

Updates from Stellarchives...

April 2021 – June 2022

The academic year kept the Archives at the height of activities. 13 posters were prepared for the display and a booklet, giving a glimpse into the journey of the Archives from its inception to 2021, was designed.



The yearlong activities include

- Digitization of books: Besides, the digital copies are being arranged genre-wise on Dspace to correspond with the physical order in the Archives. In the next year, we will create hyperlinks to give easy access to the readers.
- Year-wise extraction of photos from the College magazines from 1947 to 2020 was done to help us tag the hundreds of photographs archived.
- The above activity motivated us to prepare event logs from 1947 based on the College Magazines. We have done this till 1969 so far.
- A timeline of the people who headed the departments was prepared. Identification of persons and sourcing their photos were challenging parts of the process. We use applications like Paint, Photoshop, 3D Photo Editor to increase the resolution of the photos. The work is progressing slowly because of the lack of referencing sources to authenticate the collected data.
- Fourteen volumes of the Teaching staff attendance registers from June 1969 to April 1984 were digitized and also typed out. These give valuable information such as the names of the heads and of the faculty of the departments, and the years of their service.
- Digital Copies of Affiliation certificates of new Courses were added to the collection.
- Regular tasks, such as updating newspaper articles, department journals, college magazines, registering current events of the College, were carried out alongside.

Initiative to mark Semisesquicentennial Jubilee:

Christopher Hitchens says, “Exceptional claims demand exceptional evidence.” The Stella Maris College’s unparalleled achievements are attested in the photographic record given by the Archives. The unstinted initiatives finally led to the completion of Data set with photos. Stella Archives gratefully acknowledges the collaboration received from: -



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The findings of the research inspired great admiration towards the Pioneers of the College and their successors. They worked assiduously to take SMC to such great heights. Stellarchives desires to communicate this success story with visuals. Hence the idea of a coffee table book emerged to mark the Semisesquicentennial jubilee of the College.

Stella Archives proudly says that for the first time in the History of the Stella Maris College the photos of all the pioneers of the College have been collected from various sources to recreate the luminous history based on the contributions made by all the important functionaries like Principals, Secretaries, Vice-Principals and others who have contributed to the building of the edifice of the Stella Maris College.