

3.3.1 EXTENSION ACTIVITIES BY CLUBS AND DEPARTMENTS

Gifted Children Program was coordinated by our department for high school students. Dr. Sunil Sekhar A C was the coordinator of the program. The “Gifted Children Program” is an initiative by general education department, Govt. of Kerala, intended to enhance the overall academic and extracurricular development of high school students. As part of the initiative, a total of 50 talented students from the district, belonging to class VIII, IX and X will be listed based on the score obtained by students in the USS scholarship examination. Union Christian College, Aluva is one of the selected centres in Ernakulam district for conducting the prestigious program namely, “Gifted Children Program” during the academic year 2023-24. Students from government and aided schools who are studying in 8th, 9th and 10th standards and have been selected for this program. On 16th September 2023, a group of 42 students visited Union Christian College, Aluva under this program.



Dept of Zoology, in association with Hindustan Lifecare Limited (HLL) and Kadungallore panchayath, organized SWASTHYA – an extension activity for anaemia detection among women of reproductive age, on June 30, 2023. The activity was conducted in 2 sites – college campus for girl students and SC nursery school for neighbourhood community. Close to 80% of the participants were found to be anaemic. Dietary and lifestyle suggestions were given according to the reading. Around 250 ladies benefitted from this activity.

As part of *Vidyakiran*, the extension activity of the Department of English, second-year MA students visited Viveka Chandrika Sabha School, Puthenvelikkara and engaged sessions on Communicative Skills and Creative Writing for higher secondary students on the 2nd of August, 2023. Three students from ICU (Japan) also joined the team.

Raanthal, a best practice of the Department, organised an extension activity at Champaparambu LP School for classes I-IV on 27th of September, 2023. The initiative aimed to instill environmental consciousness by raising awareness about nature and promoting the use of eco-friendly products.



Arteo-Botanique, the Eco-shop of the Department of Botany participated in the *Onavipani*, in association with *Thanalidam* on the 24th of August, 2023.

The Outreach and Women Empowerment Cell of MCA Department conducted a class for senior citizens residing at Chacko Homes on the 12th and 13th of September, 2023 to familiarise them with various features available on smart phones.



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On the 15th of October, 2023, the Undergraduate students of the Department of Psychology assisted Kerala Police at different venues in Aluva for collecting, compiling and documenting data of migrant population in Kerala as requested by the Police Department.



Extension Activities

The Department of Psychology organised an interactive session with the students of Gandhi Smaraka Prarthana Skill Centre in Paravoor on the 14th of October, 2023. As a part of the programme, 1st year MSc Psychology students visited the centre and spent time with differently abled and hearing impaired students who are undergoing job training to work in hotels and retail shops.



As part of the extension programme of the Department of Physical Education, to develop and nurture young talented sports persons in Cricket, Netball and Archery, three academies were inaugurated in UCC.

The MBA Department, in collaboration with HDFC Bank and the Indian Medical Association (IMA) Cochin, organised a Blood Donation Camp on 10th of October, 2023.

The Department also hosted the *Training the Teacher Trainer*, in association with CXS Solutions, from 10th to 12th of April, 2023.

The Mizhi Club, in association with the Kites Foundation, launched audio books for visually challenged students on the 13th of October, 2023. The Mizhi and Symphony Clubs, in association with the Samarthanam Trust for the differently abled organised a Job Fair on the 14th of October, 2023.

Folklore Day: On 22nd of August, 2023, the Department celebrated Folklore Day jointly with Natana Kala Kendram, Thrissur and Polika, Karumalloor. On the occasion, the Department paid tribute to the memory of renowned folklore researcher Dr. C.R. Rajagopalan. Prof. E.S. Satheshan delivered the memorial speech. Folk artists were felicitated during the event.

Higher Secondary School Teacher Transformation Programme (HSSTTP) in Botany: The Department, in collaboration with the Directorate of General Education and Collegiate Education, organised an HSSTTP in Botany from 9th to 18th of December, 2023. Dr. C.M. Sreejith (Controller of Examinations, MGU) inaugurated the programme. The course was coordinated by Dr. M. Anilkumar (HoD).



The cadets of Union Christian College, Aluva took part in the cleaning programme initiated by minister P. Rajiv in the Kalamassery constituency as part of the Environment Day celebrations 2023. As part of World Environment Day and Puneet Sagar Abhiyan cadets of UC College and SNM College, Maliyankara conducted a cleaning programme at Munambam beach.



The 8th National Convention of Organic Farmers was conducted at Union Christian College in association with the **Department of Botany** from 28 to 30 December, 2023. Farmers from all over India attended the programme.

Shatabdi Prathibha Puraskaram

As part of its Centenary Celebrations, the College honored its illustrious alumni with the Shatabdi Prathibha Puraskaram. Honorary awards were bestowed on six different categories.



Sports

The awards were distributed by Dr. G. Kishan (Principal, JCCPE), Tirunelveli Region & Regional Director, Sports Authority of India, M. D. Yashwanth (Director and Patron, The Athlete) and Dr. Vinay Kumar (Former Indian International Cricketer) on 3 April, 2024, to Suresh Kumar, Suresh George Babu, Praveen Kumar G., Vikas V. Shanmugan, Dr. Vinay Kumar, Nataraj N., Abhinav Mathan, Dr. Dhara T., Prof. J. J. Jayaraman, Tony Stephen.

Sports



Literature

The awards were distributed by M. K. Suresh (Minister, Culture and Sports) on 21 May, 2024, to V. Devina, T. D. Manikrishnan, Satish, Thiruvani Balaji, D. Sudhakar, Prabhu, Rajagopal Sridhar, Varadharaj Valluvaraj and Anand.

Literature



Media

The awards were distributed by J. Jayalalitha (Minister, Information and Public Relations) on 21 May, 2024, to K. M. Shan, Adv. A. Jayaraman, Adv. Karan G., S. Karthikeyan, K. N. M. Praveen, J. Sridhar, K. A. Elang, Suresh Tony, Dr. Jayaram, Jacob and Jose Gade R.

Media



Science and Technology

The awards were distributed by V. P. Jayaprakash (Chief Secretary, Kerala) on 22 May, 2024, to Dr. Anil N., Dr. C. P. Sridharan Pillai, S. Anandharaj, Dr. K. Sridharan, Dr. Suresh P., Dr. J. Jayalalitha, Dr. Anand, Dr. M. G. Sankaranarayanan, Dr. Suresh P., Dr. Suresh, Suresh K. S. Sankaranarayanan and Dr. S. Sankaranarayanan.

Science and Technology



Environmental and Social Activism

The awards were distributed by Dr. Jayalalitha (Chief Minister, Kerala) on 22 May, 2024, to J. Jayalalitha, Anandharaj K. C., M. Sankaranarayanan, P. N. Sankaranarayanan, Praveen Kishan, Sankaranarayanan G., Dr. Jayalalitha, Manoj Kumar J. R., Dr. J. Jayalalitha and Dr. P. M. Manoj Kumar.

Environmental and Social Activism

Honouring the Oldest Alumnus

The first Shatabdi Prathibha Puraskaram was awarded to Col. G. Venkatesan Dasappa on 3 March, 2024. He is the oldest alumnus of the College. He was a student of the College from 1937 to '39. The award was presented to him at the 100th Anniversary Chapter Meeting.





A five-day residential workshop on the *Four Year Degree Programme (Honours) Curriculum*, organised by the MG University, Kottayam for Zoology teachers was hosted by the **Department of Zoology** from 13 to 17 November, 2023. Prof. (Dr.) M.I. Punnoose (Principal) inaugurated the workshop.



The **Department of Physical Education**, in association with MG University, Kottayam organised a five-day workshop from 20-24 November, 2023, in connection with the implementation of the four-year degree courses in the affiliated colleges of MG University. The workshop was inaugurated by Dr. Biju Thomas (Syndicate Member, MGU and Principal, Baselius College). Mr. Ashish Joseph (Chairperson, UG Board Physical Education) and Dr. Libin Kuriakose (Resource Person) spoke during the function.

Extension Activities

In association with *Chola: Mission to Accompany & Inspire*, the **Department of English** conducted an orientation programme for *Renaissance: Multidisciplinary Centre for Research, Extension and Learning*, Sree Sankara College, Kalady on 21 January, 2024. On the occasion the Department officially signed an MoU with Chola.



Dr. Sunil Abraham Thomas and Ms. Thasni Navas of the **Department of Economics**, as part of the Gifted Children Programme Initiative of the Government of Kerala, led sessions on *Economic Issues* for selected school students at Union Christian College, Aluva.



The **Department of Zoology**, as part of the Gifted Children Programme Initiative of the Government of Kerala, engaged a talk by Mr. Alen Alex P. (1st MSc. Zoology) on *What is Zoology?* for selected school students from Aluva Sub-District.



Students from the **Department of Commerce**, visited the old age home at Nazerath Convent, Edakunnu on 19 December, 2023 as part of their extension activities. The students spent time interacting with the residents.



The **Department of Botany** organised a *Plant Identification Consultancy Programme* for research and educational purposes from January, 2024 to June, 2024. Dr. Justin R. Nayagam (Asst. Professor) was the resource person. 25 student researchers and BPharm students benefitted from the programme. The Department also offered a herbarium visit to final year BPharm students.



As part of the Gifted Children Program, an initiative of the Government of Kerala, students from various schools visited the **Department of Biosciences**. Dr. Jyothilekshmi S. (Assoc. Professor) conducted a session titled *Think Like a Scientist*.

The Department hosted a Higher Secondary School Teacher Transformation Programme in Biology, in association with the Directorate of General Education, and Collegiate Education, Kerala from 16 to 25 February, 2024.



As part of Association activities, the second-year undergraduate students of the Department organised an inter-school quiz competition, showcasing their leadership and organisational skills. The event drew participation from 15 schools.



The Department in association with the Department of Psychology and Mizhi Club of the College jointly organised an inclusive sports participation programme, *I Connect* on 26 July, 2024. Mr. Muhammed Afsal (Co-founder) and Balaji Prathap (Social Worker) from Equibeing led the programme.



As part of the World Space Day celebration, on 23 August, 2024, the cadets of 7(K) Girls Bn NCC sub-unit gave a thought-provoking awareness session on space science at the Govt LP School, Chamaparambu.

Electoral Literacy Club



On 4 March, 2024, in association with IQAC and NSS, the Electoral Literacy Club conducted the 'Voters' Pledge' campaign, as part of the state-wide voter awareness programme.

Vara Club

Integrated painting workshops were conducted at Veliyathumadu Welfare Home (17 December, 2023), AB Block (4 September, 2023), IEDC (13 August, 2024) & Thanalidam (14 August, 2024). An online painting competition was held on 20 September, 2024.

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Snehaveeda - On 11 November, 2023, NSS unit handed over the keys of the house built under the Snehaveeda project, in collaboration with the KCF. The beneficiary was Mr. Sunilkumar. The key was handed over by Mr. Anwar Sadath, MLA. The foundation stone of the third house under this project was laid on 5 September, 2024.

Cleaning Campaigns



The following cleaning drives were organised by the NSS unit: 1. Aluva Bus Stand and Kadavu in association with the Aluva Municipality under the *Svachhatha hi Seva* programme (29 September, 2024). 2. On 21 December, 2023 - Sub-Registrar Office, Aluva (Sneharaman project) 3. Coastal clean-up - Sixty volunteers participated in the cleaning of Cheral beach on 21 September, 2024.



Oypan an initiative of P. Rajeev, Minister of Law of Kerala, organised a Super Speciality Medical Camp in the Kalamassery Assembly Constituency on 18 February, 2024 at Guardian Angels Higher Secondary School, Manjummel.

The NSS volunteers actively participated in Nilava Eye Testing Camp conducted on 5th March, 2024 at Union Christian College, Aluva, in association with Little Flower Hospital, Angamaly.



The NSS Unit of the College initiated organic farming on 6 February, 2024 in the College premises. The first harvesting was done on 19 March, 2024. The produce were sold through Thanalidam.



The NSS unit volunteered to organise a sports meet for specially-abled students conducted by Rotary Club, Paravoor on 18 November, 2023.



Public Survey with Haritha Karmasena: On 25 November, 2023, the volunteers conducted a survey in Aluva Municipality, in collaboration with the Haritha Karmasena of the municipality, to identify the waste disposal methods in the locality.



NSS volunteers helped the government authorities to facilitate the registration of UDID at Cheriapilly Block Panchayath on 15 January, 2024, and Alangad Block Panchayath on 30 January, 2024.