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Stella Maris College hosts 'CHRISTMAS MELODIES'

An Annual Christmas Carol Concert

Chennai, 19 December 2023: To celebrate the birth of baby Jesus this festive season, the event was aimed to be meaningful and to reflect the love and selflessness of our Lord. Our College invited choirs to participate in the musical melodies of traditional and modern Christmas carols at "Christmas Melodies".

The programme commenced with prayers and blessings by **Rev. Dr. Fr. Maria Delasal Viswas, Professor of Philosophy, Sacred Heart Seminary, Chennai**. Prominent church choirs and music groups performed live on our campus rendering a selection of much-loved Christmas carols - St. Luke's Church English Choir, Catholic Faith Revival Movement, Satya Nilayam Brothers and Dhwani. Our College's own music groups, Western Music Club, the Star of the Sea - Tamil, English and Manipuri Choir also participated at the concert.

The College had also organised 'Christmas Bazaar', a street market of stalls displaying homemade baked goodies, finger foods, accessories, clothing and apparel, planted pots and seasonal items. All the proceeds from the concert and the Bazaar will be donated for charity.

To make this season of joy meaningful, the Stella Maris Centre for Development of Resources for Inclusion and Vocational Enrichment (SMCDRIVE) organised Michaung Cyclone Rain 2023 - Relief Distribution. **Dr Sr. Stella Mary fmm, Principal i/c, Stella Maris College,** distributed the first Relief Kit including rations, bed sheets, saree and lungi for the families affected during the recent cyclone. People in flood areas in Chennai - Kasimode, Ennore, Pallikaranai, Vyasarpadi, Madipakkam, Roshan Nagaram (Irular Community), Perumbakkam, Lake Area (Nungambakkam) and Dumming Kuppam were beneficiaries of the relief kits. The activity was supported by International Association of Human Values, Volunteers - Bank of America, Sundaram Fasteners Limited and Bhoomika Trust.

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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