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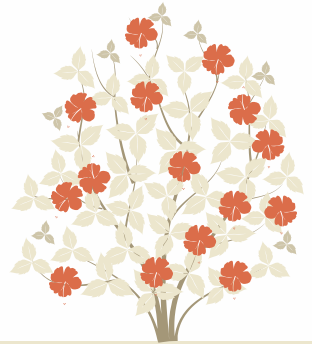




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Prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi

Patron
Franciscan Missionaries of Mary

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;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to
eternal life.



Editorial

The College took significant steps to strengthen its research output during the academic year 2017–18. There was a considerable increase in the number of research publications by both faculty and students across departments. As a new initiative, a group of undergraduate students undertook mini research projects and submitted their findings in the form of dissertations.

While research was the thrust area this year in our pursuit of academic excellence, the College reaffirmed its social commitment by taking steps to promote ecological

awareness on campus. The College has undertaken several Green initiatives—solar energy production, grey water recycling, and waste segregation—over the years. This year, the focus was on food safety, conservation of traditional seeds, and the rights of farmers. The theme of this year’s magazine—the flora and fauna which form a vital part of life in College—foregrounds our continuing engagement with the natural space we inhabit. The overall design of the magazine captures this through flat design patterns and cut-colour illustrations of the rich plant and animal life of the campus.

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Blessed Mary of the Passion

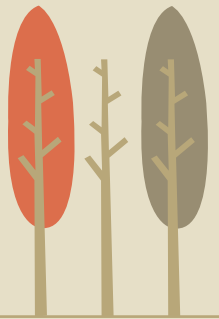
Hélène de Chappotin (1839-1904) | Foundress, Franciscan Missionaries of Mary
(Beatified on 20 October 2002)

*I*F THE INSTITUTE WAS MY WORK,
IT WOULD PERISH WITH ME;
BUT IT IS *God's* WORK,
AND IT WILL LIVE."

BLESSED MARY OF THE PASSION (1839-1904) | FOUNDER
INSTITUTE OF THE FRANCISCAN MISSIONARIES OF MARY



The College



Stella Maris College, a Catholic institution of higher education for women, is under the management of the Society of the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary. "Stella Maris" in Latin means "Star of the Sea". "Truth and Charity" is the motto of the College. The College emblem is a ship sailing on stormy waters, led on by a star.

Begun in a small one-storey building on 15 August 1947 with an enrolment of 32 students, the College has at present nearly 5000 students on its magnificent campus "The Cloisters" on Cathedral Road, Chennai.

The College became autonomous in 1987 and now has 19 undergraduate and 12 postgraduate programmes. Stella Maris College is a minority institution that provides higher education in a Christian atmosphere for deserving students, especially those belonging to the Catholic community. Others are also admitted irrespective of caste and creed and their rights of conscience are respected. Besides, the College commits itself to serve the economically weak, socially backward, and needy students.

The vision of the College is to build a vibrant and inclusive learning community in a culture

of excellence sustained by a sound value system that promotes responsible citizenship and effects social change.

The mission of the College is to empower young women to face the challenges of life with courage and commitment, to be builders of a humane and just society, and to promote a learning community in which all, especially those from less privileged backgrounds, feel part of the collaborative, high quality educational process which is value-based and leads to holistic growth.

In 2000, the College was accredited by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council and awarded Five Star Status. In 2008, the College was reaccredited and was awarded an A grade with a CGPA of 3.57 on a 4 point scale. In 2013, the College was reaccredited and was awarded an A grade with a CGPA of 3.68 on a 4 point scale.

In 2016, the College was accorded the status of College with Potential for Excellence. Also, the College was conferred the title "Pride of the Catholic Church" by the Catholic Bishops Conference of India, Office of Education and Culture.





Annual Report
2017–18



The Principal's Address

Annual Report 2017–18

Good morning and a warm welcome to our 71st College Day celebrations. I extend warm greetings to Thiru. Sunil Paliwal IAS, Principal Secretary to the Government, Higher Education Department, Government of Tamil Nadu, our chief guest on this special occasion. He has held crucial portfolios in the Government of Tamil Nadu, and is a 1993 batch Tamil Nadu Cadre IAS Officer. We thank you, Sir, for taking time off from your busy schedule to be here with us this morning.

I extend a warm welcome to Sr. Christine Antony fmm, Superior, Sr. Susan Matheikal fmm, Secretary of the College, Dr. Sr. Helen Vincent fmm, former Principal, Vice-Principals, Deans, faculty, members of the Governing Body, the Academic Council, administrative and support staff, retired faculty, parents,

alumnae, benefactors, friends, FMM Sisters and you, my dear students.

I greet very specially on this occasion six of our faculty and staff who retire after several decades of dedicated service: Dr. Rashida Banu, Associate Professor, Department of Commerce, retires after 32 years; Dr. V. Padma, Associate Professor, Department of English, after nearly 17 years; Mr. G. Susai Rajarathinam, Administrative Staff, after 29 years; Mr. M. Murugan, Support Staff, after 32 years; Mr. S. Selvaraj, Support Staff, after 29 years; Mrs. T. Uthriya Mary, Support Staff, after 25 years. Thank you for your invaluable services to this institution. You have been a vital part of our community and have contributed in many ways to the growth of the institution. We pray that you may be

blessed with happy and peaceful years in retirement.

With deep sadness I announce the passing away of beloved members of our College community. Dr. Madhu Dhawan, former Head, Department of Hindi, passed away on 26 June 2017; Dr. Jatinder Singh, Department of Fine Arts, passed away on 19 July 2017 and Dr. Hannah John, Department of Zoology, passed away on 9 March 2018. Ms. Vasanthika, part-time research scholar, Department of Mathematics, passed away on 21 January 2018. We pray that God may comfort their families while they grieve this irreparable loss.

The year has been memorable in many ways, not the least because the College community, has achieved so much, but because every day, through our activities, interactions, and plans, we reaffirm our commitment to quality and values-based education. Our team-work, unstinting efforts to improve the educational experience of our students, and the empowered leadership demonstrated at every level, testify to the continual process of the fulfillment of our vision and mission objectives.

The many awards that have been conferred on faculty are a testimony to their dedication and devotion to duty in the field of education. On 19 November 2017, the Kannada Rajyotsava Samithi conferred on Dr. Sr. Jasintha Quadras fmm, the title of Rajyotsava Prashasthi for her meritorious contribution to the field of education. On 30 January 2018, the All India Association for Christian Higher



The Rajyotsava Prashasthi Award

Education (AIACHE) conferred on her the Best Principals of India–2017 award at Christ University, Bangalore. She was also elected the Vice-President of AIACHE.

Sr. Susan Matheikal fmm, Secretary and Correspondent, Stella Maris College, as also the Village Level Entrepreneur of Stella Maris College Extension Project Centre, was awarded the Bharat Vidya Shiromani Award on 27 September 2017 by the International Institute of Education and Management, New Delhi, for her remarkable role in the field of education. She also received The Star of Asia Award from the International Business



The Principal receiving the AIACHE Best Principals Award

Council on 11 December 2017 for her outstanding achievements and remarkable role in the field of education.

Dr. Rashida Banu, Department of Commerce, received the Best Teacher Award from Lions Club International on 5 September 2017; Dr. Nirmala Kanagaraj, Vice-Principal, Shift II, received the Teaching Excellence Award—Senior, from Biozone Icon Technologies on 27 February 2018; Dr. Agnes Rozario, Department of Commerce and Vice-Principal, received the Distinguished Leader Award from Venus International Foundation on 6 January 2018; Dr. Mary N. L., Department of Chemistry, received the Golden Jubilee Research Award, instituted by the former heads of the Department of Chemistry, for the third consecutive year; Ms. Lora Deva Prasana, postgraduate Department

of Social Work, received the Woman of Substance award from the Women's Rights Organisation, Puducherry, on 26 March 2017; Dr. Mary Teresita V., Department of Chemistry, received the award for the Outstanding Woman in Science from Venus International Foundation on 3 March 2018; Dr. A. Fathima, Department of Hindi, received the Pyaari Devi Ghisaram Literary Award; Dr. I. Lakshmi, Department of Computer Science, received the Best Faculty Award from Integrated Intelligent Research on 18 January 2018; Ms. V. Vini Machado, Department of Tamil, received the *Ilaignargalin Vazhikatti* award in August 2017 and the Gnanachudrar Award in September 2017; Dr. Cinthia Jude, Department of History, received the National Award of Excellence from the Glacier Journal Research Foundation, on 2 November 2017. Dr. Sr. Jasintha Quadras fmm, was a panelist

at an international conference on “Refugees and Migrants in a Globalized World: Responsibility and Responses of Universities” from 1 to 6 November 2017 in Rome where she was granted a special audience with the Pope. She has been sanctioned a three-year research project by the Science and Engineering Research Board of the DST, Government of India in December 2017. As the Member Coordinator of the NAAC peer team for assessment and accreditation, she visited Midnapore College, West Bengal, on 11 and 12 September 2017. The Principal, accompanied by a team of faculty members, visited Maris Stella College over three days during which she conducted a one-day workshop on “Quality Sustenance in Higher Education”.

Dr. A. Punitha, Department of Economics, was awarded a Minor Research Project supported by the Malcolm & Elizabeth Adiseshiah Trust, and Dr. Sandra Joseph, Department of Social Work, was awarded a three-year project supported by IFCU. She was invited as a Visiting Professor to the Summer School at Coburg University of Applied Sciences and Arts, Germany, 3–14 May, 2017. She was also invited as a Resource Person by Aquinas College of Higher Studies, Sri Lanka, 25–28 June 2017.

The undergraduate Department of Social Work was awarded a one-year United Board (UB) project titled “Community Based Care for Older Persons: Assessment and Intervention” for the period July 2017–June 2018.

Dr. Felbin C. Kennedy, Department of Mathematics and Dean of Academic Affairs, was invited as a Tutorial Sessions Speaker at the Bilateral International Conference in Japan which was held from 25 to 28 August 2017. Dr. Sr. Rosy Joseph fmm, Department of Mathematics and Controller of Examinations, presented a paper at the international conference organised by the Forum of Interdisciplinary Mathematics in Japan. The conference was held from 25 to 28 August 2017. Ms. Mary Shantha Joseph and Ms. Divya Dovina, Department of Psychology, were resource persons for a workshop on Juvenile Justice and Juvenile Psychology organised by the Department of Criminology and UNICEF 8–9 February 2018. Dr. Margaret Thomas, Department of Fine Arts, received the Session’s Best Presentation Award at an International Conference in Sri Lanka on 22 September 2017. Dr. Lakshmi Priya Daniel, Department of Fine Arts, received the Session’s Best Presentation Award at the International Conference organised by the Research and Development Association in Goa on 11 and 12 November 2017. Dr. Srabani Bhattacharyya, Department of Hindi, was felicitated at the Hindi International Conference in Kolkata on 6 January 2018. Dr. K. Veena Gayathri, Department of Biotechnology, won the Best Paper Award at the national conference organised by the Hindustan College of Arts and Science held on 24 August 2017. She was awarded a Certificate of Achievement for her contribution to bioscience by Biozone Research Technologies Pvt. Ltd in February 2018. She has published two book chapters

through IGI Global and Nova Publishers USA and obtained a patent based on her Ph.D. work. Dr Mary N.L., Department of Chemistry, was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation for peer-reviewing of manuscripts submitted to the "Journal of Food and Drug Analysis".

Dr. Vidhya S. A., Department of Zoology, received a Certificate of Appreciation for her paper presented at the International Conference which was held on 1 and 2 February 2018 at Ethiraj College. Ms. M. Mahalakshmi, Librarian, received a Certificate of Appreciation for her contribution to the NPTEL Programme for the period July–December 2017. Dr. Aruna Sharmili S., Department of Biotechnology, published her doctoral thesis as a book through Lambert

Academic Publishing, Germany. Dr. Kalpana Jayaraman, Department of Zoology, Dr. Priya Mary George, Department of Social Work, and Dr. Dolly Thomas, Department of History, published a book, *Folklore Culture and Heritage of Tamil Nadu—A Glimpse*, in July 2017. This is an offshoot of the UB-supported project on Promotion of Folklore, Culture, and Heritage of Tamil Nadu for Sustainable Development.

Dr. Shiny John Vairamon, Department of Chemistry, and Dr. Sandra Joseph, Department of Social Work, attended a two-day policy deliberation on "Engaging with Public Universities in India—Autonomy as an Idea and its Practice", organised by the National Institute of Educational Planning

The Secretary receiving the Bharat Siromani Award





and Administration in Delhi, on 8 and 9 March 2018 and made a presentation on the best practices of Stella Maris College under autonomy.

The following faculty members received their doctoral degrees: Dr. Sr. G. Francisco Nirmala fmm, Department of Physics, Dr. Renuka Devi and Dr. R. B. Ayeswarya, Department of Commerce, Dr. Suganthi R. Department of Tamil, and Dr. S. Shrinidhi, Department of Public Relations.

Dr. Sandra Joseph, Department of Social Work, Dr. Sr. Stella Mary fmm, Department of Economics, Dr. S. Teresa Arockiamary and Dr. S. Sarah Surya, Department of Mathematics, have been recognised as supervisors for doctoral students.

Dr. Sr. G. Francisco Nirmala fmm, Department of Physics, completed the second phase of her United Board Fellowship at Tunghai University, Taiwan, and attended the UB conference on Effective Leadership in Singapore in June 2017, to mark the completion of her fellowship. Dr. Lakshmi Priya Daniel, Department of Fine Arts, has been selected for the United Board Fellows Programme 2018–2019. She will spend three weeks at Harvard University in the US and a semester at a university in Asia. Dr Padma V. Mckertich was awarded a fellowship by the UB to attend a three-week training programme on peace-building conducted by the Mindanao Peacebuilding Institute at Davao, City, Philippines, from 5 to 26 May 2018. Dr. C. L. Shilaja, Department of English, participated in

“Technology-Assisted Teaching and Learning for Whole Person Education Conference” in May 2018 in Hong Kong. This conference was supported by the UB.

As part of the UB-funded project, Training the Trainer on Vocational Skills, Dr. D. Hima Bindu, Associate Professor, Department of Economics, and Dr. Belina Xavier, Assistant Professor, Department of Physics, visited Tunghai University, Taiwan, from 31 April to 10 May 2017. They were accompanied by Dr. Mary N.L., Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry. The visit resulted in the signing of an MoU for student and faculty exchange, internship and research possibilities. Ms. Nandha Devi, Department of Bioinformatics, attended the Summer Leadership Programme at the Trinity Western University, Toronto, Canada, on 17 July 2017 as a follow-up of the MoU signed with the University.

We continue to have visiting delegations to our College to study the functioning of autonomy as well as to seek collaborations and networking possibilities. Through the activities of the SMICMR, the College has continued to forge collaborations with international institutions. An MoU was signed with Le Tourneau University, Longview, Texas, USA. This provides for faculty and student exchange, research projects, and cultural programmes. The Research Centre undertook a new initiative to train undergraduate students in research methodology for which 86 students registered. On completion of their dissertation, they will receive two extra credits.



Sr. Susan receiving Star of Asia Award

As part of World Tourism Day celebrations, the Department of History organised the "Absolute Indian Travel Bazaar" on 6 and 7 October 2017. Several international tourism boards and airlines participated. The Bazaar received the approval of the Ministry of Tourism and was included under the *Paryatan Parv*, an initiative of the Government of India. The event was supported by the UB project on the promotion of Folklore Culture and Heritage of Tamil Nadu. The Department received the Best in Tourism Education Award at the Tamil Nadu Tourism Awards function on 24 March 2017.

The Department of Commerce Shift II inaugurated its Silver Jubilee celebrations

on 21 July 2017. With the funds received under FIST of the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India, an Instrumentation Centre has been set up at the CRIST Lab. It was inaugurated on 11 August 2017 by Dr. B. Chandrasekaran, Director, CSIR-CLRI, Chennai.

New technologies for improving the educational experience have changed the way we work. All library functions will soon come under RFID. For the fourth consecutive year, the College Library was listed as one of the top ten users of the N-list Programme. In January 2018, the auditorium at St. Francis Block was renovated to international standards with state-of-the-art audio and



The Chief Guest's Address

video systems, and automated lighting control systems using wireless mesh technology in January 2018. A gym has been set up on campus, with cardio and strength-building equipment installed in January 2018. An exclusive Strength Room will be opened soon.

A Safe Food Festival, organised to mark the tenth year of reStore, was held on campus on 17 and 18 February 2018. It showcased the benefits of eating traditional food and staying connected to the land. An organic farming initiative has been progressing on campus under the direction of Dr. Sundari Krishnamurthy, Director, SMCNC, and Dr. Sathyabama, Assistant Professor, Department

of Botany. Our commitment to environmental sustenance continues to grow and the Stella Greenhouse, funded by the Rotary Club of Madras East and Dr. Priscilla Jebakumari, former Vice-Principal, was inaugurated on 11 October 2017.

The Open Air Theatre was the scene of several events this year. Founder's Day was held on 17 November 2017, with a cultural feast celebrating the life and works of Blessed Mary of the Passion. A message, focussing on her legacy was delivered by Sr. Stella Balthazar of the Ooty Province.

Graduation Day was held on 23 September 2017. The chief guest was Thiru. Sunil Paliwal



IAS. The Department of Social Work, Stella Maris College partnered with the Kailash Satyarthi Children's Foundation, Bachpan Bachao Andolan, Hand in Hand, India, and Chennai Coordinating Committee to launch the Chennai arm of Bharat Yatra, a Nationwide Campaign for Safe Childhood— Safe India on 13 September 2017. The Yatra was flagged off by the Honourable Chief Justice of the Madras High Court Ms. Indira Banerjee and the Nobel Peace Laureate 2014, Mr. Kailash Satyarthi who led the Yatra. In commemoration of International Human Rights Day 2017 and the International Day of Persons with Disabilities 2017, the College, in collaboration with the Australian High Commission, Chennai, hosted Mr. Curtis McGrath, OAM, Para Canoeist and gold medalist of the 2016 Rio Paralympics on 30 November 2017.

Ms. Gautami Tadimalla, Director, Life Again Foundation, spoke on Cancer Awareness and the importance of wellness and good health on 29 January 2018.

A memorial lecture and endowment fund in memory of Dr. J. Jayalithaa, the former Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, was instituted in the College by Ms. Vijila Satyananth, MP, on 24 February 2018.

Our student community has excelled in several areas of curricular, co-curricular and extra-curricular events. I present here the outstanding achievements of our students. Swetha Varadhan of second MSW received the Best Social Worker Award on 10 December 2017; Teresa Antony Alapatt of fourth year BVA represented India at the Typhlo and Tactus International Competition for illustrated books held at Dijon, France, and won a Favorite Entry award; Swathi of second year History won the first place in the State Level Hindi poetry recitation competition on 20 February 2018; Rushali Shivprasad of second year Economics won the second place in the All India Poetry Recitation Competition on 9 February 2018; Celine Mary L. of second B.Com. Shift II was awarded the Best Brand Manager Award



at the Entrepreneurship fest organised by Anna University in February 2018. BBA students won the overall championship and the Best College Award at Quest 2018 in February 2018.

Anusheepa A. and Melshi Christiana G., second M.Sc. Biotechnology, won the Best Model Award and Krithika A. and Rajalakshmi S., second M.Sc. Biotechnology, won the best poster award at the National Conference, organised by the Department of Microbiology, Hindustan College of Arts and Science. They won the best paper award at the International Conference organised by the Department of Zoology, Ethiraj College. Zainab Irfana of third year B.Sc. Plant Biology and Plant Biotechnology won the second prize in the Paper Presentation Competition at the National Seminar at Queen Mary's College on 5 January 2018; Abinaya C. of second year M.Sc. Chemistry won the second prize for her paper presentation at the National Level Seminar on Modern Trends in Chemical Sciences; Dharshini Raghavan of first B.Sc. Chemistry has been selected for the NIUS Chemistry projects for the period 2017–19; Mercy Johny and Sara Mathew of third year B.A. English and Tejaswini of first B.A. English have published short stories, essays, and poems both online and in print; S. Krishna Priya of third B.Sc. Plant Biology and Plant Biotechnology published her paper in the International Journal of Industrial Engineering and Management Science; Annapoorani K. H. of second M.Sc. Chemistry published her research work in the Journal of Physical Chemistry Chemical

Physics; Nithya Shreen of third B.Com. Shift I did a poster presentation at an International Conference of Arts in Society, American University of Paris, France, in June 2017. Patricia Maria Peeris was awarded the best outgoing and best performing student of the International MBA 2016–17 batch at the Liverpool Hope Business School, UK.

Forty-three research papers were published by the final-year postgraduate students, Department of Computer Science, in UGC approved journals, and three papers have been selected for publication in Scopus Indexed Journals. Three first-year postgraduate students of Chemistry were recipients of the INSA Summer Fellowship 2018.

Our students have won laurels at Parliamentary Debate, MUN and oratorical events. Bhavana B., second B.A. Economics, was adjudged the Best Adjudicator at the Tamil Nadu National Law School Parliamentary Debate in Trichy. Swetha Raj, first B.A. English, was placed Best Adjudicator in VITness Parliamentary Debate in Chennai. Sanjana Vijay and Vanshika Bagdy, third B.A. Economics, were the Reserve Break team at RV College of Engineering Bengaluru, Gujarat National Law University and Manipal University. They were semifinalists at Tamil Nadu National Law School Parliamentary Debate.

Swarna Surya of third B.Sc. Chemistry, Jayashree of third B.Sc. Mathematics, Yuvika Vishal of third B.Sc. Zoology, Sarigaa Raguraman of second B.Com. Shift II and Aswathy Mohandas of second B.A. English



have been certified as toppers in their respective NPTEL online courses.

Seminars, conferences, symposia, and workshops have always been integral to our educational process. Several national and international conferences were organised this year. The Department of Economics hosted an International Conference on Developmental Challenges in India on 30 and 31 January 2018. The first international conference of the Department of Computer Science on Advancements in Computing Technologies was held on 2 and 3 February 2018. A two-day international conference titled Circles of Creativity: Paradigms in Art and Design was organised by the Department of Fine Arts on 8 and 9 February 2018. The Department of Mathematics held an international symposium on Recent Trends in Research Practices on 28 July 2017. A one-day international conference on Team Leadership: Collaboration, Management and Empowerment was organised by the SMICMR in collaboration with Trinity Western University, Canada on 16 November 2017. Departmental activities have been many and varied. A series of workshops on Techniques and Applications in Mathematical Sciences was conducted by Dr. Prasun Kumar Nayak for the faculty of the Department of Mathematics from 20 to 25 November 2017. In collaboration with Zastra Innovations, Bengaluru, and Optibrium, Cambridge, UK, the Department of Bioinformatics hosted a one-day international workshop on 13 October 2017.

The Department of International Studies organised an international Scholar-in-Residence programme. Dr. Indira P. Ravindran, Associate Professor at the School of International Relations and Public Affairs, Shanghai International Studies University, and alumna of the College, delivered a series of lectures from 5 to 9 February 2018 on life inside China and on India–China Relations.

The Entrepreneurial Development Cell of the Department of Commerce, Shift II, organised a State Level Entrepreneurial Summit on New Age Entrepreneurship 14 to 16 February 2018.

The Department of English organised Meet-the-Author sessions with Madhuri Shekar, Perumal Murugan, Priya Sarukkai Chabria and Allen Sealy from 6 to 13 December 2017. An interactive session was also held with Ms. Nish Amarnath, author and alumna. Workshops on a range of subject areas were conducted for the students of the Department of Fine Arts by resource persons from India and abroad. Nineteen students attended the Summer Study Programme Art and Design Inspiration, conducted in collaboration with the University of Sunderland, UK, from 16 to 30 July 2017.

The Department of French organised an intercollegiate workshop on French Theatre on 3 February 2018. The Department of Commerce, Shift I conducted a one-day state level conference in entrepreneurship in collaboration with Start Up Solutions on 3 March 2018.



A workshop on formation of an NGO and advocacy on eugenics by Ms. Carmel Nisha, founder of the NGO, Uyirkural, New Jersey, was organised by the Department of Sociology. In collaboration with the International Association of Students in Economic and Commercial Sciences, they organised a leadership programme that focussed on the Sustainable Development Goals laid down by the UN.

The Department of Public Relations held a Scholar-in-Residence programme on 10 and 11 August 2017, with Ms. Sarah D'Souza, Senior Communications Specialist, Intuit India, Bengaluru, on Ideas and Innovations in Organisational Communication.

The Social Work Students' Forum, Unnathi, in association with the NGO, Thozhamai, organised a programme in which UNICEF's Global Report on Children in a Digital World was released by Mr. Job Zachariah, Chief of UNICEF Office for Tamil Nadu and Kerala, and Ms. M. P. Nirmala, IAS, Chairperson, Tamil Nadu Commission for Protection of Child Rights, on 11 December 2017.



The Department of Botany conducted Go Green, a series of intradepartmental and interdepartmental competitions on a wide variety of popular eco-related themes like Think Green, Reduce, Recycle and Reuse all through the academic year. Students of the Department of Zoology undertook a study of butterflies on campus from 16 to 19 February 2018 and were able to document 31 species of butterflies.

Value added certificate courses are offered by several departments to students who wish to avail of additional credits. Students who passed the NPTEL online course examinations also received extra credits.

Dr. Karen Kayser, Dr. Renato/La Rocca Chair of Oncology, University of Louisville, Kent School of Social Work, and Ms. Cynthia Dettman of the University of New Mexico, USA, both Fulbright Scholars, are teaching courses in the Department of Social Work.

Serving the community is a crucial part of our mission and all the community-based programmes and projects we saw on campus this year are a testimony to our commitment to social justice and transformation. The Departments of Public Relations and Sociology, in collaboration with Earth Smiles, an NGO working for environmental welfare, steered a campaign called "Re-Green Chennai" in October 2017.



The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of the College organised training programmes for faculty geared towards enhancing their skills as facilitators as well as developing new pedagogies. An Internal Audit Course on ISO 9001:2015 was organised by the IQAC, in partnership with DNV GL, a Norwegian based organisation on 7, 8 and 11 September 2017. The Cell also organised a workshop on Student-centered Teaching and a Train the Trainers programme with Dr. Cynthia Dettman as the resource person.

SMCDRIVE conducted an Art and Mental



Health Workshop, a one-day Capacity Building Programme for NGO Personnel, and a Children's Day programme for children living with HIV from 26 to 29 April 2017.

Representatives from the Women's Development Corporation oriented around 150 women on Self-help Group formation on 12 September 2017.

The PMGDISHA sanctioned by the Government of India was inaugurated on 9 June 2017 at the Common Service Centre at SMCEPC. The first batch of 20 village health nurses underwent digital training in August 2017. The Campus Ministry, under the leadership of Sr. Sundari fmm, organised retreats and workshops for students. An orientation session was also organised for parents of first year students.

The NSS and YRC units have many achievements to their credit. The units won the Dr. Radhakrishnan Rolling Trophy for mobilising the maximum number of blood donors among the city's women's colleges for the eighth consecutive year, in September 2017. To commemorate World AIDS Day, the NSS and YRC unit, in collaboration with the Y. R. Gaitonde Centre for AIDS Research and Education, organised a sensitisation programme along with representatives from Denmark. Around eighty volunteers participated in a rally on World Sight Day to encourage eye donation. The NSS Annual rural camp with the theme Healthy Youth for Healthy India was organised in Thirupachur, Thiruvallur District, from 17 to

23 December 2017.

The NCC cadets have performed excellently in various areas of their involvement. Senior Cadet Captain Bhoomika R.S. was selected to be the Indian Ambassador to Nepal through the Youth Exchange Programme from 26 January to 26 February 2018. Several of the NCC cadets were selected to participate in events at the national level. Here are some outstanding cadets: Cadet Warrant Officer Betsy Theodore, third year Mathematics, Senior Under Officer Mercy Amala Josephine M., third year Mathematics, Naval Cadets Sameetha Reena L. second year Physics and NCC Cadet Akshaya, Department of Chemistry.

We have excelled in sports and games this year as well. Our College teams secured the Winner's title at Madras University's intercollegiate tournaments in basketball, chess, table tennis and tennis. Forty-seven students from our College were selected to represent the Madras University B Zone, twelve students were selected to represent the Madras University and eleven students were selected to represent Tamil Nadu at various sporting events. The College Tennis Team secured the Winner's title at the National Level Intercollegiate Tournament organised by MOP Vaishnav College. Our College Basketball team won the Winner's title at the National Level Intercollegiate Tournament organised by SSN College. At the National Level Intercollegiate Tournament organised by VIT, Chennai, our College table tennis team secured the Winner's title.



In Athletics, N. Arthi, II B. Com, secured the gold medal in 100 metres at the South Asian Youth Games Golden Cup held at Phuentsholing, Bhutan. In Roller Skating, Subi Suvetha, II B.A. Economics, secured the 16th position in the World Championship held at Nanjing, China. In the 55th National Roller Skating Championship held at Chennai, Subi Suvetha secured the gold medal in 100 metres and the silver medal in 300 metres relay and Pranamyia Rao, II B.A. Sociology, secured the gold medal in Solo Dance. Janvi Rathore, II BBA, won the gold medal at the all India Interuniversity Squash Tournament. R. Vinitha of second year B.A. Sociology was part of the Madras University cricket team which secured the gold medal.

The Students' Union 2017–18 took office in June 2017. In addition to the annual events, the Students' Union introduced some new initiatives. Their social theme was represented by the acronym LEAD: Learn, Empower, Appreciate, Discover. The Union introduced Ramzan celebrations for the first time on campus. They also hosted the biggest intracollegiate cultural event this year on the theme "Lights, Camera, Action—Behind the Scenes".

The Pathway Programme aims to help students from the less privileged sections of society gain access to employment opportunities, develop confidence, and communicate in English. Pathway students in the final year of their study in College, in collaboration with the Career Guidance Cell,



underwent a one-hundred-hour programme organised by the Mahindra Pride School on interpersonal communication and presentation skills. The trainees attended a job fair organised at JBAS College and twenty of them have been shortlisted for employment in companies such as WIPRO, TCS and QUATRO. The final year students enrolled in the Pathway Programme were also given pre-recruitment training in group discussion, CV writing, aptitude test and interview techniques by the Career Guidance Cell.

This academic year, 122 Student Seekers and 23 Student Helpers in Shift I and 102 Student Seekers and 16 Student Helpers in Shift II were enrolled in the Language Partnership Programme, a peer-teaching programme in English Language Skills for first year students. Seven students performed exceedingly well in the examination conducted at the end of the first semester and were exempted from the programme.

Under the able guidance of Dr. Sr. Helen Vincent fmm, former Principal of the College and Director, English Language and Life Skills, fifteen students enrolled for the English Language and Life Skills Certificate Course. A total of 1769 students received scholarships



Western Dance Performance



Light Music Performance

worth Rs 1,06,36,112 this year.

Six-hundred students registered with the Career Guidance Cell for campus placements this academic year. Campus recruitment started in August 2017 with Deloitte, Ernst and Young, Goldman Sachs, Google, and others holding interviews on campus. Second year undergraduate students were selected for internship programmes with them.

Manisha Jovitha, III B.Sc.Mathematics, was awarded a scholarship to attend a Leadership Conference in Florida. Agnella Nikitha, III B.Sc. Mathematics, was selected to attend a Senior Managers Conference in the Middle East.

As we forge ahead, we reaffirm our commitment to our vision and the continuing search for

truth. We repose our trust in the Almighty who guides us every step of the way. As I conclude this report, I thank God Almighty for accompanying us through this eventful journey. I place on record my gratitude to the many organisations, especially the University Grants Commission, the Department of Biotechnology and the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India, the NAAC, the Department of Higher Education, Government of Tamil Nadu, the University of Madras, the United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia, and the International Federation of Catholic Universities, for their support and encouragement.

My special thanks to Sr. Leena D'Souza, Provincial, and to all my FMM Sisters at the Stella Maris Convent. I extend my gratitude to



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all those who have made these 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 NSS Programme Officers, the NCC Officer, the Director of Physical Education, the Librarian, the Archivist, the Director of SMCNC, and the Public Relations Officer. A special word of thanks to the administrative and support staff and to Sr. Hilda fmm. I thank Sr. Veera fmm and her team for their meticulous management of finances. My deep gratitude to the Hostel Wardens for their selfless service to the residents on campus. I also thank very specially the advisors of the student clubs for their support and involvement in the clubs' activities. I thank the Career Guidance Cell

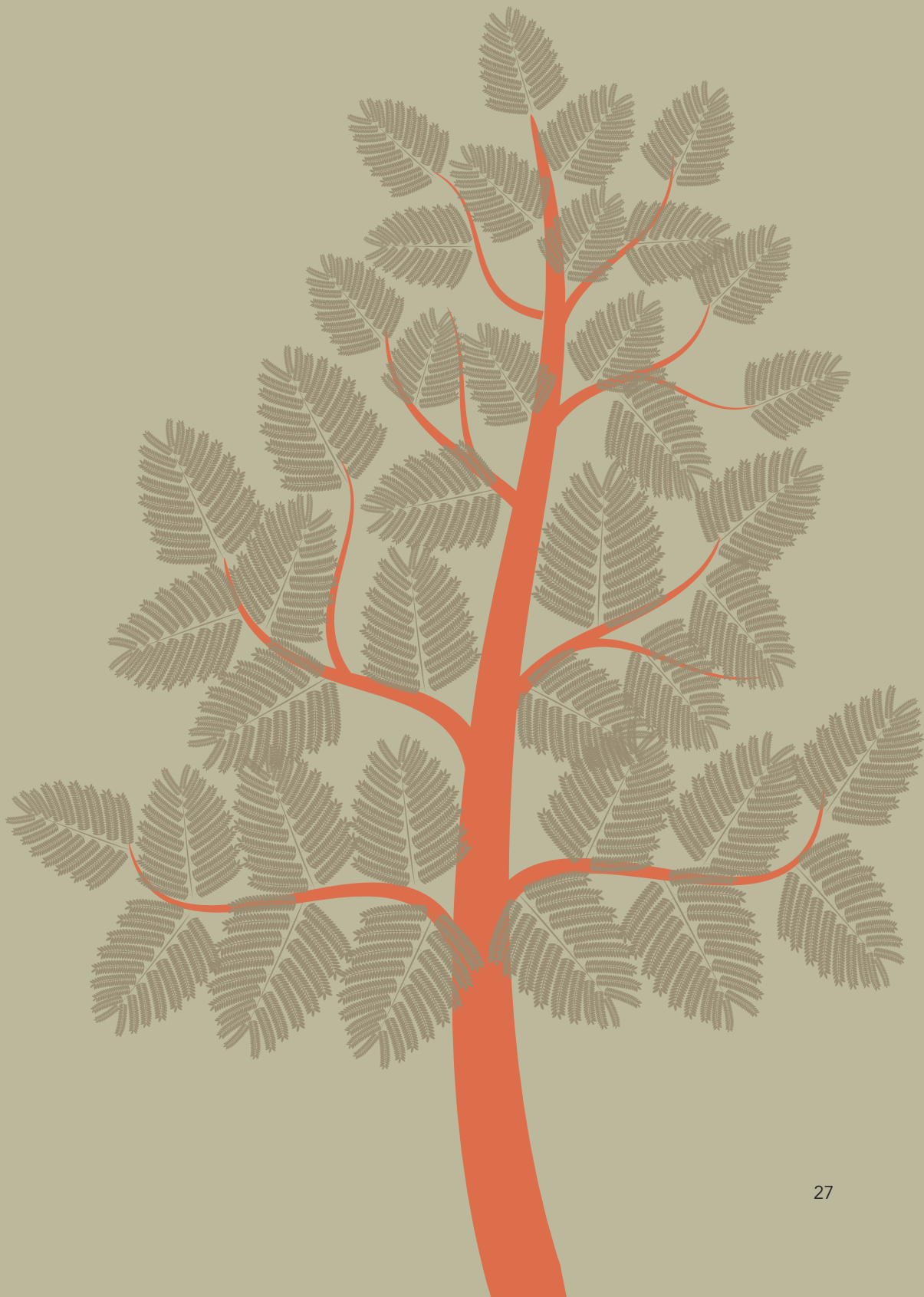
for their committed and dedicated services to the institution. A special word of thanks and congratulations to the faculty of the Departments of Botany and Fine Arts who organised the College Day celebrations.

Thank you dear parents, benefactors and well-wishers for your interest, generosity and for your presence here this morning to participate in our celebration.

May the Star of the Sea be the beacon that guides us as we explore new horizons in the future.

Thank you and God bless!





Independence Day & Stella Birthday





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Dr. Rashida Banu

Citation for Meritorious Service in Higher Education

For outstanding and exceptional services in the field of education, Dr. Rashida Banu, Associate Professor, Department of Commerce—Shift I is hereby awarded this Citation of Honour for Meritorious Service.

In the course of your tenure here at Stella Maris, you have demonstrated the highest levels of commitment and dedication to your chosen vocation—teaching. Hundreds of young women in your care owe you a debt of gratitude for your unstinting efforts to instill in them a passion to excel in their chosen discipline, to develop in them the value of integrity, the merit of confidence, and the utility of skills to meet life's challenges. You have, through example,

taught them to understand the need to be effective in meeting professional and social responsibilities. Throughout the long years you spent in Stella Maris, you have taken care to ensure that the classroom became a space of care and nurture, enabling the development and growth of your students into responsible adults and citizens. Your vision as a teacher and facilitator has made you explore to the fullest the empowering and transformative possibilities of education to bring about societal change and justice. Your students have done you proud, many of whom have emerged as leaders and change-makers in their chosen careers.

You have offered your services to the institution in multiple ways, serving as Dean of Academic Affairs, in which post you were instrumental in introducing new courses and options for the student community. Your strength of character, your constancy, loyalty and positive outlook have earned you many admirers among the College community. Your scholarship, your contribution to the growth and development of your Department is laudable, and the institution owes a debt of gratitude to you for your exemplary service.

For this, and for the role you have played in the growth and development of Stella Maris College, the Management is pleased to confer on you this Citation of Honour for Meritorious Service in the cause of higher education.



Dr. V. Padma

Citation for Meritorious Service in Higher Education

For outstanding and exceptional services in the field of education, Dr. V. Padma, Associate Professor Department of English is hereby awarded this Citation of Honour for Meritorious Service.

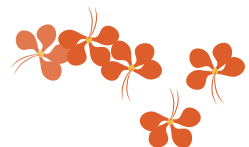
Dr. V. Padma, Mangai, as you are better known, you have been an integral part of our College community for nearly seventeen years, in the course of which you have contributed much to the growth of the Department of English and its students. A vibrant academic and researcher, you encouraged both faculty and students to explore new and exciting areas of study such as Theatre Skills and Translation Studies.

You were one of the first academics to focus on the need for gender sensitisation before it became a part of popular discourse. An accomplished theatre practitioner, with a commitment to promoting social justice, you believed in making theatre the voice of the voiceless. Your play, "Mouna-k-kuram", became a vehicle for the empowerment of students across linguistic and cultural boundaries, and is etched in the memory of a whole generation of Stella Marians.

Your deep involvement in theatre led you to chronicle performance history in Indian languages for the benefit of the academic community. An accomplished bilingual writer, your many translated works have enriched the reading experience of the literary world. In recognition of your commitment to women's issues and gender justice, you were the recipient of prestigious awards such as the Fulbright Fellowship and the Rockefeller-Bellagio Residency.

Students remember you as a teacher who opened their minds to new ways of looking at the world and challenged them to cross boundaries and realise their true potential.

For this, and for the role you have played in the growth and development of Stella Maris College, the Management is pleased to confer on you this Citation of Honour for Meritorious Service in the cause of higher education.





திரு. சூசை

1991-இல்
“அலைகடல் விண்மீன்” பொருளுடைய
“ஸ்டெல்லா மாரிஸில்” அடியெடுத்து வைத்த
திரு சூசையே!
வாழ்த்துவதில் உவகை கொள்கிறோம்.

உம் பணியின் நிறைவில்
“வெள்ளி விழாவை” கண்டுள்ளீர்!
ஆண்டுகளில்
வெள்ளி விழா, ஆளுமைத் தன்மையில்
வைரவிழாவை எட்டியுள்ளீர்!

ஆம்....
அன்பின் உள்ளம்
ஆண்டவனுள் நம்பிக்கை
இன்பம் தவறும் புன்னகை
ஈடில்லா உழைப்பும்

உறவுகளின் பிணைப்பு
ஊராரிடத்துப் பகிர்வு
எண்ணங்களின் உயர்வு
ஏற்றமிகு மனித நேயம்
ஐக்கியமான குடும்பம்
ஓப்பில்லா நேசம்
ஓய்வில்லா உழைப்பும்
ஒளடதமாம் நண்பர்களுக்கு

வேதியல் துறையின் நண்பனே!
தேர்வுக் கட்டுப்பாட்டு அலுவலக நாயகனே!
தமிழ்த் துறையின் சுற்றுலாத் தலைவனே!

நீவிர்!
திருக்குடும்பத் திருவருள் பெற்று
திக்கெட்டும் புகழ் மணக்க
வாழ்வாங்கு வாழ வாழ்த்துகிறோம்!



திரு. முருகன்



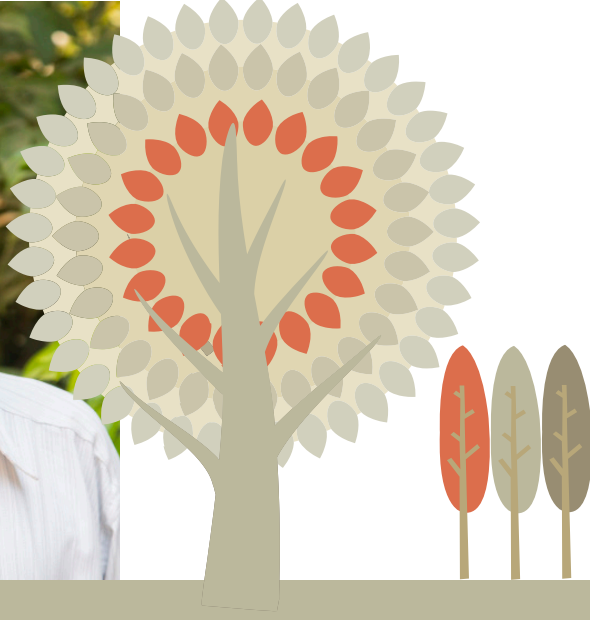
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செய்யும் தொழிலைத் தெய்வமாய்க் கொண்டு
செவ்வனே பணியை முடிக்கும் பாட்டாளி

இவர்
தொட்ட வேலை துலங்கி நிற்கும்
இட்ட பணியோ ஏற்றமாய் நிறைவுறும்
நேரமும் காலமும் நினைத்துப் பாராமல்
நாளும் கடமை நன்கு முடிவுறும்

முப்பத்துமூன்று ஆண்டுகள் நீண்ட அனுபவம்
முனைந்து செயல்படும் செயலில் தீவிரம்
தொல்லைகள் வாரா இவர்தொட்ட பணியில்
எல்லையும் ஏதிவர் அர்ப்பணிப்புக்கே!

அன்பும் இனிமையும் பண்பும் கொண்டு
என்றும் நன்மையே நாடும் நல்லுள்ளம்
அக்கறை கொண்டு அறிவுரை கூறி
இக்கட்டு நீக்கிட இனி இவர்போல் யாரோ!

இறைவன் ஆசியோடு குன்றாத நலமும்
குறைவிலா வளமும் குடும்பத்துடன் இணைந்து
எந்நாளும் பெற்று இன்பம் பெருகிட
இந்நாளில் உம்மை மனமார வாழ்த்துகின்றோம்!!



திரு. செல்வராஜ்

கடின உழைப்பும் வழிகாட்டுதலும்
கனிவுடன் அமைதியும் பிறர்மேல் மதிப்பும்
கொண்டு இலங்கும் செல்வராஜ் அவர்களைக்
கொடையெனப் பெற்றோம் கல்லூரி

முப்பதைத் தொடுகின்ற ஆண்டுகள் பலவும்
முறையாய் உழைத்தார் நிறுவனத்திற்காய்
அலைகடல் ஒளிமீனாம் நம் கல்லூரிதோட்டம்
செல்வராஜ் அவர்களின் உழைப்பினைச் சொல்லும்

பெருவெள்ளத் தாலே மூழ்கிய செடிகள்
இவர்தம் கரத்தால் முளைவிட் டெழுந்தன
வர்தா புயலால் வறனுற்ற மரங்கள்
வளமாய் இங்கு வளம்பல நல்கின

இவர்தம் பணியால் துளிர்ந்தன மரங்கள்
இவர்தம் பொறுப்பால் அலர்ந்தன மலர்கள்
அருமையாய் காய்களும் கனிகளும் இங்கே
அழகிய காட்சியாய் விளைந்தன நன்றே

ஆயிரத்துத் தொள்ளாயிரத்து எண்பத்து ஏழில்
ஆர்வத் துடனே இணைந்தஇப் பணியில்
இடையறாது உழைத்த செல்வராஜ் அவர்களை
இன்முகத்துடனே யாம் வாழ்த்து கின்றோம்

இதுவரை இவரை நடத்திய இறைவன்
இனிமேல் இனிதாய் வழிநடத் திருக!
இனியநல் சுற்றமும் நட்பும் சூழ
இனிதே மகிழ்வாய் நலமாய் வாழ்க !!!



திருமதி உத்திரமேரியம்மாள்

அன்னை மரியாளின் அருளை
அனைவருக்கும் பகிரும்
அன்புக்கு இனியவர்.

“வணக்கம்மா....
சாப்பிட்டங்களா...
நல்லா இருக்கீங்களா...”
என அன்புக்குரலில்
எதிரே வருபவரையும்
வாஞ்சையோடு விசாரிக்கும்
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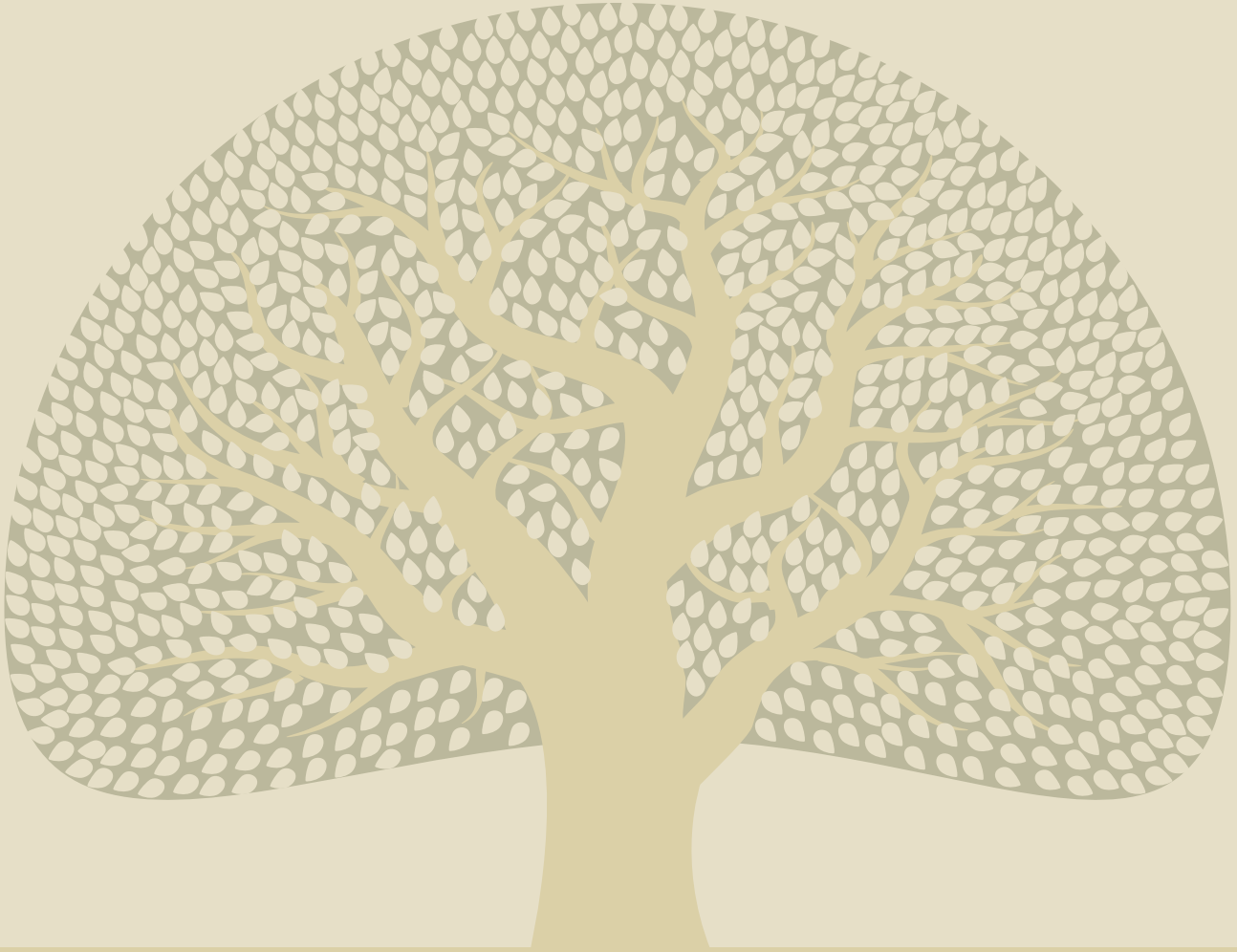
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பொதுநலம் பேணும்
பெருந்தகையாள்.

ஸ்டெல்லா மாரிஸில்
கால் நூற்றாண்டு
ஓயாத பணியில்
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கண்ணியம் மிக்க
கனிவுடைய அன்னை

எதிர்பார்ப்புகளற்ற வாழ்க்கையை
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இறையருளால் இன்பம் பெருக
இறைவனை விசுவசிக்கும்

நீர்,
இறை ஆசீரோடு
வாழ்க பல்லாண்டு...
வாழ்க நலமுடன்...





In Memoriam



Dr. Hannah John

Dr. Hannah John joined the Department of Zoology in the year 1975 and served the institution for two decades. She retired from service in 1996. She was one of the few Doctorate Degree holders at SMC in her time. She was a teacher par excellence and fondly remembered by her students as a “walking encyclopaedia”. She was a very highly motivated teacher reaching out to all her students. Deeply involved in the organisation of all departmental activities, she went to great lengths to inculcate the love of the environment by arranging for field trips for both faculty and students.

Dr. Hannah John was a world-renowned arachnologist. Her work on jumping spiders has been highly commended. She spent a couple of years in Ruhr University, Germany, researching Collembolans in the soil ecosystem. She also had the unique distinction of having a spider and mite species named after her.

Dr. Hannah John's interests ranged from love for animals to cooking and gardening. She was the health index of the Department, waxing eloquent on different healthy and unhealthy foods. She was always true to her calling as a teacher and mentor and was a person of integrity. Dr. Hannah passed away on 9 March 2018. The Stella Maris College community, and the Department of Zoology, in particular, is ever grateful to Dr. Hannah John for the dedication and commitment with which she served the institution.

There are some we remember with pleasure
And feel honoured and privileged to know
You were that kind of person
Who leaves beautiful memories behind
And there will be many days
Which will bring fond memories to mind.

May her soul rest in peace.



Dr. Jatinder Singh

Dr. Jatinder Singh had been associated with the Department of Fine Arts for almost forty years. She was a student in the early sixties and joined the faculty in 1970. Eminent art historians have acknowledged her scholarship and meticulous attention to detail in research. Dr. Jatinder was a dedicated teacher committed to academic excellence and perfection. Her love for art was manifested in her approach to teaching. This was just one facet of her multidimensional personality and her wide-ranging interests made it a pleasure to discuss any subject with her—be it politics, philosophy, gardening, car maintenance, fashion jewellery or even the right diet for pets.

Gentle, soft-spoken, warm and friendly, she could strike a rapport with faculty members and students alike. What was most impressive about her was the air of quiet dignity and sophistication that she always maintained.

May her soul rest in peace.



Dr. Madhu Dhawan

Pillars fell,
And were constructed again,
But the sands of time moved on.
You kept on flowing like a river,
Traversing the jungles,
Sometimes bearing the anger of the summer sun,
Sometimes enjoying the softness of the
silver moon,
Providing lands with fertility and creation,
You kept flowing like a river.

These lines from Dr. Madhu Dhawan's poem, "Amritmayi", are a fitting tribute to her personality. Amidst tough challenges it was her passion for Hindi that kept her going. She even transformed her residence into a Tamil Nadu Hindi Academy office.

Decorated with many awards and titles, Dr. Madhu Dhawan was the Hindi advisor for several official language cells of central government offices. She authored 165 books in Hindi and organised many national and international Hindi conferences in Chennai. She headed the Department of Hindi, Stella Maris College, for 22 years.

After her retirement from the Department in 2010, she continued to work for the development of Hindi in the four southern states. Her death on 26 June 2017 has left a deep void in Tamil Nadu's Hindi literary field which will be very difficult to fill in the years to come.

May her soul rest in peace.







College Activities

Students' Union 2017–18

This academic year was exciting and challenging for the Stella Maris Students' Union 2017–18. The Union members were elected to office in March 2017. Regular activities such as welcoming the freshers, the orientation of class representatives, assistant representatives and club office bearers, Club Fair, Onam celebrations, Teachers' Day celebrations, Cultural Diversity Day, Christmas Week and Non-Teaching Staff Day, were conducted from June 2017 to March 2018.

Tales competition was also held. On 27 June 2017 Ramzan was celebrated for the first time on campus.

The logo and social theme of the Students' Union 2017–18 was unveiled after much anticipation on 4 July 2017. The logo featured a ship's wheel in a splash of blue. The social theme was 'LEAD' which expands to Lead, Empower, Appreciate and Discover.



Logo Unveiling Ceremony

The Students' Union 2017–18 also introduced some important initiatives towards ensuring that the College community received opportunities to develop skills, ensure their wellbeing and place their learning in a wider context. On 26 June 2017, the International Day against Drug Abuse was commemorated in Stella Maris College for the first time. The Mime Club put up a presentation on drug abuse and a Terribly Tiny

The Annual Freshers' Talent Hunt themed "Meals Ready" was organised on 9 August 2017 to celebrate various cuisines. The first years were grouped into the following teams: Don Dosa, Mafia Momos, King Kebabs, Boss Biryani, Killer Kaapi and Enthu Cutlets. A wide variety of on-stage and off-stage events were held and the overall champions were King Kebabs.





As part of Friendship Day celebrations on 7 August, the Students' Union encouraged the students to buy friendship cards and write personalised messages on them. These cards were delivered on Friendship Day along with a friendship band.

The 71st Independence Day and the birthday of the College were celebrated on a grand scale on 15 August. The highlight this year was an Interdepartmental Tableau Competition, an initiative of the Students' Union 2017–18.

National Sports Day, organised by the Students' Union to acknowledge the sports heroines of our College, was held on 29 August 2017. Badges were awarded to honour these international, national and university level athletes and a video showcasing their achievements was screened. The College celebrated Onam in its own special way on 31 August 2017.

To appreciate all the hard work and effort put in by the teachers, the Students' Union, in collaboration with various clubs of the College, put up a cultural programme on Teachers' Day, 5 September 2017. The Annual Interyears Cultural Fest themed "Lights, Camera, Action—Behind the Scenes" was hosted on 16 September 2017. For the first time, Stella Maris College held Diwali celebrations on 12 October, 2017. The highlight this year was the "Light a Life" initiative. Lamps, which contained strips of paper with names of provisions, were placed at the OAT. Students and faculty members were encouraged to pick up a diya and purchase the provisions enlisted in the strips. The Dean of Student Affairs, along with the Students' Union, went to Thirupachur to



International Day against Drug Abuse



Onam Celebration



Ramzan Celebration





The Overall Champions King Kebabs with Dr. Sr. Jasintha Quadras.



distribute the provisions collected during Diwali on 8 January 2018. This initiative helped light the lives of the needy and the poor, making this Diwali a truly meaningful experience.

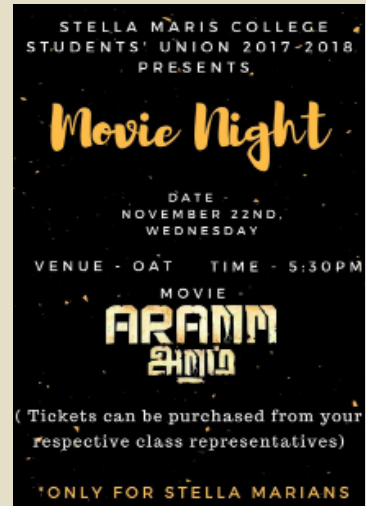
Health Week was celebrated from 20 to 24 November, 2017 with various activities such as Zumba and Piloxing sessions. Stella Maris College experienced its first ever movie night on 22 November 2017. The Union organised the screening of *Aramm* a Tamil movie with a social theme. The Students' Union took the initiative to spread the Christmas spirit by organising an interdepartmental carol singing competition,

card-marking competition and various other fun activities over a week from 18 to 21 December 2017. A delightful Christmas programme was held on 22 December 2017. To share the joy of Christmas, the Deans of Student Affairs and the Students' Union, along with a few other students of Stella Maris College, visited St Joseph's Hospice in Chengalpet on 21 December.

Student Entrepreneur's Day, an annual feature, was also held on campus on 10 January. To express gratitude to all administrative and support staff of the College, the Students' Union put up a cultural programme for the non-teaching



Students' Union 2017-18



Screening of the movie *Aramm*

staff on 7 February 2018. 24 February 2018 was a special day for the Students' Union 2017-18 as it witnessed the celebration of Horizon 2018, the Annual Clubs Day! The day was marked by a number of performances by members of the various college clubs as well as two guest performances—one by a popular dance crew 'Highkicks' and the other by violinist Shravan Sridar.

On 14 March 2018, the activities of the Students' Union 2017-18 came to an end.



NCC Cadets at the Annual NCC Day Celebration

National Cadet Corps

The National Cadet Corps (NCC) offers its cadets several opportunities to explore various places, cultures, traditions and languages through its activities and camps. It also gives the cadets the unique chance to visit areas related to the Defence Services.

The first year students were given orientation on 20 June 2017 and were enrolled into the NCC in July 2017. Parents of the newly inducted cadets were briefed on the training programmes, activities, benefits and scope of the NCC on 15 July 2017. The Inaugural Camp was held on 4 and 5 August 2017 at Besant Theosophical

Society, in which cultural competitions, Flag Area and Line Area were held. About 120 cadets enthusiastically participated in the camp.

Lt. Fancy V. F., Associate NCC Officer of Stella Maris College, attended the Naval Technical Attachment Camp held at INS Shivaji, Lonavala, from 21 to 30 June 2017. The camp also included a visit to the Naval Dockyard, Mumbai. Lt. Fancy was also appointed a member of the Board of Officers for the conduct of C-Certificate Examination held at GKM Engineering College, Perungalathur, on 24 and 25 February 2018.



Swachh Bharat Campaign

Inter-Platoon competitions were conducted on 30 November and 1 December 2017 among the first year cadets of the Alpha, Bravo, Charlie and Delta Platoons. Former Commanding Officer of 1 (TN) Girls BN NCC, Former ANOs and cadets judged the events. Cadets participated in the Bharat Yatra held at Stella Maris College on 13 September 2017. A one-day workshop on life-saving skills was organised jointly with the Rashtriya Life Saving Society on 7 October 2017. The cadets who participated in this were taken to the Officers' Training Academy on 9 Dec 2017. They visited various facilities like the gymnasium, the drill ground, the swimming pool, the art

gallery, display of weapons and were also given a briefing by the Officer in charge.

The Stella Maris NCC Company organised a Swachh Bharat event on the College campus on 14 December 2017 and cleaned the herbal garden and the space behind Our Lady's Hostel. The cadets gave a short presentation at the OAT on "Clean and Green Campus" on 14 March 2018. On 10 January 2018, the Madras Engineering Group Pipe Band along with the Jammu and Kashmir Rifles Band organised a band performance. A short video on "Join the Armed Forces" was presented and a Weapons

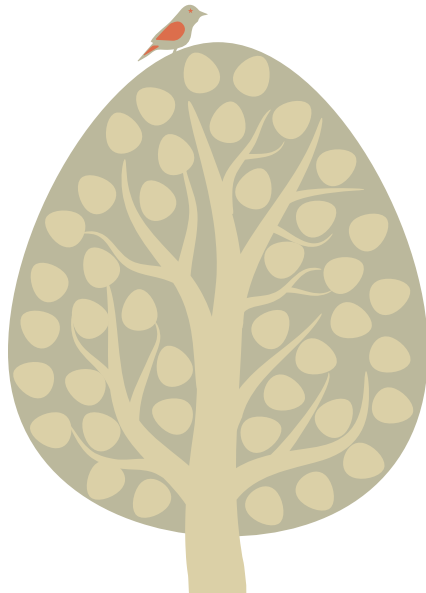
Display was held on campus. The Annual NCC Day celebrations were held on 10 February 2018. Col. H.S.S. Krishna Kumar, SM, Director, TN, P & AN Directorate, NCC, was the Chief Guest. The ceremonial drill and the daring pyramid formation were awe inspiring. The cadets who received accolades at state, national and international levels were awarded trophies and first year cadets who won competitions were given awards. The following cadets were recognised for their achievements during the year 2017–2018: Best Cadet Under Officer Sanju S. Jangid, III B.Sc. Sociology, Best Sergeant and Best Cado-Leader Air Wing Betsy Theodore, III B.Sc. Mathematics (Shift I), Best Cado-Leader Navy Wing Bhoomika R. S., III B.A History, Best Cado-Leader Army Wing Mercy Amala Josephine M III B.Sc. Mathematics (Shift II) and Best Outgoing Cadet of Stella Maris NCC Company Joshila David J., III B.A. English. The Bravo Platoon was declared the Best Competing Platoon and the Charlie Platoon was declared the Best Outgoing Platoon.

The NCC of Stella Maris College mourns the demise of second year Army cadet Vaishali R. of the Department of History on 30 September 2017 due to illness. May the Lord grant her eternal rest.

Cadets participated in the International Yoga Day Celebrations on 21 June 2017 at Sri Sankara Vidhyasaram, Thiruvanimiyur, the SSB workshop at Dr. Ambedkar Law University on 28 August 2017 and the Passing Out Parade of the officers at the Officers' Training Academy, St, Thomas Mount on 7 September 2017 and 8 March 2018 and at the Women's Day Celebrations at Music Academy on 8 March 2018.

Cadets also participated in the All Faith Memorial Service organised at the Officers' Training Academy, Chennai on 1 July 2017, Standathon—Rally for Rivers held at YMCA grounds on 10 September 2017, and the Swacch Bharat event at CKNC College on 13 Dec 2017. Cadets were also involved in creating awareness among the public at a signal near Guru Nanak College, Velachery on 17 December 2017. Cadets were taken to Don Bosco Anbullam on 21 December 2017 and Maria's Old Age Home at St. Thomas Mount on 27 December 2017.

Second and third year Army cadets appeared for B-certificate and C-certificate examinations on 17 and 18 February and 24 and 25 February 2018 respectively. The C-certificate examination for third year Navy and Air Wing cadets was held on 24 and 25 February 2018. The B-certificate examination for second year Navy and Air Wing cadets was held on 10 March 2018.



Activities & Achievements of NCC Cadets

Student	Camp/Activity	Level	Achievements
One III year and one II year cadet of Navy Wing	CATC camp at MCC Mat. Hr. Sec. School, Chetpet, from 26 April to 5 May 2017	Unit	Participated
Four III year cadets of Army Wing	Army Trekking Camp at Nilgiris from 3 to 11 May 2017	State	Participated
Merlin Sebastin S. III B.Sc. Physics (Army Wing) Akshaya A. III B.Sc. Chemistry (Navy Wing)	Intergroup Shooting Competition at Kongu College, Erode from 19 to 28 May 2017	State	Participated
12 II year cadets and 9 III year cadets of Army Wing	CATC camp at Velammal Matric Hr. Sec. School, Ponneri from 6 to 15 May 2017	Unit	Participated
Four II year cadets of Army Wing	Thal Sainik Selection Camp at VIT, Chennai from 16 to 25 June 2017 Pre-IGC TSC camp at SRM University, Kattangulathur from 26 June to 5 July 2017	Interunit	Selected to participate
Shobana II B.V.A. Shea Misebiel Peries R. II B.Sc. Mathematics (Shift I) Kirthika S. II B. Com. (Shift II)	Inter-Group competition TSC at CRPF campsite, Madurai from 17 to 26 July 2017	State	Selected to participate

Student	Camp/Activity	Level	Achievements
Kirthika S. II B.Com. (Shift II) (Army Wing)	TSC Training Camp at NCC Training Centre, Madurai from 9 to 18 August 2017	State	Selected to participate
Two cadets of Army Wing and one cadet of Navy Wing of II year	Basic Leadership Camp at Periyar Maniyammai University from 13 to 22 July 2017	State	Participated
Swarna Priya P. II B. A. Sociology(Army Wing)	Advanced Leadership Camp at Agra from 21 to 31 August 2017	Interstate	Selected to participate
Mercy Amala Josephine M III B.Sc.Mathematics(Shift II) (Army Wing)	Army Attachment Camp at Parachute Regiment Centre, Bangalore from 5 to 15 September 2017	Interstate	Selected to participate
S.Reetheka of III B.Sc. Mathematics(Shift II) (Army Wing)	Special National Integration Camp held at Dimapur, Nagaland from 2 to 15 January 2018	Interstate	Participated
Two II year cadets of Army Wing	Pre-IGC RDC Training Camp at Velammal Mat. Hr. Sec. School, Panchetti from 18 to 27 July 2017	Unit	Participated



Student	Camp/Activity	Level	Achievements
Two II yearcadets of Army Wing	Pre-IGC RDC Training Camp at Jain Vidyashram School, Puzhal from 5 to 14October 2017	Interunit	Selected to participate
Nikhath Fathima S. II B.Com. (Shift I) Jane Maria V. T. II B.A.History	IGC RDC Camp at Bannari Amman Institute of Technology, Sathyamangalam, Coimbatore from 20 to 30 October 2017	State	Selected to participate
Betcy Theodore III B.Sc. Mathematics (Shift I)	Air Force Attachment Camp at Dindigul from 20 June to 3 July 2017	Interstate	Selected to participate
Two II year cadets of Air Wing	CATC Camp at VIT Chennai from 28 July to 6 August 2017	Unit	Participated
Gani Priya III B.Sc. Mathematics (Shift I)	National Integration Camp at Ropar, Punjab, from 10 to 21 Janury 2018	Interstate	Participated
Sameetha Reena L. II B.Sc. Physics (Navy Wing) Jaya Shree V. II B.Sc. Zoology (Navy Wing)	Scuba Diving Camp at Anna Swimming Pool from 3to 8 July 2017	Unit	Participated
Two II year Navy cadets	Pre-IUC Camp at 1 (TN) Naval Unit NCC from 3 to 11 August 2017	Interunit	Selected to participate



Student	Camp/Activity	Level	Achievements
Sameetha Reena L. II B.Sc. Physics (Navy Wing) Panimaya Peshija A. II B.Sc. Physics (Navy Wing)	IUC NSC Camp at Puducherry from 21 to 30 August 2017	State	Bronze Medal in Boat Pulling IV Place in Ship- modelling
Sameetha Reena L. II B.Sc. Physics (Navy Wing)	NSC Training Camp at Puducherry from 5 to 14 September 2017	Interstate	Selected to participate
Sameetha Reena L. II B.Sc. Physics (Navy Wing)	All India Yatching Regatta at INS Chilka, Odisha from 31 October to 10 November 2017	National	Participated
Akshaya A. III B.Sc. Chemistry (Navy Wing) Shamli R. III B.A. Economics (Navy Wing)	All India Annual Training Camp at Ezhimala, Kerala from 9 to 20 January 2018	Interstate	Participated
Bhoomika R. S. III B.A. History (Navy Wing)	Youth Exchange Programme at Nepal from 31 January to 21 February 2018	International	Selected to participate
Six I year Navy cadets Yuvarani G. I B.Com. (Shift I)	CADO GREEN at Pachayappa's College on 27 & 28 January 2018	Intercollegiate	II place in Group Song I place in Cross Country Race
Four I year Army cadets Swathi T. and Ponsharmini R. I B.Sc. Physics Arockia Rexi F. I B.Sc. Mathematics (Shift I)	CADO FEST at D G Vaishnav College from 14 to 16 February 2018	Intercollegiate	Won TSC Banner Gold and Bronze Medals in Thal Sainik Cadet



Pyramid Formation



Fire Eating Demonstration



National Service Scheme & Youth Red Cross



The National Service Scheme (NSS) and the Youth Red Cross (YRC) unit have been an integral part of the academic programme of Stella Maris College. This academic year, 224 YRC volunteers and 316 NSS volunteers enrolled in the unit. With this enrolment, the total number of volunteers has gone up to 580.

Two blood donation camps were organised this year on 3 August 2017 and 9 February 2018. Around 365 students donated blood, and the NSS and YRC received the Dr. Radakrishnan

Rolling Trophy for the eighth consecutive year for mobilizing the maximum number of donors among women's colleges in Chennai city.

In an activity-filled year, the NSS and YRC volunteers participated in more than 25 events organised by various NGOs and the University of Madras. Apart from these, the unit also participated in a number of other programmes. Ms. Sahana and Ms. Aishwarya from the Department of Commerce and Ms. Harini Sha from the Department of History and Tourism,



Annual NSS Rural Camp at Thirupachur

participated in the five-day Interstate Youth Motivational Camp organised by Bangalore University in collaboration with the Indian Red Cross Society. The camp was held at NSS Bhavan, Jnanabharathi campus, Bangalore University from 1 to 5 December 2017.

The NSS Annual Rural Camp of Stella Maris College commenced on 17 December 2017 and was held over seven days. The theme of the camp was "Healthy Youth for Healthy India". Students spent the seven days at Thirupachur village in Thiruvallur district.

The events of the NSS and YRC units culminated in a grand finale celebrated on 17 and 18 February

2018. The unit collaborated with reStore, a non-governmental organisation whose main goal is to support the rights of farmers and to spread awareness among the consumers regarding this. To achieve this, and to commemorate their tenth anniversary, reStore, in collaboration with the NSS and YRC units of Stella Maris College, conducted a two-day festival on the theme "Safe Food". This festival was aimed at enlightening the students and through them, the general public, on the importance of safe food, the need to save our environment, and the benefits of a sustainable lifestyle. Safe food activists Dr. Debal Dev, Ms. Kavitha Kuaranganthi, Dr. Siva Raman, Mr. Nel Jayaraman and Mr. Ashish Kothari spoke to the students on the occasion.



Dr. Radha Krishnan Rolling Trophy for Blood Donation



NSS Day Celebration



Sports & Games

Stella Maris College emphasises whole-person education and recognises that sports and games are an integral part of such an education. Professional coaches train the students in a variety of sports and games. Students are also encouraged to participate in different tournaments at different levels.

This year, the College inaugurated a Fitness Centre for the use of faculty and students of the College. Ms. Sunita, the Fitness Instructor, guides the users of the Centre in training with the cardio and strength equipment.

The sportswomen of Stella Maris College did the College proud this year too with their numerous achievements in the various sports. The list of awards and prizes won by them at Zonal, State, District and National levels is indeed awe inspiring.



The Stella Maris Basketball Team 2017



Student Achievements in Sports & Games


Basketball	Graceya A. III B.A. History Merlin J. III B.A. History Akila S. III B.Com. Gayathri L II B.Com.	Winners at the Madras University B Zone	Intercollegiate
	Aashmi Maria Baby II B.Com. Jayabharathi R.V. II B.Sc. Mathematics	Runner-up at Madras University Inter zone	Inter zone
	A. Ria Sharon I B.Com. S Rajeshwari I B.A. History Sudarkodhi I B.A. History Nivetha K. M. I M.Sc. Mathematics	Winners at the SSN Trophy 2017	National Level
		Runners-up at IIT Sports Fest 2017	Intercollegiate
		Runners up at the Shankarlal Memorial (Shahsun Jain College)	Intercollegiate
	Graceya A. III B.A. History Merlin J. III B.A. History A. Ria Sharon I B.Com.	Participated at the South Zone Inter university	Interuniversity



Table Tennis	Keerthi S. Arasu III B.Com. Swetha M. III B.Com. V. S. Kokila II B.Com. R. Divya I B.Com.	Winners at the Madras University B-Zone Runners up at Madras University interzone Winners at the IIT Sports Fest 2017 Runners up at the Shankarlal Memorial (Shahsun Jain college) Tournament Winners at VIT Chennai tournament Runners up at the Chairman's Trophy organised by DG Vaishnav College Runners up at VASPO 2017	Intercollegiate Interzone Intercollegiate Intercollegiate National level State level National level
	V. S. Kokila II B.Com.	Represented Tamil Nadu State thrice this year	National level
Shuttle Badminton	Sangeetha K. I M.A. International Studies G. Afrin Fathima III B.Com. Supraja S. II B.B.A. Radhey M. III B.A. Sociology	Runners up at the Madras University B-Zone Runners up at Madras University Interzone Third place at SSN Trophy 2017 Runners up at IIT Sports Fest 2017 Runners up at the Chairman's Trophy 2017	Intercollegiate Interzone National level Intercollegiate State Level




Top: Keerthi S Arasu, V S Kokila TT Players




Left: The College Tennis Team



Chess 	Nivedhita M. III B.Com. Vedashawmya K. S. III B. A. Economics Krishnapriya III B.Sc. Botany M. Gayatri II B.C.A. Sai Priya S I B.Com.	Winners at Madras University B Zone	Interuniversity
		Third Place at Madras University Inter Zone	Inter Zone
		Runners-up at the WCC Trophy 2017	Intercollegiate



Subi Suvetha, International Roller Skater

Handball 	S. Sanjana II B.Sc. Physics Sushma Evangelin II B.Sc. Physics Aruneswari S. II B.Sc. Botany Nandana Prabhu II B.A. Sociology Naveena Monal II B. A. Economics Chelsia Y. M. II B.A. Economics Nirmala A. II B.Com. Ann Maria III B.A. English A. Princy I B.A. English Gracelin Swetha B. I M.Com. Aruneswari S. II B.Sc. Botany	Runners up at the Madras University B-Zone Third Place at Madras University Inter Zone Third place at the WCC Trophy 2017 Runners up at AMITY Premier League 2018 Third place at the 46th Senior Women's National Campionship	Intercollegiate Inter Zone Intercollegiate Intercollegiate National
	S. Sanjana II B.Sc. Physic Aruneswari S. II B.Sc. Botany Nandana Prabhu II B.A. Sociology Nirmala A. II B.Com.	Participated at the Junior National Handball Championship	National
	Aruneshwari Saravanan II B. Sc. Botany Gracelin Swetha B. I M.Com.	Participated in the South Zone Inter University	Inter University



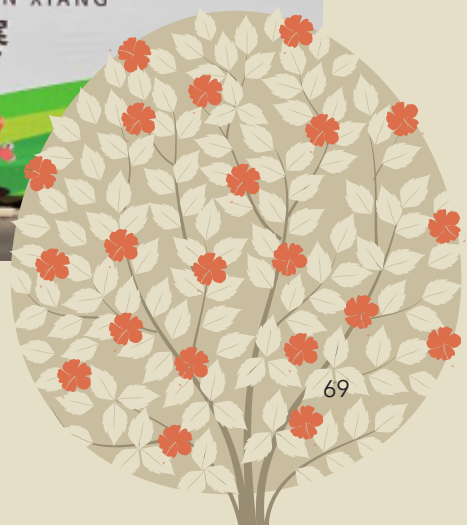
N. Aarathi, International Athlete



Pranamyra Rao I.K., International Roller Skater Solo Dance



Subi Suvetha in Nanjing China



Hockey	Vinitha R. III B.A. Sociology Karthiga R. III B.Com. Rekha R. III B.Com. CS Preethi J. III B.Com CS Roshini K. III B.C.A. Mohitha K. I M.Com. Akshaya D. III B.Com. Keerthana B. II B.A. Sociology Lavanya M. I B.Com Gayatri K. S. I B.A Sociology Durga Devi S. I B.Com. Poornima R. I B.Com. N. Niranjini I M.Com Angelica Swetha III B.Com. Abisha Helen III B.C.A Pavithra P. III B.C.A Yamini Devi II B.Sc. Mathematics	Runnersup at Madras University B Zone Runners up at the Madras University Interzone Runners up at the ESPO 2018	Intercollegiate Interzone Intercollegiate
	Karthiga R. III B. Com. Rekha R III B.Com. CS Roshini K. III B.C.A.	Participated at South Zone Inter University	Interuniversity

Squash	Janvi Rathore, II B.B.A.	Winner at the All India Interuniversity Tournament	Interuniversity
Fist Ball	Gracelin Swetha B. I M.Com.	Runner up at the Senior	National
Athletics	N. Arthi II. B.Com.	Gold Medal in 100 mtsSouth Asian Youth Rural Games Golden Cup 2017-18	International
	K. Anitha II B.Sc. Mathematics S. Sushma Evangelin II B.Sc. Physics Kavya E. II B.Com. CS Anu Priya II B.Com	Silver Medal in Long Jump Third place in Discus Silver Medal in Shot Put Silver medal in High Jump Madras University B- Zone	Intercollegiate
	Anu Priya II B.Com.	Gold Medal in High Jump Chennai District CM Trophy	District



Roller Skating Solo Dance	Pranamy Rao I.K. II B.A. Sociology	Gold Medal	State
		Gold Medal	National
Roller Skating Speed	Subi Suvetha II B.A. Economics	16th place at the World Championship	World Championship
		Gold Medal in 100 mts	National
		Silver Medal in 300 mts Relay	National
		Gold Medal in 100 mts, 300 mts and 500 mts	State
		Silver Medal in 1000 mts	State

Cricket	Vinitha R. III B.A. Sociology Karthiga R. III B.Com. Rekha R. III B.Com. CS Preethi J. III B.Com. CS Roshini K. III B.C.A. Swetha S. III B.Com. CS Alitheya Ayesha III B.Com. CS Mohitha K. I M.Com. Akshaya D. III B.Com. Keerthana B. II B.A. Sociology Lavanya M. I B.Com. Gayatri K. S. I B.A Sociology Durga Devi S. I B.Com. Poornima R. I B.Com. Anjana II B.B. A Antionette Roshini I B.Com. CS	Third place at the Madras University B-Zone	Intercollegiate
		Vinitha R. III B.A Sociology	Winners at the South Zone Interuniversity
		Participate at the All India Interuniversity	Interuniversity
Rowing	Sanjana Shyam I B.Sc. Zoology	Selected to represent the Madras University at the All India Interuniversity	Interuniversity



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Library

The College library is an important hub of campus life. The Stella Maris College Library underwent a major upgradation in technology with the introduction of the Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) system, one of the latest technologies used in library theft detection systems. It also makes circulation services and inventory control quicker and more accurate.

The Library has a collection of over 1,08,856 print books and 102 print journals and also subscribes to online resources like EBSCO, Questia and N-list and AEA journals. A new webpage for the Library is also available on the College website which showcases all the salient services and facilities offered in the Library.

The Library staff organised many programmes this academic year, beginning with the orientation programme for the first year undergraduate and postgraduate students. On 21 September 2017, the book exhibition, an annual event, was organised by the Library. The American Library Membership Drive was organised on 4 October 2017. On 5 October 2017, the EBSCO training manager was on campus to train all the first-year postgraduate students to use the EBSCO Journal database effectively and efficiently. Stella Maris College was listed as one of the top ten users of the N-list programme (INFLIBNET) for the fourth consecutive year.

As our College has established a local chapter with Indian Institute of Technology, Madras for the NPTEL Programme, this year witnessed a rise in the students taking the NPTEL online certification examination. One hundred and eighteen students passed the examination for the period March–October 2017 with five toppers from our College. Our College was listed in the active top 100 Colleges out of more than 1600 local chapters. M. Mahalakshmi, Librarian, was acknowledged as an active SPOC for the period July–December 2017 for the NPTEL Programme. An interactive “Meet the Author” session with Ms. Nish Amamath, an alumna and author of the book *Victims for Sale*, was organised jointly with the Public Relations Office on 23 February 2018. The Library had put on a special display of her books and articles. An audio-visual presentation made on the book was applauded by all.

In keeping with the College’s commitment in creating an inclusive atmosphere on campus, the visually challenged students were given hands-on training in the use of basic computer skills in the Library for ten days.

The Library is truly a scholar’s paradise where you find everything exactly as you would like it—books, journals or audio-visual aids.



Christmas Tree made of recycled paper displayed in the Library





Mr. Gerald J. Pillay, Vice Chancellor, Liverpool Hope University, UK at the Stellarchives

Stellarchives

Stellarchives has had a busy semester filled with events and activities: growth in materials collected and preserved, visits of distinguished persons, extensive use of the Archives for study and research, designing of a standard cover page for departmental journals of the College and consultancy work by the archivist.

The annual meeting of the departmental representatives of the Stellarchives was held on 12 July 2017. Sr. Susan, fmm, Secretary of the College, stressed the need to record the birth, growth and history of the College because of

its unique nature and its cultural heritage. While presenting the updates, Ms Gita Balachandran, Archivist, highlighted the significance of preserving photographs and manuscripts relating to the visits of eminent personalities such as Shri A. L. Mudaliar to Stella Maris College. She informed the group that as decided at the previous meeting, class photographs were being collected and tagged. This herculean task, it is hoped, will be taken forward at the next Alumnae Meet in which all the participants would be engaged in filling up the missing names of their classmates and the Department that completes



the greatest number could be acknowledged and rewarded.

Sr. Nirmala, member of the Stellarchives team, spoke about a few good practices adopted at the archives of Providence Methodist University, Taiwan, a Catholic University, which she had visited during the UBCHEA Fellows Programme. A web portal of Stellarchives is being planned to provide digital access to the collection of photographs, coins and stamps. A policy manual has been prepared and awaits the approval of the Management. The possibility of cloud computing, very essential for alternative methods of preservation, is being explored. Networking with other archives in the country and abroad is envisaged to enhance efficiency and accessibility. A visit has been planned to the archives in the Franciscan Generalate in Rome in order to share expertise, as also a short internship at the archives of KU Leuven, a Catholic University in Belgium. Since this year marks the 650th year of the Hungarian Chapel in Aachen, Germany where Sr. Edith Tömöry's doctoral thesis is being

discussed, a visit to Germany would be mutually beneficial.

Stellarchives had several visitors during the academic year 2017–18: Capt. Indu Dinesh Nair, Department of Chemistry, 1990–1993; Dr. Fr. Victor Lobo S.J., Principal of St. Joseph's College, Bangalore; Mr. Murali Krishna, General Manager, BSNL, former faculty members (Dr. Ashrafi S. Bhagat and Dr. Ramaa Narayanan), former students (Ms. Varalakshmi; Sr. Theresa, fmm, St. Francis Convent, Myanmar; Ms. Sheela Murthy, Founder & President, Murthy Law Firm, USA; and Nish Amarnath, Author and Journalist, USA) and several fmm sisters (Sr. C.T. Theresa fmm, Villa Theresa Convent, Mumbai; eight fmm sisters, Maris Stella College, Vijayawada; three fmm sisters, Philippines; Sr. Noreen Murray, fmm, New York; Sr. Benedicta Amiziah, fmm, Ghana). Several academicians and administrators also visited and were deeply appreciative of the functioning of the Stellarchives: Dr. Fr. Emmanuel Kallrackal, CSC; Fr. Pappy Valan, CSC, Holy Cross College, Agartala; Dr. K. Sandhya, Head, Department of



Mr. Murali Krishnan, General Manager BSNL, on a visit



Cataloguing of the Coin Collection

English, Maris Stella College, Vijayawada; T.M. Gnanapragasam, Retd. Professor, Department of Philosophy, Arul Anandar College, Madurai; Ding-Yah Yang, Hung-Nan Huang, and Kiran, Tunghai University, Taiwan; Gerald J. Pillay, Vice Chancellor of Liverpool University, UK; Dr. Jesudoss Manalan, Senior Librarian & Dean IR, Bishop Heber College, Tiruchirapalli, and Dr. K. Chitra, Principal, Sri Ramakrishna College of Arts and Science for Women, Coimbatore.

Stellarchives was used extensively by the students of the College for consulting resources using information on Shaivism and the Vedas



Meeting of Stellarchives Representatives

and her own doctoral dissertation preserved in the Archives, Sr. Mary John fmm wrote an article on Indian spiritualism. Sr. Diana fmm found photographs and information for her PowerPoint presentation on the contribution of FMM sisters to the development of Stella Maris College. Journalists from the Times of India also collected information and photographs for their article on Stella Maris College.





Stellarchives contributed to the Madras Heritage Week with a display on 30 August 2017. A small but striking exhibition was set up at the entrance to the library showcasing a few pages from the history of the College, providing information about former Principals and important visitors to the College.

This year, Stellarchives can boast of a considerable addition to the collection of books autographed by the authors during their visit to the Archives: *Drugs Use/Abuse among Youth of a Fishing community in Chennai city, India* and *Policies and Practices of Drug Use in India* by Dr. Sandra Joseph; *Surya Prakash Retrospective 1960 Onwards and Regional Modernity* by Dr. Ashrafi S Bhagat; *Folklore, Culture and Heritage of Tamil Nadu* by Dr. Kalpana Jayaraman, Ms. Priya George, and Dr. Dolly Thomas; *In Love and Warcraft* by Ms. Madhuri Shekar and *Victims for Sale* by Nish Amarnath.

The cover page of departmental journals for the College was redesigned with the assistance of Ms. Meenakshi Madan, Department of Fine Arts. The cataloguing of the coin collection is in progress. Detailed work has been done on the type of display and the template for the metadata has been prepared.

Stellarchives has been actively engaged in preserving the history and heritage of the College both scientifically and systematically. The College has now become a trendsetter in this area with many colleges in the city and the country following suit.



Pathway Students selected for placement with TCS

Stella Maris College Pathway Programme

The Stella Maris College Pathway Programme funded by the UGC Equal Opportunities Centre aims to help students from the less privileged sections of society to access employment opportunities which could help them move up the social ladder.

The Stella Maris College Pathway Programme for the academic year 2017–2018 began with a Bridge Course for first year undergraduate students prior to the commencing of their degree programme. The Course was conducted

for 80 students from 6 to 11 June 2017. The resource persons for the first five days were trainers in Life Skills—Prof. John A. Joseph, Ms. Vijayanthi, Dr. Nirmala, and Ms. Sabitha. On 11 June 2017, Mahindra Pride School Volunteers, Ms. Sonia and Ms. Anandhi, conducted training sessions. This programme was organised to help students achieve an easy transition from school to college, develop self-confidence and self-esteem, and communicate in English. Each day of the programme began with a warm-up session conducted by the office bearers of the Students’

Union 2017–18. The student volunteers and the office bearers of the Students' Union engaged all the first year students through action songs and games.

In collaboration with the Career Guidance Cell of the College, the third year Pathway students were trained by Mahindra Pride School off-campus 100 hour programme in collaboration with the Career Guidance Cell of the college on interpersonal, communication and presentation skills by a trainer, Ms. Wyceline, from November 2017 to February 2018. The trained students attended the Job Fair organised at SIET College on 10 February 2018. Twenty of the Pathway students have been selected for TCS, WIPRO, QUATRO and Aegis Healthcare Pvt. Ltd.

In collaboration with the Career Guidance Cell of the College, the second year students of both Shift I and Shift II were given an orientation by Ms. Anandhi and Ms. Wyceline of Mahindra Pride School. Employability training will be conducted next year on campus for a period of 40 to 80 hours for 40 students who had registered after the orientation. The third year Pathway Students were given pre-recruitment training in Group Discussion, CV writing, Aptitude Test and Interview Techniques by the Career Guidance Cell of the College in collaboration with Ms. Vjayanthi, Trainer in Life Skills on 22 and 23 February 2018.



Language Partnership Programme

The Language Partnership Programme (LPP), one of the best practices of the College that facilitates peer teaching amongst the student community, was conducted every day in the month of July and twice a week from August onwards. This academic year, 122 Student Seekers and 23 Student Helpers in Shift I and 102 Student Seekers and 16 Student Helpers in Shift II were enrolled in LPP. The members of LPP, grouped as Student Helpers and Student Seekers, are together called Language Partners.

The second year undergraduate students, who volunteered to be Helpers, were administered a diagnostic test to gauge their proficiency in the English language. The faculty of the English Department conducted a two-week long training programme and also prepared the manual for the Language Partners. The Helpers were entrusted with a group of 10 to 15 Seekers. Helpers who fulfilled the minimum requirement of 75% attendance earned an extra credit each semester. As a result of attending LPP classes, some Seekers showed considerable improvement in their English language skills, which was reflected in their performance in the end-semester examination.



An LPP class in progress

English Language & Life Skills Programme

This programme aims at equipping students with English language communication and life skills. The 2017–18 batch had 15 students, including three FMM sisters from Vietnam. Most of the other students were from Tamil medium schools and this programme provided them an opportunity to enter mainstream college in the forthcoming academic year.

The programme was inaugurated on 3 July 2017 with the blessings of Dr. Sr. Helen Vincent, Director, ELLS and the Principal Dr. Sr. Jasintha

Quardas. The programme focusses on English language skills, life skills, social awareness and basic computer skills. The language skills consisted of spoken/functional English, grammar, comprehension and writing skills with extensive usage of the Language Lab. Life skills classes were interactive and activity-based and aimed at creating self-awareness and building self-esteem and self-confidence in the students. The students were also provided lessons on stress management, time management, effective communication, interpersonal relationships, thinking skills, and



Session on Photoshop at Don Bosco IT College

skills to cope with the challenges in life. The social awareness classes explored current issues which impact the individual and the society, while the computer skills classes included an exposure to MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Publisher, which helped the students become adept at creating brochures and presentations.

Besides attending regular classes, the students enthusiastically celebrated Teachers' Day on 5 September 2017 and Christmas on 19 December 2017. The students also participated in a poster-making competition on "The Current Issues Faced by Today's Women" on 13 February 2018. Ms. Gita Balachandran organised a field trip for the students to Yelagari from 16 to 19 January 2018. During the trip, they attended a workshop on personal, interpersonal and leadership skills with a focus on team synergy. They also attended a half-day computer lab session on PhotoShop at the Don Bosco IT College. This trip helped the students form strong bonds of friendship, besides honing their skills.

The valedictory on 6 April 2018 was the crowning moment for their efforts as they shared, in English, what they had learnt during the programme. They also received awards, certificates and gifts. This was a joyous occasion for both the teachers as well as the students.





Field trip to Yelagiri

Centre for Research in Science & Technology



Dr. B. Chandrasekaran inaugurating the DST-FIST Lab

The Department of Science and Technology–Fund for the Improvement of Science and Technology, (DST–FIST) Instrumentation Centre was inaugurated at the CRIST Lab in Stella Maris College on 11 August 2017 by Dr. B. Chandrasekaran, Director, CSIR–CLRI, Chennai. Dr. Mary Terry, DST–FIST co-ordinator, gave an overview of the facilities available at the Instrumentation Centre.

A fund of nearly one crore rupees was sanctioned to the College by the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India under the DST–FIST Programme–2015 Level ‘0’, to purchase high-end sophisticated instruments, software and books. The Centre now houses

sophisticated equipment which include Solid UV–Vis Spectrophotometer, ATR– FTIR Spectrophotometer, HPLC, Gel-Doc Molecular Imager, Orbital Shaker, Probe Sonicator, Electrochemical Workstation and two software: Schrodinger and MATLAB. These facilities will be made available to students and research scholars of all colleges and universities in order to ignite scientific curiosity in the minds of future scientists. Dr. Mary Terry, (Administrative Director, CRIST) and Ms. Elizabeth Varghese (Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry) co-ordinated a three-month Certificate Course on “Exploring Nanoscience—Synthesis and Characterisation of Nanoparticles” in collaboration with the DST Unit of Nanoscience and Thematic Unit of



Valedictory function of the Certificate Course

Excellence, IIT Madras, from November 2017 to January 2018. This course was attended by 42 undergraduate students from the Departments of Physics, Chemistry, Botany and Zoology. It included lectures, demonstrations and a laboratory visit to the DST Unit of Nanoscience and Thematic Unit of Excellence, IIT Madras. A series of lectures held at CRIST included eminent speakers: Ms. Rini Ravindranath, (Department of Chemistry, National Taiwan University, Taipei, Taiwan), Prof. C. Vijayan (Professor, Department of Physics, IIT Madras), Dr. M. Saroja Devi (Associate Professor, Department of Chemistry, Anna University), and Dr. Cynthia Jemima Swarnavalli G. (Head, Department of Chemistry, Women's Christian College) and research scholars from the

Department of Chemistry, Stella Maris College. Over these three months, students synthesised several nanoparticles (iron oxide, zinc oxide, manganese oxide, copper hydroxide, cuprous oxide, gold and silver nanoparticles) through both chemical methods and plant-based green synthesis, learned various characterisation techniques and submitted their original research findings in the form of a project report.

The educational visit to the DST Unit of Nanoscience and Thematic Unit of Excellence at IIT Madras enabled the students to learn about the latest characterisation techniques used in the field of Nanoscience.



Dr. Helen Pennant, Director, Cambridge Trust



Optional Research Credits Session for UG students

Stella Maris International Centre for Multidisciplinary Research



The Stella Maris International Centre for Multidisciplinary Research is committed to promoting and facilitating research and collaboration to enhance the quality of education in the College. By implementing a three-pronged approach to research development—training in research, conducting research activities and encouraging increase in publications—the Centre aims to broaden and strengthen the existing research base.

Various training sessions addressed the need to increase the number of research publications and also helped faculty effectively synergise teaching with research. Research Capacity Building sessions were conducted by research experts such as Dr. Rita John, Department of Physics, University of Madras; Dr. Robinson, Head of the Mathematics Department, MCC; Dr. Kadambari, Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development; Prof. Victor Lois Anthuvan, Research Director, LIBA and Dr. Bharathi Harishankar, Head, Department

of Women’s Studies, University of Madras, to mention a few.

The optional undergraduate research initiative was introduced this year to hone critical thinking and basic research skills. This resulted in the participation of 96 scholars who produced minor dissertations to earn extra credits.

An online research skills development course is in the process of being initiated as part of the training sessions.

The Technology Transfer Training programmes in research are supported through partnerships with IIT Madras, SRM University, LIBA and the Great Lakes Institute of Management, Chennai, Information Technology based at Le Tourneau University (LTU), Texas, and the Japan-based Company, Blackboard technology. As part of our advocacy research initiative, Ms. Gautami Tadimalla, Director of Life Again Foundation,

conducted a cancer awareness programme for the College community raising awareness on cancer prevention among young girls on 29 January 2018.

With regard to conducting international academic events, the Centre focussed on developing sustainable partnerships with foreign universities. The academic collaborations involve students and faculty exchange and training programmes, summer-study tours and research collaborations. This year saw our continued and successful partnership with the Liverpool Hope University (LHU), UK. The International MBA programme has moved successfully into its third year.

Dr. Atulya Nagar, Dean of Sciences, LHU, on invitation by the Research Centre conducted a one-day symposium on 27 July 2017 for the Department of Mathematics. Prof. Robinson, Head, Department of Mathematics, MCC, and Dr. T. Subramaniam also shared their expertise. On invitation from the LHU, a 16-member student delegation led by Dr. Vidya Srinivasan and Dr. Kalpana Jayaraman attended the Global Conference on Youth Leadership in the Hope University in June 2018.

The Trinity Western University (TWU), Canada and Stella Maris College jointly hosted the International conference, "Team Leadership: Collaboration, Management and Empowerment" on 16 November 2017. The departments of Social Work, Commerce and Sociology aligned with the Research Centre to organise the event. A student exchange programme has been initiated by Dr. Philip Laird, Provost, TWU ensuing which students of Sociology led by Dr. Maria Sasitha

participated in a study tour in the month of May 2018 in Canada.

Other high-profile visitors were Dr. Helen Pennant, Director of the Cambridge Trust and Ms. Jennifer Daubeny, Consul General, Canada, who addressed the students on international education. Prof. Alex Dimitrov, from the University of Melbourne, held discussions with the College on offering a B.Sc. blended programme for the Chemistry Department. Special talks by Prof. James Bunn and Dr. Michael Schlabra, Concordia College, New York were organised for the Department of Commerce. Professor Alan Clipperton, LTU, addressed the students of Computer Science, Psychology and Mathematics on the culture of technology advancement. Skype conferences/meetings/discussions/debates for students and faculty were organised by the Centre. Webair internet services were offered to facilitate discussions hosted by the Centre with the British Council, USIS, Nottingham Trent University, LHU, East London University, TWU, Canada, American National University, Virginia Tech University, US, to mention a few. A Stella Maris International Journal—SMIJAR—has been initiated to promote and highlight the dissemination of research.

The Centre is thankful to funding agencies and donors, such as the UGC, the UBCHEA, IFCU, British Council and TAFE (Tractors and Farm Equipment), Chennai, for rendering support to research collaborations. TAFE has gifted the Jayshree Venkatraman Endowment to facilitate faculty development in areas of teaching and research.



Sr. Susan inaugurating the PMGDISHA

Stella Maris College Extension Project Centre

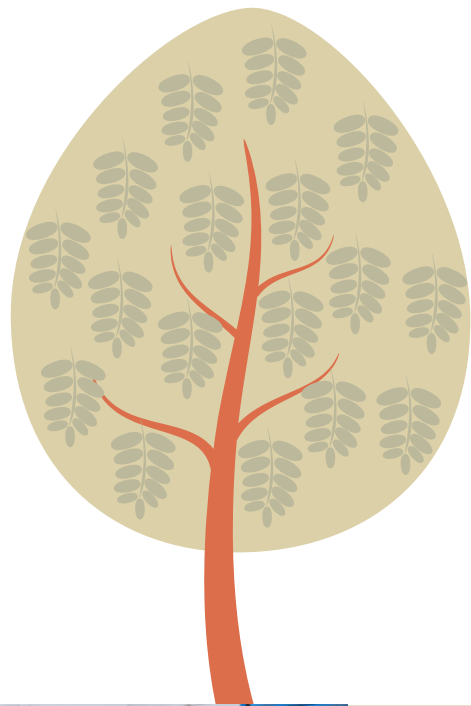
The Stella Maris College Extension Project Centre at Thirupacchur Village launched its activities for the academic year 2017–2018 by inaugurating the Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan (PMGDISHA) in SMCEPC on 9 June 2017 in the presence of officials from the Common Services Centre eGovernance of India. Officials in the Departments of Health—both Medical Services and Public Health—along with those in the District Headquarters Hospital at Thiruvallur were requested to depute their staff for Digital Literacy Certification at SMCEPC. The DIG of Civil Supplies and Distribution was also invited to send his staff for training as

SMART cards were being issued for the Public Distribution System. A special developmental communication programme through folk music, dance and theatre was launched on 4 July 2017 to reach out to 250 children and 50 women of Self Help Groups and key officials in the village.

The digital training for the first batch of 20 Village Health Nurses was launched on 18 August 2017. As the Directorate of Public Health aims to train about 275 nurses through PMGDISHA. Subsequently the nurses were sent for various state level programmes in the community like dengue eradication, worm infestation control,

polio immunisation and so on. Crop insurance was distributed to 91 farmers by the District Collector, Ms. S. Sundaravalli, I.A.S at SMCEPC from 19 November to 30 November 2017.

Jeevan Praman Certificates were issued to 46 pensioners—Sisters, faculty and administrative staff at Stella Maris College on 19 and 20 December 2017. The Common Service Centre continues its extension of business and governmental services to the villagers and also helps them earn a steady revenue.



Digital Literacy training in the solar powered lab
District Collector of Thiruvallur launching the crop insurance scheme



Developmental Communication Programme on folk dance
A farmer receiving his crop insurance certificate





Head Mistress, Kotai Colony Secondary School, addressing the villagers on computer literacy

Stella Maris Centre for Networking & Communication

SMCNC began the activities for the academic year 2017–2018 by preparing and submitting a project proposal to launch the Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan (PMGDISHA), as per the directive from the Ministry of Communication and Information Technology, New Delhi. SMCNC also assisted SMCEPC to launch digital literacy training on 9 June 2017 at Thiruppacchur village, with CSC eGovernance officials Dr. Sundari K. prepared the affidavit and project proposal for recognition of SMCEPC as

a “Training Centre”. She also set up meetings with the officials of various departments of the Government of Tamil Nadu such as Civil Supplies and Distribution, District Headquarters Hospital, Thiruvallur and the Joint Director and Deputy Director of Health Services and Medical Services respectively in the month of June 2017.

Dr. Sundari K. met with Dr. Kumaragurudasan, Training Officer, State Resource Centre, Government of India, and assisted in the



Dr. K. Sundari with officials from Alomo Colleges

Dr. Dayalan, Joint Director Health Services, Thiruvallur in discussion with Sr. Susan



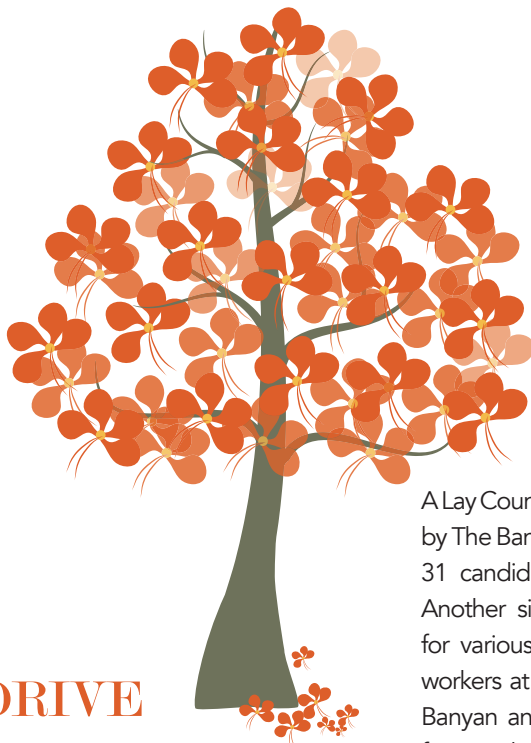
Dr. K. Sundari, at the inauguration of the PMGDISH Programme

The Kitchen Garden on Campus



composition of folk songs, choreography of folk dances and direction of folk theatre on the theme of PMGDISHA. NSS students were enlisted to prepare a two-hour programme which was staged on 4 July 2017 at the Community Panchayat Hall, for 50 women of Self Help Groups and 250 children. The Branch Manager of Indian Bank and the Headmistress of Kotai Colony Secondary School were the chief guests at this outreach programme.

With the assistance of Dr. Satyabhama, Assistant Professor, Department of Botany, SMCNC has developed a kitchen garden and a thematic herbal garden on campus. Dr. Sundari K. and Dr. Satyabhama visited herbal gardens in Trichy between 28 and 30 January 2018 and procured seeds at the Farmers' Seed Depot; the seeds were used for the second sowing on 31 January 2018. Several harvests of broad and string beans, various varieties of gourd and pumpkin have been obtained till April 2018.



SMCDRIVE

The SMCDRIVE began the academic year by organising a summer workshop on Art and Mental Health. This was conducted by Miracle Fingers from 26 to 29 April 2017 for 30 children. Twenty children were sponsored by SMCDRIVE. The workshop included activities such as clay making, palm and foot printing, collage making, playing with sand, colouring, card making and puppetry. Certificates were given to all the participants and the CSR department of LabourNet provided all the children with shoes.

SMCDRIVE organises a clinic for mental health once a month. A team from The Banyan, an NGO, comes to SMCDRIVE every third Saturday of the month. To provide service free of cost. The clinic helps about 20 to 25 patients every month. Counselling services are provided to the students and to the people of neighbouring communities. The Teynampet Police Station also refers cases for counselling.

A Lay Counselling Certificate Course is conducted by The Banyan at SMCDRIVE. There are currently 31 candidates pursuing the six-month course. Another six-month certificate course is offered for various grass-root development and health workers at SMCDRIVE in collaboration with The Banyan and the Rajiv Gandhi National Institute for Youth Development (RGNIYD), a Central University. Currently 28 participants are pursuing this course. Field work training is also provided to the students of the Social Work Department and RGNIYD.

The Nalam Centre at SMCDRIVE seeks to establish wellness-oriented, multi-dimensional services for rehabilitated patients. Some of the activities that are conducted at SMCDRIVE are the making of wire bags, paper bags, jewellery and note pads. Craft activities, weaving, gardening and basic computer skills are also taught. Student Interns pursuing a Postgraduate Degree in Art Therapy from Washington University visited SMCDRIVE and spent three days with the Nalam Centre providing Art Therapy sessions. The College regularly organises exhibitions and sale of products made at the Nalam Centre.

Once a month a representative from the Women's Collective offers training to the women from the



Sessions on Capacity Building for NGOs

community on indigenous food preparation. Women are taught to make nutritious porridge, groundnut burfi etc. through a practical demonstration. About 150 women benefit from this programme every month.

Around 126 school children from the neighbouring communities are provided educational support through this programme. Regular awareness programmes are also organised for the children and their mothers.

SMCDRIVE also conducts workshops for the students of the College. A five-day workshop on Block Printing was conducted for the students of the B.V.A. Department. A course on Fashion Designing is offered to the students by an expert trainer. There are 92 students this year.

A Workshop on Art Therapy was organised for students on 24 January 2018, by Prof. Ephrat Huss, Professor at Ben-Gurion University, Israel. The Student Leadership Programme is an initiative of the Indian Development Foundation, an NGO that trains school children in leadership skills. An orientation was given to the students of the Department of Social Work. At present three batches of Social Work students are conducting this Programme in three schools in Chennai—Puliyur Government School, Kodambakkam; West Mogappair Government School and Durga Matriculation School, Kodambakkam. A half-day workshop "STEP UP" on Personality Development was organised by SMCDRIVE on 7 October 2017, with Ms. Uma Baskaran and Ms. Subhashree Guruprasad as resource persons



A one day Capacity-Building programme was organised on 28 November 2017. Representatives from various NGOs—Women’s Voluntary Service of Tamil Nadu, AIDWA, The Banyan, Arunodaya, Karunalaya, Mottukal, Aarvam, Salesian Institute of Graphic Arts (SIGA), AASHRAYA, Roshini Charitable Trust, and Women & Indian Association—participated in the programme. The sessions focussed on building better family relationships by picturing families through genograms, ecomaps, sociograms and timelines, as well as strengthening relationships through art and role plays.

Representatives from the Women’s Development Corporation oriented around 150 women on 12 September 2017 on the formation of self-help groups. On 9 February 2018, about 150 women were taught emotional empowerment

techniques for Pain and Stress Management. SMCDRIVE celebrated Children’s Day in a special way on 10 November 2017 for children living with HIV. The programme was organised by the Positive Women’s Network and Tamil Nadu AIDS Control Society in collaboration with SMCDRIVE. The Social Work trainees presented a skit on Child Rights and played a video for better understanding of the concept. There was a puppet show which emphasised the need for a proper diet, regular exercise and taking medicine regularly.

SMCDRIVE celebrated Christmas twice—on 19 December 2017, with the women from S S Puram, Nochinagar, Nochikuppam and Doomikuppam and on 22 December 2017 with the elderly from neighbouring communities.





Training on Emotional Empowerment Techniques for women



Activities at the NALAM Centre



Summer Camp for children



AASMC Members at the Christmas Celebrations

Alumnae Association of Stella Maris College

The Alumnae Association of Stella Maris College (AASMC) has always played a significant role on campus. This academic year Dr. Sr. Stella Mary, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics took over as the new Vice-President of AASMC from Dr. Sr. Flavia fmm.

The AASMC organised a farewell for Dr. Sr. Flavia at which the executive, advisory and core group members bid farewell to her and welcomed the new Vice President. This was followed by the Kalanjyam "Meet the Author" programme, held in collaboration with the Department of English. Author Aditi Mukherjee addressed the gathering, discussed her books and shared her journey of becoming an author. The postgraduate students of the Department of English attended the meet along with the alumnae.



The AASMC formulated a vision and mission statement and developed an app along with Engage to Serve, a company that supported the AASMC in this mission. The app with its basic features has already been hosted on both IOS and Android platforms. Further additions to the app will include an online payment gateway for easy transactions. The main focus of the AASMC presently is to develop the app which will help the College reach out to alumnae in various cities. This will also be helpful in forming common interest affinity groups. Using this, the alumnae can support their alma mater.

The AASMC celebrated Christmas with great fervor. The conference hall at the CC block was adorned with balloons and a beautiful tree as the members gathered to celebrate this joyful festival. The students of the Department of History hosted games and staged cultural programmes for the gathering. Ms. Vimala Stephen, former Head, Department of History, delivered the Christmas message and the Western Music

Club entertained the gathering with carols in the Acapella style. The Christmas programme came to a close with Santa distributing gifts to everyone present.

The AASMC also took part in Entrepreneurship Day organised by the Students' Union in January. A few stalls were put up by the alumnae who sold products ranging from clothes to accessories and food. The Dutch University put up a stall to open its door to students from the College.

The AASMC organised the annual outing to Puduchery. The alumnae visited the Rajnivas and also met the Lt. Governor Dr. Kiran Bedi on 20 February 2018.

This academic year was a fruitful one for the AASMC and it strives to keep the good work going in the years to come.



Annual General body meeting



Christmas Celebrations





Christmas get-together

Stella Maris Association of Retired Teachers

It is a pleasure for the SMART members, with Dr. Geetha Sridharan and Dr. Thilagavathi Joseph as office-bearers, to get together on campus and cherish moments of togetherness and friendship. The first meeting of the academic year 2017–2018 was very informative. Ms. Shankarasundari, a retired bank official and an expert in financial planning, conducted an interactive session about investing wisely in savings schemes that offer maximum benefit to pensioners.

Ms. Vsugi Ram Manohar, an alumna of the Department of English, and a member of The Chennai Story Telling Association, did a demonstration of “Learning Through Storytelling”, which was attended by the retired faculty and some of their grandchildren. She narrated stories

in Tamil and English, with puppets and pictures. This prompted some of the retired faculty to make a conscious effort to revive the oral tradition.

Dr. Ashrafi Bhagat, former head of the Department of Fine Arts, enlightened the SMART members with her talk on “Buddhist Philosophy through Art and Architecture” with amazing pictures of Buddhist architecture and paintings. Buddha’s love and compassion for humanity, presented through the Jataka tales, and painted on the walls at Ajanta, and the examples of two types of Ajanta caves—Vihara, or monastery for living, and Chaitya, the prayer shrines containing the stupa—were some of the highlights of her talk. The Christmas get-together was a happy occasion as SMART members, clad in shades of red, merrily

sang carols and listened to the message of love, peace and joy delivered by Sr. Susan Matheikal fmm, the Secretary of the College. The SMART members fulfilled another major requirement of linking their pension accounts with Aadhaar and received their Jeevan Pramaan certificates.

Three of the SMART members, Dr. Agnes Fernando, Dr. Annie Philip and Dr. Thilagavathi Joseph, participated in the heritage tour organised by the College. The Thanjavur Temple, the Church of the Lady of Velankanni, the Tharangampadi heritage site, and Pitchavaram made a lasting impression as the SMART members spent time with 'young' faculty members from different departments.

A workshop on meditation was conducted by Mr. Vijayaraghavan of Heartfulness Foundation. These homecoming events infused the SMART members with renewed energy and helped them remain connected with each other and with the Stella Maris family.



The SMARTies in front of the statue of Zeiganbalg



Dr. Ashrafi Bhagat being felicitated

The Career Guidance Cell

The Career Guidance Cell (CGC), an initiative of the AASMC, aims at providing a platform to connect students with companies on campus. Keeping in mind the increase in demand for trained skill sets in freshers the CGC decided to focus on finding new avenues to train the students. The year started with briefing sessions to the entire batch of final year students by the members of the CGC. Students were briefed about the recruitments in the previous year, the companies that came to campus, the kind of jobs offered, the selection process and the skills expected from the students.

In this academic year, 568 students registered for placements. A four-day pre-recruitment workshop was conducted by the CGC on resume writing, cracking aptitude tests, interview techniques and

group discussions. Approximately 280 students attended this programme.

This year, the focus was on training the Pathway students, to improve their employability prospects. In the academic year 2016-17, Mahindra Pride School, a CSR initiative of the Mahindra group of companies, had conducted 80 hours of training for the second year students from economically weaker sections of society. The programme covered topics on personality development and also prepared these students for the campus drive. In continuation of the programme conducted in the previous academic year, a few Pathway students attended a job fair on 10 February 2018, organised for the Mahindra Pride School trainees. In addition to this, a few students from the final year attended a 100 hours

Ernest Young Interns



Employability Training Programme. Twenty-four students cleared the interview successfully and were placed in reputed companies. A majority of them were placed in TCS.

The campus recruitment for this year started in August with companies like Deloitte, Ernst & Young, KPMG, Goldman Sachs, Google, RBS, Barclays, Zifo, CITI Bank and Mckinsey selecting the best students. CTS, WIPRO, Verizon, Ramco, L&T, Systech Solutions and Sap Labs also conducted recruitment drives. A number of students from the College were also selected as teachers in schools like Vellammal, Akshar Arbol and Eye Level teaching centres. Other job opportunities included those for analysts, research associates, programmers, content writers, designers, teachers, customer support and HR.

The second year undergraduate students were selected for Internship Programmes by Google, Ernst & Young and Goldman Sachs.

A total number of 60 companies visited the campus this year and 308 jobs were offered to the students. Many more job offers came after the College had closed for exams. These requirements were communicated to the students and interviews were arranged for the interested candidates by these companies at their offices.

Ms.Manisha Jovitha, III B.Sc. Mathematics, was awarded a scholarship to attend the Leadership Conference in Florida and Ms. Agnella, III B.Sc. Mathematics, was awarded a trip to attend the Senior Manager Conference in the Middle East.

Pathway students placed through the MPS Programme





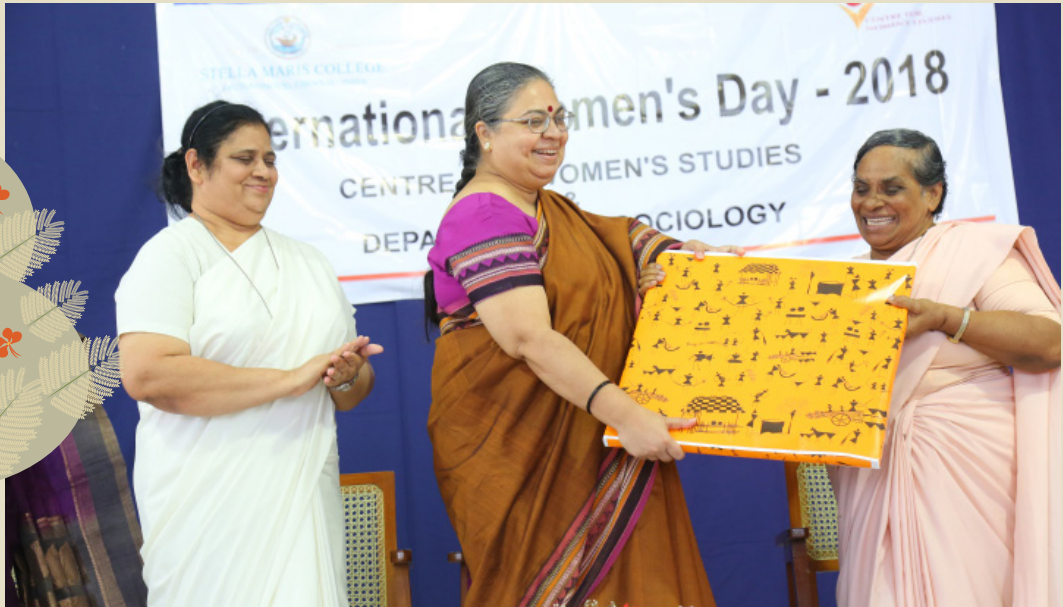
Celebrating Faculty Achievements

Centre for Women's Studies

The Centre for Women's Studies, in collaboration with the Department of Sociology, organised the celebrations for the International Women's Day on 8 March 2018. The chief guest for the event was Dr. Swarna Rajagopalan, Founder and Managing trustee, The Prajnya Trust, Chennai. In order to commemorate Women's Day, oratorical (Tamil and English), slogan writing, poetry writing, essay writing, photography and poster making competitions were conducted by the Centre and winners were awarded prizes by the chief guest. Faculty members who received awards for their distinguished work in their respective field during the academic year 2017–18 were also honoured

on the occasion. The Centre for Women's Studies also distributed bookmarks amongst the College community to mark the day.

The DAMINI Club—a part of the Centre for Women's Studies—during the academic year 2017–18 conducted several events through the year. The club conducted an introductory workshop for students to orient and sensitise them to issues related to women. "Suffragette"—a movie that traces the women's movement—was screened. More than 25 students of the club attended the Chennai International Queer Film Festival held in support of the LGBTQ community.



Honouring the Chief Guest Dr. Swarna Rajagopalan

International Women's Day Celebration





UBCHEA PROJECT on Promotion of Folklore, Culture & Heritage of Tamil Nadu for Sustainable Development Phase II

Travel is recognised as one of the best ways to discern what one's country is all about. The second phase of the Project on "Promotion of Folklore, Culture and Heritage of Tamil Nadu for Sustainable Development" aimed at imparting learning through visiting and exploring the lesser known culturally and historically significant places in Tamil Nadu.

Educational trips were organised for students, faculty, retired staff, administrative and support staff. Faculty and students visited historically significant places in Chennai which included the Amir Mahal, Guindy Engineering College, Fort St. George, the Railway Museum and the Kapaleeswarar Temple. Students also had opportunities to interact with vendors at the stalls selling dolls in Mylapore, with artists at the *Veethi Virundhu* and with weavers at Kanchipuram.

A stall showcasing the lesser known travel destinations of Tamil Nadu was put up by the students of the Heritage Club at the Chennai Trade Fair. Relevant workshops and sessions were organised to make club experiences more meaningful and instructive in line with the objectives of the project.

The Support Staff of the College visited Pulicat, the second largest brackish water lake in India and learnt about its historical and ecological significance. An educational trip to Ooty, Conoor and Mudhumalai was organised for the Administrative Staff of the College. They visited the Doddabetta, the Ooty Botanical Gardens and a tea factory. The highlight of the trip was a visit to the Nazareth Convent at Ootacamund, the first house of the religious Congregation of the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary (FMM)



A visit to a heritage site at Pulicat

in India. The building designed by the Blessed Mary of Passion, Foundress of the FMM Institute, has on display her possessions and original writings. It was indeed a spiritually satisfying visit. At Conoor, the group visited the tea gardens and a local eucalyptus processing plant and were able to appreciate the biodiversity at the Mudhumalai Wildlife Sanctuary during a safari.

Faculty of the College, Sisters from the Convent and retired faculty toured Thanjavur, Vailankanni, Tharangambadi and Pichavaram. The places visited by them included the Brahadeeswara Temple, shrines at Vailankanni, the Tharangambadi Fort, and the Ziegenbalg Printing Press at Tharangambadi, the first press to print text in Tamil. The trip was rounded off with a boat ride to the mangrove forest at Pichavaram. One of the highlights of this year's activities

was the World Tourism Day Celebrations. The "Absolute Indian Travel Bazaar" was organised in collaboration with the Tamil Nadu Travel Mart Society, the Travel Agents Association of India and the Tamil Nadu Tourism Development Corporation. The event provided scope for showcasing tourist attractions in Tamil Nadu as well and received accolades from the Indian Prime Minister's Office under the "Paryatan Parv". A two-day Travel Mart organised as part of the programme had 30 stalls showcasing travel itineraries. Many of the stalls were manned by students of the Department of History. Several competitions such as Quiz, Travel Writing, Brochure Making, Creative Writing, Mono-acting, Destination Marketing and Poster Making were held and these witnessed enthusiastic participation by students of the entire College. A panel discussion on various dimensions of tourism

was led by experienced professionals in the field. Highlighting antiquity, history and the importance of every building on campus, a Heritage Walk was also led by students of the Department of History who were trained in conducting the same by Mr. Vincent D'souza, editor of the The Mylapore Times. A seminar on "Eco-feminist Interpretations of Folktales" was organised by the Departments of English and History. A panel-discussion during the seminar focused on feminist concerns linked to environmental conservation. This included interesting insights into traditional practices in Tamil Nadu.

"Folklore, Culture and Heritage of Tamil Nadu—A Glimpse", a book compiled by the Project Leaders as part of the activities of Phase-I of the

Project, was released during the Independence Day celebrations of the College. This book is a collation of facts on Tamil Nadu and was used as a resource to train students of the Heritage Club who, in turn, trained students in schools across Chennai.

We continue to be driven by the vision to create in the College community interest, appreciation, ownership and a desire to conserve tradition and practices. We hope this institutional project will re-emphasise the commitment of the College to the preservation and revival of fading art forms and practices and to the enhancement of livelihood opportunities for artistes and local communities.

Students and Faculty at the Absolute Indian Travel Bazaar





Administrative Staff at Ooty

Support Staff at a heritage church in Pulicat



The Internal Quality Assurance Cell



Train the Trainer Programme with Ms. Cynthia Dettman

The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) endeavours to bring in a culture of quality and excellence on campus with a focus on quality enhancement in both academic and administrative tasks. The Executive Committee of the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), on the recommendations of the duly appointed peer team, declared an extension of accreditation up to the year 2021 and issued a revised Certificate of Accreditation.

Capacity-building workshops and training sessions on quality enhancement were organised through the year in collaboration with experts from academia, industry and research institutes. A three-day induction programme for the newly recruited faculty members was conducted from 5 to 7 June 2017. They were oriented on the mission and vision of the institution by the

members of the Management and senior faculty. This was followed by training session on essential skills such as communication and counselling.

To enhance academic quality and efficiency in higher education, sessions on curriculum restructuring, current trends in higher education and academic audit were organised on 13 June 2017. The resource persons were Professor Suresh Paul Antony and Dr. Prabhir Vishnu from the Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Tiruchrapalli. A lecture emphasising the effectiveness of "Research-based Education and Training" was delivered by Dr. S. Vincent, Dean of Research and UGC Projects, Loyola College (Autonomous) on 14 June 2017.

To train mid- and senior-level faculty on the internal audit process, a three-day training and

internal audit course on ISO 9001:2015 was organised on 7, 8 and 11 Sept 2017. The course was conducted in collaboration with a Norway based organisation, DNV GL Det Norske Veritas. This training programme initiated the year-long self-study by the departments.

Eight training sessions on “Student-centered Learning” were conducted between December 2017 and March 2018 by Ms Cynthia Dettman, Fulbright-Nehru Scholar from Highlands University, Albuquerque, New Mexico, USA. These sessions focussed on the creative and effective use of technology to meet

student learning goals. A one-day session on Interpersonal Skills and Team Work was organised for the Administrative Staff on 20 March 2018.

In collaboration with the USIEF, and with Ms. Cynthia Dettman as the resource person, two sessions of “Train the Trainers Programme” were organised on 6 & 7 March 2018 and 13 & 14 March 2018. The programme was extended to faculty members of other colleges such as Women’s Christian College, Patrician College, Madras School of Social Work, and Senthamarai College of Arts and Science, Madurai.



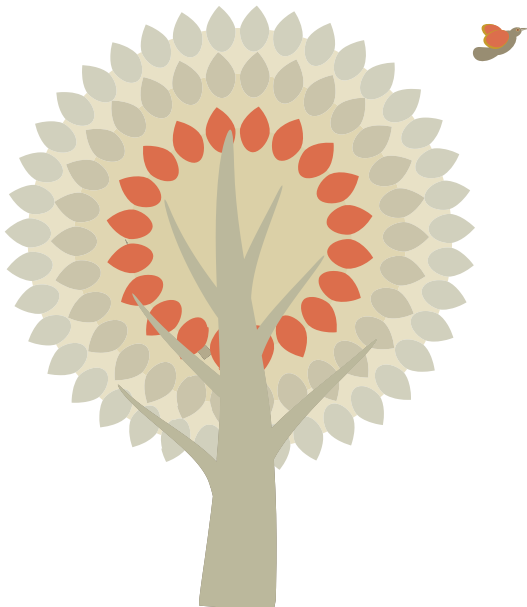
Left: Dr. Suresh Paul Antony on Curriculum Restructuring
Right: Session on Student Centred Learning



The Stella Maris College Hostels

There will always be moments and experiences in life that one would never wish to forget. There is no doubt hostel life at Stella Maris College includes many cherished moments. Every year, freshers arrive with great trepidation and seniors leave hostel life behind with fond memories and experiences gained over three or four years.

The Stella Maris College campus houses four hostels—St. Joseph's, Our Lady's, Klemens and Nava Nirmana—and every hostel is unique. The hostel community at Stella is known for its inclusive environment as it consists of students from different states, communities and religions. Festivals like Onam, Pongal, Diwali, Easter and Christmas are celebrated in order to create an atmosphere of home away from home.



The academic year 2017–18 began with the tradition of welcoming the newcomers. The Seniors interacted with and oriented the newcomers, thereby making them feel comfortable and ready to face the rigorous academic and extracurricular schedule ahead. This was followed by an official Freshers' Day which included Holy Mass, a cultural programme, a grand dinner and a short jam session where the students danced to their favourite tunes. Swachh Bharat initiatives were taken up in the hostel and every student was given the task of cleaning her room, common areas and the mess hall. It was a very different learning experience for most of the students and they enjoyed working as a team. The hostelites observed the Annual Christmas Celebration by singing carols on campus.

Finally, the end of an eventful year was marked by the Hostel Day with its much awaited athletic competitions that showcased the strength and the competitive spirit of all the hostel students. The hostelites took part in events like dodge ball, relay, 100 metres and cheerleading.

The Wardens are the most important people in the hostel management. They make our lives more meaningful with their constant prayers and guidance. They serve as strong pillars of support for every hostelite, motivating students to grab every opportunity that comes their way and extending moral support. They constantly help Stella Maris hostelites to grow intellectually, emotionally and spiritually.

Kavya Rayala
I.M.A English



Sports Event on Hostel Day



Fresher's Day at the Hostel



Value Education

It is a tradition at Stella Maris College to begin the academic year with an inaugural mass, to invoke God's blessings on the College, the faculty, the students and the activities of the year. This year the Inaugural Mass was held on 30 June 2017 at 11.30 a.m. The celebrant was Rev. Fr. Joe Andrew SDB. The Mass was centred around the Students' Union theme of the year—LEAD (Learn, Empower, Appreciate and Discover) and emphasised the need to live these values in their student life.

Annual retreats were conducted for Catholic students and workshops were organised for non-Catholic students. The retreat for the first year undergraduate students was conducted on 4 and 5 August 2017 by the Jesus Youth group. It was a well-attended retreat and much appreciated

by the students. Simultaneously workshops on "Freedom and Responsibility" were organised for the first year non-Catholic students. Additionally, a retreat in Tamil was conducted by the internationally acclaimed preacher, Rev. Fr. Ignatius SJ, who drew large crowds from the College and the general public.

The retreat for the second year undergraduate students witnessed active participation from the "Youth for Christ" group on 7 and 8 July 2017. The retreat was conducted by Fr. Varghese and his team. The non-Catholic students attended a workshop on "Peace Initiatives and Peace Building". The workshops were conducted by Ms. Florina Gladstone and Mr. James who work for the promotion of peace and regularly organise workshops on peace initiatives.



The Inaugural Mass

The Retreat for the third year students was held on 14 and 15 July 2017. It was conducted by Rev. Fr. Jacob Arimpur VC and his team, from the Divine Retreat Centre Kerala. The theme of the workshops for the third years was "Love, Relationships and Family Life". It was conducted by Dr.HemaTharoor and her team.

The Retreat for the postgraduate students of Shift I and II was conducted on 28 and 29 July 2017. The resource persons were Rev. Fr. Lawrence Fernandez SJ and his team. The theme centred around the Word of God: "Thy Word Is the Lamp Unto My Feet". The workshops for the postgraduate students were conducted by Ms. Adilakshmi Logamurthy (Advocate),Sr. Sahayam fmm, on the topic "Challenges Faced by Women in Society".



Rev. Fr. Joe Andrew SDB Celebrating Holy Mass





Departmental Activities



Smt. Indira Gandhi Endowment Lecture

Department of History

The Department has distinguished itself as a centre of excellence by equipping students with life skills, independent thinking skills and by transforming them into empowered, independent women. It prepares the students for a career in tourism and for various competitive exams like the UPSC.

At the Tamil Nadu Tourism Awards 2017, the Department was recognised as the “Best in Tourism Education”. The Department helped organise the Madras Week, “Madras 600086” on campus from 22 to 31 August 2017. There were talks on the history of Madras, traditional water conservation techniques, solid waste management and prominent women of Madras. Traditional food and game stalls, a philately exhibition by the Postal Department and videos from the archives of the British Council provided glimpses of the old Madras. Heritage walks on the grounds of Guindy Engineering College, Fort St. George and Stella Maris College took students back in time to the city of yesteryears. Several field trips were organised by the

Department to places of historical importance in Chennai such as Amir Mahal in Royapettah, the Integral Coach Factory in Perambur, Fort St. George, etc. The Sharma Institute of Heritage Education, Sholinganallur run by Dr. Shanti Pappu, an alumna and a distinguished archaeologist, conducted workshops on primitive life and making of metal sculptures. The third year students went on an educational tour to Mysore, Bengaluru and Coorg in November 2017.

To celebrate World Tourism Day, the Department organised “Absolute Indian Travel Bazaar”. Competitions, panel discussions and exhibitions were held as a part of the event on 6 and 7 October 2017. The Travel Mart received the support of the Travel Agents Association of India, Tamil Nadu Travel Mart Society, Indian Tourism, and Tamil Nadu Tourism Development Corporation. The event was recognised by the Prime Minister’s Office as part of the “Paryatan Parv” or travel festival, an initiative of the Ministry of Tourism. This event was coordinated by the Department in collaboration with Mr. Sriharan



Balan, Director, Madura Travel Service Pvt. Ltd. The event was the outcome of the United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia (UBCHEA) project on the “Promotion of Folklore, Culture and Heritage of Tamil Nadu for Sustainable Development”. The project which is currently in its second phase focusses on promoting travel to lesser known destinations of Tamil Nadu. The annual Indira Gandhi Endowment Lecture was delivered by an alumna, Ms. Sheela Murthy, Founder and President of the Murthy Law Firm, Maryland, USA on 5 January 2018. The students were deeply inspired by her achievements and her motivational talk. A panel discussion on “Eco-feminist Interpretations of Folktales” held on 7 February 2018 was jointly organised with the Department of English.

Swathi V. of second B.A. History won the Best Poet Award in the State Level Original Hindi Poetry Recitation Competition (Sur Lehari) at Dakshin Bharat Hindi Prachar Sabha on 20 February 2018. Bhoomika of third B.A. History was selected for the Youth Exchange Programme in Nepal from 26 January to 26 February 2018. The basketball player, Merlin of third B.A. History, was awarded the “Best Sportsman of the Year” in College. A Certificate Course in Spanish for Tourism, was conducted from July to October 2017 in collaboration with the Medrar Cultural Service Connecting Continents, Chennai. A Certificate Course on Mandarin was held from November 2017 to February 2018 in collaboration with Sprach Lingua, Chennai. The Department also introduced two skill-based certificate courses—Event Management and Airport Management. The students of the Department, along with students of the departments of Public Relations,

Botany and B.Voc., put up a stall at the 43rd Trade Fair organised by the TTDC at Island Grounds from 7 to 13 February 2017. It served as a platform for the students to showcase their talent in making models, organising games, explaining charts and making presentations to the general public on the theme, “Lesser Known Tourist Destinations in Tamil Nadu”. The students of the Department had an interactive session with the Honourable Lieutenant Governor of Pondicherry, Dr. Kiran Bedi, IPS, (Retd.) on 19 March 2018 at Raj Nivas. She reminded students that their access to higher education had opened the window to limitless opportunities. On 20 March 2018, the Department organised campus recruitment for third year students, in which several travel agencies, hospitality firms and airline companies participated.

As the Department of History and Tourism concludes its Diamond Jubilee celebrations, it acknowledges the contributions of all those who have been part of this historic journey.



Best in Tourism Education Award



Left: Dr. Sr. Jasintha Quadras planting trees during the Re-Green Chennai Initiative
Right: Students from Bhavan's School in action

Department of Sociology

Sociology, as a discipline helps one to think, reason, rationalise, challenge the status quo, and empower individuals to become aware of their rights and responsibilities as citizens. With this vision, the Department of Sociology began the academic session 2017–18 in the spirit of empowerment. The Department's activities this year revolved around the theme of "Law and Social Change".

Kaarmal Nisha, Founder, Uyir Kural, an International NGO and an alumna of the Department, delivered a lecture on abortion, a topic that needs to be drawn into public discourse, especially in India. A short movie was screened at the end of an interactive session where the students engaged with the social and legal complexities associated with abortion in India.

With an alarming increase in the number of juvenile crimes and the recent spate of heinous acts involving juveniles, juvenile justice has become an important area for sociological exploration. The Department invited Professor M. Srinivasan, Head, Department of Criminology, Madras University, for an enlightening lecture and an interactive session on the juvenile justice system in India.

Deforestation, ozone depletion, global warming, and the unsustainable use of natural resources are some of the environmental issues that are plaguing the world at present with ramifications for human health, law and economics. The "Re-Green Chennai" initiative, envisioned by Fr. Jegath Gaspar Raj, Founder, Tamil Maiyam, aims

at restoring the green cover which the city had lost during Cyclone Vardah in 2016.

Fr. Gasper Raj delivered an inspiring speech on the topic, following which the Earth Smiles Trust's project, "Re-Green Chennai" was flagged off on campus. The Principal, Dr. Sr. Jasintha Quadras, fmm, Secretary, Sr. Susan Matheikal, fmm, the speakers, faculty and students planted saplings on the College grounds. Tamizh Thalaiva, the Chennai-based Kabaddi team owned by the cricketer legend Sachin Tendulkar, lent a hand in planting the saplings, and also played a friendly match adding to the excitement of the day.

The Department organised a two-day workshop in November 2018, on "Sustainable Development," conducted by AIESEC, a global organisation for youth leadership. The workshop focussed on the need for youth leadership to achieve a sustainable future. One of the most memorable moments of the year was the International Conference on "Team Leadership: Collaboration, Management and Empowerment" held on 16 November 2018 in collaboration with the Trinity Western University. The Department of Social Work, the Department of Commerce, Shift II and the International Research Cell of the College collaborated in organising the conference. The Department hosted a session on "Student Engagement and Leadership," with presentations from both alumnae and international students.

The discipline of Sociology, although brimming with potential, remains on the periphery of mainstream academics in most parts of the country. The Department, therefore, as its

mission, motivates school students in Chennai to pursue this dynamic subject through Interschool competitions "Socio-Genesis" for school students. This was the third edition of the competition.

The Department ensures that opportunities are provided to encourage students to face challenges in life. The annual intradepartmental competition, "August Revel" was conducted on 6 February 2018. At the annual Sr. Christine Antony Endowment Lecture, Dr. Marc Groenhuijsen, President, World Society of Victimology and Professor, Department of Criminal Law, Tilburg Law School, delivered the keynote address on "New Horizons in Victimology". He addressed some of the emerging trends in Victimology, touching upon issues of privacy in modern technology.

The Department offered three Certificate Courses—Sociology of Health Education (in collaboration with Apollo Hospitals), Personality Development for Career Excellence and Media and Society.



Dr. J. Sasitha and Prof. Groenhuijsen during the Sr. Christine Antony Endowment Lecture





Valedictory Function at the International Conference on Developmental Challenges in India

Department of Economics

To mark the completion of 70 eventful years, the Department of Economics hosted an International Conference on “Developmental Challenges in India” on 30 and 31 January 2018. The conference featured discussions on emerging challenges and opportunities by eminent speakers such as Dr. Shanthanayanan Deverajan, Senior Economist, World Bank; Dr. Deepak Mohanty, Executive Director, Reserve Bank of India; Dr. Kalpana Kochhar, Director, Human Resources Department, IMF and faculty from National University of Singapore, Yale University, Princeton University and University of Delhi. This two-day conference provided a platform for leaders, academicians, researchers and policy-makers to share their ideas and views on contributing to a growth that represents the true wealth of a nation.

A six-day workshop on “Advanced Time Series Econometrics” was conducted for faculty, research scholars and postgraduate students from 3 to 8 July 2017 in collaboration with The Indian Econometric Society (TIES), New Delhi, to emphasise the importance of time series econometric analysis (EViews Software) using high frequency economic and financial data. The resource persons were Dr. M. Ramachandran, Vice-President TIES; Dr. Sunil Paul, Professor, Madras School of Economics; Mr. Edwin Prabu, AGM, Reserve Bank of India; Mr. Hersch Sahay, JRF Pondicherry University.

On 8 August 2017, Dr. Arvind Subramanian, Chief Economic Advisor to the Government of India delivered the Dr. Sr. Helen Vincent Endowment Lecture on “What have I learnt about Economic Development from Literature”. He urged the

students to read more books beyond Economics as this would make the subject come alive. A series of lectures were also organised as part of the anniversary celebrations of the Department. Dr. Karthik Muralidharan, Associate Professor of Economics, University of California, San Diego delivered a lecture on “Improving Education Quality in India: Challenges and Opportunities” on 11 December 2017. Dr. R. Srinivasan, Registrar, University of Madras, addressed the students of the Department on “GST: Design Deficiency and the Way Forward” on 12 September 2017. The other lectures included “Economic History of India since 1951” by Dr. R. Srinivasan and “Current Issues in Open Economy Macro Economics” by Dr. C. Selvaraj, former Head, Department of Economics, Madras Christian College.

Summer Internships for the postgraduate students at the World Trade Organization, New Delhi, Department of Economics and Statistics, DMS and M. S. Swaminathan Research Foundation opened new avenues in terms of experiential learning and job placements and

also offered ample scope for research activity. The Department offered a range of certificate courses on Insurance and Risk Management, Financial Planning and Portfolio Management, Capital Markets and Gender & Work. Transporting industry knowledge to the classroom, the resource persons provided students with a meaningful and practical learning experience. This year a new course on Digital Marketing and Business Data Analytics was introduced on popular demand. On an average, 130 students from the Department enroll for these courses. Ten students will receive a Diploma in Financial Services this year.

The Department records with pride that Subi Suvetha of second B.A. Economics was the only Indian to reach the quarter-finals in the 100 mts. event at World Roller Games, Nanjing, China. She also won a gold medal in the 100 mts. in the 55th National Speed Skating Championships, Chennai, in the Senior Women category, which makes her the fastest skater in India.



Left: Interzonal Yoga Tournament Competition

Right: Subi Suvetha at the National Speed Skating Championships



Author Perumal Murugan with students

Department of English



The academic year 2017–18 was quite an eventful one for the Department of English. A number of guest lectures, Meet-the-Author sessions and workshops were organised across the academic year.

On 10 July 2017, through a Meet-the-Author session, the students had an opportunity to interact with creative writer Madhuri Shekar. On 13 July 2017, the Department organised a theatre event in celebration of Dr. A. Mangai's journey in theatre. There was a short theatre performance based on the Greek tragedy *Antigone*, directed by Dr. David Wesley, Assistant Professor, Madras Christian College. This was followed by a lecture on "The Semiotics of Theatre" by Dr. K. Ganesh, Head, Department of English, Madras Christian College. Ms. Niveditha Subramaniam, Sahitya Akademi and Bal Puraskar Awardee, spoke to the postgraduate students on "Picture–Text Dynamics" on 19 August 2017.

The Bhavana Memorial Creative Writing competition was held in December 2017. N.M.

Mathangi of third B.A. English won the first prize. In collaboration with the Prakriti Foundation and the Department of Fine Arts, the Department organised "Metro Lines", a workshop on illustrations and poetry writing on train journeys on 22 November 2017. The Department also partnered with the Prakriti Foundation to organise a series of Meet-the-Author sessions with noted writers such as Perumal Murugan, Priya Sarukkai Chabria and Allen Sealy from 6 to 13 December 2017. The students gained insights into the process of creative writing from these interactive sessions.



Meet the Author with Allan Sealy

On 14 December 2017, a guest lecture by Dr. Radhakrishnan, from the University of California, Irvine, titled "Posthumanism and the Anthropocene" traced the history of post-humanist thought. As part of the Chennai Literary Festival, the Department organised a guest lecture titled "Self-referentiality: A Theoretical Incursion", delivered by Dr. K. Ganesh, Madras Christian College on 8 January 2018.



Guest Lecture by Dr. Radhakrishnan

A lecture titled "Why News Matters?" was delivered by Ms. Kanchan Kaur, from the Indian Institute of Journalism and New Media on 19 January 2018 for students of the Allied Elective course on Journalistic Writing.

The Annual Intercollegiate Student Seminar was held on 9 January 2018 with this year's theme being "Indentured Labour, Postcoloniality and Literature". The keynote address was delivered by the eminent academician Dr. S. Shankar, Professor of English at the University of Hawaii, Manoa. As is customary, the Department's annual intercollegiate cultural festival, "Novella", held on 25 November 2017,

was organised with a lot of enthusiasm. All the events at the festival revolved around the theme for this year, "Children's Literature". Thirteen city colleges participated in the day-long event and Loyola College won the overall championship.

This year, the Department of English, in collaboration with the Department of History, organised a panel discussion—"Ecofeminist



Ms. Priya Sarukkai speaking on mysticism

Readings of Folktales"—on 7 February 2018. The event was supported by the UB project on the promotion of Folklore, Culture and Heritage of Tamil Nadu. The speakers were Dr. Eric Miller, Director, World Storytelling Institute; Dr. Mary Vidhya Porselvi, Assistant Professor, Loyola College and Ms. Cathryn Fairlee, Storytelling Performer and Trainer, California, USA.

Mercy Johny and Sara Mathew, III B.A., and Tejaswini, I B.A., have published short stories and poems both online and in print. Aswathy Mohandas, II B.A., was the topper of the NPTEL online certificate course on History of English Language and Literature.



International Conference - Circles of Creativity

Department of Fine Arts

The Department of Fine Arts conducted year-round activities and collaborative projects. The year began with the annual Dr. Sr. Edith Tomöry Endowment Lecture titled “Athena’s Tree: Some Thoughts on Contemporary Printmaking” delivered by Ms. Parvathy Nayar, contemporary artist, on 3 August 2017.

The highlight of the academic year was the International Conference “Circles of Creativity: Paradigms in Art and Design” held on 8 and 9 February 2018. The conference sessions explored photography, media, design, art and craft as independent disciplines that at the same time connect and inform each other in contemporary practice and contexts. Workshops on drawing, painting, scratchboard art and typography were conducted by four of the invited speakers—Dr. Donal Maloney from Liverpool Hope University, UK; Professors Mark Hogenson and Alba De Leon from Palo Alto College, San Antonio, Texas;

and Dr. Udayakumar Dharmalingam from the Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati.

The Department collaborated with the University of Sunderland, UK, on a Summer Study Abroad programme “Art and Design Inspiration” from 16 to 30 July 2017, for a group of 19 students, accompanied by Dr. Lakshmi Priya Daniel. The programme offered art and design sessions with field visits to Durham and Edinburgh. Gallery and museum visits in Newcastle and London completed an intense and enriching experience for the group.

Student papers on varied on-campus and off-campus learning opportunities that have been an integral part of their educational experience were presented at a Student Seminar titled “Speak 2018” on 27 February 2018. With art history being a focal area in the BVA curriculum, two guest lectures were delivered by visiting American



Students' Speak 2018



Art Workshop by Dr. Donal Maloney



Typography Workshop by Dr. Udayakumar



academics. Professor Genevieve Hyacinthe, Department of Art History, American Studies and Women's Studies, The City University of New York, gave a lecture on artist Ana Mendieta on 18 January 2018. This was followed by a talk on Georgia O'Keeffe by the Fulbright Nehru scholar Ms. Cynthia Dettman on 21 February 2018.

Several workshops brought artists, designers and crafts persons to share their expertise with enthusiastic students, including sessions on sculpture, metal embossing and photography.

A week-long workshop on natural dyes was organised under the auspices of the Kaivalam Foundation, Chennai, from 31 July to 4 August 2017. Seventy final year postgraduate and undergraduate students worked under the guidance of resource person Mr. Mahalingam Vadivel, to create an impressive array of tie-dyed fabrics using different techniques.

A collaborative endeavour by the Department, the Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Germany, Chennai, and Tape That Collective,



Goethe-Institut, Chennai, resulted in a unique workshop on tape art held on 30 and 31 August 2017. Artists Thomas Meissner, Stefan Busch and Felix Rodewaldt from Germany guided 30 students to create artworks that were then exhibited at Spaces in Besant Nagar. Another collaborative project with the Goethe-Institut resulted in "Meeting Reinhard Kleist", German graphic designer and comic artist, who conducted

an illustration workshop for 35 students on 12 December 2017. This was followed by "Illustrating the Sands"—a collaborative art event held at Elliot's Beach in Besant Nagar. A performance by students from Nalanda Way Foundation was illustrated by Fine Arts students along with Mr. Kleist. The Prakriti Foundation, in collaboration with the Departments of Fine Arts and English, brought together poetry and



Madras Day Celebration 2017 - Painting Namma Madras



Tape That Workshop by German artists at Spaces

illustration in a workshop held on 22 November 2017 for 20 Fine Arts and 30 English students. The workshop was based on the theme of journey as experienced by poets and illustrators from Paris and Mumbai. Poets Karthika Nair and Sampurna Chattarji, French illustrator Joëlle Jolivet and Gond artist Roshni Vyam encouraged budding student-poets and illustrators to express themselves by seeking inspiration from memories of their own journeys through life.

The Department of Fine Arts continues to engage with society through cultural and outreach programmes. As part of Madras Day celebrations on 22 August 2017, the Department organised "Painting Namma Madras", a full-day event on campus for Tamil medium students from Sacred Heart School, Church Park. As part of its Service Learning initiative, the Department reached out to two institutions through mural painting

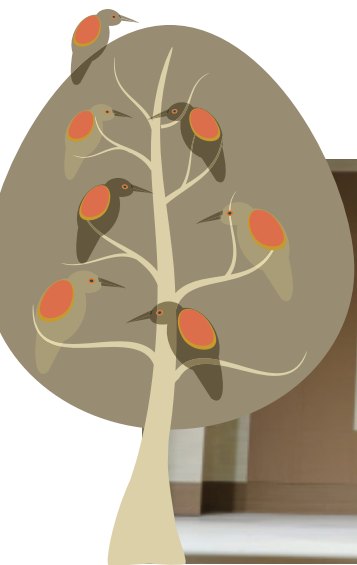
projects that showcased student creativity. The final year postgraduate students painted a wall mural for Sankalp, an open school for students with special needs in Shenoy Nagar, Chennai. The final year undergraduates painted wall panels at St. Joseph's Primary School, Santhome, working on the theme "Regreen Chennai", in a style inspired by Gond folk art.

As part of a study trip, the IV BVA students visited heritage sites in New Delhi, Agra and Fatehpur Sikri. The I MA class visited Kancheepuram to study silk handloom weaving. The III BVA class visited the Aurobindo Ashram, Puducherry, to study the making of handmade paper. The annual Art and Design Show by the final year BVA class at Lalit Kala Akademi from 10 to 17 April 2018 received tremendous appreciation for the talent on display.



Summer Study Abroad Programme - University of Sunderland, UK





Math-O-Match

Department of Mathematics

The academic year 2017–18 began with an enrichment programme for the faculty and research scholars of the Department—a workshop on “MATLAB” by Mr. Venkatesan, Asst. Professor, Kongu Engineering College, Coimbatore and Ms. Dhanalakshmi V., Asst. Professor, Stella Maris College, from 3 to 5 July 2017. The workshop motivated the participants to utilise the software for teaching, demonstration, and for research presentations and publications.

The intercollegiate Math Fest, “MATH ZOOM 2017”, was held on 22 July 2017. Around 30 colleges participated in the event and the overall rolling trophy was won by Madras Christian College. The tenth interyear competition of the Department, “Math O Match”, was conducted on 5 January 2018. This year saw the introduction of an innovative event, Creative Thinking, which was a great success. The first year postgraduate students of the Department emerged as overall winners. The coordinators of the Integra Forum,

Ms. Josephine Lissie, Dr. Sarah Surya and Dr. Devipriya, ensured the smooth conduct of the two programmes.

On 27 July 2017, the twelfth Dr. J. Thangamani Endowment Lecture was organised by the Department for the final year undergraduate and postgraduate students. A lecture titled “The Line of Best Fit” was delivered by Dr. Raghavan K. N., Professor, Institute of Mathematical Sciences, Chennai. The International Symposium conducted by the Department on “Recent Trends in Research Practices” held on 28 July 2017, emphasised the significant functioning of the research institution and the various duties of the research committees. Prof. Atulya K. Nagar, Dean of Science, Liverpool Hope University, UK, conducted a session on “Applications of Mathematics” and Prof. K. G. Subramanian, UGC (India) Emeritus Fellow, Dept. of Mathematics, MCC moderated the panel discussion on various challenges faced by research guides and scholars.

The Department organised a number of exhibitions and guest lectures as part of the students' learning experience. Exhibitions on "Elements of Differential Equations", "Fascinating World of Mathematics", "Analytical Geometry" and "Applications of Mathematics in Real Life" were organised to promote self-learning among students. Resource persons from various institutions and organisations from India and abroad were invited to address the students through seminars and workshops to enhance their technical skills.

The Department conducted a one-day seminar on 10 August 2017 on "Astronomy". It also conducted guest lectures on "Planarity and Crossing Number of Graphs", "AVD Colouring of Certain Interconnection Networks" and "Applications of Differential Equations". Apart from these, a week-long series of workshops on "Techniques and Applications in Mathematical Sciences" was organised to give postgraduates and research scholars of the Department an in-depth understanding of Mathematics at the research level. Renowned mathematician, Dr. Prasun Kumar Nayak, Associate Professor,

Midnapore College, West Bengal, was the resource person. The students of the Department of Mathematics visited Devadas Telescopics on 31 January 2018 to observe a rare lunar phenomenon—a super moon, a blue moon and a blood moon which occurred after a period of 152 years.

During the academic year, the Department witnessed significant growth in its research and development activities. The faculty and research scholars of the Department have published fourteen papers in peer reviewed journals. The Department now boasts of ten M.Phil. and five Ph.D. guides.

A part-time research scholar of the Department, Ms. Vasanthika, Assistant Professor, Mathematics Division, School of Advanced Sciences, VIT, Chennai, passed away on 21 January 2018 at the age of 41. Her Ph.D. programme was on the verge of being completed under the able guidance of Dr. Sr. Jasintha Quadras, fmm. She was a soft spoken, charming person with great intelligence who will be greatly missed.



Dr.Thangamani Endowment Lecture



Workshop on Techniques and Applications in Mathematical Sciences

Department of Physics



The academic year 2017–18 was an eventful one for the Department of Physics. In order to popularise the various branches of Physics and to emphasise the significance of effective learning of science at the school level, the Department conducted a one-day workshop for the students of classes VIII, IX and X on 8 December, 2017. The workshop saw the active participation of students from two Government schools. Another important event of this academic year was the Popular Lecture Series where eminent scientists



Dr. Sebastian Raja - Popular Lecture Series



RAA Workshop for school students



Dr. Belina Xavier and Sr. Nirmala at the Providence University, Taiwan

from premier institutes across the country were invited as guest speakers. On 9 February 2018, Dr. S. Lakshmi Bala, Professor, Department of Physics, Indian Institute of Technology, Madras, delivered a lecture on the basics of Quantum Mechanics and Quantum Optics. Dr. J. Sebastian Raja, Project Scientist, Department of Biotechnology, Indian Institute of Technology, Chennai, focussed on the avenues available for undergraduate Physics students. Dr. Lakshmi Bala also released the annual magazine of the Department, 'Physik-2018'. The magazine was a product of effective team work by the student

writers and editors of the Department, under the guidance of Sr. G. Francisco Nirmala fmm.

The Department organised a field visit to the "green" home of Mr. D. Suresh on 7 October 2017 to give students an insight into planning Home Renewable Energy Systems that include PV installations and biogas generation from waste for the production of electricity. The students understood the relevance of investing in Renewable Energy Resources and the significance of switching to alternate sources of energy. A series of guest lectures was organised on various contemporary areas of Physics to expose the students to the present research scenario. Mr. A. Dinesh Babu, Assistant Professor, SRM Institute of Science and Technology, Chennai, delivered a lecture on "Basics of Wireless and Mobile Communications" for the final year students in January 2018. A workshop on "Sustainable Energy Management" was conducted on 26 July 2017 for the final year students. The session included a demonstration and hands-on training on energy efficiency, maintenance and monitoring of solar panels installed on campus.

The annual intercollegiate cultural fest of the Department "Electra 2018" was conducted on 4 February 2017. The event saw an overwhelming response and participation from various city colleges. The list of events for the day included paper presentations, quiz, creative writing, memes and comic strips, pot pourri and debate. The students of Loyola College emerged the overall winners.

Department of Chemistry



Dr. Mary Terry in Tunghai University, Taiwan

The academic year 2017–2018 was a fruitful one for the Department of Chemistry due to the active involvement of the students and the faculty members in all the events and programmes of both the College and the Department. The Department brought together eminent scientists from various backgrounds and also strengthened its research activities through collaborations with industries and other institutions. One part-time and four full-time scholars have registered for the Ph.D programme during the academic year.

Dr. Shiny John Vairamon co-ordinated the certificate course on Scientific Language Editing Programme (SLEP) in collaboration with TNQ Books and Journals in July 2017. Dr. Revathy Rajagopal participated in the STEM Teacher Training Workshop on “Research Based

Pedagogical Tools” held from 11 to 14 October 2017 at Sacred Heart College, Kochi, Kerala, jointly organized by DBT, British Council, Newton Bhabha Fund, MHRD, Sacred Heart College, IISER Pune. Ms. Elizabeth Varghese participated in an UBCHEA-sponsored training programme on “Tuning Young Faculty towards Effective Teaching” organised by St. Christopher’s College of Education from 23 January 2018 to 27 January 2018.

The Department organised the Annual Popular Lecture Series with lectures delivered by eminent scientists and academicians. Dr. Shankara Radhakrishnan, Department of Chemistry, University of Pretoria, South Africa; Dr. Ramesh Neelamegam, Radiochemist Massachusetts General Hospital, Harvard Medical School,



Boston; Ms. Rini Ravindranath, Research Scholar National Taiwan University of Science and Technology, Taipei, Taiwan; Ms. Vasundara of Visible Difference and Ms. Meenakshi Narayanan, General Manager, CavinKare were some of the speakers.

In order to popularise Chemistry and to emphasise the significance of effective learning of science at the school level, the Department of Chemistry, along with the Departments of Physics, Zoology and Botany, conducted a one-day workshop for the students of classes VIII, IX and X at two Government Schools on 8 December 2017. This event was coordinated by Dr. Sripriya Rajagoapalan as part of the Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abiyan. Basic concepts in Chemistry were demonstrated through experiments by the student-volunteers of first M.Sc and second M.Sc. In order to kindle an interest in the field of Chemistry, impart organisational skills and inculcate team spirit, the students of third B.Sc conducted the annual intercollegiate cultural programme, "Chemfest-Reactions 2017" in September 2017 with a lot of zeal and passion. The keynote address was delivered by Dr. Sanjay Kumar, Professor, Department of Chemistry, IIT Madras. The winners of the Dr. Sr. Annamma Philip Rolling Shield were the students of MCC. The Sr. Juliet Irene Rolling Trophy for quiz was won by the students of Loyola College. The Post graduate Quiz was won by the students of Madras Christian College.

The Dr. Sr. Annamma Philip Endowment Lecture was delivered by Dr. Latha Christie, Associate Director & Scientist GDRDO, Bangalore, on the "Marvels and Mysteries of Science".

This year an industrial visit was organised to KINFRA Industries, Wayanad. The students visited the VKC Pride and Ergo Foam Industries getting acquainted with the various processes involved in the Polymer industry.

The faculty and students of the Department were active in research and publication. Faculty, research scholars and second M.Sc. students have presented papers/posters at National and International conferences organised by the Departments of Chemistry of Government Arts College, Nandanam, Pachaiyappa's College, Loyola College and the University of Madras. Faculty were also nominated to serve as members of Board of Studies, Academic Audit and a number of other committees. Our students have won several accolades in both academic and extracurricular and co-curricular activities. Ms. Riya Johnson, Ms. Nivedha V and Ms. Keerthika, I M.Sc., were awarded the INSA Summer Research Fellowship 2018. The students of the Department won several prizes at intercollegiate cultural programmes conducted by Loyola, Queen Mary's, MCC, WCC and DG Vaishnav College. Our students were the overall winners at DG Vaishnav College, runners up at WCC, Loyola College, MCC and Ethiraj College for Women.



Department of Botany



The academic year 2017–2018 proved to be an eventful one for the Department of Botany. The Department set in motion several Green Initiatives on campus, notable among them being the setting up of the Stella Green House sponsored by the Rotaract club and Dr. Priscilla Jebakumari, former Vice-Principal and faculty of the Department. The Green House nurtures rare medicinal and exotic species of plants under controlled conditions.

A series of intradepartmental and interdepartmental competitions on a wide variety of popular eco-related themes like “Think Green”, “Reduce, Recycle and Reuse” was conducted throughout

concepts. Moreover, the joy of reaping harvests from plants personally tended to also aided in better faculty–student relations.

The third year students were taken to schools at Thirupachur and nearby areas on 22 August 2017 as part of their Service Learning programme. The students visited St. Mary’s Primary School at Kadambathur where they distributed seed balls. They emphasised the importance of seed balls and demonstrated their dissemination to the students.

The annual intercollegiate department fest, “ASTERA” was held on 2 December 2017.



Educating school students at Thirupachur about seed balls

the academic year. The herbal garden received a facelift with the cultivation of several flowering species of plants by the students of the Elective Course in Horticulture and Floriculture. The students were trained to cultivate organically popular vines of Tamil Nadu on campus. This augmented students’ understanding of botanical



Exhibition at Island grounds

Dr. D. Narasimhan, Retd. Associate Professor, Department of Botany, Centre for Floristic Research, Madras Christian College, Chennai, was the chief guest. Loyola College secured the title of overall champions and MCC secured the runners-up title in this event which saw the participation of about seven city colleges.



The Department of Botany was actively involved in teaching the basic concepts of biology and its contribution to science and technology through experimental learning to students of Hobart Government Higher Secondary School and Irusappar Girls Higher Secondary School under the Rashtriya Madyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) programme on 7 December 2017.

S. Krishna Priya, III B.Sc., secured the consolation prize in the National Seminar on “Environmental Toxicology and its Impact on Biodiversity” organised by the Department of Biotechnology, Kumararani Meena Muthiah College of Arts and Science on 1 September 2017. The paper



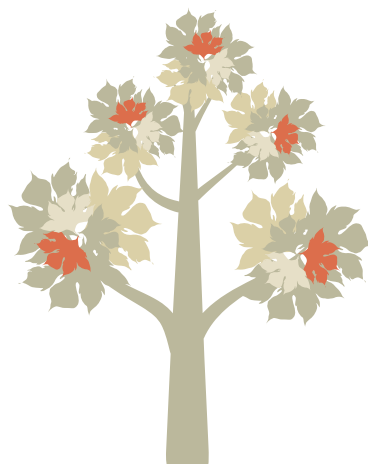
Think Green Competition

was published in the International Journal of Industrial Engineering and Management Science under the guidance of Dr. H. Shakila. Zainab Irfana, III B.Sc., secured the second prize in the paper presentation competition held at the National Seminar on “Biodiversity of Medicinal Plants Emerging Trends and Challenges” in

commemoration of the Golden Jubilee of the Department of Botany at Queen Mary's College on 5 January 2018.

In an effort to popularise the academic field of Botany and kindle interest in the subject in school students, a comprehensive “Test Yourself Multiple Choice Quiz” was prepared, based on the current syllabus of the State Board Senior Secondary Curriculum. Copies of the quiz paper were given to private and government schools in the city, in both hard and soft form through the school authorities. This innovative, novel and pioneering initiative of the Department was sponsored by I. Sripriya an alumna of the Department from the 1992 batch.

The Department of Botany also exhibited models, charts and laminated boards on the significance of proper nutrition for girl children right from birth till adulthood at the Trade Fair Exhibition organised by the Government of Tamil Nadu at Island Grounds from 8 to 13 February 2018.





Department of Zoology

The academic year began with the faculty of the Department of Zoology participating in a workshop on “Molecular Biology Techniques” conducted by Dr. Preethi Jeyakumar, Assistant Professor of the Department on 21 and 22 April 2017.

The Department organised several workshops to help students engage in experiential learning. A workshop on “Drosophila Culture Techniques” was organised on 7 July 2017 for final year students. Dr. Deepa Parvathy, Lecturer, Department of Human Genetics, Sri Ramachandra University, shared her expertise on the subject. The workshop helped the students initiate projects in Genetics.

A workshop on “Vermicomposting” was organised on 2 August 2017 for the first year students. Dr. Chitralekha Ramachandran, former member of the faculty, explained the methodology and importance of composting waste using earthworms. Under her guidance, the students started their own vermibeds. Dr. Chitralekha Ramachandran and Dr. Annie Cherian, retired members of the Department were also resource persons during a workshop on “Methodology for Studying Animal Behavior” conducted for third year students on 20 November 2017. The workshop laid the foundation for projects carried out by the students on this subject.

A workshop on “Stored Product Insect Pests” was organised on 28 August 2017 for the first year



Students learn about lobster culture at CMFRI Kovalam

students. The General Manager (QC) of the Food Corporation of India, Dr. G. Nagabhushanam, enlightened the students on the problems caused by insect pests infesting stored products and the importance of quarantine. Hands-on training was given to students on the identification and natural control of common pests infesting stored food. A "Butterfly Week" was organised in the third week of July 2017. It began with more than a hundred students from different disciplines participating in Butterfly Walks on campus over the course of three days. A total of 31 species of butterflies was observed during this time. A drawing and painting competition was conducted on the themes "Designs Inspired by Butterflies" and "Butterflies in their Natural Habitat". A presentation on "Butterflies on Campus" was also

screened at the OAT. Dr. Kalpana Jayaraman co-wrote a chapter on "Ecosystem" in the Manual for Teachers of Environmental Science brought out by the Centre for Environmental Studies, Lady Doak College, Madurai.

The first year students had a memorable visit to the field laboratory of the Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute at Kovalam on 10 August 2017 during which they were enlightened on the subject of sustainable aquaculture. Moults of lobsters were given to the visitors to take home as souvenirs. The third year students visited the Tamil Nadu University for Veterinary and Animal Sciences on 19 September 2017. A study trip to Pondicherry was also arranged for them on 3 March 2018.



The annual Dr. Meera Paul and Dr. Hannah John Endowment Lecture titled "Signalling Kinases in Cancer Biology" was delivered by Dr. Rayala Suresh Kumar, Associate Professor, Department of Biotechnology, IIT Madras, on 7 September 2017. The students of the Department benefited from interactions with experts, through the year, on varied topics such as Proteomics and Genomics, Genetic Counseling, Prospects in Marine Biology, Wildlife Conservation, Disappearance of Sparrows from Chennai. Research scholars from IISc, Bengaluru interacted with the third year students on research methodology in ecological studies.

Students of Hobart Matriculation School and Chennai Girls Higher Secondary School visited the Department on 7 December 2017. They were given inputs on DNA isolation, microbial staining, and stored product pests. They also viewed a display of specimens of the animal kingdom. "Exzoobition", the annual exhibition on everything zoological was held on 6 January 2018. The students enthralled visitors from other Departments of the College with their exhibits which ranged from snakes spewing venom to micro-organisms in space.

In keeping with the mission of the College to promote holistic growth, the third year students were exposed to social issues through the Service Learning Programme. Several guest lectures and workshops gave the students a richer experience on aspects of good health and effective communication. The students conducted awareness programmes on the spread, prevention and treatment of Dengue and Leprosy at St. Raphael's Girls Higher Secondary

School, Mylapore, St. Anthony's Girls Higher Secondary School and Rosary Matriculation Higher Secondary School.

Dr. P. Shanmugam, Senior Principal Scientist and Commonwealth Fellow, Department of Environmental Technology, Central Leather Research Institute, Adyar, inaugurated the annual intercollegiate cultural competition "Synapse 2017-18" on 3 February 2018. Several city colleges participated in the various competitions. Guru Nanak College won the overall shield.

Sr. Prabha, Principal, Sacred Heart Matriculation Higher Secondary School, and alumna of the Department delivered the Valedictory Address. "Campus Count 2018" was held for the fifth consecutive year on campus, from 16-19 February 2018. Eighty-eight checklists documenting 27 bird species were uploaded by participating students and faculty on ebird.org, an online database for bird observations. The diminutive Asian Brown Flycatcher and Blyth's Reed Warbler were sighted for the second time in two years. These annual bird surveys help keep track of the avian biodiversity on campus.

The students of the Department enthusiastically participated in intercollegiate zoology fests conducted by various city colleges and won several prizes. In order to keep abreast of the emerging trends, the faculty of the Department participated and presented papers in regional, national and international conferences, seminars and workshops. Dr. S. A. Vidhya won an Award of Appreciation for her paper on "Bird Conservation" at an international conference on Biodiversity.



Exzooobition



Students create awareness on dengue and leprosy at a school in Mylapore



Students at a competition held during Butterfly Week



Department of Commerce Shift I



Conference on Entrepreneurship



Combat Winners 2018

The academic year 2017–2018 was yet another exciting year for the Department of Commerce (Shift I). The Department equipped its students to face many challenges through student enrichment programmes such as guest lectures, workshops, conferences, industrial visits and cultural events. Workshops were conducted on “Creation of a Business Plan” for the final year students by Dr. Rosy Fernando, CEO, Start Up Solutions Ltd., and on “SPSS” for the second year students by Dr. Regi Manimegala, Head, Department of Economics, Stella Maris College. The Department also organised a number of guest lectures on various topics such as “Financial Markets—Online Stock Trading and Recent Trends in Indian Stock Market”, “Financial Accounting—Indian Accounting Standards 1, 2 and 9”, “Business Ethics and CSR—Social Responsibility, Sustainability and Spirituality in a Fashion Enterprise in South India”, “GST Awareness and Guidance Programme for Consumers, SMCs and Traders”, “Retail Marketing”, “GST and its Implications”, “E-Commerce: Firewall Protection”, “Big Data Analysis and Starting of a New Business Venture”. The Department also organised a one-day State Level Conference on Entrepreneurship—“Enrich to Become Rich”—in collaboration with Start Up Solutions on 3 March 2018. The conference was designed to spur entrepreneurial aspiration among the youth. The conference comprised interesting and thought-provoking sessions on varied aspects of entrepreneurship. The inaugural address for the conference—“Turning Time into Profit: Business Opportunities”—was delivered by Mrs. R.V. Shajeevana, Additional Director, Entrepreneurship Development and Innovation Institute.

Thirty final year students took part in the International Conference on “Team Leadership—Collaboration, Management and Empowerment” conducted by Stella Maris College and Trinity Western University, Canada, at Stella Maris College on 17 January 2018. A few students also participated in the Regional Conference on various aspects of management held at Amity Business School. Ten of our students also got the opportunity of attending the Regional Conference conducted by the Indian Officers Association on “Leadership—at the Frontier of Tomorrow” which was graced by presence of Shri. M. Venkaiah Naidu, Honourable Vice President of India, and Shri. Banwarilal Purohit, Honourable Governor of Tamil Nadu. Ten students also attended a special Seminar on “The Union Budget 2018–2019—Implications for the Economy” organised by MIDS.

An educational trip to Wayanad, Kerala was organised for the final year B.Com. students by the Department. The two-day trip included an industrial visit to a start-up unit, H2O Pet Packaging Pvt. Ltd., located inside the KINFRA Industrial Park. The interaction with the entrepreneur helped the students understand how to go about launching a business and the various obstacles one might face in the process. The students also participated in a number of cultural activities across various city colleges and won many prizes. The Annual Intercollegiate Commerce Cultural fest, COMBAT 2018, hosted by the Department of Commerce, Shift-I was held on 3 February 2018. The event was inaugurated by Mr. Praveen Ganesh, CEO, Letzconnect Technologies. The overall trophy was bagged by Guru Nanak College, Chennai.

Ms. Nithya Shreen of the final year won many accolades and brought laurels to the Department. She participated in a poster presentation titled “Sari and Fashion Dynamics in Tamil Nadu, India”, at an International Conference of Arts in Society, American University of Paris, France, June 2017. She has been selected for another poster presentation on “Fashioning Religion: Sari consumption in Tamil Nadu, India” at the International Conference on Religion and Spirituality in Society, University of California, Berkeley, USA, in April 2018 and has also been selected for photography for a one-minute trailer of the film “Golden Weaves” to be screened at the British Museum, London, in June 2018.

The alumnae of the Department from the batch of 1992 came together and celebrated 25 years since graduation over lunch with the Faculty. A special retirement felicitation was held in honor of Dr. Rashida Banu on 14 March 2018 who retired after 32 years of service.



Dr. Rashida Banu's Farewell



Department of Psychology



The Department of Psychology welcomed its second batch of students in the academic year 2017–2018. The Department held a series of lectures inviting experts from abroad in order to expose students to cross-cultural perspectives in the discipline and to broaden their understanding of psychology and its applications.

The first lecture of the year was delivered by Dr. Bindu Shanmugam, Medical Director, Valley Mental Health, Livermore, California on “Current Trends in Psychotherapy and Clinical Psychology” on 26 July 2017. Dr. Camille Gibson, Professor, Criminal Justice and Juvenile Justice, Prairie View A & M University, Texas, delivered a talk on “The Dynamics of Violence and Juvenile Delinquency” on 28 July 2017. These talks provided an insight into the nuances in the practice of clinical psychology. They also enhanced the awareness of students in the area of juvenile violence and related issues such as bullying, cyber bullying, fighting, and homicide in schools. On 8 January 2018, Dr. Preethi from the Nottingham Trent University addressed the students on “Schizophrenia: Family Communication and Neuroscience Perspective” and emphasised the role of family, environment and the neuro-scientific facets of schizophrenia. On 21 December 2017, Ms. Harini Mohan, Coordinator, Madras Dyslexia Association, spoke on “Diagnosis and Interventions for Learning Disorders”.

The students and faculty of the department participated and presented research papers on “Child Trafficking in Tamil Nadu and Kerala: A Comparison” and “Sexual Harassment-A Psychological Perspective”. A group of second

year students, assisted by Ms. Divya Dovina, presented and published a paper on the "Relationship between Spirituality and Morality among Young Adults". The students also participated in various competitions such as the intercollegiate fest of 2017, H.O.P.E. held in JBAS College on 11 September, 2017 and won the second place in short-film making, face painting and poster making. The students also participated in an International Conference on "Expressive Arts Therapy" hosted by the Department of Psychology, Women's Christian College, Chennai, on 13 and 14 of February 2018.



A discussion on Juvenile Delinquency and Rehabilitation



A talk on Applications of Psychometric Testing





Dr. Padmasingh Isaac at the Entrepreneurial Summit

Panel Discussion - Entrepreneurial Summit



Exhibition & Sale by New Age Entrepreneurs

Inauguration of Silver Jubilee Celebrations



Department of Commerce Shift II

The academic year 2017–18 was one of special importance for the Department of Commerce–Shift II as it celebrates the 25th year of its existence. The Silver Jubilee celebrations were inaugurated on 21 July 2018 with an inaugural address by Ms. Ray Simon, former Vice-President, Students’ Union, and currently Senior Director HR, Capgemini, and a special address by Ms. Vinutha Subramaniam, CEO and Director, Parisera. Both speakers laid emphasis on the changing dimensions of accounting professionals in today’s industrial framework.

A Postgraduate Diploma in Global Business and Finance—an exclusive Programme integrating the

Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA) Curriculum, in association with the International Skill Development Company (ISDC)—was started in October 2017. The fifteen-month course offers a dual certification to students and also allows exemptions from appearing for some papers for CIMA. “SAP ERP–Financial Accounting and Control” was integrated into the academic curriculum for students of B. Com. Accounting & Finance with ANSA India Pvt. Ltd. as the knowledge partners.

An Entrepreneurial Development Cell (EDC) was started with 200 members, in association with the Centre for Entrepreneurship Development,



Anna University. It was inaugurated by Dr. G. Ravikumar, Director, EDII. Ms. Neelam Palrecha, CEO, Periferry, and an alumna of the Department, delivered a special address on Social Entrepreneurship on this occasion. As a follow-up action, a series of lectures and workshops were organised to encourage students in entrepreneurial ventures. The programmes focussed on enhancing the entrepreneurial skills of the students and improving their outlook towards starting their own business. Dr. Michael Schalabra, Executive Director of Global Initiatives, Concordia College, New York, USA, conducted a workshop for the second year students on leadership qualities and skills for an aspiring entrepreneur.

A three-day State Level Entrepreneurial Summit—with a specific focus on the theme of the EDC, “New Age Entrepreneurship”—was conducted from 14 to 16 February 2018. The Summit began with a panel discussion on “Sustainability of New Age Entrepreneurs” moderated by Dr. L. S. Ganesh, Professor, IIT Madras. The panelists were young entrepreneurs from various fields of business such as Ms. Mahalakshmi Saravanan, founder, Women Entrepreneurs India; Mr. Shiv Shankar Ganesh, founder and CEO, Kaching; Ms. Nandita Pandey, founder and Director, Strata Vision Pvt. Ltd.; Ms. Aishwarya, co-founder, Prem’s Graama Bhojanam; Mr. Cibi Selvan, founder, Regeno and Mr. Vasant Sridhar, co-founder, OfBusiness. The subsequent sessions by Mr. A.D. Padmasingh Isaac, Chairman and Managing Director, AACHI Group of Companies, Mr. Hanif Sattar, founder, Basics, and Ms. Patricia Narayan, Director, Sandeepha Chain of Hotels, featured success stories in their own domain. Dr. Deepak

Swaminathan, founder, Director, Media Point and PEPUP Cloud Technologies, and a serial entrepreneur, also spoke on entrepreneurial skills. The concluding session of the day was by Mr. Rangarajan M. Executive Director, Servion Global Solutions who shared customer-centric business ideas. A video presentation featuring the success stories of Ms. Sundari, street food entrepreneur; Mr. R.U. Srinivas, food processing entrepreneur, Founder, Idli Factory and Mr. Annadurai, an innovative and hi-tech auto rickshaw driver. They were honoured for their achievements.

Skills enhancement workshops on Clay Modelling, Organic Gardening, Pot Painting and Liquid Embroidery, Découpage and Soap and Candle Making were conducted on the second day. Around 250 students participated in the workshops. The entrepreneurial summit concluded with an exhibition and sale. Stalls, set up by start-up entrepreneurs, alumnae entrepreneurs and students, received overwhelming patronage from the students and faculty.

As part of experiential learning, final year students of Commerce and second year students of BBA displayed models on “HR Concepts” at an innovative exhibition in the month of September 2017.

The Department organised an Intercollegiate Postgraduate State Level Seminar on “GST—The Game Changer” on 18 September 2017. The speakers were Dr. Vasan, Senior Vice President, Global Taxation, Hinduja Global Solutions Ltd.; Mr. Sundaraman, Partner, Corporate Compliance and FEMA Advisory; Mr. Saimukundhan, Partner,





Yopozone Pvt. Ltd.; Ms. Aparna Ram Mohan, Managing Director, Sri Sattva Group and Mr. Krishna, Advisor - Indirect Taxes, PWC.

A group of faculty and students attended the Nani Palkhivala Memorial Lecture delivered by Mr. Suresh Prabhu, Minister of Commerce and Industry, Government of India. "Leadership at Frontier Conclave", a seminar on Leadership and Governance at a micro- and macro-level was organised by Indian Officers' Association (IOA) and Madras Management Association (MMA) with McKinsey Partners on 17 January 2018. A group of students from BBA and M. Com. along with Dr. Renuka Devi, Ms. Jisha Miranda, Ms. Leelavathi and Ms. Sowmya Balaji, represented the Department at the meet.

A knowledge-sharing session on the highlights of the Union Budget 2018 was held on 6 February 2018. The session started with the views of Mr. V. Nagappan, Vice President of Hindustan Chamber of Commerce. The other speakers—Mr. Arun Davay, Economist, Mr. S. Sundaraman and Mr. T. R. Srinivasan, Chartered Accountants—discussed the special features of the budget presented for the year. Faculty and students of other colleges were also invited for the programme.

As a part of continued industry intervention, the Department organised several guest lectures on the practical aspects of the programme: "Labour Laws and its Implications" by Mr. Ganesan, Retired District Judge, Academic Director, Mylapore Educational Academy for Law; "Role and Importance of a Company Secretary in Today's Corporate World" by Mr. Ravi, Company Secretary; "Practical Aspects of Business and

Company Law" by Mr. Harshavardhan, Associate at Parasaran & Associates, Chennai; "Brand Management" by Ms. Madhuvanathi, Brand Manager, CavinKare Pvt. Ltd.; "Wall Street" by Ms. Saumya Mohan, Treasurer of Tesla; "IT & ITES in Relation to an International Framework" and "Business Outsourcing: Paradigm Shift in the Model with Respect to India" by Ms. Lavanya, Director, HR, Cognizant; "Stock Trading" and "Portfolio and Investment Planning" by Mr. Bhaskar Ramani, an independent consultant and an active stock market player; "Advertising on Social Media" by Ms. Aruna Rakhi, Film Director; "Accounting Standards" by Ms. Meenakshi, E & Y India. and "Stock Trading Ethics and Practices" by Mr. Vijayan, Assistant Director, SEBI.

A week-long programme by Ms. Olga Aoron, a trans-woman and founder of Bringing Adequate Values of Humanity (BRAVOH), on "Transgender Sensitivity and their Acceptance in Society", created a broader perspective on and awareness of gender issues. A group of eight students accompanied by the faculty of the Department were invited by the US Consulate General, Chennai, to attend a lecture on "Diversity in Business: Tools for Success". The Department, in coordination with the CGC, organised a workshop for the final year B. Com. and M. Com. students on "International Career—Simply Aboard" by Good Ocean Maritime, Dubai. It focused on opportunities in international internship in the logistics industry based in the Middle East.

The AICPA—CIMA, Academic Partners Meet, was held on 24 February 2018 at New Delhi to discuss integration of courses on Financial Reporting in the curriculum. Ms. Sowmya Balaji represented

the Department and the College in this meet of 25 colleges across India. A seminar on “DIGI-FIN–The Business Quotient” was held on 13 March 2018. This intercollegiate seminar focussed on accounting automation and digitalisation.

Ms. Nitya K. and Ms. Evangel attended a Faculty Development Programme conducted by the Indian Business School, ICFAI on 4 August 2017. Ms. Deepasri and Ms. Nithya K. attended a conference on “Leveraging Research for Entrepreneurship Development & Innovation” organised by the Entrepreneurship Development & Innovation Institute, Government of Tamil Nadu. Faculty of the Department also attended the National Seminar on “Managing Uphill Battle in Global Era” organised by the University of Madras on 3 March 2018.

Faculty Development Programmes organised by the Department include a two-day Capacity Building Workshop on “Research Methods and Data Analytical Tools” guided by Dr. K. Prabhakar, Head, Research Initiatives, Centre for Social Initiative and Management and Dr. A. Duraisamy, Head, Department of Economics, Madras Christian College, and a one-day team building workshop.

Faculty members and students of the Department have continued to be active in research this year. Ms. Shanthi Ranjit, Dr. Renuka Devi, Ms. Nithya K, Ms. Deepasri and Ms. Lydia presented papers at national and international conferences and were also published in international journals. Ms. R. Aishwarya, a final year M.Com. student, published a paper on “A study on the Impact of Microfinance on Urban Women Self-help Group

Members” at the International Conference on Sustainable Development Practices in the Modern Business Era organised by Loyola College. Ms. Charis Joseph Thattil, second B.Com. (CS), presented a paper on “Make in India: A Critical Analysis” at the International Conference on Developmental Economics.

Students participated in several intercollegiate competitions and won prizes. In the Entrepreneurship Fest “ENANTRA” organised by the Entrepreneurship Club of Anna University, Ms. Celine Mary L. second B.Com, won the Enantra Best Brand Manager Award. Students of BBA won the overall championship and the Best College Award in “Quest 2018” organised by the Department of Management Studies, SRM College of Management.

The Department offered four industry-based certificate courses to enhance the skill and knowledge of the students. The courses were: “Goods and Services Tax” in association with Shreyas Management Consulting Services; “International Financial Reporting Standard” in association with Prime Academy; “Investment Planning” in association with Finscholarz and “Tally” in association with iStar Skill Development Private Limited. Industrial visits were organised to help students enhance their practical knowledge of the subjects studied.

BBA Students with the overall championship





Department of Computer Science



Industrial Visit to Intellect Design



Release of Proceedings—ICACT

The academic year 2017–18 was filled with a flurry of academic, co-curricular and extracurricular activities in which students participated with enthusiasm and zeal.

The Department of Computer Science has responded to the unique challenge of keeping pace with the rapid and phenomenal changes in technology, the advent of new applications, fields and environment while at the same time having a firm grounding in the basic concepts, through its well-designed curriculum framed in consultation with experts from academia and the industry. In an important step in this direction, the Department organised its first International Conference on Advancements in Computing Technologies (ICACT 2018) on 2 and 3 February 2018. Sixty-five research papers were presented at the conference which served as a forum for researchers, academicians and students to share knowledge, expertise and experiences. Eminent academicians from reputed institutions such as Le Tourneau University, USA; University of Leeds, UK; Birmingham State University, UK; Indian

Institute of Technology, Madras; Christ University, Bangalore and experts from industry such as Cognizant Technology Solutions, Wipro, Tech Mahindra, Ada's List, UK shared their insights and expertise. A video-conference session on "Agile Software Development Model" was conducted by Ms. Pradeepa Narayanasamy, Cox Automotive Inc., US. This enabled students to understand the current software model followed widely in the industry.

The Department planned meticulously to keep faculty members and students updated on recent developments in the field. Internet of Things (IoT) is creating an atmosphere of convergence in the society. This technology is bringing a paradigm shift in our professional and personal lives. Keeping this in mind, faculty were given training in IoT followed by a one-day workshop for 32 students on using Raspberry Pi on 27 January 2018. Three teams of students are doing their final semester projects in this field—Automatic Speed Controller, Obstacle Detector and Water Level Monitoring.

As technology makes rapid strides and the field becomes extremely competitive, there is a critical need to secure data and systems. To create an understanding of hacking techniques, a two-day workshop for students on "Ethical Hacking" was organised on 8 and 9 September 2017 in collaboration with IIT E-Cell and 69 students participated in this event.

To enable students to face the placement process with confidence, the Department organised an 18-hour aptitude training programme in collaboration with Vistamind. To motivate the students to become entrepreneurs, a session on "How about being an Entrepreneur?" was organised with Mr. Prabhu, CEO, Base2 Technologies delivering a motivational speech on the why, how and what of entrepreneurship. A session on "Research and its Importance" was organised to enhance research capacity in students. Fifty research papers were presented at various conferences by the students of the Department. Forty three research papers were published by final year postgraduate students in UGC approved journals and three papers were selected for publication in Scopus-indexed journals. Dr. I. Lakshmi published 20 research papers in various journals.

Students of the Department participated in different workshops and intercollegiate technical fests organised by various colleges. They emerged overall winners in the intercollegiate technical fest "OLAP" organised by MOP Vaishnav College for Women.

In order to ensure that students experience a holistic learning environment, the Department

creates opportunities for them to apply the knowledge gained in classrooms in a practical context for a better understanding of work processes and business functions. Industrial visits are one such practice of the Department which gives greater clarity and understanding of the theoretical concepts gained, as students practically experience how these concepts can be put into action. The postgraduate students of the Department went on an industrial visit to Intellect Design Arena Ltd., Chennai. The visit triggered a lot of questions regarding business from students and it was a great experience for them. As part of the Social Awareness Programme, the first year postgraduate students visited schools and created awareness on health and hygiene through various interactive activities and the second year undergraduate students shared their knowledge on the basics of computers with less privileged students in schools. The participants became aware of ways in which they could reach out to society at large.

The Department is proud of its confident and successful alumnae. At the "Alumnae Meet" of the Department, the participants were happy not only reliving their past, but also sharing their success stories in their respective fields. The Meet brought to the fore their keen interest and willingness to be involved in the activities of the Department in future. As a befitting recognition of its efforts, the Department was awarded All India Fifth Rank in the survey conducted by the India Today Group for the year 2017. Stepping into the twentieth year of its inception, the Department aims at reaching many more milestones in the upcoming academic year.



Mr. Curtis McGrath, OAM Para Canoeist, Paralympics Gold Medalist, at the International Human Rights Day Celebration

Department of Social Work

The academic year 2017–18 began meaningfully with the Department of Social Work partnering with the Kailash Satyarthi Children’s Foundation, Bachpan Bachao Andolan, Hand in Hand, India and Chennai Coordinating Committee in launching the Chennai arm of “Bharat Yatra”, a Nationwide Campaign for Safe Childhood–Safe India, on 13 September 2017. The Yatra was flagged off by the Honorable Chief Justice of Madras High Court, Ms. Indira Banerjee, and Nobel Peace Laureate 2014, Mr. Kailash Satyarthi who led the Bharat Yatra. The entire College community took a pledge and participated in the Yatra on campus raising slogans for the safety of the girl child.

As part of the Bharat Yatra, a National Consultation was held on the same day with Young Survivors of Child Abuse, who shared their life experiences of humiliation and exploitation. The children

shared their stories of overcoming traumatic experiences such as child abuse and drug abuse through rehabilitation by NGOs and spoke about the need for justice in the presence of the Honourable Chief Justice of Madras High Court Ms. Indira Banerjee and Nobel Peace Laureate 2014, Mr. Kailash Satyarthi. The programme was jointly organised by the International Justice Mission, the Department of Social Work and several NGOs in the city.

The Annual Rev. Sr. Thecla Endowment Lecture for the year 2017 was delivered by Ms. Nina P. Nayak, Member, Governing Council, Indian Law Institute, New Delhi, former member of the National Council for Protection of Children and a distinguished alumna on “Understanding Child Rights in Human Rights Perspective and Advancing Child Rights in India” on 27 September 2017. Ms. Nina P. Nayak gave an



inspiring speech on the vulnerable situation of children in India and highlighted the role of social workers in using policies and laws to resolve issues and provide support to children.

The International Human Rights Day 2017 and the International Day of Persons with Disabilities 2017 were commemorated on 30 November 2017 in collaboration with the Australian High Commission, Chennai. Mr. Curtis McGrath, OAM (Medal of the Order of Australia), Para Canoeist and Gold Medallist 2016 Rio Paralympics, was the Chief Guest. Mr. McGrath shared his courageous, inspirational life story of overcoming the tragedy of losing both his legs, while serving in the Australian Army, when he stepped on an improvised explosive device (IED). Within two years of the tragedy, Mr. Curtis overcame his disability through sheer grit and painstaking efforts to win many world records. He went on to become a motivational speaker and sports ambassador. Ms. Abinaya from III

B.A. Sociology also shared her empowering experiences as a student of Stella Maris College. Ms. Sophie Smith, Second Secretary and Consul for the Australian Consulate General, Chennai, was the Guest of Honour at the programme. UNICEF's Global Report on Children in a Digital World was released on 11 December 2017 by Mr. Job Zachariah, Chief of UNICEF Office for Tamil Nadu & Kerala, and Ms. M. P. Nirmala, IAS, Chairperson, Tamil Nadu Commission for Protection of Child Rights. The programme was hosted by UNNATHI, the Social Work Students' Forum, in association with Thozhamai.

A short-term Certificate Course on Personal Empowerment in Emergency Response (PEER), recognised by the Government of Tamil Nadu, was organised for the first time in collaboration with Alert—We Care, a Non-governmental Organisation, for 85 BSW and MSW students in July–August 2017. The students attended theory and practical sessions in responding to



Launch Of Bharat Yatra



Best Social Worker Award
Ms. Swetha Varadhan II MSW

emergencies and learnt valuable skills to be used to help society.

A Certificate Course on Corporate Social Responsibility for MSW students was organised in collaboration with the Murugappa Group, in January–February 2018. It was the first effort at Academic–Industry Partnership in Social Work in Capacity Building for CSR in South India. Experts from Murugappa Group and other corporates shared their expertise with the students. Twenty-one students successfully completed the course. An awareness programme on Commemoration of Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act, 1976 was organised for MSW student son 9 February 2018 in collaboration with the International Justice Mission.

The Department had the privilege of a Visiting Faculty—a Fullbright Scholar from USA—Dr. Karen Kayser, Professor, Dr. Renato, La Rocca Chair of Oncology Social Work, University of Louisville, Kent School of Social Work. She taught a course on community approaches to promote Health Equity for II MSW students from January to March 2018. A video-conference session was held between Social Work students of Stella Maris and students from the Kent School of Social Work who were studying the same course in USA. Another Fullbright Scholar residing in Stella Maris College, Ms. Cynthia Dettman, delivered guest lectures on Feminist Practice in Social Work and Social Group Work with Communities, for MSW students on 31 January and 1 February 2018.



A project on Community Based Care for Older Persons: Assessment and Intervention was sanctioned by United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia-India Programme, for the period July 2017 to June 2018. Three students from II BSW from Liverpool Hope University, UK did their fieldwork practicum from 22 January 2018 to 16 February 2018.

Dr. Sandra Joseph, IQAC Coordinator and Associate Professor, Department of Social Work, was invited as a Visiting Professor to Coburg Summer School on "The Global Agenda for Social Work and the Global Goals for Sustainable Development" from 3-14 May 2017 at Coburg University of Applied Sciences and Arts, Germany. She was also invited as a Resource Person by Aquinas College of Higher Studies,

Colombo, Sri Lanka, for the Regional Training Programme on Research Methodologies for a collaborative research study on Continuing Education for Disadvantaged Adolescents in South Asia of the International Federation of Catholic Universities, from 26 to 28 June 2018 for the IFCU research. The "Woman of Substance Award" was conferred on Ms. Lora Deva Prasana, Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work, by Women's Rights Organisation, Puducherry, on 26 March 2017. The Award was presented by the Honourable Chief Minister of Puducherry, Mr. V. Narayanaswamy. Ms. Swetha Varadhan, II MSW, received the Best Social Worker Award from Social Protection Legal Aid and Humanity Organisation on 10 December 2017. The award was given by Ms. Irom Sharmila, a well-known Human Rights activist.



From Left :
Dr. Karen Kayser, addressing the students

Woman of Substance awarded to
Ms. Lora Deva Prasana

Release of Global Report on Children in a Digital
World



The Bachelor of Vocation Degree

The Skills Initiative



Inauguration of the Baking Laboratory

The B.Voc. Programmes aim at creating an 'industry fit' skilled workforce. The programmes—Food Processing & Quality Control and Sustainable Energy Management—have a rigorous academic process with a thrust on experiential learning and training in the laboratories and industries, that enhances employability skills in students.

The first year students of the Food Processing and Quality Control (FP&QC) programme underwent various training sessions at Mega Foods, Rohini Foods, HECS, KVIC, French Loaf, Winners Bakery and Hot Breads. A workshop was organised to impart the skills of fine baking and presenting of baked goods. The second year students underwent training at Aavin, KVIC and

Akshaya Aqua Farms. They attended workshops on dairy products and food analysis techniques. To facilitate experiential learning, a state-of-the-art Baking Lab was set up for the Department of Food Processing and Quality Control.

The first year students of the Sustainable Energy Management (SEM) programme underwent rigorous training sessions at KVIC, NIN Energy Technologies and had workshops on Batteries, Home Lighting, Home Energy Management and Energy Audit. They also conducted an "Industrial Energy Audit" at Spectrum Mall. Industrial visits were organised to solar installations at various places in Chennai. The second year students had their training at Diamond Enterprises and KVIC. Industrial visits to Kothari Biofuels,

IIT Madras, Biogas plants at Ambattur, Anna Nagar and Padi helped the students gain knowledge on different biogas installations and the role of the community in segregation of waste and its utilisation. Workshops were also organised on “Waste Management and Waste Conversion Techniques”, “Waste to Energy” and “Vermicomposting”. To utilise the food waste generated in the campus, a biogas plant was commissioned with the added advantage of providing hands-on-training to students in the production of biogas to students on campus. The purpose of this plant is to convert organic waste into useable products—energy and manure.

The National Skill Development Corporation conducted an independent assessment of the skills learnt by the students. Food Industry Capacity and Skill Initiative (FICSI) and the Sector Skills Council for Food Industry, conducted assessments for the Qualification Pack “Jam, Jelly and Ketchup Processing Technician” at Level 4 of the National Skill Qualification Framework and for the Qualification Pack “Plant Baker” at level 5. These assessments were conducted by independent organisations and all the students who appeared were certified as being “Job Ready”. Similarly, Green Jobs, the Sector Skills Council for the Sustainable Energy Sector, conducted the assessments for the Qualification Packs, “Solar PV Installer (Suryamitra)” at level 4 and “Rooftop Solar Grid Engineer” at level 5. All the students of the Sustainable Energy Programme cleared the tests.

A one-day seminar titled “Food Quality and Food Safety” was organised by the Food Processing and Quality Control Department.



The SEM Students at a Biogas Plant



B.Voc FP & QC Students at TANUVAS

This event included demonstration of skills in new product development and handcrafted cakes. The students showcased the products in the exhibition that followed the seminar. The Department of Sustainable Energy Management also organised a one-day seminar titled “Eclectica 2K18—A Road to Sustainability” on the theme, green energy production and energy conservation. Demonstration of waste utilisation for energy and energy management were also conducted. The students exhibited models on the central theme which were greatly appreciated. Students enthusiastically participated in seminars organised at Loyola College, Ethiraj College, TANUVAS and KVIC and their skill-sets were duly recognised by the prizes they won at the events.



PR Campaign UNAVU- Voice Against Waste



Department of Public Relations

The Department of Public Relations began the academic year with a Scholar-in-Residence programme by inviting Ms. Sarah D'Souza (Senior Communications Specialist, Intuit India, Bengaluru) on 11 and 12 August 2017. The session focussed on "Ideas and Innovations in Organisational Communication". On 9 September 2017, the Department organised "Media Surf", an intercollegiate competition for students of Media and Communication. The event was inaugurated by actor Jayaprakash, who sensitised the students on media ethics and practices. In September 2017, the Department organised a workshop on

blogging conducted by Ms. Swapnil Midha, a PR professional with a focus on social media and organisational communication.

The PR Department, in collaboration with Earth Smiles, an NGO working for environmental welfare, and the Department of Sociology, steered a campaign "Re-Green Chennai" in the month of October 2017. The campaign was initiated to sensitise school students to the need to improve the green cover of the city. The Department executed the campaign in ten schools across the city and provided over 25 tree saplings to the schools. In February 2018 the Department rolled



out its signature PR Campaign “Unavu—Voice against Waste”. The campaign was organised by the final-year students, and was aimed at creating awareness on the social, economic and environmental effects of food wastage. The campaign was inaugurated by the celebrity chef Dr. K. Damodaran who highlighted the alarming amount of food wastage at consumption level and shared simple recipes with leftover food in order to minimise food wastage in households. The Department was also involved in the 44th Industrial Trade Fair organised by the Department of Education, Government of Tamil Nadu, the theme being “Green Life”. Students of first year MA conducted various games and presented a puppet show while the second year MA students utilised the platform to create awareness about the campaign “Unavu—Voice against Waste”.

The Department organised an Interdepartmental Conference on “Digital Communication and Society” on 27 February

2018. The Keynote Address on “Convergent Journalism: Opportunities and Challenges” was delivered by Mr. Mukund Padmanabhan, Editor-in-Chief of The Hindu. This was followed by a panel discussion with pioneers in the field of Digital Communication—Ms. Rama Subramaniam (Axiom), Ms. Pavithra Charan (Inception Business Services), Ms. Subakeerthana (The Indian Express) and Ms. Mahalakshmi Saravanan (Women Entrepreneurs India).

Students of the Department were taken on an industrial visit to Larsen & Toubro to help them understand their CSR activities and corporate structure. They were also taken to Anna Community Radio and the Institute of Printing Technology, Taramani to familiarise them with community radio shows and different techniques used in printing. The students were also given an opportunity to create and record PSAs on “Unavu—Voice against Waste”.



Mukund Padmanabhan, Editor-in-Chief The Hindu, delivering a lecture



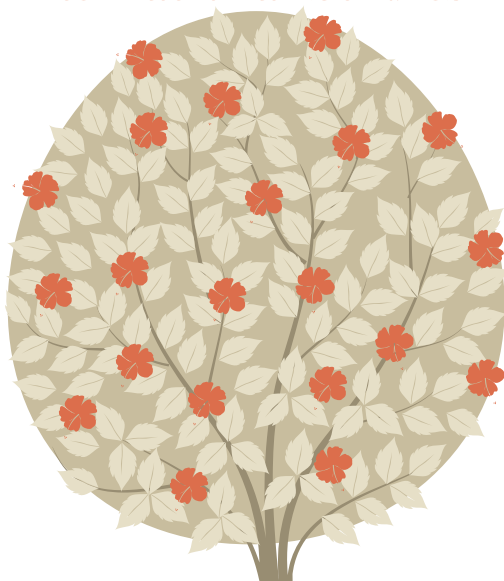
Participants at the Scholar-in-Residence Programme



Dr .Indira, Scholar-in-Residence



Department of International Studies



In keeping with its practice of organising events of contemporary relevance, the Department of International Studies hosted a one-day panel discussion on the Doklam Crisis between India and China—“Post Doklam Imperatives”—in collaboration with the Chennai Centre for China Studies on 13 September 2017. Eminent persons such as the former Ambassador M. Ganapathi and Air Marshall S. Varthaman, PVSM, AVSM, EM, VSM, Former Air Officer Commander-in-Chief, Eastern Air Command, participated in the discussion. The Department invited Dr. Suba Chandran, Associate Professor, National Institute of Advanced Studies, IISC, Bengaluru, to the College and he delivered a lecture on India’s Foreign Policy on 6 October 2017.



This year the department organised and hosted an International Scholar-in-Residence programme. Dr. Indira P. Ravindran, Associate Professor at the School of International Relations and Public Affairs, Shanghai International Studies University, Shanghai, China, and an alumna of the College, delivered a series of lectures on life inside China and on India–China Relations from 5 to 9 February 2018. The week-long academic exercise was intellectually stimulating and was an eye-opener on life inside China, on the various dimensions of China's growth and its implications for India and the world at large.

Kriya—the annual student seminar of the Department—was organised on 21 February 2018 on the theme “Soft Power in the Contemporary World Order”. The seminar was inaugurated by Ambassador

M. Subashini IFS (Retd.), a former diplomat and an alumna of the College, who spoke on “Diplomacy and Soft Power”. The student-organising committee was successful in evoking an overwhelming response to the seminar—over 40 paper presenters from various colleges in the city as well as from Bengaluru and Pondicherry participated in the event. Cash prizes were awarded to the three best papers. Dr. Ranjini Manian of Global Adjustments delivered the Valedictory Address and distributed the prizes.

The Dr. Kamala Aravind Endowment Lecture, which marked the conclusion of the Department's activities for the year, was held on 2 March 2018 and Ambassador S. Swaminathan, IFS, delivered a lecture on the less-spoken-about topic of “India and Latin America”.



Ambassador S. Swaminathan delivering the Endowment Lecture



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Department of Biotechnology



Alumnae Meet

The Department of Biotechnology aims at providing quality education in the interdisciplinary areas of biotechnology by conducting research in nano-biotechnology, environmental biotechnology, plant tissue culture and microbial biotechnology. In an effort towards realising this vision, the faculty members of the department published fifteen research articles in reputed peer reviewed International Journals.

Two final year postgraduate students, Rajalakshmi S. and Krithika A., won the Best Poster Award at the National Conference on "Biotechnological Advances towards Sustainable Agriculture and Environment" organised by the Department of Microbiology,

Hindustan College of Arts and Science. They also won the Best Paper Award in the International Conference on "Biodiversity—Strategies for Conversation and Sustainable Utilization" organised by the Department of Zoology, Ethiraj College For Women. Anusheebha A. and Melshi Christiana G., II M.Sc., won the Best Model Award at the National Conference on "Biotechnological Advances towards Sustainable Agriculture and Environment" organised by the Department of Microbiology, Hindustan College of Arts and Science.

The faculty and the students of the Department are a closely-knit community and as part of enhancing these relations, the alumnae were invited on 12 August 2018 for a re-union.



Krithika and Rajalakshmi with their Best poster award



Anusheebha and Melsi receiving the Best Model Award



International workshop on Lead Optimization and Candidate Selection



Department of Bioinformatics

The Department of Bioinformatics had the privilege of hosting the Chennai Chapter of the one-day international workshop on “Lead Optimization and Candidate Selection” organised jointly by the Department of Bioinformatics, Stella Maris College, Zastra Innovations, Bengaluru and Optibrium, Cambridge, UK on 13 October 2017. Dr. Nick Foster, Head of Commercial Operations, Optibrium, UK, delivered the Keynote Address and led the workshop on “The Importance of ADMET in Drug Discovery”.



International Workshop on Lead Optimization and Candidate Selection

Students at the National Seminar on Biotechnological Approaches towards Sustainable Future



Department of Tamil



Poet Tamilachi at the Creative Writing Workshop

இலக்கியா—2017

பாரதி மன்றத்தின் தொடக்க நிகழ்வாக, “இலக்கியா—2017” என்னும் பொருண்மையில் சென்னை கல்லூரி மாணவர்களுக்கிடையேயான போட்டிகள் 22.07.2017 அன்று நடைபெற்றன. மேனாள் தமிழ்த்துறைத் தலைவரும் ஓய்வுபெற்ற பேராசிரியருமாகிய முனைவர் உலகநாயகி அவர்கள் சிறப்பு விருந்தினராகப் பங்கேற்றார்கள். அவர் தமது உரையில், “வாழ்க்கை மாறிவிட்டது மாற்றத்திற்குத் தயாராகுங்கள்” என மாணவிகளுக்கு வலியுறுத்தினார். 16 கல்லூரிகளிலிருந்து 141 மாணவர்கள் பேச்சுப்போட்டி, கட்டுரைப்போட்டி, கவிதைப்போட்டி, ஓவியப்போட்டி, பாட்டுப்போட்டி, நடனப்போட்டி ஆகிய போட்டிகளில் பங்கேற்றனர்.

சிறப்புச் சொற்பொழிவு

“திரையிசைப் பாடல்களில் இலக்கியம்” என்னும் தலைப்பில் சிறப்புச் சொற்பொழிவு 09.10.2017

அன்று நடைபெற்றது. சிறப்புச் சொற்பொழிவாளராக கவிஞர் அகரமுதல்வன் அவர்கள் பங்கேற்றார்கள். அவர் தம் உரையில் திரைப்படப் பாடல்களில் அமைந்துள்ள இலக்கிய நயங்களைக் சுட்டிக்காட்டி, பல்வேறு பாடலாசிரியர்களைக் காலவரிசைப்படி எடுத்துரைத்தார்.

டாக்டர் அப்துல் கலாம் பிறந்தநாள் விழா

டாக்டர் அப்துல் கலாம் அவர்களின் பிறந்தநாளை முன்னிட்டு 13.10.2017 அன்று மாணவியருக்குப் பேச்சுப் போட்டி, கட்டுரைப் போட்டி, கவிதைப் போட்டி ஆகியப் போட்டிகள் நடைபெற்றன. போட்டிகளில் மாணவியர் கலந்துகொண்டு டாக்டர் அப்துல் கலாம் அவர்களின் கனவினை நனவாகும் இளையோராய் மிளிரந்தனர் பரிசுகளையும் பெற்றனர்.

படைப்பிலக்கிய பயிற்சிப் பட்டறை

மாணவிகளின் படைப்பாற்றலை மேலும் வளர்க்க படைப்பிலக்கிய பயிற்சிப் பட்டறையானது 02.12.2017 அன்று நடத்தப்பெற்றது.

கல்லூரி செயலர் அருட்சகோதரி சூசன் அவர்கள் முன்னிலை வகிக்க, சிறப்பு விருந்தினராக கவிஞர் தமிழ்ச்சி தங்கபாண்டியன் அவர்கள் கலந்து கொண்டார்கள். “வாழ்வனுபவங்களில் எது உங்களை உலுக்குகின்றதோ அதைக் கருவாக வைத்து கவிதைகளைப் படைக்க வேண்டும்” என மாணவிகளுக்கு வழிகாட்டினார். படைப்பிலக்கியப் பயிற்சியாளர்களாகிய கவிஞர் வி. ஜெயபாஸ்கரன் மற்றும் கவிஞர் அமிர்தம் குர்யா ஆகியோரால் கவிதை மற்றும் சிறுகதைகள் படைக்க மாணவிகளுக்கு பயிற்சிகள் அளிக்கப்பட்டன. 106 மாணவிகள் இப்பயிற்சிப் பட்டறையில் கலந்து கொண்டு பயன் பெற்றனர்.

அறம் திரைப்படம்—போட்டிகள்

கல்லூரியில் “அறம்” திரைப்படம் திரையிடப்பட்டதைத் தொடர்ந்து 08.12.2017 அன்று “என் பார்வையில் அறம்” என்னும் தலைப்பில் கவிதை மற்றும் கட்டுரைப் போட்டிகள் நடத்தப்பெற்றன. மாணவியர் உற்சாகத்துடன் பங்கேற்றுப் பரிசுகளைப் பெற்றனர்.

பொங்கல் விழா

தமிழர்த் திருநாளாகியப் பொங்கல் விழா 17.01.2018 அன்று கொண்டாடப்பட்டது. விழாவிடற்கு மேனாள் தமிழ்த்துறைத் தலைவரும் ஓய்வுபெற்ற பேராசிரியருமாகிய முனைவர் உலகநாயகி அவர்கள் சிறப்பு விருந்தினராகப் பங்கேற்று சிறப்புரை ஆற்றினார். அவர் தமது உரையில் மாணவிகள் தங்களை மேம்படுத்திக் கொண்டு வளர்ச்சி காண வேண்டும் என வலியுறுத்தினார். சிறப்புரையினைத் தொடர்ந்து மாணவிகளின் கலை நிகழ்ச்சிகள் நடைபெற்றன.

மாணவியர் சாதனை

தமிழக கிளர்ச்சிய இளையோர் இறையழைத்தல் பணியகத்தால் 17.11.2017 அன்று நடத்தப்பெற்ற

கட்டுரைப்போட்டியில் முன்றாமாண்டு தாவரவியல் துறை மாணவி நு. ஜெனிபர் எப்சிபா முதற் பரிசினைப் பெற்றார்.

எம்.ஜி.ஆர்.ஜானகி கலை மற்றும் அறிவியல் மகளிர் கல்லூரி பாரதியார் சங்கத்தால் 11.09.2017 அன்று நடத்தப்பெற்ற பேச்சுப்போட்டியில் முன்றாமாண்டு தாவரவியல் துறை மாணவி நு. ஜெனிபர் எப்சிபா முதற் பரிசினைப் பெற்றார்.

அகத்திய மாமுனிவர் கலை இலக்கியப் பண்பாட்டு ஆய்வு மையத்தால் நடத்தப்பெற்ற கையெழுத்துப் போட்டியில் இரண்டாமாண்டு ஆங்கிலத்துறை மாணவி நிவேதிதா கலந்து கொண்டு கலைசோதி விருது பெற்றுள்ளார்.

நீதிமதி பஷீர் அகமது சையது மகளிர் கல்லூரியில் நடத்தப்பெற்ற பேச்சுப்போட்டியில் முதலாமாண்டு வணிகவியல் துறை மாணவி ம.அனுஷா இரண்டாம் பரிசினைப் பெற்றார்.



Poet V. Jeyabhaskaran at the Creative Writing Workshop



A Street Play at RBI Hindi Day Celebrations

Department of Hindi



The Department of Hindi has always strived to synergise the talents and creativity of students and to transcend linguistic barriers. In a world that is increasingly conflict-ridden, the Anubhuti Club of the Department deemed it fit to hold this year's events around the theme of "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam—The Whole World is a Family".

The Department began the academic year with certificate and logo designing competitions on 7 July 2017, which were open to the entire college. Lipi Uladhawan, Chajut Bangsia, Nidhi—all students of first year B.V.A—won the first, second and third places respectively in the logo designing competition. Harshitha D. of

first year Computer Science won the first place in certificate designing and Rubinah S. bagged the second place.

The intercollegiate Hindi cultural event, "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam 2017", was organised on 26 August 2017. Mr. K. Shankar, IPS was the Chief Guest for the programme. The events held were folk dance, group music, quiz, ethnic walk, cooking without fire, adzap, elocution, shipwreck, mehendi designing and face painting. Twenty-six city colleges participated in the event and MOP Vaishnav College emerged the overall winner. The second year students of the Foundation Course in Hindi enacted a street play on women's empowerment and crimes against women at the event. Ms. Rushali Shivprasad of second year Economics won the second prize at the Annual All India Hindi Poets' Meet conducted by the Central Hindi Directorate, MHRD, at Anna Adarsh College for Women.





The winners of the Overall Trophy at Intercollegiate culturals at Ethiraj College

Department of French

Through the French club, Cercle de Francophiles, the French Department opened its doors to multitude of activities in the academic year 2017–18. The events started with the Bastille Day being celebrated on 14 July 2017 with a quiz competition on French culture and civilisation.

The overall trophy bagged at the SSS Jain College cultural event was only a teaser for what was to come over the next few months at MGR Janaki College of Arts and Science, Ethiraj College for Women, and Loyola College. With a staggering four consecutive overall wins and prizes aplenty, the students have done the Department proud.

The Indian Association of Teachers of French (IATF) organised the event “On se regale” in September 2017 during which they conducted a range of competitions that included a gastronomy quiz, poster making, role play and recipe. Three of our students advanced to the national level and secured the second runners-up title for their recipe.

On 13 December 2017, Ms. Srunika Kannan of the University of Madras delivered a guest lecture titled “Le Septième Art” on French films to the second year students.

The Department organised a workshop titled “Le Théâtre Français” on 3 February 2018. The three-hour session was led by V.



Balakrishnan, founder and artistic director of Theatre Nisha. The participants—from both the host college and colleges invited to participate in the event—were given a concise overview of French theatre and its bearing on various schools of thought, and were introduced to corporeal mime.

There was yet another guest lecture for the second years by Ms. Ramya of the University of Madras on 19 February 2018 titled “Haute Couture: l’histoire et la Société”, the lecture covered the history of French fashion and its reciprocal relationship with society.

An end-of-the-year intracollegiate competition was conducted for the students of the Department between 20 February and 22 February 2018. Certificates and cash prizes were awarded to the winners. The French film “Le Petit Nicolas” was screened for the students of the three-credit General Elective course, giving them an exposure to spoken French.



Guest Lecture on Haute Couture by Ms. Ramya



Ms. Srunika Kannan, Guest Lecture on 'Le Septième Art'



Dr. K. Prasanth Speaking on Kalidasa

Department of Sanskrit

The Department of Sanskrit offers students of diverse backgrounds several opportunities to understand and appreciate Devabhasa—Samskritam “a language of profound thoughts” through various curricular programmes and co-curricular activities.

The students of the Department participated in various intercollegiate Sanskrit competitions conducted in city colleges and won cash awards and trophies in team as well as individual events. Aparna Kumar bagged the first place in the Bhagavad Gita Recitation conducted by Sri Shasun Jain College for Women on 29 July 2017. Abhinaya Rengarajan won the third prize in Elocution, Niveditha Lakshminarayanan and Abinaya Rengarajan secured the first place in a quiz conducted by Queen Mary’s College on

19 December 2017 and bagged the overall championships in the competitions. Vineetha and Mamatha won the third place in paper presentation on “Status of Women in Epics” conducted by SDNB Vaishnav College for Women on 9 February 2018. Students also participated in and won various competitions such as quiz, poster making, singing Sanskrit songs conducted by Ethiraj, Anna Adarsh and Guru Nanak Colleges.

Kalakrti, the Sanskrit Club, conducted various interdepartmental competitions, the main focus being motivating non-Sanskrit students to participate in the events. On 1 September 2017 Kalakrti hosted an Elocution Competition focussing on “Women as Game Changers in Epics”, “Curses, Boons



and Promises—Power of Words in Shaping our Actions”. On 19 October 2017 the enthusiastic students participated in a crossword competition titled “Who is Who in Epics”. On 9 November 2017 the Club threw open an online photography competition on “Festival of Lights” and “Elements of Nature” to kindle interest in students to explore their talent in photography.

The Department of Sanskrit conducted academic programmes to nourish an interest in the rich literary tradition of Sanskrit. A guest lecture on “Mahakavi Kalidasa—A Poet Par Excellence” was organised on 12 August 2017. The lecture was delivered by Dr. K. Prasanth, Associate Professor, Department of Sanskrit, RKM Vivekananda College for Men. “Bhasa—Methods and Madness” a Lecture Demonstration on Bhasa’s 13 plays was conducted on 20 December 2017 as an intercollegiate event. There was an overwhelming response, with 90 students

participating in the programme and gaining insight into Classical Indian Theatre. The lecture was conducted by Mr. V. Balakrishnan, Artistic Director, Theatre Nisha, Chennai.

The Club conducted an intercollegiate quiz competition on “Sanskrit Literature and Epics” on 12 February 2018. Nearly 14 colleges participated in the event; the Sanskrit students of the Stella Maris College emerged winners securing the first and second places.



Photography- I prize winning entry



Lecture Demonstration by Mr. V. Balakrishnan





Creative Writing



An Open Letter to all Women

For a long period of time, we women have been told to conform to the standards set for us by the society. We grew up in a system where having milk colored skin and lean, slender bodies is the only acceptable image of beauty. Several advertisements and individuals will try to tell you what you need to buy or do to improve yourself, and I'm writing this letter to say that you are superb; a creation of purpose.

In a world where violence, fear and hate continue to exist, it is essential for us to come together and persist in eradicating the barriers that have been placed before us. Regardless of our differences in backgrounds, religions, ethnicity, political views, jobs and academic standing, we all value the same things in life: respect, love and success. We all want to be seen and respected for who we are but we must also remember that one woman's success doesn't come at the cost of another's failure. It is important that we walk forward in life hand in hand, rather than step on others' toes to rise above everyone else. Know that there is a time, place and an opportunity for all of us to accomplish our dreams. Know that you are able to think for yourself—despite what the world keeps telling you. I believe that women like you and me are capable of creating history every day. I believe in the power of unity, that we could push the boundaries and open other people's minds to a better discourse if we collectively act to make it happen. Mostly, though, I believe in you.

As we celebrate International Women's Month, I encourage you to find the good in the women around you. Let yourself be inspired by their experiences, setbacks and victories. By doing this, we not only strengthen our respect for one another, but we also open doors for others and ourselves.

This letter is for all the women who are searching for their place in this world. Whoever you may be—a student, a businesswoman, a coach, a lawyer, a janitor, a musician, a scientist, a soldier, a teacher, a traveller, a doctor, an athlete or a poet—know that you are smart, beautiful, inspirational and strong.

Thank you for being yourself.

Yours sincerely,

Ahalya Ananthakumar

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Superheroes in Real Life?

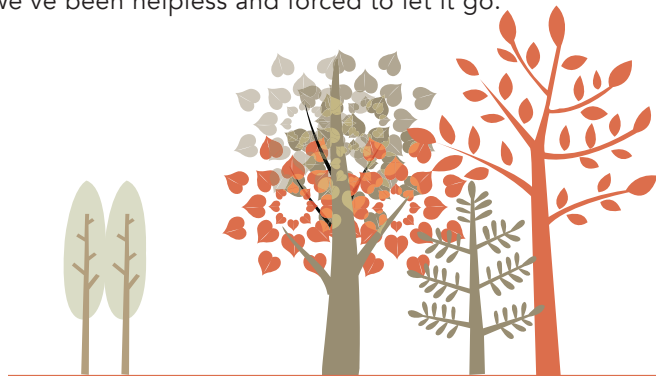
I love superheroes.

I lose all semblance of a sane, functional human being when a new superhero movie is about to be released. And I'm not alone in doing so. In fact, people constantly surprise me by just how obsessed they can get over these amazing but still essentially fabricated characters. People also surprise me by having no knowledge of these universal favourites, but that's another story.

Now I'm wondering why. What is it about superheroes that we love? As kids, we loved them because they were cool. They could do fantastic things that we could only dream of, or read or watch in some form of pop culture. But now it would be ridiculous to suppose that the superhero industry panders only to children. In fact, it's quite the opposite. Superhero movies and shows are becoming darker and more realistic (well, as realistic as you can try and make an evil purple alien). In any case, they're getting more real. The heroes, apart from fighting off villains in really cool ways and saying something funny every once in a while, also have complex back stories, that drive every decision that they make. There are superheroes dealing with depression and anxiety, which are not the most fun topics for kids to be talking about at birthday parties.

So why do we, as adults, love them? I dare say it's still partly because they're cool. It's also because the movies are well made and the stories are well written. Well, apart from a few misses anyway. But really, why?

We look up to people who are more powerful than us. We look up to people who can do things that we wish we were capable of. We've all had moments when we've been unfairly treated for no fault of our own; when we've been helpless and forced to let it go.



We've all had moments when we've seen a situation point south while we were unable to do anything about it; when we've wished someone would swoop in and save the day like it so often happens in the movies. So, when we watch someone standing up for someone who cannot stand up for themselves, we cheer. As we should.

But a recent foray into the TV version of Marvel, got me thinking about the consequences of superheroes in real life. Would I, as a non-superhero, regard them the same way as I do now? Would I be wary or would I cheer? Regardless of what I would do, I'm convinced that I'd rather not have it that way. Superheroes are cool and all, but they'd be rather unwelcome in the real world. Maybe not immediately, because well, there's still the coolness factor, but eventually, that's what it'd come down to. The primary thing that bothers me here is that superpowers don't choose people. They just happen, or that's what we're led to believe anyway. But people are human. They're both good and bad and everything in between, all at the same time. So it's safe to say that superheroes will also be good and bad and everything in between, if they existed, of course. And that in itself is an enormously terrifying scenario.

Imagine your house being broken into by someone who has the powers of invisibility. Or your car being crushed like a tin can simply because it caused someone super a minor inconvenience. Or all your hard-earned money being stolen from the bank by someone who can bend people to his will.

One could argue that these powers may also be used for good, or at least productively. The invisible guy, might appear creepy to us because of his powers, but probably just uses them to deal with his social anxiety. The lady whose power involves welding metal (and everything else that cars are made of), by will, could find a job at any factory and make the factory workers' jobs easier. The mind-controller could help people who've been driven to attempt suicide, convince them that they're worth it, and that their life could be made bearable. We, normal people, too can be kind and generous. We can be considerate and thoughtful. But very often, we don't use these inherent qualities. Why then would it be any likelier for someone with superpowers to use it for worthy purposes? Besides, even if they are used only for good, or if it was somehow possible to sift out the bad, superpowers would end up being much more of a burden than an advantage. Maybe the guy with super strength just wants to go about his life teaching kids at a school and wants nothing to do with crime fighting. Maybe the lady with healing powers has spent her entire life preparing to become a lawyer, but now she has to use her powers to save people, because it'd be a sin to not do something that could potentially save hundreds. It'd be akin to holding the cure for cancer and not letting anybody use

it. Uncle Ben was right when he uttered the words that have now become nothing less than an adage: With great power, does come great responsibility, one that most people could live without. I mean, I'd like to be able to say, "I saw Spider Man climbing onto this building today" as much as the next person, but the poor kid probably just wants to get into a good university instead of getting into situations that could potentially see him dead every other day.

All of the above is definitely not to say that the world is perfect as it is. It is the sheer imperfection of it that has me convinced that superpowers would only take what the world is, up by a notch, on both ends of the spectrum. While a ton of problems can be solved, twice the amount will inevitably arise. Furthermore, the problems that we currently have are those that we ourselves have created. And however bleak the possibility may seem, we can solve them, if we put a brake on the talking and accelerate the action. Nevertheless, we can solve them. Well, unless an evil purple alien drops out of the sky with the quest for world dominance, or otherworld dominance. In that case, we're definitely doomed. So, let's hope that never happens.

I don't quite think the world is short of superheroes, to be completely honest. The nurses who pull extra shifts without taking a penny more, the teachers who make sure they've given as much importance as required to each student's needs, the policemen who never take bribes, even if that means people of less integrity reach greater heights than they do, and pretty much every person who shows up at work day in, day out, and does his/her part wholeheartedly count as superheroes in my book. The people who filter the words they utter so as to not hurt anyone and the ones that actively try to help out every chance they get; they've got to be given the distinction of super. They're just not ones with capes or tight suits or fancy masks. I should probably come up with a different term for these real-life superheroes though, because this is starting to get confusing. Does 'All-round Superpeople' work?

Having said all that, I'm definitely not going to go any less gaga when I see a post about one of those superheroes online. I'm also not going to come across as any less insane when I finally, after literally years of waiting, watch the next big superhero movie, because well, superheroes are still just so ridiculously cool.

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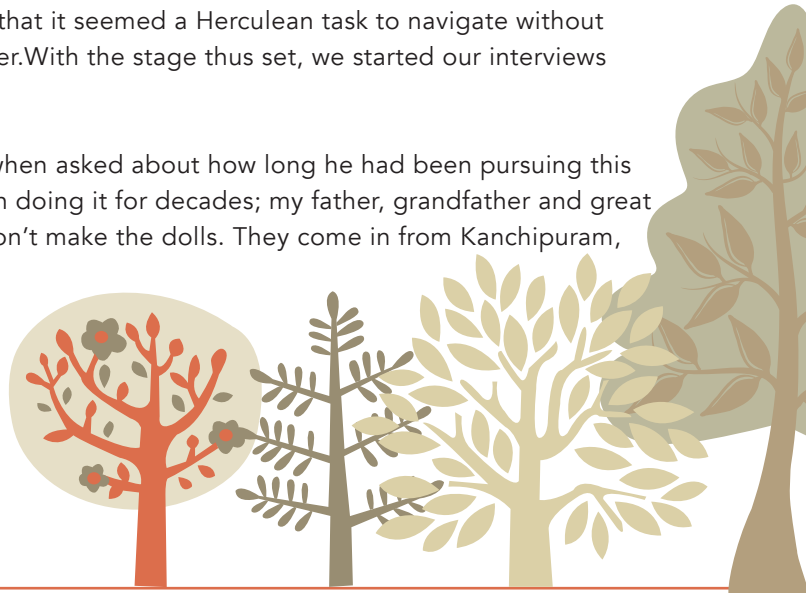
The Dolls' Story

Navarathri in Chennai (Dussehra in North India) has often been described as the 'Dolls' Festival'. Several households display a collection of dolls (called 'golu') arranged aesthetically, even thematically—the themes relating to activities in daily life, mythological stories, etc. Mada Street in Mylapore has long been the place to buy these dolls.

The UBCHEA supported institutional project on "Promotion of Folklore, Culture and Heritage of Tamil Nadu for Sustainable Development" has made us more aware of our rich culture and heritage and also sparked a sense of curiosity about some of these traditional practices that we take for granted—Who made these dolls? Where did they come from? What's the story behind the colourful clay, papier mache and marble dolls? Is the demand for them the same as it was decades earlier? Armed with a camera, a recorder and a thirst for information, we set out to find answers to these questions. Our destination—North Mada Street, Mylapore.

Let me first describe the surroundings to you. A long street. Thousands of dolls, of every colour you can possibly think of. Hundreds of people milling about. Dozens of shops and vendors. The strong fragrance of jasmine floating in the air. Voices from every side—admiring, bargaining, refusing; so loud that you can't hear yourself think! There were so many shops along the pavement that it seemed a Herculean task to navigate without knocking anyone (or anything) over. With the stage thus set, we started our interviews with the vendor closest to us.

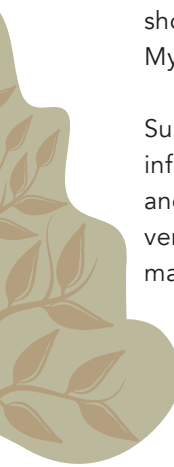
"It's a family business," said he, when asked about how long he had been pursuing this line of work. "Our family has been doing it for decades; my father, grandfather and great grandfather before me. But we don't make the dolls. They come in from Kanchipuram, Cuddalore, Bunrutti, etc."



The other vendors gave us similar answers but were not more forthcoming. Sumathy (name changed), the last vendor we interviewed, was however, a goldmine of information about her business. What started out with a couple of questions from us turned into a lengthy conversation. We asked her the usual questions; about how long she had pursued that line of work (answer: “Since generations.”) and where she got the dolls from (answer: “Bunrotti. Madurai, etc.”). But we also ended up asking her more questions the answers for which were illuminating as well as entertaining. She enlightened us about the fact that the vendors didn’t have to pay to set up shop during the festival, about the alternative jobs that most of the vendors did (driving autos, working in the textile industry, working as daily-wage labourers), about the making of the dolls and how they are carefully scrutinised by the customers before making a purchase. We also got one important question answered—when the trend of setting up shop in Mylapore started?

According to Sumathy, her ancestors had set up a small pavement shop containing a few dolls in North Mada Street to attract the temple-goers—the Kapaleeswar temple is quite famous in Mylapore, and is conveniently situated perpendicular to North Mada Street—and once they realised that it was potentially a good place to conduct sales, a bigger shop was opened. Consequently, other sellers followed, and a hundred years later, Mylapore is where you find the best dolls and are spoilt for choice.

Sumathy, when asked about the dolls that were well-liked among the customers, also informed us that each year different dolls were in demand. Apparently, the Vishnu and Shiva dolls are quite popular and a sure-sell, but the competition among the vendors, and their USP (Unique Selling Proposition) lies in the different dolls they manage to wangle each year. In Sumathy’s shop, we saw dolls of Kumbakaran (from



the Ramayana) with cauldrons of food before him, a wedding scene, Ghatotgajan (from the Mahabharata), and so many others, and we realised that it was these new dolls representing stories from the epics that were attracting customers to her shop like moths to a flame; her shop seeming to be the most popular one in the whole street. But Sumathy's (and the other vendors') story is not all of joy and happiness.

Sumathy also told us about how most of the vendors she knew were not doing this job willingly, rather only for, as she called it, "vayithupozhappu"(livelihood). Selling these dolls was not very profitable this year too, what with the customers having to pay more due to new taxation norms.

While she was proud of the fact that her family was involved in selling these dolls for generations, those generations had also missed out on a good education and a steady income. Now all she wants is that her grandchildren should get a good education and secure good jobs.

The interviews with the vendors were enlightening and sobering because we came to know more about the dolls and the lives of those who sold them. We thank Sumathy and the other vendors for that informative session.

I think the most important lesson we learnt was that we are lucky to still see these bright and colourful dolls made by artisans and sellers who struggle to get them through to the customers and help keep the tradition and creativity that are embodied in a golu alive.

By Pooja Krishna H. A.
III B.A. English



Desire

No, I am not a good boy,
Shouted he!
I prefer violence.
I'm addicted to violence
Violence, I desire.

But wait,
What about your parents?
Your responsibilities?
Their happiness? She asked.

What about my happiness?
This is my desire,
The path I wish to travel.

I yearn to travel
To conquer the world
To establish my power,
For the good, he replied.

Okay. But brother,
What is your future?

I don't know sister,
But I assure you—
I'll not let you down
I'll not upset you
Never will I let you—
Shed a teardrop.
I swear.

Should I hold on or let it go?

Should I hold on or let it go?
Hanging on hurts, leave it
Some say.
No matter what, stay true, stay loyal
Some say,
"Follow your heart."
That is an easy way
To wash off their hands
To view my pain from a distance
Just to view, not to feel;
But to show sympathy
But... I warn you;
I don't want your sympathy
Neither do I need your empathy....

Saraswati Binoj
I M.A. English





Chasing Dreams

Fear not society,
For it has done no good deed.
Fear the boredom of satiety-
Which you are ordained to feel.

Unveil your dreams and passion
Change your monotonous fate,
Burn down the momentary satisfaction
Remember—now is never too late.

Being in their comfort zone,
Is not your ultimate destiny.
For now you may stand alone,
But shall eventually feel ecstasy.

Shrija.M.B.
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Une lettre à un ange

On disait que vous fûtes un ange.

La première fois que je vous vis, je n'aperçus point d'ailes argentées ou d'auréole aveuglante. Il n'y eut ni de cercle de nuages blancs sous vos pieds ni de gerbe d'étoiles pleuvant sur votre tête.

Vous fûtes faite de chair, de sang, d'os, mais je me rendis compte que vous fûtes différente des autres, à jamais plus spéciale, comme l'étoile polaire qui brille plus fort que ses compagnes célestes dans le ciel nocturne.

Où que vous aillez, vous laissiez un vestige de votre présence—un minuscule orbe de lumière chaude, une petite trace d'amour. Si l'on vous donna un cœur brisé ou un enfant cicatricé, vous répareriez celui-là et guéririez celui-ci.

Vous me montrâtes que le ciel n'est ni d'idée ni d'idéal, mais plutôt une expérience vécue, quelque chose que nous créons pour nous-mêmes et pour

tout ce qui nous sont chers. C'est une place sur la terre où il n'y a que de l'amour, la gentillesse et le pardon à profusion.

Les mots, si sophistiqués soient-ils, ne méritent pas à vous décrire. Mais, soyez assez gentille et acceptez-les, je vous prie, ces fleurs inodores, ces gemmes médiocres. Ils sont tout ce que j'ai à vous offrir.

Enfin, merci de m'avoir guidée, de m'avoir façonnée, de m'avoir aimée, d'avoir été le vent sous mes ailes, ma porteuse d'espoir, mon ange gardienne pendant ces deux années.

Sincèrement,
Votre protégée
S. M. C.

Susanna Marian Correya
Il B. A. English



டாக்டர் அப்துல் கலாம் பிறந்தநாள் நினைவுக் கவிதைப் போட்டி

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எழுச்சி நிலையும் முதிர்ச்சி மனமும்
தளர்ச்சி வேளையில் முயற்சியும் கொண்டு
உயர்ச்சி காண துடித்து எழும்
இளைய பேரின சமுதாயமே நாம்
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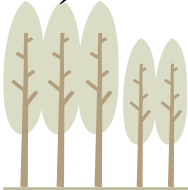
உன் வளர்ச்சிக்குத் தடை தருவது
உளி தகர்க்கும் சிறு குன்றல்ல.
வென்று பாரென சவால் விடும்
உன்றன் முன் தொடர்ந்து தோன்றும்
இன்றைய இமாலய சிக்கல் மலைகளே.

கல்வி உரிமைக்கு வேட்டு வைத்து
கழனி வேலைக்கு முட்டு வைத்து
பேச்சு உரிமையின் மூச்சு டக்கி
மிச்ச மீத உரிமையும் பறிப்பது
உச்சக் கட்ட அவலச் சிகரமாம்.

கற்ற கல்விக் கேற்ற வேலையில்லை
பெற்ற பட்டத்திற் கான மதிப்புமில்லை
பெற்றவர் மனம் வெதும்பி நிற்குது
உற்றார் உறவு வெறுத் தொதுக்குது
குற்ற உணர்வுக் குத்திக் குதறுது.

இந்தெமது நிலை காணரோ! என
நொந் தழுது குலையாதே இளமையே
வெந்த புண் ணாற்ற நம்
சொந்தமாய் வந்தார் அப்துல் கலாம்
வந்தமர்ந் தவர் வார்த்தை கேளாயோ?

“ஒருவராய் நில்லாமல் ஒருங்கிணைந்து நிற்பீர்,
பொறுமையாய் உம் கனவை நனவாக்குவீர்,
சிகரமாம் கடமையைக் களிப்புட னாற்றுவீர்,



துயரம் வரினும் துவண்டு போகாதீர்,
உயரம் அடைவீர் உண்மை இதுவே.

‘இந்தியா-2020’ திட்டம் வகுத்தேன்,
கல்வியிலும் உழவிலும் உயர் வடைந்து
மின்சாரம் பெருக்கியும் தகவல் பகிர்ந்தும்
பாதுகாப்பான போர் யுத்தி வளர்த்தும்
நாட்டை வல்லரசு சாக்குவீர் இளையோரே!”

ஜோ. மேட்லின் ப்ரசென்ஷியா
முதலாம் ஆண்டு கணிதம்

விஞ்ஞானத் தந்தை - மெய்ஞ்ஞானத் தந்தை கலாம் - கட்டுரை

“பிறப்பு என்பது சாதாரணமாக இருக்கலாம்
ஆனால்
இறப்பு என்பது சரித்திரமாக இருக்க வேண்டும்”

பாரத நாட்டின் செங்கோட்டையாகத் திகழும்
இராமேஸ்வரத்தில், மதச்சார்பற்ற மனிதராக
1931 அக்டோபர் 15 ஆம் நாள் பிறந்து,

எளிமையில் ஓர் இனியவராய்
தோல்வியில் ஓர் சாதனையாளராய்
கனவினில் ஓர் இலட்சியவாதியாய்
விஞ்ஞானத்தில் ஓர் விஸ்வரூபமாய்”

திகழ்ந்து இளைஞர்களுக்கு எடுத்துக்காட்டாய்
வாழ்ந்தவர்தான் டாக்டர் ஏ.பி.ஜே. அப்துல்
கலாம் அவர்கள். இவர் விஞ்ஞானத்தில்
மட்டுமல்ல, மெய்ஞ்ஞானத்திலும் சிறந்து
விளங்கியமைப் பற்றி இக்கட்டுரையில்
காண்போம்.

கிணற்றுக் கல்லுக்குள் ஓர் கேள்வி:

சிறுவயதில் தன்னுடைய அறிவியல் ஆசிரியர்
திரு சிதம்பரம் என்பவரால் இவரின் அறிவியல்
ஆர்வம் உருவெடுத்தது. “கிணற்றில் கல்லைப்
போட்டால் ஏன் குமிழ்கள் வருகின்றது? ”
என்பது தான் முதல் அறிவியல் கேள்வி.
மேலும் பறக்கும் பறவைகளைப் பார்த்து
“நீங்கள் தான் என் நாளைய கனவு” என்று

அப்போதிலிருந்தே தனது இலட்சியத்திற்காக அரும்பாடுபட்டார். இதுவே இவரைச் சிறந்த விஞ்ஞானியாக மாற்றியது.

தோல்வியில் கண்ட வெற்றி:

அப்துல் கலாம் அவர்கள் விண்வெளி தொழில்நுட்பக் கல்லூரியில் பயின்று முதுகலைப் பட்டம் பெற்றார். தனது துறை ஆசிரியர் சிறந்த விமானத்தை வடிவமைக்கக் கூறிய போது அதில் தொடர் தோல்வியைக் கண்ட இவர் இறுதியில் இராணுவத்திற்காக ஓர் விமானத்தை வடிவமைத்தார். இவருடைய முதல் ஏவுகணையான “அக்னி” விண்கலத்தை ஏவ, பல தோல்விகளையும் விமர்சனங்களையும் கண்டார். தன் குழு உறுப்பினர்களுக்குத் தொடர்ந்து நம்பிக்கையையும் உற்சாகத்தையும் ஊட்டி இறுதியில் வெற்றி கண்டார்.

“தோல்வியைக் கண்டு துவண்டு விடாதீர்கள் வாழ்வில் இன்பம் துன்பம் வருவது போல தோல்வியிலும் ஓர் வெற்றி காணலாம்”

காணும் கனவில் ஓர் இலட்சியம்:

இளைஞர் சமுதாயத்திற்கு இவர் கூறும் அறிவுரை "கனவு காணுங்கள்". அவ்வாறு கனவு கண்டு இலட்சியத்தை இறுக்கமாகப் பிடித்ததால்தான் இன்று அவர் ஓர் விஞ்ஞானத் தந்தையாகப் போற்றப்படுகின்றார். அணு ஆயுத சோதனையை இந்தியா "பொக்ரானில்" நடத்திய போது அதில் முழுப்பொறுப்பு வகித்து வெற்றி கண்டவர் இவரே. அப்துல்கலாம் அணு ஆயுதத் திட்டம் மற்றும் விண்வெளித் திட்டத்திற்காகத் தனது வாழ்க்கை முழுவதையும் அர்ப்பணித்தார். மேலும் எஸ்.எல்.வி II ராக்கெட்டைப் பயன்படுத்தி ரோகினி என்ற ஏவுகணையைச் செலுத்தி இந்தியா மாபெரும் வெற்றி கண்டது. இதுவே இவர் மேலும் பல திட்டப் பணிகளைச் செய்ய வழி வகுத்தது.

இந்திய ஏவுகணைச் செல்வன்:

இவர் தன்னுடைய குழு உறுப்பினர்களை உற்சாகமுட்டி வழிநடத்திச் செல்வார். தனது விஞ்ஞானத்தில் வெற்றியைத் தொடர்ந்த இவர், டேவில் திட்டச் செயல்களையும் திறம்படச் செய்து முடித்தார். இந்திய அரசாங்கம் தனது திட்டத்தின் கீழ் ஓர் ஏவுகணையை உருவாக்க இவருக்குப் பொறுப்பு கொடுத்து ஊக்குவித்தது. அதைத் திறம்படச் செய்து முடித்து விண்வெளி ஏவுகணைச் செல்வனாகத் திகழ்ந்தார்.

மருந்துத் துறையில் ஒரு சாதனை:

விண்வெளித்துறையில் மட்டுமல்லாது மருத்துவத்துறையில் போலியோ நோயாளிகளுக்கு எடைகுறைந்த ஊன்றுகோலையும் இதய நோயாளிகளுக்கு “கலாம் ஸ்டென்ட்” என்னும் கருவிகளையும் உருவாக்கினார்.

தன்னலமற்ற ஒரு பொதுநலம்:

அப்துல் கலாம் விஞ்ஞானத் துறையில் சிறந்து விளங்கினாரென்றால் அவருடைய விடாமுயற்சி மட்டுமல்ல மெய்யுணர்வுடன் கூடிய அறிவும் ஒரு காரணமாகும். அப்துல் கலாம் ஓர் எளிய வாழ்க்கை வாழ்ந்து வந்தார். மேலும் நன்றியுணர்வோடு செயல்படுவார். ஒருமுறை வெளியூர் செல்லுகையில் அதிகாரிகள் அவரைச் சோதனையிட காலணியைக் கழற்றினர். அப்பொழுது கூட சிரித்துக்கொண்டே கழற்றினார். இதுவே அவரது நற்பண்பிற்கு ஓர் எடுத்துக்காட்டாகும். 2020 ல் இந்தியா வல்லரசாக மாற வேண்டும் என்று மிகுந்த பாடுபட்டு தன் வாழ்க்கையை அதற்காக அர்ப்பணித்தார்.

இளைஞர்களின் ஊன்றுகோல்:

குடியரசு தலைவராக இருந்த பொழுது கூட மிக எளிய வாழ்க்கை வாழ்ந்தார். எடுக்கும் செயல்களில் முன் மதியுடன் செயல்படுவார். நான் யார் என்று தெரியுமா? என்று ஒருபோதும் அவர் கேட்டது இல்லை. இந்தியாவின்

பலமே இன்றைய இளைஞர்கள் தான் என்று
மேடைப்பேச்சு ஒன்றில்கூறி இளைஞர்களுக்குப்
புத்துயிர் ஊட்டினார்.

**திறமைகள் ஒன்றாக இருப்பது கிடையாது
ஆனால் வாய்ப்புகள் அனைவருக்கும்
கொடுக்கப்படுகிறது**

முடிவுரை:

“இளைஞனே நீ முயன்றால் விண்மீன்களையும்
பறிக்கலாம்” என்று இளைஞர் சமுதாயத்திற்கு
வலுவூட்டி மருத்துவத்துறை, விளையாட்டுத்துறை
மட்டுமல்லாது விஞ்ஞானத்துறையிலும்
சாதனைப்படைத்துத் திகழ்ந்தவர்தான்
டாக்டர் ஏ.பி.ஜே. அப்துல் கலாம் அவர்கள்.
கனவு கண்டு காணும் கனவில் உயர்ந்த
சிகரங்களைத் தொடவேண்டும் எனக் கூறிய
இவர் மெய்ஞ்ஞானத்திற்கு இலக்கணமாய்
விஞ்ஞானத்திற்கு ஏவுகணையாய் வாழ்ந்து,
இன்று நம் உள்ளங்களில் நிலைத்து நிற்கிறார்.
இவருடைய இந்தியா 2020 என்ற கனவை
நனவாக்கிட எழுந்த இளையோர் சமுதாயமே
நீ.....

“படிக்கலாம்

முயற்சிக்கலாம்

சாதிக்கலாம் - இதனால்

இந்தியாவை வல்லரசு நாடாக உருவாக்கலாம்”.

ஜாண்சிலின் ஜினுஷா
இரண்டாமாண்டு கணிதம்

இரக்கம்

இரக்கம் ஒரு பயணம்

இரக்கம் உச்சரிப்பதற்கு எளிய பதம்—ஆம்

இனிமையும் கூட
வாழ்வின் இரக்கத்தைத் தேடிப் பயணித்
திடுவோம்

நமக்குத் தெரிந்தவர் மீது காட்டுவது இரக்கம்

அல்ல

நமக்குத் தெரியாதவர் மீது காட்டுவதே இரக்கம்

விண்ணின் இரக்கம்—மழை

மழையின் இரக்கம்—நல்ல பயிர்

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நம் உயிரின் இரக்கமோ—சாதிப்பதும்
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உலகம்

நீ தீமை செய்யும் போது—உன்னை

விமர்சிக்கும்

விமர்சனங்கள் விடியலாகட்டும்!

இப்புவிடில் சாதிக்கப் பிறந்தோம்

இருக்கும் வரை

இரக்கத்தோடு வாழ்ந்திடுவோம்!

பி. கார்த்திகா தேவி

இரண்டாமாண்டு வரலாற்றியல்

**உறவுக்கு உரம் கொடுக்கும்
உள்ளம் தேடுவோம்.**

சில வாழ்வியல் தத்துவங்கள்

அதிக உயரங்களை எட்டுவதற்கு உதவும்
உறவைப் பெற்றிருப்பது சிறந்தது. ஆனால்
அதிக உயரத்திலிருந்து விழும்போது தாங்கிப்
பிடிக்கும் உறவைப் பெற்றிருப்பது கடவுளின்
பரிசு.

நல்ல நூல்களை எத்தனை முறை படித்தாலும்
திகட்டுவதில்லை. நல்ல உறவும் அப்படித்தான்
எத்தனை நாள் பழகினாலும் சலிப்பதில்லை.

கோடிகளைக் குவிப்பதும், கோடிநாள்
வாழ்வதும் அல்ல வாழ்க்கை. மாறாக
கோடிகொட்டிக் கொடுத்தாலும் கிடைக்காத
நல்ல உறவாக வாழ்வதுதான் வாழ்க்கை.

கரன்சி நோட்டுகளைக் காதலிக்காமல் கனிந்த
மனத்தைக் காதலிப்போம்.

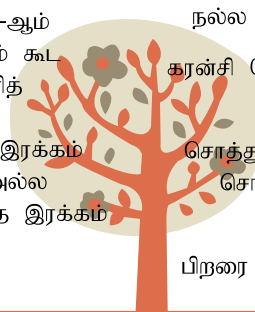
சொத்துசேர்ப்பதில் நாட்களை நகர்த்தாமல்,

சொந்தங்களைச் சேர்த்து வாழ்வைக்

கொண்டாடுவோம்.

பிறரை அறிந்தவன் கெட்டிக்காரன். தன்னை

அறிந்தவன் ஞானி.



நாம் கெட்டிக்காரர்களா? ஞானிகளா?
சிந்திப்போம்.

ஞானிகளாக நாம் இருந்தால் உறவுகளை நாம் உதாசினப்படுத்தமாட்டோம். காரணம் ஞானிகள் எப்போதும் மற்றவர்களைத் தன்னை விட உயர்ந்தவராய் மட்டுமே பார்ப்பர்.

உறவுகளை உதாசினப்படுத்தி பணம், பட்டம், பதவி என அலையும் உள்ளத்திடம் சற்று அசைபோடுவோம்.

எதற்காக வாழ்கிறோம்? எதற்காக சேர்க்கிறோம்? இக்கேள்விகளை அடிக்கடி நம்மிடம் கேட்டு உறவுகளுக்கு உள்ளத்தில் இடம் கொடுப்போம்.

உடைந்த உறவுகளுக்கு உரமாகும் உள்ளம் கொடுப்போம்.

அருட்சகோதரி. லின்சி மேரி
இரண்டாமாண்டு வரலாற்றியல்

சொல்ல விழைகிறேன்

இருண்டு கிடக்கும் இதயங்களைப் பார்த்து பயந்து நடுங்கும் பாதங்களைப் பார்த்து தள்ளாடி நடந்து வரும் தளர்ச்சியான உள்ளங்களைப் பார்த்து ஒன்று சொல்ல விழைகிறேன்
ஓங்கி சொல்கிறேன்...
முயற்சி செய்!

ஓடு! ஓடு! முன்னேறி ஓடு!
ஓடாவிட்டால் நட! நட! விரைந்து நட!
நடக்கமுடியாவிட்டால் தவழ்ந்து செல்
நாடி முயற்சி செய்! நடக்கும் நல்லதே.

God is no where? No No!
God is now here, with you!

எழுந்து நில்! இமயமும் உன் காலடியில்.
முயற்சி செய் உன் முழங்கால் அளவே கடல்.
மோதிப்பார் வானமும் உன் அருகே.
விழுந்தாலும் எழுந்து நில் நிமிர்ந்து நில் வெற்றி வீரன் என மார்தட்டிச் சொல்

அகத்தில் ஒளிபெற்று சுடர்வீசு - உன் ஒளி அகிலத்தில் அணையா விளக்காய் எரியட்டும்.

அருட்சகோதரி விஜி டென்னிஸ்
இரண்டாமாண்டு வரலாற்றியல்

ஆகலாம் - அப்துல்கலாம்

அருட்பெருஞ் சோதியின் நிழலில்
ஆளுமை உணர்வுடன் அயராத உழைப்புடன்
இலட்சிய மின்சாரம் நரம்பிலேற்றி
ஈரம் நிறை இதயமுமாய்
உவப்புடனே இரந்தவனுக்கு அருளி
ஊக்கத்துடன் ஊழியம் செய்து
எல்லோருக்கும் எல்லாமுமாய்
ஏழையின் வெப்பக் கண்ணீர்த் துடைத்து
ஐயமின்றி மத பேதமின்றி
ஒவ்வொரு இதயக்குடிலில் இடம் பிடித்து
ஔயாமல் தன் நாட்டிற்குமைத்து
ஔடதமாய் அனைவருக்குள்ளும் ஒளிர்ந்தார்
அஃதே ஆகலாம் - அப்துல்கலாம்

அருட்சகோதரி ஜெனிபர்
இரண்டாமாண்டு விலங்கியல்

என் பார்வையில் 'அறம்' திரைப்படம் - கட்டுரை

முன்னுரை :

தமிழ் சினிமா தன் வாழ்நாள் பயணத்தில் பல நேரங்களில் தவறிக்கொண்டே வந்த அறத்தை இந்த அறம் படம் போதித்துள்ளது. இந்த விண்வெளி ஆய்வின் அடையாளமாக உலகே திரும்பிப் பார்க்கும் ஸ்ரீஹரிகோட்டாவையும் அதன் அருகே அடிப்படைத்தேவைகளுள் ஒன்றான தண்ணீருக்கே கையேந்தி நிற்கும் காட்டுர் கிராமத்தையும் ஒரு சேரக் காட்டி சமூக முரண்களை அழகாகச் சொல்லி படம் தொடங்குகிறது. காட்டுரில் தண்ணீருக்காகப் போடப்பட்டு முடப்படாத ஆழ்துளைக் கிணற்றில் எதிர்பாராமல் விழுகிறாள் சிறுமி தன்சிகா. பெற்றோரும் ஊர் மக்களும் கதற, ஊடகங்கள் அலற, களத்தில் நேரடியாக

இறங்குகிறாள் மாவட்ட ஆட்சியர் மதிவதனி. பல்வேறு அரசியல் அழுத்தத்திற்கு நடுவில் சிறுமியைக் காப்பாற்றுகிறாள். இந்த உண்மையான கதையைத் தமிழ் சினிமாவுக்கு உரிய காதல், காமெடி, சண்டைக்காட்சி என எந்த சமரசமும் இல்லாமல் படத்தை சுவாரசியமாக வழங்கிய படக்குழுவை உச்சிமுகர்ந்து பாராட்ட வேண்டும்.

புறக்கணிக்கப்பட்ட இந்தியா:

வறுமையும் வறட்சியும் தலை விரித்து ஆடிய ஊரே காட்டுர். அங்கு சுமதி-பிலவேந்திரன் தம்பதியரின் இரண்டாவது மகள் தன்சிகா. சுமதி கருவேலமுள் வெட்டும் வேலைக்குச் செல்லும் போது உடன் சென்ற தன்சிகா எதிர்பாராத விதமாக ஆழ்துளைக் கிணற்றில் விழுகிறாள். இதனை அறிந்த சுமதி கதறிய அழுகையானது தங்கள் வாழ்நாள் முழுவதும் சுரண்டப்பட்ட எளிய மக்கள் தங்கள் ஒரே சொத்தாக எண்ணிப் பாதுகாக்கும் குழந்தையைச் சுரண்டல் மிருகத்தின் பெருவாயாக இருக்கும் ஆழ்துளைக் கிணற்றில் பலிகொடுக்கும் அவல நிலையைக் கூறுவது போல உள்ளது. குழிக்குள் இருந்து அண்ணாந்து பார்க்கும் தன்சிகாவின் ஏக்கம் மிகுந்த கண்கள் பலரைத் தூக்கத்தில் இருந்து எழுவைக்கும். சிறுமி உயிருக்குப் போராடிக்கொண்டு இருக்கும் இக்கட்டான சூழ்நிலையில் கையறு நிலையில் இருக்கும் நம் அரசாங்க இயந்திரத்தைப் பார்க்கும் போது கோபமும் வேதனையும் ஒரு சேர வருகிறது. அரசின் அந்தத் தொழில்நுட்பக் கருவியே 36 அடியில் இருந்த தன்சிகாவை 96 அடிக்குத் தள்ளிய பாசக்கயிறாக மாறியது. இறுதிக் காட்சியில் விண்ணில் வாழப்போவதற்கான ஆய்விற்காக ராக்கெட் ஏவுவதையும் மண்ணில் வாழும் சிறுமியைக் காப்பாற்ற இரத்தமும் சதையுமான சிறுவனை இயந்திரமாகப் பயன்படுத்துவதையும் ஒரு சேரக் காட்டி சமூக முரண்களை மிகக் காத்திரமாகவும் கவித்துவமாகவும் கூறியுள்ளது அறம்.

அறம் புகட்டும் அரசியல்:

தண்ணீருக்காக எளிய மக்கள் அலைக்கழிக்கப்படுவது இந்த மண்ணின் அவலமும் அரசியலுமாகும். இரண்டே குடம் தண்ணீருக்காக பல கிலோ மீட்டர்கள் அலையும் இதே நாட்டில்தான் நட்சத்திர விடுதியின் நீச்சல் குளத்தில் 24 மணிநேரமும் தண்ணீர் குறையாமல் பார்த்துக் கொள்ளப்படுகிறது. தண்ணீருக்காக அலையும் குடும்பத்தை வழிமறித்து "உங்க குழந்தைக்குச் சொட்டு மருந்து போட்டாச்சா?" என்று கேட்கும் கொடூர மனநிலையில்தான் நம் அரசு இயங்கிக் கொண்டிருக்கிறது. "எங்க தாகம் தீர் மாதிரி சொட்டு மருந்து இருந்தா போடுங்க நர்சம்மா" என்று பகடியாய் கூறும் வசனம் சமூகத்தின் கலகக்குரலாகவே கேட்கிறது. இதற்கிடையே சொட்டு மருந்து கொடுப்பதைப் புகைப்படம் எடுத்து அதனை விளம்பர அரசியலாக மாற்ற மட்டும் எந்த அரசியலாளரும் தவறியதே இல்லை. "ஒன்னைய கபடி விளையாட விடாதவங்க உன் பிள்ளைய மட்டும் எப்படிப் படிக்க விடுவாங்க?" என்று கூறும் நொடி சமூகநீதி அரசியலைப் பேசுகிறது. மரங்கள் இருந்த இடத்தில் அவைகளை அழித்துவிட்டு வீட்டுமனைகள் கட்டுவதற்கு நடப்பட்டிருக்கும் கற்களுக்கு வண்ணம் பூசிக்கொண்டே அங்கு இருந்த மரங்கள் பற்றி பேசுவது சுற்றுச்சூழல் அரசியலைப் பேசுகிறது. தங்கைக்கு கேக் வாங்கச் செல்லும் இடத்தில் தமிழில் பெயரெழுதச் சொல்லும் சிறுவனைப் பார்த்து "ஆங்கிலம் தெரியாதா?" என்று ஏளனமாகப் புன்னகைத்து விட்டுத் தன் தாய்மொழியான மலையாளத்தில் அந்தப் பெயரை எழுதிய காட்சியில் மொழி அரசியல் பேசுகிறது. தான் ஏன் பள்ளிக்குச் செல்லவில்லை என்று தன் மகனிடம் கூறிய போது தற்காலக் கல்வி அரசியலைப் பேசுகிறது. இவ்வாறு பல்வேறு அரசியலைப் பேசினாலும் எந்தப் பிரச்சார நெடியும் இல்லாமல் ஒரு உன்னதமான கலைப்படப்பாகவே மக்களிடம் சென்று சேர்ந்துள்ளது.

முடிவுரை:

கதைக்காக ரும்போட்டு யோசிக்கும் இயக்குனர்களுக்கு மத்தியில் ஆழ்துளைக் கிணற்றின் சோகத்தையே மையமாகக் கொண்டு படம் அமைத்த இயக்குனரைப் பாராட்டவேண்டும். ஆழ்துளைக் கிணறு போல திரும்பிய திசையெல்லாம் எளிய மக்களுக்கு எதிரான மரணங்கள் நடந்து கொண்டே இருக்கிறது. சந்திரனுக்கு ராக்கெட் ஏவும் இதே நாட்டில் தான் ஐந்தடி சாக்கடைக்குள் இறங்க இயந்திரத்தைப் பயன்படுத்தாமல் மனிதர்களை இறக்கிக் கொலை செய்கிறார்கள். ஆழ்துளைக் கிணறு, பாதாள சாக்கடை போல பல சாக்கடைகளில் நித்தம் நித்தம் ஆயிரக்கணக்கான மக்கள் தங்கள் வாழ்க்கையையும் கனவையும் இழக்கிறார்கள். 20 மணி நேர போராட்டத்துக்குப் பின் ஆழ்துளைக் கிணற்றில் விழுந்த குழந்தை இறப்பு (அ) மீட்பு என்கிற ஒரு வரிச்செய்தியைக் கேட்டு கடந்து போயிருக்கிறோம். ஆனால் இனி அப்படி எளிதாகக் கடக்க முடியுமா என்றால் அது கடினமே.

சுபாஷினி சா.சு
இரண்டாமாண்டு சமூகவியல்

அறம் போதிக்கும் அறம்!

பாசியோன் அம்மை

ஓர் விடியல் கண்டது இவ்வையகம்
தமிழையும் தமிழ் மக்களையும்
நேசித்த, பிரான்ஸ் தேசத்து தமிழ்மகளே!
பாசியோன் அம்மையே!
நீர் நேசித்த செம்மொழியுள்
புகழ்பா பாடுகிறேன்.

இளைய சமூகத்தின் வேரான
அருட்சகோதரியே!
மழலையை வதனத்திலும்
முதிர்ச்சியை அகத்திலும்
முதுமையைப் பொய்யுடலிலும்

தாங்கிய புனித மலரே!
சோதனைகளில் பூரித்தவரே!

கலங்காத நீரோடையாய் சாதனைகளில்,
அமைதியின் உருவாய்....

சமூகத் தேவையைத் தன்
சேவையாய்க் கொண்டவரே!
என்னை உம் பணி!

மானுடத்தைப் போற்றிய பாரதியின்
வழியில் நின்றாய் - உமக்கு
சாதிகள் தடையா?
மதங்கள் தடையா?
மொழிகள் தடையா?
எல்லைகள் தான் தடையா?

ஏதும் இல்லை, தடைகளைத் தகர்த்தாய்
உதடுகள் முணுமுணுக்கும் செபங்களை விட
மனங்களை வருடும்
நற்செயல்களில் நிறைவடைந்தாயம்மா!

உம் கருணை உள்ளம் திறந்தது
துன்பக் கடலில் தத்தளிப்போருக்குப்
பாய்மரமானது.

”உண்மை, தொண்டு”
மூன்று எழுத்தில் முடிவதல்ல,
மூச்சிருக்கும் வரை தொடர்வது என்றாய்.

புரிந்து கொண்டோம், விழித்துக் கொண்டோம்
மூச்சிருக்கும் வரை இருகண்களென்ப
பேணுவோம்

அலைகடல் ஒளிமீனின் முத்துக்களாய்,
சாதி, மதம், இனம், மொழி வேறுபாடு இன்றி
நீ சென்ற வழியில் நாங்கள் சென்று
உலகை வழி நடத்துவோம்
உன் வாரிசுகளாக.....

கிருத்திகா கிரு
முதலாமாண்டு வரலாற்றியல்



स्वच्छ भारत

में नहीं तू, तू नहीं मैं
सदा ही करते, तू-तू में-में
करो कभी, कोई अच्छा काम
बढ़ाये जो, भारत देश का नाम
देश की धरोहर पर है, सबका अधिकार
फिर क्यों है इसकी सफाई से इनकार
नहीं है कोई बहुत बड़ा उपकार
बस करना है जीवन में बदलाव
शहर को मानकर घर अपना
निर्मल स्वच्छ है उसे भी रखना
कूड़े दान में फेंको कूड़ा
थूकने को नहीं है धरती मैया
बदलो अपनी आदत भैया
न करो किसी पड़ोसी का इंतज़ार
देश है सबका, बढ़ाओ “स्वच्छता अभियान।”

Juhiya Begum
I B.B.A.

ये हमारी बेटियाँ

अनचाही बले जो उग गई है आँगन में
प्यार पाने को तरसती सी हमारी बेटियाँ
धूप सहकर छाँव हे कोमल लताएँ किसलाई
खिल उठे घर-बार इनसे
ये हमारी बेटियाँ
हाथ में राखी हृदय में स्नेह के दीपक लिए
भाईयों पर है न्योछावर ये हमारी बेटियाँ

घर पिता का या पोति का है मगर
है कहाँ वो घर कहे अपना जिसे ये बेटियाँ
आँख में आँसू थिरकते रात व आगत के लिए
हिचकियों का नाव में उस पार जाती बेटियाँ
छोड़कर अपनों को अपनाती हैं औरों को
दो छरी की लाज रखती है हमारी बेटियाँ
महकती कलियाँ इन्हीं से फूल खिलते हैं
है बहारे आँगनों की ये हमारी बेटियाँ
धन्य है वे घर जनमती है जहाँ पर बेटियाँ
प्यार का संसार रचती है हमारी बेटियाँ।

Heeral S.
I B.A. History

बचपन

माँ की ऊँगली पकड़ कर चलना
मिट्टी में, धूल में, उलटना-पलटना
पेड़ों पर चढ़ना, कभी पेड़ों से गिरना
याद है मुझको वो बचपन का मचलना
खाने को मिलने पर खाने से भागना,
और न मिलने पर खाने को माँगना
दिन में सोना और शतों को जागना,
याद है मुझको वो सबको सताना।
वो परियों की, राजा की, जंगल की कहानी
वो खिलौनों में, गुड्डे-गुड्डियों में मस्त रहना
वो दोस्तों से, भाई-बहनों से लड़ना-झगड़ना
याद है मुझको वो बचपन का चहकना



मिलता वो बचपन फिर तो अच्छा होता
दुनिया से दूर, अपनी दुनिया में मैं मस्त होता
पर क्या करूँ कि ये अब सपने हैं सारे
बढ़ चले हम आगे, छूट गए किनारे।

Kajal Sinha
II B.A. History

दोस्ती

कहीं देखा है तुमने उसे
जो मुझे सताया करता था
जब भी उदास होती थी मैं
मुझे हँसाया करता था
एक प्यार भरा रिश्ता था वो मेरा
जो मुझे अब भी याद आता है
खो गया वक्त के भँवर में कहीं
जो हर पल मेरे साथ होता था
आज एक अजनबी की तरह हाथ मिलाता है
जो छोटी सी छोटी बात मुझे बताया करता था
कहीं मिले वो किसी मोड़ पर
तो उसे मेरा संदेश देना
कोई है जो आज भी उसका इंतजार कर रहा है
जिसे वो मेरा सच्चा साथी बोला करता था।

Bhavika A.
I B.B.A.

ज़िंदगी का सफ़र

कोई कहे खूबसूरत बड़ी है ज़िंदगी।
कोई कहे सूली पर चढ़ी है ज़िंदगी।

ताज़े खिले फूलों की तरह कल थी जो महकती।
आज जंगली पेड़ की तरह सड़ रही है ये ज़िंदगी।
कभी घास से हलकी कभी पानी से पतली।
कभी लगे हीरों से जड़ी है ज़िंदगी।
दोस्ती और दुश्मनी का चल रहा था जो सिलसिला।
टूटती, बनती रिश्तों की लदी है ज़िंदगी।
तूफ़ान आगे कैसे ठहरे ढेर कोई रेत का
हादसों के दरवाज़ों पर खड़ी है ज़िंदगी।
बन जाती है ज़िंदगी महान तब “जीवन” कहलाती है
ज़िंदगी।

Samyukta
I B.A. Economics

गरीबी सबसे बड़ी सजा

खुशियों को हर कोई बाँट लेता है
पर किसी के गम को बाँटना आसान नहीं होता
किसी ज़रूरतमंद की मदद करता इंसानियत है।
ये किसी पर कोई एहसान नहीं होता।
परिदे भी लौट आते हैं आखिर में
अपने बसेरे की ओर।
पर कई इंसान ऐसे भी हैं जिनका कोई
मकान नहीं होता।
एक बच्चा सड़क के किनारे बैठ कुछ सोच रहा था।
क्या गरीब बच्चों के दिल में कोई अरमान नहीं होता?
ये बात सच है कि हर एक का अपना अपना नसीब है।
पर क्या कमज़ोर लोगों को देख मन कभी शर्मिंदा नहीं
होता।

आज के दौर में गरीबी से बड़ी कोई सज़ा नहीं।
काश ऐसा हो कि गरीबी का कोई नाम निशान नहीं
होता।

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ज़िंदगी

लम्हों की एक किताब है ज़िंदगी, सासों और ग्यालों
का।

हिसाब है ज़िंदगी, कुछ ज़रूरत पूरी,
कुछ ख्वाइशें अधूरी,
बस इन्हीं सवालों का जवाब है ज़िंदगी।
जब ज़िंदगी हमें तो समझिये,
अच्छे कर्मों का फूल है
जब ज़िंदगी रुलाये तो समझिये
अच्छे कर्म करने का समय है ज़िंदगी दो दिन की है।
एक दिन आपके हक में,
एक दिन आपके खिलाफ़,
जिस दिन हक में हो गुरूर न करना।
जिस दिन खिलाफ़ हो, थोड़ा सब ज़रूर करना।
यही है जीने की कला,
यही है जीने की कड़ी।

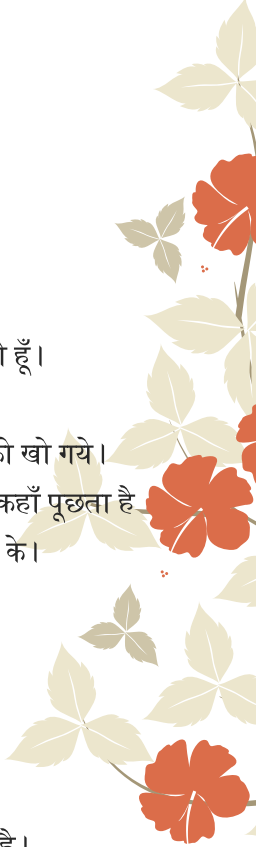
Shruti R.
I B.Com. (A)

जाने क्यूँ

अब शर्म से चेहरे गुलाब नहीं होते। जाने क्यूँ
अब मस्त मौला मिजाज नहीं होता।
पहले बता दिया करते थे, दिल की बाते। जाने क्यूँ

अब चेहरे खुली किताब नहीं होता।
सुना हैं, बिना कहें
दिल की बात समझ लेते थे।
गले लगते ही
दोस्त हालात समझ लेते थे।
जब ना फेस बुक थी ना वाटसाप था
ना मोबाइल था।
एक चिट्ठी से ही
दिलों के जज़्बात समझ लेते थे। सोचती हूँ।
हम कहाँ से कहाँ आ गये।
प्रेक्टिकली सोचते-सोचते भावनाओं को खो गये।
अब भाई भाई से समस्या का समाधान कहाँ पूछता है
बेटी नहीं पूछती माँ से, ग्रहस्ती के सली के।
अब कौन गुरु के चरणों में बैठकर
ज्ञान की परिभाषा सीखे।
परियों की बातें अब किसे भाती हैं।
अपनों की याद अब किसे रुलाती है।
अब कौन गरीब को सखा बुलाता हैं।
अब कहाँ कृष्ण सुदामा को गले लगाता है।
ज़िंदगी में हम प्रैक्टिकल हो गये हैं रोबोट बन गये हैं
इन्सान जाने कहाँ खो गये हैं।
इन्सान जाने कहाँ खो गये हैं।

Lekha N.
I B.Com. (C.S.)





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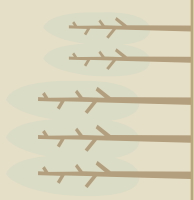
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B.A.	History and Tourism	67	47	70.15
	Sociology	65	54	83.08
	Economics	63	55	87.30
	English	73	65	89.04
B.V.A.		67	60	89.55
B.Com.	Section – A Shift I	73	72	98.63
	Section – A Shift II	73	69	94.52
	Section – B Shift II	75	60	80
	Section – C Shift II	72	63	92.65
	Corporate Secretaryship A	71	53	74.65
	Corporate Secretaryship B	74	59	79.73
	Accounting and Finance	72	63	87.50
B.Sc.	Mathematics Shift I	73	67	84.72
	Mathematics Shift II	77	68	88.31
	Physics	54	46	85.19
	Chemistry	55	49	89.09
	Plant Biology and Plant Biotechnology	47	36	76.60
	Advanced Zoology and Biotechnology	47	38	80.85
B.C.A.	Section A	54	51	94.44
	Section B	54	50	92.59
B.S.W.		47	43	91.49

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M.A.	International Studies	16	14	87.50
	Economics	14	11	78.57
	English	35	30	85.71
	History Of Fine Arts	17	10	58.82
	Public Relations	19	15	78.95
M.S.W.		34	34	100.00
M.Com.		39	35	89.74
M.Sc.	Mathematics	38	32	84.21
	Information Technology	23	23	100.00
	Bioinformatics	24	21	87.50
	Chemistry	22	22	100.00
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