

## Stellarchives Updates.....

August 5, 2014 - Dr. Manash Ranjan Mishra, National Archives of India, came for an inspection of the Stellarchives regarding the Scheme of financial assistance for preservation of Manuscripts/Rare Books, 2012-2013



**Dr. Manash Ranjan Mishra,  
National Archives of India**

**“Excellent collection of photographs, magazines and books. Good wishes to Gita Balachandran.”**

Many visitors visited Stellarchives during 2014-2015



**Dr. John Bennett,  
Higher Education Academy Fellow, Chair Arts And  
Humanities Faculty Quality Learning And Teaching  
Committee  
Liverpool University**

**“The most impressive place doing vital work”**



**Dr. Penny Haughan,  
Dean of Student,  
Liverpool University**

A few more faculty from the same university visited and all were very impressed with Stellarchives



**Dr. Glenn Shive,  
Vice President for Programs, UBCHEA  
Dr. Ricky M. Cheng,  
Executive Vice President, UBCHEA**

When the UBCHEA team visited the Stellarchives on 22nd January 2015, they were very happy to note that this venture was the result of the visit by the then librarian, (Gita Balachandran) sponsored by United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia, Jan 2001 to May 2001, to Davidson College, North Carolina, USA,.

“The United Board is honoured to collaborate with Stella Maris for greater knowledge and to glory of God. Thank you for preserving the written word and the love of knowledge”.



**Mr. William Dalrymple,  
British Historian and Writer**

Visited the Stellarchives on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2014 and autographed his book “Nine lives” for our collection.



**Ms. Sathyabhama Badhreenath,  
Regional Director (S) Archaeological survey of India.**

Proud to mention that Ms. Sathyabama is an alumnae of the college from the 1977 – 1980 batch of History students and wrote in the Visitors Book that the archives is “An excellent initiative taken by the college and extremely well maintained.”



The inaugural meeting of the representatives from the departments was held on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2014. The purpose was to update them on the functioning of the archives and to enlist their co-operation to enhance the collection.

Archivist Gita Balachandran gave lecture on Archives to the History students on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2014 as part of the UBCHEA project on "Conservation and Heritage".



**Ms. Gita Balachandran**  
Archivist

Gita Balachandran was the Chief Guest for the library week at Velammal Matriculation Higher Secondary School, East Branch Mugappair on November 12, 2014. She spoke on the importance of reading.

**A paper on “COMBINING INDIGENOUS AND MODERN TECHNOLOGY IN THE CONSERVATION OF ARCHIVAL MATERIAL IN STELLA MARIS COLLEGE, CHENNAI: A CASE STUDY”** has been selected for the AIC’s (American Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Work) 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting to be held in Miami, Florida, USA from May 13th- 16th, 2015.

The UBCHEA has promised to sponsor the archivist Gita Balachandran for the above mention Meeting.