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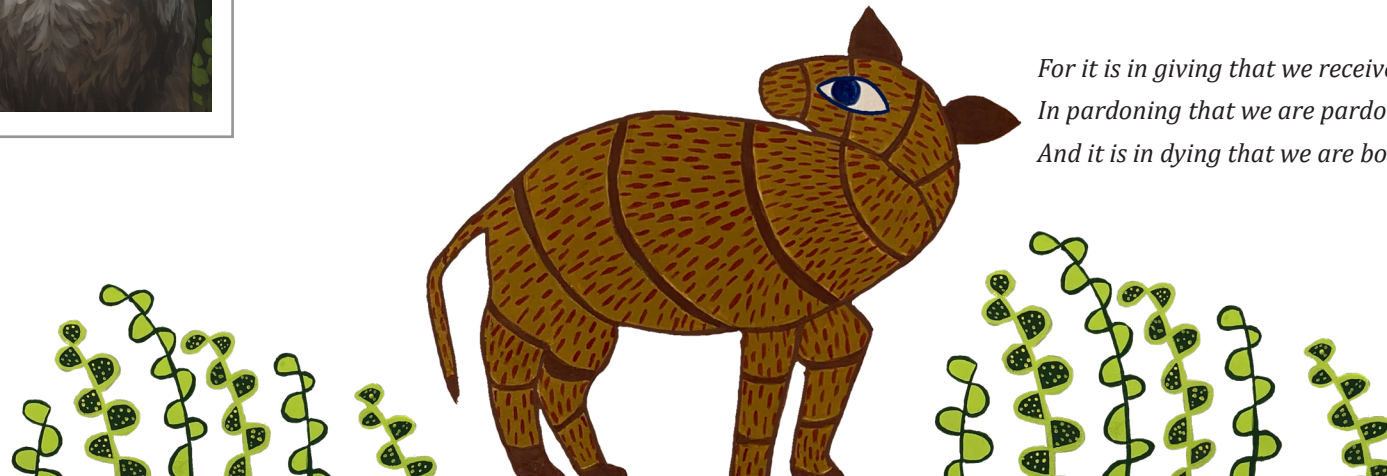


PRAYER OF ST. Francis OF ASSISI

*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
And where there is sadness, joy.*

*O Divine Master,
Grant that I may not so much seek,
To be consoled as to console;
To be understood, as to understand;
To be loved as to love.*

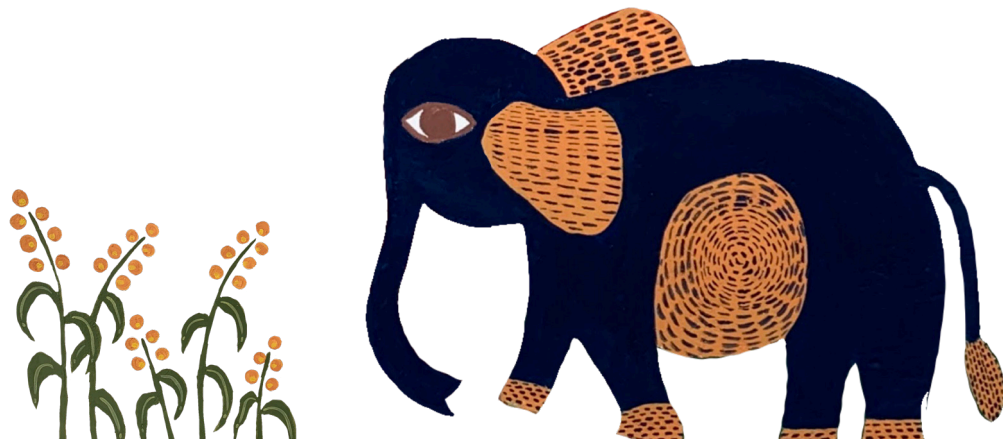
*For it is in giving that we receive;
In pardoning that we are pardoned;
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.*



BLESSED *M*ary OF THE PASSION

"My God is beauty, my God is great, my God is happiness."

Hélène De Chappotin (1839 - 1904)
Foundress | Institute of the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary





Stella Maris College, a Catholic minority institution of higher education for women is an autonomous institution affiliated to the University of Madras and is partly residential. It is managed by the Society of the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary, a Catholic religious congregation founded by Blessed Mary of the Passion (Hélène de Chappotin) in Ootacamund, Tamil Nadu, in 1877. Guided by her charism, the initiatives of the College arise from a sound philosophy of life based on faith in God and the contemporary reality of a pluralistic Indian society that is challenged by global ideologies and cultures.

The College was founded on 15 August 1947 in a small one-storeyed building with 32 students in Santhome, Mylapore, Chennai. In 1960, it moved to its present campus “The Cloisters” on Cathedral Road in the heart of the city.

Today, the College has an enrolment of more than 5,500 students from diverse backgrounds, communities and nations.

The College is committed to serving the economically and socially marginalised sections of society.

It provides university education in a Christian atmosphere for deserving students, especially those belonging to the Catholic community. Admission is open to all, irrespective of caste and creed and all students’ rights of conscience are respected.

The College became autonomous in 1987 and has currently 23 undergraduate and 14 postgraduate programmes with five departments offering M.Phil. programmes and seven departments offering Ph.D. programmes. Postgraduate Diplomas and Certificate Courses are also offered.





The pandemic has taught us many valuable lessons, not the least of them being the interdependence of the global ecosystem. We can no longer afford to be indifferent or complacent as members of the global community; the pandemic has exposed the frailty of the geographical, political, economic, linguistic and social boundaries that we had held on to for so long. In that sense, it has created a new global identity, one in which we acknowledge our interdependence. Even as we continue to grapple with the virus and its consequences, we are constantly reminded of the need to maintain the equilibrium of the Earth, to respect the role of even the seemingly insignificant elements in our ecological community.

This year’s College magazine, in its design and content, focusses on our response to the challenges that we had to face over the year. The pandemic redefined the contours of learning. New technologies to connect with each other became the new normal. Our mission to teach and empower placed focus on digital learning and on the safe use of

technology. The smooth transition to the online mode of education, even though we had not foreseen it or planned for it, was made possible only because all stakeholders were willing to adapt and to learn anew. Though COVID-19 has revealed our vulnerabilities, it has also tapped our potential for greater resourcefulness.

‘Hope’ is the theme of this year’s magazine; it bespeaks our experiences of 2020-21: how we traversed unknown paths, stood united, fulfilled our commitments and achieved some significant goals. As the art on these pages reminds us, the sustenance of life on the planet, like the success of our community at Stella Maris, is founded on interdependence, resilience, and hope.

Editorial

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Annual REPORT



College Day Report – 19 March 2021

Good morning and a warm welcome to everyone present here. I am privileged and honoured to welcome our chief guest, Professor S. Gowri, Vice Chancellor, University of Madras. A mechanical engineer by profession, Dr. Gowri received his doctoral degree from IIT Madras and has extensive research experience in India and abroad. Among the many accolades that Dr. Gowri has received, the 'Outstanding Academic' award presented to him by the Indian Society for Technical Education, MHRD, Government of India, in 2011 merits special mention. Dr. Gowri has accomplishments in many fields, including film, creation of digital course content, and experience as an expert member in the National Research Council Forum for New Education Policy, New Delhi.

Let us welcome Dr. Gowri with a round of applause. Thank you, Sir, for taking time off from your many commitments to be here with us on our special day.

I extend a warm welcome to Dr. Sr. Francisco Nirmala, Provincial, Chennai Province, Sr. Fatima Furtado, Superior, Stella Maris Convent, Sr. Susan, Secretary of the College, Vice Principals, Deans, faculty, members of the Governing Body, the Academic Council, administrative and support staff, retired faculty, parents, alumnae, benefactors, friends, FMM Sisters, Rev. Fathers, and you, my dear students.



Before I proceed with the College Day Report, I would like to place on record our deep sadness and loss at the passing of our beloved Dr. Sr. Helen Vincent, former Principal, on 14 December 2020 at the age of 90. A scholar and academic of high repute and an able administrator, she was responsible for steering Stella Maris towards higher achievements in the field of education. Under her stewardship, Stella Maris scaled new heights in the field of women’s education, acquiring national and international renown, and joining the ranks of leading institutions of higher education in the country. We mourn her passing, and are forever indebted to her vision, commitment and dynamism which served to strengthen our educational endeavours in the service of society.

We also mourn the passing of one of our library staff, Ms.Arokia Mary, who passed away on 23 August 2020. She had served the College from 1999.

Let us pause for a minute in silence and pray for the repose of their souls. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls rest in peace. Amen.



Prof. S. Gowri, Vice Chancellor,
University of Madras

On this occasion, I greet very specially Thirumathi Meena M., support staff who retired in June 2020 after 28 ½ years of dedicated service. On behalf of the College community, I thank her for her unstinting, committed service to the College.

In this age of the COVID-19 virus, many changes have been wrought throughout the globe, disrupting what we saw as “normal” and bringing in what has come to be referred to as the “new normal.” It is the new normal in education across the world to adapt to change in programme and course delivery, using new technology to meet needs of students and educational processes in general. His Holiness Pope Francis has

summed up our situation clearly; he says, the coronavirus pandemic, I quote, “has given us a chance to develop new ways of living.”

We are in a very unusual situation, but we have found ways to cope with this unprecedented crisis and continue to perform our regular tasks in the midst of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. With the lockdown, we had to find ways of reaching out to our students, and the only way was through virtual communication. To enable this, the Department of Computer Science facilitated the procurement of Google Suite for Education and put together an online training programme in the use of remote teaching technology in record time. It was a very difficult period, but our dedicated and conscientious faculty learned fast, and within two weeks we were able to begin remote teaching classes.

We were also faced with the challenge of supplying needy students with laptops and mobiles so they could be a part of the remote teaching-learning process. A proposal submitted to the United Board for the United Board Pandemic Response Fund was approved and an amount of US\$ 25,000 was sanctioned in November 2020 for purchase of laptops and data for these students. Students, faculty and retired faculty contributed towards purchase of android phones for students.



I am happy to announce that three new programmes have been introduced in the College from the academic year 2020-2021:

- M.A. Human Resource Management
- B.Com. (Honours)
- M.Sc. Data Science (joint programme with GITAA and LHU)

Keeping up with global developments in education, we have recently made our entry into social media sites. The official YouTube Channel of Stella Maris College was launched on August 15, 2020. With persistent requests from our international partners, we now have a Facebook profile and an Instagram account. Thanks to Ms. Nikita Chawla for her efforts in getting this done for us. Many of our students were also involved in this project. Thank you, students, for your cooperation and efforts.

Despite the changes and challenges brought about by the pandemic, we have carried on with hope and courage in our mission

of education. The most significant change in our functioning at this time has been the many webinars that every department has been hosting and attending through the lockdown. It was a very useful way to continue to update our knowledge and stay in touch with fellow academics in India and across the globe. Several webinars were held for both faculty and students.

The following slides give you a listing of the webinars hosted by departments and offices.

INTERNATIONAL WEBINARS

Sociology

Cycles of Violence – Understanding domestic violence and the battered women syndrome | 22 May 2020

COVID-19 – Stress and relationships | 09 June 2020

Well-being with sound | 12 June 2020

Mathematics

Some interesting aspects of Fuzzy Mathematics | 11, 12, 15 & 16 June 2020

Recent advancements in Discrete Mathematics | 22-25 June 2020

Botany

Conflict and co-operation | 26 February 2021

Commerce Shift I

The future of business in the changing world | 06 July 2020

Psychology at work in the corporate world | 25 August 2020
Introduction to finance and the impact of news | 27 October 2020

Commerce Shift II

ICT tools for teaching, testing and evaluation | 25 May 2020

Computer Science

Artificial Intelligence with NLP – Game changer beyond future | 16 November 2020

French

“Avec nos profs, c’est facile d’apprendre le français – avenir et Champs d’intérêt.” (It is easier to learn French with our profs – avenues and opportunities) | 25 May 2020

Biotechnology

Decoding COVID-19 – Ground realities of the new virus | 11 May 2020

Insights on epigenetic regulation of skeletal muscle development and muscular tumour | 15 June 2020





Library (in collaboration with NKT College of Education)
Research within reach | 15-17 July 2020

Stella Centre for Effective Education and Development (SCEED)
Collaborative effort for effective research | 08 July 2020

NATIONAL WEBINARS

History
Tourism and Hospitality in the aftermath of the pandemic – Strategies for a rebound | 21 May 2020
Rediscovering the timeless heritage of South India | 22 May 2020
Lionising the Pallavas – Simhavayalas and lion bases in Mamallapuram monuments | 11 June 2020
The Sri Lankan tourism experience – pre- and post-COVID-19 | 12 June 2020

Economics
Effective online pedagogy | 14-15 May 2020
Qualitative Response Regression models using R statistical software | 22-23 May 2020



Physics
Recent trends in Material Science and training on related software tools | 1-3 June 2020

Chemistry
Molecular architecture and landscape through Spectroscopy – Introductory lectures | 4-6 June 2020
Application of ICT in Chemistry for undergraduates | 14 May 2020

Botany
Biodiversity and antiviral properties of medicinal plants in India | 15 May 2020

Zoology
Online teaching of Zoology using digital platforms | 15 May 2020
Wetland Ecology of Chennai (in collaboration with Care Earth Trust) | 13 & 23 February 2021

Commerce Shift I
Managing your finances and investments in COVID times | 21 May 2020
Post COVID-19 scenario: Strategies to counter its impact on Human Resources | 25 May 2020
Pandemic Positivity COVID-19: Self-care and mindfulness | 18 June 2020

Career options in the current economic scenario and post-COVID-19 scenario (conducted by T.I.M.E Education Institute) | 31 December 2020

B.Voc.
Food, nutrition and health – Keys to proactive health | 14 May 2020
Need of the hour – Foods that enhance Immunity | 23 May 2020
Energy, water and resources savings – How to go about sustainability? | 23 May 2020
Awareness on COVID-19 (in collaboration with Directorate of Public Health and Preventive Medicine, Government of Tamil Nadu) | 24 February 2021

Hindi
Learning language tools and online courses | 02 June 2020

International Studies
Impact of COVID-19 pandemic on the global political, security and economic orders | 14-15 May 2020

Alumnae webinar series
Journey of a humanitarian worker: Sylvain Lefort | 23 May 2020
Impact of the pandemic on the urban deprived communities of Tamil Nadu: Vanessa Peter | 26 May 2020



Culture and International Relations – A trend analysis of the evolving paradigms: Anupama Sekar | 3 June 2020

India-China relations and research as a career: M.S. Prathibha | 18 June 2020

Bioinformatics

Computational perspectives in handling biological data | 21 May 2020

COLLEGIATE WEBINARS

History

Tourism and hospitality in the aftermath of the pandemic – Strategies for a rebound | 21 May 2020

Rediscovering the timeless heritage of South India | 22 May 2020

Overview of Civil Services in India | 6 February 2021

Economics

Effective online pedagogy | 14-15 May 2020

Qualitative response regression models using R statistical software | 22-23 May 2020

Sociology

Cyber-crimes and security | 20 October 2020

Representation of women and gender minorities in Media | 20 January 2021

Fine Arts

Gender fluidity in Tamil theatre: Therukoothu | 19 May 2020

Challenges to moving online – Visual Arts subjects at Liverpool Hope University | 20 May 2020

Physics

ICT for effective Physics teaching, learning and evaluation | 18 May 2020

Chemistry

Need for nuclear energy as a public awareness programme | 03 February 2021

Psychology

Wellness during the pandemic | 20 & 23 May 2020

Invest in yourself make your mental health a priority | 12 October 2020

Running on the hot wheels of stress: Grease to make the ride smoother | 14 October 2020

Gender and mental health – Through a socio-cultural lens | 23 October 2020

Commerce Shift II

Safeguarding savings in pandemic times | 13 May 2020

Thought leadership in MSME reforms | 20 May 2020

Importance of Business Analytics in a competitive business landscape | 20 June 2020

Entrepreneurship with a social cause | 24 June 2020

Cost Management practices in industries | 17 October 2020

Current issues in accounting and auditing | November 2020

Careers in securities market | 20 November 2020

Union Budget 2021 – An overview | 12 February 2021

Content marketing | 24 February 2021

Social Work

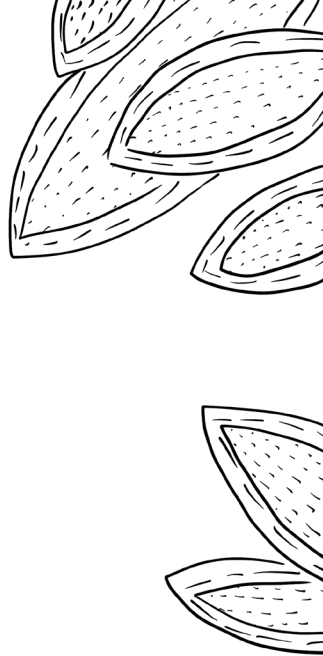
(in collaboration with the United Nations International Children’s Emergency Fund (UNICEF) and Thozhamai, an NGO)

Risk communication and engagement during COVID-19 | 14 May 2020

Forgotten aspects of classical Economics and their relevance today | 16 May 2020

COVID-19 – Addressing stigma and discrimination | 11 June 2020

Sharing of best practices in CSR Interventions during COVID-19 | 10 July 2020





Impact of COVID-19 on migration | 16 July 2020
Migration and children | 23 July 2020
Migration and reverse migration in the age of COVID-19 | 30 July 2020
Social Work intervention during COVID-19 – Role of community and tele-counselling | 18 May 2020
Maternity benefits in Tamil Nadu | 11 July 2020
COVID-19 and breastfeeding (in collaboration with Tamil Nadu Forum for Creche and Childcare Services - TN-Forces) | 11 July 2020
Migration policy – During pandemic and beyond (in collaboration with UNICEF) | 6 August 2020
Industrialisation, globalisation, urbanisation and its impact on environment | 01 September 2020
Grooming young minds for a challenging tomorrow (in collaboration with HRM) | 21 October 2020
Effective decision making (in collaboration with Department of Employment & Training, State Career Guidance Centre and SMCDRIVE | 21 October 2020

B.Voc.
ICT as a pedagogical tool for renewable energy | 15 May 2020
A farm-to-palm view of the food value chain and greens nutrition | 10-12 September 2020



Public Relations
Environment and sustainability | 28 December 2020

Biotechnology
ICT as a pedagogy tool for renewable energy | 13 May 2020

Value Education
Confronting challenges with faith and compassion – Christian leadership in a time of global crisis | 25 May 2020
Foregrounding ethics and human values in remote classroom teaching and learning | 26 May 2020

NSS and YRC
Being a superwoman during times of crisis | 23 May 2020
For earth’s sake (in collaboration with Project Future India and Namdhesam Foundation) | 22 August 2020

Women’s equality (in collaboration with SMCDRIVE) | 26 August 2020
Healthy living – the priority of life | 29 August 2020
Role of youth as NSS/YRC volunteers (in collaboration with the University of Madras) | 24 September 2020
General awareness on suicide prevention (organised by Sneha Foundation) | 25 September 2020
Importance of mental health (in collaboration with SMCDRIVE) | 22 October 2020

Library
Timeless treasure | 09 June 2020

Centre for Women’s Studies (CWS)
Shadow pandemic – Increasing gender inequality in India (in collaboration with Stella Maris College Gender Centre) | 25 July 2020
Bystander intervention | 09 November 2020

Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC)
Teach digital, reach glocal | 27-28 May 2020
National Education Policy: Implementation plans | 24 November 2020

Stella Centre for Effective Education and Development (SCEED)
Use of GIP | 07 May 2020
Research – Scientific thinking and academic integrity | 22 May 2020

Nuances of scholarly writing and manuscript preparation | 18 May 2020
The present and future of technology in education (UGC Paramarsh Scheme) | 20-21 May 2020
Libreoffice (in collaboration with IIT Bombay) | 08 May 2020
Development of educational videos | 25 May 2020
Assessment and evaluation in outcomes-based education | 26 May 2020
Tutorial on NAAC accreditation framework | 30 June 2020

Four international conferences, one faculty development programme at the national level, one international and two national workshops were held this academic year.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

Mathematics, Physics and Computer Science

The 28th International Conference (Virtual) of Forum for Interdisciplinary Mathematics (FIM) – Synergies in Computational, Mathematical, Statistical and Physical Sciences (FIM 28: SCMSPS 2020) was organized by Stella Maris College in collaboration with Sri Sivasubramaniya Nadar College of Engineering from 23 to 27 of November 2020. The Departments of Mathematics, Physics and Computer Science conducted the conference. Ms. Apoorva, IAS, Principal Secretary to Government, Higher

Education Department, Government of Tamil Nadu, inaugurated the conference and delivered the inaugural address. There were 6 keynote addresses, 15 plenary sessions, 13 invited special sessions, 20 symposia and 5 paper presentation sessions. The prestigious Prof. R. S. Varma best paper award competition was held and research scholars of the Department of Mathematics – Ms. Rini and Ms. Sindhiya – won the best paper award (first prize) and Ms. Arul Roselett won the second prize.

Commerce Shift II

Colloquium on harnessing synergies in promoting business as a force for social good (in collaboration with the International Justice Mission) | 10 December 2020

Physics

International Symposia on Common Resource, Water – Restoration, conservation, sustainability in India | 03 October 2020

Social Work

The environment and sustainable futures | 09-10 December 2020

NATIONAL LEVEL PROGRAMME

Commerce Shift II

Faculty Development Programme on resurgence of business during and post COVID-19 | 10–16 June 2020

WORKSHOPS: INTERNATIONAL

Biotechnology

The significance of snakebites and venoms for life science education (in collaboration with University of Reading, UK) | 26 February 2021

WORKSHOPS: NATIONAL

Botany

The art of nurturing greenery | 18-19 May 2020

Mathematics

LaTeX | 24, 25, 28 & 29 April 2020

WORKSHOPS: COLLEGIATE

Physics

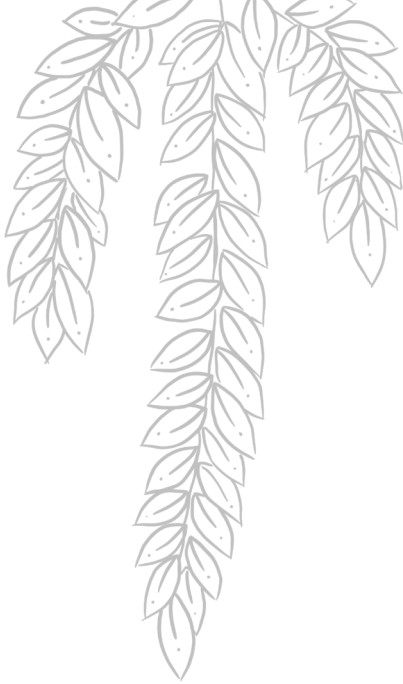
ICT for effective physics teaching, learning and evaluation | 18 May 2020

International Studies

Workshop on gender, children and refugees | 23 February 2021

English, Sociology, Psychology, Fine Arts

Teaching and learning online (in collaboration with Christ University) | 11-14 & 18 May 2020





Mathematics

Workshop on computational complexity of graph algorithms
| 18 February 2021

Online certificate programmes were initiated by the
following departments:

Sociology

Self-healing with Sound and Art Therapy

Commerce Shift II

An Introduction on Analytics
Explore the Entrepreneur in You

Nine faculty members received their doctoral degrees
this academic year.

B.Voc.

Ms. Subshree
Ms. Vincent Femila

English

Ms. Ajie George



International Studies

Ms. Rajeshwari Thilagan
Ms. Priya Suresh

Commerce Shift II

Ms. Lucia Babitha
Ms. Vemulapalli Aparna

Physics

Ms. Anceila D.

Mathematics

Ms. Benazir Obilia X. A.

Dr. Shilaja, Coordinator English (Shift II), has
been recognised as doctoral supervisor by
the University of Madras.

Dr. Stella Mary Kasmir fmm, Dean of Student
Affairs, has been selected for the United
Board Fellowship 2020-2022 to participate
in the United Board Fellows Program.

Faculty have published chapters in books and
numerous research papers in reputed high
impact journals published by Elsevier and
Springer, and listed in Web of Science, as well
as in Scopus indexed and other UGC-CARE
listed journals.

Computer Science

Ms. A.R. Charulatha
– book chapter in Springer book series
Ms. D. Renuka Devi
– book chapter in Taylor & Francis series

Bioinformatics

Dr. M. Sharanya
– book chapter in Springer Publications
Ms. R. Sagaya Jansi
– five research publications
Ms. S. Aishwarya
– six research publications

B.Voc. Sustainable Energy Management

Dr. Rekha Pachaiappan
– two research publications and
one book chapter

Biotechnology

Dr. J. Anbumalarmathi
– two book chapters and
three research publications
Dr. Aruna Sharmili. S.
– one book chapter and
one research publication

Dr. K. Veena Gayathri
– three book chapters and fourteen research publications

Dr. S. Jayashree
– one book chapter and one research publication

Physics

Dr. Belina Xavier
– four research publications
Dr. Sr. Francisco Nirmala
– one research publication
Dr. Anceila D.
– one research publication
Ms. Christy Preetha
– one research publication
Dr. Shiny Febena
– three research publications

Mathematics

Dr. Felbin C. Kennedy
– two research publications
Dr. V. Jude Annie Cynthia
– eight research publications
Ms. Fancy V. F.
– two research publications
Dr. S. Teresa Arockiamary
– one research publication
Dr. A. S. Shanthi
– three research publications
Dr. S. Sarah Surya
– two research publications
Ms. Sindiya Therese S.
– two research publications

Dr. S. Chinthamani
– one research publication

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

Dr. Sr. Rosy Joseph received the Glad Heads-up Award for Academic Leadership under the International Glad Awards 2021 by the Global Learners Academy of Development.

Dr. Cinthia Jude, Department of History has been conferred the Best Teacher Award 2020, Women of Excellence Award for Outstanding Performance, Best Researcher Award, Women of Excellence Award 2021, and Award for Appreciation and Motivation.

Dr. Shan Eugene Palakkal, Department of History has been conferred the Research Excellence Award 2020.

Dr. J. Sasitha, Head, Department of Sociology, was a panelist (virtual presentation) at the 14th UN Congress on Crime, Prevention and Justice in 2030: The UN and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, held at Kyoto, Japan.

The Department of Economics was selected for the Best Academic Department Award – 2020 by the Dr. Kalam Educational Trust for Tribal, Chennai.

Dr. Felbin C. Kennedy was an invited speaker at the 28th International Conference of

Forum for Interdisciplinary Mathematics (FIM) – Synergies in Computational, Mathematical, Statistical and Physical Sciences (FIM 28: SCMSPS 2020) from 23 to 27 November 2020. She also delivered the keynote address in virtual mode at the Seventh International Conference ISME2020, Japan.

Dr. Belina Xavier, Head, Department of Physics, was invited to be Convenor of the event and to chair a session at the global symposium organized by the Department of Environmental Conservation, University of Massachusetts, USA.

Dr. Mary N.L., Head, Department of Chemistry, received the Innovative Teacher Award by the Rotary Club of Madras Coromandel RID 3232.

Dr. S. A. Vidhya, Department of Zoology, was invited as a panelist at the CitSci India 2020 conference, India’s first-of-its-kind conference on citizen science approaches in biodiversity organised by the Citizen Biodiversity Collaborative and the National Mission on Biodiversity and Human Well-being Programme.

Faculty from the Department of Commerce (Shift II) received awards from the Dr. Kalam Educational Trust for Tribal.





Ms. Evangel Aazhima, Dr. Renuka Devi S.V. and Ms. Lydia Arockia Mary received the Best Teaching Faculty Award and Dr. Ayeswarya R.B. and Ms. Violet Gladys received the Young Women Scientist Award.

Dr. Srabani Bhattacharyya, Department of Hindi, received Pandit Kamalapati Tripathi Hindi Seva Samman and a cash award of Rs. 25,000 from Kamalapati Tripathi Foundation, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh. She is also the recipient of the Bharatendu Harishchandra Hindi Seva Samman from the Akhil Bharatiya Shahitya Manthan Shodh Sansthan.

Dr. Veena Gayathri of the Department of Biotechnology has won seven Best Paper Awards for paper presentations at various forums.

Departments have taken several initiatives to strengthen academic programmes with co-curricular activities:

In March 2021 students from the Department of Fine Arts painted murals on the campus walls using biodiversity and plant ecology as the concept through referencing the Gond folk art style.



As a design consultancy for Goethe Institute, Chennai, II M.A. and IV B.V.A. students designed and developed multilingual logo options for the German title MÄNNERBILDER to have a relevance and context in India. The design option by Fathima of II M.A. has been chosen.

The online international conference hosted by the Department of Mathematics had an overwhelming response with participants from 19 countries. A two-day lecture series on Mathematics and Its Applications using ICT was organised for undergraduate students. The M.Sc. Data Science initiated by the Department in partnership with GITAA, an incubated cell of IIT Madras Research Park, and Liverpool Hope University began this academic year. The first batch of students has finished their course at Stella Maris and will be proceeding to LHU for the second year of the programme.

The Department of Zoology organised the 'Big Butterfly Month at Stella Maris College' with webinars, a virtual campus butterfly-walk and competitions relating to butterflies.

In addition to hosting webinars, the Department of Psychology promoted awareness on social media during Mental Health Week. The faculty members of the Department offered tele-counselling sessions to students of the College and also the public.



The Department of Commerce Shift II, in association with the Department of Commerce, University of Madras, and the Departments of Commerce and Management Studies, BSA Crescent Institute of Science and Technology, organised a three-part virtual summit series. The first part was on Supply and Logistics Management, the second part was on Human Resource Management and the third was on Financial Implications on account of Business Disruptions.

In addition to the many webinars conducted for faculty and students, the Department of Social Work partnered with Greater Chennai Corporation (GCC) for tracing of COVID-19 and tele-counselling. It was taken up as an internship programme by B.S.W. students and second M.S.W. students, from April to May 2020. The students traced COVID-19 cases and offered tele-counselling to many

people. A State-level Consultation on Decent Work and Labour Codes was organised in collaboration with ActionAid India.

The Department of B.Voc. FPQC programme, conducted an online quiz to commemorate World Food Safety Day. Around 900 students from different colleges participated. A three-day intercollegiate programme, Food Pro 2020-Bite-O-Fit, was conducted in collaboration with Nestlé India.

The Department of Bioinformatics conducted a poster competition on various topics of COVID-19 such as genes, genomics, diagnostics and treatments for undergraduate, postgraduate students and research scholars.

The Department of Value Education conducted online guest lectures on meditation, yoga, prayer and legal rights.

Internationalisation of education has become increasingly popular the world over and in keeping with this trend, several representatives of foreign and Indian higher education institutions and research and industry have visited Stella Maris for establishing partnerships and collaborations. In the academic year 2020-2021, the College has signed nineteen MoUs for faculty and student exchange programmes, internships,

joint academic programmes and other collaborative endeavours.

- St. Thomas College, Thrissur, signed a MoU for three years towards exchange of faculty, collaboration in teaching, research and consultancy studies.
- IRCOM Lyon, France, signed a MoU to collaborate in the field of languages, promote faculty exchange, encourage student exchange and explore possibilities in Masters of Humanities.
- The MoU with Providence University, Taiwan, towards student exchange, interns, faculty, staff, joint programmes and research activities and publications was renewed.
- Butterfly Gandhimathy Appliances Ltd., Chennai, renewed their MoU for physical training, internship, consultation and support for B.Com. Honours Programme.
- The MoU with Yopozone Consulting Private Ltd., Chennai, for physical training/internship/consultation and support for the B.Com. Honours Programme was renewed.
- Kaay Labs Pvt. Ltd., Chennai, renewed the MoU towards physical training, internship, consultation and support for the B.Com. Honours Programme.
- The MoU with International Centre for Clean Water (ICCW), Chennai, was signed for three years to enhance learning opportunities for students and create a

groundwater-based database with recognised standards of quality assurance.

- Banyan, Chennai, renewed their MoU for two years to utilize the expertise and services of the Banyan-Nalam model of care in the catchment area of community around Stella Maris College.
- Gnanam Institute for Training in Advanced Analytics Pvt. Ltd. (GITAA), an incubated centre of IIT Madras, Chennai, signed the MoU for the Data Science Post Graduate Certificate.
- Nottingham Trent University, UK, extended their MoU for a duration of three years to explore further opportunities for collaboration in teaching and research.
- The MoU with International Skill Development Corporation (ISDC), UK, Business Analytics BBA IOA Bangalore was renewed to train, develop and encourage skills development in students.
- TNQ Publishing Pvt. Ltd., Chennai, initiated their yearly renewal for the Certificate Course in Scientific Language Editing Programme for students during their fourth and fifth semesters.
- Care Renewables Pvt. Ltd., Coimbatore, signed the MoU for a period of three years for training, internship and placement.





- Radicle Eco Systems Pvt. Ltd, Chennai, extended their MoU for training towards internship and placement for students.
- Arunika Green Energy Pvt. Ltd., Chennai, signed the MoU for training towards internship and placement for students.
- Armats Biotech Training and Research Institute (ABTRI), Chennai, and SMC signed an MoU for training towards internship and placement for students.
- Institut d'Economie Scientifique Et de Gestion (IESEG), Lille, France, renewed the MoU to continue the existing exchange programmes.
- Nin Energy India Pvt. Ltd., Chennai, signed an MoU for training towards internship and placement for students
- Liverpool Hope University, UK, renewed the MoU to continue the existing IMBA Programme and also launch new programmes in future.

Several students have done the College proud with their achievements academically and in co-curricular activities. We present details in the following slides:

Sociology

Linda Maan Gangmei, from the Department of Sociology, has been selected to represent the NSS unit of Stella Maris College



in the inter-state tribal youth exchange programme organised by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India at Guwahati, Assam.

Economics

Vandhana Ramesh, III B.A. Economics, received the Social Media Choice Award from Fearless Phoenix National Women’s Debate Tribe Tomorrow Network.

English

Six postgraduate students from the Department of English have passed the UGC National Eligibility Test in 2020.

Fine Arts

Sudhhiksha H.V., Premi Jovitta X., Rija Taskeen Senoor, Lipi Wadhawan and S. Sarika Lakshmi were awarded the first place in the Saksham Graffiti Wall Painting and Social Media Campaign organised by the Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. in association with The Hindu.

Sandhya M. of II B.V.A. was placed second in the poster competition organised by the Election Commission of India on the occasion of National Voter’s Day.

Mathematics

Diana Grace Thomas, research scholar, was awarded the Science, Health and



Engineering (SHEN) Best Research Award 2020 for honourable achievement in innovative research.

Ms. P. Subbulakshmi, research scholar, was awarded the Best Scholar Award by the International Multidisciplinary Research Foundation (IMRF) and Excellent Researcher Award (Female) in the Second International Academic and Research Excellence Awards 2020 organized by the GISR Foundation.

V. M. Priyadharshini, I B.Sc. Maths, won first place in 5×5 speedcubing and has created multiple national records in the fastest times to solve Rubik’s cube in Red Bull Rubik’s Cube World Cup 2020 at Mumbai in November 2020. She is currently No.1 in the world rankings of female speedcubers and No. 2 in world ranking of speedcubers in mixed category.



Physics

Varsha Unni P.K., II M.Sc. Physics, received the Most Distinguished International Young Researcher Award by ESN Publications.

Chemistry

Two postgraduate students, Poovitha R. and Rose Mary James, have been selected for the Summer Research INSA Fellowship programme 2021 and will be doing their internship at CLRI, Chennai, and IICT, Hyderabad, in May and June 2021.

Commerce Shift II

Cianna Joseph of III B.Com. (A&F) was second runner-up of the EY Corporate Finance Woman of the Year for India.

Fathima Zahra of PGDGBF has become a CIMA Affiliate in January 2021 by clearing all the professional level papers in CIMA.

Prarthana Prasad, Nisha and Cindy Tony Kunnumpuram of II M.Com. have cleared UGC-NET in Commerce in December 2020.

Parvathi Bimal, pursuing ACCA, has secured National Rank I and World Rank IV in the paper Advanced Performance Management; and National Rank II and World Rank VIII in the paper Strategic Business Reporting.

N-List Programme

The College is ranked among the Top 10 College Users of the N-List Programme for the seventh consecutive time among 3379 Government/Government-aided colleges covered under the section 12B of the UGC Act, as well as non-aided colleges. Our College was ranked fourth based on February 2021 usage statistics.

Facilitated by the College Library, fourteen students have passed the SWAYAM-NPTEL examination for January–April 2020 for which modified certificates were given based on assignments submitted as the end semester examination was not conducted because of the pandemic.

Faculty and students enrolled for the Coursera for Campus Program. There

were 2232 enrolments. Special mention should be made of Dr. Cinthia Jude, Assistant Professor, Department of History, who completed 25 courses from various disciplines. Sherly T. and Nishalini, students of the Department of Mathematics, completed 129 and 128 courses and guided projects respectively.

Students' Union activities

A leadership programme was conducted for all the Students' Union members, Club-office Bearers, Executive Representatives, Class Representatives and Assistant Class Representatives.

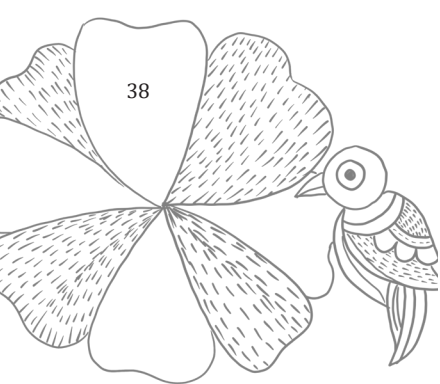
The Impulse Speaks, a podcast exclusively for Stella Marians, was launched by the Students' Union. The podcast will be on a weekly basis in two languages – Tamil and English. The first podcast was based on friendship and went live on 31 July 2020, on Friendship Day.

India's Independence Day and Stella Maris' Birthday were celebrated with the official YouTube Channel being launched. Teacher's Day celebrations were organised through the virtual arena with the celebrations including club performances and games for the teachers.

The Club Fair was conducted online and a website was created by the Students' Union. Fresher's Talent Hunt was held in September. The birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi was commemorated by the Students' Union in their official Instagram page reminding all the students of the sacrifices made by the freedom fighters during the Freedom Movement.

The feast of the Patron Saint of our College, St. Francis of Assisi, was commemorated on 4 October 2020. The Students'





Union highlighted the theme chosen for the academic year, 'Compassion,' and related it to the compassion shown by St. Francis of Assisi towards nature and the environment. A podcast was also released on the Union's Instagram page. The Clubs conducted a number of activities and competitions for their members, most of them online. There were workshops, competitions, training programmes and various events conducted for all members.

NSS and YRC

World Environment Day was celebrated in collaboration with the Department of Higher Education, Department of Human Resource Development, Government of India, and the Mahatma Gandhi National Council of Rural Education. NSS and YRC volunteers conducted a field engagement component of the Swachhta Action Plan. The Gandagi Mukta Bharat Campaign was organised. In accordance with the campaign, the College conducted three major events—tree planting, essay writing and drawing competitions.

On 8 August 2020, the NSS and YRC Unit participated in the inauguration of the Rashtriya Swachhata Kendra launched by the Honourable Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, as a tribute to Mahatma Gandhi. More than 90 NSS and YRC volunteers of the College participated enthusiastically. A webinar on suicide prevention was organised by Sneha Foundation and was conducted by the NSS and YRC Units of Stella Maris College on 25 September 2020.

A talk on Gandhian Philosophy and Values was organised by the NSS and YRC on 2 October 2020. More than 100 NSS volunteers participated in this online event.



A panel discussion on the International Girl Child Day was organised in collaboration with SMC DRIVE. The theme for this year's discussion was My Voice, Our Equal Future.

NCC

The officers and the cadets of Stella Maris NCC attended the online training programme on 'COVID-19 Training for NCC Cadets' through IGOT DHIKSHA.

Five Naval Cadets received an appreciation certificate from the Deputy Director General Commodore Malay K. Kukreti for participating in the NCC Yogdan for providing immediate COVID-19 response by stitching masks.

Naval Cadet Manasvini Kannan of II B.Com. (A&F) won first place in classical dance and second place in debate in the Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharath Camp that was conducted online during August 2020.

Cadet Captain Daisy V. of III B.A. History and Tourism and Cadet Captain Falak Kochar of III B.Sc. Zoology attended the Army Attachment Camp at Officers Training Academy, Chennai.

The Annual NCC Day was celebrated through virtual mode. Lt Col. B. Bharat Singh, Administrative Officer, four TN Battalion NCC, addressed the cadets on this occasion.

Senior Under Officer Angeline M., III B.Sc. Mathematics, Shift I secured the award for the Best Outgoing Cadet for the year 2020-21.

Senior Under Officer Darnel Jenu R. was adjudged Best Cado Leader, Army Wing; Cadet Captain Falak Kochar, Best Cado Leader, Naval Wing; and Flight Cadet P.J. Roubel, Best Cado Leader, Air Wing.

Cadet Captain Daisy V. was awarded a Special Commendation Award for participating in NCC Yogdhan and contributing to COVID-19 Relief Measures during lock down.

Sports and Games

D.K. Vedhalakshmi of I B.Com. secured runner up position in the Tamil Nadu State Table Tennis Championship held from 11 to 14 December 2020 at Chennai. She has also been selected to represent Tamil Nadu State for the 82nd Junior and Youth National Table Tennis tournament to be held at Indore, Madhya Pradesh from 13 to 16 March 2021. She has also been selected to represent Madras University for the World University selection trials to be held at Bangalore from 4 to 6 March 2021.

Maria Akshita C. of III B.A. History secured first place in Foil in Chennai district Fencing Championship held at Chennai. She has also been selected to represent the Madras University for the World University Fencing in the selection trials held from 28 February to 2 March 2021.

V. Hindhuja of III B.A History secured first place in epee in Chennai District Fencing Championship.

Surekha Ponnurugan of II B.Com. (CS) has been selected as the Best Young Awardee in Archery in Orange World Record Programme. She had also received the OWR National Dayachand Sports Award in recognition of her achievements in archery.

Lalithangi R. of II B.Com. (General) secured the gold in the 200 meters in the Sixth State Youth Rural Games at Namakkal.

Kavya Gopal of III B.Sc. Zoology won the silver medal in the Junior Nationals Young Riders Dressage (equestrian event) in Delhi.

ACTIVITIES

United Board Project

The second M.S.W. students were trained in Ecology and Disaster Management and taken to the field area in Pulicat to apply the PRA technique in Disaster Vulnerability and

Disaster Risk Reduction and educate the community.

The third B.S.W., first and second M.S.W. students underwent a one-day training programme in Psychosocial Care and Preparedness in Disasters by the Centre for Psychosocial Support in Disaster Management, NIMHANS, Bengaluru. The second M.S.W. students applied this learning with the children in Pulicat.

Stella Maris Gender Centre

The Stella Maris Gender Centre, in collaboration with SAATHII and Nirangal, organised a panel discussion on problems faced by gender minorities in educational settings and workplaces.

Centre for Women’s Studies

The Centre for Women’s Studies and the Gender Centre, in collaboration with YMCA and Thozhi, an NGO for Transwomen, organised the celebration of International Women’s Day. The Damini Club, the student wing of the Centre, conducted various competitions to raise awareness among students regarding women’s issues.

SMCDRIVE

A workshop on the Importance of Self and Positive Thinking was conducted for 1500 self-help group women of Don Bosco Social Service Society, Chennai, to educate, empower and enable women.

To combat the distress and mental health problems caused due to the COVID-19 pandemic, tele-counselling was offered with 498 clients having been helped from March 2020 to February 2021.

A 30-hour one-credit Certificate Course on Employability Skills, webinars and online sessions were conducted for Stella Maris students, other college and school students, NGOs and the vulnerable groups of the society. 12,411 participants benefited.

‘We Teach! You Speak!’ a certificate course in Spoken English was conducted for 35 participants. SMCDRIVE and Arpanam Trust, an NGO, distributed dry ration kits for 130 deserving families in collaboration with the Bank of New York Mellon, International Association for Human Values and Hyatt Hotel, Chennai.





CGC

The Career Guidance Cell conducted student orientations. CGC members connected with student groups and briefed them about the training programmes and placement processes planned for the year. Five hundred and eighty-eight students from both the undergraduate and postgraduate streams registered for placements. Several virtual training programmes and a series of career talks were conducted. The CGC officials addressed a number of colleges on Managing the Placement Cell Effectively as part of the UGC Paramarsh Scheme. Companies such as Deloitte, KPMG, McKinsey, EY India, Infosys, NatWest Group, HCL State Street, ICICI Bank, and Sutherland have selected about 100 students this academic year.

AASMC

Students of our College have been volunteering with Teach For India and conducting classes on a daily basis for economically disadvantaged students studying in under-resourced schools. They worked on enhancing reading comprehension and offered remedial services for all subjects. They also created online teaching material, resources and assessments.

Research and International Programmes

A number of capacity-building programmes were conducted by the Research Centre in November and December 2020 for faculty members. A two-day webinar series on 'Research Matters' was held in June 2020.

A Research Ethics Committee was formed on 30 December 2020 to review research projects, check for plagiarism and

to establish ethical standards in all research undertakings. The College purchased Urkund, a plagiarism prevention software system. Training on the implementation of the software was conducted in March 2021.

International Collaborations

Several of our international programmes were not implemented due to the lockdown. However, online programmes were organised.

In November 2020, the Fifth International Leadership Conference on Post-Pandemic Leadership on Healthcare, Education, Business and Social systems was jointly held virtually by SMC and Trinity Western University, Canada. Notable speakers were Prof.S.Gowri, Vice Chancellor, University of Madras, Dr.Mark Husbands, President, TWU, Mr.Krishnan, Secretary to Government of Tamil Nadu, Finance, Dr. Laird and Dr. Adrienne Castellan.

A Facilitated Academic Resource and Research (FARR) Centre was instituted to initiate courses in Research and Leadership. The two-year Masters' Programme in Leadership continues to be conducted on online mode and the admissions for 2021 have commenced.

This year, Stella Maris will launch Samudra, an international double-blind peer reviewed online journal. This theme-based journal

aims to encourage original research articles, both discipline specific and interdisciplinary, in the humanities, social sciences and commerce. Samudra will be published initially as an open access e-journal hosted on the website of the College.

The College has disbursed Rs.99,22,901 in management scholarships for 1,045 students, Rs.29,22,472 in private scholarships for 279 students, and Rs. 34,29,535 in Government scholarships for 1,943 students. All run up to a grand total of Rs. 1,62,74,908 for 2007 students. The Management of the College reached out to faculty and students who were facing financial difficulties during the lockdown. A total of Rs. 3,28,000 was given in assistance to 11 faculty members, Rs.19,25,000 to 408 students and Rs.1,32,000 to 26 non-teaching staff.

As I conclude this report, I thank God Almighty for accompanying us through this eventful journey. My special thanks to Dr. Sr. Francisco Nirmala, Provincial, and to all the Sisters at Stella Maris.

As we forge ahead, we reaffirm our commitment to our vision and the continuing search for truth. I place on record the many organisations especially the UGC, DBT and DST, Government of India, the Department of Higher Education, Government of Tamil Nadu, the University of Madras, and the

United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia, for their support and encouragement.

I extend my gratitude to all those who have made our achievements possible. I am immensely grateful to the Vice Principals, Deans, Heads of Departments and faculty members, the Controller and Associate Controller of Examinations, the IQAC Coordinator, the NCC Coordinator, NSS Programme Officers, Director of Physical Education and the Sports Officer, the Librarian, Archivist, Director SCEED, the Public Relations Officer, and administrative and support staff. A special word of thanks to Sr. Hilda and Sr. Arul. I thank Sr. Veera and her team for their meticulous management of finances. I also thank very specially the club advisors for their support and involvement in the activities of the various clubs. My deep gratitude to the hostel wardens for their selfless service to the residents on campus.

Thank you, dear parents, benefactors and well-wishers, for your interest, generosity

and for your presence here this evening to participate in our celebration.

A special word of thanks to Dr.S.Gowri for gracing the occasion with his presence and for delivering the College Day address.

My gratitude goes out to the members of the Organising Committee for overseeing the logistics for College Day: Dr. Dhanalakshmi V. of the Department of Mathematics, Ms. Mary Shantha Joseph of the Department of Psychology and Ms. Theresa Priyadarshini E. of the Department of Commerce (Shift II). A big thank you to Dr. Margaret Thomas and Dr. Swapna Sathish of the Department of Fine Arts for the beautiful PowerPoint Slides.

Thank you all once again for being here with us on this important occasion.

May the Star of the Sea be the beacon that guides us as we continue our journey of discovery.

Thank you and God bless!






Independence DAY





Ms. Kamala Ratnam from Delhi


Batch of 1952



Dr. Ms. Vasantha Raman

Department of Chemistry

1962-67



Ms. Dushyanthi

Department of Zoology

1976 - 1980



Dr. Sr. Flavia, FMM



Stella BIRTHDAY

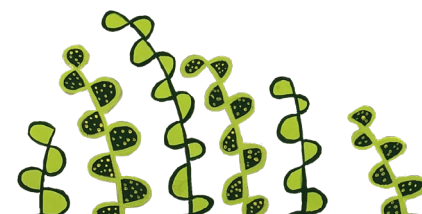


Felicitations



Ms. Meena joined Stella Maris College as a non-teaching staff in June 1988 at the age of 26. She was appointed by the then Principal Dr. Sr. Helen Vincent. Meena was absorbed as Government-aided staff in 1992. During her time at Stella Maris College, Meena was responsible for cleaning several buildings on the campus. She served in the Main block from 1992 to 1998, in CC block from 1998 to 2002 and in H block from 2002 to 2012. She again served in the CC block from 2012 to 2013 and in the F block till her retirement.

Her conduct and behaviour made her earn acclaim from her colleagues. She was deeply committed and dedicated to her work. She is a religious person and has the capacity to be kind and loving to others. As a doting wife and a loving mother, she has fulfilled all her responsibilities towards her family. Having completed her work faithfully and sincerely, she retired from service on 30 June 2020. May God bless her and keep her happy and safe.



Activities OF THE COLLEGE





Students attending classes, collecting notes for their upcoming semester exams, and spending their free hours at the canteen or the library – this was the norm until the unprecedented pandemic took over and changed college life for students. The Impulse Students' Union 2020–21 came into existence at a time when the virus was spreading like wildfire. But despite the lockdowns and curfews, the Union grabbed the opportunity that came its way to organise, engage, and enlighten the student community. Our goal was to stand underterred and take everything in our stride.

When College reopened, albeit virtually, we felt we could resume something of our 'normal' and joyful life amidst the chaos that had gripped the world. One of the very first events organised by the Union was the 'Logo Unveiling Ceremony.'

We chose 'Impulse' as the Union's name. The anchor, which represented hope, as our logo, and 'compassion,' which was something everyone needed more than ever, as the theme. 'Impulse,' we believed, resonated with enthusiasm, vigour, and hope. We put our best foot forward in spreading messages of positivity to the students throughout the year.

Every event, every competition, and every program was something the students had witnessed before, but we were organising them for the first time in the virtual space. From Google Forms taking over ballot papers for Student Council elections to Google Meet taking over the Open Air Theatre (OAT) for various events, the virtual space became our new normal. Despite the pandemic, we had our set of achievements, struggles



'Taking the Lead' - session with Ms. Niveditha



Online Club Fair

and wonderful experiences. While the 'vibe' of the OAT was missed, the virtual infrastructure built by the college gave us the space to experience college life and thereby encouraged students to engage in online events hosted by the Union.

We held our first ever 'Virtual Club Fair' that provided a platform for every student to show her talents, and students signed up to be a part of different clubs with enthusiasm. After this, the most awaited 'Freshers' Talent Hunt' was organised in September to let the first years showcase their many talents.

Talks were organised for the Student Council members on building leadership skills, such as 'Born to Shine' by Fr. Sundar Wilson OFM Cap and 'Taking the Lead' by Ms. Niveditha, a former Students' Union President of Stella Maris College.

Besides organising the regular events online, the Union also introduced new events



Freshers’ Day

like the clearance sale, ‘Yours Sincerely,’ and ‘Six Tales’ – to brighten the learning atmosphere, lighten the stress, and provide an opportunity to emerge and engage. This Union also introduced ‘The Impulse Speaks’ podcast, with content both in English and in Tamil, for students of the college.

When the college reopened her gates for physical classes in 2021, we got to interact

with our dynamic student community. We organised both online and offline workshops, conferences, training sessions, competitions in collaboration with the various clubs of the college. There were challenges, but we discovered we had the tenacity to overcome them. The Impulse Students Union looks back with satisfaction at a year of learning, camaraderie, empathy, opportunity and hope.



‘Born to Shine’ - leadership development session by Fr. Sunder Wilson OFM Cap



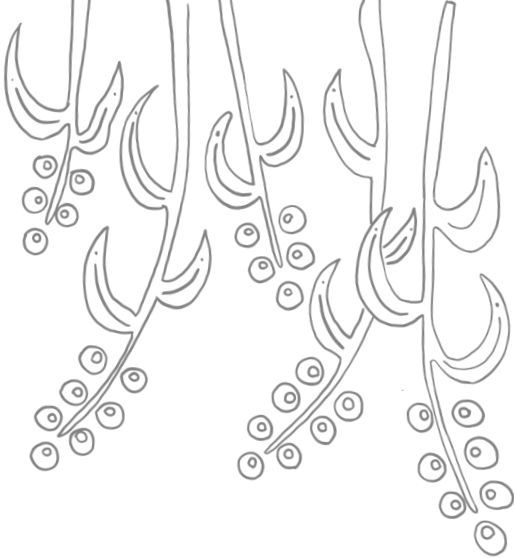
Clearance sale

NATIONAL CADET CORPS (NCC)

The National Cadet Corps offers a rich experience to cadets and instills in them a patriotic commitment to serve the nation when need arises. This year the cadets of Stella Maris NCC were socially committed, participating in several social service activities and creating awareness through social media.

During April and May 2020, 87 cadets and ANOs attended the online training program – ‘COVID-19 Training for NCC Cadets’ through the learning platform IGOT DHIKSHA and received the training certificate.

A webinar on ‘Career Opportunities in the Armed Forces’ and ‘Role of NCC in Disaster Management’ was organised on 26 May 2020. There were about 110 participants including cadets, former ANOs and ex-cadets. The speakers were Group Captain Rajarathnam Prakash, Chief Operations Officer,





Cadets doing a mural painting for Swacch Bharat Abhiyan

Air Force Station, Allahabad; Lt.Col. MMA Hyderi, Senior Pilot, Indian Coast Guard Air Station, Chennai, and Commander Pradeep Premkumar, Training Commander, INS Agrani.

On the occasion of the International Yoga Day, the Stella Maris NCC Company organised a webinar on 'The Power of Yoga' on 21 June 2020. Mrs. Nithya Arun, Yoga Practitioner and Yoga Instructor at SBCC Women's Group, Chennai, addressed the cadets on managing stress with yoga. Ms. Anushiya P., an alumna of Stella Maris College who is also a State Level Yoga Sports Champion, spoke about 'Asana in Daily Life'. Ms. Yashvanthy Sunil, Certified Fitness and Wellness Coach and Founder of Active FiTT (Fitness Brand) and The Divine Butterfly (Wellness Brand), addressed the cadets on 'Power of Visualisation and Yoga Nidra'.

Five Naval Cadets received an appreciation certificate from the Deputy Director General Commodore Malay K. Kukreti for participating in the 'NCC Yogdan' for providing immediate COVID-19 response by stitching masks from 1 June to 20 June 2020. Naval Cadet Manasvini Kannan of II B.Com. (A&F) secured first place in Classical Dance and second place in Debate in the 'Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharath Camp' that was conducted online in August 2020.



NCC Yogdan - cadets handing over the masks stitched by them to DDG



Cadets creating awareness of Swacch Bharat Abhiyan

Cadet Captain Daisy V. of III B. A. History and Tourism and Cadet Captain Falak Kochar of III B.Sc. Zoology attended the Army Attachment Camp at Officers Training Academy, Chennai, from 23 November 2020 to 12 December 2020.

Stella Maris NCC Company as part of the anti-corruption campaign organised a webinar on 'Corruption Awareness and the Role of Youth' on 21 January 2021. Mr. Krishna Murthy Sagaram, National Chief Secretary and Mr. Phanindra Bora, Joint Secretary of Anti-Corruption Foundation and Traffic Welfare and Road Safety Foundation, addressed the cadets about the various forms of corruption and its impact on the economy and the value system and the role of youth.

A webinar on 'Anti-Corruption Regulations in India' was organised on 23 January 2021. Ms. Lavanya, ADSP, Directorate of Vigilance and Anti-Corruption, addressed the cadets on various anti-corruption regulations in India and spoke about the authorities and organisations involved in preventing corruption and handling corruption complaints.





Cadet planting trees for the Tree Plantation Pakhwada

Twenty Four Army Cadets did a mural painting at C.Kalyanam Girls Higher Secondary School, Chintadripet, on 27 January 2021, creating awareness about the Swacch Bharat Abhiyan.



Guard of Honour at the College Day 2021

The Annual NCC Day was celebrated virtually on 8 February 2021. Lt.Col.B.Bharat Singh, Administrative Officer, 4 TN BN NCC, addressed the cadets on this occasion.

Naval Cadet Aishwarya of II B.A. Sociology, participated in the ‘Unifi Capital Offshore Sailing Regatta’ from 11 to 15 March 2021.

In collaboration with SMCDRIVE, Stella Maris NCC Company organised a webinar on ‘Personality Development’ on 24 March 2021. Ms.Jenita Mercy, Assistant Vice President, Bank of America, addressed the cadets.

Twenty Four Army Cadets, 19 Naval Cadets and three Airwing Cadets attended the B Certificate examination and 20 Army cadets, seven Naval Cadets and four Airwing cadets attended the C Certificate examination conducted in March 2021.

ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF CADETS



Students Participated	Camp / Activity	Level	Achievements
39 Cadets	Tree Plantation Pakhwada - 18 July 2020	National	The cadets planted trees in and around their neighbourhood and created awareness through social media.
57 Cadets	Aatma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan - August 2020	National	The cadets pledged to support and promote products that are ‘Made in India’ and also created awareness through social media.
53 Cadets	Constitutional Duties Awareness Program - August 2020	National	The cadets signed up the pledge to inculcate a sense of responsibility among citizens towards their duties during the pandemic.
17 Cadets	Intercollegiate online NCC Group Discussion Competition ‘Speak Right’ organised by DG Vaishnav College, Chennai - 3 August 2020	Intercollegiate	Cadet V. M. Priyadharshini, II B.Sc. Mathematics - Shift I, secured second place in the event.



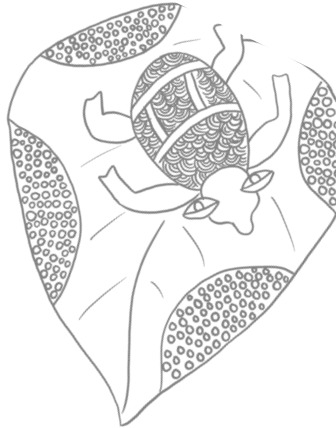
Three second year Naval Cadets	Online EBSB camp from 15 August to 20 August 2020	National	Naval Cadet Manasvini Kannan, II B.Com. (A&F), secured first place in Classical Dance and second place in Debate.
Six Naval Cadets and one Airwing Cadet	Video conference with Raksha Mantri at the NCC Directorate, Fort St. George on 27 August 2020	National	Participated
50 Cadets	Fit India Freedom Run on 2 September 2020	National	Covered 35 Kms cumulatively
52 Cadets	Fit India Freedom Run on 5 September 2020	National	Covered 39 Kms cumulatively
18 second year Army Cadets	RDC IGC selections on 18 September 2020	Unit	Participated
5 second year Army Cadets	RDC IGC selections on 21 and 23 September 2020 at DG Vaishnav College	Unit	Cadet Divya A., II B.Sc. Botany, short listed for the Best Cadet Competition.
Padmashini B.S. - II B.Sc. Computer Science	RDC IGC selection on 11 September 2020.	Unit	Participated



Two second year cadets	Online EBSB camp from 21 to 26 September 2020	National	Participated
Six Army Cadets	Open selections for RDC IGC at DG Vaishnav college on 6 and 7 October 2020	Unit	Participated
95 Cadets	Constitution Day Youth Club Activities - December 2020	National	Cadets created an awareness on the theme 'Ektha Hamari Pehchan.' They took the youth pledge on mygov.com. Through foot patrol, they created awareness in their neighborhood about the preamble and our constitutional rights and duties.
Five first year Army Cadets	Online three-week certificate course HELP (Heartfulness – Experience Life's Potential) from January 07 to February 03, 2021	National	Participated
85 Cadets	Integrity Pledge - January 21	National	The cadets took the integrity pledge at pledge.cvc.nic.in and obtained an e-certificate.

60 Cadets	Fit India Cyclothon organised by the Sports Authority of India on 22 and 23 January 2021.	National	Cadets went cycling about 15 kilometres around the area of their residence.
Two Army Cadets and four Naval Cadets	Swarnim Vijay Run on 21 February 2021	National	Participated
24 second year Army Cadets and 20 third year Army Cadets	Training Cadre at KRM Matriculation School in February 2021	Unit	First Place in Contingent Drill
15 second year and seven third year Naval Cadets	Training Cadre at Naval Unit during February and March 2021	Unit	Participated
Three second year Airwing cadets and Four third year Airwing cadets	Training Camp at the Airwing Unit	Unit	Participated
11 Cadets	Online EBSB camp from 22 to 26 March 2021	National	The cadets won a cash award of Rs.1000 in the Cultural Competition.
Two Naval Cadets	Online EBSB camp from 22 to 27 March 2021	National	Participated
Three Army Cadets	Guard of Honour for DG NCC on 9 April 2021	Unit	Participated
Four Naval Cadets	Online EBSB Camp from 19 to 24 April 2021	National	Participated

NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME (NSS)
& YOUTH RED CROSS (YRC)



The National Service Scheme (NSS) and Youth Red Cross (YRC) Unit has been an integral part of the academic programme of our College, enabling our students to empower themselves and develop more holistically. The Unit plays a crucial role in helping volunteers face the challenges of life and become socially responsible citizens. It has been actively involved in organising volunteering programmes for societal welfare.

The academic year 2020–2021 was indeed a challenging year, as interaction with the general public and onsite social awareness programmes were barred due to the



National Integration Camp at Jaipur

threat of the coronavirus. Despite this challenge, the Unit managed to conduct more than 50 online events/webinars to create awareness of important social issues among our 565 student volunteers and the general public. The programmes were on subjects such as water conservation, road safety, COVID-19 prevention, suicide prevention, mental health, coping with alcohol and tobacco addiction, palliative care and the pulse polio vaccine.

The NSS and YRC Unit of Stella Maris College also organised various programmes in collaboration with various governmental and non-governmental organisations and campaigns such as the Rashtriya Swachh Kendra, the PM Podcast, the Gandagi Mukta Bharat Campaign, Rashtriya Ekta Diwas

Pledge on National Unity Day (31 October 2020), Fit India Thematic Campaign, and the Unnat Bharat Abhiyan. Programmes included tree planting, essay writing and drawing competitions.

The Unit celebrated the NSS/YRC Day on 9 March 2021. Dr. Vaneeta Aggarwal (NSS Coordinator, University of Madras) and Dr. Binu Sahayam (Assistant Professor and RRC Coordinator, School of Social Sciences and Languages, Vellore Institute of Technology, Chennai) were the guest speakers at this online event.

Our student volunteers also participated in national-level camps and training programmes. All were held in accordance with COVID-19 guidelines.



Our Principal and the NSS and YRC Programme Officers

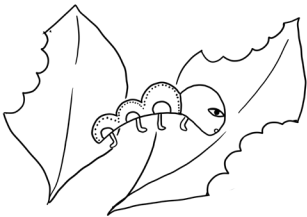


A volunteer at the Pulse Polio Vaccine Campaign



Our Principal and the senior volunteers with their mementos for their achievements

A. Angela Bharathi II B.A. English	Participated in the National Integration Camp at Jaipur.	20–25 March 2021
Varsha K. II B.A. Sociology	Participated in the online workshop ‘Enhancing the Competence of NSS, NYK and Students of Social Work in Ending Child Labour and Bonded Labour,’ organised by the V. V. Giri National Labour Institute, Noida, Uttar Pradesh.	8–10 March 2021



The following is a list of achievers in various sports at our college for the academic year 2020–21:

Sport	Student	Achievement	Level
Fencing	Maria Akshita C. III B.A. History	• Participated in the selection trials for the World University Fencing Championship held at Amritsar, Punjab.	National
		• Bronze medal in 31st Senior National Fencing Championship held at Rudrapur, Uttarakhand.	National
		• Gold medal in foil team in the 31st State Senior Fencing Championship held at Kallupallam, Attoor.	State
		• Gold medal in foil individual in the 31st State Senior Fencing Championship.	State
		• Gold medal in foil in Chennai District Fencing Championship held at Chennai.	District

It is well known that a healthy mind exists only in a healthy body. Besides being agile and energetic, a healthy body is important to preserve immunity against diseases and maintain self-confidence. Physical education aims to develop and empower students through physical activity, improve skills of players through regular practice, and provide opportunities to excel through competitions while developing and fostering a lifetime commitment to wellness.

The Department is committed to providing and maintaining facilities and conducting programmes that support the recreational and fitness needs of the students. The College identifies special talents among the students, enrolls them into teams and provides special training by experienced coaches. Team members are encouraged to maintain their form and display their excellence by participating and winning competitive tournaments. Individual students and teams from our College have regularly won many intercollegiate, university, state, national and international tournaments in the past years. We also conduct intercollegiate and interzone tournaments in our College.

	V. Hindhuja III B.A. History	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Participated in 28th Junior National Championship held at Rudrapur.Silver medal in the team event épée in the 31st State Senior Fencing Championship held at Attoor.Bronze medal in épée, both individual and team events in the 28th State Junior Fencing Championship held at Attoor.Gold medal in épée, individual, in the 13th Chennai District Fencing Championship held at Chennai.	National State State District
Table Tennis	D.K.Vedhalakshmi I B.Com.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Participated in the World University Selection Trials held at Bangalore.Participated in the 82nd Junior and Youth National Table Tennis Tournament held at Indore, Madhya Pradesh.Runner-up position in the Tamil Nadu State Table Tennis Championship held at Chennai.	National National State
	M. Yazhini I B.Com.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Participated in the 82nd Junior and Youth National Table Tennis Tournament held at Indore, Madhya PradeshParticipated in Tamizhaga Table Tennis Tournament held at Chennai.	National State
Athletics	R. Lalithangi II B.Com.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Gold medal in 200 m in the 6th State Youth Rural Games 2021 held at Namakkal.	State



Maria Akshita, national level fencer



R. Lalithangi, gold medal 200 mts



Surekha Ponnurugan, Dhyanchand National Award Winner



V. Hinduja, national level fencer

Archery	Surekha Ponnurugan II B.Com. (CS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Award of Orange World RecordNational Dhyanchand Sports Award for National Sports Day.Best Young Achiever Award in Children’s Day in Orange World Record Program.	National National
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Stella Maris' principles of quality education, social concern, and fine traditions have their roots in the spirit of the International Congregation of the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary, the management of the College. This internationality made it possible to bring the best educationists with rich experience as pioneers to Stella Maris. The foundress and the first four principals were from five different nationalities. Therefore, international standards in higher education were established in Stella Maris from its inception.

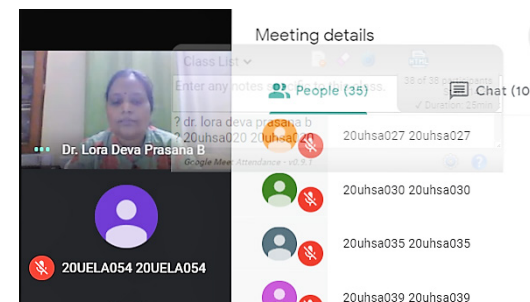
Stellarchives' admiration towards these great stalwarts turned into biographical sketches, detailing the achievements of the College under each Principal's leadership. The report, now updated in DSapce, includes the Principal's education, nationality, and term of headship, awards and their unique contribution to the Institution. The source of this information was garnered from, "The Journey Continues," the history of the Institute in India, authored by Dr. Sr. Sheila O'Neil fmm, one of the former principals, and from the early College magazines.

Dr. Poppy Kannan, retired faculty of the Department of Social Work, had donated original documents on service learning, NSS, Rotary Club, and alumnae with photographs. These are being treated with fumigation and de-acidification before being archived.

A short video clipping on the activities of the Archives was prepared for the College YouTube Channel. The College Magazine of the year 2019-2020 and Department Journals were bookmarked and added to the DSpace collection. Newspaper articles about the College were also uploaded and their hard and digital copies are retained in the Archives.

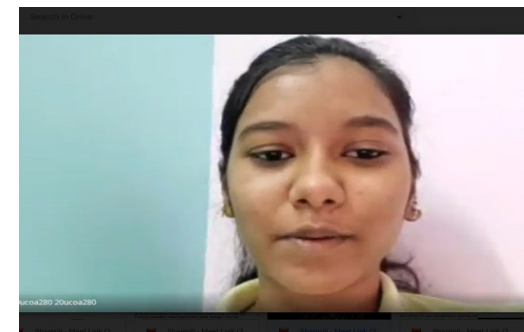
The Stella Maris College Pathway Programme serves as a platform for students with limited access to employment opportunities. The programme, funded by the UGC Equal Opportunities Centre, aims to help students from the less-privileged sections of the society.

The first session of the semester was conducted online on 12 September 2020. Dr. Lora Deva Prasanna, Coordinator, SMC Pathway Programme, introduced the participants to the activities of the Programme in a 90-minute session. The participants, first-year undergraduate students from the Departments of History and Tourism, Sociology and English, were able to overcome their initial hesitation and took part enthusiastically in the ice breaker activity. Two parallel online sessions were conducted for the first-year B.Com. students on 20 October 2020. Students from the first year of B.Sc.



Dr. Laura, Coordinator,
interacting with students

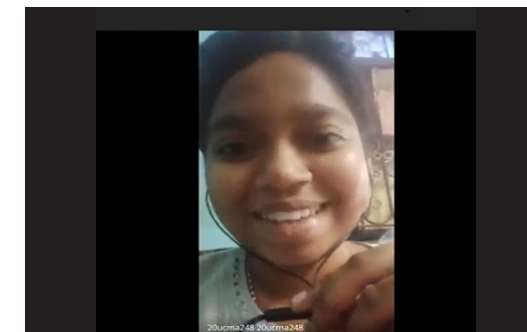
Chemistry and B.Sc. Advanced Zoology and Biotechnology participated in the session organised for them on 21 October 2020. The one-hour sessions were conducted by Dr. Lora Deva Prasanna, Dr. Prabha G. (faculty, Department of English) and Dr. K.C. Sharmili (faculty, Department of Computer Science). The participants were given a brief orientation before the ice breaker activity. The activities were designed to encourage students to shed their inhibitions when it comes to taking the stage. During the



interaction, the students expressed their happiness at the opportunity. Some of the participants came up with a suggestion for weekly meetings. A total of around 90 students participated in the sessions.

The session for the even semester, conducted on 9 March 2021, was aimed at building self-confidence and developing interpersonal skills. Two parallel online sessions were conducted by Dr. Lora Deva Prasanna and Dr. K. C. Sharmili. Around 60 first-year undergraduate students from the Department of Commerce (Shift II) participated in activities during the 90-minute session. Feedback forms were made available at the end of the sessions.

By providing support and training, we hope that the programme can truly be the 'pathway to opportunities' for students from disadvantaged sections.



Engaging in virtual interaction



The Centre for Research in Science and Technology (CRIST) has been providing instrumentation facilities for the students of the Departments of Chemistry, Physics, Biotechnology and Bioinformatics for their undergraduate and postgraduate projects. Apart from this, the Centre's facility has been used for demonstration to the undergraduate students of the Department of Chemistry. The activities of the CRIST lab are supervised by Dr. Mary N. L., the Administrative Director.

A one-day training programme on 'Water Testing & Analysis' was conducted in CRIST lab by the Department of Chemistry



A view of the CRIST, DST-FIST Instrumentation Centre



One-day training programme on 'Water Testing & Analysis,' 12 February 2021

in collaboration with the International Centre for Clean Water (ICCW), an IIT-Madras Initiative, on 12 February 2021. It was attended by the postgraduate students of the Department of Chemistry and the resource persons were from State Ground and Surface Water Resources Data Centre, Chennai.

The CRIST Lab has been used extensively by the second year postgraduate students of the Department of Bioinformatics. Research on microbial communities and their metal resistance capabilities are carried out in the lab by the students. They have been using the Rotary Evaporator, Orbital Shaker and Laminar Air Flow for culturing microbes. The second year M.Sc. Biotechnology students have been

effectively utilising the Weighing Balance, FT-IR (ATR) Spectrometer and Millipore Water Purifier for their dissertations. Also, the second year postgraduate students of the Department of Physics have been actively utilising the REMI Cooling Centrifuge, UV-VIS (DRS) Spectrophotometer and FT-IR (ATR) Spectrometer for their project work.

The DST-FIST Instrumentation Facility at CRIST Lab has been a great source of knowledge for our students. It has also enhanced the outsourcing capabilities of the Lab to students and research scholars of other colleges under the University of Madras. About 200 numbers of internal and external samples were presented for analysis at the Centre.



We have crossed an unprecedented year, one full of challenges and disruptions but also one equally of opportunities, especially in matters related to research and international collaborations. Amidst the pandemic, the Centre continued to sustain its agenda to strive for excellence in research as well to leverage our global partnerships within a virtual space.

While facilitating research in the Departments of Economics, Mathematics, English, Social Work, Fine Arts, Chemistry and Biotechnology, the Centre helps sustain the standard of excellence in research within the College by motivating researchers to publish research papers thereby sharpening the research acumen of the College. The Centre provides information and services in support of research undertaken within the College. The objective of the Centre is to promote and assist the College in gaining and managing research collaborations, grants and international contracts. The overall purpose of seeking diverse collaborations is to raise the quality and ensure research output of international standard.



Advisory Committee meeting

The 'Research Matters' webinar series was launched on 27 June 2020. The series commenced with Dr. Guy Cuthbertson (award-winning writer and Head, School of Humanities, Liverpool Hope University) who gave his inaugural address on 'Why Research Matters,' followed by Dr. Binu Zachariah (School of Humanities, University of Pondicherry) on 'New Procedures in Academic Writing.' Prof. Indira (Sociologist, University of Mysore) presented on social research exemplifying the topic 'Lending Voices to the Marginalised: Doing People-Centric Research' and Dr. Nandini Sahu (Director, School of English and Foreign Languages, IGNOU, Delhi) spoke on publications.

With an aim to increase research publications, improvement strategies were deployed through conducting workshops and training programmes under the guidance of our external research advisors: Dr. Ajay Kapoor (Vice Chancellor of Research Collaborations, University of Swinburne,

Australia), Padma Shri Prof. Pradeep (IIT Madras), Prof. Ganesh Krishnamoorthy (Former Head of English, MCC) and Dr. Indira (Sociologist and Former Chair, ICSSR), who have consistently encouraged the faculty on publishing opportunities and strategies.

The capacity-building sessions for researchers were organised in November and December 2020 for the faculty. The resource persons were Prof. Madhavan (Dean of Research, Loyola College), Dr. Solomon (Department of Chemistry, MCC), Prof. Merin (Department of English, IIT Madras) and Prof. Ganesh (Department of Management Studies, IIT Madras), to mention a few.

Recognising and responding to the ethical dimension of research is a fundamental part of the College's research governance. A Research Ethics Committee was formed by Dr. Sr. Rosy Joseph, Principal, on 30 December 2020 to establish ethical standards in all research undertakings in the College. We have also opened an Office of Research Integrity to ensure ethical regulations in the College.

The next set of webinars in 'Research Matters' series was held on the topic of 'Research Ethics and Integrity' on 17 June 2020. The resource persons were Dr. Wilson (Principal, MCC) who disseminated on 'Research Ethics,' while Prof. Joseph

Madhavan (Dean of Research, Loyola College) expounded on the relevance of ‘Research Integrity and IPR.’

Training programmes were conducted with research technology experts from the Department of Computer Technology, IIT Madras, and Le Tourneau University, Texas, USA. A ‘Technology Transfer Room’ has been instituted by the Trinity Western University (TWU), Canada, for the purposes of academic and research exchange of information. Furthermore, the Jayshree Venkatraman Digital Learning and Research Centre facilitates digital research through innovative courses.

Research skills training sessions were initiated for the undergraduate scholars in 2016. Undergraduate research aimed to develop collaborative learning and critical thinking enhancing the undergraduate academic component with excellence and innovation. In December 2020, 101 students registered for this.

In keeping pace with today’s age of global knowledge, research and technology, the College sees the need to develop an interconnected global network of collaborations.

In partnership with the Liverpool Hope University (LHU), UK, we have the

International MBA flagship programme running into its eighth year. The Department of Mathematics initiated the two-year M.Sc. in Data Science in partnership with LHU and GITAA, Chennai. Our sustained collaborative activity with LHU has extended to the Departments of Fine Arts and Social Work.

With Trinity Western University, Canada, we had initiated a two-year master’s programme in leadership through the Facilitated Academic Resource and Research Centre (FARR) Centre in 2019. The first batch of students have completed their course.

On 16 and 17 November 2020, the Fifth International Leadership Conference on ‘Post-Pandemic Leadership on Healthcare, Education, Business and Social Systems’ was held in collaboration with Trinity Western University. Notable speakers were Prof. S. Gowri (Vice Chancellor, University of Madras), Dr. Mark Husbands (President, TWU), Mr. Krishnan (Secretary to the Government of Tamil Nadu, Finance), Dr. Laird and Dr. Adrienne Castellan. Around 1000 participants from both institutions participated in the conference.

Webinars were conducted with partner institutions such as the LeTourneau University (USA), Trinity Western University (Canada), Binary University

(Malaysia), Nottingham Trent University (UK) and Stirling University (UAE).

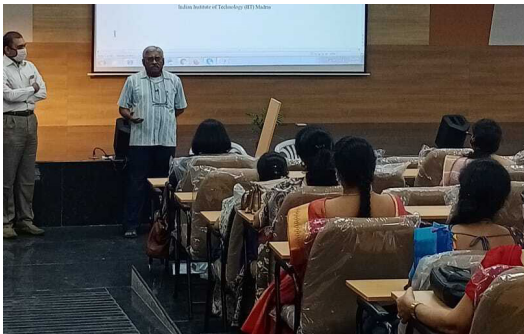
In partnership with the University of Bristol, UK, we had organised with Study In UK (SI-UK), webinar talks on ‘HRM and the Future of Work’ on 19 March 2021 for the Commerce Department (Shift I). Speakers Dr. Harry Pitts and Dr. Huw Thomas shared their expertise with our students.

An online lecture on ‘Psychology of Gender’ was conducted on 25 March 2021 by Dr. Vicki Sheaffer (Dean and Professor of Psychology, LeTourneau University, USA) for the Department of Psychology.

Binary University (Malaysia), conducted a seminar on ‘Covid Pandemic and Beyond: Women’s Perspectives from Asia’ on 30 March 2021. A webinar on ‘Bio-Medical Research’ was organised on 26 March 2021, in collaboration with Education Matters, the University of Reading (UK) and Departments of Biotechnology, Zoology and Botany.



Trinity Western University Conference



Session with Prof. L. S. Ganesh

Professor Adam Smith (Nottingham Trent University, UK) spoke on ‘Digital Disruption and Strategical Agility: Marketing Toolkit for Managing a Global Pandemic’ on 21 April to the students of the Commerce Department, Shift II.

Trinity Western University’s ‘Innovation Series’ presented various aspects of innovation related to digital learning, education, technology, industry, health care, social systems and arts through a bi-weekly time-line since February 2021. ‘The New Online, Multi-Access and Distributed Learning in a Post Pandemic Higher Education Ecosystem’ was one of recent series rendered by rendered by Dr. Scott Macklin on 20 May 2021.

A workshop on ‘Campus to Corporate Skills: Introduction to Prezi’, was conducted on 8 May by Ms. Liza Andria (Department of Business Management, University of Stirling). A lecture on ‘How to Write a Journal

Paper’ by Prof. Amlan Chakrabarti, University of Calcutta, was hosted by the University of Stirling on 20 May 2021 for researchers of Stella Maris College.

Our recent global linkages include collaborations with IRCOM College, France, to host joint activities in humanities. We have collaborations also with Georgia State University, USA, and the University of Stirling, UAE. The Department of History has recently partnered with the Oakland Community College, Michigan, USA.

We are grateful for the generous support received from the Jayshree Venkatraman Endowment instituted by TAFE for research and faculty development. We extend our sincere thanks to the Trinity Western University for instituting the Facilitated Academic Resource and Research Centre and for their financial support to facilitate academic resources.

By forging strong and productive collaborations with partner institutions within the region and beyond, the Stella Maris International Centre for Multidisciplinary Research hopes to pave the way for new research initiatives and aims to enhance an intellectually and a creatively stimulating research community in the college.

**STELLA MARIS CENTRE FOR DEVELOPMENT
OF RESOURCES FOR INCLUSION AND VOCATIONAL
ENRICHMENT (SMCDRIVE)**

The Stella Maris Centre for Development of Resources for Inclusion and Vocational Enrichment (SMCDRIVE) is the extension centre of Stella Maris College, with a vision of ‘empowering and fostering an inclusive and just society.’

SMCDRIVE conducted many awareness programmes through the year. We conducted a programme on crime prevention and victim care on 5 March 2020 for 120 women. The resource person was Ms. Sajitha Spelman, Senior Manager, International Foundation for Crime Prevention and Victim Care. On 20 November, we organised an awareness programme on COVID-19 and the precautions necessary for prevention at Little Drops (Home for the Destitute). Eight hundred and fifty people participated, and the resource person was Dr. Sree Sailakshmi. Volunteers from SMCDRIVE conducted a six-day awareness programme on ‘COVID-19—Self-Management and Safety Precautions’ at the S.S. Puram and Nakkirrar Nagar Community at Teynampet, Chennai, on 16, 17, 21, 22, 28, and 29 April 2021.





New initiative in 2021

We also organised workshops. On 21 March 2020, we did one on ‘The Importance of Self and Positive Thinking’ for 1500 women of self-help groups part of the Don Bosco Social Service Society, Chennai. Ms. Anitha Devadoss (Coordinator, SMCDRIVE) did a session on ‘Positive Thinking’ and Dr. Catherine Joseph (Faculty, Department of Social Work, Stella Maris College) did a session on the ‘Importance of Self.’ Rev. Fr. Johnson, Rector, DBSS, facilitated the workshop.

SMCDRIVE supported people in combating the distress and mental health problems caused due to the COVID-19 pandemic by tele-counselling. Five hundred and forty eight persons used this service between March 2020 and February 2021.

The Skills Development Centre, part of SMCDRIVE, offered a 30-hour one-credit certificate course in employability skills. The course was conducted through webinars

and online sessions. Altogether, 14910 participants benefited, including students from our College and other colleges, school students, people who were part of NGOs and vulnerable people. Another course, ‘We Teach, You Speak!’ a certificate course in spoken English, was conducted for 46 participants by the volunteers of SMCDRIVE. Forty-five students from Social Work Department completed the certificate course in ‘Basic Counselling’ offered by SMCDRIVE and The Banyan.

SMCDRIVE was involved in relief distribution. On 17 December 2020, as part COVID-19 relief efforts, we distributed dry ration kits to 130 deserving families in collaboration with Bank of New York Mellon, International Association for Human Values and Hotel Hyatt, Chennai. On 7 January 2021, SMCDRIVE and its volunteers distributed bed sheets and sarees to 100 community women.



The tailoring unit



COVID-19 awareness programme at SS Puram

We celebrated International Women’s Day on 8 March 2021 by honouring 52 transgender people from the Tamil Nadu Transgender Association. The programme was fun-filled with lots of sharing, dancing, singing, games, and a rangoli competition followed by prize distribution to the winners.

In 2021, SMCDRIVE started a new initiative offering free-of-cost skills training to 53 transgender persons in collaboration with International Association for Human Values. This included training in tailoring, beauty care, cookery, computers, lay counselling, spoken English, and soft skills.



Relief distribution



STELLA CENTRE FOR EFFECTIVE
EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT
(SCEED)

The Stella Centre for Effective Education and Development (SCEED), an innovative venture, was started by the College in 2019 to promote and elevate the quality of education and research within the campus. The COVID-19 pandemic, which resulted in a quick transition to online instruction, gave us an opportunity to include remote teaching in our repertoire, in addition to the conventional, classroom-based delivery of classes.

To help teachers acquire/sharpen basic skills of online teaching to promote effective learning, the SCEED conducted webinars on topics such as ‘Development of Educational Videos’ by Dr. Rajkumar, ‘Assessment and Evaluation in Outcomes-Based Education’ by Dr. Saravanan, and ‘Issues and Challenges in Implementing Outcome-Based Education’ by Dr. Sethuraman.

SCEED webinars were organised with the objective of also preparing faculty to undertake quality research and propel academic activities in tune with the changing dynamics



International Webinar on Collaborative Effort for Effective Research

of the 21st century. Eminent scholars such as Dr. Wilson (Principal, Madras Christian College) spoke on the ‘Nuances of Scholarly Writing and Manuscript Preparation’ and Dr. Rajkumar (Department of Chemistry, Vivekananda College, Madurai) stressed the importance of integrity in ‘Research—Scientific Thinking with Academic Integrity.’ At SCEED’s international webinar on ‘Collaborative Effort for Effective Research,’ scholars such as Dr. Nam Hui Yin and Dr.H. Balaji Raghavendran (University of Malaya, Malaysia) elaborated on ‘Writing Effective Research Grant Proposals’ and ‘Recommendations for Writing Research Manuscripts for Enhanced Acceptance.’ These webinars were open to faculty of other colleges too.

In collaboration with Spoken Tutorial (IIT Bombay), the SCEED organised a programme on the use of open software GIMP and

LibreOffice exclusively for the faculty of Stella Maris College.

There were also student enrichment programmes for handling the challenges of the pandemic. These were on topics such as ‘Stepping Towards a Safer and Healthier You’ by Dr. Anna Rangini Chellappa and ‘Sustainable Living’ by Mr. Sethuraman.

The Centre continued its activities under the Paramarsh Scheme to guide the NAAC-aspirant mentee colleges for accreditation through onsite visits, interactions and webinars. Dr. Geetha Swaminathan, Dr. Shyamala, Dr. Priscilla and Dr. Nirmala visited the colleges, assisted them in data compilation and advised further actions as appropriate. Ms. Vyjayanthi conducted sessions on team building and personal effectiveness for the faculty of the mentee institutions. We held a one-day session at



Dr. Geetha and Dr. Shyamala with Dr. Reuben and Ms. Vedavalli of St. Joseph’s College



Ms. Madhavi addressing the mentee institutions on ‘The Career Guidance Cell’

Stella Maris College for the IQAC teams of the mentee colleges on the ‘Career Guidance Cell.’ Ms. Madhavi talked on the procedures for effective functioning of the placement cell.

We utilised the lockdown period to conduct various webinars to enhance the quality parameters of institutions. To equip faculty for effective online teaching, webinars were organised on ‘The Present and Future of Technology in Education’ by Ms. U. Jeyapriya, Ms. A. R. Charulatha and Dr Faustina Joan S. P. (faculty from the Department of Computer Science in our College). To enhance

knowledge of NAAC processes, we conducted a webinar on ‘Tutorial on NAAC Accreditation Framework’ by Dr. Kannan (Research Officer, State Project Directorate, Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan) and ‘Institutionalising Best Practices for Quality Sustenance’ by Dr. Anne Mary Fernandez (Former Registrar, University of Madras and Karunya University). There was also a webinar on ‘NAAC Evaluation and Assessment—New Format for Quality Enhancement for Higher Education’ conducted in collaboration with St. Thomas College of Arts and Science. Dr. Ganapathy (Head, Department of Corporate Secretaryship, SA College of Arts and Science) spoke at the webinar.

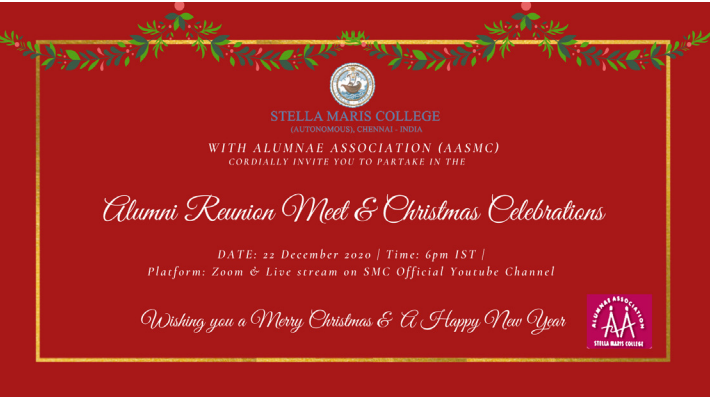
The SCEED worked with IQAC in the preparation and uploading of the Self-Study Report. It also assisted the IQAC in compiling the data for the National Institution Ranking Framework, The WEEK and India Today rankings, the All India Survey on Higher Education and other reports.

In spite of the enormity of the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, we prevailed and overcame the situation. We are thankful to the management which led us with vision, dedication and empathy to take the College to new levels of achievement of which we will all be proud.



On 15 August 2020 Stella Maris College celebrated, not only Independence Day, but also its birthday. Every year, a grand function and cake cutting is done in order to celebrate Stella Maris’ Birthday. This year, 2020, despite the unprecedented pandemic, the College managed to celebrate this birthday in the best way possible, with the help of the alumnae. Messages were circulated to as many alumnae as possible whose contacts were either with the Students’ Union or with the faculty. All the alumnae who were contacted were requested to send a one minute video of themselves wishing Stella Maris College and share their most important memories that they continue to cherish about the College.

One of the main purposes for approaching the alumnae was to celebrate such an important day just like how it was



celebrated in the past years. In addition, this was an opportunity to get in touch with the passed-out students of the College and try collaborating with them for other future events which will be conducted by the College. Messages reached alumnae worldwide, with videos from Australia, United States, and many more. Some alumnae shared the moments that they cherish, and others were grateful to this prestigious College which acted as their guide and helped them shape their future.

As a happy coincidence, a total of 74 videos for Stella Maris’ 74th birthday were received, which was marked as ‘74 wishes for a glorious 74 and more!’ Alumnae, since the 1950s to as recent as 2018, across various departments and from different batches sent in their videos.

A compilation of the 74 videos, along with the Principal’s address and other performances for Independence Day were uploaded on Stella Maris College’s official YouTube channel, ‘Stella Maris College Official’. This event was one of the first ever virtual celebrations that happened through YouTube.

AGM & CHRISTMAS MEET:
Virtual Alumnae Reunion meet and Christmas celebrations were held on 22 December 2020 at 6.00 pm. The Christmas message was delivered by



Dr. Thilagavathy Joseph, former faculty, Department of English, Stella Maris College.

ONLINE WEBINAR BY ALUMNAE:

An online webinar on ‘Leadership’ was conducted by Ms. Nivedhitha, President, Students’ Union 2019-2020, for the student council members 2020-2021.

Other Activities:

To strengthen the database and to collaborate for 75th year (platinum jubilee) celebrations with the alumnae, AASMC has taken a great initiative in this academic year 2020-2021 as follows:

- A Google Form link was sent via email and WhatsApp groups to collect details of alumnae and to reconnect them with their ‘Star of the Sea.’
- This initiative is for continued and creative involvement in the progress and activities of the College, also for active participation, contribution and suggestions of alumnae.

**INTERNAL QUALITY ASSURANCE CELL
(IQAC)**

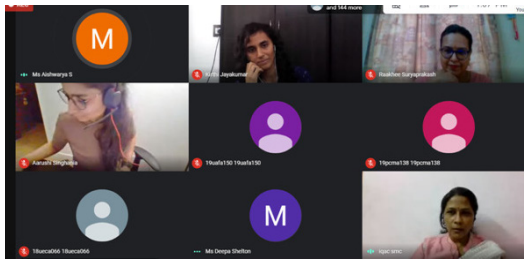


The IQAC entered the crucial year of applying for NAAC Reaccreditation during the lockdown phase of the COVID-19 pandemic. While the focus was on preparing the data for NAAC Self Study Report, the IQAC also held a number of online programmes and activities.

As a follow through of mentoring six institutions under the UGC Paramarsh Scheme begun in 2019, the IQAC continued its collaborations with SCEED to create a conducive network for the mentees through online interactions. One of the first of such online events was the workshop on ‘Using Digital Platforms: Google Classroom’ conducted on 29 and 30 April 2020.



Online workshop on ‘Outcome Based Education’



Webinar on ‘Taking the Lead for Quality Assurance’

An internationally positioned online workshop ‘Teach Digital, Reach Glocal’ held on 27 and 28 May 2020 designed specifically for the College faculty was led by Mr. Kevin Henderson (Director, Digital Content and Programming, UBCHEA) and Dr. Anne Candelaria (Associate Dean for Graduate Programs, Ateneo de Manila University-Loyola Schools). This was followed by another online workshop, ‘Creating an Enhanced Quality Culture for Online Teaching and Learning,’ on 30 and 31 May 2020.

The IQAC Student Wing has been an integral part of the IQAC and two webinars were organised for their benefit. The first ‘Taking the Lead for Quality Assurance’

on 26 September 2020 had three dynamic speakers— Ms. Kirthi Jayakumar (Activist, Artist, Entrepreneur and Writer), Ms. Raakhee Suryaprakash (Chennai-based Writer) and Ms.Aarushi Singhania (Senior Advisor of Education Policy and Research at RMIT University, Victoria, Australia). Another interactive webinar on ‘National Education Policy: Implementation Plans’ by Mr.Arul Dev (Founder CEO of People First Consultants) was held on 24 November 2020.

A two-day workshop in collaboration with TLEC, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bengaluru, was held on 16 and 17 March 2021 on ‘Outcome Based Education’ for MQC members.

Several reports were successfully sent such as for India Today and NIRF. With support from the Management, staff and students, the NAAC SSR was submitted on 16 April 2021. The IQAC thus held its own during this academic year despite the many challenges of working in the hybrid mode and emerged stronger in its commitment to quality.

CAREER GUIDANCE CELL (CGC)



With the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic in full swing from March 2020, the Career Guidance Cell started the academic year with a student orientation on 11 July. CGC members connected with student groups and briefed them about the training programmes and placement processes planned for the year. About 588 students from both the undergraduate and postgraduate streams have registered for placements.

Virtual Training Programme:

Topics: Group Discussion by Ms. Anupama Anand, Interview Skills by Ms. Ratna Krishna, Resume Writing by Ms. Prasannna, Aptitude Test & Soft Skills by Bodhibridge Educational Service, Quantitative Ability and Verbal Ability and Soft Skills by SMART Training Resources India Pvt. Ltd.



Training session under Paramarsh UGC Scheme



Career Talks:

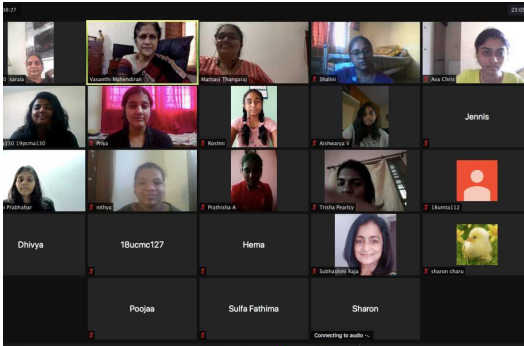
A short series of talks was conducted for the benefit of the registered students

S. No.	Date	Topics	No. of students attended
1	7 August 2020	Campus Training by Deloitte	580
2	29 August 2020	Campus to Corporate Talk by Mr. Santhosh Karnanda, Director, MeraEnglish.Com	
3	7 September 2020	Campus Ambassador Connect programme on Artificial Intelligence by Mr. Kodeeswaran Natarajan, Senior HR, CTS	
4	10 October 2020	Marketing as a career by Ms. Archana Venkat, Director & Head, Marketing, Financial Advisory Services, Deloitte	

Placement Officers Meet Attended:
Meetings attended by the CGC members were - Deloitte | TPO Leadership virtual connect, Zifo RnD placement officers meet, EY Anchor Meet

Anudip Foundation Training Programme:
Anudip Foundation, a non-profit social enterprise, provides livelihood opportunities at scale for marginalised populations in

the digital economy as a new economy skilling partner for students, employers and donors. Registered under section eight of Companies Act, Anudip currently has its program operations across 100 training centres located in Andhra Pradesh, Delhi/ NCR, Jharkhand, Orissa, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Telangana and West Bengal. To help students from marginalised communities they hold CSR



Final year CGC reps meeting on Zoom

initiative projects in the field of education supported by Bank of America.

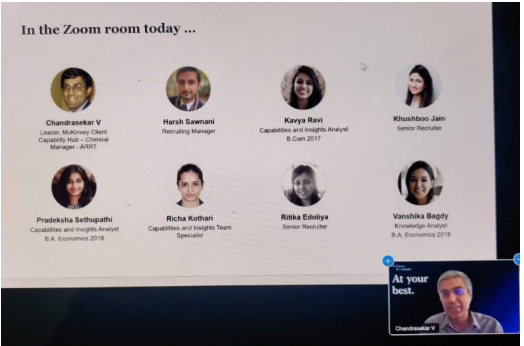
The available courses with placements are supported by Bank of America.

- CEDES: Certificate in English Communication and Digital Education with Excel Specialization
- DHNC: Diploma in Hardware Networking (Combo)
- DWDC: Diploma in Web Designing (Combo)
- DWPP: Diploma in Web Programming with PHP

Many students have joined this training and we hope they will be placed in reputed companies by the end of this year.

Mentoring Programme

The CGC addressed the faculty of Chennai National Arts and Science College, Avadi;



McKinsey recruitment—Stella alumnae addressing the current students

Sindhi College of Arts and Science, Numbal; Soka Ikeda College of Arts and Science for Women, Madhanangkuppam; St. Anne’s Arts and Science College, Madhavaram; St. Joseph’s College (Arts and Science), Kovur, and St. Thomas College of Arts and Science, Koyembedu, on 17 February 2021, on managing the Placement Cell effectively as a part of the Paramarsh UGC Scheme.

Companies that visited for placement

Deloitte, KPMG, Mckinsey, EY India, Infosys, Natwest Group, HCL Statestreet, ICICI bank, Sutherland and many more companies have selected about 140 students this academic year. We hope to place more students by the end of the academic year.



STELLA MARIS ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED TEACHERS (SMART)



Members of the Stella Maris College Association of Retired Teachers (SMART) actively participated, virtually, in various events through the year.

Members met on 17 September 2020, and elected new office bearers: Dr. Ulaganyaki Palani and Dr. Rajini Rabindranath. Dr. Prema Bhat and a few others shared their lockdown experiences.

Dr. V. Chokalingham, a leading cardiologist, delivered a lecture on 'Mind Your Heart' on 12 October 2020. After the lecture we had an interactive session. The highlights of the lecture were that we should 'be positive, be calm and have a positive life-style.' The lecture was informative and useful.

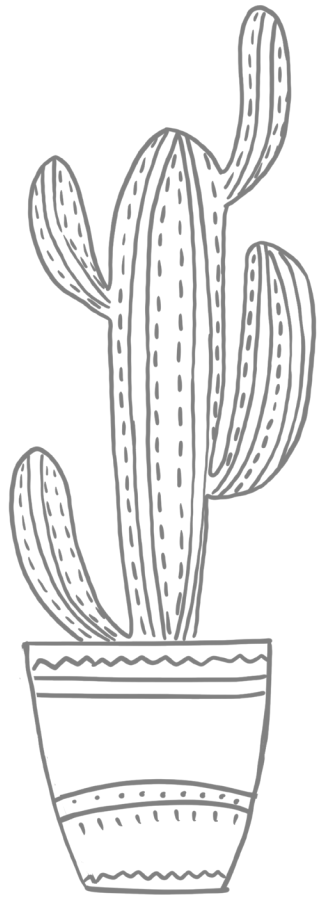


SMART members meeting on Women's Day 2021

Dr. Sr. Colleen North delivered the Christmas message on 12 December 2020. She emphasised that Christmas is all about the sharing of love, joy and peace in whatever way we can. We brought in the spirit of Christmas by singing carols.

We celebrated International Women's Day on 8 March 2021. Dr. Thilagavathi Joseph spoke at the occasion and shared a few thoughts on the role of language in constructing gender stereotypes. Dr. Sophia Somesh, consultant gynaecologist, spoke about the importance of vaccination for COVID-19 and this was followed by an interactive session.

These events helped us come together, share our thoughts, stay connected and cherish our friendship in a year of social distancing.





The Department of Value Education considers it a privilege to contribute to the holistic formation of the students of the College. This academic year 2020–2021 has been a very unusual one, having us all face the unprecedented situation of the pandemic. We began the year with a virtual prayer service for faculty to implore God’s blessings.

Every year the Value Education Department holds seminars and workshops for all the faculty, and despite the current situation we organised two webinars on 25 and 26 May 2020 on the topics, ‘Confronting Challenges with Faith and Compassion’ by Prof. Bart McFettrick (Emeritus Professor of Education and Dean Emeritus, Faculty of Education, University of Glasgow) and ‘Foregrounding Ethics and Human Values in Remote Classroom Teaching and Learning’ by Rev.Dr. V. M. Spurgeon (Consultant Director for South Asia, United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia, New York).

The Department of Value Education arranged a lecture for the first-year undergraduate students on the life and



Special lecture for Catholic Doctrine third-year students



The Star of the Sea Group
inaugural prayer session

mission of Blessed Mary of the Passion, our foundress, and St. Francis of Assisi, the patron of our College. On 22 and 23 January 2021, St. Joseph’s College (Tiruchirappalli) conducted a virtual ‘Youth Fest’ in which 20 Star of the Sea Group (SSG) students participated. The SSG, an important organ of the Campus Ministry, organised a prayer service on 29 January. The focus was on faith and leadership formation of the group members. Faculty coordinators as well as students participated. The Value Education Department conducted a Bible Quiz for SSG members on 12 February. Approximately 550 students participated.

Ms. Shoba, an advocate practising at the Madras High Court, delivered a virtual lecture on ‘Property Rights and Protective Laws for Women’ to the third-year undergraduate students. Because all events were online, students viewed a recording of the lecture on 26 February.

On 29 March, a video on yoga, meditation and nutrition was screened for the final-year undergraduate students. Sr. Ranjani BK, of the Brahma Kumaris Rajayoga Meditation Centre, delivered the lecture on meditation. Ms. Anushya demonstrated the yoga exercises and Dr. Anna Rangini Chellappa (Associate Professor, Department of Home Science, Dr. Ambedkar Government Arts College) spoke on nutrition and immunity-enhanced food.

The third-year Catholic students heard Fr. Dr. Peter Thumma speak on the ‘Canonical Laws of the Sacrament of Marriage’ on 10 and 11 March. He emphasised the sanctity and permanency of marriage in his lecture.

Sr. Jebamalai fmm spoke to Catholic students on 17 and 18 March on the ‘Christian Vocation and Religious Life.’ She spoke in particular about the life and works of the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary and their global outreach.

We organised a virtual thanksgiving prayer service for the whole College on 22 April 2021. This was a fitting concluding event for the academic year 2020–2021, wherein we thanked God for all His blessings and graces showered upon us—management, faculty, staff and students.



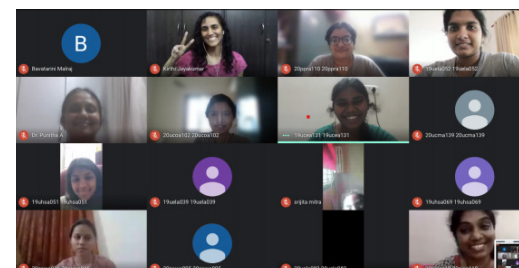
The Centre organised a webinar on 'Shadow Pandemic: Increasing Gender Inequality in India' on 25 July 2020 by Dr Leena Pujari, Feminist Sociologist and Researcher, Head, Department of Sociology, K C College, Mumbai, in collaboration with the Stella Maris College Gender Centre. This webinar brought to light the issues that could lie behind the shackles of the myth of stay home, stay safe. The interaction also highlighted the increased instances of domestic violence during the lockdown period.

A webinar was conducted on 9 November 2020 on 'Bystander Intervention', to raise awareness on the potential to interpret situations and overcome a problem. The speaker was Ms. Kirthi Jayakumar, women's right activist, founder of The Gender Security Project and The Red Elephant Foundation. The speaker discussed major strategies of bystander intervention namely Distract, Delegate, Direct and Delay.

The International Women's Day Celebration was conducted by the Women Studies Centre and Gender Centre in



Centre for Womens' Studies
International Womens' Day Celebrations



Webinar on 'Bystander Intervention'

collaboration with the YMCA on 8 March 2021. This event hosted five speakers who addressed the college students in the Open-Air Theatre. Dr. Priscilla Asirvatham, Chair YWCA, Kalaimamani Thirunangai Sudha, Ms. Sabitha, Project Manager, Thozhi, Ms. Mridhula and Ms. Sakshi, students, Loyola College.

The event was aired live and streamed in the official YouTube channel of Stella Maris College. Dr. Priscilla Asirvatham introduced the theme for the day's celebration. Kalaimamani Sudha spoke of the challenges faced by members of the transgender community, with specific reference to transwomen and highlighted a few of their achievements. Ms. Sabitha, explained of their involvement in employment, the need to fight discrimination and integration of the community with the society. Ms. Mridhula and Ms. Sakshi, spoke briefly on their experiences, the confusion and mistreatment and how they have overcome their obstacles to pursue their dreams.

The Damini Club hosted several lively activities to celebrate International Womens' Day 2021. The YouTube video featured Dr. Saranya Jai Kumar, Educational Psychologist and Member of Tamil Nadu Commission for Protection of Child Rights, on her life journey keeping with the theme of the year, 'Let us Choose to Challenge'.

A collaborative event of the Damini Club, UNICEF on Campus and Rotaract club of Stella Maris College was held on 7 and 8 March 2021. They hosted a panel discussion on 'Pudhumai Pengal' and a competition on the Google Meet platform. The panellists included Ms. Sayee Bhuvaneswari, Life coach, Psychologist, Founder of Meraki Consulting and Dheemahi Mindmatters, Ms. Vaidehi S., Thomas Cook India Limited, Ms. Stegana Jency L.T., Director, Centre for Child Rights and Development and Rtn. Anjana Varma, Emotional Intelligence trainer, NLP master practitioner and suicide prevention first aider.

Several competitions and activities were conducted virtually to engage students, for instance, the online quiz on 'International Day for Elimination of Violence Against Women'. Photo essay, song writing, poetry, photography competitions were also held to sensitise students.



The Gender Centre, an initiative of the Department of Sociology organised a series of programmes this year. On 29 October 2020 an online GC panel discussion on ‘Problems Faced by Gender Minorities in Educational Settings and Workplaces’ was jointly conducted in collaboration with SAATHII and Nirangal. The speakers were G.Sankari, T.D. Sivakumar, Dr. L. Ramakrishnan and Sridhar. The session was made interactive with the number of questions posed to the panel members by the student participants.

The Gender Centre put forth their best efforts and another interesting session was ‘Lights! Camera! Discussion!’ — a webinar discussion on ‘Representation of Women and Gender Minorities in Media’ moderated by Mr. Baradwaj Rangan, an Indian film critic, writer and a former deputy editor in The Hindu took place on 20 January 2021. The students interacted with the resource person and also put forth a lot of their view points and made the session very interesting.

The Women’s Day Celebration was hosted with five speakers Dr. Priscilla Asirvatham, Kalaimamani Thirunangai Sudha, Ms. Sabitha, Project Manager, Thozhi organisation, Ms. Mridhula and Ms Sakshi, students of Loyola College. It was organised by the Gender Centre and Women’s Centre in the OAT on 8 March 2021 and was also live streamed.



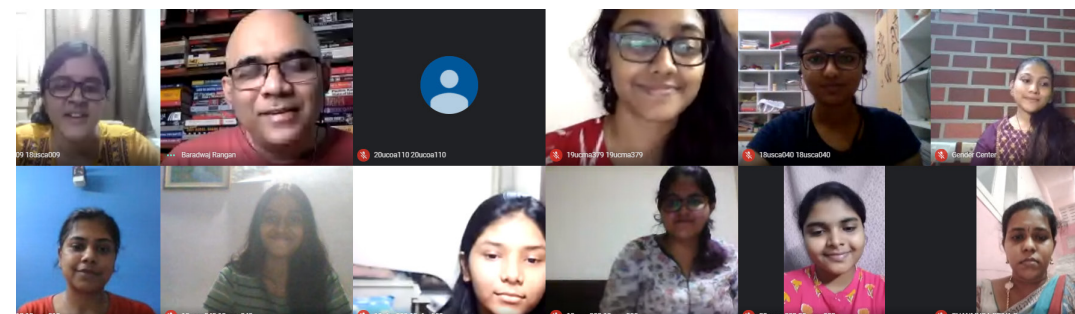
Release of the Gender Centre’s first annual newsletter by Rev. Principal Dr. Sr. Rosy Joseph

‘Your Honour’, a legal series, was organised by the Gender Centre and the spokesperson, Advocate Adilakshmi Logamurthi, addressed students on transperson rights and laws in India on 6 March 2021. The second in the series ‘A Critical Analysis of Women Centric Laws in India’ was held on 13 March 2021. Advocate Mrs. Kavitha Balakrishnan addressed the session.

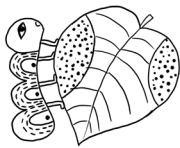
An intercollegiate student panel discussion was conducted on 27 March 2021 on the topic of ‘Perception and Acceptance of Queer literature’. This session was moderated

by Mr. Chandra Moulee, founder of Queer Chennai Chronicles, and was attended by panellists from other colleges who presented on various topics related to queer literature and representation.

The first of its kind annual newsletter by the Gender Centre was released by Rev. Principal Dr. Sr. Rosy Joseph fmm, on 25 April 2021. The newsletter has articles and contributions by the members of Gender Centre.



Gender Centre webinar discussion with Mr. Bharadwaj



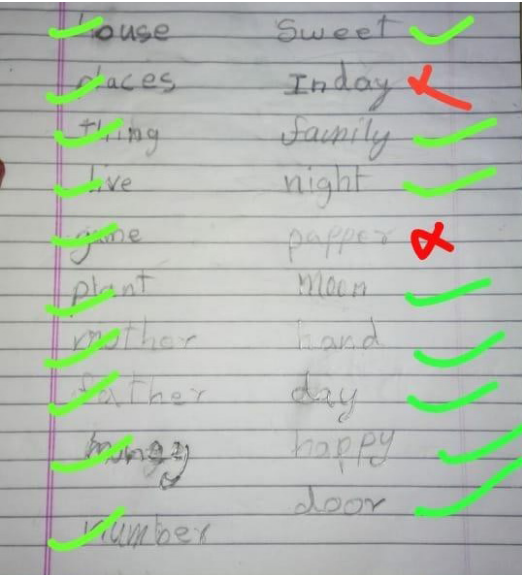
The lockdown due to COVID-19 exacerbated the education crisis and millions of students were forced to stop going to school. Children from low-income communities and those studying in under-resourced schools were the worst hit.

At this time, Stella Maris College joined hands with Teach For India to make a difference by encouraging the students of the College to volunteer for its Teach to Lead initiative. Several students across various disciplines of our college signed up, and the programme functioned under the direction of Vice Principal Dr. J. Regi Manimegala. While our students and alumnae have worked for Teach For India before, this was the first time we had a partnership with Teach for India in online education.

Stella Maris students were teaching and/or assisting Teach For India Fellows in the ‘Teach For India Virtual Classroom’ on a daily basis. They took classes in novel writing, mathematics, reading, games, storytelling, writing, craft and art, and grammar. They also worked with the school children on enhancing their reading comprehension, offering remedial services for science, English, and general knowledge. Student

volunteers also created teaching material with resources, tasks, and assessments using Google Forms and prepared content videos for various subjects.

It was an enriching experience for our students. Harshitha Satish (B.A. Economics), one of the student volunteers, says: ‘The entire experience at Teach For India taught me to be meticulous, punctual and systematic ... every weekend you had to plan ahead for the upcoming week. It was a learning that I gained for life...’ Anita J. Narithookil (M.A. Economics), another volunteer, adds:



Online corrections by our TFI volunteers

ENGLISH

Poetic Devices
and
FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE

POETIC DEVICES
These figurative language is used to create a special effect or feeling.

IMPORTANT FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE DEVICES

1. Similes
2. Metaphors
3. Alliterations
4. Onomatopoeia (sound words)
5. Personification

Watch the video and answer all the questions.
For better understanding watch this [video!](#)

PLAY THE GAMES!

1. Alliterations - Whack a mole!
2. Poetic devices - Match the following.
3. Game Show!

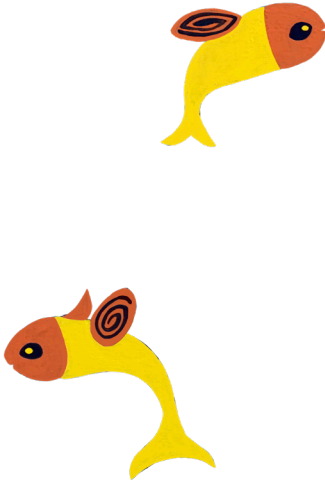
READ THE POEM
Write down at least 2 poetic devices using hints given!

Quiz!
Find whether Alliteration, simile or metaphor

Resources created for TFI

‘The experience changes us in a lot of ways. One of the main areas of focus is leadership development in the fellows. Our managers strive hard to make us reflect on our experiences and grow as an individual... [It is] personal transformation which we work towards consistently.’ Rhea (M.A. Economics) concludes: ‘I thought I would be teaching a lot more and helping kids from under-resourced backgrounds. However, in no time I realized it was quite the opposite. It was me who was learning from these kids... I have become more self-aware and constantly try to evolve... There are times when I fail as a teacher but never as a learner... [Teach for India] is really an experience worth trying.’

Activities OF THE DEPARTMENTS





After it became clear that the lockdown was going to be around for a long time, the College, as well as we at the Department of History, started preparing for a year of online education. Starting in April, all of us went through webinars, workshops, and Faculty Development Programmes— all of them held online— on how to teach online. To mention just two among the many we did: a two-week Faculty Development Programme on ‘Managing Online Classes and Co-Creating MOOCs’ (by Ramanujan College, sponsored by the Ministry of Education, New Delhi) and a two-day workshop on ‘Using Digital Platforms – Google Classroom’ (by IQAC, Stella Maris College).

Online education has its challenges and its opportunities. One of the opportunities was being able to connect easily with people all over the world. In May and June 2020, we organised three webinars – a two-day webinar on ‘Tourism and Hospitality in the Aftermath of the Pandemic: Strategies for a Rebound’ and ‘The Timeless Heritage of South India’ (21 and 22 May 2020), ‘Lionizing the Pallavas’ (11 June) and ‘The Sri Lankan Tourism Experience – Pre- and Post-



Internship at India Tourism - our student interns with Ms. Padmavathy, the Regional Head

Covid Scenarios’ (12 June). Our speakers for these webinars were professionals from the tourism and hospitality industries and/or heritage enthusiasts: Mr. Manish Kriplani (CEO, Baywatch Travels; Chair, Outbound Tour Operators Association of India, Southern Chapter); Mr. Udhay Nayar (CEO, 101 Concepts, consultant in hospitality), Dr. Chitra Madhavan (historian and writer); Ms. Srishti Sankaranarayanan (Master’s Programme in Art History, University of Denver, USA) and Ms. Parami Fernando (Consultant – Media and Communication, Sri Lanka Tourism). Ms. Parami Fernando and Ms. Srishti Sankaranarayanan are among our outstanding alumnae who are at present in Sri Lanka and the USA, and it was a pleasure to be able to connect with them online, thereby enabling our present students to be introduced to them.

We were able to organise several webinars through the rest of the year also – ‘An Overview of the Civil Services in India’ (resource person: Ms. Swathika, founder, ‘Shiksha by Swathika’; on 16 October), ‘Exploring Careers in Law’ (Ms. Priya Kannan, advocate, High Court of Madras; 6 February 2021), ‘Airport Management Operations: Opportunities Then and Now’ (Mr. B. Shashi Kumar, founder, Aviator Training Academy; 20 March), and a ‘Commemorative Conference on the 75th Independence Day’ (Dr. Raziya Parvin, Associate Professor and Head, Department of History, Queen Mary’s College; 12 March).

Our regular annual activities were held online. The Department’s annual Indira Gandhi Endowment Lecture was held online on 23 November 2020, and we were privileged and proud to host another alumna speaker at this event – Ms. Vanessa Peter of the Information and Resources Centre for Deprived Urban Communities. She spoke on the impact of the pandemic on the vulnerable groups in India.

Our students were able to go ahead with their cultural activities and internships – all held online. Sixty-seven students from both B.A. (History) and B.Voc. (Tourism and Hospitality) interned with Score Training in February 2021; 40 students of B.Voc. (Tourism and Hospitality) trained with



Student field visit to Adyar Eco Park

Madura Travel Services over two weeks in September 2020; and 26 students interned with India Tourism from November to March 2021. The students themselves planned and organised online events and competitions for ‘Madras Day’ and for our inter-year departmental cultural programme ‘BC-AD’.

Once the lockdown was partially lifted, we were able to organise a guest lecture on ‘Global Cuisines – Dishes Born Out of War and Colonization’ (by Mr. Noel Dias, Vessel Traffic Manager, Gujarat Maritime Board, 4 February) and field visits to the Radisson and Ramada Hotels and the Iguana Open Show at the Snake Park, Guindy through January and February 2021.

Online education brought the opportunity for faculty as well as students to participate in webinars, talks, and courses from all over the world. Many of us did online courses and earned certificates on Coursera when our

College partnered with the company to allow us to do the MOOCs free.

Our Department continued its partnerships with India Tourism, the Indian Institute of Hotel Management, Applied Nutrition and Catering Technology, and Madura Travels. These organisations and their offices in Chennai provide support to our Department by offering internships.

One of us (Dr. Cinthia Jude) has an ongoing project on ‘Therukoothu – the Heart of Folk Performances in Tamil Nadu – Endangered in Chennai.’ Dr. Shan Eugene, Dr. Cinthia Jude, and Dr. M. Priyadarshini also received research seed money to undertake research projects on, respectively, ‘Dark Tourism – An Appealing Morbid Side of Travel – Identify, Promote and Conserve Dark Tourism in Chennai City,’ ‘Medical Tourism – Inevitable Challenges Deterring Progress,’ and ‘Scope of Handloom Tourism in Revival of the Livelihood of Weavers in Anakaputhur.’



Students at a field visit to Hotel Radisson



At a field visit to Hotel Ramada

Last, but hardly the least, we would like to mention individual students and faculty who were recognised for their achievements in a year of disruption: Dr. Shan Eugene Palakkal won the ‘Research Excellence Award 2020’ presented by the Institute of Scholars Unit of SPDL, Dr. Cinthia Jude won the ‘Best Researcher Award’ presented by ESN Publications as well as the Women of Excellence Award at the IWR Star Awards 2021. V. Hinduja won the gold medal at the 28th Junior Under-20 District Fencing Championship; Maria Akshitha won the sixth place in the Top Eight at the 30th Senior National Fencing Championship; and Cadet Daisy V. won the overall trophy and the gold in boat pulling at the All-India Nausainik Camp. Ann Jude Alphons was awarded an internship at IIT Guwahati for standing first all-India in their online SWAYAM course. Harshitha Gobi Shankar went up to Level three of MasterChef Tamil.

We look back on 2020-21 with satisfaction, in spite of the challenges. We hope that with the lessons we have learnt this year, we can go even further in service to our students and the community.





‘**W**hat comes, we thrive.’ The challenges posed by the COVID-19 lockdown did not hinder the aspirations of the Department to reach out to excellence and enhance student experience by providing a platform for faculty to learn the aspects of new learning tools through the Digital Workshop on Teaching and Learning Online in collaboration with Christ University during 11, 12, 13, 14 and 18 May 2020.

The Department of Sociology organised on 22 May 2020, an ‘International Webinar on Cycles of Violence – Understanding Domestic Violence and the Battered Women Syndrome.’ The speaker of the session was Dr. Prof. Philip Laird, Department of Social Sciences, Trinity Western University.

On 9 June 2020 the Department of Sociology organised another ‘International Webinar on COVID, Stress and Relationships.’ The session was handled by Dr. Todd Martin from Trinity Western University.

The healing of distress and despair of the COVID-19 stress was addressed on 12 June 2020 by another international webinar on ‘Well-being with Sound’ by Trainer Chikky Sirish.



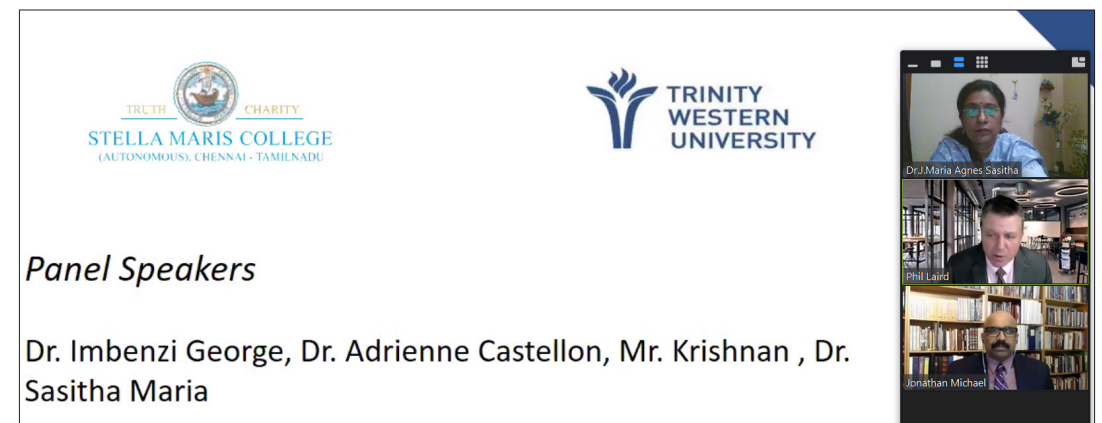
Endowment Lecture by
Dr. Sunitha Krishnan

In order to create awareness among students about cyber threats, the Department of Sociology organised a special lecture on ‘Cyber Crimes and Security’ on 20 October 2020. This session had eminent persons Mr.Kesavardhanan, CEO, K7 Computing, and Mr.S.Hariharan, Senior Manager, K7 Threat Control Labs, speaking about mobile and computer hacks and other concerns.

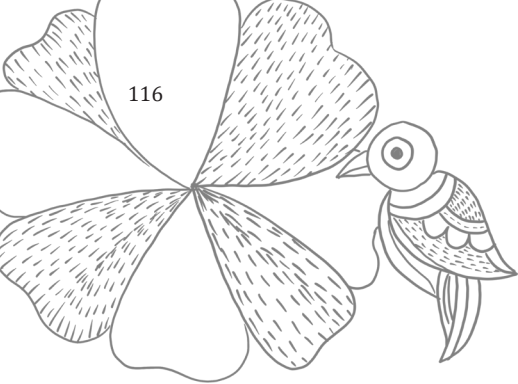
On 6 November 2020, the Sr. Christine Endowment Lecture on the topic ‘Sex trafficking and Exploitation of Women in India’ by Sunitha Krishnan, Founder, Prajwala, was conducted in the online mode.

Dr. Maria Agnes Sasitha, Assistant Professor and Head, Department of Sociology, made a paper presentation and Harshana, third-year student, B.A. Sociology, made a presentation at the Fifth International Leadership Conference jointly hosted by Trinity Western University and Stella Maris College on 26 and 27 November 2020. The Department was also involved in organising this International Conference.

Dr. J. Maria Agnes Sasitha was a panellist (virtual) at the 14th United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice held at Kyoto, Japan, 7-21 March 2021.



Dr. Maria Agnes Sasitha as panelist in the TWU conference



The COVID-19 global pandemic did not deter the events conducted by the Department of Economics, as 2020-2021 was yet another eventful year filled with activities and programmes that were conducted online. The students and faculty participated in various webinars and seminars over the course of this academic year.

The Department of Economics was awarded the 'Best Academic Department 2020' by the Dr. Kalam Educational Trust for Tribal on 12 March 2021.

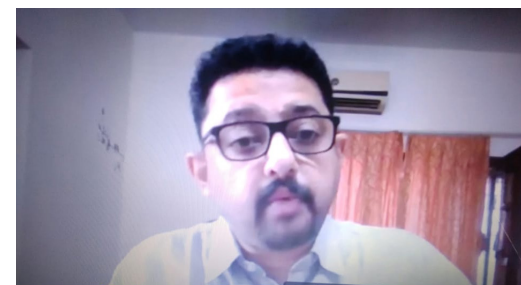
The Department also organised the Dr. Sr. Helen Vincent Endowment Lecture on 17 November 2020. Dr. R. Ramakumar, NABARD Chair Professor, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, delivered a lecture titled 'COVID-19 Pandemic and Indian Economy: Impact and Challenges.'

Several virtual lectures were conducted for the students; these lectures helped to sensitise students and faculty on current issues. Lectures on 'Forgotten Aspects of Classical Economics and their Relevance Today' delivered by Mr. R. S. Gopalan IAS, Deputy Director General, UIDAI on 5 August 2020; 'Impact of Covid 19 on Migrant Workers:

Stories from the Field' by Mr. Srinivas Swaminathan, Social Worker, on 18 September 2020; 'Role and Functioning of NITI Aayog' by Ms. Sarah Iype, Consultant, World Bank, on 5 October 2020; 'Green Economics' by Mr. K. Kaushik, Founder, Kheyti, on 12 March 2021 and 'Cryptocurrency' by Mrs. Prabha Bob, Senior Vice President, BA Continuum Limited, on 25 March 2021. These series of lectures aimed at providing the students with a broader perspective on all current issues.

The Department also organised a workshop on 'Behavioural Economics' for students and faculty on 22 April 2021 to introduce the participants to the world of behavioural economics. The resource persons were Ms. Vasanthi S. P., Ms. Supraja Parthasarathy, Mr. Nitin Shankar and Mr. Alosias from IFMR.

A Memorial Prayer Service was held in memory of Dr. Sr. Helen Vincent fmm,



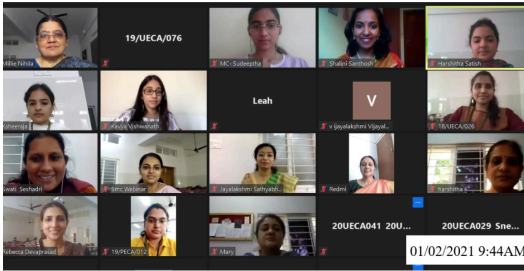
Dr. Sr. Helen Vincent fmm Endowment Lecture being delivered by Prof. Ramakumar

Former Head Department of Economics, Former Principal, Former Secretary, Stella Maris College and Former Director English Language and Life Skills on 25 January 2021.

Chamber of Economics, the student body of the Department, was active too in hosting events for the student community. The year's activities kick started between 26 and 30 September 2020, with a poster making competition that was open to all students of the College.



Dr. Sr. Helen Vincent fmm Memorial Prayer Service



‘Ecocentric 21’ Inaugural

As the United States geared up for their presidential elections, our students too raced for the Mock Presidential Race titled ‘The Patriot Act’ from 1 October to 7 November 2020. It was a much-welcomed initiative of the Chamber by the staff and students alike. Alumni of the Department Ms. Vanshika Bagdy and Ms. Rumaiza Fathima moderated the final debate between the parties of the capitalist and socialist ideologies.

The pandemic did not dampen the prospects of hosting ‘Ecocentric 21,’ the Department’s annual intercollegiate economics fest, from 1 to 5 February 2021. All events were held online. Ms. Shalini Santhosh Kumar, founder of Early Foods, presided as the chief guest for the inaugural ceremony.

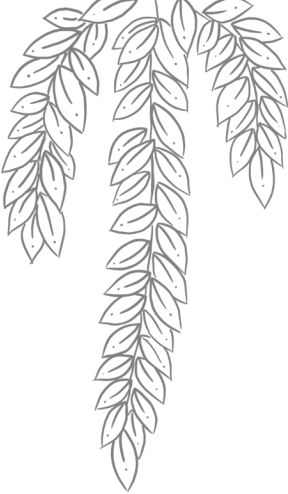
The event also witnessed the launch of the Department’s blog where the students,

staff and alumni of the Department have a virtual space to share their ideas and views on varied issues. The blog is an opportunity for the budding economists to wear their thinking hats and investigate diverse subjects. This platform is run and managed by the students with the help of the faculty advisers.

The activities of the Chamber of Economics culminated in the conduct of ‘Ecofest 21’ on the theme, ‘Green Economics’ on 10 March 2021. Connections, an event for the students and a lecture by Mr. Kaushik, founder of Kheyti, focusing on the use of technology for the benefit of farmers, was held.

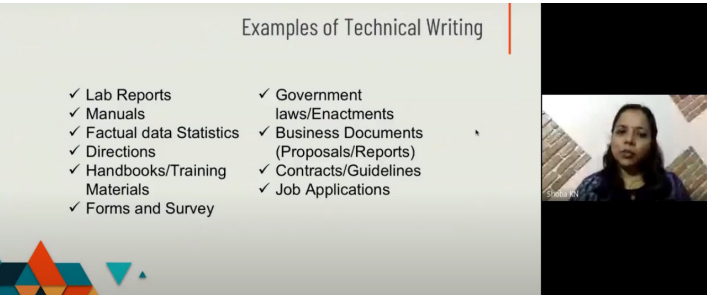
Students of the Department were also socially committed during these uncertain times towards bringing a change in the lives of school students by being an active part of ‘Teach to Lead’ initiative of Teach for India. Eight of our students were in charge of various classes of select government aided schools and dealt with subjects such as social science, science and English language. The feedback received from the students was evident in concluding that their experience was worth it, in developing them as a wholesome human being.

ENGLISH



The academic year 2020–21 was an eventful one for the Department of English. Guest lectures and workshops were organised across the academic year.

The Departments of English, Sociology, Psychology and Fine Arts, in collaboration with The Teaching Learning Enhancement Cell, CHRIST (Deemed to be University) conducted a five-day Digital Workshop in the month of May on ‘Teaching and Learning Online’. The speakers were Dr. Suparna Kar, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, CHRIST University; Dr. Sweta Mukherjee, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, CHRIST University and Dr. Vinay M, Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science, CHRIST



Technical Writing Workshop with Dr. K.N. Shoba

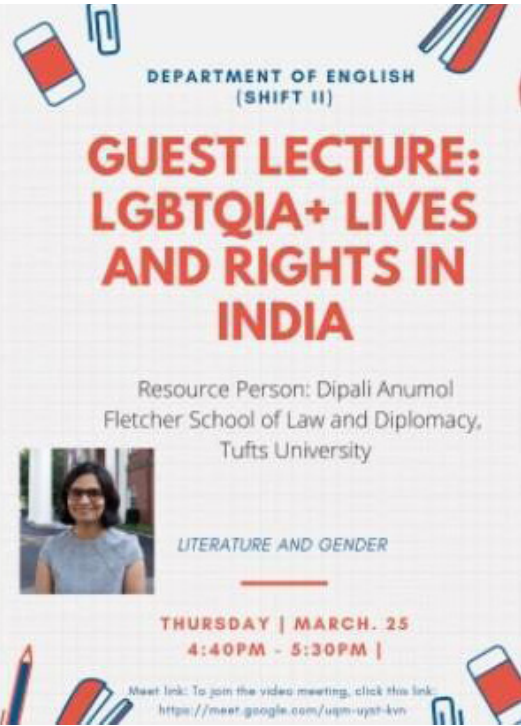
University. On 08 June 2020, a webinar was organised on ‘Understanding Technical Writing’, with Dr. K.N. Shoba, Assistant Professor, Anna University, as the resource person. The students gained insights into the various styles and methods in technical writing from this session.

An online lecture titled ‘The Eighteenth Century Novel’ was delivered by Prof. James Alan Downie, Emeritus Professor of English at Goldsmiths College, University of London, on 19 November 2020 for students as part of their course on British Literature. The annual Bhavana Memorial creative writing competition was held on 12 August 2020; Ms.Aswathy Mohandas from second M.A. English won the first prize.

Dr. Ajie George received her Doctorate Degree from the University of Madras. On 22 October



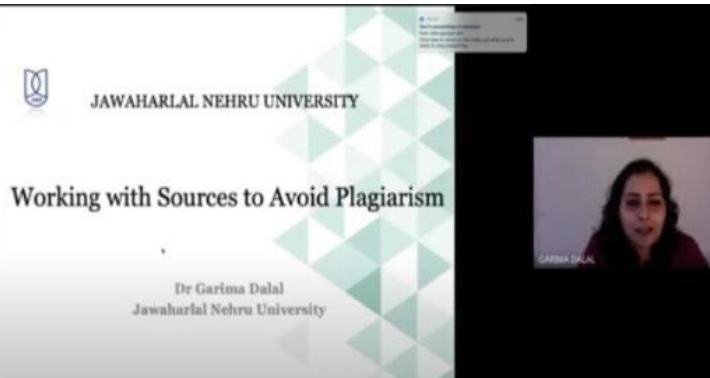
Guest lecture on ‘The Eighteenth Century Novel’ by Prof. Allan Downie



Guest lecture on ‘LGBTQIA+ Lives and Rights in India’

2020, Dr. Shilaja was recognised as a doctoral supervisor by the University of Madras. Nine students from the Department cleared the UGC National Eligibility Test qualifying for the post of Assistant Professor.

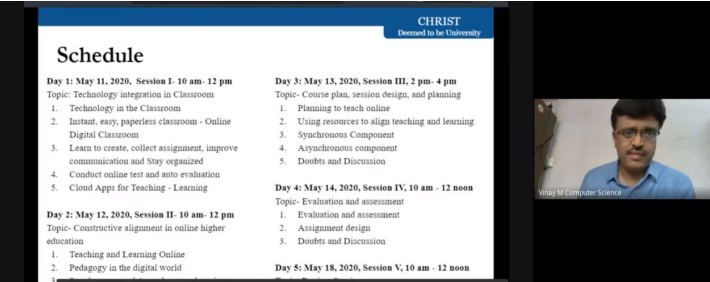
On 17 March 2021, an online lecture was delivered by Dr. Garima Dalal from Jawaharlal Nehru University on ‘Working with Sources to Avoid Plagiarism’. On 25 March 2021 Ms.Dipali Anumol, Research Scholar, Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts



Dr. Garima Dalal, ‘Working with Sources to Avoid Plagiarism’ Workshop

University, Massachusetts, delivered an online lecture on ‘LGBTQIA+ Rights in India’.

Faculty and students of the Department participated in several digital workshops, conferences and FDPs. Ms. Nimeshika Venkatesan has been chosen as one of the course writers for the M.A. in Folklore and Cultural Studies program organised as a part of the School of Interdisciplinary and Transdisciplinary Studies (SOITS), IGNOU (Indira Gandhi National Open University). The members of the faculty were also invited as resource persons for webinars and workshops. They also held positions as Subject Experts and as Doctoral Committee members in various institutions.



Digital Workshop- ‘Teaching and Learning Online’





The year 2020–2021 saw the Department of Fine Arts adapt to online teaching and learning. The Department organised two webinars in May 2020, adding to the many such events that were held to mark the transition of academics to the virtual space. The first webinar was titled ‘Gender Fluidity in Tamil Theatre Therukoothu’, featuring a presentation by Ms. M. Meenakshi. She presented her study of the attitudes towards male performers in Tamil Therukoothu Theatre in contemporary society and their physical and psychological approaches to genderplay. The presentation was followed by insightful observations on Therukoothu by Dr. V. Padma



The Stella murals



The Stella murals

(Mangai), theatre person, activist and academician, and Ms. Meenakshi.

The second webinar on ‘Challenges to Moving Online: Visual Arts Subjects at Liverpool Hope University’, was presented by Dr. Donal Moloney, Senior Lecturer, School of Creative and Performing Arts, Liverpool Hope University, UK. Dr. Moloney presented an overview of how art and design teaching was strategised during the the COVID-19 pandemic. He highlighted the shift to online teaching modes, and drew attention to the various steps that were taken to connect faculty and students in the digital space.

The annual Dr. Sr. Edith Tömöry Endowment Lecture was delivered by Dr. Kate MacNeill, Associate Dean, Education and Students, Faculty of Arts, University of Melbourne,

Australia, on 25 November 2020. Speaking on the topic ‘What is an Ethical Art Practice,’ Dr. MacNeil drew attention to collaboration between non-indigenous artists Anne Mosey and Dolly Nampijinpa Daniels of the indigenous Yuendumu community in Australia.

The major art activity of the year was the painting of murals on the Stella Maris campus walls that reiterated the need for sustainable and green practices. Selecting the themes of plant ecology and biodiversity, the enthusiastic students painted 25 panels across the span of the campus walls to celebrate the world of plants ranging from lush forests, fertile farmlands, and verdant cityscapes. The murals were conceptualised in the Gond Art folk style, with striking



The winners of the Saksham Grafitti Wall Painting

imagery, a bright palette and meticulous patterning.

As design consultants for Goethe Institute, Chennai, II M.A. and IV B.V.A. design students designed and developed multilingual logo options for the German title MÄNNERBILDER. An English title - 'M3 - Man, Male, Masculine' was assigned and a translation was adopted into the regional languages of Tamil, Marathi, Bengali and Hindi to make it relevant to the Indian context. The design option by Fatema Abbas Lokhandwala of II M.A. was chosen as the logo.

Ms. Meera Zachariah, Director of the leading Chennai-based design firm, Rubicon Communications, conducted a one-day advertising workshop in January 2021 for the final year postgraduate students. The focus was on the relevance of advertising, particularly during the pandemic. Dr. Benny Kuriakose, an architect of national repute,

delivered two guest lectures in March 2021 for the final year undergraduate students. The first lecture focused on his personal experience with his mentor Laurie Baker and his most notable works. In his second lecture, Dr. Kuriakose provided an insight into his own work, highlighting his work on prominent buildings.

Artist Portarasan Subban conducted two online workshops on terracotta clay modelling in October 2020 and March 2021 respectively, which were well received by students of I B.V.A. The Coursera for Campus initiative of the College was welcomed by the Department, with a total of 41 students receiving 96 course completion certificates. B.V.A. students Sudhhiksha H. V., Premi Jovitta X., Rija Taskeen Senoor, Lipi Wadhawan and S. Sarika Lakshmi were placed first in the Saksham Grafitti Wall Painting and Social Media Campaign organised by the Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. in association with The

Hindu. Sandhya M. of I B.V.A. was placed second in the poster competition organised by the Election Commission of India, on the occasion of National Voters Day in January 2021.

Faculty of the Department participated in several online programmes. There were 19 participants in international webinars, 52 in national webinars and 31 in regional webinars. Dr. Margaret Thomas served as Scientific Reviewer and Session Moderator for the Seventh International Conference 'Imagination & Freedom', organised by the International Institute of Knowledge Management, Sri Lanka, in September 2020. Dr. Swapna Sathish presented a paper at an International Conference. Dr. Swapna Sathish and Ms. M. Meenakshi served as invited speakers at lectures. Dr. Margaret Thomas, Dr. Anne Samuel, Dr. Lakshmi Priya Daniel and Ms. Christeena Shaju displayed their art works at art exhibitions.

Despite the ebb and surge of the pandemic, which also impacted several students and faculty in different ways, the academic year was nevertheless completed successfully.





The Department of Mathematics grew far and wide in various dimensions during the academic year, despite the pandemic.

The 28th International Conference (Virtual) of the Forum for Interdisciplinary Mathematics (FIM), ‘Synergies in Computational, Mathematical, Statistical and Physical Sciences (FIM 28: SCMSPS 2020)’ was organized by the Departments of Mathematics, Physics and Computer Science in collaboration with the Sri Sivasubramaniya Nadar (SSN) College of Engineering from 23 to 27 November 2020. Ms. Apoorva, Principal Secretary, Higher Education Department, Government of Tamil Nadu, delivered the inaugural address. The conference included six keynote addresses, 15 plenary sessions, 13 invited special sessions, 20 symposia and five paper presentation sessions. Dr. Felbin C. Kennedy and Dr. V. Dhanalakshmi delivered invited talks. The faculty of the Department held various positions in the conference. The prestigious Prof. R. S. Varma Best Paper Award went to research scholars of our Department: Ms. Rini and



Ms. Sindhiya Therese S., winner of the R. S. Varma Best Paper Award, at FIM 28 - SCMSPS 2020

Ms. Sindhiya (Best Paper Award—first prize).
Ms. Arul Roselet won the second prize.

The Department of Mathematics conducted a free ‘Online National Workshop on LaTeX’ on 24, 25, 28 and 29 April 2020. Researchers and educationalists belonging to 410 institutions, including the Indian Institutes of Technology (IIT), Indian Institute of Science (IISc), National Institutes of Technology (NIT), Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), Birla Institute of Technology and Science (BITS) and various other universities and colleges from 24 states and union territories of our country and across the globe participated. As a result of the overwhelming response to the workshop, two additional sessions were conducted. Faculty of the Department who were well-trained in the LaTeX and TikZ/PGF plot package—Dr. V. Dhanalakshmi, Dr. A. S. Shanthi and Dr. S. Sarah Surya—

worked tirelessly to give participants hands-on experience in typesetting research articles and drawing 2D, 3D functions for a given data set. Assignments were given and evaluated with specific comments by Ms. V. F. Fancy, Dr. Benazir Obelia, and other research supervisors and Ph.D. scholars of the Department. There were a total of 1223 participants.

A two-day lecture series on ‘Mathematics and its Applications Using ICT’ was organised for undergraduate students on 18 and 19 May 2020. The interactive sessions were a boon to all the participants who were from suburban and remote areas. The event was divided into four sessions, covering concepts such as ‘Celestial Wonders,’ ‘Amazing Celestial Events of April and May 2020’ and ‘A Visual Treat of Complex Functions and Their Applications.’ The resource persons were Dr. S. Teresa Arockiamary, Ms. A. Dhanalakshmi, Ms. Fancy V. F. and Dr. Chinthamani S., faculty of the Department.

An international webinar on ‘Some Interesting Aspects of Fuzzy Mathematics’ was conducted on 11, 12, 15 and 16 June 2020. The webinar was organized by Dr. Felbin C. Kennedy. Prof. Junzo Watada (Professor Emeritus, Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan, and Research Professor, Research Institute of Quantitative Economics, Zhejiang Gongshang University, China),

Prof. P. V. Subrahmanyam (Former Head, Department of Mathematics, IIT Madras), Dr. Balasubramaniam Jayaram (Professor and Head, Department of Mathematics, IIT Hyderabad), Dr. S. U. Malini (Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics, DG Vaishnav College, Chennai), and Dr. Felbin C. Kennedy and Dr. Dhanalakshmi V. from the Department were the resource persons.

An ‘International Webinar Series on Recent Advancements in Discrete Mathematics’ was organised from 22 to 25 June 2020 by Ms. Josephine Lissie, Ms. V. F. Fancy and Dr. Sarah Surya. Prof. G. Srinivasan (Department of Management Studies, IIT Madras), Dr. K. Balamurugan (Associate Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering, Institute of Road and Transport Technology, Erode), Dr. T. Robinson (Head, Department of Mathematics, Madras Christian College, Chennai), Dr. Indra Rajasingh (Dean, School of Advanced Sciences, VIT, Chennai), Prof. Paul Manuel (Vice Dean, College of Life Sciences, Kuwait University, Kuwait), Dr. Pavlos Xenitidis (Senior Lecturer in Mathematical Sciences, School of Mathematics, Computer Science and Engineering, Liverpool Hope University, UK) were the resource persons.

The Department organized an online ‘Workshop on Computational Complexity



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12x 3x3x3 Cube	11	19	515	2.27
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V. M. Priyadharshini, winner of the Red Bull Rubik’s Cube World Cup 2020 of Graph Algorithms’ on 18 February 2021. Dr. Prakash Veeraghavan (Associate Professor and Program Director, Department of Computer Science and Information Technology, La Trobe University, Melbourne, Australia) conducted the workshop. Faculty members, Ph.D. and M.Phil. scholars of the Department as well as postgraduate students of the Departments of Mathematics and Computer Science actively participated in the interactive session.

There was a guest lecture on ‘Vector Spaces and Dimensions’ by Mr. N. Pachaiyappan (Director of Green Mathematical Institute, Chennai) on 11 February 2021 for the final year students of the undergraduate programme.

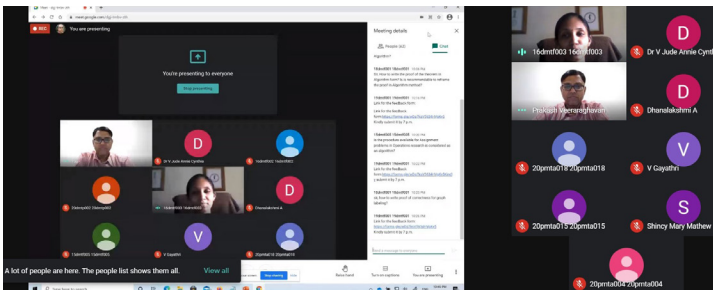
As evident from the feedback collected from participants, the webinars were a great

success. The Department is proud to have conducted these programmes which catered to the needs of faculty, research scholars and students during the pandemic. Each programme aimed at motivating as well as helping academicians promote research and learn several new aspects of mathematics through the period of the lockdown.

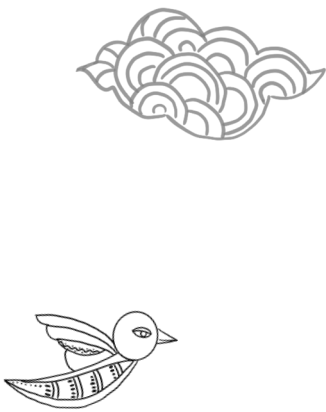
The Department organised the annual inter years fest ‘Math-O-Match’ on 13 March and the intercollegiate competition ‘Mathzoom’ on 20 April 2021. The events were conducted virtually through the Integra Forum.

Dr. S. Sarah Surya was invited as a resource person to conduct workshops on LaTeX by five colleges across the state. Dr. Benazir Obilia X. A., Assistant Professor of the Department, obtained her Ph.D. from Anna University, Chennai, in August 2020. Faculty and scholars from the Department published 17 research papers in prestigious journals published by Elsevier and Springer, and listed in the Web of Science, Scopus, or by UGC-CARE. The faculty members also presented 20 papers at various national and international conferences.

Diana Grace Thomas, research scholar, was awarded the Science, Health and Engineering (SHEN) Best Research Award



Workshop on Computational Complexity of Graph Algorithms300



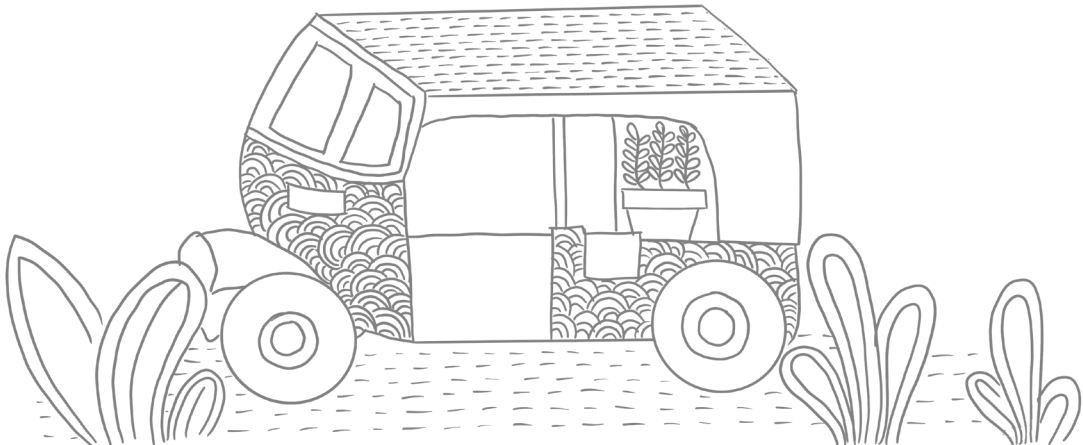


Dr. Felbin C. Kennedy speaking at FIM 28 - SCMSPS 2020

2020 for her contribution and achievement in innovative research. Ms. P. Subbulakshmi, research scholar, was awarded the IMRF Best Scholar Award by the International Multidisciplinary Research Foundation and the Excellent Researcher Award (Female) in the Second International Academic and Research Excellence Awards 2020 organized by the GISR Foundation in 2020.

V. M. Priyadharshini of the second year of B.Sc. won the Red Bull Rubik’s Cube World Cup 2020. She also set around 15 national records in the past two years. Currently, she stands first in world ranking of female speed cubers and second in world ranking of speed cubers in the mixed category. Yamini of first year M.Sc. was selected for the Summer Research Fellowship Programme (SRFP)- 2021 for two months from June to July 2021 at IIT Hyderabad and conducted by Indian Academy of Sciences (IAS).

The Department concluded the academic year with an online thanksgiving prayer for the outgoing students of the Department on 22 April 2021. We thank the principal and management for their constant encouragement and support in various endeavours.



The Department of Physics in collaboration with the Department of Environmental Conservation, University of Massachusetts, USA, organized a symposium titled ‘International Symposia on Common Resource—Water: Restoration, Conservation, Sustainability in India’ on 3 October 2020. The event was hosted by the Department virtually, as part of the World Commons Week 2020, an initiative of the International Association for the Study of the Commons. The key aspects of water management, new-age technologies and strategies to face the daunting challenge of the water crisis and possible initiatives towards promoting water security for a sustainable development of our country were discussed in the symposium. The sessions were chaired by eminent professors like Dr. Theerthagiri Jayaraman (Department of Chemistry, Gyeongsang National University, South Korea), Dr. Sekar Karthikeyan (Department of Earth Resources, Kyushu University, Japan), and Mr. A. Sivakumar (Country Manager, Environmental and Geo Spatial Solutions). Dr. Belina Xavier was the convener of the event and chaired a session at the global symposium. She also delivered a lecture titled ‘Novel Strategies in Waste Water Treatment, Water Sustainability and Resilient measures for Agro-Ecosystems in India’ at a session held on 5 October 2020.

Varsha Unni P. K., a final year postgraduate student of the Department, was awarded the ‘The Most Distinguished International Award—Young Researcher’ by ESN Publications in a ceremony held at Bangalore on 8 March 2021. Postgraduate students of the Department completed online internships from various prestigious institutions including Dongguk University (Seoul), University of Tarapaca (Chile), Council of

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Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), and the National Physical Laboratory (Delhi) and Indian Institute of Technology (Madras).

The Department organized a webinar on ‘ICT for Effective Physics Teaching, Learning and Evaluation’ to assist faculty in adopting new methods for online teaching and learning. The webinar was held on 18 May 2020 with around 200 participants from across the state. It aimed to create awareness about the various resources pertaining to physics available online, and the need to synchronize the three domains, i.e., expertise in the


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subject knowledge, pedagogical tools, and technological tools for effective teaching and learning. The faculty of the Department—Dr. Belina Xavier, Dr. R. Shanmugasundari, Ms. Christy Preetha A. and Dr. D. Sukanya—were resource persons for the webinar.

The Department also organized a three-day national webinar on ‘Recent Trends in Material Science and Training on Related Software Tools’ from 1 to 3 June 2020. The webinar had 220 participants which included students and teachers. The webinar was organized with the aim of encouraging postgraduate students to take up research, to make the academic community aware of recent developments and future opportunities in the field of material science; and


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Topic: Applications of Crystalline Materials and Future Research Opportunities in Material Science.



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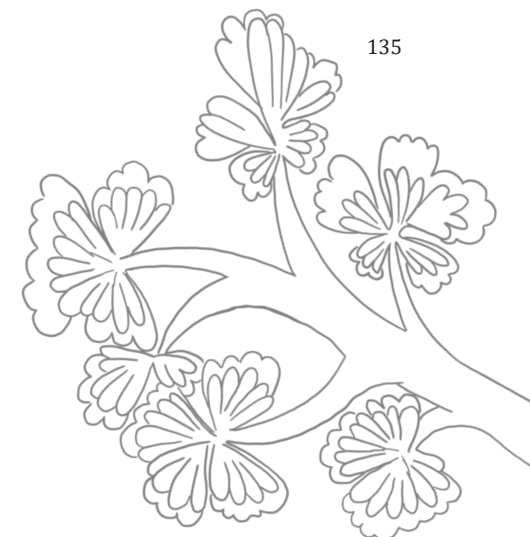
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also to help researchers and students train themselves in the software tools used in materials characterization. There were lectures by two eminent scientists: Dr. Vijayan N. (Principal Scientist and Associate Professor, AcSIR, Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, National Physical Laboratory, New Delhi) spoke on 'Applications of Crystalline Materials and Future Research Opportunities in Materials Science'; Dr. Ramaprabhu S. (EG Ramachandran Institute Chair Professor, Alternative Energy and Nanotechnology Laboratory, Nano Functional Materials Technology Centre, Department of Physics, IIT Madras)

spoke on 'Basics of Nanomaterials and their Applications.' On the final day of the webinar, there was a technical session with demonstrations by Ms. Ajay Piriya V. S. (Institute Pre-Doctoral Fellow, Department of Physics, IIT Madras) on software tools such as Origin, Xpert High Score Plus and Casa XPS.

Dr. A. Dinesh Babu (Assistant Professor, Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering, SRM Institute of Science and Technology) addressed the third-year undergraduates on the topic 'Basics of Wireless and Mobile Communication' on 21 February 2021. Dr. M. Jacob (Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry, Loyola College) presented a guest lecture on 'NMR Spectroscopy and Applications' on 3 February 2021 for the second-year undergraduate students of the Department.

There were a numbers of articles published by our faculty in international journals. Dr. Belina Xavier published five articles, Dr. Sr. G. Francisco Nirmala published two articles, Dr. D. Anceila published an article, Dr. Annie Vinosha P. published five articles, and Dr. Shiny Febena published three articles.



The Department of Chemistry at Stella Maris College is committed to quality and excellence in education and research. The academic year 2020-2021 was eventful and successful for the Department and saw the celebration of 'Chemfest-Reactions 2021.' Seminars and lectures were organised by the Department. The students, faculty and non-teaching staff of the Department have been dynamically involved in making every event a great success. The Department also saw the visit of various eminent scientists of international and national repute from various fields of chemistry. It was a valuable experience for both the faculty and the students. The Department is ably supported by research scholars and its growth is reinforced by research activities conducted individually and in association with industries and national laboratories.

The Dr. Sr. Annamma Philip fmm Endowment Lecture was delivered by Professor S. Thayumanavan, Distinguished Professor of the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, USA.



Addressing the postgraduate students at ICCW-IIT at the occasion of signing of the MoU between ICCW and Department of Chemistry, Stella Maris College

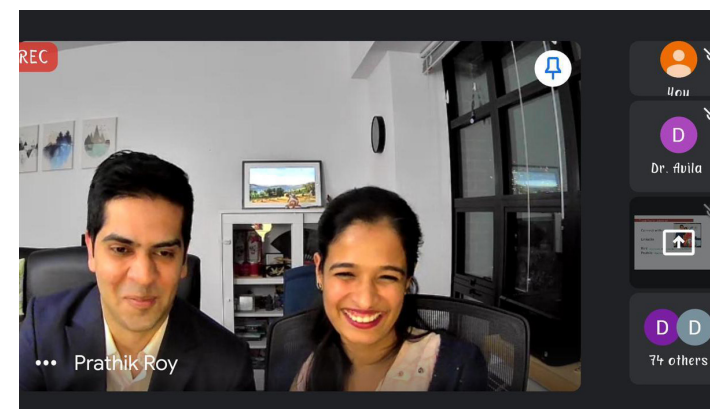
He delivered a virtual lecture on 'Materials Design for the Modern World—Lessons from Nature' on 19 November 2020. An MoU was signed between the International Centre for Clean Water, IIT Madras (ICCW), and Stella Maris College for the academic year 2020-2021 to facilitate summer internship for first year postgraduate students of the Department. An MoU was also signed between Anabond Ltd. and Stella Maris College for the academic year 2020-2021 to facilitate research activities of the department. TNQ Technologies Pvt. Ltd. and Stella Maris College have been conducting the Certificate Course on Introduction to Scientific Language Editing for undergraduate students from various disciplines from 2016 onwards, and the MoU was renewed during the current academic year 2020-2021. The course was very beneficial to the participants.

A one-day national webinar on 'Application of ICT in Chemistry' for undergraduates was organized on 14 May 2020. In view of the CRSI National Chemistry Week Celebration from 1 to 7 November 2020, Dr. Ajayaghosh, Director, CSIR-NIIST, Thiruvananthapuram, delivered a guest lecture titled 'The Science of Supramolecular Construction' on 6 November 2020.

The third year undergraduate and postgraduate students of the Department of Chemistry conducted the intercollegiate cultural 'Chemfest-Reactions 2021' on 4 March 2021. The students put up their best efforts and the experience inculcated in them team spirit and organisational skills. The inaugural speech by our proud alumna Dr. Rini Roy and her husband Dr. Prathik Roy was motivational and inspired the

students towards research. The program was well attended by students from other city colleges. A three-day national webinar on 'Molecular Architecture and Landscape Through Spectroscopy: Introductory Lectures' by Dr V. Mangalasundar, Head, Department of Chemistry, IIT Madras, Chennai, was organized on 4-6 June 2020. The Department in collaboration with IGCAR, Kalpakkam, organized a webinar titled 'Need for Nuclear Energy' as a public awareness programme on 3 February 2021. The resource person was Ms. Jalaja Madan Mohan, Head, TCPAS, RESD, HSEG, SQRMG, IGCAR, Kalpakkam.

Dr. Mary N.L. was the recipient of the 'Innovative Teacher Award' for her contribution to excellence in teaching by the Rotary Club of Madras on 12 November 2020. Ms. Ashwini Anatharaman was awarded the Ph.D. degree on 7 October 2020 under the supervision of Dr. Mary George, Associate Professor, Department of Chemistry. The faculty and students have also been part of research and learning at international universities. Two of the second-year postgraduate students, Ms. Antonia Trisha Zac and Ms. Lavanya C., have joined the



Inaugural address by the chief guests Dr. Prathik Roy and Dr. Rini Roy at 'Chemfest - Reactions 2021'



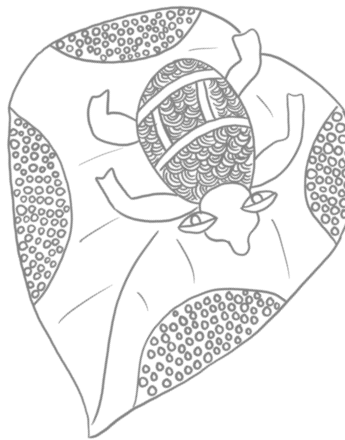
A virtual tour of the nuclear reactor model at IGCAR as an awareness program on nuclear energy by Ms. Jalaja Madanmohan, Head, TCPAS, RESD, HSEG, SQRMG, IGCAR, Kalpakkam

Ph.D programme of the Department of Chemistry, Fu Jen Catholic University, Taiwan, with scholarships.

The faculty of the Department have published research papers in renowned journals with high impact factors published by the ACS, RSC, Elsevier, Springer and others. Research scholars Mr. Anoop V., Ms. Sohini Chakraborty, Sr. Remya Simon, Ms. Swathi V. and Ms. Ajeesha T. L. of the Department submitted their synopsis.

The research facilities in the department were upgraded with the installation of two high-end instruments, the electrochemical analyzer work station and the atomic absorption spectrophotometer. Three of our first-year postgraduate students are recipients of the INSA Summer Research Fellowship Programme 2021—Ms.Srivarshini R.K., Ms. Poovitha R., and Ms. Rose Mary James. One first-year postgraduate student, Ms. Karthika Kalyansundar, has been selected for the UGC-NRC summer internship programme organised by the University of Hyderabad. She has also been selected to do her summer internship under SURGE-2021 in IIT, Kanpur.

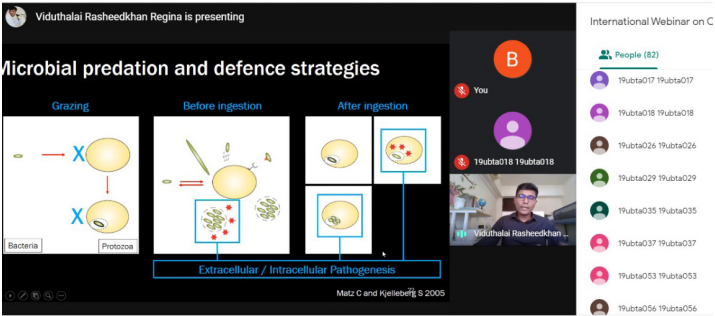
The Department, fulfilling its social responsibility, swung into action during the course of the pandemic in the preparation of hand sanitizers as a safety and preventive measure. The year 2020-21 was a very satisfying year and was marked with activities and accomplishments.



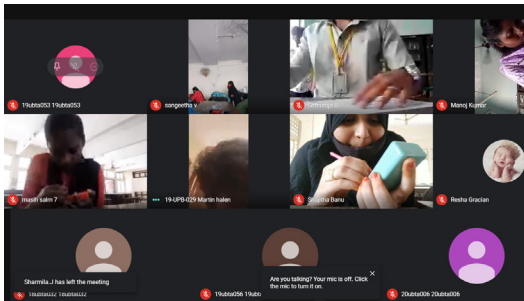
The academic year 2020-2021 was an unusual and challenging one for the Department of Botany. The faculty of the Department, in spite of the pandemic, worked hard to manage both online and offline classes effectively.

Four faculty members attended a two-week online Faculty Development Programme on ‘Managing Online Classes and Co-creating MOOCs’ from 20 April to 06 May 2020 organised by the Ramanujan College (and sponsored by the Ministry of Human Resources Development), University of Delhi. They were also trained to conduct online classes by the IQAC and

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Dr. Rasheedkhan. resource person, at the ‘International Webinar on Conflict and Cooperation - The Microbes’



Students participating in the intercollegiate online fest 'Astera' 2021

the Department of Computer Science of our College. Three faculty members and 37 students successfully completed online courses offered by the MOOC platform Coursera.

The Department organised a webinar on 'Biodiversity and Antiviral Properties of Medicinal plants in India' on 15 May 2020, Dr. D. Narasimhan (Associate Professor, retd., Centre for Floristic Research, Department of Botany, Madras Christian College) and Dr. T.Thirunarayanan (Secretary, Centre for Traditional Medicine and Research) enlightened the participants on the antiviral properties of medicinal plants. The Department also organised an online workshop on 'The Art of Nurturing Greenery' on 18 and 19 May 2020. The two experts, Mrs. Soumini Srinivas and Mrs. Radhika Subramanian, provided practical knowledge about kitchen and terrace gardening as they conducted a virtual tour of their kitchen

and terrace gardens. Mr. Royston Miranda, the owner of Maple Gardens, conducted a practical demonstration on bottle gardens. The Department received a lot of positive feedback on the sessions from participants from the several colleges who attended the workshop.

The annual intercollegiate Department fest, 'Astera 2021,' was held online on 9 February 2021. Dr. Melchias Gabriel, Deputy Principal, Loyola College, was the chief guest. Eight colleges participated in the events. Loyola College won the overall championship and Ethiraj College secured the runner-up title.

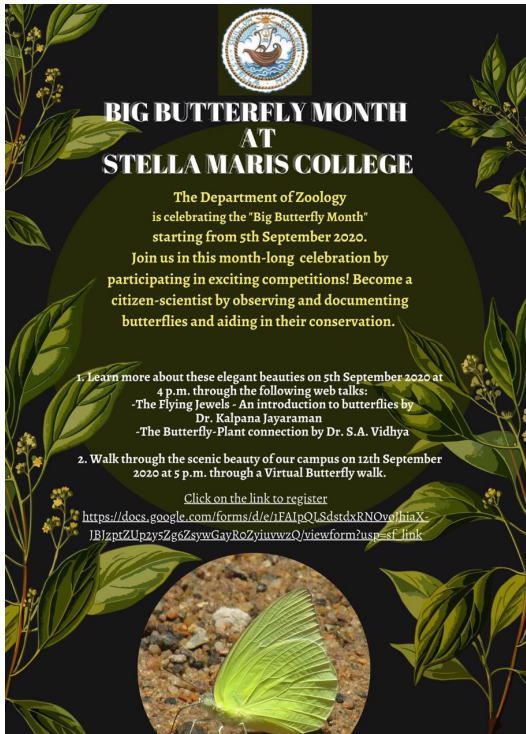
The Department organized an international webinar 'Conflict and Cooperation: The Microbes' on 26 February 2021. Dr. Viduthalai Rasheedkhan Regina, Microbiome Scientist, Singapore Centre for Environmental Life Science and Engineering (SCELS), Nanyang Technical University of Singapore, spoke about microbial interaction and its expression.

The academic year was very challenging, but the internet opened a window of opportunity for faculty and students to participate in events around the country and the world. The students attended various international, national and regional webinars; they also took part in competitions and won several prizes.



The academic year 2020–2021 was different from other years owing to the challenges posed by the pandemic. With classes and other events moving online for most of the year, there were new challenges to overcome. Despite the uncertain times, there were several opportunities for greater learning with webinars and online courses on Coursera and the National Programme on Technology-Enhanced Learning (NPTEL). These opportunities allowed students to broaden their horizons and learn new skills from the comfort and safety of their homes.

The Department of Zoology organised many webinars and special events thorough the course of the year. Dr. S. A. Vidhya, Dr. Amritha N. and Ms. Albina Jerome D. were the resource persons for a national webinar titled 'Online Teaching of Zoology using Digital Platforms,' held on 15 May 2020. Dr. Gayathri Gowrishankar (Research Scientist, Molecular Imaging Programme, Stanford University, USA), who is an



Invite to the Big Butterfly Month at Stella Maris College

alumna of the Department, was the resource person for an international webinar on the ‘Molecular Imaging of Infectious Diseases,’ which was conducted on 5 June 2020.

‘The Big Butterfly Month at Stella Maris College’ was celebrated in September 2020 with webinars, a virtual butterfly walk (hosted by students and alumnae) and several intercollegiate competitions organised by the students. The Department, in collaboration with Care Earth Trust, Chennai, organised a two-part webinar series

on 13 and 23 February 2021 on ‘The Wetland Ecology of Chennai.’ The resource persons from Care Earth Trust were Dr. Ranjith Daniels (managing trustee), Mr. N. Muthu Karthick and Mr. Vinoth Balasubramanian. A 39-hour certificate course on the ‘Basics of Birdwatching’ was introduced by the Department during the even semester. The first batch included 27 students from the Departments of Zoology and Botany.

The Dr. Meera Paul and Dr. Hannah John Endowment Lecture was held on 1 March 2021. Dr. Lakshmi Krishnan, an alumna of the Department from the 1984 batch and the current Vice President of Life Science, National Research Council, Canada, spoke on ‘Vaccines and Immunotherapy: A Dynamic Tango Transforming Health Care.’

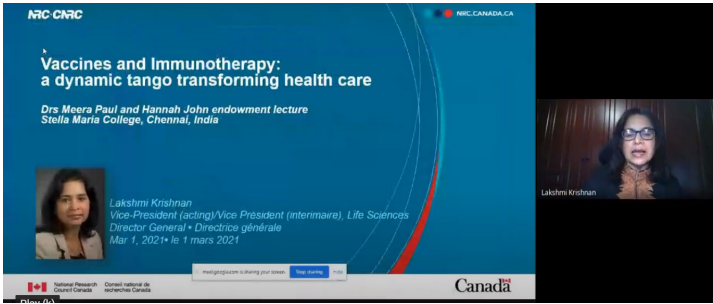
The workshops on ‘Drosophila Culture Techniques’ (on 12 November) and on ‘Methodology for Studying Animal Behaviour’ (on 30 January and 1 February 2021) were both held online. There were also several online guest lectures organised for the benefit of students. As part of their Service Learning Programme this year, the students created several interesting videos on the subject of health and hygiene that serve as useful resources on the subject.

The Campus Bird Count 2021, that was held between 12 and 15 February 2021, drew a lot

of interest from students even though all of them could not be present on all days of the event owing to constraints posed by the pandemic. The participants documented 28 bird species during the Count—the College stood fifth in the country in terms of the number of checklists of birds uploaded.

This time, the annual intercollegiate department fest, ‘Synapse,’ was held online on 2 and 3 March 2021. The inaugural speaker was Dr. Madhuri Ramesh, Assistant Professor, School of Development, Azim Premji University, Bengaluru. Several intercollegiate competitions were hosted by the students, and the overall championship was won by Madras Christian College.

Dr. Rita Jayaraj published two articles, one in an international journal and another in the proceedings of a national conference. Several faculty members of the Department were resource persons in various online events. Dr. Amritha N. and Ms. Albina Jerome D. were invited as resource persons in the faculty enrichment programme, ‘Digital Technology for Teaching of Life Sciences and Humanities: Online Teaching of Life Sciences Practicals,’ organised by



Dr Lakshmi Krishnan delivering the online Endowment Lecture





Students of the Certificate Course on Basics of Birdwatching identifying birds on campus



Students during the Campus Bird Count

Dr. Ambedkar Government Arts College in collaboration with the Indian Science Congress Association (ISCA) on 25 July 2020. Dr. Kalpana Jayaraman was invited to address the CSIR SRTP students of the University of Kota, Rajasthan, in a two-part lecture series titled ‘Flying Jewels: An Introduction to Butterflies’ and ‘Butterfly Ecology, Behaviour and Conservation’ on 11 and 12 July 2020. She was also a resource person on butterfly conservation at a national webinar on ‘Biodiversity Conservation, Environment Protection and Immunity against Diseases,’ organised by SPMRK College, Kotputli, Rajasthan, on 21 January 2021. Dr.S.A.Vidhya was a panelist at the CitSci India 2020 Conference on 1 October 2020. This was the first-of-its-kind conference in India on citizen science approaches in biodiversity organised by the Citizen Biodiversity Collaborative and the National Mission on Biodiversity and Human Well-being Programme. Dr. Kalpana Jayaraman and Dr. S. A. Vidhya presented a poster titled ‘Bird Monitoring During the Campus Bird Count: A Case Study from Stella Maris College, Chennai’ at the ‘National Symposium on Bird Monitoring in India,’ held online on 26 and 27 March 2021.



COMMERCE
SHIFT I

The Department of Commerce (Shift I) had a productive year in spite of the pandemic and the lockdown. Several national and international webinars, coaching classes, and cultural events were conducted by the Department virtually.

The Department organized three international webinars during the course of the academic year. The international webinar on ‘The Future of Business in the Changing World’ was conducted in collaboration with the Stella Maris International Centre for Multidisciplinary Research on 6 July 2020. The keynote speaker was Bill Russell (Associate Dean, International Recruitment from the School of Business Academic Lead for New Programs, University of Dundee, UK).

The international webinar on ‘Psychology at Work in the Corporate World’ was organized on 25 August 2020. Ms. Tina McCarthy, business psychologist and Managing Director of Enhance Potential, was the keynote speaker. The webinar highlighted many ways of applying psychology in the workplace in order to enhance an organisation’s performance. The Department also conducted a third international webinar on ‘Introduction to Finance and the Impact of News’ on 27 October 2020. Dr. Dimos Kambouroudis (Lecturer in Finance, University of Stirling, UK) delivered the keynote address. The

webinar aimed to bring out the factors that influenced financial markets and factors influencing price movements.

The Department organized a national webinar on ‘Managing Your Finances and Investments in COVID-19 Times’ on 21 May 2020. Mr. Glenn Roger Carr (Founder and Director, Finmark) delivered the keynote address. The webinar focused on how to effectively manage personal finances and make profitable investments. On 25 May, we conducted another national webinar on the topic ‘The Post COVID-19 Scenario: Strategies to Counter its Impact on Human Resources.’ Dr. J. Henry Rozario (Director, Exodus Research and Development) delivered the keynote address. This webinar threw light on how the various aspects of human resources would be affected in the post-COVID-19 era.

A national webinar on ‘Pandemic Positivity COVID-19: Selfcare and Mindfulness’ was organized on 18 June 2020. Ms. Aishwarya Kalro, (Founder, Social Pukar) delivered the keynote address. The webinar offered insight on the importance of selfcare and emphasised the importance of students spending time productively to upgrade their skills and effectively manage their stress during pandemic. ‘Career Options in the Current Economic Scenario and the Post-COVID-19 Scenario’ was conducted by the

TIME Education Institute on 31 December 2020. This session was organised to educate students on unconventional career opportunities.

‘E-Combat,’ the intercollegiate cultural fest, was organized by the Department of Commerce on 10, 11 and 12 June 2020. The Department was the first to conduct an online intercollegiate cultural fest with a participation of over 40 colleges pan-India. Some of the notable events were ‘Pot-Pourri,’ paper presentations, ‘Negotium Consilium,’ ‘Swaddle the Merchandise,’ etc. The feedback from student participants from the various colleges were very positive and gratifying. E-certificates were given to all the winners.

The Department has initiated a CMA (Certified Management Accountant) Professional Certification Program in collaboration with Miles Education Learning Centre for US CMA, for students who wish to pursue a career in global management accounting. In spite of the lockdown, the courses continued online and six students were awarded scholarships.

Students were not deprived of the important social events of college life in spite of the pandemic and lockdown as the freshers party, the campus tour and the farewell party were all conducted virtually by the students of the Department.



The Department started the academic year 2020-21 with a five-day Faculty Development Programme on ‘Resurgence of Business - During and Post COVID-19’ from 10 June 2020 to 16 June 2020. The resource persons for the events were: Day 1- Compliance Relaxations- GST and Company Law - Mr. Sai Mukundan, Director – Yopozone Pvt. Ltd; Day 2 - CSR and Virtual Meetings - Mr. Prakash, General Manager and Company Secretary, HC Kothari Group of Companies; Day 3 - Indian Business - Post COVID-19 - Mr.Sundar Raman, Chartered Accountant; Day 4 - Brand Valuation - Unlocking the Value of the Brand in Business

COMMERCE
SHIFT II



Challenges and Career Prospects – COVID-19

Valuation - Mr.Vikash Nahar, Director, Planning & Strategy, Adbureau Advertising Pvt. Ltd.; Day 5 - Investment Opportunities - The Way Forward - Mr. Nagappan, Independent Consultant, Independent Director, Mentor, Author, Columnist.

The Department in association with the ISDC organised a national webinar on the ‘Challenges and Career Prospects - COVID-19’ on 13 June 2020. The sessions were facilitated by two speakers: Mr. Navaneetha Krishnan, Finance Manager, Major Automotive OEM, and Ms. Radhalakshmi Sriram, Controlling and Planning Analyst.

On 20 June 2020, a webinar on ‘Importance of Business Analytics in a Competitive Business Landscape’ was organized for the final year undergraduate and postgraduate students of Commerce and Management from various colleges and universities. A webinar on ‘Cost Management Practices in Industries’ was organized for all the final year undergraduate and postgraduate students from Commerce and Management streams on 17 October 2020.

A webinar titled ‘Current Issues in Accounting and Auditing’ was organised on 12 November 2020 to shed light on the issues related to the practice of accounting and auditing. The webinar was facilitated by



Faculty Development Programme on Resurgence of Business - During and Post Covid-19

Dr.R.Narayanaswamy, Professor, Finance & Accounting, IIMB.

The Department in collaboration with the National Institute of Securities Market organised a webinar titled ‘Careers in Securities Market’ for the final year students of undergraduate and postgraduate program of Commerce and Management on 20 November 2020. The session was conducted by Mr.Gokulnath Raja, Manager (Business Development), NISM.

To gain insight on the Union Budget of India, the Department organized a webinar on ‘Union Budget 2021- An Overview’ on 12 February 2021. Mr.Sathya Kumar, Chartered Accountant, Chief Mentor – Tycoon Academy, was the resource person for the webinar.

A webinar on ‘Content Marketing’ was organized on 24 February 2021. The sessions were facilitated by Mr. Vikas Chawla, Co-founder and Director of Social Beat, Ms. Priya Florence Shah, Group Editor at SHEROES, and Ms. Meghana Chandani, Associate Vice President of Social Beat. In association with IOA and ISDC, the Department organized an international webinar with Mr. Shrey Chakravor on the topic ‘Applicability of Analytics in Industry’ on 9 March 2021.

The Entrepreneurship Development Cell of the Department organized a seminar-cum-contest on 11 March 2021. A webinar with Mr. Ahamed Khalid, Vice President, Imarticus Learning, on ‘Career Opportunities in Investment Banking’ was organized for the third year undergraduate students of Commerce and Business Administration on 20 March 2021.

A webinar on ‘Pre- and Post-COVID-19 Challenges in Financial Sector’ was organized on 23 March 2021. The resource person for the session was Mr.Kumaran Sampath, Managing Director & CEO –AEGMA, Capital Services Pvt Ltd.



Current Issues in Accounting & Auditing





Union Budget 2021

The Department, in association with the University of Madras and BSA Crescent Institute of Science & Technology, organized a three-part virtual summit series. The first part on ‘Supply and Logistics Management’ was held from 7-9 July 2020, the second part on ‘Human Resource Management’ was held on 4 & 5 July 2020 and the third part on ‘Financial Implications on account of Business Disruptions’ was held on 10 & 11 August 2020.

The Department conducted an online introductory training analytics workshop on 13 November 2020. The Entrepreneurship Development Cell conducted a workshop titled ‘Explore the Entrepreneur in you’ on 27 January 2021. The Financial

Inclusion Programme for Women on Financial Literacy was organised by the Department in association with Southern Railway Headquarters (Women’s Welfare Organisation) on Wednesday, 3 March 2021 in the Railway Officer’s Club, Nungambakkam, as a part of the outreach programme.

The Department also conducted several guest lectures on supply chain management, the importance of entrepreneurship, strategic management, trends in HR and career opportunities in financial services.

Faculty members Ms. Lucia Babitha and Ms.Vemulapalli Aparna were awarded their Ph.D. degrees. Cianna Joseph, III B.Com. A & F, was selected as the second runner-up of the EY Corporate Finance Woman of the Year for India. Fathima Zahra of PGDGBF has become a CIMA Affiliate in January 2021 by clearing all the professional level papers in CIMA. Ten students pursuing US CMA (Certified Management Accountants) programme received scholarship from the Institute of Management Accountants. Parvathi Bimal, pursuing ACCA, has secured National Rank I and World Rank IV in the paper ‘Advanced Performance Management’ and National Rank II and World Rank VIII in the paper ‘Strategic Business Reporting.’ Prarthana Prasad, Nisha and Cindy Tony Kunnumpuram of II M.Com. have cleared UGC-NET in Commerce in December 2020.

PSYCHOLOGY

The year 2020-21 has seen many changes and innovations in the academic arena due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Consequently, the Department of Psychology, with the support and guidance of the college management, switched to virtual media to continue engaging with the student community and ensure an unhindered learning process. A notable achievement in this regard was a four-day workshop for the students titled ‘Wellness During the Pandemic’, conducted across two sessions in May and June 2020. This workshop had an overwhelming response from the students of the college as it provided guidance on handling stress and anxiety in these uncertain times. Additionally, the Department also offered tele-counselling services to the students and the general public who sought emotional support during the lockdown.

As a part celebration of World Mental Health Day on 10 October 2020, the Department organized three webinars—one for the faculty and two for the student community—across the month of October. The webinars were facilitated

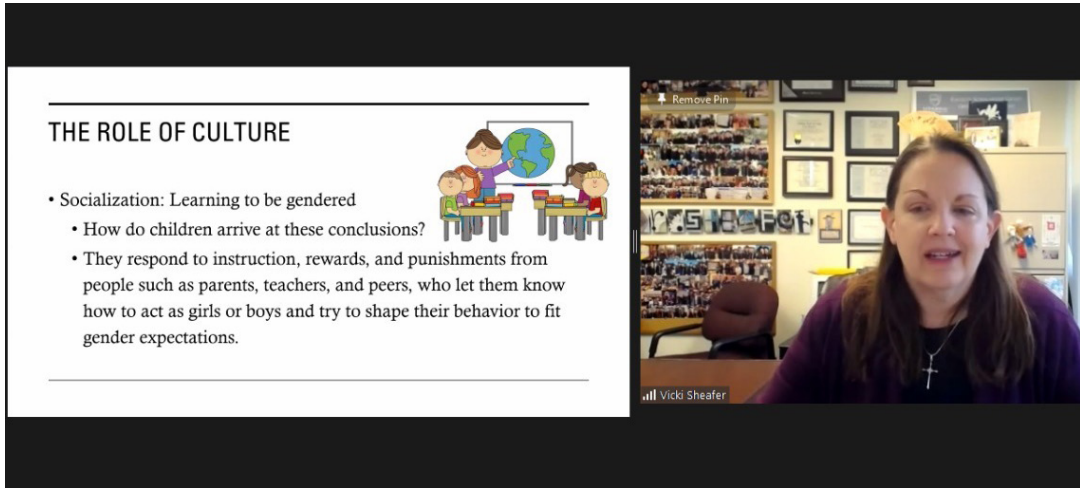


by eminent professionals from the mental health sector. The Department also promoted awareness about various aspects of mental health through a Social Media Campaign from 10 October 2020 to 18 October 2020. An international webinar was organized by the Department on the ‘Psychology of Gender’ on 25 March 2021 with the support of the Stella Maris International Centre for Multidisciplinary Research.

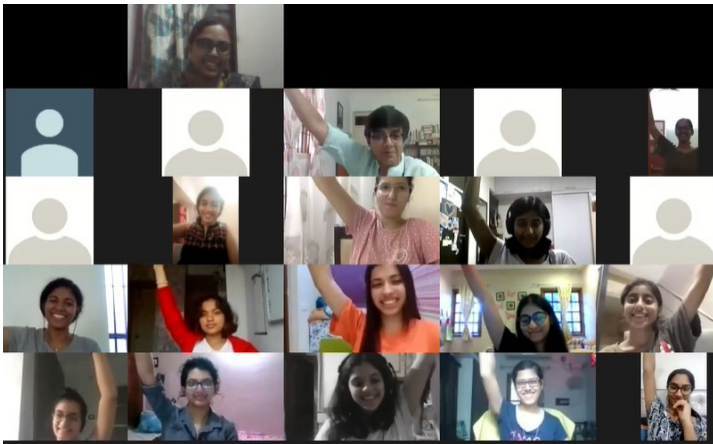
Faculty members Ms. Mary Shantha Joseph and Dr. Divya Dovina T. served as resource persons for various organizations at the state and national levels. Ms. Mary Shantha Joseph was appointed as an Executive Member and the Treasurer of the Indian Society of Victimology. Dr. Divya Dovina T. was the

resource person for webinars on study skills conducted by Dominic Savio Higher Secondary School, Communications & Soft Skills by Global Academy, Tripura, and for a training program for Probation officers, State Child Protection Society. She was a guest speaker on relationship psychology and has served as an external expert in several city colleges.

Several faculty members attended webinars, workshops and online certification programs. Ms. Judith Aarthi attended workshops on Bodywork in Psychotherapy, Rorschach Inkblot test, and Child Sexual Abuse, organized by Hank Nunn Institute, The Centre for Wellbeing, and Drishti, respectively. Ms. Aishwarya R. B. attended workshops



Dr. Vicki Sheaffer presenting the webinar on ‘Psychology of Gender’



Guest Speaker Ms. Aarti Rajaratnam engaging students in an activity during the webinar ‘Running on the hot wheels of stress – a grease to make the ride smoother’

on Statistical Analysis and Mental Health (by Institute for Statistical and Analytical Research and OISCA WCC Chapter & WCC, respectively). Ms. Anusuya Ramakumar took part in a workshop on Research Skills and Ms. Smrithi S. attended workshops on Rational Emotional Behavioural Therapy, Single Session Therapy and Acceptance & Commitment Therapy. Dr. Divya Dovina T. presented three research papers in national and international conferences.

Two students of the Department, Amrita Muraleedharan (second year) and Srinithi Natarajan (third year), won the first places in short story contests conducted by HR LitFest 2020 and Vivara Tech, respectively. The students of the Department completed various online courses and e-certification programs.



The academic year 2020–2021 brought new challenges and opportunities. The Department of Computer Science found itself in a unique position to serve the College community as the pandemic forced a to shift to online education. The department offered a two-day online training programme on ‘Teaching Using Online Platforms—Google Meet and Google Classroom’ to the entire faculty body of the College on 6 and 7 July 2020.

The Department also organized several programmes for the students. There was an orientation for first-year Computer Science students on 9 September 2020, which introduced them to the objectives of the B.C.A. programme and the career opportunities available to them on completion. Ms. Zainab, Senior Associate, Cognizant Technology Solutions, also an alumna of the Department, conducted a guest lecture on ‘Experience the Joy of Learning’ for the first-year B.C.A. students on 17 October 2020. She highlighted how the B.C.A. programme provides the programming knowledge required for the industry. Ms. Manju Celso, another alumna and Senior Software Engineer, Norton, spoke to the second-year B.C.A. students about software engineering to highlight the industry practices involved in developing a software product.

The Department also conducted a one-week workshop titled ‘Strengthen your Aptitude Skills’ for the final year B.C.A. and M.Sc. students from 23 to 30 October 2020. The workshop aimed to

help students find placements and succeed in competitive exams.

An international seminar on ‘Artificial Intelligence with NLP—Game Changer Beyond Future’ was conducted for the final year students on 16 November 2020. The resource person, Ms. Navnita Nandakumar, Software Engineer, Australia and New Zealand Banking Group, explained how artificial intelligence (AI) models work to process natural language. She also recommended resources for reading about and collecting data on AI-based projects. Ms. Navnita, incidentally, is alumna the Department.

One of the highlights of the year was the five-day conference ‘Forum for Interdisciplinary Mathematics (FIM)—Synergies in Computational, Mathematical, Statistical and Physical Sciences’ (FIM 28: SCMSPS 2020) organised by the Department in collaboration with the Departments of Mathematics and Physics at our College and the Sri Sivasubramaniya Nadar (SSN) College of Engineering from 23 to 27 November 2020.

The Departmental club, ‘Links,’ organized the intradepartmental technical fest on 30 March 2021. Students had a chance to sharpen their technical skills. Ms. Raksha Saravanan, founder and managing partner, Experienzing, was the chief guest for the inaugural event.

The Department also offered internship projects for the first-year students of M.Sc. (Information Technology) from 25 May to 27 June 2020.

Ms. A. R. Charulatha served as a member of the Board of Studies at the Department of Computer Science, Auxilium College, Vellore. Ms. J. Birunda Antoinette Mary was an expert member of the selection committee for faculty, Loyola College, Chennai, for the data science programme. She was also a resource person for the workshop on ‘Cybersecurity Challenges—How Safe Are We’ organised by the SRM Institute of Science and Technology, Ramapuram, on 8 January 2021.

Ms. Roselin Clara A. and Ms. A. R. Charulatha published papers in IEEE Xplore and in IEEE Digital Xplore, respectively. Ms. D. Renuka Devi and Ms. A. R. Charulatha wrote chapters for published books.

Finally, we would like to mention that we are proud to have met the challenge of teaching a course on computer science online. As the subject demands practical exposure, we continued practical classes using various online tools and open-source software for demonstrations. We created lab manuals and animated lecture slides to explain difficult concepts, and kept up the usual momentum in teaching and learning.



Stella Maris College is one of the pioneering institutions in the city that offers various courses in science and arts streams. It is the first institution of its kind to offer an undergraduate degree programme in Social Work. In addition, the College also offers a postgraduate degree Programme in Social Work. The Department collaborates with organisations at international, national, and local levels and has signed MoUs with various universities and organisations for exchange programmes to create leaders of tomorrow. It aims to address various issues and create a just society. There are many programmes that have been organised by the Department throughout the year for students. Various social issues were addressed through several activities during the COVID -19 lockdown.

“Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves.”
Proverbs 31:8



Dr. Nirmala Alex presenting a memento to Dr. Manivelan, State Nodal Officer, Occupational Health and Safety, DMS, Chennai, as Dr. Kalanidhi Veerasamy MP, Chennai, cheers on

According to NASW, social workers, like many other health professionals, are concerned about the impact of COVID-19 on the well-being of the people and their families to whom they provide their services. NASW has been working on multiple fronts to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and ensure access to services such as teletherapy. Social workers are in a unique position to promote disease prevention efforts (including disseminating accurate information from trusted sources), and to help address anxiety and other concerns that arise as a result of this public health crisis.

In connection with this, the Department of Social Work has evolved into one where the

challenging practices have been learnt using various novel methods of teaching social work practice virtually. The Department in collaboration with the United Nations International Children’s Emergency Fund (UNICEF) organised a series of webinars for students to acquire knowledge, create awareness, address urgent social needs, help vulnerable groups and provide suitable interventions.

The Department of Social Work in collaboration with UNICEF and Thozhamai, an NGO working for the rights of children organised a webinar on ‘Risk Communication and Engagement during COVID-19’ on 14 May 2020. Risk Communication and Community

Engagement (RCCE) is an essential component of UNICEF’s COVID-19 response action plan. The resource persons were Dr.Kaushik Ganguly, Health Specialist, and Dr.D.K.Bose, Ex-President, Ogilvy Outreach. The resource persons spoke about health concerns.

The Department of Social Work partnered with Greater Chennai Corporation (GCC) for tracing of COVID-19 cases and tele-counselling. It was taken up as an internship programme by the III B.S.W. students and II M.S.W. students from April to May 2020. The students were able to trace many COVID - 19 cases and offered tele counselling to many people.

‘Forgotten Aspects of Classical Economics and their Relevance Today’ webinar was organised by the Department of Social Work along with UNICEF and Thozhamai on 16 May 2020. The resource persons were R.S.Gopalan IAS, Deputy Director, General UIDAI Regional Office, Bangalore. He spoke about the economic situation during COVID-19.

A webinar was organised on 18 May 2020 by the B.S.W. Department on ‘Social Work Intervention during COVID-19 – Role of Community and Telecounseling’. The resource persons were Ms. Nishath, Vice President CHIME-MIOT Hospitals and Dr.Florina Xavier,

Fulbright Scholar and Oxford Fellow, Regional Return and Reintegration Advisor, Act for Peace. Ms. Nishath spoke about the plight of migrants and how resources were mobilized by her to help them return to their native places. Ms. Florina shared her experiences and also spoke about the tracing of COVID-19 programme by the Chennai Corporation and the importance of tele-counselling.

A webinar on ‘COVID-19 – Addressing Stigma and Discrimination’ was organised by the Department of Social Work along with UNICEF and Thozhamai on 11 June 2020. The resource persons were Dr.N.S.Iyer, Consultant Obstetrician & Gynaecologist Civil Surgeon (Retd.), Kerala Government Health Services, Former Project Officer, UNICEF Office for Tamil Nadu and Kerala & Mr. Sugata Roy, Advocacy and Communication Specialist UNICEF office for Tamil Nadu and Kerala were the resource persons, who spoke about how COVID-19 does not respect borders and how it does not care whether a person is rich, poor or old. Moreover, they also briefed on the importance of fighting stigma and discrimination by working together.

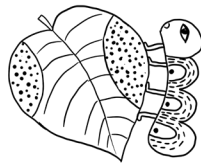
A webinar was organised by the Department of Social Work in collaboration with UNICEF and Thozhamai on ‘Sharing of Best Practices in CSR Interventions during COVID-19’ on 10 July 2020. Mr.Koushal Sinha, Manager, CSR

(South) Tata Chemicals Limited Chennai, shared on the CSR interventions during COVID-19.

The plight of the migrants worsened during the COVID-19 pandemic as they faced a lot of problems such as lack of income, poverty, and food shortage and were left without resources. To create awareness amongst the student community, webinars on migrants were organised.

A webinar on ‘Impact of COVID-19 on Migration’ was organised by the Department of Social Work in collaboration with UNICEF and Thozhamai on 16 July 2020. The resource persons were Dr.Pinaki Chakraborty, Chief Social Policy, UNICEF State Office for Tamil Nadu and Kerala, Mr. Sugata Roy, Communication Specialist, UNICEF State Office for Tamil Nadu and Kerala, Dr. Praveena Kodoth, Professor, Centre for Development Studies, Thiruvananthapuram, Dr. Vinoj Abraham, Professor, Centre for Development Studies, Thiruvananthapuram and Mr.A.Devaneyan, Director, Thozhamai, Chennai. The resource persons spoke about the plight of migrants and how the COVID-19 pandemic could devastate the lives of refugees, migrants, and internally displaced populations.

A webinar on ‘Migration and Children’ was organised by the Department of Social Work and UNICEF along with Thozhamai on 23 July 2020. The resource persons were Mr. Sugata Roy, Communication Specialist, UNICEF State Office for Tamil Nadu and Kerala, Dr. Baishali Goswami, Associate Fellow, Centre for Socio economic & Environmental Studies, Ernakulam, Dr.Praveena Kodoth, Professor, Centre for Development Studies, Thiruvananthapuram, Dr. Vinoj Abraham, Professor, Centre for Development Studies, Thiruvananthapuram and Mr.A.Devaneyan, Director, Thozhamai, Chennai.



'Migration & Reverse Migration in the age of COVID-19' webinar was conducted on 30 July 2020, by the Department of Social Work along with UNICEF and Thozhamai. The resource persons were Dr.Pinaki Chakraborty Chief Social Policy, UNICEF State Office for Tamil Nadu and Kerala, Mr.Sugata Roy, Communication Specialist, UNICEF State Office for Tamil Nadu and Kerala, Fr. Francis Bosco, Director, Don Bosco Migrant Services, Chennai, Dr. Praveena Kodoth, Professor, Centre for Development Studies, Thiruvananthapuram, Dr.Vinoj Abraham, Professor, Centre for Development Studies, Thiruvananthapuram and Mr.A. Devaneyan, Director, Thozhamai Chennai. The resource persons spoke about the plight of migrants and the manner by which resources were pooled in by contacting people through WhatsApp. They also highlighted the fact that many of the migrants were reunited with their families.

The Social Work Department along with UNICEF organised a webinar on 'Migration Policy – During Pandemic & Beyond' on 6 August 2020. Mr. Sugata Roy, Communication Specialist, UNICEF Chennai Office for Tamil Nadu and Kerala, Prof.Dr. M. Vijayabaskar, Madras Institute of Development Studies, Chennai, Dr. Jyoti Krishnan, Social Development Expert, Thiruvananthapuram, Dr. Praveena Kodoth, Professor, Centre for Development Studies, Thiruvananthapuram and Dr.Vinoj Abraham, Professor, Centre for Development Studies, Thiruvananthapuram were the resource persons.

The Department of Social Work organised a webinar on 01 September 2020 on 'Industrialisation, Globalisation, Urbanisation and its impact on Environment,' Dr. Bratindi Jena, Associate Director, ActionAid India, Bhubaneshwar, Odisha, presided over the event. The students of II M.S.W. and III

B.S.W. participated as part of Environmental Social Work.

To commemorate the World Breastfeeding Week, 2020, a webinar was organised in collaboration with Tamil Nadu Forum for Creche and Childcare Services (TN-Forces) on 11 July 2020 on 'COVID -19 and Breastfeeding and Maternity Benefits in Tamil Nadu' and 'IMS Act 1992 and Amendment in 2003'. Prof.K. Shanmugavelayutham was the Convener and the Moderator was Dr.Jayashree Jayakrishnan, Founder and Director, Happy Mom & Trustee FOR YOU CHILD. The resource persons were Ms. Kumutha Jayaraman, Professor of Paediatrics (Retd.), Government Institute of Child Health, Chennai and Ms. Nirmala Selvam, Breastfeeding Promotion Network of India.

A guest lecture on 'NITI Aayog: Overview of the Country's Policy Think Tank - Specialised Focus on Health Interventions' was organised by the Department on 18 August 2020.

The resource person was Ms.Serah Iype, Consultant, Education Global Practice, World Bank Group (Formerly, Young Professional, NITI Aayog, New Delhi). There was an online presentation and interaction with students from the NITI Aayog, New Delhi.

A Session on 'Palliative Care' was organised by the Department of Social Work on 19 September 2020. The resource person Ms. Stella Mathew, Founder and Managing Trustee, Golden Butterflies Children's Palliative Care Foundation interacted with the M.S.W. students.



Awareness Song by Gana Bala on Road Safety

A webinar was organised on ‘Grooming Young Minds for a Challenging Tomorrow’ by the Department of Social Work and Human Resource Management on 21 October 2020. The resource person was Dr. Ponmythili Muralidhar, Senior Lecturer at Great Lakes Institute of Management. The participants were students of HRM and M.S.W. programmes.

Field work was carried out as virtual sessions in partnership with ActionAid India from 05 October 2020 to 13 November 2020 for the M.S.W. students and from 24 September 2020 to 13 October 2020 for the B.S.W. students. Ms. Esther Maria Selvam, Associate Director, ActionAid India, Chennai, organised the programmes and Mr. Edward and Ms. Vigiliya from Action Aid coordinated these field work sessions.

A webinar on ‘Effective Decision Making’ was organised by the Department of Social Work on 21 October 2020, in collaboration with Department of Employment & Training, State Career Guidance Centre and Stella Maris Centre for Development of Resources for Inclusion and Vocational Enrichment (SMCDRIVE). The resource person was Ms. Jenita Mercy, Assistant Vice President Bank of America & team who presented on effective decision making and interacted with students.

Online sessions on ‘Classification of Major Mental Disorders’ were organised on 02 September 2020 and 07 September 2020 for II M.S.W. students. The resource person was Dr. Vijayaraghavan, Consultant Psychiatrist, Schizophrenia Research Foundation India.

‘Displacement Relocation & Rehabilitation – Role of a Social Worker’ was organised for the II M.S.W. students as part of Environmental Social Work on 03 September 2020. The resource person was Ms. Esther Maria Selvam, Associate Director, ActionAid India, Chennai.

A Certificate course in ‘Basic Counselling’ is being offered for the III B.S.W. students in collaboration with SMCDRIVE and The Banyan from January to March 2021.

An online session on ‘Minor Mental Disorders, Substance Addiction & Technology’ was organised by the Department on 21 September 2020 and 25 September 2020. Dr. Mohan Raj, Consultant Psychiatrist, Tharu Clinic, Chennai, was the resource person. The students of II M.S.W. participated and benefited out of the programme.

The Department of Social Work and NSS organised a guest lecture on ‘New Education Policy’ on 24 September 2020. The resource person Ms. Auxilia Peter, Founder & Managing

Trustee, Golden Butterflies, Children’s Palliative Care Foundation delivered a guest lecture.

A session on ‘Eco-Spirituality’ was conducted by the Department on 24 September 2020 for the II M.S.W. students. Sr. Maria Sundari, Co-ordinator, Department of Value Education, was the resource person.

An online session on ‘Intervention during Pandemic period for Migrant Domestic Workers’ was organised on 28 September 2020. The resource person Sr. Valarmathi, a social activist interacted with students and presented her views.

A session on ‘Child Psychiatric Disorders’ was organised for II M.S.W. students as part of Mental Disorders and Psychiatric Social Work on 29 September 2020. Dr. Venkatesh, Professor, Institute of Mental Health was the resource person who presented and interacted with the students.

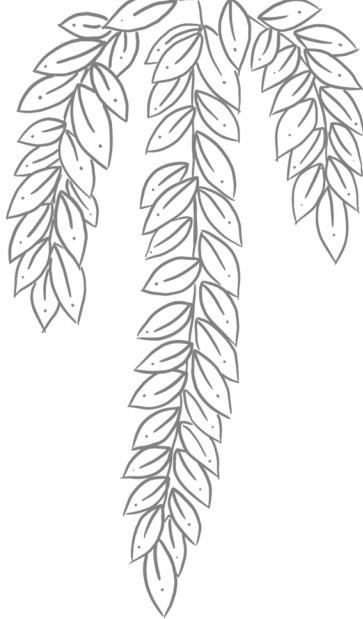
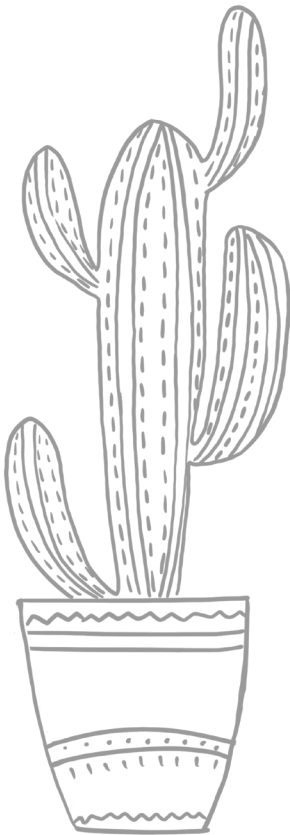
A webinar on ‘Inner Peace’ was organised by the Department on 13 February 2021. The resource person was Dr. R. Belinda Head, Department of Social Work (Self-financed Section), Madras Christian College, Tambaram. The II M.S.W. and II year students of the general elective ‘Conflict and Peace’ attended the webinar.

A state level consultation on ‘Decent Work and Labour Codes’ was organised on 20 February 2021 by the Department of Social Work in collaboration with ActionAid India. Ms. Esther Maria Selvam, Associate Director, ActionAid India Association, Tamil Nadu, Ms. Ramapriya, Advocate Madras High Court, Ms. Geetha Ramakrishnan, Co-ordinator, Unorganized Workers Federation, Tamil Nadu, Mr. Dr. Manivelan, State Nodal Officer, Occupational Health and Safety, DMS, Chennai, Dr. Thol



Thirumavalavan, Member of Parliament, Chidambaram Constituency, Tamil Nadu, President, Vidudhalai Siruthaigalkatchi, Dr.Kalanidhi Veerasamy, Member of Parliament, Chennai, North Constituency, Tamil Nadu, Mr. Sunil. G, Women Wage Watch Facilitator, Tamil Nadu and Ms.Vigiliya, ActionAid, were also present. There were deliberations on the Decent Work and Labour Code. The Programme was held in the College premises where more than 100 women participated and benefited.

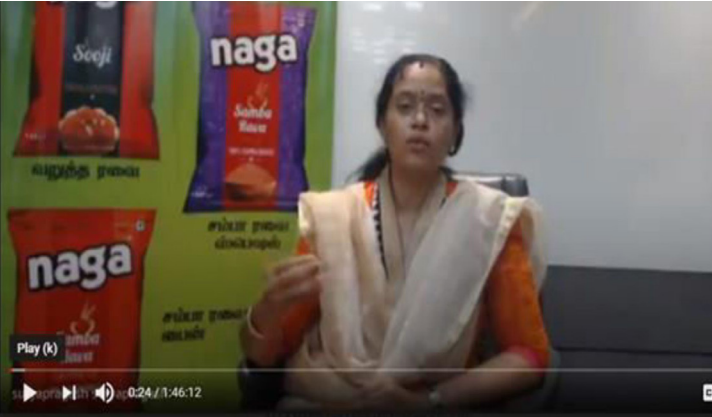
A One-day training programme on ‘Psychosocial Care during Disasters’ was organised along with NIMHANS on 26 February 2021. The II M.S.W. and III B.S.W. students participated and benefited out of the programme.



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FOOD PROCESSING AND
QUALITY CONTROL

The past year was one of profound challenges, but the Department of Food Processing and Quality Control strove to offer a rich and varied educational experience to students.

In the first month of the lockdown, to equip ourselves to effectively teach online, we (the faculty) went through the Faculty Development Programme on ‘Managing Online Classes and Co-Creating MOOCs,’ sponsored by the Ministry of Human Resource Development. When our College, in collaboration with Coursera, offered students and faculty an opportunity



Mrs. Lakshmi Vijay Anand, CEO, Naga Foods, at the ‘Food Value Chain’ Webinar

to enrol for online courses on that platform, many of us completed several courses. By July, supported by the technology team at the College, we quickly transitioned to remote teaching and learning.

The Department organised various webinars in the field of food, nutrition and processing. These were attended by not only our students but also students and faculty from other colleges. The faculty of the Department were the resource persons for the webinar on ‘Food Nutrition and Hygiene.’ Dr. Anna Rangini Chellappa, an eminent nutritionist, spoke at the webinar on ‘Need of the Hour: Foods that Enhance Immunity’ emphasising on how nutrition could be used to combat COVID-19.

As in every academic year, there were several events for students—but all were online. This in fact facilitated greater participation. About 900 students took part in an intercollegiate online quiz to commemorate the World Food Safety Day on 7 June 2020. The annual department fest was organized in collaboration with Nestlé. The theme was ‘Food Pro 2020—Bite-O-Fit’ and the events, including invited lectures by experts, were spread over three days. Among the speakers were Ms. Lakshmi Vijay Anand (CEO, Naga Foods) and Mr. Shivakumar Balakrishnan (pharmacist and organic farmer) who

spoke on ‘A Farm to Palm View of the Food Value Chain.’ There were also quizzes and competitions for students.

Students also received inputs from Mrs. Srividya Arvind Iyer (Senior Health Associate, Parentlane) who talked on ‘Diet and Nutrition in Pregnancy and Beyond.’ Ms. S. Shalini (Founder, Limited Spoon Wellness Centre) told the students about how to ‘Watch Your Plate Not Weight.’ The Department also organised an awareness programme on COVID-19 for all the students of Stella Maris College in collaboration with the Directorate of Public Health and Preventive Medicine, Government of Tamil Nadu. The focus was on prevention of the spread of the virus.



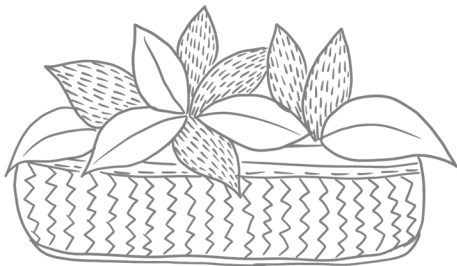
Mr. Shivakumar Balakrishnan speaking at the webinar on ‘Farm to Palm’



Speakers at the Awareness Programme on COVID-19

Some of the other memorable events of this year were Ms.Subhashree receiving her doctoral degree and the online evaluation, by the National Skill Development Corporation, of the courses preparing students for careers as Fruit and Vegetable Processing Technicians.

We are grateful for the guidance and generosity of the management in sponsoring the education of many of our students during these testing times. We have adapted and survived the demanding, uncharted territory we thrust into since mid-March 2020, and will remain strong and resilient and work for a promising tomorrow.





In spite of the pandemic, and having to pivot to online teaching, the Department of Sustainable Energy Management had a busy and fruitful year.

We (the faculty) attended and completed a faculty development programme on ‘Managing Online Classes and Co-Creating MOOCs’ (sponsored by the Ministry of Human Resource Development and organized by Ramanujam College, New Delhi) and many other training sessions to prepare ourselves for online teaching. Students and faculty

A webinar on

‘Energy, Water & Resources Savings’

How to Go About Sustainability?

On

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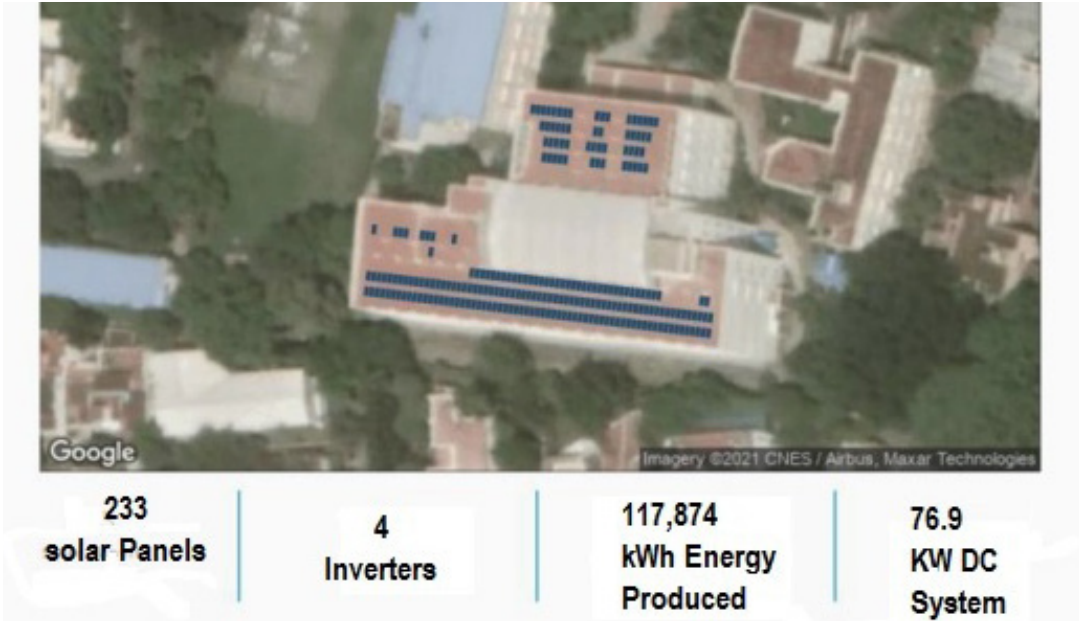
Engineering Private Limited



Mr. Sanjeev Durairaj
Certified Energy Auditor
UVK Susnomics Engineering
Private Limited



Webinar on Energy, Water and Resource Saving



A final year project ‘Suggested Solar Panels for SS Block’

enthusiastically enrolled and completed online courses offered by Coursera in partnership with our College.

We were able to organize several webinars through the year and students got to listen to several experts from the industry. Mr. U. V. Krishna Mohan Rao (an international expert on sustainability) and Mr. Sanjeev Durairaj (Certified Energy Auditor), both from UVK Susnomics Engineering, were the resource persons for the webinar on ‘Energy, Water and Resources Savings: How to go about Sustainability.’ They addressed about 350 students from across the country. To emphasise the need for effective and profitable waste management, Mr. Jagdeesh,

an entrepreneur, walked the students through the steps involved in the setting up of a biogas plant in another webinar. Mr. K. Anil Kumar, empanelled speaker from the Petroleum Conservation Research Association, spoke on the importance of fuel conservation. At the webinar on ‘ICT as a Pedagogy Tool for Renewable Energy,’ faculty from our Department spoke on the various ICT tools for teaching about renewable sources of energy and sustainability.

To celebrate World Environment Day on 5 June 2020, we organized an intercollegiate quiz on ‘Energy Impact on Environment.’ About 1300 students from across the country participated and were given certificates.



A student working on one of the final year projects ‘Domestic Biogas Installation’

Students organized our annual intercollegiate cultural fest ‘Envirosensor 2021 - Green Lovers of the Planet’ and green enthusiast Mr. ‘Solar’ Suresh spoke on sustainable activities. The event also had competitions for the students of other colleges.

Finally, there were the important personal achievements of staff and students. One of us, Ms. R. Vincent Femilaa, was awarded a doctoral degree. Dr. P. Rekha published three papers in international journals. Final year students worked on socially significant projects—the application of sustainable

energy products and practices in the energy and agriculture sectors, in waste utilization and reduction of pollution, etc.

The students are grateful for the guidance and generosity of the management in sponsoring their education during these testing times of the pandemic. We hope that in the coming years as well, our Department will be able to provide a holistic education and prepare our students to meet important global needs—especially the need for accountability for our natural resources.

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

The Department of International Studies had an eventful year despite the online mode of teaching and learning. The Department, in order to keep abreast of the global changes in International Relations and in order to keep the students constructively engaged, launched a series of webinars and online programmes.

The academic year started off with a webinar series organised by the Department on 14 and 15 May 2020 on the ‘Impact of The COVID - 19 Pandemic on The Global Political, Security & Economic Orders’. Dr Bibhu Prasad Routray, Director, Mantraya.Org, Dr Priyanca Mathur, Associate Professor, Jain University Bengaluru, Cmdr R S Vasan, Secretary & Director, Chennai Centre For China Studies and Dr.D.Suba Chandran, Professor And Dean, NIAS, Bengaluru were the resource persons.

This was followed by a unique and enriching online initiative titled the ‘Alumni Series Webinars’ wherein the Department





Ms. Aarti Santhanam introducing the chief guests
Dr. Florina Xavier and Ms. Erika Lizbeth Vega
Anaya

conducted four alumni series webinars during the lockdown from May to July 2020. The first of these was an International Alumni series webinar where Mr. Sylvain Lefort, an exchange programme Alumni of 2007 batch addressed the students. He shared his experience as an humanitarian aid worker and the dangers and risks involved in being a field worker especially in conflict and war torn areas.

This was followed by Ms Anupama Shekar, Director of Culture Division, ASEF, Singapore, of the 2004 batch addressing our students on career opportunities in the field of art, culture and emerging trends in soft power diplomacy. The Department also hosted Ms. Vanessa Peter of IRDUC and Dr. Prathiba M.S. from IDSA who also spoke to our

students on careers and opportunities in IR. This Alumni series was a new learning opportunity as it opened out new vistas for careers in International Relations and their apprehensions were validated by alumni who had established themselves successfully in their respective fields.

At a national level, the Department of International Studies is a member of the International Peace Research Initiative (IPRI) network and a Tuesday Lecture Series was organised by the National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bengaluru, together with four other International Relations Departments. Students across various universities and colleges in South India



Dr. Florina Xavier of Organisation for Eelam
Refugee Rehabilitation (OFERR) and
currently Regional Return and Reintegration
Advisor for Act for Peace conducting the
workshop on refugees

participated in it from June to September 2020. Several eminent resource persons of national and international repute delivered weekly lectures on International Relations and India's foreign policy etc.

Finally, the Department was able to conduct a regular in-person workshop on 'Gender, Children and Refugees' on 23 February 2021 as a part of the Human Rights course. Dr.Florina Xavier of Organisation for Eelam Refugee Rehabilitation (OFERR) and currently Regional Return and Reintegration Advisor for Act for Peace and Ms. Erika Lizbeth Vega Anaya, a feminist, women's rights activist from Mexico, jointly conducted the simulation cum workshop.

Overall, the year 2020-21 was a new learning experience for both the students and the faculty. It was an opportunity to explore and use one's creativity and resources to sustain the teaching learning process and make it an enriching one.

The Department had its own share of successes and credible achievements with two of its faculty members namely Dr.Rajeswari Thilagan and Dr.Priya Suresh being conferred their Doctoral Degrees in December 2020 and March 2021 respectively. Dr.Rajeswari Thilagan had the distinction of being the first ever Doctoral Candidate to receive her Ph.D. in International and Area Studies from the Madras University.



Srija Menon delivering a lecture on Gender and Women's Rights

Keeping in mind the global digital transition in various fields, owing to the COVID -19 pandemic, the Department began the academic year with a deliberation on the impact of digital communication on business and public relations. A national level webinar on 'Digital Communication during and post COVID-19' was organized on 21 May 2020. Mr.R.Ramasubramanian, Chief Communication Architect, Axiom Communication Strategies, Ms. Mahalakshmi Saravanan, Founder, Women Entrepreneurs India and Ms.Abinaya Selvam, Co- founder, UpTown Ideas, addressed the faculty and students from various colleges and universities across the country.

The Department initiated its first 'Expressive Arts for Community Building' workshop for the first M.A. students as part of the Social Awareness Programme. The students conducted a week-long online Expressive Arts for Community Intervention Programme in the month of December 2020, in the interest of different communities such as - The Transgender Community of Sahodari Foundation, Pollachi, the children and youth of the Vyasarpadi slum through



PR campaign 'Unave Aatral' by II M.A. Public Relations students

Aarvam, Chennai, the children from the fishing community of Kasimedu through Vidhaikkalam, Chennai.

The final year students conducted the annual PR Campaign, 'Unave Aatral' to spread awareness about eating disorders and the need to follow a healthy diet. The campaign aimed at educating and shedding light on eating disorders, which are classified as severe mental illnesses. It was an attempt at spreading awareness by educating people, especially from the age groups of 18-24 about the intensity of these conditions, since they are highly susceptible towards the same while also highlighting the benefits of healthy eating. The month-long campaign was inaugurated on 8 March 2021 by

Ms.Sruti Nakul, a renowned pastry chef and a social media influencer, Ms. Mina Dilip, a psychologist and Ms. Ranchana Ilangumaran, a practicing nutritionist.

Two student-initiated webinars at regional and national levels respectively were organized on contemporary topics focusing on 'Corporate Social Responsibility' and 'Influencer Marketing'. 'Environment and Sustainability – A persistent commitment of NGOs'. 'Corporates and Media' was a regional webinar organized on 28 December 2020 with five eminent speakers – Mr.Arun Krishnamurthy, Environment activist, Dr.Prahalathan, Ophthalmologist and Co-Founder of Bhumi foundation, Mr.Ganesh, Co-Founder, Kabadiwala, Ms. Mercy,

Deputy Manager, HR, Temple Precision Metal Products, India and Mr. Karun, Radio Jockey, 92.7 Big FM. It was an informative deliberation about the method by which different organizations strive to maintain a sustainable environment.

Another national webinar was organized on 20 April 2021 titled 'Harnessing the power of Digital Influencers in Marketing – a PR perspective'. The webinar had a three-pronged approach as to how PR firms, Corporates and Influencers themselves, integrate Influencer marketing and Public Relations. It began with a keynote speech by Ms. Archana Mohta, PR & Head of Communications, Influencer Marketing - Gourmet Investments Pvt. Ltd. Followed by this, the session had a constructive panel discussion with three industry experts- Mr. Satyan Bhatt, Founder, Prism PR India, Mr. Balakrishna Shankar, Vice-president, 20:20 MSL, Chennai, Ms. Shalini Kutty, Social media Influencer, FAE beauty and Ms. Varsha Jeetendra Kunhody, Deputy PR manager, SunEdison. The webinar had participation from several students, faculty and industry professionals.

The faculty and the final year students of the Department had presented six papers at three Virtual National and International Conferences in the months of March and April 2021.

BIOINFORMATICS

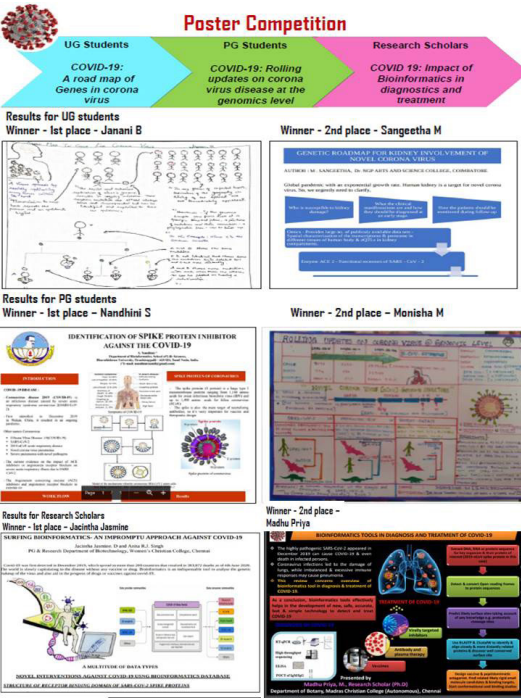
The Department of Bioinformatics started the year by organising a webinar on 'Computational Perspectives in Handling Biological Data' on 21 May 2020. The keynote address was delivered by Dr. N. Murugan and Mr. Pankaj Mishra. Dr. N. Murugan is a scientist and manager at Molecular Genetics, LifeCell, Chennai, and Mr. Pankaj Mishra is a researcher at the University of Friburg, Germany, and the founder and CEO of Medgenera.

In June 2020, the Department hosted a poster-making competition for undergraduate and postgraduate students and research scholars of our College and other colleges. The topics were connected with COVID-19, such as genes, genomics, diagnostics and treatments.

The year was fruitful in terms of research and publications: Ms. R. Sagaya Jansi and Ms. S. Aishwarya and Dr. M. Sharanya received seed money grants from the College to carry out research projects. Ms. R. Sagaya Jansi published five research articles in peer-reviewed international journals indexed in Scopus and Web of Science with a total impact factor of 20.028. Ms. S. Aishwarya published seven research papers in peer-reviewed journals indexed in Scopus and Web of

Science with a total impact factor of 14.04. Dr. M.Sharanya wrote a chapter in the book Fungal Biology published by Springer.

Finally, the lockdown created new opportunities for networking online and both faculty and students benefitted from this. The faculty of the Department attended various national and international workshops and seminars online. Ms. Aishwarya S. presented three papers and attended four international and 12 national conferences. Dr. Sharanya M. participated in several international conferences and workshops. The students participated in several webinars on bioinformatics and also attended online courses on next-generation sequencing analysis, programming in Python and the data sciences.



One of the award-winning posters at the competition held by the Department

BIOTECHNOLOGY

This year, in spite of the challenges, the Department was able, as usual, to offer its students both conceptual knowledge and hands-on training skills.

We organized two international workshops and four international webinars. The first international workshop, on ‘The Significance of Snakebites and Venoms for Life Science Education,’ was held on 26 February 2021 in collaboration with University of Reading (UK). Faculty from various colleges attended the workshop.

We followed this up with another international workshop on a similar theme, ‘The Significance of Snakebite Education, Awareness and Management,’ again in collaboration with



Faculty and resource persons at the international conference on ‘The Significance of Snakebite Education, Awareness and Management’



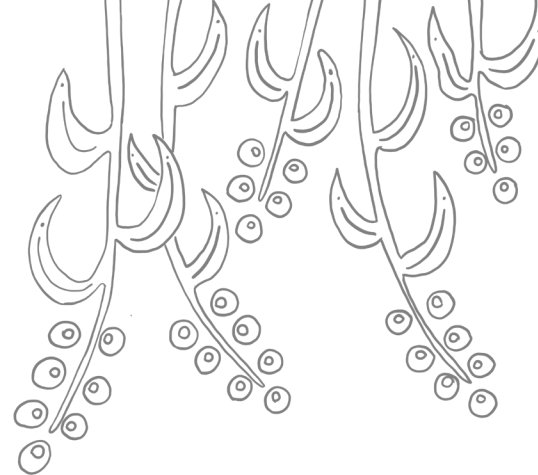
The international workshop on 'The Significance of Snakebites and Venoms for Life Science Education'

University of Reading, the Indian Medical Association (Tamil Nadu) and SRM Medical College, Hospital and Research Centre, Tiruchirapalli, on 25 March 2021. The event was inaugurated by Dr. J. Radhakrishnan, IAS, Health Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of Tamil Nadu. The workshop was attended by directors and deans of various medical sciences colleges, departments of public health, research institutes and universities.

We also hosted four international webinars: on 'Writing the Big Grant,' with the Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council, on 9 March 2021; 'Insights on Epigenetic Regulation of Skeletal Muscle Development and Muscular Tumour' on 15 June 2020; 'ICT in Biotechnology' on 13 May 2020; and 'Decoding COVID-19: Ground Realities of the New Virus' on 11 May 2020. Faculty as well as students, from our College

and others, attended, and the feedback was that the sessions had been a great learning experience.

Finally, we are proud and thankful that this academic year as well was fruitful in terms of research output and awards. Faculty in the Department of Biotechnology published 28 papers in peer-reviewed journals and six book chapters. The poster presented by Dr. S. Jayashree and Dr. Aruna Sharmili S. was adjudged among the top five in the 'Women Scientists and Entrepreneurs Conclave, 2020' organized by the Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India, New Delhi. Dr. K. Veena Gayathri won several best paper awards in national and international conferences. The students of the department also won best paper and poster awards in various national and international conferences.



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இணையவழி கருத்தரங்கம்

ஸ்டெல்லா மாரிஸ் கல்லூரி தமிழ்த்துறை“ நவீனமும் இலக்கியமும்” என்ற தலைப்பில் 2.7.2021 அன்று இணையவழி கருத்தரங்கம் நிகழ்த்தியது .

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Chief guest's address for the Pongal celebrations 2021

விருந்தினராகக் கலந்து கொண்டு இன்றைய நவீன இலக்கியங்கள் குறித்தும் அதன் கருப்பொருள் குறித்தும் சிறப்புறையாற்றினார். கருத்தரங்கில் 93-பேர் பங்கேற்றுப் பயனடைந்தனர். பங்கேற்பாளர்களுக்கு இணையவழி சான்றிதழ் வழங்கப்பட்டது.

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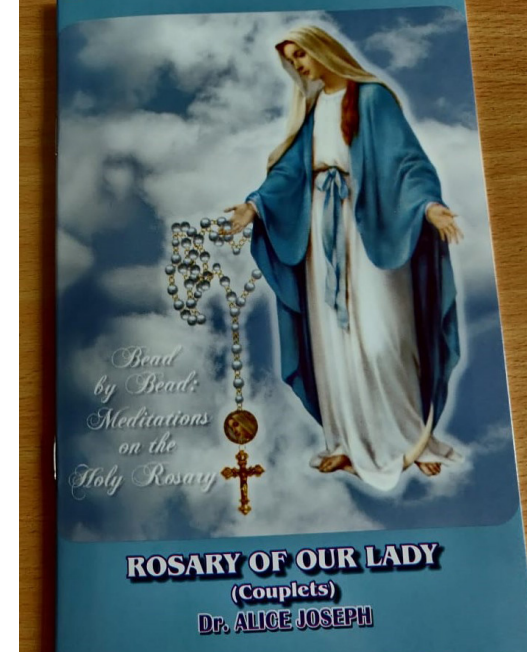
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பொங்கல் விழா

தமிழர் திருநாளாம், பொங்கல் விழாவை தமிழ்த் துறையின் சார்பாக 12.1.2021 அன்று இணையவழியில் கொண்டாடப்பட்டது . சிறப்பு விருந்தினராக கருமாத்தார் அருள்



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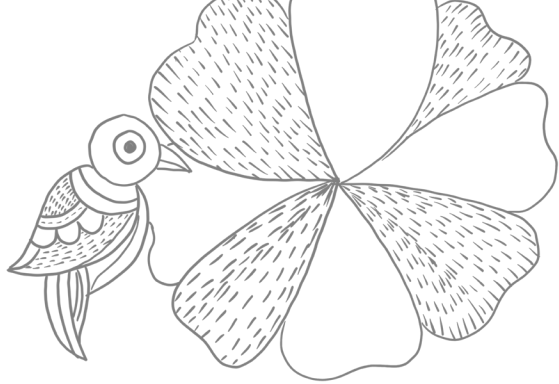


Rosary Of Our Lady

ஆனந்தர கலலூராயின துணை முதலவர் முனைவர் அருட் தந்தை ம. அன்பரசு அவர்கள் கலந்து கொண்டு சிறப்பித்தார் . விழாவின் முக்கியத்துவத்தைப் பற்றியும் இன்றைய வேளாண்மையின் தேவை குறித்தும் சிறப்புறையாற்றினார் . மாணவிகள் பங்கேற்ற கலை நிகழ்ச்சிகளும் இணையவழியில் ஒளிபரப்பப்பட்டது.

தமிழ்த்துறை சார்பாக 22 -பிப்ரவரி 2021- ஆம் தேதி உலக தாய்மொழி நாள் கொண்டாடப்பட்டது . அன்று தமிழ் மொழியின் பண்பாட்டையும் சிறப்புகளையும் வெளிப்படுத்தும் பொருட்டு மாணவிகள் உருவாக்கிய காணொளி வெளியிடப்பட்டு ஆசிரியர்களுக்கும் மாணவிகளுக்கும் ஒளிபரப்பப்பட்டது.

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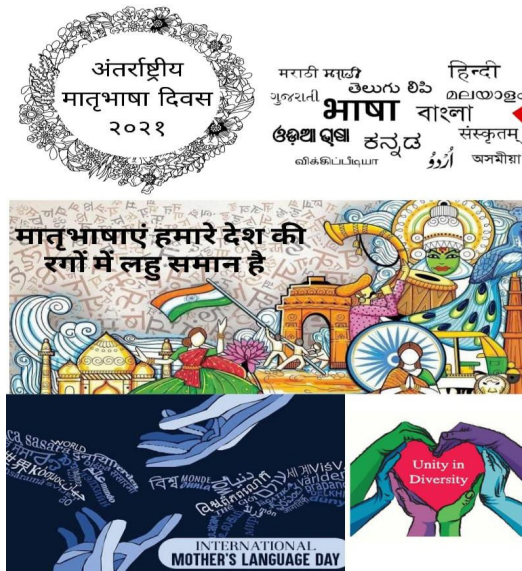
The Department of Hindi began the year by conducting a national-level webinar on ‘Learning Language Tools and Online Courses’ on 2 June 2020.

The highlight of the year for the Department was undoubtedly Dr. Srabani Bhattacharya being awarded the Kamalapati Tripathi Hindi Seva Samman, 2020, by the Pandit Kamalapati Tripathi Foundation (Varanasi) on 3 September 2020. She received a certificate and a cash prize of Rs. 25,000 in

HINDI



Dr. A. Fathima - Certificate for Her Refresher Course from JNU



Matrubhasha Diwas

recognition of her outstanding work in the creative writing field and for services towards Hindi.

There were several milestones of personal achievement. Dr. A. Fathima completed a refresher course in Hindi from the Jawaharlal Nehru University in October 2020. Dr. Srabani and Dr. A. Fathima attended a total of 26 national and international webinars through the academic year.

On 23 February 2021, the Matrubhasha Diwas was celebrated in the campus of Stella Maris College. 'Anubhuti,' the club of the Department of Hindi, organized a programme to celebrate the unity of our culture and languages.



Award for Dr. Srabani



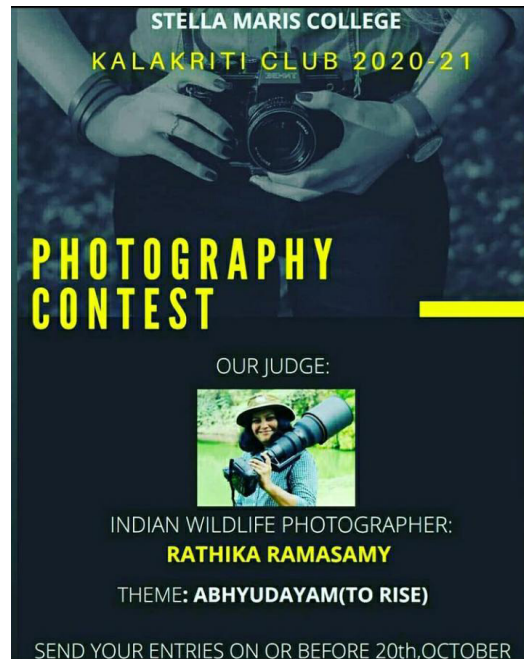
Webinar by the Department



The Department of Sanskrit strives to motivate students of diverse cultural backgrounds with its curricular and co-curricular activities. Following tradition, this year the activities of 'Kalakrti' (the Sanskrit Club) were conducted with a theme 'Abhyudayam (Rise) 2020-2021.'

The Department of Sanskrit started its curricular activities with a state-level online lecture on 23 May 2020 on the topic 'Introduction to Ayurveda.' The lecture was delivered by Prof. Dr. Venugopalan Sankaran (Department of Sanskrit and Sahitya, Sri Jayendra Saraswati Ayurveda College and Hospital, Nazarethpettai, Chennai). The lecture outlined the basics of Ayurveda and its relevance to the present day. The lecture also covered various diseases and treatments offered in Ayurveda. Over a hundred students from all over the state participated and benefited from the lecture.

The Department conducted various activities to tap the creativity of students at the interdepartmental level. On 3 August 2020, the Department celebrated 'Visva Samskrtadina', the World Sanskrit Day, by conducting quiz, music, speech and dance events. Students of the Department presented a PowerPoint slideshow highlighting the greatness and antiquity of the Sanskrit language. Students from various



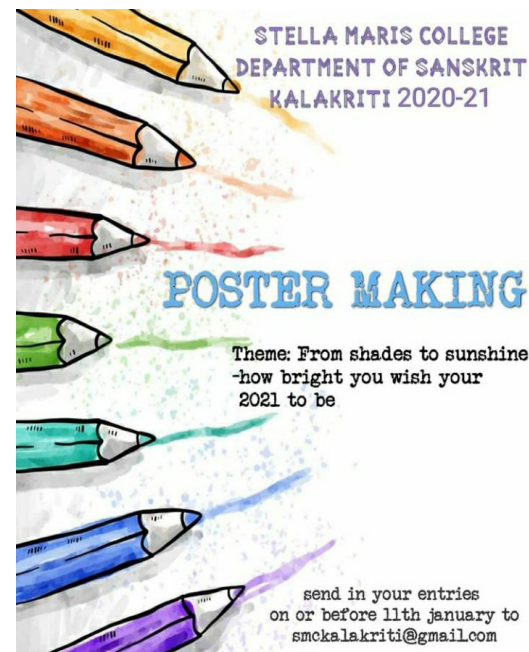
Invitation for a Photography Competition
- A Sanskrit Department Event

departments participated in the events and bagged prizes. On 13 September, Kalakriti conducted a logo designing competition based on the theme 'Abhyudayam.'

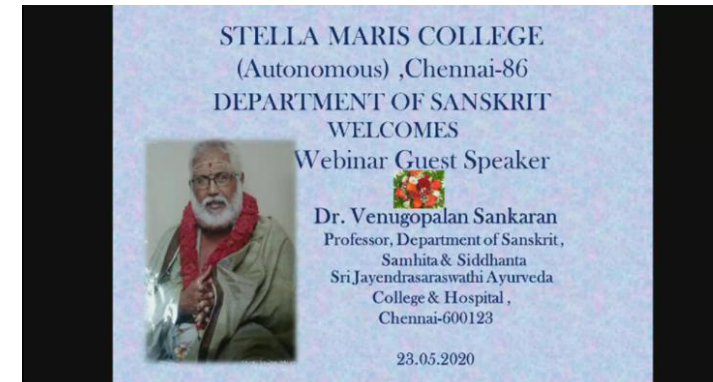
On 25 September, a logo-unveiling and 'Freshers' Day' was celebrated online to welcome the first years. On 20 October, Kalakriti conducted an online photography contest, based on the theme 'Abhyudayam.' The event was judged by renowned wildlife photographer Ms. Rathika Ramaswamy. On 14 November, Kalakriti conducted a crossword puzzle competition, 'Who is Who in the Epics,' for enthusiastic Sanskrit students. The event

had overwhelming participation from first- and second-year undergraduate students. On 11 January 2021, Kalakriti conducted an online poster making competition on the theme 'Anatapaat—Atapam (Shade To Sunshine)—How Bright Do You Wish Your 2021 To Be.' Students of our College across disciplines participated and won prizes.

Students of the Sanskrit Department participated in various intercollegiate events organized online by colleges in Chennai and Tamil Nadu. They bagged prizes, both as individuals and as groups, in quizzes, singing, collage, poster-making, T-shirt designing and



Invitation for a Sanskrit
Department Competition



Stella Maris College Sanskrit Ayurveda Webinar

other competitions at events conducted by the Seethalakshmi Ramaswamy College (Tiruchirappalli), Sri Sarada College for Women (Salem), Seethalakshmi Arts College (Pallathur), MOP Vaishnav College and the Justice Basheer Ahmed Sayeed College for Women (Chennai).

Finally, we may mention the achievements of the faculty of the Department. Dr. R. Subasri attended four online national-level workshops and webinars and one refresher course. She was also invited to delivered several talks: on the 'Tragic Heroes of Bhasa' at a webinar hosted by the Department of Sanskrit, Dr. MGR Janaki College of Arts and Science (Chennai) on 12 June 2020; on 'Changing Times Changeless Ideals' at a week-long webinar, 'On Insights from Sanskrit Literature,' hosted by the School of Languages, Department of Sanskrit, Guru Nanak College (Chennai) on 18 August 2020; and on the 'Mahabharata Plays of Bhasa' at a webinar hosted by the Sri Sarada College for Women (Salem) on 25 January 2021.





The Department of French, through its club ‘Cercle des Francophiles’, organised various online activities and competitions.

On 25 May 2020, the Department of French, Stella Maris College, organised a webinar on “Avec nos profs, c’est facile d’apprendre le français: avenir et champs d’intérêt.” (It is easier to learn French with our profs: avenues & opportunities) on Cisco Webex platform. Dr.N.C.Mirakamal, Head, Department of French & Other Foreign Languages, was invited as speaker for the online event. The webinar had participants from across India as well as from other countries like Bahrain, Dubai, etc. The webinar was interactive and well received. The participants were issued with an e-certificate of participation. The Department of French received accolades and positive feedback for the topic chosen and for seamlessly conducting the webinar online.

From 29 December 2020 to 2 January 2021, the Department of French conducted a Crib Making Competition, entitled ‘L’Esprit de Noël’. The participants were required to send in



The webinar by Dr. N. C. Mirakamal

pictures of the nativity scene that they had crafted during the Christmas season and send in photographs to the French club. The main objective of the competition was to encourage and promote the festive spirit of Christmas, an important festival in Francophonic culture.

A singing competition, ‘Chantent les Filles’ was conducted between 20 January 2021 and 24 January 2021. The participants were required to send in videos where they are seen singing a French song, to the French club. The main objective of the competition was to encourage and promote Francophonic culture. The winners were selected based on criteria of vocal quality, diction, enunciation and song selection.

From 7 to 13 February 2021, the Department of French and the French club, *Le Cercle de Francophiles* conducted ‘La Vie en Rose: Photography Competition’. Participants were

required to send in photographs along with a caption in French on the theme ‘L’Essence d’Amour’ to the French club. The winners were selected based on photo aesthetics, relevance to the theme and caption.

Students of the French Department actively participated in intercollegiate online quiz events conducted by the French departments of various city colleges like Loyola College, Ethiraj College for Women, S.I.E.T College, Asan Memorial College of Arts and Science and Justice Basheer Ahmed Sayeed College for Women. The students were awarded with an e-certificate of achievement and participants were acknowledged with an e-certificate of participation.

Our students also participated in the intercollegiate fest conducted by the Department of French, M.O.P Vaishnav College for Women and bagged first and second prizes in singing and French quiz competition respectively.



Students participate in M.O.P college fest

IN *M*emorialiam





Dr. Sr. Helen Vincent fmm

Dr. Sr. Helen Vincent of the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary, Principal and Secretary of our College from 1978 to 1990, died on 14 December 2020. Sr. Helen has been called a legend of her times in the College: an eminent educationist, a strict disciplinarian, and a loving mentor of the students; to the faculty of the College, a firm and understanding administrator and a friendly colleague. Stella Maris grew to great heights under her.

Sr. Helen was born on 4 August 1931 in Tiruchirappalli to Mr. Vincent Sebastian Subramanyam and Violet Lucy Venkatalakshimi, who belonged to the well-known Vincent family of Mary's Thope, Tiruchirappalli. She was the seventh child among ten children. Her siblings included six brothers and three sisters. The Vincent family were first-generation Catholics.

Sr. Helen joined Stella Maris College as a student in 1956 and began an association that lasted nearly three quarters of a century and ended only when she died. She was appointed assistant professor of economics in 1967, served as vice principal from 1974 to 1978, and then as principal till 1990. Even after she retired, she continued to be active in the field of education, and directed the English Language and Life Skills Programme for several years.

When she passed away on 14 December 2020, she was 90 years old.

Sr. Helen said of her own life, 'I may have to write a book if I have to narrate all the events that have shaped and sustained me, this far, in the love of Christ.'

She was a woman of deep and abiding faith. She was ill for a long time towards the end of her life, but was comforting others till the end, though it should probably have been the other way around.

For her, no one was a stranger and all people were potential friends. A gregarious and outgoing person, she deeply cared about people. Maya Angelou has written, 'I have learnt that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.' Sr. Helen would not just step up and help

others in need—she would make them feel loved, welcome, important, and valued. Sr. Helen saw connections where others saw boundaries, and because of her ability to bring together ideas and people, the College prospered under her.

Constantly on the move between the College and the convent, Sr. Helen cheered and advised all those she encountered on the way. She always had a kind word for the workers on the campus. Her deep love for the underprivileged students who were weak in English equalled her zeal to guide the Ph.D. students of the Department of Economics. Her interests in life ranged from decorating the notice boards in the community to music, dance and writing articles. Her active participation in the daily liturgy and in community exercises, as well as in the various activities of the College, was 100% even at an advanced age.

Where did Sr. Helen get her amazing physical stamina and mental alertness? Surely it was from her intimacy with Jesus in the Eucharist, devotion to Virgin Mary and silent reflection on the Word of God. Her success in meeting the challenges of life and shouldering responsibilities entrusted to her as principal or secretary or the superior of the community (1977–2000) could be attributed to her fidelity to her religious commitment. Sr. Helen, an obedient FMM,

a cheerful and zealous missionary, gave herself totally to the mission of teaching the young adults of Stella Maris College.

We bid a tearful farewell to this icon of Stella Maris, known by many well-wishers and benefactors as a vibrant personality with a colossal memory for persons and facts. Our hearts say, ‘Thank you Helen. You are amazing at all times! We thank God for you.’

*‘On the sands of times you have left
your footprints with glory*

*Everyone will know your name and
shall recall your glory’*

SOME MEMORIES OF SR. HELEN

Dr. Sr. Annamma Philip fmm
Former Principal, Stella Maris College
I thank God for this wonderful person, loving, kind, sharp, and quick. I learnt a lot from her. She trained me when I was vice principal. One day, when she called me to the Principal’s Office, I saw many students lined up in front of the room. They had missed the

value education class. She questioned each and every one, and to one young woman she asked, ‘You also had morning sickness?’ I had to disguise my laughter as a cough and leave the room. She would see students sitting under trees in the campus and ask if they had had lunch. The midday meal scheme at College was started under Sr. Helen Vincent.

I know how difficult it was to have F Block built. Sister built up a network of many supporters. Dr. Nalli helped us a lot, and others did too.

Tributes to Dr. Sr. Helen Vincent fmm at her memorial service
By members of the Stella Maris Association of Retired Teachers (SMART) and others

A tribute to Sr. Helen Vincent fmm was organised on 9 January 2021. Many faculty shared their fond memories of her, after which there was a PowerPoint presentation on the life of Sr. Helen. Dr. Sr. Annamma Philip fmm (former Principal), and Dr. Sr. Nirmala fmm (Provincial), and Dr. Meera Paul (former Head, Department of Botany), also recounted their memories of Sr. Helen.

Dr. Meena Swamy
Former Vice Principal
We had a lot of differences and even fought over issues, but in spite of all that she had a special love for me. I cannot forget how she dealt with me after her retirement.

No one will believe this because the two of us had so many differences. I cherish the days when I had lovely discussions with her.

Ms. Mary Rhevathy Jesudoss
Former Faculty, Department of Zoology

When I came from Madurai to Chennai, after some work experience in Lady Doak College, I applied at various colleges in the city. At the other colleges, the principals would tell me to leave the application with the PA. When I came to Stella Maris, Sr. Helen called me inside, offered me a seat, and read my application. She was the only principal who did this. She said the College did not have an opening then, but would call me if one came up. Later, she called me for a leave vacancy, and I was appointed on a permanent basis.

Our family had the usual problems. She would ask me why I was looking so sad and when I shared my problems, she would console and encourage me. I used to get scared of her but when I saw this side of her, I was so touched. I remember in one staff meeting she said, ‘When your child is sick don’t waste your casual leave, just take your class and go.’ Till the end of my life, she will be in my heart. I am so grateful to her.

Dr. Gigie Varghese
Former Head, Department of Physics

The first time I saw her what impressed me the most were her eyes... those bright, sparkling eyes brimming with intelligence, passion, and zeal. Her frail form and soft voice belied a tremendous inner strength. She had a crystal-clear vision for the College, and took us along with her. She inspired and mentored us and helped us grow. I was a young faculty in my early 30s when I was asked to take up headship after the retirement of Ms. Gnamam, one of the stalwarts of this College.



It was not easy to fill the shoes of someone like Ms. Gnanam. Sister told me in her gentle way, ‘You can do it. You have my support.’ Those words encouraged and empowered me. The challenge of a leader is to be a visionary providing inspiration and guidance, and to be strong as well as empathetic. Sister was all this and much more.

Dr. Geetha Sridharan

Associate Professor (Retd.), Department of Economics

As a student, I used to be at loggerheads with Sr. Helen. I was not a full-bodied Stella Marian. In 1976, Sister recruited me as faculty, but she was not sure if I would fit into the job and I was equally unsure if I could work under her. But at that time Sister had little choice and recruited me. In 1977, I married and became pregnant. In March 1978, I walked into Sr. Irene’s room and told her I want to be a full-time mother. I gave the letter and left. In May I gave birth but in June I lost the child. Within a week, I got a note. ‘I know what you have gone through. Come back, I did not fill your position.’ When I came back, Sister announced, ‘Geetha had joined again.’ No one knew I had walked out of the College. I did not realize until she died how her little note of compassion changed my life. If I live with dignity and self-respect today, it is because of the Sister.

Ms. Nalini Raj

Former Dean of Students

Sr. Helen inspired and instilled confidence in all those who came into contact with her. I was a timid person when I entered the portals of Stella Maris and it surprises me when I look at the person I am today—this is not in a small measure because of my association with Sr. Helen. I met her in 1978 when I joined the institution as a pre-university student. She was then the Principal, and I was captivated by her magnetic

personality. I always listened eagerly when she addressed us because there was always a message for me to carry home. But my real association with her began when I joined the Mathematics Department as faculty in 1984. I was able to observe her at close quarters, and I admired her clarity of thought and the way she conveyed her points without mincing words. Even after Sr. Helen retired, I always made it a point to visit her. My chapel visits were not complete without meeting her. Sr. Helen also used to call me if long time had passed since our last meeting. Someone I loved and admired also showered love on me. She had her own ways of showing affection... she never failed to scold me if she felt I had not done my best. But her sharpness and quickness were qualities I admired and wished to emulate. I will always cherish the times I spent with her.

Dr. Miruna George

Former Head, Department of English

‘The righteous will flourish like the palm tree. They will grow like the cedars of Lebanon.’ Sr. Helen was like a cedar of Lebanon, who embodied the strengths of faith, conviction and character. She was a model of discipline, hard work, dedication and commitment.

The time I spent as a student on the campus shaped to a large degree the person I am today. She always had an affectionate exchange of words while we hostellers used

to sit on the grass patch opposite the CC block and study as a group. During rains, she used to come and check the ground floors of the St. Joseph’s and Our Lady’s Hostels as they would invariably flood, forcing the students there to move to the higher floors, and this during the November examination times.

I never imagined that the Principal who admitted me into the M.A. programme would one day appoint me as assistant professor in her capacity as the Secretary. For me and for a whole generation of young scholars, she embodied the qualities of a person of faith. She taught me the value of truthfulness. Her memory in remembering the details of my family and especially of my daughter never failed to surprise me. She was in a way my connection to my youth in Stella. With her passing, that part of my life has become truly irretrievable.

Dr. Shanti S.

Head, Department of Commerce, Shift I

Dr. Sr. Helen Vincent is the person who recruited all of us—Dr. Leema Francis, Dr. Rashida, Dr. Zonita, Dr. Agnes, myself—in the Commerce Department of Shift I. But for her I don’t think I would have found a place in this special community. And but for her, there would have been no commerce stream, because she was the person who set up the Department.

When I joined as faculty, I used to look very young. She was very concerned about how I would control the class. I could sense a mentor in her. In those days, the Principal’s office was in M-0-1, and right above that was the final-year B.Com. classroom. Whenever Sr. Helen heard the slightest noise, she would be there. One look from her and the class would be silent. If she was punishing the students, they would have to parade to the Open Air Theatre and stand on the other side. Though they were being punished, the students understood that this was to instil self-discipline. When the 30th reunion of the 1985 batch happened, Sister remembered so many names and could recall incidents about students. Each and every student had stories about her and remembered her personality. When the College entered autonomy under her as Principal, the entire transition was so well-organized that we never had any difficulty or regrets.

Many of the Bridge Course students joined the Commerce Department (Shift I). Sr. Helen would remember their names, and gave a lot of importance to these girls from underprivileged backgrounds. She trained them very well. She was a very strict academician and disciplinarian, but also loving and compassionate beyond words. Her hugs showed how important you were to her. She created a sense of community and belongingness.

Dr. Nalli Kuppusami Chetty
Industrialist and benefactor

The very first time I met Sr. Helen Vincent was in 1985, when one of my friends wanted admission for his daughter in the commerce stream. Till then I had not come to Stella Maris—that was the first time I came to the campus. At that time, the Principal’s office was in the old building and it faced the road. I was standing in a queue, and when she came out of the office it was the first time I met her. I gave her a visiting card. She asked me what I wanted, ‘Nalli, what can I do for you?’ and I said my friend wanted admission for his daughter in the commerce department. She told me, ‘Nalli, do you know that the College has no commerce department?’ I was very surprised, and asked why. She said that to start a commerce department, the College would have to deposit Rs. 3,00,000 at the University, and the College did not have the money. I suggested to her that she could ask for donations from parents, and that I would give whatever was remaining. She said had she known this, she would have done it much earlier. She immediately started the process, and said she would write a letter to the university that very day.

After two days, there was a reply from the University, saying that in the case of Stella Maris College, no deposit would be needed, and that they could start the course that very academic year. She immediately phoned and

told me, ‘Had they told me this I would have done this much earlier.’

That year and the year after that there were heavy rains, and the compound wall fell down. She phoned me and said the College needed to construct the wall at once, because it was a question of safety. There were hostels and several young women. I told her to start construction, and that I would pay. The engineer estimated that it would cost about Rs. 87,000. Till the mason and engineer were hired, Sister was tense.

She would call me every College Day. When she was in Bangalore, she would occasionally call from there. She was an unforgettable friend.

Ms. Marianne Vincent
Grandniece

I am staying in the hostel and doing my Master’s in physics. If I did not go for mass and did not see her, she would always ask why. She would ask me about my academics and remember small details. When anyone visited her, she would always give them small gifts...

Be faithful until death and I will give you the crown of life.
(Revelations 2:10, The Bible)

Make my life one of endless praise and thanks.
(Blessed Mary of the Passion)





Ms. Arockia Mary

Ms. Arockia Mary worked as Library Assistant from 25 January 1999 to 19 December 2019.

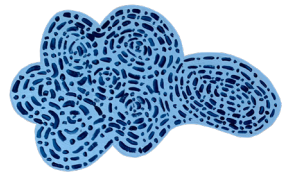
She was born on 14 June 1977. She did her bachelor's degree in mathematics and also held a bachelor's degree in library and information science. She was 44 years old when she expired.

During her period of service in the Stella Maris College Library, she was very active and prayerful. She served all the staff and students with politeness and patience. She was a responsible and straightforward person. She was sincere and dedicated to her work.

She handled the periodicals' entry, counter work, pasting and binding. In addition to this, she also worked in the Postgraduate Library for the past one year.

In due course of time, she developed a heart problem, and was unable to work with us for a long period. She took medical leave in December 2019. Unfortunately, she did not return to work in college after that.

She will be missed by all our Library staff. May her soul rest in peace.



CREATIVE *W*riting



The Masquerade

(The winning entry at the Bhavna Memorial Creative Writing Competition 2020)

*it all began with uneasiness.
the sense of something going wrong.
brief, rare, at first.
with time building up, into
frequent, looping gyres of thought
inescapable.*

*days turning into treacherous swamps i had to
traverse.
my body began to show the signs*



*as each step could and would pull me
down.
hands tried to help me up
yet little did they know
the swamps were my own
ready to appear at the slightest pang
anywhere, anytime, all the time,
out of all control!*

*question: what was wrong?
answer: nothing at all
then?*

*conclusion: it was me,
my mind,
i was going wrong,
malfunctioning with all connections intact.*

*even later, when everything was alright (?),
didn't i know
it would come back
as feared, again
haunting me with the memory
of colourless days?*

*and then, one day,
as the pain was peeling me up
it began to come off too -
the mask!
revealing underneath*

*a glimpse of 'me'
i had felt but never seen.
the same face,
yet curious, happier, peace-fuller.*

*and then i saw
the masquerade, too,
of troubled minds outside -
on the street, at home, everywhere,
pretending
all was just right.*

*the masquerade had been revealed
but, if this was the mask,
who was i?
and where was everybody?*

*didn't they know? didn't they?
or were they too cosy, afraid?
i didn't know.
nothing was as i thought
nothing was as i thought
nothing was as i
thought!!!
but now that the mask was peeling
couldn't i find out?*

-Aswathy Mohandas
II M.A. English Literature



Hope

The darkest of nights tend to have a sole star shining somewhere. Amidst moments of tenacious silence, there is always a tendril of soothing music that creeps into your senses. In a montage of nothingness, a timid waft of petrichor makes its presence known. These miniscule manifestations of hope exist just for us to discover them and devour them whole.

A dark shadow has been looming over our world in all its might. A shadow built upon the innumerable number of souls that have been lost. A shadow that has been sustained by the misery and sorrow of thousands. We have been given first row seats to witness this tragic debacle. Our country has been strangled by the fumes of the funeral pyres scattered throughout the land. As I sit back and let my fingers hover over the keyboard, thoughts of all the heart-rending news articles and happenings break through the sentinels that guarded my brain.

One of my favourite lines goes like this, “The morning will come again; no darkness, no season can last forever”. During



a daunting and gruelling period of winter, we had a taste of spring when news of recoveries reached our ears. Though the past few months contained aeons worth of despair, death and illness, it sure had a semblance of hope left for the inhabitants to relish in. In the midst of all the gloomy happenings that have enshrouded our life, there still seems to be a small anchor called hope that tethers mankind to the ground. We who were once in the brink of exhaustion and collapse are slowly showing signs of rejuvenation and rebirth. The clamour for oxygen and the ghoulis sirens that echoed throughout our streets are slowly but surely giving way to the serene twittering of birds.

We have all been serving a prison term inside the iron clad bars of our homes while hundreds and thousands of people around us were given their death sentences. There might have been a lot of us who have lost our loved ones to the claws of this disease. Loss is a small word that never could encompass the true entirety of feelings that comes with death. We have all had a wave of helplessness wash over us as we were left at the mercy of the virus. One thing that we can all hope for is to come out of this predicament stronger and better. And I, for one, know that this is never an easy task.

Hope seems to be an elusive thing. Just when we envelope it within our palms, it escapes

through the crevices. Just when it enters the soul, it drains out through the fringes. There is this lyric that has stayed stuck to the walls of my mind throughout the monotonous days of the lockdown, “where there is hope, there is hardship”. This statement is true the other way around too. There is always a flicker of hope amidst a blanket of hardships.

We as people have had the immense displeasure of witnessing one of the most nightmarish periods ever to curse the books of history. Thence, I do believe that the spring after this dark winter would be one of the most beautiful and happiest ones ever to grace history. This interlude of our album might have turned out bitter and sorrowful but the songs after this would be mellifluous and pleasant.

All we need to do is wait for the storm to subside and greet the subsequent sun with cheer and hope. Back in the days, sailors used the “North Star” or the Polaris to guide them through vast expanses of water. And once again, may “Hope” be our North Star and aid us in navigating through these troubled times. The perpetual flowers of spring and the azure sky will be the first to greet us once we step out of this dark and chilly era.

-Sana Kamal

I B.A. English Literature



HOPE, in a Pandemic

Surely, this COVID-19 pandemic has proved to be a huge long-lasting storm that this generation will remember till their last breath, and would still live in the textbooks of the upcoming generations. Hope is the only magical potion that one can make for oneself and spread through words & actions to others. For the infected ones, hope is the medicine of strength to the soul and for the unaffected ones, hope is the medicine that surrounds them with positivity to beat anything negative.

I understand that to feel hopeful amidst all the negativity is difficult. We must be mentally aware and strong to make a decision - to be hopeful. Just one step, choose to be hopeful and you will soon be surrounded by hope. Just like the poem says, 'hope is the thing with feathers' (poem by Emily Dickinson), it really hangs onto our souls and never needs to be fed.

Ever heard of the placebo effect? Hope is similar to that!

News such as 'lowest number of cases recorded in the last few days' fills us instantly with hope that this pandemic too will fade away. Yes, we shall slowly win over this pandemic, for it has taken away the lives of our dear friends and family members. With the measures taken in our hands and caution in our minds, with the help of masks and sanitizers everywhere, with the support of the citizens of the country, we can convert this hope into a success!

Since the beginning of the pandemic, several questions arose such as - is the virus a natural one? Is it man-made? How could it spread so much?

To solve these questions, committees have been set up by the WHO. And to tackle the COVID-19, the world has its frontline warriors - the doctors, the nurses, the staffs, the hospital management, the counselors and so on. Ending this pandemic means, a doctor could sleep well in their house, a nurse could go back home, students could go to their classroom, a teacher could look at their student's face for real, we could go to the mountains and the beaches, kids could play freely and so many different meanings to each one of us.

Hope instantly fills us with positivity and positivity boosts us with the energy to conquer our desires. Hope is all we have to start with, to end this pandemic. As you read

this, take a deep breath, fill your lungs and heart and your body with hope - that we can surely end this pandemic and get back to our sprinting selves - and exhale the positivity with a bright smile.

Now, as you step out hopefully, please be cautioned of the virus outside and spread the awareness, caution, hope and positivity to anyone and everyone so that we are armed with hope and equipments to fight this Virus!

Let's hope that we get answers to our questions. Let's hope that, this too will pass. Let's hope that we get to see and live a tomorrow with joy & peace! Let's hope that there is a sunrise after the storm!

- Madhumitha N.

III B.Sc. Chemistry



Hope of life

WOES. CRIES. BATTLE. DEATH. DARKNESS.

*Embrace it with the noxious passion
Seize the broken pieces that shattered thy soul
into heavenly sculptures of Michelangelo
For nothing can destroy the spirit that lives within.*

*Life is an opportunity for the warrior inside
to combat with the magnanimous power
against the forces of destruction;
for the glimpse of light to fight
the darkness that opaque vision of future*

*Take the leap. Confront the challenge.
Stride through the obstacles that block your path*



*of mind, of body and soul, that which remains flat.
For nothing is permanent in life.
As the good strives and the bad falls*

*To 'Hope' is to live passionately:
That tomorrow will come to
wave gloriously with the majestic ocean
surrounded with love by your feet,
With the sun gleaming its wondrous rays
through thine eyes that speak the language of the universe.*

*Perch, O little bundle of Hope into every
living soul that speaks, moves and crawls.
Pound their hearts with your gift
To be optimistic
To love and
To live.*

For life goes on and on and on.

- Joslin Mariam John
II B.A. English and Communication Skills



To the Astronaut

Today the sky is so iridescent, I can't look away. It is the colour of the homemade jams that my grandmother fills up to the rim in old pickle jars, the colour of the salmon-pink polyester of the dress I wore to a dance in kindergarten, the colour of every old sorrow and every old happiness.

It is a sky under which anything seems possible.

The days move languidly. The heavy smell of ripe mangoes and jackfruits bursting open in the early monsoon rain slips in through half-closed doors. But an immense sadness has settled in the belly of our homes. It squats in the bottom of our bottles and hovers like a ghost on our dinner tables. A sadness that escapes through the mechanical drone of the news on the television and lurks behind alarming statistics. The spread of the virus was quick, the devouring quicker.

Outside, moths cling to the moss clinging to the walls. I watch as their wings open and fold and open and fold. One can get tired from doing nothing. Of simply watching. Fear is exhausting. My father scans the obituary twice lately and my mother bolts the door even before noon.

But today the sky is so iridescent, I can't look away. It is so many colours at once that the longer I stare at it the more it blends into a murky not-colour that seems to be slowly trickling down. A flake of tangible heaven reaching towards the earth.



It is curious how we persist even when we seem so utterly lost. How we build hollow cathedrals out of our grief and then make hope our God. How we always choose to see the stars and not the darkness. How we keep on hoping even now, just like we did yesterday, just like we will tomorrow.

And I see hope everywhere, the shimmery lustre of it oozing out like a liquid. I see it in the supermarket when people smile at strangers from behind their masks, it perches on the crinkled edges of their eyes. I saw it sticking to the sweaty skin of my neighbour's gardener when he came back to

work last week. I see it nestling in the quarter jackfruit covered in paper that Teji left on the wall our houses share. I hear it crackle in the air with the old songs that my grandmother listens to on the radio. I see it crouching next to the bottles of jam she filled today and placed on the dusty shelves.

And I see it in the colour of the sky today. Wrapped in its magnificence a happy promise that tomorrow when the light shines on us we will once again be golden.

-Gayathri S.

I B.A. English Literature



A Warm Hug with Hope.

Hoping I finish my assignment before 11:59 p.m.

Hope IPL resumes.

Hoping everything goes back to normal soon.

Oxford defines hope as wanting something to happen and think it is possible. But what is hope in reality? Is it a manifestation? Or is it more emotion-oriented with positivity for a better ending? I would say both because I feel hope does not require one to put in the effort. Personally, it is a four-letter word that saves the day. Of course, there are different perspectives about hope and it can differ based on an individual's ideologies. But the purpose of hope is to fulfill something the mind deems to be impossible. Holding onto hope is not going to yield the perfect solution, but the hope



would integrate the positivity one needs to go on. Believing that everything will get better is a mantra that heartens or pushes people forward. Hoping to have a better tomorrow is not going to cost anyone anything other than pessimism.

In this current scenario, confined within four walls and fighting against an invisible virus makes us question the simple existence of humanity. The basic formula of survival has been torpedoed and has induced people with unfathomable fear. The loss of valuable lives and time has succeeded in throwing people towards helplessness. From watching loved ones suffer to hearing horrid news about mass cremation the prevailing situation has pushed humankind into a helpless state where hope is the last resort. Holding onto hope for the safety of your loved ones, for the recovery of the affected, to give strength for those who lost their kith and kin, and at last the nightmare to end soon. When in dilemma, hope can easily fall into the category of abstract concepts. At the same time, it also has the power to overcome restrictions, insecurities, and terror.

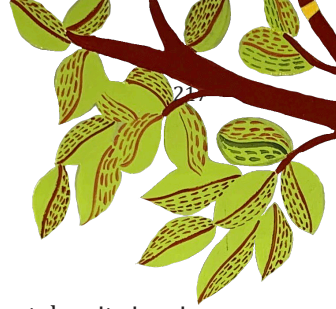
Some would say hope is blind and deceptive, but to me, it is the most powerful driving factor. The ability to hope proves the desire to live, and the desire to live shows the want for happiness. From hoping you could make it to the get-together to hoping people get

quality medical care, hope has taken its iconic position in instilling a sense of positivity. To put it in a nutshell, it is quintessential to look forward to a happy ending. The gruesome truth of this virus has left a nasty scar on all of us. It is a long way down the road, but holding onto hope is what it takes to move on, step by step. In a dire situation like this, hope is more of a need than a want.

The virtual life and the hurdles thrown at us are not easy, warm memories of the past and the expectations for the future are going to steer the way. And as for hope, we can take it one step at a time. Let us look forward to having a cozy afternoon tucked in your bed with your favourite movie to binge watch, a walk in the park without your mask on, to have a hug without the fear of infection, to be there for someone when they need a person, to get back to normal, to heal as a society, a solution for the crisis, for a spectacular view after climbing the mountain.

Let us all hope for a better tomorrow.

-Ashwitha Kadhiresan
III B.A. Visual Arts





French Creative Writing

Son dernier sourire

Tenant des fleurs

Ses mains tendres

Ses yeux rhumatismaux

Regardant le lit

Recouvert de boue.

Elle dit,

« Je l'ai vue hier

Avec un sourire radieux

Mouillé mon front

Avec ses lèvres

Je suis sa princesse

Jusqu'à hier.

Elle est entrée dans notre royaume,

Notre royaume désarmé

Elle a pris son dernier souffle

Qui a quitté son corps. »

Seul et seul

Toujours seul.

Les forces armées

Elles l'ont laissée seule.

- Fathima Rashika. A

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கொரோனா

ஞாயிற்றுக்கிழமை இன்றி,

பள்ளிக்கூடங்களும் கல்லூரிகளும் முடங்கியது ஏனோ?

நதிகளில் மீன்கள் இன்றி ,

மனித உடல்கள் மிதப்பது ஏனோ?

சம்பள உயர்வு போராட்டம் இன்றி,

அனைத்து அலுவலகங்களும் முடங்கியது ஏனோ?

அறுவைச் சிகிச்சை செய்யும் இடம் அன்றி ,

சாலைகளில் மனிதர்கள் முகக் கவசத்துடன் திரிவது ஏனோ?

எந்தத் தவறும் இன்றி,

வீட்டுச்சிறையில் அடைபட்டிருப்பது ஏனோ?

தள்ளுபடி கொடுக்கும் இடமாக ,

மருத்துவமனைகளில் கூட்டம் கூடியது ஏனோ?

அனைவரின் சுதந்திரத்தைப் பறித்து ,

வாழ்கிறாய் நீ வீதிகளில் சுதந்திரமாய்

இதுவும் கடந்து போகும் என்று மீண்டும் எழுவோம் !!!

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முதுகலை கணிதம் முதலாம் ஆண்டு
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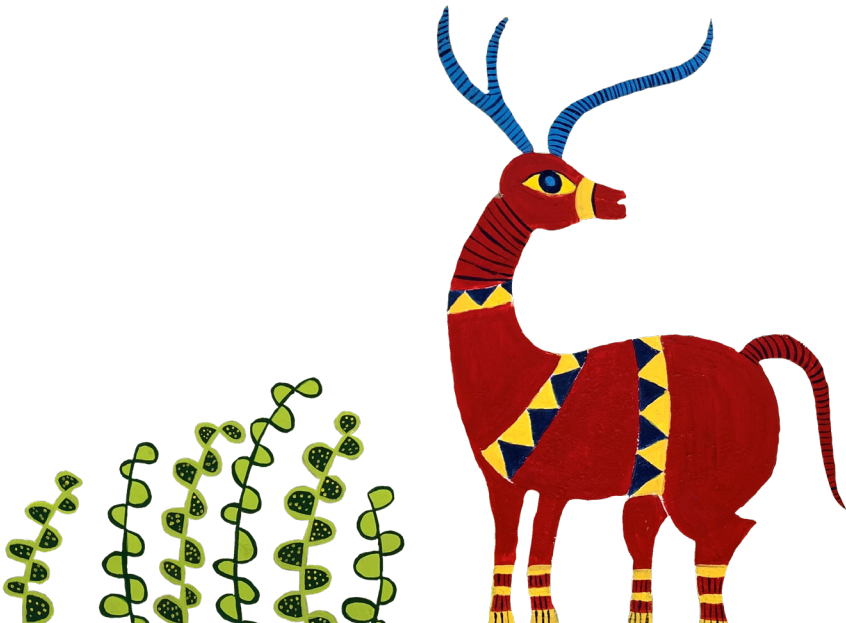


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	B.A. - ECONOMICS - A	66	64	96.97
	B.A. - ENGLISH - A	65	60	92.31
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B.COM	B.Com. - COMMERCE - A	75	74	98.67
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	B.Com. - COMMERCE - B	70	69	98.57
	B.Com. - COMMERCE - C	70	68	97.14
	B.Com.(CS) - CORPORATE SECRETARYSHIP - A	74	70	94.59
	B.Com.(CS) - CORPORATE SECRETARYSHIP - B	74	68	91.89
	B.Com.(A&F) - ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE - A	76	75	98.68
B.B.A	B.B.A. - BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION - A	75	67	89.33
B.Sc.	B.Sc. - MATHEMATICS – A-Shift 1	64	64	100.00
	B.Sc. - MATHEMATICS – A-Shift II	61	61	100.00
	B.Sc. - PHYSICS - A	45	44	97.78
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	B.C.A. - COMPUTER APPLICATIONS - B	52	49	94.23
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	M.A. - HISTORY OF FINE ARTS - A	11	8	72.73
	M.A. - PUBLIC RELATIONS - A	24	24	100.00
M.S. W	M.S.W. - SOCIAL WORK - A	37	34	91.89
M.Com.	M.Com. - COMMERCE - A	43	43	100.00
M.Sc.	M.Sc. - MATHEMATICS - A	45	45	100.00
	M.Sc. - CHEMISTRY - A	23	23	100.00
	M.Sc. - INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY - A	24	23	95.83
	M.Sc. - BIOINFORMATICS - A	21	20	95.24
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