal Rifles)

7 (K) Girls Bn. NCC-Trissur

Sgt. Bini Mathew
(IGC-TSC)
Cpl. Susy Mathews,
Cpl. Theres P Jimmy
(Anti-Narcotics Awareness Camp, Thiruvananthapuram)
Cdt. Shaino Mariam Philip
(IGC- RDC)

Helping to Rebuild Kerala : NSS and NCC

The NCC Cadets and NSS volunteers actively participated in the flood rescue and relief activities in August 2018 along with the National Disaster Response Force, Madras Regiment and 13 Garhwal Team. They distributed food and assisted in registration in various Flood Relief camps.



In the helping the state limp back to normalcy, our motivated youngsters played a vital role. They also assisted Karumaloor and Kadungallur Panchayats in the post flood activities by participating in the Chlorination and Awareness campaign in five wards of Karumaloor Panchayat, and by conducting 'Rebuild Kerala- Damage Assessment Survey in Kadungallur Panchayat. Under the aegis of the collectorate, they packed relief material at the Kakkanad Community Hall. In addition, they helped in uploading the data of 4000 flood affected families in Paravur and Chendamangalam Panchayaths, which figure among the worst hit areas. They also participated in the cleaning programme held at Government LP School, Chamaparambu.

BEYOND THE CURRICULUM

ANTI-NARCOTIC CLUB



The above winning poster

Under the initiative of the Anti-Narcotic Club of the college and the sponsorship of the United Board *International Day against drug abuse and illicit trafficking* was celebrated on 26 June 2018. A poster designing competition was held for the students of the college under the theme 'Against Drug Abuse'. More than 40 students participated in the competition and the



postures were later exhibited for the teachers and students of the college. A group painting event on the above theme was also organized as part of the programme which was inaugurated by Prof. Unnikrishnan, former faculty member of Raja Ravi Varma College of Fine Arts, Mavelikkara, Kerala. Students undertook field visits to de-addiction centre and educational institutions. The activities helped to reinstate the role of youth in being change-agents and as mediators in spreading public awareness about the ill-effects of substance abuse.

ORIENTATION 2018

Union Christian College arranged an Orientation Programme for first year undergraduate students in July



2018. The venue at Tagore auditorium hosted more than 600 students and their parents who were updated by the Principal and the parent representative, Mr. Kishore Kumar, on the academic and non-academic activities at the college. Later separate sessions were organized for parents and students by Dr. Neelima Ranjith, Department of Psychology and Dr. Muse Mary George, Department of Malayalam, respectively.

INSPIRE-2018

Inspire – an Orientation Programme, initiated to inculcate an academic culture among first year students, was coordinated by the Department of Hindi, this year.

The programme aimed at inspiring and motivating the first semester undergraduate students during their free class-hours. The sessions were engaged by the ever-supportive teaching faculty as well as Dr. C J Varghese, retired professor.

The programme helped in strengthening the student-teacher relationship, thereby uplifting the friendly ambience of the college.

VALUE EDUCATION

TOWARDS WHOLE PERSON DEVELOPMENT

The founders of the college were concerned with whole person education and the development of character of students rather than the mere acquisition of knowledge. Keeping in line with this tradition of holistic development, five value education sessions were held this year. Leadership and life-oriented sessions for students were delivered by the then Principal, Dr. P Thomas Mathew, Dr. C Jacob George, Dean, Academic and Dr. M I Punnoose, Dean, Student Affairs. Dr. Maher Spurgeon, Regional Programs Consultant for South Asia, United Board headed the session for faculty.

BEYOND THE CURRICULUM

BLISS - Making Life BLISSful

Basic Life Skills Service Centre continues to function effectively as the counseling and skills training centre of the college under the Department of Psychology. Dr. K. E. Leelamma, former head, Department of Psychology is available for consultation once in a week. The centre extends its services free of cost to people from within the college community and outside.



#1 LAKH & STILL COUNTING....

Dwikam, is a unique venture undertaken by the students of Union Christian College in association with the film club. A 26 - minute short film, directed by Fazil Razak (Mathematics Dept.), showcases the multifaceted talents of nearly 150 students in all aspects of film making.

Dwikam has gone viral, attracting more than one lakh views on social media.

A FEAST FOR THE EYE

Thanks to the efforts of the Department of Malayalam, its alumni and Drama Club members, Union Christian College witnessed the back to back performance of two plays staged open air near VMH. *Panchayathu Kinar* was enacted by the alumni and *Aa Manushyan Nee Thanne* was put up by the college students.



STUDENTS' CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Over the past years, SCF students have contributed actively to the social and spiritual life of the college. The SCF organized an Indo-Japanese cultural exchange programme called *Ongakusai* (Festival of Music), showcasing the talents of students from International Christian University, Japan and UCC. Students represented the college in two national level seminars organised by SCM India, in February and March this year, and one regional camp organized by Kerala SCM, in July. Well known author, vlogger and RJ Radio Mirchi 104 FM, Joseph Annamkutty Jose enthralled the college student community with a motivational talk. In addition to regular prayer meetings, hymn learning and Bible study sessions, discussions on contemporary issues like 'Scope and challenges of Campus Politics' and the recent deluge were also undertaken by the SCF members. SCF Annual Camp was held at AELI Hills in March and the theme was 'Strengthening the roots, spreading the wings'.



PLACEMENT CELL - A Window of Opportunity

The placement cell of UCC functions effectively not only by directing the needs of the passing out batches but also those of the freshers. Nearly hundred final year degree students participated in a Soft Skill Development Programme organized in December. Mr. Benny Mathew, Deputy Chief Information and Guidance, University Employment Bureau, CUSAT, led the interactive session which included group activities aimed at enhancing inter personal skills. Specific career training sessions and awareness programmes were conducted for the students throughout of the year. The one on Opportunities in the field of Atomic Energy was led by Dr. B Babu, Scientific Officer, Department of Atomic Energy, Kalpakam. Mr. D Harikumar, an International Trainer of JCI, led another one for recruitment training.



The placement cell also extended its services by giving tips to students on campus placement, need for a preparation plan and an effective resume, and skills required to face interviews and how to develop aptitudes. Recruitment drives held on campus include those by Malayala Manorama – P&G for B Com students, Wright International Aviation Management for final UG, UST Global for Economics and MBA students, and South Indian Bank online test for Probationary Clerk. 20 students got placed in campus recruitment drives of Infosys, South Indian Bank, Zifo RnD Solutions etc.

REACHING OUT

Dealing with the Deluge

The relief efforts in the aftermath of flood extended beyond the college community. The Psychology Department reached out to the victims, recovering from the shock of the unexpected deluge, by giving therapy and counselling to 125 adults and over 300 children to overcome the trauma.

Water Quality Analysis of 20,000 well water samples of flooded areas of Ernakulam District was undertaken by Bioscience students, in association with Kerala State Pollution Control Board, Haritha Kerala Mission and Local Self Government Department, Kerala.



The students of MBA Department underwent a *Chekkutty* Doll making training conducted by *Sramam*, to support the weavers of Chendamangalam Handlooms.



Health is Wealth

To improve the health and dietary habits of school going children, BSc Zoology students conducted nutrition education programmes in The Alwaye Settlement School, and Govt H SS, Fort Kochi, after a nutritional and health survey.

Working Hand in Hand

The Chemistry and Zoology Departments worked together to conduct seminars and workshops on pollution control and waste management helped to foster environmental consciousness among the students, supported by KSCST.

Tech-Savvy Aging

MCA students conducted a much needed session on 'Hands-on Training on Mobile Apps' for senior citizens in February 2018.

Enabling the Enablers

The Psychology Department, in collaboration with Kerala Sasthra Sahitya Parishad implemented a course designed by Rev. Thomas John to equip lay persons with basic counseling skills. These skills would enable them to understand and assist people at the primary intervention level.

Igniting Young Minds

The Department of Economics celebrated *Vaayanadinam* 2018 with the students of Govt. LPS Chamaparambu. Thirty school students visited the college library. The librarian, Dr. Cherian K George, showed them around the heritage building which boasts of a collection of around 83,000 books including a rare archive of vintage books and audio books to aid visually challenged readers. Our students also enlightened the young ones on famous authors and popular books. The department donated 50 books to the school library.



Naadinte Saahityakaaran

The Department of Malayalam in association with the Department of Culture, Government of Kerala, organized an eleven day lecture series (*Krithi 2019 Oru Munnorukk-am*) named *Nadinte Sahityakaaran* from 30



July to 13 August 2018. Eminent Malayalam writer Prof. M K. Sanoo inaugurated the lecture series. Dr. M Leelavathi, Dr. S K Vasanthan, Dr. C R Omanakuttan, Prof.

M Thomas Mathew, Dr. K S Ravikumar, Sri. A K Puthusseri, Sri. M Krishnadas, Sri. T M Abraham, Sri.



Pooyapilli Thankappan, Dr. Sunil P Elayidom delivered the lectures.

An MOU was signed between the Department of Malayalam and Kunnukara Panchayath to establish -14- Kuttipuzha Krishnapilla Memorial cultural centre.

From the Alumni to the Alma Mater

One of the old laboratories in the Dept. of Physics underwent renovation and has been converted to a new seminar hall cum classroom. This was made possible by the generous contribution of a distinguished alumnus. The room was inaugurated on 1 October 2018. The 1978-80 batch MSc students, Dept. of Physics contributed to buy books towards department library.



To UCC With Love

Three departments of the college have been beneficiaries of endowments by well wishers.

The P N Gopalakrishna Pillai Memorial Endowment for an amount of Rs. 2 lakh was instituted by his children, for the Dept. of Physics.

Ms. Latha Mathew (Former HOD of English) has instituted two endowments - The Sri. Dr. M E Mathew Endowment and The Smt. Sosamma Mathew Endowment, of Rs. 50,000 each towards invited lectures and purchase of academic books for the English department.

The Economics department received two endowments. The first, *Arthapedia*, is a Quiz Competition Endowment of Rs. 10,000, instituted by former Head of the department Dr. Tomy Varghese. The second, *Expresso* is a Debate Competition Endowment of Rs. 5000, instituted by the family of Dr. James Jayaraj, former Head of the department. Both events were held in July 2018.

Giving Back To Society

Much before the floods had introduced the idea of 'relief work', our students had already taken the initiative to extend a helping hand to victims of the cyclone Okhi. 18 Students accompanied by hostel wardens and teachers, visited cyclone affected Chellanam beach premises, and offered solace and financial aid to the affected families.

The first year BSc students Dept. of Physics celebrated their Christmas with a disadvantaged family. They gifted household items and provisions to them.



HARISHRI : To New Beginnings

Mathrubhoomi, in collaboration with Union Christian College, brought to life the traditional Gurukulam this year during *Vidyarambham*. Only this time UC College was a Gurukulam with a difference one that emerged from the floods as a source of solace and a place of learning that taught new life lessons. Various leaders who had spearheaded relief operations came together to celebrate the wisdom acquired from the deluge.



Kids' Dale

Kids' Dale daycare centre continues to provide a safe haven to the tiny tots of the college community. During the floods in August, the Centre doubled up as a space for young mothers with newborns as young as five days old.



PG Association

The PG Association was inaugurated in October by Sri. Shoukath Sahajotsu, mystical writer. The postgraduate students showcased various cultural programmes.



Voice of Peace

The Christmas Carol service was held on 10 December, 2017. The Christmas message was delivered by Rev. Alex P. Oommen, Manager of Bishop Moore Vidyapith, Cherthala.



The Next Step

The extension work of Mathew Block with six additional classrooms was completed with UGC Assistance - XII plan GDA Grant and dedicated in June 2018 by Rev. Thomas John, Manager.



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Cultural Exchange



An eight member team from the Bellarmine University visited Malayalam Department in December 2017. They showcased various cultural events.



Ms. Gowri Renjith and Ms. Susanna Sijo of the Dept. of Psychology Department visited International Christian University, Tokyo for one month JSSL Program.

Thirty students of Semester At Sea programme (USA) visited Psychology Department and interacted with the students on the topic 'Psychology of Adolescence'.

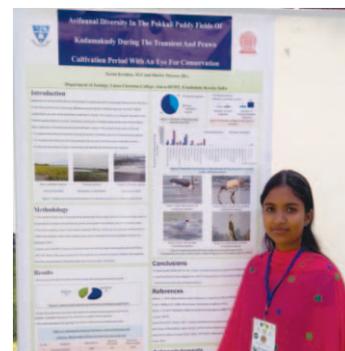


Ms. Hannah Liza Varghese of the Economics Department represented Mahatma Gandhi University in the Western Music



Competition and won first prize in the 34th Inter University South Zone Youth Festival 2018 held at SPMVV, Tirupati.

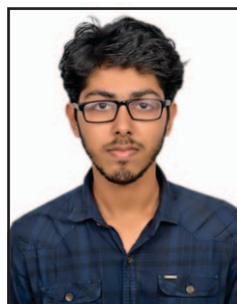
Ms Neenu Krishna (Zoology) presented a paper in the International Biodiversity Congress (IBC-2018) at Dehradun.



Ms. Sajna Nizar (Botany) won first prize in the project presentation competition conducted by Kerala Botanical Society held at St. Thomas College, Pala.



Ms Sneha B and Ms Vineetha Thomas, Dept. of Biotechnology Department won the Best Oral Presentation awards in Nanoscience and Biomedical Science respectively, in the 2nd International Conference on Research Interventions and Advancements in Life Science 2018 held at Pune.



Anand O R (Mathematics) secured IX Rank in JAM in 2018.



Said Ibin (BT & SP) selected as the Referee of the Kerala Football Association

At The Helm

New office bearers have taken charge of the administration of academic affairs.

IQAC Co-ordinator : Dr. David Saj Mathew
Dean, Academic : Dr. E I Anila
Dean, Administration : Dr. Anil Thomas Koshy
Dean, Student Affairs : Dr. Vidhu Narayan

New HoDs Assume Office

- Dr. Mini Alice (Malayalam)
- Mr. Cheri Jacob K (English)
- Ms. Gincy Abraham (Computer Science)
- Mr. Shyam Mohan (Biosciences)
- Mr. Akhil T V (Electronics and Computer Maintenance)

UGC NET/JRF

Safeera T A	-	Physics
Navaneeth Krishnan	-	Physics
Saranya P	-	Physics
Kavitha M. Nair	-	Psychology
Ashritha Raj	-	Psychology
Nimmy Johns	-	Psychology
Nikita Annie Baiju	-	Psychology
Aswathy Joshi	-	Zoology
Jini Jimmy	-	Zoology
Lakshmi P	-	Botany
Jessy Joseph	-	Chemistry
Gopikrishna S(JRF)	-	Mathematics
Ashifa	-	Mathematics
Jincemon James	-	Malayalam
Akhil T.S	-	Malayalam
Tibin Thomas	-	Malayalam
Sony Tilakan	-	Economics
Chinjumol K.R. (JRF)	-	History
Sharafunnissa K.M	-	History
Jovita James (JRF)	-	English
Brijin Cherian	-	English
Phily Philip	-	English

SET

Jerry Mathew	-	Psychology
Neenu Krishna M S	-	Zoology
Nighila Sasi	-	Zoology

INSPIRE SCHOLARSHIP

Riswina Nissar	-	Zoology
Anju Mohan	-	Chemistry
Raina Francis	-	Chemistry
Thomas George	-	Chemistry

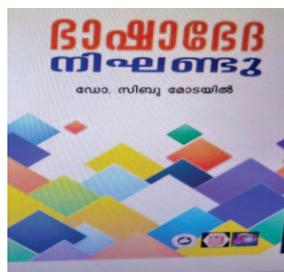
Ms. Lekha Pillai has been awarded PhD in History from Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam for the thesis 'Making of the Colonial Timber Empire in Travancore', under the guidance of Dr. Sebastian Joseph.



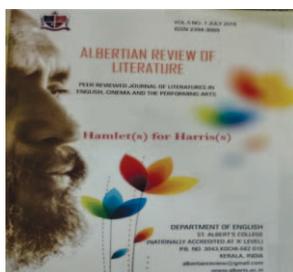
Ms. Sheeba N H has been awarded PhD in Physics for her thesis titled 'Transparent ZnO Thin Films: Deposition, Characterization, Doping effect and Gas Sensitivity', under the guidance of Dr. Rachel Reena Philip.

Bringing Laurels

- **Mr. P Anagh Menon** and **Mr. Irwin Rohith P D** of Physics Department secured the KSCSTE student project under SPYTiS Scheme.
- **Ms. Deeksha K S** of Zoology Department won the Millennium Zoology Award for the Best PG Project in the year 2017.
- **Ms. Jisha J** of Bioinformatics Department was selected for Summer Research Fellowship Programme 2018 instituted by JNCASR and underwent two months training with scholarship.
- **Mr. George Jose** of Physics Department was the state topper in the National Graduate Physics Examination (NGPE) – IAPT exam.
- **Ms. Krishnapriya R** of the Botany Department was selected for a fellowship at the National Institute of Plant Genome Research, New Delhi. She also attended IASC - INSA Summer Research fellowship 2018.
- **Ms. M Shafnaz** of the Botany Department was selected for a fellowship at ALM – PG institute of Basic Medical Sciences, Chennai and attended IASC - INSA Summer Research fellowship 2018.
- **Ms. Swetha Ravindranath Kamath** and **Ms. Saranya K Prabha** were selected for the DBT - Biotech Industrial Training Programme implemented by Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India.
- **Ms. Amritha K S** of the Mathematics Department was placed first in the Top 5% in the Statistics NPTEL Exam conducted by IIT Madras.



Dr. Sibu M Eapen



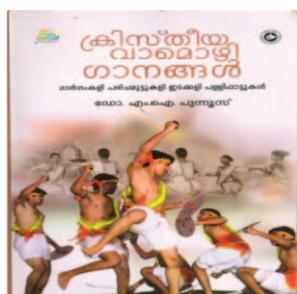
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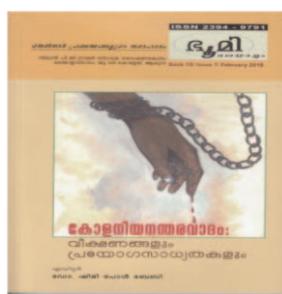
Dr. Shirley Thomas



Dr. Jacob George C,
Ms. Asha Baby Mathews,
Ms. Akhila Narayanan,
Ms. Sreedevi N M (Ed.)

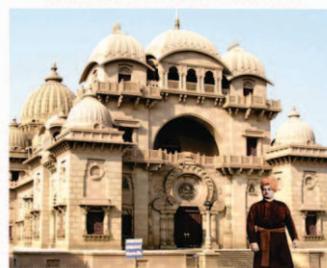


Dr. M I Punnoose

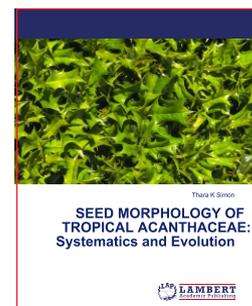


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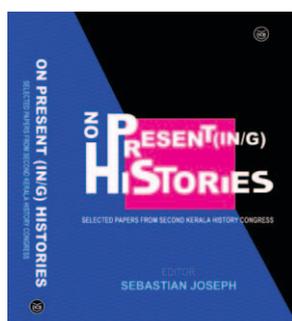
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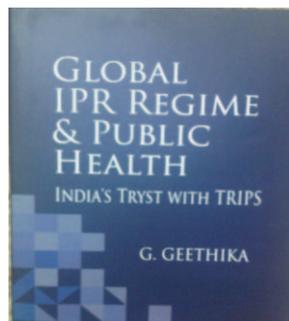
Dr. Muse Mary George,
Dr. Mini Alice, Dr. Jenee Peter,
Dr. Twincy Varghese,
Ms. Meera Jacob P (Ed.)



Dr. Thara K Simon



Dr. Sebastian Joseph (Ed.)



Dr. G Geethika

LAUDABLE POSITIONS

● In the newly constituted PG/UG Boards of Studies, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, the following faculty of Union Christian College, have been appointed as Chairpersons and members:

PG Board of Studies

Chairpersons :

- Dr. Muse Mary George (Malayalam)
- Dr. David Saj Mathew (Botany)

Members:

- Dr. E S Jeevanand (Statistics)
- Ms. Anu Nuthan Joshua (Mathematics)
- Dr. Sebastian Joseph (History)
- Dr. Jenee Peter (History)
- Mr. Cheri Jacob K (English)
- Dr. Anila E I (Physics)

UG Board of Studies

Members :

- Dr. Anil Thomas Koshy (Physical Education)
- Dr. Anilkumar M (Botany)
- Dr. Simi Pushpan K (Chemistry)
- Dr. K Madhu (Physics)
- Mr. K S Narayanan (Sanskrit)
- Dr. M I Punnoose (Malayalam)

INTERNATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

- Ms. Anu Nuthan Joshua, Dept. of Mathematics, presented a paper at the European Conference on Queueing Theory held in Jerusalem in 2018.
- Ms. Jovitha Lincy, Dept. of Zoology, was awarded a travel grant from GEOMAR, Germany for presenting her work on Annamox Microbes in Marine Nitrogen Cycle, at a conference in Germany this year.

NEW APPOINTMENTS



Dr. Divya Susan Philips
Dept. of Chemistry



Dr. A C Sunil Sekhar
Dept. of Chemistry

- **Dr. Susan Eapen**, Retd. Scientist, BARC joined as Adjunct Faculty in the Department of Bioscience.

PROUD MOMENTS

Sahodaran Ayyappan Memorial Literary Award

Dr. Muse Mary George of the Malayalam Department was honored with the Sahodaran Ayyappan Memorial Literary Award for her book *Mercury-Jeevithathinte Rasamapini*.



Mr. Saju Mathew, Assistant Professor in Malayalam has been awarded PhD by Mahatma Gandhi University for the thesis '*Pranayavum Raashtreeyavum Malayala Novelil*'.



Educator Luminary Award



Dr. Sareen Sarah John of the Biotechnology Department received the award constituted by SCIRE Science in recognition of her contributions in teaching and research field.



Ms. Shimi Paul Baby, Assistant Professor in Malayalam has been awarded PhD by Mahatma Gandhi University for the thesis '*Adhikarathinte Vyathyastha Prayogangal Udayamperoor Sunahadosinte Canonakalilum Varthamanapustakathilum*'.

National Diamond Achiever's Award



Dr Ruby Elsa Jacob, Department of Hindi, received the National Diamond Achiever's Award for her contributions to Hindi literature.

Mr Suraj E S, Head of the Department, MBA has been awarded PhD in Management from Pondicherry University for his work entitled 'Refining Equity Valuation Models and Building an Integrated Equity Model for Bank Stocks in India using Artificial Neural Network Approach'.



OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

● Dr. Justin R. Nayagam of the Botany Department received recognition as a Certified Fellow (life time), by the Directorate of Agricultural Sciences in the International Agency for Standards and Ratings.



● Dr. Simi Pushpan of the Chemistry Department has been appointed as District Level Monitoring Committee Member of Sastraposhini Scheme of KSCSTE.

● Dr. Jenee Peter of the History Department is currently serving as Curatorial Consultant, Kerala State Dept of Archaeology. She has completed a project on *Rock Art of Kerala*, with Indira Gandhi Centre for Arts, New Delhi.



IGC Camp @ UCC

Capt. K S Narayanan and Lt. Dr. Geethika G, Associate National Cadet Corps Officers were honored by the Officiating Additional Director General of NCC Kerala and Lakshadweep Directorate during IGC Republic Day Selection Camp, for their outstanding contributions.



UNIVERSITY TOP POSITIONS (POST GRADUATION)



Kavya K
Psychology (I)



Jerry P Mathew
Psychology (II)



Amal T Anup
Psychology (III)

Psychology
Nimmy Johns (IV)
Jiya Joseph (V)
Miliya K Jamal (VII)

Zoology
Reshma K A (IV)
Fabidha P E (VII)

Economics
Shafeena K S(VIII)
Sangeetha R (X)
Ashmy M A (VII)

Biotechnology
Sneha B (IX)
Vineetha Thomas A (X)

Malayalam
Anna Joy (X)

English
Mariya Mathews (X)

Botany
Merin Alice (X)



Liniya Berlin
Zoology (I)



Anugraha Susan
Bioinformatics (I)



Maria George
Bioinformatics(II)



Sajna Nizar
Botany (II)



Neena T S
Botany (II)



Menon Nileena
History (II)

THANK YOU

NEW BURSAR

FARE THEE WELL...



Prof. Philip N Thomas
Manager-in-charge
(June-August 2018)



Dr. M I Punnoose
Dept. of Malayalam

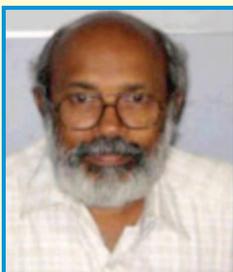


Dr. P Thomas Mathew
Former Principal
Dept. of Botany



Dr. Jacob George C
Retd. Head
Dept. of English

May their souls rest in peace.



Prof. Dr. V C Kuriakose
Dept. of Physics



Prof. C G Varghese
Dept. of Physical Education

Her Song Lives On...

The sad demise of Sodari Kochamma, fondly referred to as the 'Nightingale of UCC', has deprived the college community of a vibrant wellwisher. Wife of Dr. A M Chacko, former Principal and Manager of the college, she was an integral presence on the campus and will be missed by all.

.....And She Knew Us by Name

Kurien Kochamma, W/o. Dr. M V Kurien, former Head of Department of Economics, passed away on 7 July 2018. The college community mourns the death of a warm personality who brightened the college with her presence.