



Union Christian College Aluva Newsletter

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From the Principal's desk

Dear friends,

Greetings from UCC!

Union Christian College is at a significant juncture this year, after the jubilations of the centenary celebrations. This is a moment for introspection and recalibration. The challenges of a new era call for a renewed commitment to the vision of our founders, while we brace ourselves for fresh ventures to influence the socio-cultural and educational map of our land. The time is ripe to pledge ourselves to the nation, to safeguard its secular and democratic fabric.

It is a matter of pride that in our pursuit of educational excellence we have improved our position in the NIRF ranking from 97th to 77th. But there is no time to bask in the newly achieved glory. There are still heights to reach and dreams to realise. One is reminded of Robert Browning's lines, "a man's reach should exceed his grasp/Or what's a heaven for?" At UCC we never cease from aspiring for excellence. In that search the college is gearing up for the 5th cycle of NAAC accreditation. I wholeheartedly appreciate the college community for diligently working towards securing the highest grade. I earnestly solicit the support of all well-wishers in this endeavour.

The Centenary Celebration in 2022 was an unforgettable experience, evincing the love of our alumni and the wider community for our institution. The week-long festivities reinvigorated us. My sincere gratitude to all who contributed to the success of this fiesta. The nostalgic November Meet this year is special as our cherished AB Block has been renovated with the generous support of the Vidwan P. G. Nair Trust.



The Vidwan P. G. Nair Block & M. L. Pankajakshi Conference Centre will be inaugurated on the 8th of November by Prof. M. K. Sanu. UCC's gratitude to Dr. M. G. Sarngadharan and family! The Thanalidam Eco-shop will be inaugurated on the 9th of November. Events galore await us. Let us travel together!

Prof. Dr. M. I. Punnoose

OLD STUDENTS' REUNION DAY 2023

Dear Alumni,

Union Christian College invites you to the Old Students' Reunion Day on 09th of November, 2024 (Saturday)

08:30 AM

Registration

10:00 AM

Public Meeting at VMH

Chief Guest

Sri. A. Akbar, IPS
(Inspector General of Police and Alumnus)

11:30 AM

**Scholarships & Alumni Awards
Distribution and Reminiscences**

12.30 PM

Lunch Break

01.30 PM

Documentary Release & Screening

02.15 PM

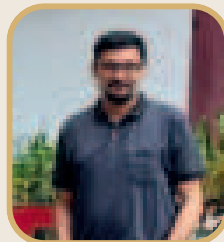
Business Meeting
(Followed by Cultural Programmes)

Global UCian Meet-2022



The OSA Alumni Reunion of the college on the 12th of November, 2022 was the stage for a global meet of UCians as the college celebrated its Centenary Year. The Chief guest was Shri. Thushar Gandhi (Great-Grandson of Mahatma Gandhi, Activist and Writer). The meet was inaugurated by Hon'ble Justice C. Jayachandran (Alumnus). Dr. Sosamma Iype (Padma Shri recipient and alumna) was the guest of honour. The college anthem penned by Shri. Venu V. Desom and set to tune by Mr. John P. John was performed by the college choir on the occasion. Dr. Sosamma Iype and Shri. Biji George (Addtl. S.P. of Police/Recipient of President's Police Medal) were honoured at the function. Tributes were paid to the nonagenarian alumni and retired teachers.

Congratulations to our Alumni!



Ms. Thasmin Shihab won the Prof. Joseph Mundassery award instituted by the Centre for continuing Education, Govt. Of Kerala for her novel *Sumaiyya* in the children's literature category. **Dr. A.T. Biju** won the Shanthi Swaroop Bhatnagar Award 2022 for his contribution in the area of Chemical Engineering. **Prof. Dr. Dileep Kumar M.** has been appointed as the VC of Hensard University, Nigeria.

UCian touches the Moon

The O-rings, dust covers and gaskets used in LVM 3 rocket that took Chandrayaan to the space was made at Industrial Elastomers, Edathala. Congratulations to the CEO Shri. Abdu Samad, an alumnus of UCC.



July Meet 2023



The July Meet of the overseas Alumni chapters was conducted on 8th of July, 2023. Rev. Thomas John (Manager) presided over the meeting. Dr. Mini Alice (Dean, Administration) led the discussions on various future projects. This was followed by a panel discussion on Alumni engagements and chapters. Felicitations were offered by Mr. Cyriac George (UCCAANK), Ms. Riya Raju (UCCAANA), Mr. N.M. Pearson (Paravur Chapter), Representatives of UCCAANK and UCCAANA.

Teachers' Day 2023



The OSA and the college management jointly celebrated the Teachers' Day on the 5th of September, 2023 in honour of the retired teachers. Prof. K. Muthulekshmi (Pro-VC, SSUS, Kalady) was the chief guest of the day.



The Principal and OSA presented a memento to Justice K. Vinod Chandran, (Chief Justice, High Court of Guwahati) on the 4th of January, 2023.

Adieu!

Union Christian College paid homage to Col. VSM Makkar (Rtd./alumnus) on the 2nd of October, 2023. Dr. Rajan Varghese (Former Principal) paid tribute to him at the condolence meeting.

NIRF Ranking



Union Christian College secured the 77th position in the list of the best higher education institutions in the country. This is the second year that the college has consecutively figured in the list with a significant improvement from the last year's position.

100 years of Tagore's visit



The college celebrated the Centenary of Tagore's visit (1922) on 18th of November, 2022. Dr. K.V. Kunjikrishnan (President, State Library Council) was the chief guest.



Prof. Dr. M.I. Punnoose attended the 11th International Conference of the Colleges and Universities of the Anglican Communion (CUAC) held from the 2nd to 8th of July, 2023 at Melbourne, Australia.

Principal's Installation

The installation service of the Principal of Union Christian College, Prof. Dr. M. I. Punnoose was held on the 27th of June, 2023 at the College Chapel. His Grace Dr. Yuhanon Mar Polycarpose blessed the ceremony with his benedictory address.



The Indian Christian Higher Education Leaders Summit organised by United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia (UBCHEA) was held at the Women's Christian College, Chennai from 13th to 15th April, 2023. Prof. Dr. M.I. Punnoose participated in the Summit.



Dr. Jenish Paul, attended the UB Fellows Programme SMU Leadership Seminar from 2nd to 5th of July, 2023 at Singapore.



Student Exchange



Five Japanese students from the International Christian University participated in the one month long International Service Learning Programme at UCC, from 24th July to 23rd August, 2023. Two UCC students Ms. Ayushi Sabu and Ms. Uthara Menon participated in the Japan Summer Service Learning Programme hosted by International Christian University, Japan in July, 2023.

UB Visit



A delegation from the UBCHEA comprising Angela Wai Ching Wong, Vice President for Programmes, Kevin Henderson, Director Digital Content and Programming, Lentson Amos, Consultant Assistant Director for South Asia Programmes visited Union Christian College, Aluva on 12th of April, 2023.



College Updates

During the Centenary Year, the college undertook a massive renovation drive where the iconic buildings on the campus were spruced up. The renovation of the **Kacheri Malika** (a protected monument) which was long due was completed with the help of the Kerala State Department of Archaeology. The **T.B. Ninan Hall** was upgraded with necessary technical support to host seminars of national standards. A new **gymnasium** is functional on the campus to cater to the fitness needs of the college community. A grand staff dining area has been built in the college canteen for the guests visiting the campus. The renovation of the **AB block** with the support of Vidwan P.G. Nair Trust is nearing completion. The renovated building will be called **Vidwan P.G. Nair Block & M.L. Pankajakshi Conference Centre**.



Union Christian College entered the **Magic Book of Records** for building the largest concrete replica of the FIFA World Cup.



The C.P. Andrews Basketball Stadium renovated with the aid of CSR funding from Fedreal Bank Ltd. was inaugurated by Shri. Raju Hormis (former AGM, Federal Bank) on 11th of November, 2022. The 44th UC College South Zone Intercollegiate Basketball Tournament was held from the 7th to 10th of March, 2023 in this arena.

Thanalidam



‘Thanalidam: A Ucian Haven for All’, a unique tri-faceted initiative of the college to serve the society through the following projects: 1. Ecoshop 2. Thrift shop and 3. Free Mid Day Meal was inaugurated on the 8th of May, 2023. The project was inaugurated by Smt. Sreelatha Lalu (President, Karumaloor Panchayath). The foundation stone of the Ecoshop was laid by His Grace Elias Mor Athanasius Metropolitan.

Book Release



‘ആലുവയിലെ ജോണച്ചൻ’ the biography of Rev. Fr. T.V. John, an eminent former faculty of the Dept. of English, authored by his son Dr. Alexander John was released by Shri. M.A. Baby on the 14th of September, 2023. This was followed by a seminar on *Ecological Consciousness* by Ms. Ansu Anna John (Grand-daughter of Rev. Fr. T.V. John /Environmental Consultant).

Centennial Vista

Union Christian College Celebrated its Centenary Year with myriad of gala events like Exhibitions by National Organisations, Departmental Exhibitions, Inter-collegiate exhibitions, Global UCian Meet, Cultural events, Consumer fair, Game zone and more.

National Organisations

Organisations like ISRO, Indian Navy, Indian Army, Indian Air Force, Cochin Shipyard, NPOL etc attracted many curious minds to their stalls.

Department Exhibitions

All the Departments of the College set up stalls showcasing key areas of research and knowledge.



Cultural Events

One of the highlights of Centennial Vista was the cultural evenings with popular lectures by public intellectuals like Sunil P. Ilayidom, Balachandran Chullikad etc and cultural programmes like Chavittunadakam, Kalaripayattu, KPSC's Play, 'നിങ്ങൾ എന്നെ കമ്മ്യൂണിസ്റ്റാക്കി' cultural programmes by Swaralaya, etc.

Consumer Fair

Consumer stalls by Royal Enfield, Elite Foods, Euro Power Wash, Horticon, Kudumbasree Ernakulam, INSA etc were opened for the public.

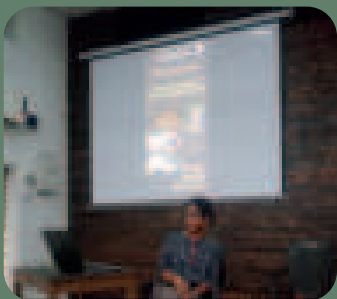


Conclave

A Centenary Conclave on 'കേരള വികസനം-പുതുരാഷ്ട്രീയ നിലപാടുകളുടെ അനിവാര്യത' was organised on 10th of November, 2022.

International and National Seminars/Lectures

The Department of English organised an International Lecture by Ms. Ansu Anna John (Environmental Consultant to the US Environmental Protection Agency) on *Severing the Sacred Soil-Soul Bond: How Colonial Legacies Lead to Eco-Cultural Loss* on 25th of September, 2023.



The Department of Mathematics conducted a National Seminar on *Number Theory and Discrete Mathematics* in collaboration with Kerala Mathematical Association on the 7th of March, 2023. The seminar was inaugurated by noted mathematician, Dr. Satyavolu Srinivas Rau.



The Department of Economics, jointly with CSES (Centre for Socio-Economics and Environmental Studies) and Women's Study Centre, CUSAT, organised a National Public Lecture on *Climate Change and Agriculture* by renowned agricultural economist and Professor, Dr. Madhura Swaminathan on the 20th of July, 2023.



A two-day National Symposium on *Nuclear Energy-Generation and its Applications* was organised from 23rd to 24th of February, 2023 by the Departments of Botany and BioSciences in association with Indian Nuclear Society, Mumbai and the Atomic Energy Retirees Association of Kerala under the

sponsorship of Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited and co sponsorship of Nuclear Fuel Complex, Hyderabad and the Indian Association for Radiation Protection, Mumbai. Dr. K. Madhusudhanan (VC, CUSAT) inaugurated the symposium. The keynote address was delivered by Sri M. Venkatachalam (Distinguished scientist and Executive Director, National Power Corporation India Ltd).



A National Seminar on *Indian Economy @75* was organised by the Department in collaboration with Kerala State Higher Education Council on the 24th of January, 2023. The speakers included Prof. Suresh Babu (IIT Madras), Prof. Veeramani C. (IGIDR and Director, CDS), Prof. S. Chandrasekhar (IGIDR), and Prof. Vijayabaskar (MIDS).



The V.K. Alexander Memorial National Seminar on *Therapeutic Skill Training* was jointly organised by the Department of Psychology and Athma-My Mind, My Care, Kerala, from 15th to

16th of March, 2023. The keynote address was delivered by, Dr. Bibin B. Thottam (Consultant Psychiatrist).



The Department of Botany organised a National Seminar on *Millet Cultivation and Product Preparation* on the 11th of August, 2023. Dr. C. George Thomas (Chairman, Kerala State Biodiversity Board) was the chief guest.

The MBA Department organised a National Conference on *Booming Indian Economy*, on 23rd of January, 2023. Dr. K. N. Raghavan (IRS, Executive Director of the Rubber Board) inaugurated the conference.

Workshops



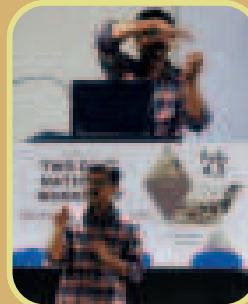
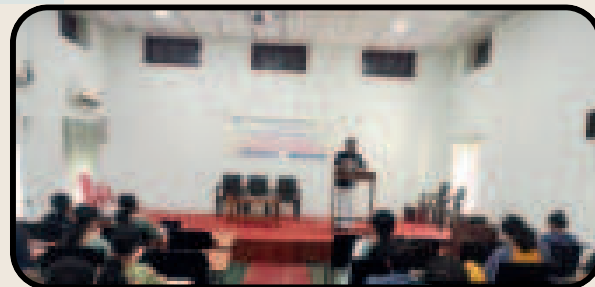
The Department of English, organised a **Theatre Workshop** under the banner of *Beck and Call: The English Theatre* on the 20th of September, 2023. Dr. Sujeesh C. K. (Assoc. Prof. of English, SSC Kalady) was the resource person for the workshop.

A workshop on Creative Writing, *POIEMA* was organised on the 30th of October, 2023. The resource person was Dr. Nithya Mariam John (Asst. Prof. of English, BCM College, Kottayam). A **Drama Therapy Workshop** by Rev. Dr. Renjan John (Consultant Counsellor) was organised in association with *Beck and Call: The English Theatre* on the 31st October, 2023.

The Department of Physics organised a National Workshop on *Materials Characterization Technique* from 22nd to 23rd of March, 2023. The main speaker was Prof. Reji Philip (Raman Research Institute, Bangalore).



The Department of Botany, in association with the Research Advisory Council of the College, organised a workshop on *Research Methodology and Publication Ethics* from 29th to 30th May, 2023. The sessions were handled by Dr. Sebastian Joseph (Rtd. Assoc. Prof, Dept. of History, UCC), Mr. Jobin Jose (Librarian, Marian College Kuttikkanam) and Dr. M. Anilkumar (Assoc. Prof and HOD, Dept. of Botany).



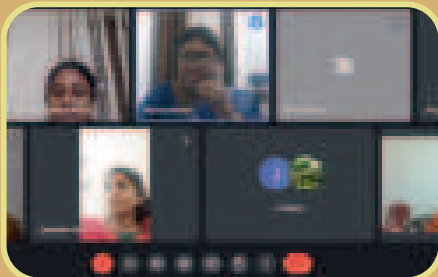
On the 9th of January, 2023, the Department of Computer Science organised a workshop on *Assembly Language Programming*. Mr. Cijin K. Paul (Asst. Prof. of Computer Science) was the resource person. Faculty members from various colleges under Mahatma Gandhi University participated for finalizing the lab cycle of the S4 B.Sc. Computer Science Microprocessor and Assembly Language Programming Lab.

The Department of BioSciences conducted a two day online Teachers Training Workshop on *Genome Editing* sponsored by Lady Tata Memorial Trust, Mumbai from 5th to 6th of November, 2022. The resource persons were Dr. Devashish Rath, Dr. Chitra S. Misra, Dr. Sudhir Singh, Ms. Gargi Bindal (Scientists of BARC, Mumbai).

E-Kudumbam On the occasion of observing International Women's Day, on 8th of March, 2023, the Department of Commerce organized a workshop on electronic marketing for members of Kudumbasree units of the neighbourhood. The session was handled by the students of the Department. An exhibition cum sale of products made by the students and Kudumbasree members was also organized.

Workshops

The Department of Physical Education in association with Redeem Sports Foundation organized a workshop on *Women Empowerment Through Exercise* on 21st of April, 2023.



The MCA Department conducted an online hands on training workshop on "*Python Programming & Data Science Fundamentals*" for faculty, students and

research scholars of other colleges from 7th to 9th of June, 2023. Ms. Veena Jose & Ms. Sherna Mohan, Associate Professors of the department led the sessions.

NSS

The **Seven-day Special Camp** of National Service Scheme Unit was been conducted from 23rd to 29th December, 2022 at GHSS Vazhakulam. The camp was named **Navajeevan 2022: Lahari Mukhta Naalekaay Yuvakeralam**. The camp was inaugurated by Siraj K.M. (Vazhakulam Block Panchayat Member). In collaboration with Kochouseph Chittilapily Foundation, the NSS Unit initiated the *Snehavedu* house construction project. The foundation stone laying ceremony of first house was on 17th of August, 2023.



In association with Women and Child Development Department, the Unit conducted an orientation programme on the 19th of August, 2023 on the topic *Gender, Justice and Equality Awareness*. The session was led by Smt. Darlin Donald (Family Counciller and Trainer). After the session a self-defense training class was also conducted by rural police officers. *UC LF Nilavu 2023-24: Sampoorna Thimira Vimukta Aluva*, a Free Eye Examination & Free Cataract Surgery Camp was conducted on 7th of September, 2023.



On 8th of March, 2023, the MBA Department in association with World Okinawa Shorin Ryu Karate Do Kyudokan

Federation of India and organised a Self-Defence workshop that provided training and skills, equipping the participants with techniques for self-protection.

IQAC



The IQAC of the college organised a Faculty Development Programme on *The Revised Accreditation Framework: A Roadmap* 21st of January, 2023. Dr. Binu Thomas (Assoc. Prof. in Computer Science, Marian College, Kuttikkanam) led the programme. A talk on *Preparedness for NAAC Accreditation* by Prof. Dr. George K. Alex (Principal, St. Thomas College, Kozhenchery) was organised on 8th of August, 2023.

Optical Lab



The new Optical Lab of the Department of Physics was inaugurated on the 2nd of November, 2022. The facility was built with the financial assistance of the DBT Star Project of the Department of Science and Technology.

Extension Activities

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.



The Department of Economics conducted an extension activity to study the prevalence of lifestyle diseases in Karumalloor Panchayat. The report of the study carried out was handed over on 24 May, 2023 to the Panchayat President. Another extension activity was carried out to assess the awareness of general public about various government schemes in Alangad Panchayat. The report of the study was handed over on 24 of May, 2023 to the Panchayat President.



The Department of Chemistry, was selected to conduct a programme titled *Urjakiran* with funding from Energy Management Centre, Kerala in association with Centre for Environment and Development and Karumalloor Grama Panchayat. An Energy Conservation Rally and Signature Campaign was organised on 23rd of January, 2023.

The Department conducted two Gifted Children's programmes on 25th of February, 2023 and 16th of September, 2023. Dr. Geena Joy (Asst. Prof. of Mathematics) delivered a talk on *The Mathematics Behind Data Encryption* as part of the 4th session of the Gifted Children Programme.



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



The Department of Zoology, in association with HLL and Kadungalloor Panchayath, organised SWASTHYA, an anaemia detection programme for women of reproductive age, on the 30th of June, 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.

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.



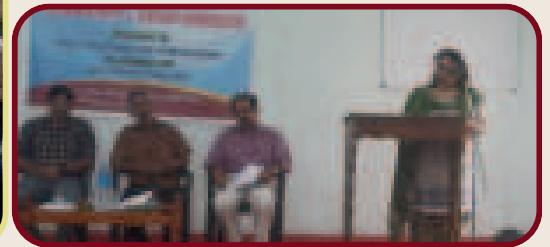
As part of the extension programme of the Department of Physical Education, to develop and nurture young talented sports persons in Cricket, Netball and Archery, three academies were inaugurated in UCC.

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.

Library - Seminar



A national seminar on *Research Integrity and Scholarly Communication* was conducted on the 25th of February, 2023 in association with the Kerala Library Association Ernakulam Region and IQAC of the college. The inaugural session was chaired by Shri. Joe Joseph (President, KLA Ernakulam Region).

Centenary Public Lectures

Shri. Bijo John Mammen (VSM, Air Commodore, Indian Air force) delivered a talk on *Touch the Sky with Glory* on the 4th of November, 2023. Dr. A Velumani, (Creator, Thyrocare) spoke on *A Story Teller Par Excellence- on Life, Career and Business* on the 8th of December, 2022. Sri E.P. Rajagopalan lectured on *Aghyanavum Swathanthryavum* on the 20th of December, 2022. The final Lecture was on *Hormone Disorders in Young Women* by Dr. Mini G Pillai (MD, Gen. Medicine) on the 7th of March, 2023.

Faculty Achievements



Dr. Saju Mathew
Elected to the
MGU Senate for
the 3rd time



Ms. Femi Anna Thomas
Young Polar Scientist
Award

Leaders' Meet 2023

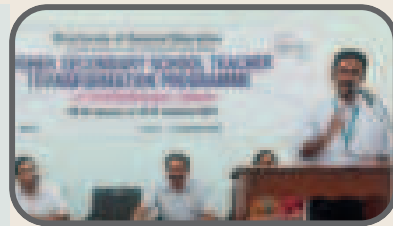
The College organised a Leaders' Meet on 14th of October, 2023 at HRD Centre, Fellowship House, for the elected members of the College Union, secretaries of various clubs, department associations, hostels, and student organizations. Rev. Thomas John, and Prof. Dr. M. I. Punnoose, addressed the leaders. Shri. Sooraj Abraham (Life Skills and Soft Skills Trainer) conducted various activities aimed at enhancing the leadership skills of the students. Dr. Sunil Abraham Thomas coordinated the programme.



Department of English

Higher Secondary School Teacher Transformation Programme (HSSTTP) in English: The Department, in collaboration with the Directorate of General Education and Collegiate Education, organised an HSSTTP in English from 20th to 29th of January, 2023. Through a series of workshops, lectures, and training sessions, the programme contributed to the professional development of the 39 Higher Secondary teachers who participated in the programme.

Susan Thomas Memorial Lectures: Two *Susan Thomas Memorial Lectures* were conducted this year. Dr. Ajay Shekhar (Assistant Professor of English, SSUS Kalady) spoke on *The Gendered Subaltern in and as Performance* at the 9th edition, which was held on the 28th of February, 2023. The 10th edition was conducted on the 15th of September, 2023. Dr. Babitha Justin (Assoc. Professor, Department of Humanities, IISST Thiruvananthapuram) delivered a lecture on *Where are all the Women?*



International Days: The Department observed the *International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking* on 26th of June, 2023. Shri. Baiju Poulouse M. (DySP Crime Branch & Anti-Terrorist Squad, Ernakulam) was the chief guest. On *World Food Day*, 16th of October, the Department of English organised a lecture on food culture. Dr. Meenu Jose (Assistant Professor of English, Mar Ivanios College, Thiruvananthapuram) deliberated on the topic *Gastronomic Musings: Politics and Semiotics of Food*.

Chrysalis: The Department, in association with *Chola*, a life empowerment initiative, has started an Induction and Lifeskills Training Programme for its PG students. The first three sessions were conducted in the months of August, September and October. The third session was residential. Two more sessions will be organised during November and December, 2023. Shri. Lovewin K. Cherian (Team Leader, *Chola*) serves as the resource person.



Department of Malayalam



Seminar on Asan Smriti: The Department conducted a two-day seminar on Asan Smriti in association with the Institute of Sarvavijnanakosam from 23rd to 24th of February, 2023. Prof. M.K. Sanu inaugurated the seminar. Shri. K.P. Kumaran, director of the film *Gramavrikshathile Kuyil*, based on Asan's life, was honoured during the event. Dr. Muse Mary George (Director, Institute of Sarvavijnanakosam), Prof. Dr. M.I. Punnoose (Principal), Dr. Vidhu Narayan (HoD) spoke on the occasion. Noted academicians presented seminar papers on the poetic world of Kumaran Asan.

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. Satheeshan delivered the memorial speech. Folk artists were felicitated during the event.

PhDs Awarded

Three research scholars, supervised by Dr. Siby M. Eapen were awarded PhDs.



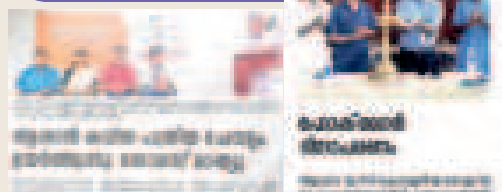
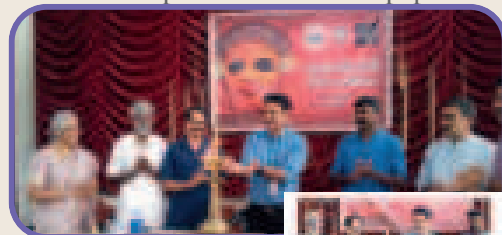
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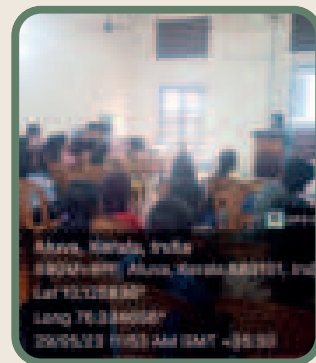
Dr. Lakshmi Das



Department of Hindi



A talk on *Professional Ethics* was organised by the Department on 19th of May, 2023, to raise awareness about professional ethics and foster ethical decision-making. Shri. Abdul Basith (Content Writer & Tutor) was the resource person for the programme.



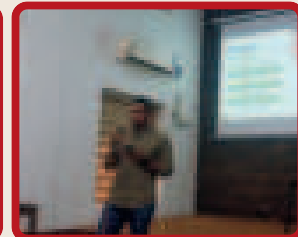
Shri. K. N. Sunil Kumar (Instructor & Mentor Block Resource Centre, Kodungallur) gave a talk on *Language Education Framework of the National Education Policy (NEP)* on the 29th of May, 2023, emphasizing the importance of language preservation and multilingualism.



The Department organised a lecture by Dr. Shalini Jose (Asst. Prof of Hindi, Bharata Mata College) on *Gender Discourse in Hindi Short Stories* on the 29th of May, 2023. The session created awareness on gender equality/equity.

Department of Economics

Commemorative Lecture: Dr. Resmi P. Bhaskaran (Applied Economics and Public Policy Expert) delivered the 18th *Dr. M.V. Kurien Commemorative Lecture* on the 15th of March, 2023. She deliberated on the topic '*Moral Sentiments: Vanished Pages of Market in the Neoliberal World*'.



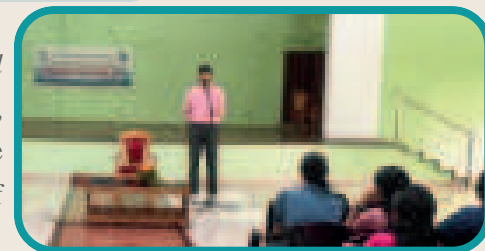
Meet the Entrepreneur: The Department organised an online session with Ms. Amala Merin, a budding entrepreneur in the field of kids clothing. Her experiences in overcoming the challenges in the field inspired the listeners to pursue their entrepreneurial aspirations.

The Department launched its 2nd value-added course *Indian Constitution and Citizen's Rights*, with the inaugural lecture on the 1st of May, 2023, delivered by Ms. Ancy Davis V. (Assistant Professor of Political Science, St. Xaviers College, Vaikom).

A session on Brain Gain led by Adhit Chandy, Anjitha Ashokan and Sreelakshmy (alumni of the Department) was arranged on the 26th of September, 2023. The focus was on capacity building and career guidance.

Faculty as Resource Person

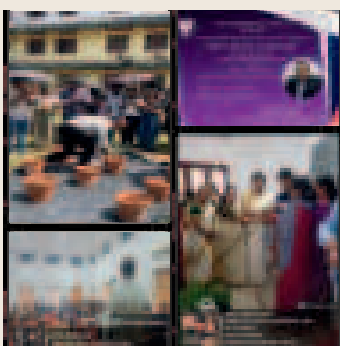
Dr. Sunil Abraham Thomas was resource person for the *Residential Orientation Camp* of the Department of Economics, St. Thomas College, Kozhenchery on 29th of September, 2023. **Dr. Geethika G.** served as resource person at the workshop on *Intellectual Property Rights* organised by Dept. of Psychology, K.E College, Mannanam, on 23rd of March, 2023.



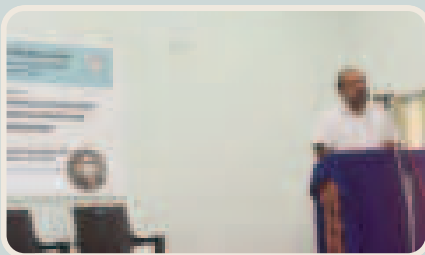
Department of Commerce

Shri. Shoji Joy Edison (Horticulturist, CMFRI) inaugurated the *MOOC on Organic Farming* on 25th of September, 2023. He spoke on the *Importance of Organic Farming*. A **Soft Skills Training** was conducted in association with Amity Global Business School on 15th of February, 2023. Shri. Biju Vithayathil (Director, Amity Global Business School/Adjunct Faculty, IIM, Kozhikode) served as the trainer.

Saplings Distribution: The *Young Roots Club* of the Department distributed 100 saplings among students of the Department, on 23rd of August, 2023.



Department of History



Prof. Dr. P.J. Cherian delivered the **Prof. Dr. T.I. Punnan Memorial Lecture** on the 27th of March, 2023. He spoke on *The Muziris Port City (100BC-300AD) and the Indigenous Mind*. The T.I. Poonnen award for the best PG dissertation was presented to Ms. Fathima Riswana (PSMO College).



PhD Awarded

Ms. Nisha Ann Jacob was awarded PhD under the supervision of Dr. Sebastian Joseph.

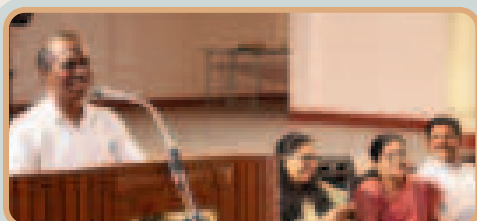
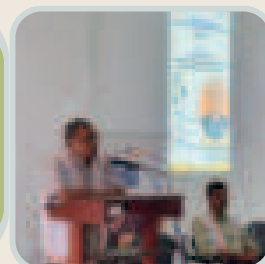


An orientation programme was organised for the first-year students of the Department on the 27th of July, 2023. Dr. Sebastian Joseph (Environmental Historian) engaged the session.



Department of Psychology

The Department in association with BLISS and Coaching Center for Minority Youths (Govt. of Kerala) conducted a three-day training programme, *Pathway - Social Life Wellness Programme* from the 30th of January to the 1st of February, 2023. The sessions were led by Mr. Fabil Varghese (Psychologist), Adv. Charly Paul, Hajeesha Husain (VListen Mindcare Solutions), Dr. Ambika Devi, (Former faculty, SBS, MGU), Adv. T. K. Kunjumon, Dr. Razeena Padmam, (Former Director SBS, MGU).



A U3A (University of 3rd Age) Fest was conducted on the 13th of August, 2023 in association with IUCDS, MGU. More than 300 U3A members attended the programme. U3A focuses on lifelong learning and active aging. Prof. Dr. P.T. Baburaj (Dir., IUCDS/U3A, MGU) inaugurated the programme.

An interactive session on the *Need To Enhance Student Initiative in Nation Building* was conducted in association with Aster Medcity on the 29th of September, 2023. Shri. T.P. Seetharam (IFS) led the session.

Suicide Prevention: As part of *World Suicide Prevention Day*, the 1st PG students of the Department conducted an awareness campaign on suicide prevention on 11th of September, 2023. Adv. Litto Palathingal (Joint Sec., Maithiri Foundation Trust) engaged an awareness programme on 13th of September, 2023 in association with Jeevani Counselling Centre.



Dr. Seena M. Mathai, served as resource person at the FDP on *Health and Wellbeing* organised by Govt. Engineering College, Thrissur in association with the Directorate of Technical Higher Education.

Faculty PhDs



Dr. Hanu G. Das
(History)



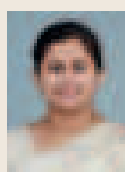
Dr. Julie Ann
Joseph
(E&CM)



Dr. Femi Anna
Thomas
(Zoology)



Dr. Arjun
Mohan
(Commerce)



Dr. Asha Baby
Mathews
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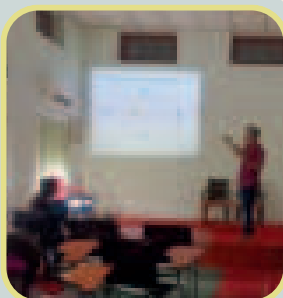
Department of E&CM

A seminar on *E-Waste and its Effects on Environment* was organised on 9th of February, 2023. Shri. Dhanush B. Danes (Asst. Prof. of Zoology, UCC) served as the resource person. A Career Guidance & Soft Skills Development Programme, *The Road Ahead-Strive to Succeed*, led by Shri. Suraj Abraham (Plan @ Earth) was arranged on 7th of February, 2023 for the first-year students. A career orientation programme was organised for the third-year students from the 14th to 17th of August, 2023. Smt. Sheethal V.R. (Placement Officer, UCC) was the resource person.



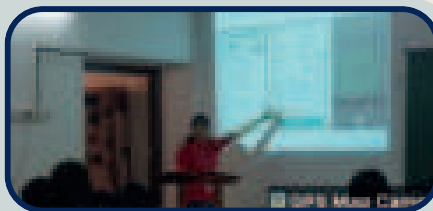
Department of Zoology

Dr. Nuncio Murukesh (Scientist- E, Ocean Atmospheric Studies, National Centre for Polar and Ocean Research, Goa) delivered a lecture on 1st of June, 2023, on *Introduction to Arctic Climate*. Dr. Murukesh elaborated on the importance of Climate Research.



An invited talk by Dr. Ravidas G. Naik (Research Scientist, National Centre for Antarctic and Ocean Research) on *Southern Ocean Phytoplanktons* was conducted on 13th of July, 2023.

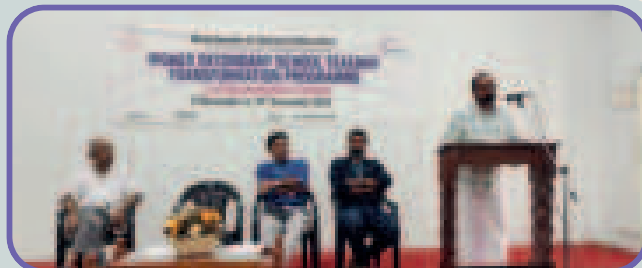
Ms. Ancy C. Stoy (CMFRI, Cochin) visited the Department on 9th of February, 2023 as part of *Citizen Science Programme* and gave hands-on-training to the students to carry out measurements using Secchi Disc.



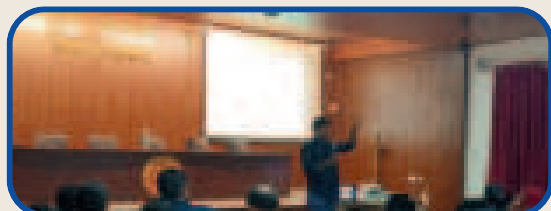
Dr. A. A. Mohamed Hatha (Director, School of Marine Sciences, CUSAT) inaugurated the Zoology Association and delivered a talk on *The Joy and Scope of Learning Biological Sciences* on the 15th of September, 2023.

Department of Botany

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).



Faculty as Resource Person



Dr. M. Anil Kumar served as resource person for the workshop *Roots and Excellence: Research Methods and Scientific Reporting* organised by the Department of Botany, Sree Narayana College, Nattika on the 10th of October, 2023. He was also a resource person at a National Seminar organised by SN College, Malliankara on the 13th of March, 2023.

A handmade herbal soap making workshop was conducted by Smt. Keerthi Surendran (Alumna) as part of Add-on-Course on Plant Based Cosmetics.



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Dr. Femi Anna Thomas
(Zoology)

Faculty



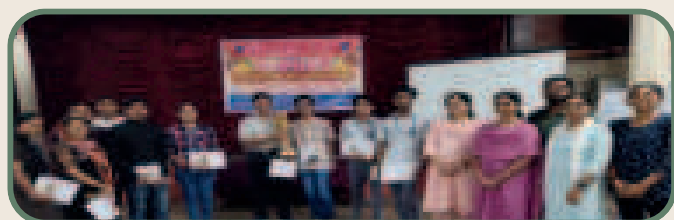
Dr. Shela Mary Varghese
(History)

Department of Mathematics

Dr. A. Sunny Kuriakose (Principal, St. Kuriakose Arts and Science College, Kuruppampady & Academic Secretary, Kerala Mathematical Association) delivered a lecture on *Mathematics & Nature* as part of the Alumni Lecture Series on 14th of February, 2023.

Statistics Day Celebration: The Department organised an interdepartmental statistics quiz followed by a presentation about data collection by Ms. Gargi Rajan (3rd BSc. Mathematics).

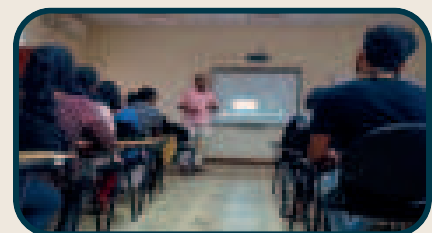
Revisit – Interaction with Distinguished Alumni: An interactive session was organised by the Department with one of the Distinguished Alumni, Ms. Amrutha K. H. (Research Scholar (PMRF), Department of Mathematics, IIT Kanpur) on the 14th of July, 2023. An interactive session was organized with one of the Distinguished Alumnus, Dr. Janson Antony A. (Asst. Prof. (Ad-hoc), Dept. of Mathematics, Keshav Mahavidyalaya, University of Delhi) on 11th of August, 2023.



The Mathematics Association conducted *Cipher-23 - Inter School Mathematics Quiz Competition* for Prof. K. P. Mathew Endowment Ever Rolling Trophy on 30th of September, 2023. Vinayak R. and Raghunandhan Prasad of Vidyodaya Public School, Thevakkal, won the first prize.

Department of Physics

A webinar *Illuminating careers : Exploring Photonics and Beyond* was organised on the 9th of June, 2023 by MIT World Peace University, Pune in association with the Department of Physics. Dr. Narendra Mathakari (Assoc. Prof & Head, School of Physics, MIT-WPU) was the resource person. An **Interactive Session** for students with Sri. Harikrishnan R. (Group Head, TTDG, VSSC) was held in November, 2022 which gave students an awareness about the various space programmes of ISRO.



A hands on training programme was conducted on the 19th of May, 2023 for research students as well as teachers of nearby colleges for familiarising the Electrochemical Workstation, newly purchased under the KSCSTE SARD scheme for advanced applications. Dr. Abhilash (Dept. of Polymer Science CUSAT) led the programme.

An endowment was instituted in honour of Prof. E.I. Anila and a lecture was organised on 23rd of June, 2023. Dr. Muhammed Musthafa (Associate Professor, IISER Pune) lectured on *Electrified Interfaces: Challenges and Opportunities*.



Swathi T.S. (Research Fellow, IIT Palakkad), a distinguished alumna of the Department, gave a talk on *SYK Model: Chord Diagrams in Double Scaled Limit*. on 3rd of October, 2023 as part of the Theoretical Seminar Series of the Department.



The Department is organising a series of webinars – *Harmonics 2023* by its alumni, working in reputed organisations across the globe. As a part of it, one of the distinguished alumni, Mr. Nayeem N.E. (Lagrange Laboratoire, France) gave a talk on *Stellar Angular Diameter Estimation Using Interferometer* on 6th of March, 2023.

Department of Chemistry

A National Seminar on *Spectroscopy and Density Functional Theory* was organised in association with Indian Society of Analytical Scientists (Kerala Chapter) on the 21st of September, 2023. The resource persons were Dr. Yousuf Kuruvath (Professor, Dept. of Applied Chemistry, CUSAT), Dr. Jayasree Elambalassery (Professor, Dept. of Applied Chemistry, CUSAT), and Dr. Sindhu Matahi (Asst. Prof., Department of Applied Chemistry, CUSAT).



Two Popular Science Lectures were organised jointly by the Departments of Chemistry, Botany, Zoology & Biosciences in association with Indian Women Scientists Association with the support of Board of Research in Nuclear Sciences (BRNS)-DAE. The first lecture on *Drugs and Biologics: Discovery and Development with Special Reference to Preclinical, Regulatory and Clinical Development* was delivered by Dr. C. N. Ramchand, (CEO, Mag Genome Technologies Pvt. Ltd., India & USA) on 14th of February, 2023. The second lecture on *What can Nanoengineered Materials Do in Modern Medicine?* was delivered by Dr. Deepthy Menon, (Professor, Amritha School of Nanosciences & Molecular Medicine) on 10th of October, 2023.

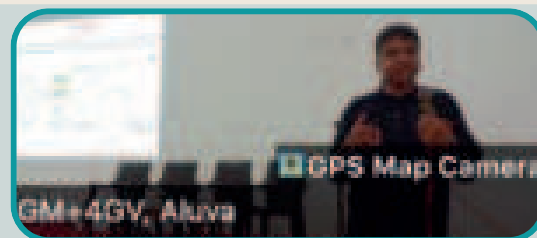
Dr. A.M. Chacko Memorial Lecture was conducted on the 7th of February, 2023. Dr. A. Srinivasan, (Professor, SCS, NISER-Bhubaneswar) delivered the lecture on *Metals in Medicine and Therapy*.



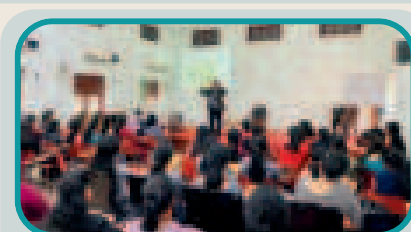
Dr. Jenish Paul gave an invited lecture on the topic *Nature- Greatest Inspiration for Innovation* in the National Science Day Celebrations 2023, organised by the Department of Chemistry, St. Peter's College, Kolenchery.

Department of BioSciences

The Departments of BioSciences and Botany jointly organised a popular science lecture on *Advances in Millet Genomics for Food and Nutritional Security* in association with Indian Women Scientists' Association and BRNS on 7th of July, 2023. Dr. Manoj Prasad (Professor and JC Bose National fellow, National Institute of Plant Genome Research, New Delhi) delivered the talk on the subject.



As part of the Chancellor's Chair Programme organised by the Department of Biotechnology, CUSAT, Prof. Dr. George Iwama (Adjunct Professor, University of British Columbia, Canada) visited the department on 10th of February, 2023, for academic interactions and delivered a lecture on *Sustainable Food Production for Our Future*.

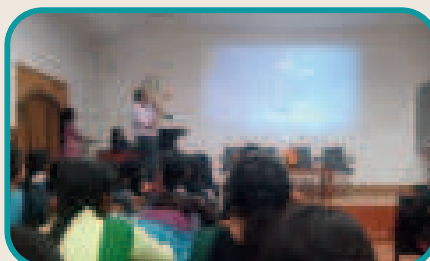


Department of BioSciences organized a lecture on *Significance on Genomic and Proteomic Studies in Plant Microbe Interactions* on 18th of January, 2023, in the TB Ninan Hall. Dr. N. Bharathan (Chairperson and Professor, Biology Dept., Indiana University of Pennsylvania, USA) delivered the talk on the subject.

Faculty as Resource Person

Shri. Shyam Mohan, Shri. Vipin Thomas and Smt. Merin K. Eldo

were resource persons at Vimala College, Thrissur, Mohandas College of Engineering, Trivandrum & St. Xaviers College, Aluva respectively on various occasions.



Department of Computer Science

The Department conducted a technical fest *Exploria 2023* on 9th of June, 2023. Events like web cloning, PC assembly and other competitions like treasure hunt, spot choreography, mobile photography and games were conducted.



Faculty as Resource Person

Dr. Asha Das, delivered a lecture on *Automated Breast Cancer Grading Using Image Processing and Machine Learning Techniques* at the CUSAT-INID School on Medical Image Understanding on 1st of March, 2023, organised by CUSAT in association with Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU).

Department of Physical Education

International Accreditation Courses: The Department, in association with the International Society for the Advancement of Kinanthropometry (ISAK), organised two levels of the International Accreditation Course in 2023. Level 1 from 20th to the 22nd of July, 2023 & Level 2 from 22nd to 24th of July, 2023. The programme was inaugurated by Dr. Mohammed Riyadh (Najath Hospital, Aluva). Level 1 of the course was also conducted in 2022 from 14th to 16th November, 2022.



The *26th Dr. A.K.Baby Memorial South India Inter Collegiate Hockey* tournament for men and women was held from 8th to 10th of March, 2023. The tournament was inaugurated by Shri. Biji George T. (Addl. Superintendent of Police, Aluva). Christ College, Irinjalakuda and Union Christian College, Aluva bagged first and second positions respectively in the Men's category. Marthoma College, Tiruvalla and UC College bagged first and second positions respectively in the Women's category. Mr. Soji T.C. (General Secretary, Hockey Kerala) distributed the prizes.



The **9th International Day of Yoga** was observed on 21st of June, 2023 in association with the NCC & NSS units of Union Christian College. The NCC Cadets of Al-Ameen College, Edathala also participated. Dr. Jeevan P.S. (Senior Medical Officer, APHC Thuravoor/Senior Faculty, Art of Living) led the session.

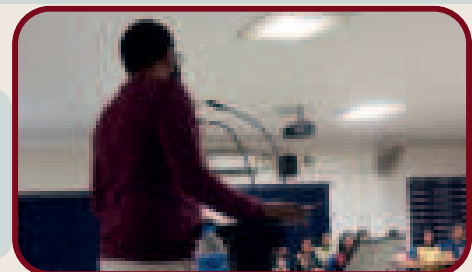


The **MG University Inter Collegiate Hockey Championship** was held from 16th to 18th of October, 2023 at the college. The UCC men's team emerged as champions.



MBA

An interactive session on *Innovation & Transformation in the Modern Business World* was organised on 10th of August, 2023. Mr. Randeep Rajashekar (National Marketing Head, Luker Technologies) served as the resource person.



Faculty as Resource Person

Ms. Janisben Bino, delivered a lecture on *Leadership for Sustainable Development*, at Chinmaya College of Arts and Science, Kochi. She was also a resource person at Presidential Business School, Nepal, where she delivered the lecture *Narrow Down Your Topic, How to Select Project Topic?*. She addressed the students of Bharatha Matha College, Aluva, and spoke on *Recent Trends in Banking*.



A *Certification Programme in Management of Financial Services*, offered by Hedge School of Applied Economics, was conducted from 21st to 24th of February, 2023.

The MCA Placement Cell arranged a talk on *Empowering Agriculture through the Integration of Computer Science* on 27th July, 2023. Dr. Santhosh Kumar M.B. (Professor, Dept. of IT, SOE, CUSAT) was the resource person.



The IIPC cell of the Department organised an interactive session on *Emerging Trends in IT* in association with TCS on 23rd February, 2023 at MCA conference hall. .

As part of observing International Women's Day, the Women Empowerment Cell of the Department organised an interactive session with Ms. Preetha G. Nair, (CEO, Brama IT Solutions) on *Women Entrepreneurship in IT Industry* on 8th of March, 2023.



An anti-drug awareness programme was organised on 22nd February, 2023. Mr.Sreehari R (Asst. Prof. & HoD, Department of Clinical Psychology, AIMS Kochi) was the resource person.

NTS Updates

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Sajmi C.I.



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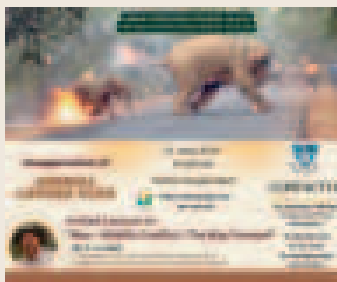
The **Management Development Programme (MDP)** for the Non Teaching Staff was held on October 14, 2023 at Aeli Hills. Dr. P V Joseph (HR trainer) was the Resource Person. The **Family Get-Together** of the non-teaching staff took place on 13th of May 2023.



The College cherishes the memories of Shri. Kannappan K. who passed away recently. For decades he served as Hostel Boy (Skinner)

Clubs

The Animal Lovers' Club of the College was inaugurated by Dr. P. S. Easa (Renowned Wildlife Biologist and Rtd. Scientist, KFRI) on the 31st of May, 2023. He delivered a talk on *Man-Wildlife Conflict: The Way Forward*.



16 members of the **Yuva Tourism Club**, in association with the Kandal Club, participated in the plantation programme at Kumbalangi, organised by the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, on the 31st of July, 2023. The members of the club served as volunteers in the Champions Boat League (CBL), organized by the Department of Tourism, Government of Kerala, conducted on the 16th of September, 2023 at Marine Drive, Kochi.

YOU SEE UCC, the official **Photography Club** on the 23rd of Jan 2023, organised a Workshop on Camera Basics. Mr. Dipin Kumar (Fujifilm Technical Expert) was the resource person. An online photography competition was conducted by the club on the occasion of Independence Day Celebrations on the 15th of August, 2023.



Jalatharanga, the Swimming Club of the College, was inaugurated on the 12th of April, 2023 at the TB Ninan Hall of the College. The inaugural address was given by the Principal, Prof. Dr. M.I. Punnoose and Mr. Saji Valassery (Swimming Instructor) delivered the keynote address.

An acting workshop led by Mr. Basil Pama (Theatre Artist) was conducted by the **Theatre Club** on the 4th of March, 2023. The workshop included training on enhancing verbal and non-verbal expression of ideas, improving voice projection, articulation, language fluency and persuasive speech.

The **Rotaract Club** of the College, affiliated to the Rotary Club, Cochin Central, was inaugurated on the 26th of June, 2023. Ms Jyothika serves as the president.

Clubs



The **Nature Club** students participated in the transplanting of paddy seedlings in a two-acre paddy field at Kuravilassery in Mala Panchayath in November, 2022.



The **Electoral Literacy Club** was inaugurated by Mr. B. Anilkumar (Deputy Collector, Revenue Recovery, Ernakulam) on the 7th of December, 2022, followed by a Voter's Enrolment Campaign. Mr. Devassy P.G. (Deputy Tahasildar, Aluva) introduced the voter's enrollment portal to the students. The Club took part in the National Voter's Day celebrations, 2023, organized by the Electoral Registration Office, Aluva on the 25th of January, 2023. A Voters' Enrollment Campaign was organised in association with IQAC and Electoral Registration Office, Aluva on the 13th of September, 2023.

Prof. Ajay Basil Varghese, (Academician and Entrepreneur, Startup Coach, KDISC Mentor & Incubation Manager, Adi Shankara TBI, Kalady) delivered a talk on *How to Plan for Start-up and Legal & Ethical Steps* on the 14th of March, 2023 at the inauguration of the **Entrepreneurship Club**.

The **Gandhi Darshan Club** observed Martyr's Day on 30th January 2023 by offering floral tributes at the *Gandhi Maavu*. A talk on, *Gandhi Smaranakal*, was held on 8th February 2023 by Dr. K S Gracy, (Asst. Prof., Dept of History, St. Peter's College, Kolenchery). The Club associated with Probhodha Trust, Kochi, in releasing the book *The Murder of Gandhi* by Mr. P.S. Joseph on 11th of August, 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.

Aashiyana conducted a Quiz Competition in connection with 142nd Birth Anniversary Celebrations of Premchand in July, 2022. A *Doha* Recital Competition based on the Dohas of Kabirdas was organised on International Hindi Day.

The **Quiz team** of the College participated in various quiz competitions like Forestry Quiz organised by the Forest Department, Power Quiz organised by the KSEB and LIC Quiz by LIC of India and won various prizes. Quiz club members won prizes in various intercollegiate competitions organised at St. Joseph's College, Devagiri, Assumption College, Changanassery and St. Thomas College, Pala.



The **Anti Narcotic Club** hosted an AIDS Awareness Programme on the 14th of December, 2022, under the auspices of the Kerala State AIDS Control Society co-ordinated by the Community Health Centre of Karumalloor Panchayat. Mr. R.C. Bose (Magician and Artist) was the resource person.

The **Pain and Palliative Club** arranged an orientation programme led by Bini Manoj, (Staff Nurse, Govt. Hospital, Aluva) for student volunteers on 14th of January 2023. The programme included a training session for unit members on how to maintain physical hygiene of bedridden patients. The members of the club set up stalls periodically for the sale of products like soap, liquid wash, bathroom wash etc. prepared by paraplegia patients. A talk on Child Cancer was conducted in collaboration with Hope Child Cancer Care Foundation on 10th of October, 2023.



Clubs

The students of **Swaralaya Music Band** secured second prize in the intercollegiate fest *Symphonia* organized by Rajagiri College, Kalamassery. As part of the World Music Day on 21st of June, 2023, the music squad of Swaralaya conducted a jamming session. The students performed a street play on 22nd of August, 2023, to show the problems faced by women and children in today's society. Swaralaya took part in the college Onam celebrations on 24th of August, 2023 and conducted a musical programme, with *Onappattu* and *Nadanpattu*. Swaralaya team secured 3rd prize in the music band competition conducted by the Kochi Metro on 31st of August, 2023. The music band bagged several prizes at *Panache 2023* organised by St. Teresa's College on 11th of October, 2023.



The **Fashion Club** of UCC has been actively participating in various events, showcasing their talent and securing notable positions.



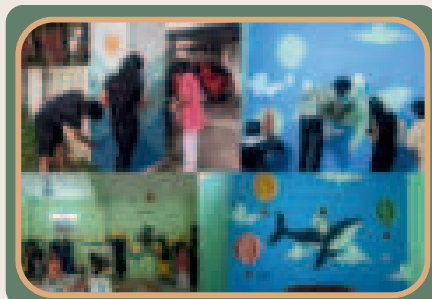
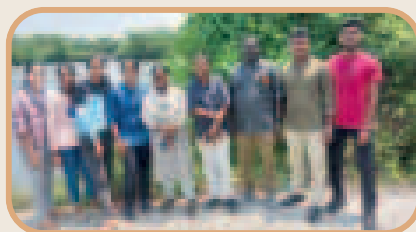
Kids Dale the day care centre functions as an important support system for teachers with young children.

The **Kandal Club** organised a lecture by Shri. Anandan Pokkuden on *Ecological Importance of Mangroves and its Conservation* on the 12th of April, 2023. The project *Oru Kalalayam Kandal Nattu Thudangunnu* was launched on 12th of May, 2023 by the club to promote awareness about mangroves, encourage hands-on involvement, and contribute to the restoration of degraded mangrove habitats.



The stall of the **Raanthal** in the Centennial Vista attracted general public and alumni with its eco-friendly products that included cloth bags, pouches, terracotta jewellery, indoor plants and paintings.

Vara Club and **CARP** conducted a live painting exhibition on 10th of November, 2022 during the Centennial Vista. The members of the club beautified the walls of the Departments of English, Hindi, Zoology and Computer Science with their artistic expressions. Pictures were painted on the walls of the on the 26th and 28th of May, 2023. The club members adorned the walls of Prarthana Foundation at Paravur, Govt. SC Student's Nursery School, Aluva and Koonammav Boy's Home and the UC College bus stop.



BLISS provides counselling services to both the college community and outsiders. In association with Minority Welfare department of the state, BLISS organized a four day Premarital Counseling workshop for the final year UG and PG students. Under the guidance of BLISS final year PG students and clinical psychologists conducted assessment of cognitive functions of children at Blind school. BLISS and Psychology department celebrated World Mental Health Day by conducting a Peer Interactive session on *Demystifying Mental Illness* in each class.



The **Disaster Management Club**, in association with the Ernakulam District Disaster Management Authority prepared geo bags to construct temporary *kadal vada* at Puthenthodu beach, Kannamaly, as part of flood relief activities.

Centres

CPSD



Center for Peace Studies and Dialogue associated with the Department of Psychology and SCF to organise an open discussion on *Peace and Disharmony* on 11th of August, 2023. More than 80 students participated in the discussion on methods to build peace in the society.

Guru Nithya Chair



Fernhill Gurukula

On 14th of May, 2023, four teachers embarked on a meaningful journey to Fernhill Gurukula, Ooty, to commemorate Guru Nitya Chaitanya Yati's Samadhi Day.



Service-Learning Centre



An add-on course in Service-Learning for first-year undergraduate students across disciplines was conducted during the academic years 2022 and 2023. A total of 32 students joined the programme. The Centre facilitates student exchange programmes with International Christian University, Japan which enables students from our college to visit ICU as part of the course. Japanese students also visit UCC. The activities of the SLC at UCC are spread across four areas such as education, women empowerment, environment and culture.

CHPCD

The Centre for Human Potentials and Community Development (CHPCD) in association with LBS centre offers three computer courses: a) MS Office Certification. b) DTP & Malayalam Computing. c) C++ and Python for the students. CHPCD also offers an online PSC training courses for students.

IEDC

Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development Centre organised a one day interactive session on the topic GIT & GITHUB applications and usage in software development on 12th of October, 2023. Mr. Mansoor Majeed (Managing Director, TZETIT Solutions) and Mr. Abdul Sameeu (Technical Head, TZETIT Solutions) served as resource persons. Dr. Jibin Jose Mathew (Asst. Professor, Dept. of Electronics and Computer Maintenance) delivered an awareness talk on the various activities of Kerala Startup Mission (KSUM) to promote innovation and entrepreneurial culture in educational institutions and to develop institutional mechanisms to foster techno-entrepreneurship for generation of wealth and employment.

NCC

7(K) Girls Battalion, Thrissur



L/Cpl Lakshmi Sajan attended All India Thal Sainik Camp at New Delhi (19th to 30th of September, 2023) and won bronze medal in the Judging Distance and Field Signals Team Competition. CQMS Seethal Lal attended Army Attachment camp at Pangode, Trivandrum (15th to 26th of August, 2023). Cadet Meenakshi P.P. got selected to IGC RDC (26th of October to 5th of November, 2023). L/Cpl Neelima S. S. got selected to represent the Kerala Lakshadweep Directorate in the Para Basic Course at AATS, Agra from 1st to 22nd of November 2023.

The battalion conducted a dengue awareness rally and awareness class in association with Karumalloor Primary Health Centre (33 cadets).

Holistic Activities

SCF

On 15th of September, 2023, a memorial service was held to honour Shri K.C. Chacko alongside the inauguration of SCF activities. Rev. Renju Varghese Mathew (Principal, CSI Karunyalayam Special School) was the guest. *Thursdays in Black* is a unique SCF campaign, a global initiative aimed at raising awareness about violence. Athul Dev & Sebin Joy, representing the SCF of UCC attended the camp *Unlearning Toxic Masculinity Towards Healthy Growth* conducted by the Gender and Social Justice Desk of SCM held at Bangalore from 20th to 22nd of October, 2023.



The Annual Christmas Carol Service for the year 2022, hosted collectively by the College Choir, the ICF, the SCF and the respective hostels of the College, was held on 11th December, 2022 in the College Chapel. Fr. John K. Jacob, (Vicar, Mar Gregorios Orthodox Church), delivered the Christmas message.

22(K) Battalion NCC, Eloor



The 76th Independence Day was celebrated by hoisting the National Flag in the College. The 74th Republic Day was celebrated on the 26th of January, 2023.

Nine cadets participated in the Army Attachment camp held at Rajputhana Rifles, Bangalore: SUO Ashlin V., SUO K.R. Hareesh Mallan, CQMS Devarajan M.A., Sgt Yedhukrishna T. B., L/Cpl Arjun K.M., L/Cpl Gokul Krishna P.V., Cdt Harikrishnan K.A., Cdt Althuaf P.S., Cdt Anandakrishnan S., and three participated Army Attachment camp held at Maratha Light Infantry Trivandrum: UO Anugraha Mathew, Cdt. Annette Rose George, Cdt Anagha K.S., in 2023.



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.



College Choir

Holistic Activities

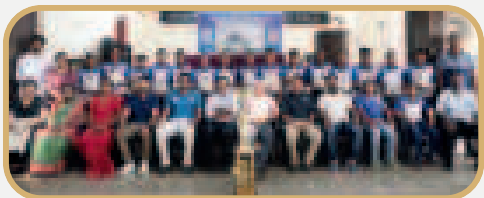
Congregations

Four Congregations representing the four constituent churches are active on campus. The major highlight this year was the 111th Marthoma Students' Conference, from the 22nd to 25th of

May, 2023 hosted jointly by the Marthoma Congregation of the College and the Ernakulam Centre (MTC) at St. Joseph Pontifical Seminary, Mangalapuzha. Dr. Sunil Abraham Thomas (Asst Prof. of Economics), served as the President. The Orthodox and Jacobite congregations celebrated Holy Qurbana on different occasions.



Sports Updates



The MGU Women's Cricket team which won the South Zone Interuniversity Tournament was felicitated by the College. Dr. Biju Thomas (Principal, Baselius College Kottayam) and Mr. Tinu Yohannan (Former Indian Cricketer) were present to congratulate the team. Ten members of the team were students of the college.



UCC received the second Best Sports Performing College Award from MGU for the academic year 2021-22.



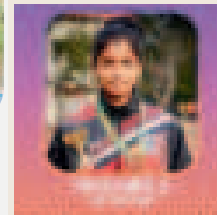
Aleena Surendran & Gopika Gayathri Devi got selected to Kerala State Senior Women Cricket Team and Kerala U19 Women's Team respectively.



Selected to the Indian Baseball Team



Selected for World Arm Wrestling Championship



Selected as the Captain of the Kerala Junior Hockey Team.

Santhosh Trophy



Sanilkumar K.G.

Selected to the referee panel of Santhosh Trophy

MoUs/Linkages

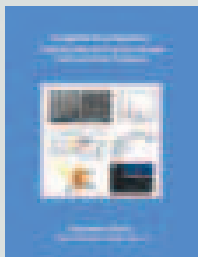


Ms. Sreeya Kudilil, M.Sc. Biotechnology, has been awarded the Kerala Startup Mission's Research Incubation Programme under the Mentorship of Dr. Jyothilekshmi S. The award was announced during the Start-up Conclave 'Huddle Global 2022' on 15th and 16th of December.

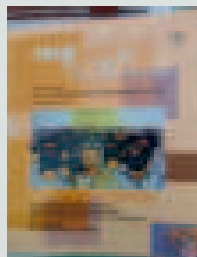
Startup Mission

1. Dept. of English (UCC) with Dept. of English (SSC, Kalady) and Marthoma Women's College, Perumbavoor (Linkages). 2. Dept. of Hindi with Ernakulam Sub Centre of Kerala Hindi Prachar Sabha. 3. Dept. of History (UCC) with Dept. of History (SSV College, Valayanchirangara). 4. Dept. of Chemistry with Indian Rubber Manufacturers Research Association. 5. Dept. of Mathematics with MathLab Research and Kerala Mathematical Association. 6. Dept. of Botany with Integrated Omics Data Center (IODC), Yenepoya (Deemed to be University). 7. Dept. of Psychology with Cottolengo Vocational Training Centre and *Athma-My Mind My Care*. 8. Dept. of CS with HKBU (Hongkong). 9. Dept. of BioSciences with Indiana University of Pennsylvania, USA. 10. Dept. of Economics and with Centre for Socio-Economic and Environment Studies, with GCDA and letter of collaboration with St. Peter's College, Kolenchery. 11. MBA with JAC Academy for Logistics and Supply Chain Management and Hedge School of Applied Economics. 12. MCA with SmartBridge Educational Services in association with IBM and Google.

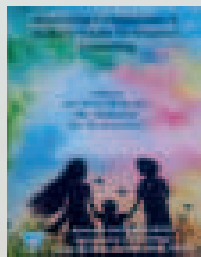
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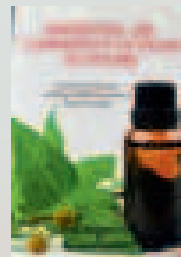
Insightful Investigations
Eds: Dr. Shinoj V. K.
Dr. Saritha K. Nair



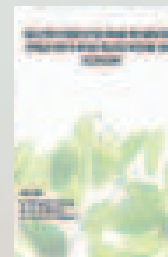
True to Self with Work & Life
Eds: Dr. Malini R.
Dr. Marykutty P.J.



Nurturing Connections
Eds: Dr. Seena M. Mathai
Ms. Shahina H.
Ms. Nimmy Johns



Essential Oil Chemistry of Buzz Buttons
Eds: Dr. Reshmi G. R.
Dr. Rajalakshmi R.



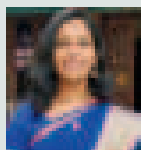
Selected Studies on Metabolite Interaction
Eds: Dr. Manju M. George
Dr. M. Anilkumar
Dr. Justin R. Nayagam

UG RANK HOLDERS

1st Rank

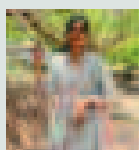


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B.S.M

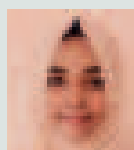


Amala Prasad
BT & SP

2nd Rank



NAVANEETHA BALA
PSYCHOLOGY



NABEELA K. J.
BT & SP

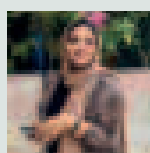


Albert George
E&CM

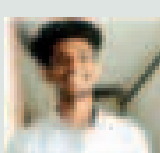
3rd Rank



Vinay V. Kumar
E&CM

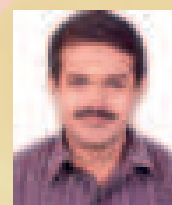


Fathima Thahsin
BT & SP



Sreehari Baiju
E&CM

FAREWELL



Dr. E. S. Jeevanand
(Dept. of Mathematics)



Sri. Cherian K. George
(Librarian)

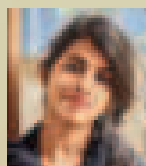
[He was recently awarded
PhD by Uty. of Mysore]



Mr. Biju Paul
(Head Accountant)

PG RANK HOLDERS

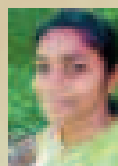
1st Rank



Shabna Yousaf
Zoology



Arathy V.R.
History



Vrinda S.
Biotechnology

2nd Rank



Ardra P.R.
Malayalam



Annie Thomas
Psychology

3rd Rank

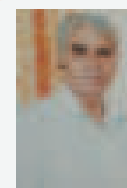


Hena K.S.
Malayalam

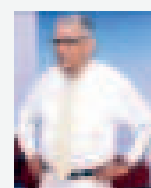


Anupama Antony
Mathematics

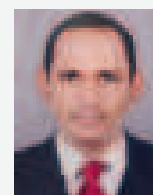
OBITUARIES



Prof. P.C. Cherian
Dept. of Mathematics



Prof. G.D. Gabriel
Dept. of English



Dr. Issac Paul
Dept. of Economics



Prof. T. Simon
Dept. of Psychology

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HOSTEL

Union Christian College, Aluva

Affiliated to Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, India

Accredited with A++ Grade in 5th cycle by NAAC

From the Principal's desk...

Dear friends,

Greetings from UCC!

The higher education sector in Kerala is currently going through a crucial evolutionary phase. Significant transformations have been initiated in the field, all over India. As part of this process the UG Honours Programme has been implemented in Kerala from this academic year onwards, based on the Shyam B. Menon Commission Report of 2022. The four-year undergraduate programme aims to emphasize skill development and calls for a critical re-evaluation and re-imagination of the existing teaching and learning processes. The College is committed to this transformational enterprise that envisages a new generation with critical insight and social commitment.

Following its centenary celebrations, Union Christian College is at a pivotal juncture as it envisions its praxis pathways for a new era, determining its future trajectory. The College is building its vision for the new century with the added confidence of its recently secured A++ grade in the Fifth Cycle of NAAC Accreditation. Having received the initial approval for autonomy from UGC, the College is actively fast-tracking the completion of the necessary formalities from the State Government and the University. We are working in right earnest to get all the necessary infrastructure facilities in place on time. The construction of the Centenary Block is expected to be completed by the end of this academic year.

Plans are already in place to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi's visit to Union Christian College, which falls during this academic year. Efforts are underway to graft 100 saplings from *Gandhimavu* in honour of this occasion. The Chacko Hostel (formerly North-East Hostel) is also celebrating its centenary this year. The first anniversary of the Thanalidam Eco and Thrift Shop will be celebrated on 8 November, 2024, with an exhibition of organic products.

The Old Students' Association (OSA) was officially registered under the Travancore-Cochin Literary, Scientific, and Charitable Societies Registration Act of 1955 on May 12, 2023 (EKM-TC-284-2023). The



reunion scheduled for November 9, 2024 will be significant as it marks the first gathering after the registration of OSA. As the College enters a new century, drawing inspiration from important milestones of the last century, it needs the support of the alumni and the teaching community to shape its vision and future course of action.

Union Christian College has always exemplified the grace and beauty of moving forward together by embracing diversity. Let us continue to uphold this creed as we embark on our future endeavours.

Prof. (Dr.) Mini Alice



ACCREDITED WITH A++

Union Christian College got accredited with A++ grade by NAAC in the 5th Cycle of Assessment with a CGPA of 3.53. The peer team consisting of Prof. Dr. Vasant Helavy Reddy (Chairman), Prof. Dr. Sushmita Sen (Member Coordinator) and Dr. C. Ashok (Member) visited the College for assessment from 15 to 16 April, 2024.



Thank you

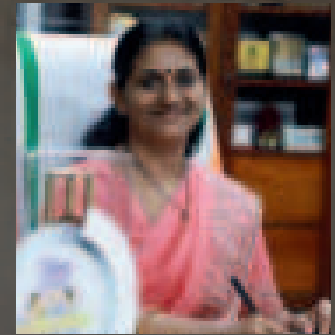


The UCian community is grateful to you, Rev. Thomas John (Former Manager) and Prof. (Dr.) M.I. Punnoose (Former Principal), for your untiring efforts, outstanding contributions and enduring motivation during your time with us. You continue to inspire us.

New Guard



Dr. R.P. Joseph, ICS (Retd.)
Manager



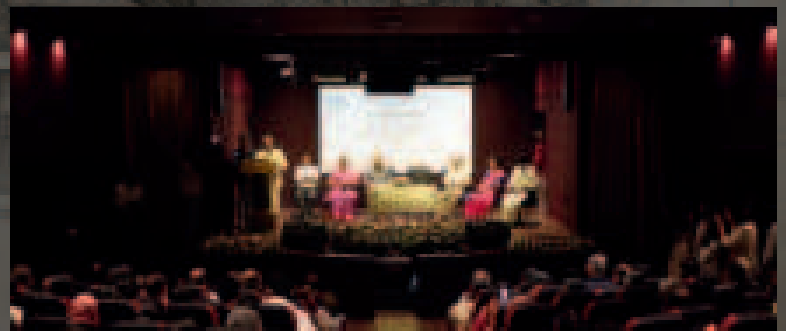
Prof. (Dr.) Minu Alice
Principal



The Standing Council of the College congratulated the staff members on the commendable achievement of securing A++ grade in the NAAC accreditation process at a meeting held on 14 June, 2024.



A team from the United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia (UBCHEA) consisting of Dr. Pareena Gupta Lawrence (President), along with Dr. Maher Spurgeon (Director of South Asia Programmes) and Dr. Jemmy (Assistant Director, Office Administration) visited the College on 24th January, 2024. A Thanksgiving Service was held at the College Chapel on the same day in this connection.



The Dedication Service of the renovated Vidwan P.G. Nair Block and M.L. Pankajakshi Conference Centre (Sponsored by the Vidwan P.G. Nair Trust) was held on 7 November, 2023. The building was formally inaugurated on 8th November, 2023 by Prof. M.K. Sanu.

Shatabdi Prathibha Puraskaram

As part of the Centenary Celebrations, the College honoured its illustrious alumni with the *Shatabdi Prathibha Puraskaram*. Hundred alumni were honoured in ten different categories.



Sports

The awards were distributed by Dr. G. Kishore (Principal, L.N.C.P.E., Thiruvananthapuram & Regional Director, Sports Authority of India), M. D. Valsamma (Olympian and Padma Shri Awardee) and Tinu Yohannan (Former Indian International Cricketer) on 8 April, 2024, to: Sanju Ganesh, Neeraj George Baby, Parsadkumar G., Pilson V. Manadan, Dr. Peter Joseph, Nazeema N., Aliyamma Mathew, Dr. Bindu T., Prof. E. J. Jacob and Teny Varghese



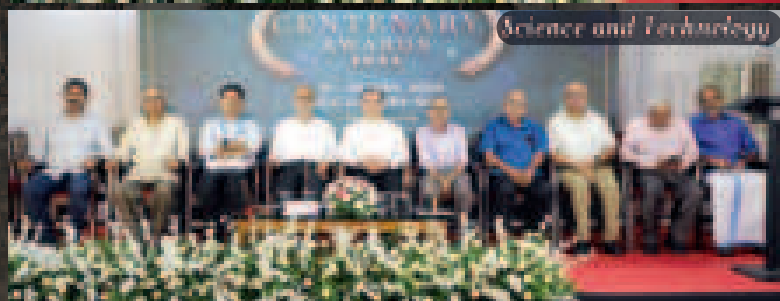
Literature

The awards were distributed by M. K. Sanu (Malayalam Critic and Writer) on 21 May, 2024, to: Venu V. Desom, T. D. Ramakrishnan, Sethu, Thasmin Shihab, D. Santhosh, Paravur Rajagopal, Sunil Jose, Valsalan Vathussery and Anand



Media

The awards were distributed by Johny Lukose (Renowned Journalist) on 21 May, 2024, to: K. N. Shaji, Adv. A. Jayashankar, Ajay Kumar G., S. Krishnan Kutty, N. M. Pearson, J. Binduraj, K. A. Johny, Seena Tony Jose, Jeemon Jacob and Jose Grace K.



Science and Technology

The awards were distributed by V. P. Joy (Former Chief Secretary, Kerala) on 22 May, 2024, to: Dr. Anil N., Dr. C. P. Reghunadhan Nair, S. Ananthanarayanan, Dr. Kuruvila Jacob, Dr. Soman P., Dr. Jacob Paulose Thenungal, Dr. M. G. Sarangadharan, Dr. Sosamma Iype, Dr. Mathew Samuel Kalarickal and Dr. C. S. Unnikrishnan



Environmental and Social Activism

The awards were distributed by Dayabai (Indian Social Activist) on 22 May, 2024, to: Jaison Panikulangara, Amalkrishna K. L., Maya Sasidharan, P. N. Unnikrishnan, Pramod Krishnan, Murukesan G., Dr. Cyriac George, Manoj Kumar I. B., Dr. R.V.G. Menon and Dr. P. M. Mansoor Hassan

Honouring the Oldest Alumnus

The first Shatabdi Prathibha Puraskaram was awarded to Col. G. Trivikraman Thampi on 2 March, 2024. He is the oldest alumnus of the College. He was a student of this College from 1937 to '39. The award was presented to him at the OSA Trivandrum Chapter Meeting.



Shatabdi Prathibha Puraskaram



Education

The awards were distributed by Prof. Cyriac Thomas on 23 May, 2024, to: Prof. Manju Kurian, Prof. M. S. Girija, Prof. P. K. Abdul Aziz, Prof. V. Unnikrishnan Nayar, Prof. P. K. Michael Tharakan, Prof. K. Kunhikrishnan, Prof. Prasad Krishna, Prof. Deepak John Mathew, Dileep Kumar M. and Prof. A. T. Biju

Education



Law and Governance

The awards were distributed by Justice Alexander Thomas on 23 May, 2024, to: K. P. Dhanapalan, Justice K. Vinod Chandran, Adv. M. M. Monayi, Dist. Judge (Retd.) Sundaram Govind, Prof. Savithri Lakshmanan, Adv. Thampan Thomas, M. J. Jacob, Justice B. Sudheendra Kumar, Justice Murali Purushothaman, and Justice C. Jayachandran

Law and Governance



Public Administration

The awards were distributed by Justice Kurian Joseph on 24 May, 2024, to: Chandana Ramachandran IRS, Susan Mathew IAS, Dr. T. Tiju IRS, Jayasree M. G. ISS, Biji George T., C.G. Krishnadas Nair, Sajen Peter IAS, AVMB.J. Mammen VSM and Shaila A. IAS

Public Administration



Business and Entrepreneurship

The awards were distributed by Jebi Mather MP on 24 May, 2024, to: Soniraj V. S., Abdu Samad E. A., Ranjini Krishnan, Raju Kannampuzha, Joy P. Jacob, N. Jehangir, Sooraj Abraham, Mary Mathew, Gopalakrishna Pai and Eldho V. Varkey

Business and Entrepreneurship



Arts

The awards were distributed by Kamal (film director and screenwriter) on 25 May, 2024, to: Kalabhavan Rahman, Jikku Chacko Elanjikkan, Rajan Antony, Fazil Razak, T. S. Raju, Venu K. B., Durga Viswanath, Razi Rozario, Jude Anthony Joseph and Lijo Jose Pellissery

Arts



The Shatabdi Prathibha Puraskaram (Literature) was awarded posthumously to N.K. Desam on 18 May, 2024. Smt. R. Leelavathy (Wife of Shri. Desam) received the award at their residence.



The Kranthadarshi Award instituted by the Cyriac Thomas Foundation Trust, Pala, for the Best Principal was awarded to Prof. (Dr.) M.I. Punnoose (Former Principal). The award was presented by Aswathi Thirunal Gowri Lakshmi Bayi on 19 July, 2024.

Kranthadarshi Award

Dept. of English with Chola. 2. Dept. of Chemistry with Indian Rubber Manufacturers Research Association (under Ministry of Commerce), Thane, International & Inter-University Centre for Nanoscience & Nanotechnology, MGU, Sophisticated Test and Instrumentation Centre, CUSAT and Department of Materials Science and Engineering, National Institute of Technology Calicut (NITC). 3. Dept. of Psychology with Equibeing Foundation, Bangalore. 4. Dept. of Biosciences with Microbiology Society of India. 5. Dept. of History with T. I. Poonen Family Trust 6. Dept. of Economics with IIMAD (The International Institute for Migration and Development). 7. Dept. of Physical Education with Centre for Continuing Education, Kerala (Department of Higher Education, Govt. of Kerala) 8. Thanalidam with Amar Saath Foundation.

OSA Updates

OSA Reunion 2023



The Alumni Reunion of the College was held on 11 November, 2023. Justice K. Vinod Chandran, Hon'ble Chief Justice of the Patna High Court, inaugurated the programme. Dr. M.G. Sarngdharan, Chairman, Vidwan P. G. Nair Trust was the guest of honour.

The July Meet of the Old Students' was held on 13 July, 2024. Shri. Gopal Pai, (Chairman, Pai Group of Companies) inaugurated and delivered the keynote address.

Teachers' Day Celebration

Teachers' Day was celebrated on 5 September, 2024. Prof. (Dr.) Rajan Varughese delivered the keynote address. Celebrations were also organised in different academic Departments.

All-Kerala Intercollegiate Competitions



The All Kerala Inter-Collegiate Elocution (English and Malayalam) competitions for the Prof. E. Narayanan Nambiar Memorial Ever-Rolling Trophy and the All Kerala Inter-Collegiate Quiz competition for the Prof. A.K. Abdul Kareem Memorial Ever-Rolling Trophy, instituted by the Old Students Association (OSA), were held on 23 February, 2024 at the College. The College team won the first prize in the Quiz Competition. The team members were Anugrah V.K. (1st BA History) and Anna Dominic (1st MA History).



MGU Youth Festival

Union Christian College secured 5th position in the Mahatma Gandhi University Youth Festival-2024. The students secured the top positions in these events: Oppana Team -1st position, Parichamuttu Team -1st position, Adithyan R - 1st position with A grade in the Aksharolsavam, Helen Auxeeliya Philip- 1st position with A grade in String Instrument Competition, Kolkali Team- 2nd position, Quiz Competition - 3rd position.

Valedictory Ceremony

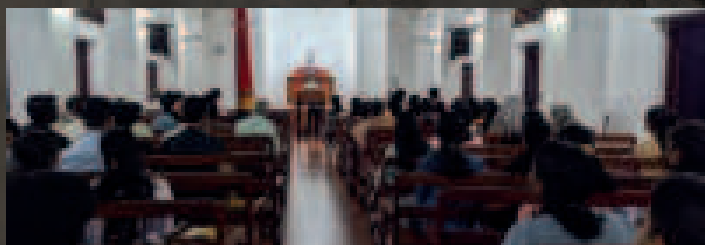


The valedictory of the College's Centenary Celebrations was conducted on 25 May, 2024. Dr. S. Somanath (Chairman, ISRO) was the chief guest. The function was inaugurated by P. Rajeev (Minister of Industries, Law and Coir, Govt. of Kerala). Dr. C.T. Aravindakumar (Vice Chancellor, M.G. University) presided over the meeting. Anwar Sadath (MLA), Dr. M.I. Punnoose (Principal), Rev. Thomas John (Manager), Sony Varughese (Office Supdt.) and P.C. Ajith Kumar (OSA Gen. Secretary) offered felicitations. The *Gurusreshta* Award (for former teachers) were presented to Dr. C Joyce Mathew, Prof. K.P. Mathew and Prof. K Govindankutty Menon. The *Karmasreshta* Award (for former non-teaching staff) were presented to Shri. M.P. Oommen, Shri T.V Poulouse and Smt. Leelamma Jacob during the function. The Centenary Souvenir was released on the occasion.



College Updates

On 24 October, 2024, the Social Science Club of Darussalam High School organised a field trip to Union Christian College, Aluva, as part of their October Campaign. The trip was designed to offer students an educational experience combining history, science, and creativity. The key highlights of the field trip included: Exploring Gandhimavu, Science labs and Archaeological Museum visits. Dr. Sunil Abraham Thomas (Asst. Professor) coordinated the visit.



The ICF, Always Fellowship House and the inmates of Chacko Hostel jointly hosted the K.C. Chacko Memorial Ecumenical Service and Evening Worship in the College Chapel on 8 September, 2024. The inmates of Chacko Hostel led the Worship Service and presented a musical narrative featuring the life and Christian witness of Prof. K.C. Chacko. This programme gains significance as this is the 100th year of Chacko Hostel.



College Updates



The Four Year Degree Programme (Honours) was inaugurated on 1 July, 2024, at the Founders' Memorial Platinum Jubilee Auditorium of the College. The state-wide inauguration ceremony was held online by the honorable Chief Minister, Shri. Pinarayi Vijayan. Following which Dr. K.P. Ouseph, IFS, (Manager), and Prof. (Dr.) Mini Alice, (Principal) inaugurated the programme in the College. Dr. K.P. Ouseph conducted an orientation session for students and parents. Mr. Cijin K. Paul (Asst. Professor & Nodal Officer, FYUGP) conducted a class about the 4-year Honours course.

Additionally, a Merit Day was held to recognize students who secured top ranks in the University examinations, and researchers who received PhDs. 30 UG students from the College secured various ranks in University examinations and 13 research scholars were awarded PhDs. The IQAC Coordinator handed over the NAAC Accreditation Certificate to the Manager and Principal on the occasion.



Dr. K.P. Ouseph, IFS (Retd.), Manager, planted a cotton fruit sapling on World Environment Day, on 5 June, 2024 in the presence of Prof. (Dr.) Mini Alice (Principal) and Mr. Soni Varughese (Senior Supdt.).



The Anti-Ragging Cell, Anti-Harassment Cell, ICC, SC/ST Monitoring Cell, and Anti-Narcotic Club jointly organised *Drishti*, a two-day Legal Awareness Programme, on 22 and 23 July, 2024. Justice Devan Ramachandran of the High Court of Kerala inaugurated the programme.

100 Years of Gandhi's Visit



'Gandhimavu', the mango tree planted by Mahatma Gandhi, remains as a living relic of the legacy of Gandhi. Gandhi's visit to the College was set in the background of the Vaikom Satyagraha, which marked his second visit to Kerala. Gandhi arrived at the College on 18 March, 1925, from Vaikom. He planted a mango sapling, in the campus and entered his remarks in the Visitor's Diary: "Delighted with the Ideal Situation". UCC celebrates the 100th year of Gandhi's visit and Gandhimaavu, an organic cultural capital of national importance.



The Dedication Ceremony of the renovated Security Cabin was held on 23 December, 2023.



A talk on *Effective Implementation of Autonomy: Strategies and Framework* by Prof. (Dr.) Johnson KA (Academic Director, Bharata Mata College, Thrikkakara) was organised by the IQAC on 24 October, 2024.

College Updates

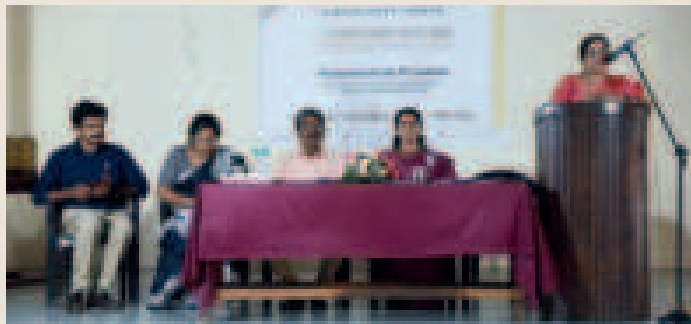
Viva Sreejesh!



Union Christian College hosted a programme on 16 August, 2024, to honour Olympic Bronze medalist P.R. Sreejesh (Captain of Indian Men's Hockey Team).

Congratulations to Dr. M. Anilkumar

The College community is honoured by the appointment of Dr. M. Anilkumar as the Principal of Sree Sankara College, Kalady. He was formerly the Head of the Department of Botany in UCC. We wish him all the best.



Achievers' Day was celebrated on 28 October, 2024 to honour the rank holders from PG courses, and the students who cleared UGC NET & JRF. Dr. M. Anilkumar and Dr. Sreelakshmi Rajesh were honoured during the function for the patent that was granted to them by the Government of India for an invention entitled *A Method of Enhancing Hair Growth with Endophytic Bacterium Bacillus Cereus*. The Malayalam and Zoology Departments were honoured for achieving 100 percent pass in PG examinations. An orientation session was also organised for the PG students by Dr. K.P. Ouseph IFS (Manager)

Non-Teaching Staff Updates



The Non-teaching Staff Association of the college organised a get together on 20 May, 2024. The Non-teaching Staff directory was released and distributed on the day.



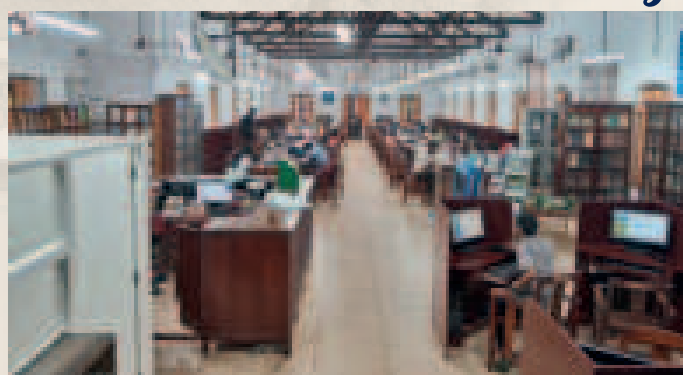
An orientation programme was organised for the Non-teaching Staff who joined after 2017, on 06 July, 2024. Dr. K.P. Ouseph IFS (Manager), Rev. Thomas John (Former Manager) and Mr. Soni Varughese (Senior Supdt.) led the sessions.

Thanalidam



The wastebins made by *Hamara Plastics* from the plastic waste collected by Thanalidam in association with the NSS unit were handed over to the college on 8 October, 2024. A Paper-pen Workshop was organised by Thanalidam on 4 September, 2024

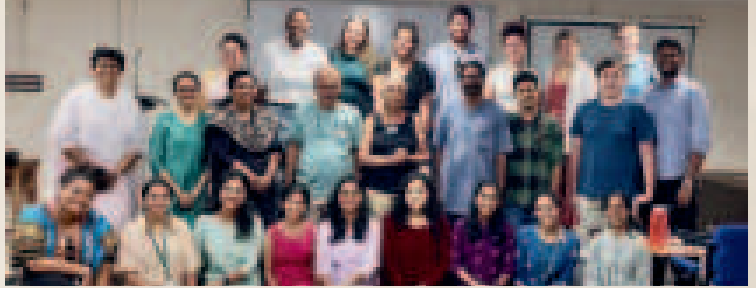
Library



The Renovated Library Reading Room installed with RF ID enabled circulation system.

International and National Seminars/Lectures

The **Department of English** in association with *Semester at Sea* organized a one-day International Seminar-cum-Workshop on *Translation Studies* on 30 January, 2024. The sessions were led by Dr. K. M. Sheriff (Translator & Critic, former HoD, Dept. of English, Calicut University). 10 students from various American Universities attended the programme.



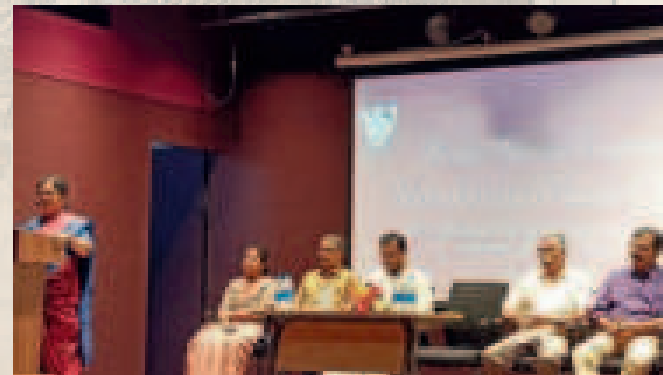
The **Department of Malayalam** hosted a three-day National Seminar on തമിഴ്, മലയാളം പെൺ കവിതകൾ from 8 to 10 November, 2023, sponsored by the Vidwan P.G. Nair Memorial Research Foundation. The seminar was inaugurated by Shri. M.K. Sanu (Malayalam Critic and Writer). Renowned Tamil Poet Sukrutharani delivered the keynote address and Dr. Muse Mary George (Director, State Institute of Encyclopaedic Publications, Thiruvananthapuram) delivered the special address.



The **Department of English** conducted an International Symposium on *Revisiting Mahabharata* on 8th January, 2024. The keynote speaker of the symposium was renowned writer and speaker Dr. Ethiran Kathiravan. The plenary session in the afternoon had invited papers on contemporary readings of the epic.



On 29 January, 2024, the **Department of Economics** organised a National Seminar on *New India and New Economy*, by the famous political commentator and economist, Dr. Parakala Prabhakar.



The VIII Annual Session of Kerala History Congress was hosted by the **Department of History** of Union Christian College on 26, 27, and 28 January, 2024. Hon. Minister of Higher Education of Kerala, Dr. R. Bindu addressed the gathering. Prof. Mahesh Rangarajan (Asoka University), Prof. Sujith Parayil (University of Hyderabad), Prof. Purushottam Agrawal (JNU), and Prof. Aditya Mukherjee (JNU) led the sessions.



The annual Dr. V.K. Alexander Memorial National Seminar and Alumni Reunion of the **Department of Psychology**, was held on 9 and 10 February, 2024. Dr. Tissy Mariam Thomas and Dr. Athulya Jayakumar led the deliberations on *Research Avenues in Psychology*.

International and National Seminars/Lectures



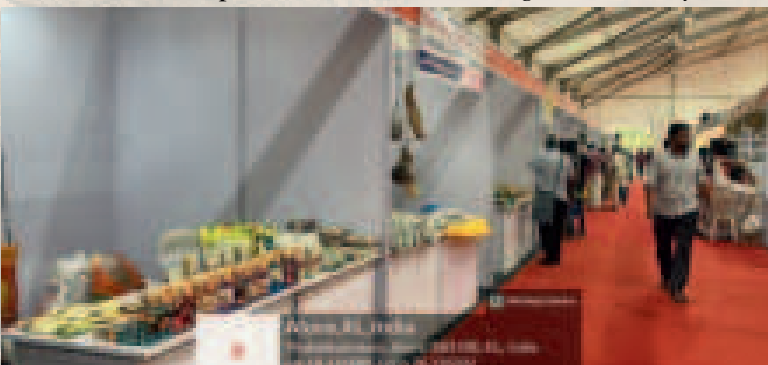
The Prof. T. Simon Memorial National Seminar on *Addictions and Mental Health* was organised by the **Department of Psychology** on 5 and 6 September, 2024. Shri. K. Lalji (Deputy Police Commissioner), Dr. Joann John (Psychiatrist), Fr. Edward George (Clinical Psychologist), Dr. Deepthi Krishnan (Psychiatric Social Worker) and Adv. Jaiby Paul served as resource persons.



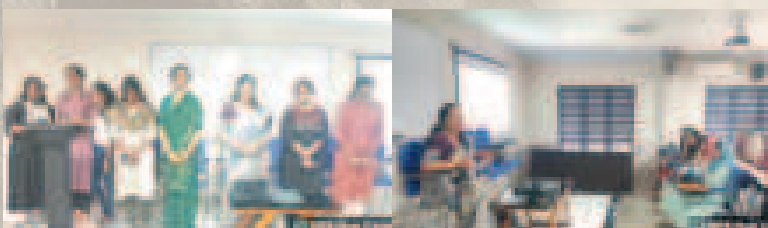
The **Department of Psychology** hosted a one-day interactive session with the students of the 'Semester at Sea' programme, on 24 January, 2024. 26 students from various American Universities along with their professor, visited and interacted with the PG students of the Department on *Love, Marriage, and Family*.



The **Department of Zoology** organised a one-day International seminar on *Climate Change and Microbial Diversity: Challenges and Innovations* on 29 October, 2024, in association with the American Society for Microbiology, CUSAT-NCPOR Centre for Polar Sciences and Department of Marine Biology, Microbiology & Biochemistry, CUSAT. The seminar was inaugurated by Prof. (Dr.) A.A. Mohamed Hatha (Indian Ambassador of the American Society of Microbiology and Director, School of Marine Sciences, CUSAT).



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.



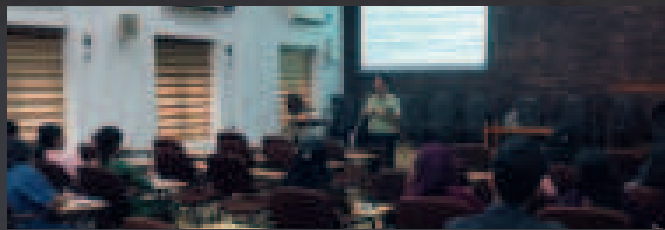
The **Department of Chemistry** organized a one-day national seminar in collaboration with Indian Women Scientist Association (IWSA) and in association with the **Department of Physics** on 10 October, 2023. Dr. Deepthy Menon (Associate Professor, AIMS) delivered a talk on *What can nanoengineered materials do in modern medicine?*.



The **Department of BioSciences** organised a one-day National Symposium on *Nuclear Medicine: An Indispensable Tool for Management of Diseases* on 22 February, 2024. Dr. M.R.A. Pillai (Group Director, Molecular Cyclotrons), Dr. Shagos (Aster Medcity), Dr. Shanmugha Sundharam (HOD Nuclear Medicine, Amrita Hospital), Dr. Tapas Das (Head, Radiopharmaceutical Division, BARC), Dr. Suresh Subramanian (BARC), Dr. Arun Sasikumar (Managing Director & Chief Consultant, Swasti) & Mr. Dilshad (Molecular Cyclotrons) were the resource persons.

Workshops

The **Department of Economics** organised a one-day workshop on *Heterodox Economics*, for the PG students of the Department. Dr. Santhosh T. Varghese, HoD of Economics, Maharaja's College, led the workshop.

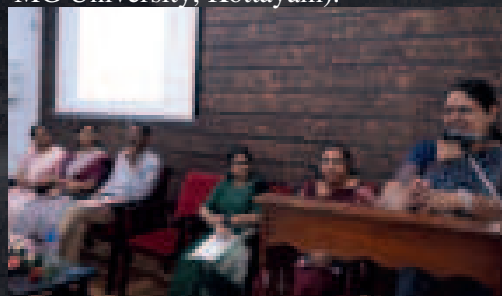


A Performance Workshop was organised by the **Department of English** in association with Beck & Call: The English Theatre on 22 October, 2024. The play *Accidental Death of an Anarchist* was performed during the workshop. Dr. Sujeesh K. (Assoc. Professor, Dept. of English, SSC Kalady) served as the resource person.

The **Department of English** organized a *Drama Therapy Workshop* under the banner of Beck & Call: The English Theatre on 31 October, 2023. Dr. Renjan Nellimoottil served as the resource person.



The **Department of History** held a workshop on *The Art of Observation: A Workshop on Ethnographic Fieldwork* on 4 September, 2024, in association with Oral History Archives and Research Centre. The resource person was Dr. Binoy A. A. (Political Scientist at IMPSS, MG University, Kottayam).



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.

A two-day workshop on the *Four Year Degree Programme (Honours) Curriculum*, organised by the MG University, Kottayam for English teachers was hosted by the **Department of English** on 3 & 5 October, 2024. Dr. Suja T.V. (Syndicate Member) inaugurated the workshop.



The **Department of Botany** organised a *Paper-Bag Making Workshop* on 20 January, 2024, in association with **Thanalidam** for the residents of Snehatheeram Welfare Society. Ms. Afra Nasrin (3rd BSc. Botany) led the workshop.



The **Department of Physical Education**, in association with the **Placement and Guidance Cell** organized a workshop on *MS Office* from 12 to 14 August, 2024. The workshop was attended by staff members, faculty, and students. Ms. Sheethal V.R. (Placement Officer) led the sessions.

Workshops

The **Department of Physics** hosted a one-day workshop on *Laser Probes: Revealing Cells and Elements* on 19 December, 2023. The event was part of Scientific Social Responsibility Policy Project sanctioned by the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India. The workshop featured distinguished speakers including Dr. Manu Vaishakh and Dr. Anoop K. K.



A three-day residential workshop on *Mathematical Physics* was organised by the **Department of Physics** in association with the Academy of Physics Teachers (APP) from 5 to 7 September, 2024.



The **Department of Mathematics** organised an International workshop on *Applied Probability* on 23 January, 2024. The resource persons included: Prof. A. Krishnamoorthy (Central University of Kerala, Kasaragod), Prof. Soren Asmussen (Aarhus University, Denmark), Prof. Masakiyo Miyazawa (Tokyo Institute of Technology, Japan), Prof. Srinivas R. Chakravarthy (Kettering University, USA) and Prof. Agassi Melikov (Baku Engineering University, Azerbaijan).



The **Department of Mathematics** conducted a *Research Methodology Workshop* on 25 January, 2024. Dr. Srinivas R. Chakravarthy (Professor, Kettering University, USA) and Dr. A. Krishnamoorthy, (Honorary Professor, Central University of Kerala) were the resource persons. 10 research scholars from across the state attended the programme.



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.



The **School of Computer Applications (MCA)** organised a workshop on *Motivation, Soft Skills Training and Team Building* for the second-year MCA students on 1-2 March, 2024 at Santhigiri Ashram, Edathala. The workshop was led by Mr. Sooraj Abraham (Soft Skills Trainer).

A workshop on *Creative Fusion: Jewellery Making & Fabric Painting* was organised by the **School of Management Studies (MBA)** on 25 and 26 August, 2024. Ms. Usha Kamal (Faculty, Pidilite Industries Pvt. Ltd. Mumbai) led the workshop.



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.

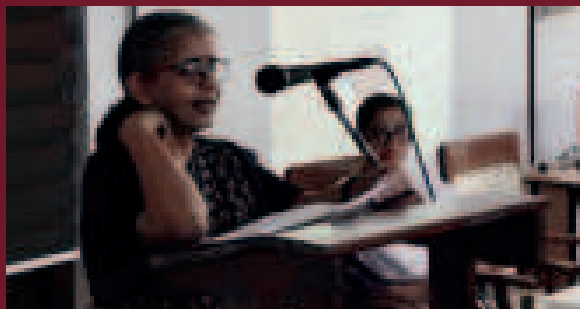
Students from the **Department of Commerce**, visited the old age home at Nazerath Convent, Edakunnu on 19 December, 2023 as part of their extension activities. The students spent time interacting with the residents.



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*.

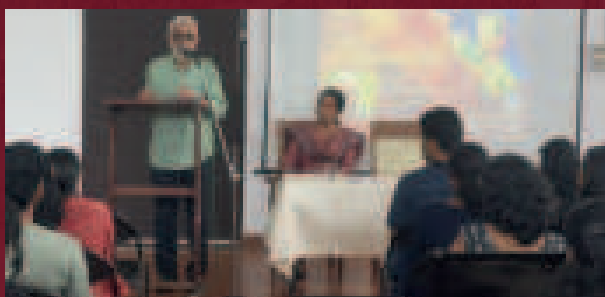
Department of English



The Department hosted the 11th Susan Thomas Memorial Lecture on 4th September, 2024. The lecture was delivered by V.M. Girija, an acclaimed poet and writer. She spoke on *The Transcendental World of Macbeth*.



On 15 February, 2024, the Department organized a lecture on *Neoliberal Feminism and the Crisis of the Nation: Reflections on K.R. Meera's Ghatakan*. The resource person was Dr. J. Devika from the Centre for Development Studies (CDS), Thiruvananthapuram.

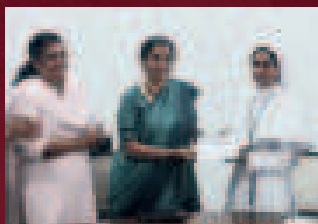


A lecture on *Law & Justice for the Marginalized*, led by C.R. Neelakandan, renowned environmental activist was conducted on 29 July, 2024.



On 16 February, 2024, the Department hosted a lecture on *(En)Gendering Dalit Politics: Women, Body, Nation*. Dr. Rekha Raj, a prominent Dalit feminist, activist, and academician, was the resource person for the event.

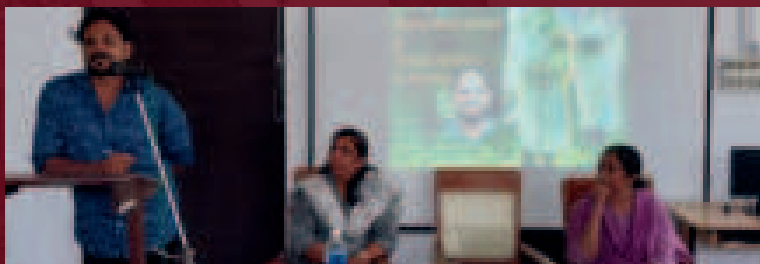
Prof. C.T. Benjamin Endowment Award



Prof. C.T. Benjamin Endowment Award, instituted for students with the highest marks from the passing out batches of MA & BA courses, were awarded to Ms. Hefziba Susan Jojo (2nd MA) and Sr. Amala Abraham (3rd BA) on 24 October, 2024. The endowment has been instituted by the family of Prof. C.T. Benjamin.

Faculty as Resource Person

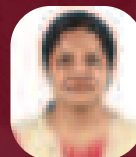
Dr. Akhila Narayanan (Asst. Professor) delivered a talk on *Beyond Modernity: Trends and Developments in Literary Studies* at Maharaja's College, Ernakulam, on 12 June, 2024. On 17 August, 2024, she delivered a lecture on *Approaching Thesis Writing* at SSC, Kalady. Alwin Alexander delivered a lecture on *Blake's Mystic Culture* at SSC, Kalady on 1 October, 2024.



A lecture on *Slave Narratives and Tribal History in Kerala* was hosted by the Department on 9 August, 2024. Dr. Vinil Paul (Asst. Professor, Dept. of History, Fatima Matha National College, Kollam) delivered the lecture.

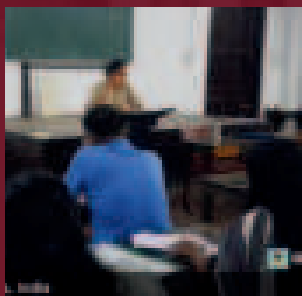


Dr. Rekha Nair



Dr. Anu S.

Faculty PhDs



A talk on *Women and New(s) Media* was delivered by Jisha Surya (Journalist) on 9 July, 2024.

Department of Malayalam



The Department organised ആശാൻ സ്മൃതി, a programme to commemorate the centennial death anniversary of Mahakavi Kumaran Asan on 9 August, 2024, in association with SPIC MACAY and Sahithya Poshini Library, Kadungalloor. The programme was inaugurated by Prof. (Dr.) Mini Alice (Principal). A Mohiniyattam performance based on Kumaran Asan's ലീലാകാവ്യം by Anupama Menon was also organised on the day.



The Department celebrated Folklore Day and inaugurated the Folklore Club on August 22, 2024. The event began with the inauguration by Prof. (Dr.) Mini Alice, followed by the keynote address by Prof. (Dr.) Sibu M. Eapen. A memorial speech in honor of C.R. Rajagopal was delivered by Retd. Prof. E.S. Satheesan (Kerala Varma College, Thrissur), offering a tribute to his contributions to folklore studies.

The session honored local folk artists, recognizing their invaluable role in preserving cultural heritage. The event was further enriched by the collaborative efforts of Karumalloor Polika and Nattarivu Padana Kendram, Thrissur.



A Seminar on the topic കവിതയുടെ പുതുവഴികൾ was organized on 24 July, 2024. Dr. Muse Mary George (Director, State Institute of Encyclopaedic Publications, Thiruvananthapuram) inaugurated the seminar. 2 books by Prof. (Dr.) Mini Alice (Principal), പെൺകവിതയിലെ ജ്യാലാ മുഖങ്ങൾ and കവിതയുടെ രസമാഹിനികൾ were released on the day by Dr. Muse Mary George and P. Raman (Malayalam Poet) respectively.

Sinu Varghese Memorial Research Award 2023

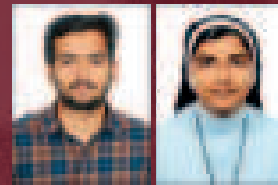


Dr. T.T. Prabhakaran was honoured with the prestigious Sinu Varghese Memorial Research Award 2023 for his outstanding research thesis in Malayalam Language and Literature, titled *Radio Nadakangalude Soundarya Sasthram*, on 11 March, 2024. The award, instituted by the Department of Malayalam in collaboration with the family of Smt. Sinu Varghese, recognizes exceptional contributions in the field of Malayalam research.



On the occasion, the book യു.സി. ഓർമ്മകളിലെ വിളക്കുമരം edited by Prof. (Dr.) Mini Alice was released by Prof. M. Thomas Mathew.

PhDs Awarded



2 PhDs were produced under the guidship of Prof. (Dr.) Mini Alice: Dr. Tom Jose and Dr. Dessy Chacko.

Ucian Nuggets

The Science Block, housing the present-day MSc. Zoology and Physics laboratories was designed by Reginald Dann, the Director of town-planning for Madras Presidency, and was completed in March 1926. One can see a date engraved in relief in a section of the building wall enclosed by a well - 20 March, 1926. Interestingly, Reginald Dann was also involved in the designing of the one-of-a-kind Chapel at Women's Christian College, Chennai.

Department of Hindi

Faculty as Resource Person

On 10 January, 2024 a speech competition was held to mark International Hindi Day, celebrating the theme of Hindi's role in global communication.

On July, 2024, the Department paid tribute to the legendary Hindi writer Munshi Premchand on his birth anniversary. A literary appreciation session was organized to honor his remarkable contributions to Hindi literature, allowing students to engage deeply with his works.

The Department and Aashiyana club jointly produced 2 short films: 'यादों में' [Yaadon Me] & 'मुक्ति' [Mukti] for the official submission as entries to the Hindi Short Film Competition organized by the Official Language Department of Cochin Shipyard Limited, for the Colleges of Ernakulam District, in connection with their Hindi Fortnightly Celebrations 2024.

World Environment Day was celebrated on 5 June, 2024 with a poster competition, in association with Aashiyana Club.

A session titled with *Rendezvous with Women in K.R. Meera's Novels* was organised on 18 October, 2023. Ms. Thasni Navas (Guest Lecturer, Dept. of Economics) served as the resource person.



Dr. R. S. Radhika (Asst. Professor) of the Department served as a Resource Person in the Higher Secondary School Teacher Transformation Programme held at SSUS, Kalady from 1 to 10 February, 2024.



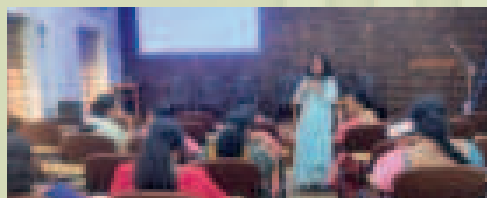
The Hindi Fortnightly Celebrations in September concluded the year's activities, featuring a wide range of programmes that promoted student engagement with Hindi language and culture. The celebrations included cultural presentations, discussions and competitions, enhancing students' appreciation of Hindi's cultural richness.



Department of Commerce

10th Anniversary Celebrations

The Department celebrated the 10th anniversary of its establishment on 23 February, 2024. The official celebrations were inaugurated by Dr. Archana Aravindan (Asst. Professor, Kerala Varma College). An inter-departmental fest was organised as part of the celebrations.



The Department organized an FDP on FYUGP programme on 26 March, 2024. Ms. Binsha Babu (Asst. Professor. SNM College, Malyankara) led the sessions.

Department of Economics

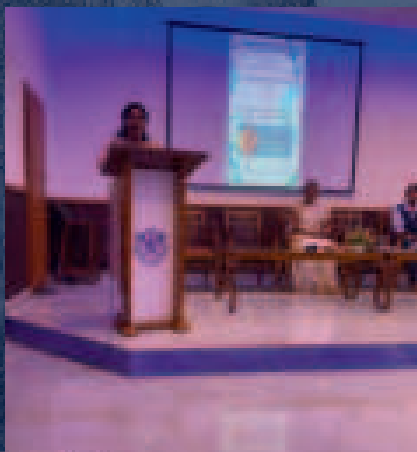
19th Dr. M.V. Kurien Commemorative Lecture



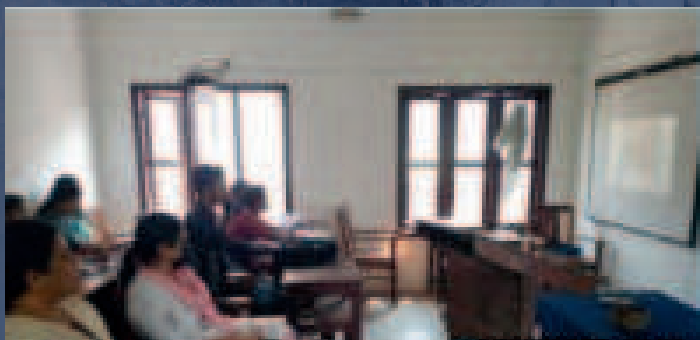
The 19th Dr. M.V. Kurien Commemorative Lecture was conducted on 23 February, 2024. The chief speaker of the day was Prof. Irudaya Rajan, former professor at CDS (Centre for Development Studies) and chair of IIMAD.

Faculty as Resource Person

Dr. G. Geethika served as resource person in a seminar on *Constitution of India: Importance in Safeguarding Rights of Citizens* organised by Morning Star College, Angamaly on 27 November, 2023.



The Department organised a career guidance session for final year degree students, in association with IREZA Academy on *Soft Skills Development and Career Options in Medical Coding*, on 5 January, 2024.



The Department's Read and Watch Club screened an online lecture by Prof. M. Sukumaran Nair (renowned Economist and Academician), on 9 February, 2024 on the topic *Empirical Research Methods* organized by Kerala Economic Association.

Dr. Rajan Varughese, Member Secretary, Kerala State Higher Education Council (Retd. Professor, Union Christian College & Former Pro-Vice Chancellor) inaugurated the Economics Association programmes for the year 2024-25 on 19 August, 2024. He delivered the talk on *Changing Curriculum: Challenges and Opportunities*.



Research Methodology Research Series



The Department organized a research methodology lecture series for second and third-year UG students. The first lecture was delivered by Dr. Sebastian Joseph (Former Faculty, Dept. of History) on 10 January, 2024.

He spoke on the *Eccentric Charm of Doing Research in Economics*. The second lecture was delivered on 16 January, 2024 by Nino Baby (Asst. Professor, Dept. of Economics). The title of her lecture was *Embarking on a Fascinating Research Journey*. The third lecture was delivered by Liji Lawrance (Asst. Professor, Dept. of Economics) on 17 January, 2024. Her topic was *Story Telling With Data*. Dr. Justine George (Asst. Professor, Dept. of Economics, St. Paul's College, Kalamassery) delivered the fourth lecture on 18 January, 2024. His topic was *Introduction to Social Science Research*.



The Department in association with BIAP Mumbai and Apex Academy, Kochi organised a lecture on *Securities Market and Career Growth* on 14 March, 2024. Mr. Manoj T. Neelakantan (Former AGM IDBI Bank/SEBI Trainer) was the resource person.

Department of History

Dr. T. I. Poonen Memorial Scholarship Awards, 2024

The Department of History, Union Christian College, Aluva, and the T. I. Poonen Family Trust awarded the Dr. T. I. Poonen Memorial



Scholarship Awards on Monday, 27 May, 2024. Awards were given to Ms. Arathy V. R., Ms. Krishnapriya Menon, Ms. Aparna Harish and Ms. Maria George. The award has been instituted in memory of Prof. Dr. T. I. Poonen, who served in the Department of History 1924 to 1947.



The inauguration of the History Association was held on 8 August, 2024. The chief guest Dr. Vinil Paul, historian, writer and winner of the Kerala Sahitya Academy Endowment Award 2023, delivered a lecture on *Medical Practices under Missionaries in Early Modern Kerala*.



The Department organised a Public Talk on *Constitutionalism, Secularism, and the Way Forward* by Mr. Aakar Patel, Chair, Amnesty International India and Syndicated Columnist on 30 August, 2024 in association with CPSD, CSRS, SCF, Gandhi Darshan Club and the Nitya Chaitanya Yati Chair.

“*UCian Nuggets*
August 2024 marks one hundred years since the publication of the first magazine of Union Christian College, Aluva, in 1925 [The Always Union Christian College Magazine Vol. 1, August 1925, No. 1]. Thomas Malcolm Muggerridge, Lecturer in English at UCC (1925-27) served as the first editor of the College Magazine.”

Department of Computer Science

In association with **Hong Kong Baptist University**, the Department contributed contents to the **AR Tails** mobile application, which is used by Union Christian College for its Value Education Add-on programmes. The application uses real life scenarios and collects responses from students and directs them towards the most suitable behavior.

Ms. Gincy Abraham (Asst. Professor) received the Special Active SPOC certificate from NPTEL for the period of January-April, 2024 for her proactive engagement and support for NPTEL courses.



A session on *Elevate your Expertise: Essential Online Certification Programs* was handled by Ms Gincy Abraham (Asst. Professor) for the MCA 2024 batch Induction Programme on 10 September, 2024, followed by an interactive session.



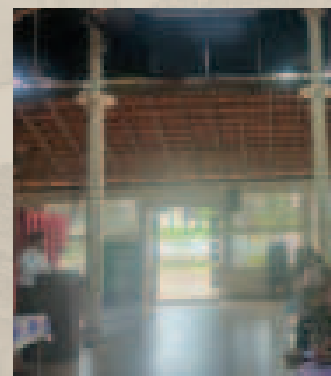
In order to engage the students in extra curricular activities, the Department formed five clubs internally: Coding club, Quiz club, Placement club, Music club and Farming club. The Coding club frequently conducts coding classes, Quiz club uses QR codes to provide questions to ensure participation and Placement club is involved in placement activities. Music and Farming clubs promote passion in music and organic farming.

Department of Psychology



Shades of Prejudice, a one-hour exhibition, intended to generate awareness on different perspectives on prejudice, through creative posters made by students, was successfully organised by the Department on the campus on 12 January, 2024.

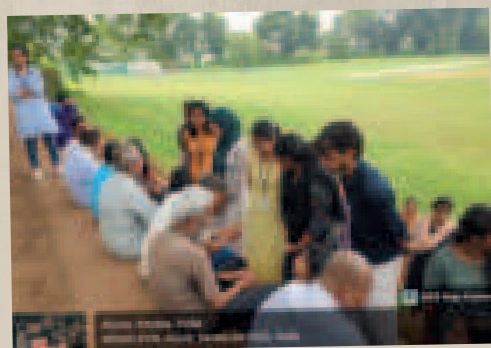
A two-day Competence Training Programme *Train the Trainers* was conducted on 19th and 20th January, 2024, for PG students under the guidance of Ms. Akhilu Thomas and Ms. Bhagya Mary, Mindtouch Counsellors Pvt. Ltd, Kakkanad.



The Dr Joseph E. Thomas Memorial Award was instituted by an esteemed alumnus of the Department for meritorious students of both UG and PG batches. The award distribution took place on 7 June, 2024. The following students won the awards: Jestin G. Jose (MSc.), Shilpa Nair (MSc.), Sanjana S. Salim (BSc.), Ananya Susan George (BSc.), Arathi V.M. (BSc.).

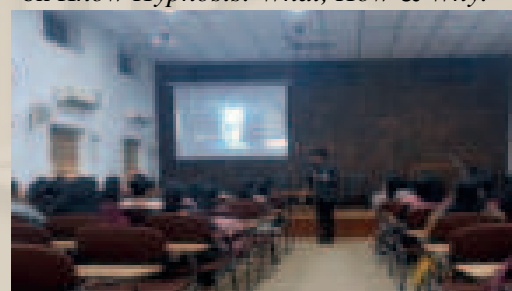
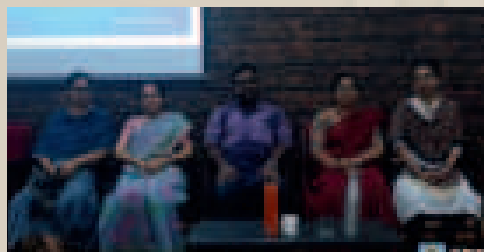
In association with Kancare, Senior Care and Prajna Research Foundation, the Department organized a half-day awareness programme on the topic *Memory Lane: Uniting Alzheimer's Awareness* on 27 September, 2024. Shri. John (Chairperson, Aluva Municipality) inaugurated the session.

A *Mental Health Day Awareness Training for Trainers* was held in view of World Mental Health Day on 10th October. Dr. T. R. John gave a training programme to PG students of the Department on 7 October, 2024.



In view of International Day for Older Persons, an awareness Programme was held in the Department in association with the Veliyathunadu Welfare Association on 1 October, 2024. The interactive session that the elderly had with the students was fruitful.

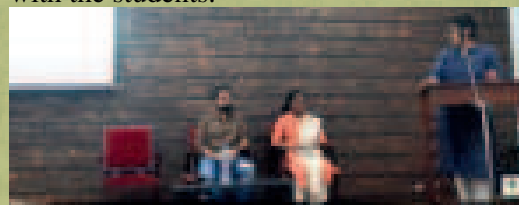
A Skill Training Programme on *Conquering Traumatic Life Experiences* was provided to 1st and 2nd Year UG students by Dr. Smijo Sebastian on 30 August, 2024.



Department of Zoology

Panel Discussion

15 UG and PG students along with Dr. Femi Anna Thomas (Asst. Professor) participated in a panel discussion on *The Antarctic Synergy: Driving Scientific Progress through Diplomacy, Fostering Cooperation through Research* on 28 May, 2024, as part of the 46th Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting (ATCM). This was followed by a short interaction by Mr. Rakesh Rao (Award winning filmographer) on the *Life of Researchers in Antarctica* and screening of Antarctic movies, with the students.

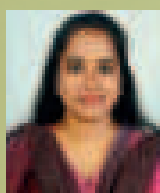


On 8 October, 2024, the **Department of Zoology** in association with the **Department of History** organised a seminar on *Biological Proxies: A Key to Earth's Climate History* held as part of the 12th Archaeology Seminar Series. The resource person was Dr. Harikrishnan G., a distinguished expert in paleoceanography and diatom research.



Inter-Departmental Quiz Competition

The Department organised an inter-departmental quiz competition on 7 October, 2024 in connection with Wildlife Week Celebrations. 16 teams participated from different Departments. Suhailath and Nafeesa from 2nd MSc. Zoology bagged the first prize. The Principal Prof. (Dr.) Mini Alice gave away the prizes.



Guideship

Dr. Ann Mary Jacob has been awarded recognition as research guide by Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam.



The Zoology Association and the Zoology Media Club were inaugurated on 27 July, 2024. Smt. Sulekha M.N. (Asst. Director of Fisheries, Govt. of Kerala) was the chief guest. Dr. Judine John Chacko (Asst. Fisheries Extension Officer, Department of Fisheries, Govt. of Kerala) delivered the keynote address.



The Department conducted an invited lecture on *Antarctica-A Natural Lab to Study Climate Change* on 12 March, 2024. The lecture was delivered by Dr. M.R. Ramesh Kumar (Retd. Chief Scientist, NIO, Goa).



Alumni Meet 2024: On 27 July, 2024, an alumni meet was organised by the Department.

“*Ucian Nuggets*”

Kacheri Malika, the oldest building in the campus, served as a residential building (a European bungalow) in the 1800s. In 1811, the building came to be used as a judicial court - the Alangad Taluk Cutcherry - and remained unused after 1896, until it was handed over for the use of the College in 1921.

The Cutcherry building was initially a single-storeyed building, and an additional floor was constructed only by 1923. Thus, eventually, the 'Old Cutcherry Building' became the 'Kacheri Malika' [constructions made both to the building and to its name].

Department of Botany

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.



The Department conducted a training programme in Micro techniques, *Micro Mastery: An Intercollegiate Hands-on Training In Micro Techniques* on 24 October, 2024. Dr. P.M. Kuriachen (Retired Professor, Department of Botany) led the session.



The Department conducted the *Gandhimavu Grafting Training Programme* on 26 September, 2024. Mr. Soman (Agricultural University - Odakkali Farm) was the trainer.

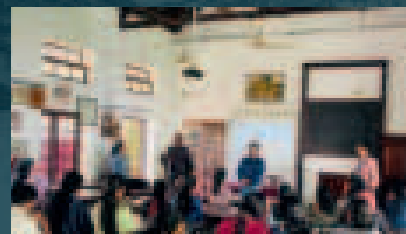


The Alumni meet of the Department was conducted on 12 January, 2024.

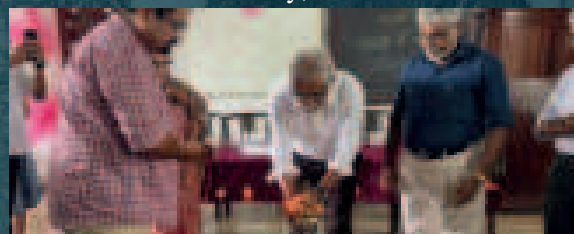


Faculty as resource person

Dr. Justin R. Nayagam was the guest speaker at the Botany Association inauguration organised by St. Xaviers College, Aluva. He delivered a talk on *Biomimetics*.



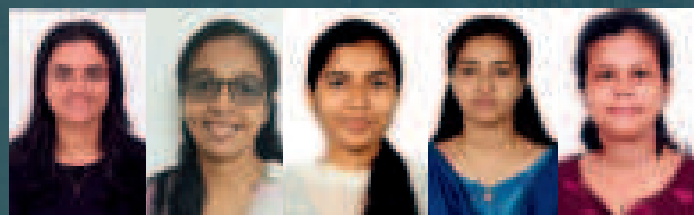
A Soft skill training on *Career Growth and Job Opportunities in Medical Coding* was conducted by the Department on 11 January, 2024 in association with IREZ academy. Dr. Tharique Hussain led the session.



Votanikos Syllagos - The Botany Association was inaugurated on 5 September, 2024 by Prof C.M. Mathew.

PhDs Awarded

5 PhDs were produced by the Department:



1. Dr. Sreelakshmi Rajesh – Guide: Dr. M. Anilkumar
2. Dr. Saira George – Guide: Dr. Justin R. Nayagam
3. Dr. Sagna A. – Guide: Dr. Justin R. Nayagam
4. Dr. Renu Rajan – Guide: Dr. Justin R. Nayagam
5. Dr. Teema Joseph – Guide: Dr. Thara K Simon

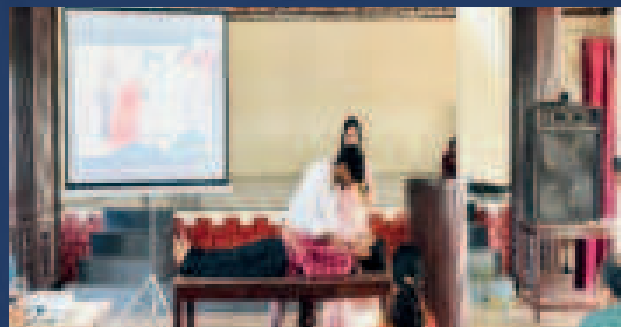


As part of the Teachers' Day Celebrations - *Acharya Vandhanam* - the Department honoured Prof. (Dr.) Joyce C. Mathew (Former Principal and HoD) at his residence.

Department of Biosciences



The Department held an orientation programme titled *Come Out From Your Shell And Prove Your Mettle* led by Mr. Mamman Abraham (Director, M.G. Institute of Excellence, Kochi) on 16 August, 2024.



As part of World Heart Day, an awareness class on CPR was organised for the students of the Department on 30 September, 2024. The resource person, Mrs. Sheeba Anish (Registered Nurse) provided comprehensive classes on CPR.



As part of World Mental Health Day, the Department organised a talk titled *Decoding the Stress Element* led by Mr. Wiljo Wilson (Counselling Psychologist).



The Department held a grand reunion on 2 October, 2024: *Autograph – Lasting Signatures* (Alumni Reunion 2024). Retired faculty members, including Prof. P. Jacob Kurien, Dr. Thomas Philip, Dr. David Saj Mathew, and Dr. Shirley Thomas, joined with former non-teaching staff and alumni. The event featured a ceremony honoring those who made remarkable contributions to the Department over the years.



The Biosciences Association, *Koodu 2024*, was inaugurated by Mr. Bijibal (Film Music Composer) on 10 February, 2024.



As part of the industrial visit programme, the PG students from the Department, accompanied by Head of Department Dr. Sareen Sarah John and Associate Professor Mr. Shyam Mohan, visited the Animal Biotechnology Facility at the National Institute of Nutrition in Hyderabad on 22 October, 2024.

UCian Nuggets

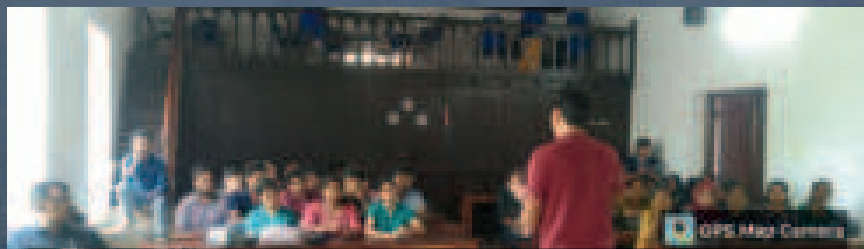
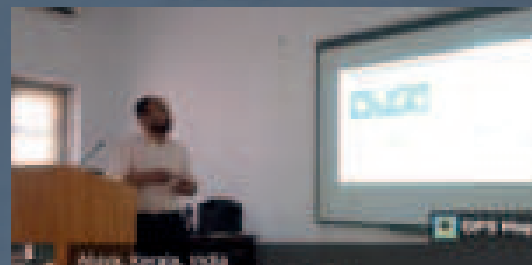
The first documented list of bird species of Aluva was recorded and published in the second issue of the College Magazine, in December 1925 by Prof. Kuruvilla Zachariah IES. Professor of History at the Presidency College, Calcutta, and later Principal of Hooghly Mohsin and Islamia Colleges, he was an avid birdwatcher, who worked as staff at Union Christian College, Aluva from 1923-24, on furlough. Famed historians Amal Tripathi and Ashin Das Gupta inherited the tradition of good teaching of Prof. Zachariah from Sushobhan Sarkar. Presidency College continues to hold an annual Kuruvilla Zachariah Memorial Lecture in his honour.

Mr. Vipin Thomas (Asst. Professor) delivered *Bioinformatics- Data Analysis and Applications in Life Science* at CEPCI Laboratory and Research Institute, Kollam, on 7 August, 2024 as part of the DBT Skill Vigyan Faculty Training Programme.

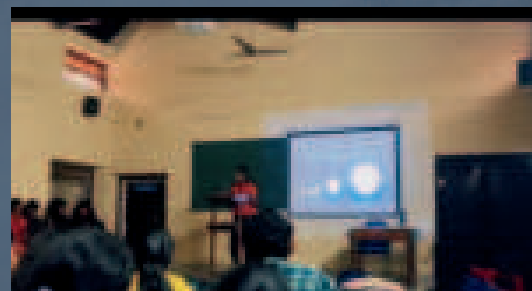
Department of Physics

Prof. T.K. Avirah Endowment Lecture 2024

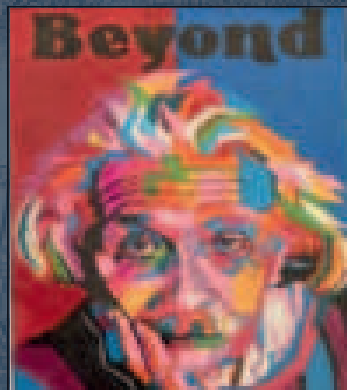
The Prof. T.K. Avirah Endowment Lecture, was held on 12 January, 2024, at the Department. The lecture featured Dr. James Joseph, a distinguished Lecturer from the Department of Biomedical Engineering at the University of Dundee, UK. The topic of the lecture was *Light and Sound-Based Technologies for Biomedical Applications*.



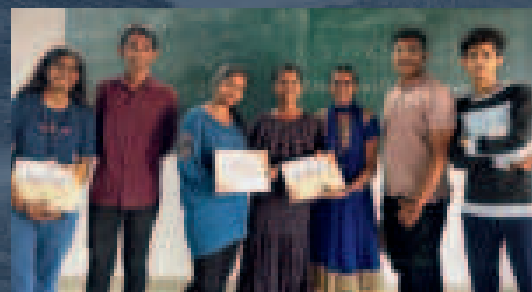
National Science Day was celebrated on 28 February, 2024. Dr. Pramod Dominic (Asst. Professor), delivered a lecture on Prof. C. V. Raman and his invaluable contributions to the realm of science.



The first-year undergraduate students of the Department organized a seminar on Cosmology on 18 December, 2023, delving into the fascinating history of the universe.



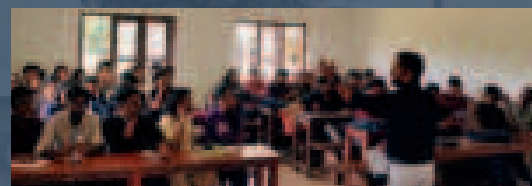
The Department brought out its Manuscript Magazine titled *Beyond* on 13 March, 2024. Dr. Reshmi R. was the staff advisor and Ms. Gopika, the student editor. The magazine became a vibrant tapestry of creativity, showcasing student talents in writing, painting and addressing social and environmental issues.



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 Physics Association was inaugurated by Prof. Ben Jos (Rtd. Professor, Sree Sankara College) on 11 September, 2024. He delivered a lecture on *Beyond Equations – Physics as a tool for Society*.



The Department organised an orientation session for the final year students on *Global Opportunities After CS And Electronics*. The speaker was Mr. Kevin Paul Jose (Marketing Head of GEEBEE Education).

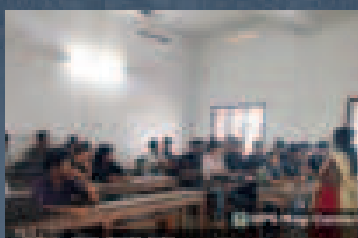
Dr. Jibin Jose Mathew designed and introduced RFID E-Gate register system for the College Library.



Department of E&CM

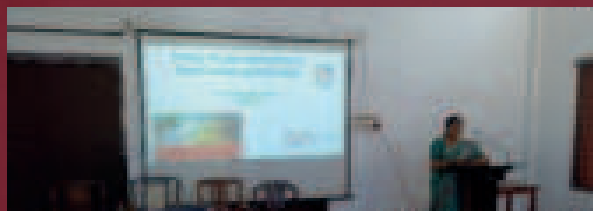


The Department organised an orientation programme on *Soft Skills* on 29 September, 2024. The resource person was Mr. Muhamed P. Hashim (Founder and Chief Coach, NUR Skills)



The Department organised a *Placement Orientation Week* in association with the Placement Cell from 30 July to 2nd August, 2024.

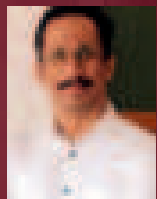
Department of Chemistry



The Dr. A.M. Chacko Memorial Lecture was organised on 28 February, 2024. Dr. Sobhi Daniel (Associate Professor, Maharaja's College) delivered a talk on *Energy Applications of Carbon Quantum Dots*.



A Popular Science Lecture titled *Kerala Experiencing Compound Climate Extremes More Frequently Than Envisaged* was organised by the National Academy of Sciences, India (NASI), Prayagraj (Kerala Chapter), in association with **Departments of Chemistry, Biosciences and IQAC**, on 22 August, 2024. Dr. S. Abhilash (Director, Advanced Center for Atmospheric Radar Research, CUSAT, Kochi) served as the resource person.



Guideship

Dr. Nelson Joseph P. has been awarded recognition as research guide by the Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam.



An Alumni Talk and Career Guidance Class was organised on 8 December, 2023 by the Department. Mr. Anandhu Mohan (Research Scholar, BARC) delivered a lecture titled *The Road Ahead: A Career in Research Opportunities Around You*.

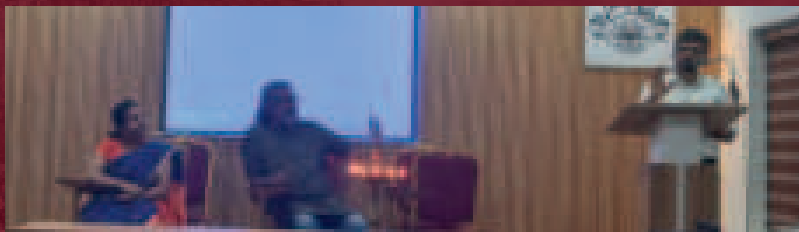


Prof. T.R. Anantharaman Memorial Lecture was organized on 1 March, 2024. Dr. Soney Varghese (Professor, NIT, Calicut) was the chief guest. He delivered a talk on *Liquid Crystal Materials for Information Display*.



Dr. Simi Pushpan K. has been selected as the Co-Convenor of the Council of Chemical Research Society of India (CRSI, Local Chapter: Trivandrum-Cochin-Calicut).

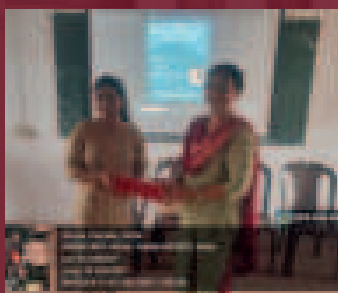
Faculty As Resource Person



Dr. Jenish Paul served as resource person at 2 colleges: (1) Student Induction Programme of Mar Thoma College for Women, Perumbavoor, on 3 July, 2024, (2) Inauguration of the Chemistry Association 2024-25 of SSV College, Valayanchirangara, on 8 August, 2024.



Dr. Ajalesh B. Nair served as resource person on 2 occasions: (1) Induction program conducted at St. George HSS Puthenpally Varapuzha on 29 August, 2024, (2) Seminar on the topic *Bioinspired Nanotechnology: Analysis and Applications* organized by Department of Chemistry Carmel College, Mala on 4 September, 2024.

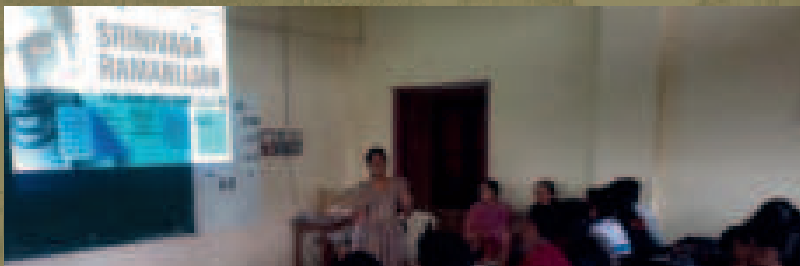


Ms. Amrutha Arimboor Sunny delivered a talk on *Interactions of Imidazolium Based Ionic Liquids With Model Lipid Membranes & Study and Research Opportunities in UK* on 5 January, 2024 as part of Alumni Talk and Career Guidance series.

Department of Mathematics



The Department organised a one-day seminar on കേരള ഗണിത സരണി: ഒരാമുഖം in association with the **Department of History and IQAC** on 1 October, 2024. The seminar was inaugurated by Prof. (Dr) Mini Alice (Principal, Union Christian College) and the resource persons included (1) Dr. N.K. Sundareshwaran (2) Dr. P. Rajasekharan and (3) Dr. M. Vijayalakshmi, respectively.



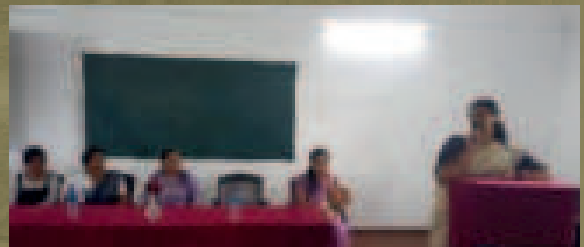
As part of the National Mathematics Day Celebrations, the Department organised various competitions from 18 to 22 December, 2023. On 21 December, 2023, Ms. Darshana C. S. (2nd BSc. Mathematics) delivered a talk on the topic *Life of Ramanujan*.



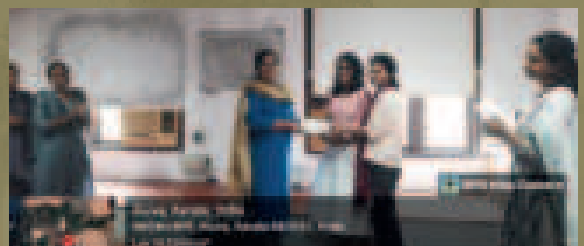
The Department conducted its Association Day and released a Department Magazine *Endeavour* on 18 March, 2024.



Thasnim Memorial Seminar Presentation Competition: An Inter-collegiate Seminar Presentation Competition was organized by the Department on 1 February, 2024. Dr. Jaison Jacob (Asst. Professor, St. Aloysius College, Elamthuruth) was the resource person. Aswathy Samuel of BCM College, Kottayam, bagged the first prize, Hadeel Ismail of St. Xavier's College, Aluva, won second and the third prize was won by Navya Unni of St. Teresa's College, Ernakulam.



The Mathematics Association was inaugurated by Prof. (Dr.) Mini Alice (Principal), on 5th September, 2024. Prof. Dr. Seema Varghese (Govt. Engineering College, Thrissur) an alumna of the College delivered a lecture on *Brain Anatomy to Network Topology*.

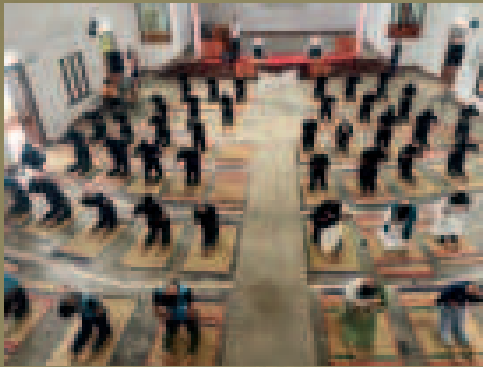


An Inter-departmental Statistics Quiz was organised on 26 July, 2024 as part of National Statistics Day Celebrations. The first prize was bagged by Begam Nilofar P.M. and Sneha Dixon (3rd year BCom). Diya Paulose and Anjana Gouri R. (2nd year BSc Mathematics) won the second prize.

UCian Nuggets

In 1923, the Church Missionary Society approved the allocation of a large sum of Rs. 50,000, derived from the sale of the Oxford and Cambridge Mission Hostel in Allahabad, at the disposal of Rev. W.E.S. Holland, the CMS Staff at Union Christian College, Aluva. This donation becomes significant as it aided in the construction of the North-East (present-day Chacko Hostel) and the South-East (present-day Holland Apartments) hostels in 1923-24 and eventually the College Chapel in 1940-42.

Department of Physical Education



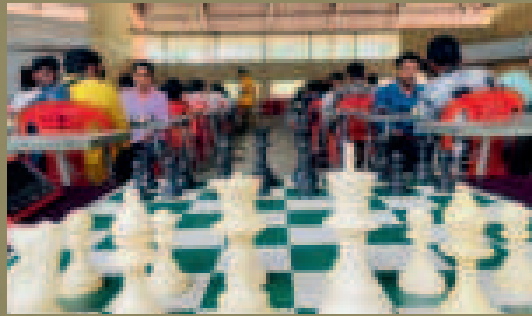
In association with 7K Girls BN NCC Thrissur, 22K BN NCC Eloor and NSS Unit (No.52), the Department organised the 10th International Yoga Day celebrations at UCC, on 21 June, 2024. Dr. Bindu M. (Asst. Professor), led the yoga session. Around 100 students and staff members attended the programme.



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.



The Department organised a talk on *The Role of Governance and Policies in Global Sports Development* on 6 September, 2024. Jyothish Velayudhankutty (Industrial and Sports Management Expert) was the resource person.



On the occasion of International Chess Day, an Inter-Departmental Chess Championship, was organised by the Department on 25 July, 2024.



The Department successfully organised a sports orientation programme *How to Become a Good Athlete?* on 12 July, 2024. Sri. P. A. Salim Kutty (Founder, Soccer School, Thodupuzha) and Dr. Ajeesh T. Alex (Sports Medicine Consultant) were the chief guest and resource person respectively.



The 100th College Annual Athletic Meet and College Sports Day 2023-24 was held from 12 to 16 March, 2024. The chief guest for the opening ceremony was Smt. Kalyanikutty Menon (Former HoD - Physical Education). The five-day sports meet involved the enthusiastic participation of all students. The overall ever-rolling shield was bagged by the Department of Physical Education. The championship in the Men's section was bagged by Department of History and the Women's section by the Department of Economics.



The Department organised the MG University Inter Zone Tennis Men's and Women's Championships from 30 September to 1 October, 2024.



The Department organised the *Azlaf Memorial Baseball Tournament* in association with former baseball players of Union Christian College from 4 to 6 October, 2024.

“*UCian Nuggets*”

Wednesday, 18th March, 1925

Mahatma Gandhi arrived at Paravur from Vaikom and motored to Union Christian College, Aluva, from there. The students and the Staff lined the road from the gate up to the College courtyard to welcome Gandhi. As he was walking up someone took a snapshot of him, and Gandhi thanked him in these words: "Hope you have failed".

For the College it was a holiday in honour of Gandhi's visit, even though it was an examination week.



A *Leadership and Entrepreneurship Enrichment Programme (LEEP)*, was organised as a collaborative initiative in association with *Mission Better Tomorrow* and in partnership with *EY GDS* on 25 March, 2024. Jinish Divakaran, E. A. Jay Krishnan & Alex Joseph served as resource persons.

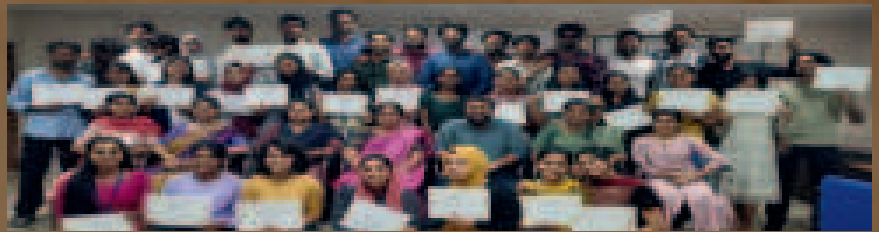


The School of Management Studies, conducted an orientation session *English Language: The Communication Bridge for Management* for the students on 24 July, 2024. Dr. Rangarajan Gopalakrishnan (Retd. HoD, Department of English, Maharaja's College, Ernakulam) engaged the sessions.



As part of the Anti-Drug awareness campaign, a session titled *Choose Life not Drugs* was organised in 14 October, 2024. Mr. Rajesh T.R. (DYSP, Aluva) and Mr. Shihab Chelakkulam (ASI - Narcotic Cell) were the resource persons.

Dr. Padmaja Devi, (Director School of Management) was shortlisted by Higher Education Review Magazine as 'Top 10 Most Promising Women Education Leader 2024'.



An AI-based placement training programme incorporating Kaizen Continuous Improvement Programme was organised by the Department from 5 January to 26 March, 2024. The sessions were led by Mr. Sujin Oommen Philip (Toir Business Solution Pvt Ltd).

The students visited *Fragomen Infopark*, on 1 March 2024 as part of Industry-Institute Interaction Drive. It was a programme to educate the students about Fragomen, which is an Immigration law firm.



The School of Management Studies organised induction programme titled *Mastering Research Fundamentals* on 2 August, 2024. Dr. Varun G Menon (Deputy Dean & Professor CSE Department, SCMS School of engineering and Technology) served as the resource person.



A session on *Alumni Insights on Entrepreneurial Pathway* was organised on 09 October, 2024. Four illustrious alumni of School of Management: Mr. Dheeraj (Trainer & Wellness Consultant), Mr. Ibrahim (Director, Sharafiya Polymers), Mr. Helerick (Partner, Cube Resto cafe) and Ms. Maneesha (Entrepreneur, Cosmetologist & make-up artist) interacted with the students.



Faculty as Resource Persons



Ms. Nisha Ann Jacob served as resource person at 2 programmes in other institutions:

1. Navigating Angel Investment and Venture Capital: Opportunities for Early-Stage Entrepreneurs in India at Al-Ameen College on 29 August, 2024.
2. Gateway to Big Data & Business Analytics for the MBA students of Santhigiri Institute of Management on 3rd September, 2024.



The Department of MCA conducted a five-day online add-on course on *Innovate & Automate: Exploring Robotics*, in association with Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) during 19, 22-25 April, 2024, which focused on robotics, aimed at equipping students with advanced skills and practical knowledge in this rapidly evolving field. Mr. Geo Paul (Technical Lead), Mr. Satheesh Chandran (Senior Engineer), Mr. Sreeraj N. R. (ML Engineer) were the resource persons.



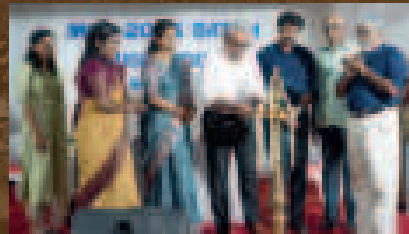
The Department Training and Placement Cell conducted a session on the topic *Do's & Don'ts in an Interview* for the third semester batch on 22 & 23 July, 2024. Dr. K.P. Ouseph, (Manager), was the resource person.



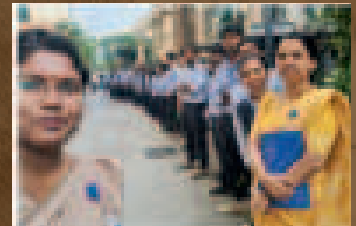
On 7 August, 2024, the Department, in association with IEDC of the College conducted a seminar on *Unlocking Digital Marketing: Essential for Beginners*. Mr. Mansoor Majeed (Programmer Analyst, Systalent Software's) led the sessions.



The Department organised an Alumni meet on 10 August, 2024.



The MCA batch of 2024-'26 was inaugurated on 2nd September 2024. Mr Dinesh P. Thampi, (VP & Head, TCS) was the chief guest.



The Department organised an industrial visit to UST Global Pvt. Ltd. on 8 and 9 October, 2024.



The Outreach and Women Empowerment Cell of the Department celebrated International Women's Day on 6 and 7 March, 2024 under the theme *#INSPIREINCLUSION* with various events like self defence training and flash mob. Hanshi N. Vijayakumar (Technical Director and General Secretary, New- Kai- Shein- Kan- Shito- Ryo - Karate School and Martial Arts Academy India) was the resource person.



The passing out ceremony of the 2022-24 MCA batch was conducted on 26 June, 2024. Prof. Dr. P. G. Sankaran (Vice-Chancellor, CUSAT) was the chief guest. Dr. Mini Alice, Principal, presided over the function. Dr. A.V. Alex felicitated the meeting. The special address was followed by certificate distribution to the graduates by the chief guest. 119 students attended the event.

Sports Updates

Aleena Surendaran of II MA Economics was selected to represent Kerala Senior T20 Team, to participate in the Senior Women T20 Championship from 17 to 28 October 2024, at Lucknow.



Aswin Raj (Kerala Captain), Muhammed Ameen and Muhammed Adhil (I BA Economics) and Issac Jojo Daniel (I BSc E&CM) representing Kerala, were the champions of the 9th Junior Soft-Baseball Championship held at Haryana from 11 to 13 October, 2024.

Union Christian College teams were champions at the MG University Intercollegiate Championships in the following events:

1. Hockey 11's Men
2. Netball Women
3. Cricket Women
4. Roller Sports Women
5. Roller Hockey Women
6. Softball Women
7. Soft Baseball Women



Union Christian College Women's team was placed second and men's team took the third position in the MG University Fencing Championship held at BK College, Amalagiri from 9th and 10th October, 2024.

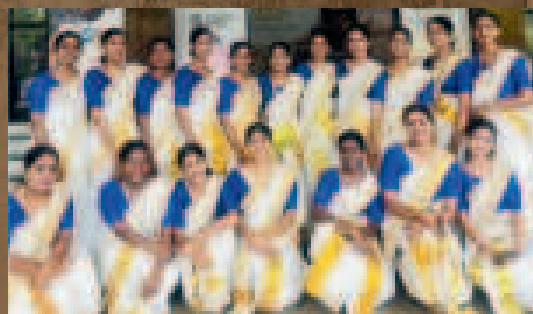
9 players represented MG University in the South Zone Inter-University Women's Championship held at Alagappa University, Trichy, from 18 to 22 January, 2024. The University emerged winners for the second time. The team included: 1. Aleena Surendran 2. Ajanya T.P. 3. Anusree Anilkumar 4. Snehamol K.R. 5. Jisna V Joseph 6. Aparna K.K. 7. Gopika Gaythridevi 8. Abina 9. Gowri Nandhana



The College Women's team secured second position in the MG University Inter-zone Tennis Championship held on 1 October, 2024.

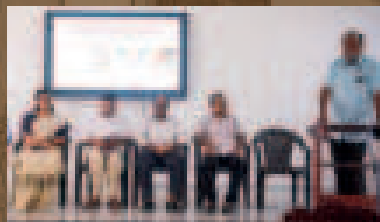
Clubs

Swaralaya



As part of the all Kerala Inter-collegiate Thiruvathira Competition conducted by Manorama Quickerela held at Kottayam on 11 September, 2024, the Dance Squad of Swaralaya won the second prize. Students of the music band of Swaralaya secured second position at PANACHE 2024 organised by St. Teresa's College, Ernakulam on 24 October.

Uni-Y



The inauguration of the activities of Uni-Y was held on 8 August, 2024. Prof. Mathew Koshy was the chief guest.

Quiz Club



The club organised a quiz programme on 26 September, 2024 in association with KSEB, Kalamasserry.

Vara Club

Integrated painting workshops were conducted at Veliyathunadu 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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Animal Lovers Club

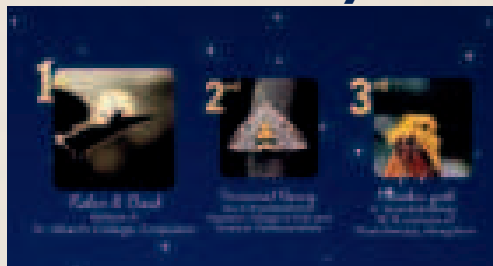


To provide relief to the acute water shortage faced by animals in summer, twenty five earthen pots were sourced and placed across the campus. The project was inaugurated by Mr. Shreeman Narayanan (renowned Environmentalist). The pots were donated by Mr. Narayanan.



An ornamental fish pond and an aviary were set up by the Club to extend the message of inclusivity.

Biodiversity Club



An Inter-collegiate Online Moth Photography Competition was conducted under the aegis of Biodiversity Club.

Civil Services Aspirants Club



The Civil Services Aspirants Club has begun offering coaching services for national and state-level competitive exams. The programme includes live sessions twice a week, continuous mentorship via WhatsApp, recorded lectures and test series through Google Classroom, exclusive study materials available in the College Library, and more. College Manager, Dr. K.P. Ouseph, IFS, addressed the students on 8 October, 2024.



On 21 October, 2024, the Debate Club of the College organised an open discussion on *Is a Campus Free of Substance Abuse Possible?*, in association with Lahari Vimukta Jagrata Samithi, Anti-Narcotic Cell and Gandhi Darshan Club.

Career Catalyst Club



The Career Catalyst Club was inaugurated by on 19 July, 2024 by Dr. Mini Alice (Principal). The Total Quality Circles (TQC) initiative has been launched as part of the club's activities to empower students by involving them in decision making and by fostering a sense of responsibility.

Disaster Management Club



A workshop on Life Saving Techniques was organised by the club on 24 July, 2024 in association with the District Disaster Management Authority and NDRF. Shri. Abbas V.E. (Deputy Collector) inaugurated the activities of the club.

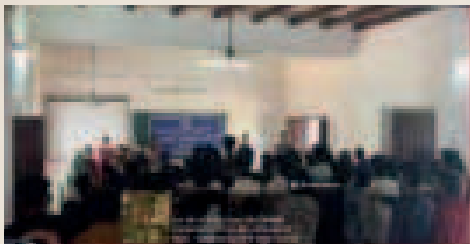
Anti-Narcotic Club

12 students of UCC represented Anti Narcotic Club and participated in the 11th Asian Youth Forum on Drug Use Prevention which brought together 150 young leaders from across 13 countries. The UCC team's project 'Kita' was selected as one of the top three projects to receive funding by the Drug Advisory Programme of the Columbo Plan and the U.S. Department of State.



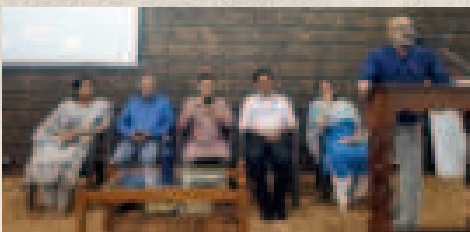
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Electoral Literacy Club

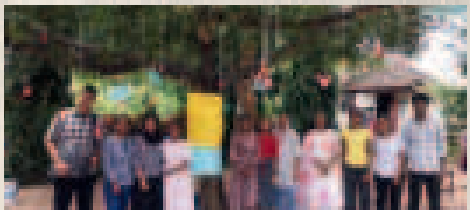


On 4 March, 2024, in association with IQAC and NSS, the Electoral Literacy Club conducted the 'Voters' Pledge' campaign, as part of the state-wide voter awareness programme.

Gandhi Darshan Club



As part of Martyrs' Day commemoration, the club organised a talk on *Gandhi the Journalist* on 2 February, 2024. The talk was delivered by Mr. Venkitesh Ramakrishnan, (Renowned journalist, CMD & Managing Director of the AIDEM). An online quiz was conducted on the same day.



Various programmes were organised by the club in commemoration of **Hiroshima-Nagasaki day**. An online lecture for *Quest for Peace and Inclusive India* was delivered by Prof. Dr. M.S. John (ICSSR Senior Fellow, School of International Relations, MG University). An online quiz on Nuclear Weapons were conducted on 6 August, 2024. On 9 August, Sadako cranes were made and hung by students of the club on the peace tree in the College.

Entrepreneurship Development Club



The Club organized a seminar on 1 December, 2023, titled *Entrepreneurship Opportunities in New Kerala*. The seminar was inaugurated by Sri. Vinod Kumar, (Assistant District Industries Officer). On 22 February, 2024, the club hosted an orientation session for Young Innovator's Programme (YIP 6.0), led by Ms. Elbiya Theresa, Programme Executive at K-DISC.

Kandal Club



On the International Day for the Conservation of Mangrove Ecosystem (27 July, 2024) a *Mangrove Planting and Restoration Programme* was organised by the Faculty of Marine Sciences, CUSAT, in association with Kandal Club UCC, Save Marine Earth Foundation, SIF Marine, Norway, and Norwegian University of Science and Technology.



On 6 March, 2024 the club initiated the planting of mangrove seedlings in the Mangrove Nursery of the College.

Fashion Club



The club organised a workshop on 25 September, 2024 on *Corporate Walk*.

Birders Club



Campus bird monitoring commenced on 29 November 2023, a year long initiative of Hornbill Birders Club.

Mizhi/Symphony Clubs



The activities of the Mizhi and Symphony clubs were inaugurated on 21 August, 2024 by Mr. Aby Johny (Asst. Professor of English, SD College, Kanjirapally). The Braille version of the College Union Magazine *Kalachakram* was released on the occasion. The Radio Cinema *Aiden* by Mr. Priyaraj was presented on the day.

A Job Fair was organised by Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled in association with the clubs on 13 July, 2024. 153 candidates participated.

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7(K) Girls Battalion, Thrissur



As part of the nation-wide *Har Ghar Tiranga* campaign, cadets of 7(K) Girls Bn NCC sub-unit of the College conducted Tiranga rally on 13 August, 2024, starting from College campus to UC Junction and to GLPS Chamaparambu.



On 26 July, 2024, the NCC cadets of 7(K) Girls Bn sub-unit & 22(K) BN NCC Eloor of the College celebrated the 25th anniversary of the *Kargil Vijay Diwas* with Lt. Colonel Deepak U, an ex-cadet of the College as Chief Guest.



In association with IMA, Ernakulam, and Mathrubhoomi Study Circle, the subunit hosted a blood donation drive on 1 October 2024. The programme was inaugurated by Sri. M.O. John, (Municipal Chairperson, Aluva).



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.

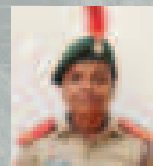


The cadets of the College sub-unit attended the ten-day Combined Annual Training Camp held at St. Joseph's College, Irinjalakuda from 20-29 May, 2024 and won the second position for overall performance in drill, cultural and other competitions from among 600 cadets representing 16 institutions under the unit.

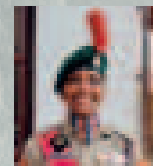
3 cadets attended Army Attachment Camps, 3 attended Thal-Sainik Camp IGC, 3 cadets attended IGC RDC, 1 cadet attended EBEB Camp, 3 cadets received CWS Scholarships.



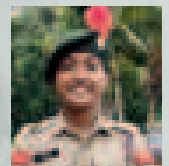
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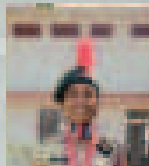
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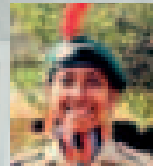
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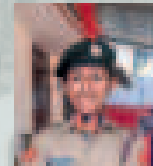
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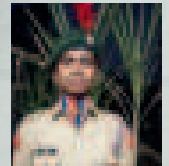
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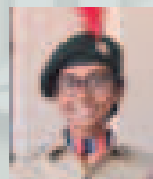
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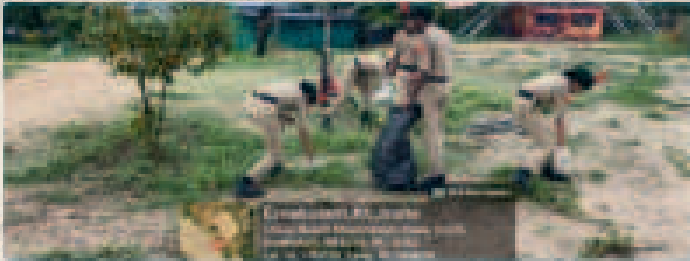


CPL Seethalakshmy M.J.
CWS

22(K) Battalion NCC, Eloor



The 78th Independence Day was celebrated on 15 August, 2024 by the Cadets of 22(K) Battalion and 7(K) Battalion in association with NSS Volunteers in Union Christian College Aluva. The Chief guest of the programme was Mr. Eldho Varghese (Principal-in-charge).



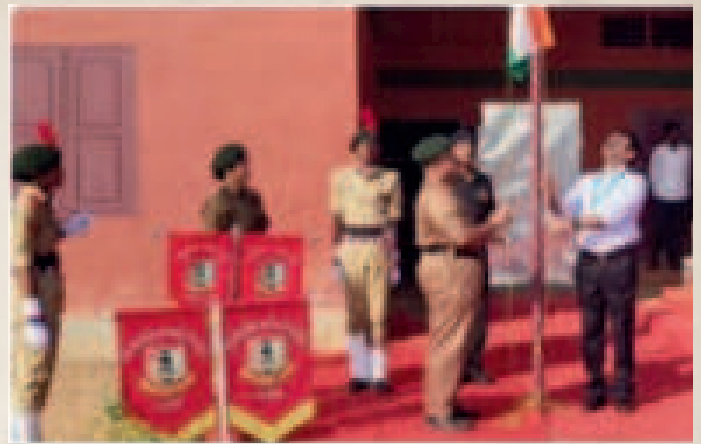
As part of World Environment Day, the cadets of the College in association with officials of 22(K)BN NCC, Eloor spearheaded an initiative *Puneet Sagar Abhiyan* to clean the Munambam beach.



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Three cadets were part of IGC RDC: SUO Karthick Jayadevan, CSM Nidhin Salim, CPL Anandakrishnan S.

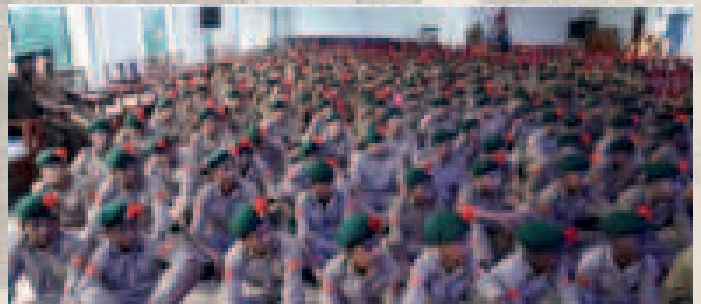
Five cadets participated in army attachment camps at various places: UO Anadhakrishna K., CSM Nidhin Salim, CQMS Jenin Cheriyan, CPL Midhun R., CDT Gopakumar G. Two Cadets completed EBSB Phase 1: SGT Annette Rose George, CQMS Jenin Cheriyan.



The 75th Republic Day was celebrated at the College on 26 January, 2024. The programme was officially inaugurated by Prof. (Dr.) M. I. Punnoose (Former Principal).



As part of 78th Independence Day celebrations, cadets of the College participated in the Tiranga Rally conducted by 22(K) BN NCC Eloor on 14 August, 2024. CO Colonel Vikrant Adhikari spoke on the occasion.



A combined annual training camp was held at BSOLS Choondy from 13 to 22 September, 2024. The training was given by officials and PI staff of 22 (K) BN NCC Eloor.

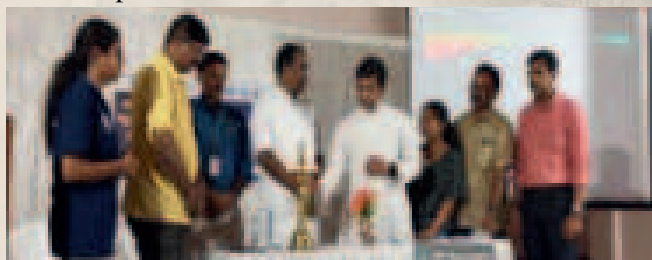


Snehavedu - On 11 November, 2023, NSS unit handed over the keys of the house built under the Snehavedu project, in collaboration with the KCF. The beneficiary was Mr. Sunilkumar. The key was handed over by Mr. Anwar Sadath, MLA. The foundation stone of the third house under this project was laid on 5 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 *Swachhatha 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 Cherai beach on 21 September, 2024.



Oppam 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 Nilavu Eye Testing Camp conducted on 5th March, 2024 at Union Christian College, Aluva, in association with Little Flower Hospital, Angamaly.



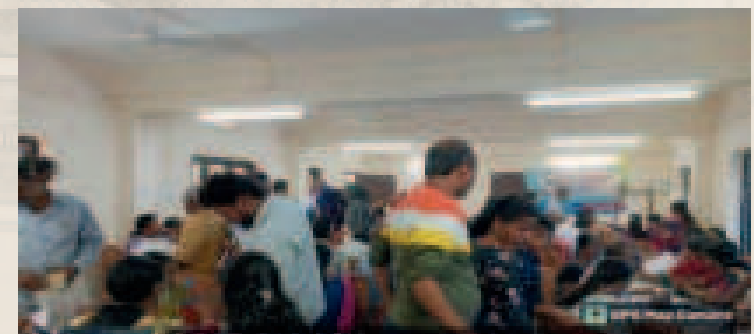
The NSS Unit of the College initiated organic farming on 6 February, 2024 in the College premises. The first harvesting was done on 19 March, 2024. The produce were sold through Thanalidam.



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 Cheriyaipilly Block Panchayath on 15 January, 2024, and Alangad Block Panchayath on 30 January, 2024.

Blood Donation Camp: The NSS unit organised a blood donation camp on 31 January, 2024, in association with General Hospital, Ernakulam.

Placement Cell



On 16 November, 2023, an interactive session, *Entrepreneurs Thrive Here* was held in association with KSWDC Women Cell as part of Global Entrepreneurship Week. Ms. Jeena Vaheed (Managing Director Phases India Technology Solutions Pvt. Ltd.) was the chief guest.

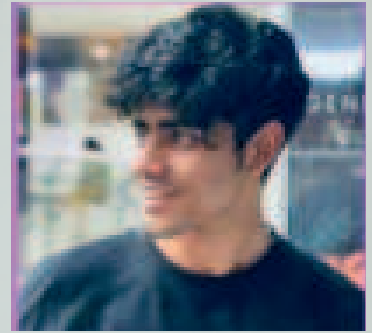


A Mega Job Fair was held on 9 December, 2024, in association with Velayathunaadu Service Bank and several other organizations. The fair featured 65 organizations and attracted 547 candidates.



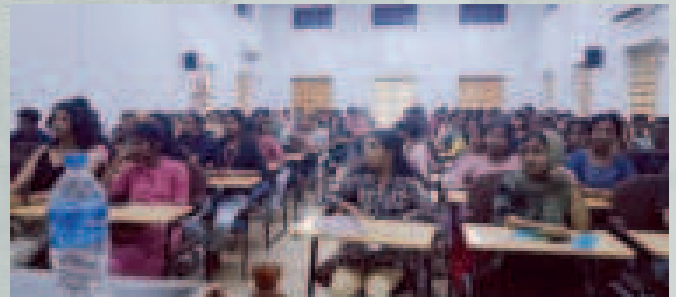
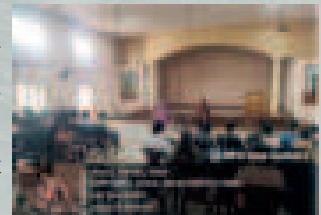
A DWMS Orientation was held on 27 February, 2024, in association with the Department of Commerce. Mr. Sadiq, (KKDEM Talent Curation District Coordinator) was the resource person.

NSS volunteer Marklynn Martin (1st BSc Chemistry) was selected from MG University for National Integration Camp 2024 held at Kasaragod from 16th March, 2024.



The Pre-placement Talk and Recruitment Drive for Integrated Enterprises India Pvt. Ltd. was organised on 18 November, 2023. 7 candidates got selection, out of which 6 students were from the College.

A session on *How to Perform in an Interview?* was held on 4 January, 2024, led by Ms. Ashley Jose (Specialist Leader, Deloitte India).



A session on *How to Prepare for the Civil Services?* was conducted on 26 February, 2024. Mr. Sangeeth K. was the resource person.



The event *Scroll of Honour* was organised by the Placement Cell on 20 March, 2024, in recognition of the students who got placements through the cell.

SCF

On 9 August, 2024, Mr. Brijin George Philip (Alumnus of the College and field staff of CSSM) inaugurated the activities of the SCF for the academic year 2024-25.



Carol Service

The Christmas Carol Service of the College was conducted on 10 December, 2023



On 3 October, 2024, a motivational session *The Last Hurdle in the Race* was organised for the first-year MBA students. Dr. K.P. Ouseph, IFS (Retd.) (Manager) led the sessions.

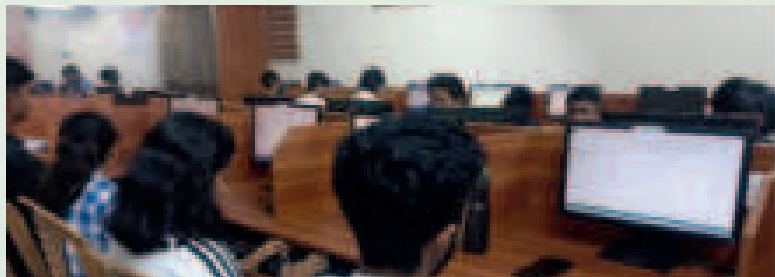
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CPSD



A discourse on *World Peace through Unified Consciousness*, by Dr. M.V. Natesan (Professor at the Dept. of Vyakarna, Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit, Kalady) was organized by CPSD in collaboration with the Nitya Chaitanya Yati Chair and CSRS on 4 December, 2023.

Placement Cell



On 12 & 13 August, 2024, an MS Office Workshop was conducted for BSM students, focusing on the fundamental skills of MS Word, Excel and PowerPoint.



You are a Brand, an orientation session for the MCA students was conducted on 9 September, 2024. Dr. K.P. Ouseph, IFS (Retd.), (Manager), was the resource person.

The following companies conducted recruitment drives during the period: 1. Zifo R & D 2. TCS BPS Exam 3. Accenture 4. Integrated Enterprises 5. Teach For India 6. Career 360 7. Gauthexpert 8. GICE 9. Academor Edutech 10. Deloitte 11. TCS BPS 12. ESAF 13. ESAF 14. Allianz 15. ICICI Prudential Life Insurance 16. Sutherland 17. TCS Smart 18. Fragomen 19. Universal Business Corporation 20. Hug Care 21. Nminus Two Solutions 22. Super League Kerala 23. United Football Sports Development Private Limited and more. 108 students were placed.

Service Learning Centre



Dr. Akhila Narayanan (Assistant Professor, Department of English) represented the College at the 10th Service-Learning Asia Network (SLAN) business meeting held at Singapore University of Social Sciences (SUSS) from 1-2 October, 2024.

Scholarship Distribution under the Sansco-Prarthana EDU-CARE Project



The event was organized by the Centre for the Study of Religion and Society (CSRS), Union Christian College, Aluva, in association with Prarthana Foundation and Sansco Technologies on 23 August, 2024. The programme was held as part of the MoU signed by the College with the Prarthana Foundation which aims at providing financial assistance (Rs 1,50,000) to students belonging to economically weaker families, who have secured admission in the Institution for graduation/post-graduation. Ms. Jeeja Kurian (Project Consultant, Prarthana Foundation), Ms. Anna and Mr. Vengadesan (Sansco Technologies) graced the occasion.

CCLSD



The Department of English launched the **Chrysalis Centre for Life Skills Development (CCLSD)** on 26 July, 2024, with Fr. Bobby Jose Kattikad as the chief guest. As its first initiative, the Centre offered an Induction Programme for first-year UG and PG students, aimed at enhancing their transition into academic life. UG Induction was conducted between 29 July and 8th August, 2024 and PG Induction was organised on 19, 22 & 23 August, 2024.



A one-day Leadership Training Programme was conducted for select students from UG and PG courses on 29 August, 2024. Shri. Lovewin K. Cherian, from *Chola: Mission to Accompany and Inspire*, who conducted the sessions serves as the principal facilitator of the Centre. 50 students participated in the programme along with various faculty members.

Centre for Applied Sciences

The centre has secured major projects from DST-SERB & KSCSTE. Two doctoral student projects were recommended for financial support under Women Scientist Scheme-A (WOS-A). The centre’s proposal to SERB-TARE for conducting research in collaboration with NIT Calicut has been accepted. The Science Departments have submitted a combined interdepartmental project Nanomission 2021 (98 lakhs). This is currently under review by DST.

IEDC



The Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development Centre (IEDC) organized a workshop titled *Flutter - Build Apps for Any Screen* on 29 August, 2024. Mr. Akhil P.S. (Google-recognized developer) was the resource person.



The centre organized a one-day workshop titled *Fundamentals of Accounting and Compliances using Tally* on 19 October, 2024, for the administrative staff members of Union Christian College, and the MBA and MCA departments. The workshop was led by Mr. Santhosh H. (Instructor, LBS Tally Academy).



The centre, in collaboration with the **NSS Unit No. 52** organized a one-day interactive session on *How to Make Organic Manure from Dry Leaves* on 7 September, 2024. Dr. Jibin Jose Mathew (Asst. Professor and Nodal Officer) led the sessions.

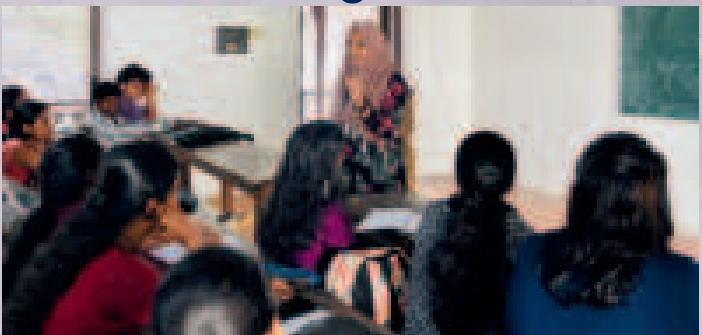
KSWDC Women Cell

On 3 February, 2024, Ms. Tresa Divya (Asst. Professor) gave a talk on *Gender Norms and Construct: Concerns and Issues* to selected students under the Gifted Children Programme.



On 14 March, 2024, Ms Maya S. Paramasivam delivered a lecture on the occasion of International Women's Day. She analyzed the political economy of many movements, specifically *Penpillai Orumai, Nilpu Samaram, Vizhinjam Samaram, IOC Samaram, and Moothrapura Samaram*.

Bliss Counseling Centre



As part of World Mental Health Day, BLISS organized peer interactive sessions on the theme *Embrace Mental Health* on 9 October, 2024.



The centre in collaboration with the **Department of Physical Education**, organized an interactive seminar on *Entrepreneurship and Technological Advancement Prospects in Sports Management* on 21 August, 2024. Mr. Mansoor Majeed (Programme Analyst at Systalent Software) was the resource person.



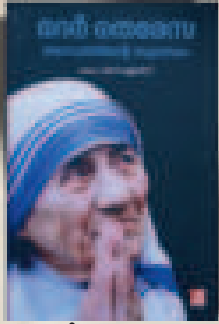
On 1 March, 2024, the cell organized a discussion on *Female Assertiveness and Gender Egalitarianism in our Culture*. The resource person was Ms. Thaniya K. Leela (Consultant Psychologist and Certified L&D Trainer). She explained the need for assertiveness in women and why they became passive-assertive in life.

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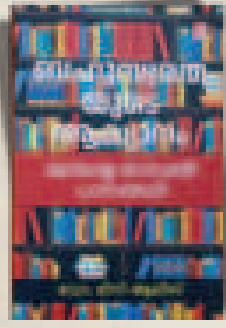


Jeevani Centre organised an orientation programme titled *Empowering Minds - Embracing Change*. Ms. Anu Bejoy (Psychologist) conducted these sessions in various departments.

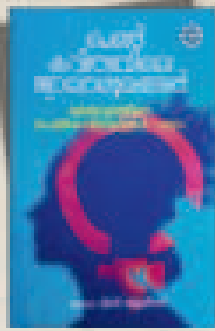
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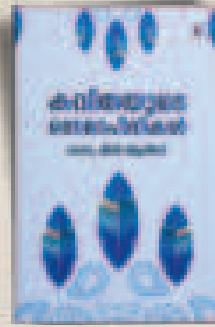
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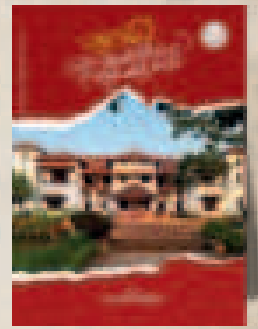
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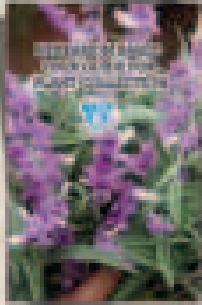
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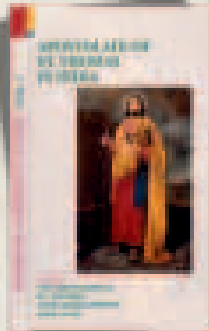
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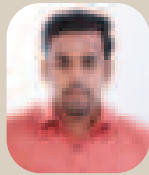


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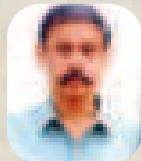
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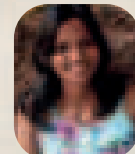


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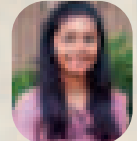


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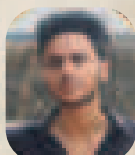
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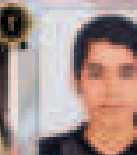
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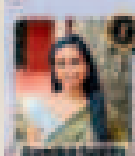


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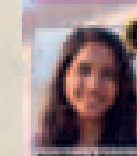


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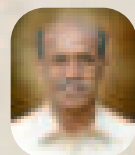


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