



STELLA MARIS COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS)
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Dual Celebrations at Stella Maris College for 76th Independence Day and College Birthday

Chennai, 15 August 2022: In the history of the College, 15 August 2022, is very momentous as we conclude 75 years of glorious existence along with Independent India. This date also draws curtains to the year-long events and activities we conducted to celebrate our College and our vision - to giving our country, women devoted to academic excellence and all-round development.

On this special occasion, **Mr. A. X. Alexander IPS (Retd), Former Director General of Police, Tamil Nadu** hoisted the national flag and in his address inculcated inspiration and patriotism towards our nation by recalling the struggles of our forefathers, freedom fighters and revolutionary leaders. In his speech he drew attention to eliminating social issues such as lack of integrity in public life, corruption, casteism, lack of hygiene, plastic waste, etc. He also mentioned about the founding FMM Sisters and their continued efforts towards empowering women for the last 75 years.

Speaking on this landmark occasion, **Dr. Sr. Rosy Joseph fmm, Principal, Stella Maris College** stated, “Through the last year, we held several events commemorating this milestone jubilee. We were privileged to have many luminaries on campus to lead us in celebrating our accomplishment. As we march towards our centennial milestone, we continue to renew our commitment to the growth and progress of the nation and pledge to work for the continued development of all her people so that we can claim true freedom.”

Ms. Mallika Srinivasan, Chairman and Managing Director of Tractors and Farm Equipment Limited (TAFE Ltd) kindly consented to be the Chief Guest for our celebrations. In her address she stated the need for rededicating to inclusive growth and empowerment of women. She highlighted the importance of addressing the diversity gap in becoming active agents of change in altering lives of both men and women.

Our guests of honour included **Mr. Arun Mammen, Vice Chairman and Managing Director, MRF Ltd., Ms. Bhamathi Balasubramaniam IAS, Former Member, Central Administrative Tribunal, Padmashree Dr. Nalli Kuppaswami, Textile Industrialist and Philanthropist and Ms. Srilakshmi Prasaad, IPS, Director General of Police (Retd), Tamil Nadu.**

Highlights of the various events that took place in honour of the Jubilee Year Celebrations (15.08.2021 - 15.08.2022) was presented to the audience. Dr. Sr. Rosy Joseph released our Annual College Magazine and **Sr. Judith Anita Gonsalvez, Secretary, Stella Maris College,** released the book, “**The Flora of Stella Maris: A Field Guide**” curated by the Department of Botany.

Dr. Antony Rose Immaculate, Head, Department of Botany and one of the project coordinators of the book mentioned, “The College is home to hundreds of trees, plants, flowering shrubs, grasses, mosses and other species of living greenery. The book describes 207 plants that are spread across several acres of the campus. An all-inclusive compendium of data and facts on the flora on campus, this book can serve as resource material for scholars and students, as well as an interesting and informative read for environmentalists and the public.”

The jubilee celebrations culminated with a cultural programme and cake cutting ceremony.

About Stella Maris College:

Stella Maris College (Autonomous), Chennai is a Catholic Minority College run and governed by the society of the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary. The College is affiliated to the University of Madras, Chennai and was founded in 1947. The College aims at empowering young women from all backgrounds through holistic education thereby promoting social change and responsible citizenship. The institution also aims at fostering an inclusive community by bringing together different cultures and making the learning vibrant and nourishing.

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