

# MERCY COLLEGE, PALAKKAD COLLEGE REPORT- 2022-23

Esteemed Chief Guest of the day Dr. Mary Matilda, Former Principal, Maharaja's College, Ernakulam; His Excellency Mar Peter Kochupurakkal, Bishop, Diocese of Palakkad; Rev. Mother Dr. Sr. Leoni, Manager and Provincial Superior, Jai Christo Province, Palakkad; Mr. Raveendran P.V, PTA President; Rev. Fr. Joshi Pulikottil, College Chaplain and Vicar, St. Raphael's Cathedral; Dr. Sr. Eushma, Local manager, Mercy College; Dr. Sr., Jorry T.F., Vice-Principal; Rev. Fathers and Sisters; distinguished guests; Executive Members of the PTA; Executive members of the OSA; parents and well-wishers; ladies and gentlemen; faculty and students

#### A warm afternoon to one and all

On this jubilant occasion, I invoke the Blessings of the Almighty; the Grace of Mother of Mercy; and the benevolence of St. Chavara Kuriakose Elias and St. Euphrasia Eluvathingal as I present a concise report of the activities of the college for the academic year 2022-23.

The academic year commenced on the 1<sup>st</sup> of June 2022. The college has strength of one thousand nine hundred and eighty- two students, 97 faculty and 60 non-teaching staff members.

The academic and non-academic accomplishments of the students and the teachers are elaborated. We begin with the University results that are displayed on the screen.

# **UNIVERSITY RESULTS**

| DEPARTMENTS      | PASS PERCENTAGE |      |  |
|------------------|-----------------|------|--|
|                  | UG              | PG   |  |
| English          | 76.7            | 87.5 |  |
| Mathematics      | 70              |      |  |
| Physics          | 87              | 86   |  |
| Chemistry        | 78              | 90   |  |
| Botany           | 80              | 92   |  |
| Zoology          | 88.75           | 100  |  |
| History          | 70              | -    |  |
| Economics        | 80              | 83   |  |
| MSW              | -               | -    |  |
| B. Com CA        | 93.65           | -    |  |
| B.Com Finance    | 90              | 88.4 |  |
| Bio Technology   | 88              | -    |  |
| BCA              | 96.7            | -    |  |
| Computer Science | 93              | -    |  |

#### **Achievements of Students**

# **Outstanding Performance in the University Exams**

- ➤ Pooja Krishnan R., secured the 9th rank and Sanika Sanil, the 6<sup>th</sup> in the M.A. English Exam in 2021 and 2022 respectively.
- ➤ B.Sc Mathematics- Poornima V. 1<sup>st</sup> rank, Aiswarya R. 3<sup>rd</sup>, and Sneha H. 10<sup>th</sup>
- ➤ B.Sc Physics. Aiswarya T 1<sup>st</sup> rank, Anagha Umesh Menon- 4<sup>th</sup>
- ➤ B.Sc Chemistry- Megha S-1<sup>st</sup> rank, Radhika P-6<sup>th</sup> and Sreeyuktha V.-10<sup>th</sup>
- ➤ B.A.History.Aparna V- 5<sup>th</sup> rank
- ➤ BA Economics- Maria Sharon Thomas 4 th rank, Aswathy R.-6 th and Nimmy Manoj 9th
- ➤ MA Economics- Farhana M.-2 nd rank.
- ➤ BCom Finance- Sreevidya R- 14 th rank.
- ➤ Bsc Biotechnology- V. Aswathi secured 1 st rank. Meenu Murali Krishnan 3 rd, Aneesa Mol 4 th, Zeba Nazrin Z 5 th and Reshma P J- 9 th.
- ➤ Bachelor of Computer Applications- Jensheena R 1 st rank, Varsha U- 3<sup>rd</sup>, Krishna R- 4 th, ,Aneena A 5 th and Lavanya M 10 th

#### **Other Achievements of Students**

- ➤ Ms. Anne Joseph of III BA English, Secretary, Mercy College PRCI-YCC Chapter, was honoured with Kautilya Award in the All-round Proficiency Category in the Annual Global Conclave held in Kolkata.
- ➤ Ms. Gopika M.S. from the Dept.. of Chemistry presented a paper in the First International Conference on Functional Materials for Advanced Technology at Central University of Kerala, Kerala.
- Sneha Madhavan and Nikitha P U from the Dept of Botany cleared CSIR UGC NET.
- Arathy R. from the Dept. Botany was selected to the Indian navy AGNIVEER.

# **New Ventures**

- ➤ RUSA Fund aided PG and Research Hostel was inaugurated by Dr.R Bindhu (Minister for Higher Education)
- ➤ Water Purifier for the campus- a project of around 7Lakhs from the Development Fund became operational. An Ozone Water Purifier system, and a 15,000 litre per hour water treatment system were installed.
- As part of the Total Solar Power Project, an 80KW unit was installed on the terrace of the John Paul Block. This is a 50 lakh project provided by the management. The entire campus is powered by non-conventional solar energy.
- ➤ The recording Studio named "Nadhopasana" became operational. It is dedicated to late Dr. Sr. Sheila Kannath CMC, former HOD, Department of English and was sponsered by Kannath Family.
- ➤ The Botany and Chemistry Lab(RUSA fund), Seminar Hall from RUSA and Development fund, Reception(PTA FUND) and the Tug of war Court from Management Fund were renovated.
- ➤ The Examination Hall that could accommodated around 3000 students at a time for exam was blessed and inaugurated.

#### **Retirees**

- ➤ Dr. Sr. Gisala George, Principal, Mercy College, Palakkad
- > Dr. Jayasree S, Professor & HoD, Department of Zoology
- ➤ Mr. Pauly M P, Mechanic, Mercy College, Palakkad.
- Mrs. Beena J Meleth, Lab Assistant.

# **Faculty Achievements**

- ➤ Dr.Sheelakumari M.P , Department of History and Political Science was awarded Malayalimudra Puraskaram by Kerala Sahithya Academy for her contribution to academic pursuits on the Indian constitution and Politics.
- ➤ Dr.S. Jayasree, Dept of Zoology was promoted as Professor of Zoology with effect from 18 Dec 2018.
- Maj. Lillykutty Thomas T. was honoured as an Adjutant at CATC camp, Jawahar Navodaya, Malampuzha.
- ➤ Dr. Deepa N., Department of Sociology prepared study materials and Question Banks for the VI Semester UG programme on Social Psychology, and they were published by the School of Distance Education Wing of the University of Calicut.
- ▶ Dr.Sr.Sigi.M.V., Dept of Language released the book "മേരി ബെനീഞ്ഞയുടെ കാവ്യസംസ്കാരം സ്വത്വാനുഭവവും സ്ത്രൈണാവബോധവും"
- ➤ The Research and PG Department of Botany brought out the book "Perspectives in Plant Science".
- ➤ Dr. Sreedevi K. Menon, Department of English was conferred the Jury Special Award in the Moderator Category of the Naresh Kumar Memorial Talent Hunt Awards 2022 instituted by Public Relations Council of India.
- ➤ Dr.Megha, Department of Biotechnology received a project grant of Rs 10,000/- for the **Development of Project into Product Challenge Programme** organised by Christ College Irinjalakuda in association with IEDC.
- ➤ Dr. Reshma Ayswaria, Department of Biotechnology received the Best Young Woman Scientist Award from Nature Science Foundation, Coimbatore. She also received financial assistance from Kerala Science and Technology to conduct a one-day national symposium. Dr. Reshma is a member of the Board of Studies of the Biotechnology Department, RVS, Sulur, Coimbatore

# **PhD Degree Awardees**

- ➤ Ms.Ambily Jacob, Department of Chemistry received the Doctorate Degree from University of Calicut.
- ➤ Ms. Melda Francis, Ms. Anlin Lazar K and Ms. Anu Kuruvilla, Department of Physics were awarded the Doctorate Degree from University of Calicut.

> Sr. N M Louly, Department of Commerce was awarded Doctorate Degree from Avinashilingum Institute for Home Science and Higher Education for Women, Coimbatore.

# M.Phil Degree Awardee

➤ Divya S Nair, Department of Computer Science was awarded the MPhil Degree from Bharatiar University, Coimbatore.

# **Guideship Details**

Two faculty members, Dr. Divya K. Nair, PG and Research Department of Chemistry and Dr.Sr. Jorry T.F., PG Dept of Mathematics were recognised as Research supervisors by the University of Calicut.

# **Paper Publication**

➤ 31 members of the faculty published papers in the UGC – CARE list journals

### **Paper Presentation**

➤ 21 members of the faculty presented papers at international conferences.

# **Faculty as Resource Persons**

➤ 16 members of the faculty officiated as Resource persons for various events.

#### **Faculty as Subject Experts**

> 7 members of the faculty officiated as Subject Experts at various colleges.

#### **Sports Achievements**

The college has performed commendably in national and international sports events.

# Let us move on to view the achievements. This would be followed by the Activities of the Departments, Clubs and other Associations.

The College received the "6<sup>th</sup> BEST COLLEGE AWARD" for the overall performance in various sports and games among the affiliated colleges of University of Calicut for the year 2021-22

# **BEST SPORTS WOMAN 2022-23**

ARYA S - D3 HISTORY

- ❖ Represented SOUTH ZONE and ALL INDIA ATHLETIC MEET representing University of Calicut.
- ❖ Bagged the title FASTEST WOMEN ATHLETE for the year 2022-23

#### INTERNATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT

SANDRA MARIA THOMAS and SHALINI SAJI from D2 History represented India at the Women's Asian Cup held in Thailand.

#### NATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT

- Navya S. (D2 BA English), Gopika G (D3 B.Com) and Christy K Telin (D2 B.Com) participated in the Senior National Tug of War Championship held at Kurukshetra, Haryana and won Gold Medal.
- Anamika K A secured Gold Medal in the National Junior Athletics Championship in the event Hetapthlon
- SONA (D3 BCA), NAJIYA (D3 History), MAYAMOL (D3 Economics) & ASWANI U (D1 History) secured First Position in the Youth and Senior National SoftBaseBall Championship held at Kozhikode.
- Sneha P S of First PG MSW secured GOLD in the National BEACH Tug of War Senior.
- Arya, represented Kerala Team in the Senior National Kho-Kho Championship held at Maharashtra.

# ALL INDIA INTER UNIVERSITY (AIIU) & SOUTH ZONE (SZ) ACHIEVEMENTS

- Arya A, Athulya A, Aneesha K, Rakendhu & Neha participated in the South Zone Kho-Kho Championship and Qualified for All India Inter University Meet.
- Arya s, Ayoksha S, Aiswarya M, Ranjitha v, Anamika & Roopikasree participated in various athletic events.
- Kavya K of MSW and Ansamol Raju D2Economics secured the Gold Medal at the SoftBaseBall championship held in Singhania University, Rajasthan.

### STATE ACHIEVEMENTS

- Divya V, Anargha V, Athira M, Ligimol K & Kavitha S secured the Silver Medal in the State Throwball Championship.
- Arya G MSW & Gopika G D2 History participated in the Kerala State Senior Sepaktakraw Championship and in the Team Event, secured Second position & in the Reghu Event secured the Third Position.
- Arya.A, Rakendhu.R, Athulya, Neha and Aneesha.K participated in the Senior State KHO-KHO championship and secured the I Place.
- SREDHA S was a member of the Runner-up Team in the State Tennis Volleyball Championship.
- SONA JOHN & SREE NANDHANA participated in the senior softball championship and secured the I place.
- Karunya S of D3 Economics won the Gold Medal in Tug of War championship.

# INTER COLLEGIATE TEAM & INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENTS

# 1) KHO KHO – SILVER MEDAL

NEHA P NIKITHA S ARYA A **SOORYAS** 

ADHITHYA A

KRIPA K

ANEESHA K

NAVYA V

**SONADAS H** 

RAKENDHU R

ANUSREE R

ATHULYA C

RIDHIGHAA PRAKASH J

PRIYANGA P

ANANYA NANDAN V

# 2) TUG OF WAR - SILVER MEDAL

SNEHA P.S.

ABHIJNA A.

AISWARYA D

KARUNYA S

**GOPIKA G** 

NAVYA S

CRISTY K TELIN

SHEHNA SADHICK

SNEHA S AMRUTHA K P

# 3) HALF MARATHON – SILVER MEDAL

RANJITHA V

# 4) ATHLETICS - GOLD & SILVER MEDAL

ARYA S

**AAYOKSHAS** 

AISWARYA M

RAVEENA R

APARNA M

KRISHNENDU UNNIKRISHNAN

PRIYADHARSINI R

JYOTHIKA P K

ATHIRA K R

ARYANANDA P

RANJITHA V

SAMRUTHA RAJU

ROOPIKA SREE S

ANAMIKA K A

SISIRA P

SREEKUTTY K S

RIYA K JAYAN

NANDANA M SREE NANDHANA E BHADRA C SOWNDHARYA R MEENAKSHI

# 5) SEPAK TAKRAW (TEAM EVENT)- BRONZE MEDAL

VISHNUPRIYA U

PREETHI P

KEERTHANA K

AMRITHA V

JYOTHIKA KUTTAPAN

VISMAYA P

DEVANANDA K

ANAGHA NANDAN V

ANANYA NANDAN V

**GOPIKA V** 

ARYA MOL G

SABIMOL K

ARYA G

# 6) BALLBADMINTION – BRONZE MEDAL

**GOPIKA G** 

CHAITHRA C

SHREYA.S

SONA S

SIYA V

**ADITHYAS** 

AISWARIYA R

VISHNUPRIYA U

# DISTRICT ACHIEVEMENTS

- Winners in Palakkad District KHO-KHO CHAMPIONSHIP
- Third in the senior & Junior district SEPAKTAKRAW CHAMPIONSHIP
- Runner-up in the junior District BALL BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIP
- Winners in SOFTBALL SENIOR DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP.
- Team members of the Winners in Palakkad District junior Tug of War CHAMPIONSHIP.
- 13 students secured various medals in District Junior & Senior Athletics Championship held at Medical college ground, Palakkad.

# **ACTIVITIES OF THE DEPARTMENTS**

# PG DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH AND RESEARCH CENTRE FOR COMPARATIVE STUDIES

- ➤ Under the Xavier Board of Higher Education in India, Faculty Exchange Programmes were organised in accordance with MoUs signed between Mercy College, Palakkad and Nirmala College, Coimbatore as well as Little Flower College, Uppal, Hyderabad.
- As part of the MoU with Save Green Club, the Department, in collaboration with OISCA International Women's Chapter, Palakkad, celebrated World Environment Day.
- As part of the MoU with Prakasini, OISCA Women's Chapter, Palakkad, a gender sensitisation programme was arranged for the students of the college. Dr. S. Maya, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Philosophy, Sree Kerala Varma College, Thrissur was the resource person.
- As part of MoU with the NGO, Friends of Bharathapuzha, FoB-Mercy College Chapter arranged an interactive session with Sri. Vinod Nambiar, General Secretary, Friends of Bharathapuzha & Director, Vayali Folklore Group on the occasion of World Rivers Day.
- ➤ The college YCC Chapter organised a national-level webinar on the topic "Metaverse: Paving the Way for Futuristic Innovation". The Resource Person was Mr. Ravindran, Senior National Vice President of PRCI & Secretary of YCC Board.
- ➤ UG students from the department participated in the Young Communicators Conclave organised by PRCI at Lead College of Management, Dhoni on 27 and 28 January 2023.
- Alumnae Mentoring Programme was arranged for the students of the department to make them aware of recent developments in higher education and career opportunities.
- The Certificate Course "English for Competitive Exams" was introduced by Mr. Joyson Jose.
- ➤ In collaboration with Mahindra Pride Classroom & Naandi Foundation and Career Guidance Cell, Mercy College, a Job & Career Oriented Certificate Course in Skill Development was organised for the final year BA English students.
- A job-oriented training was conducted for the I year UG students of the college by Mr.Dannie Summoth, Presentation Officer, Avodha Edu Tech, Kochi.
- An Orientation Class on U.G.C. NET/JRF Examinations was conducted for PG students by Ms. Roshima Uday of RANC (Academy for NET Coaching)
- As part of Social Outreach Activity of the Department, pupils of Kallikkad GLP School, Palakkad in Ward No.27 of Palakkad Municipality are adopted by Mercy college and classes on English grammar and Basic Communication Skills are provided to them every week.
- > In association with 'INIZIO', the College Union Inauguration a dance-drama focusing on mental health awareness was presented.
- The II BA English students presented a dramatized vision of O. V. Vijayan's short story "Kadal Theerathu" at '*Vekkaanam*' O. V. Vijayan's 93rd Birthday Celebrations organised jointly by O. V. Vijayan Smaraka Samithi & Department of Cultural Affairs, Kerala at Thasrak, Palakkad.
- ➤ Various competitions were organised in connection with Reading Week.

# RESEARCH CENTRE FOR COMPARATIVE STUDIES

- ➤ The Department of English has a full-fledged Research Centre with 5 Research Supervisors. 14 scholars currently pursue PhD at the Centre.
- ➤ PhD Open Defence: The Ph D Open Defence of the Research Scholar Ms. Resmi R. (under the supervision of Dr. Praseedha G.) was held on 01 November 2022.
- > On 4 February 2023, the National Seminar "Resources for Learning, Teaching and Research" was conducted jointly by the PG and Research Departments of English

- Nirmala College, Coimbatore and Mercy College, under the MoU signed between the two institutions.
- ➤ The Research Centre organised the Dr. Sr. Sheila Memorial Best Research Paper Award in February 2023. The National Level competition is held annually, and certificates and cash awards are given to the winners every year.
- ➤ The Research Centre released the XIX volume of *Pursuits*, a peer reviewed research journal published annually by the Centre, online in February 2023.

# **DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGE**

- ➤ The talk "Vaayanayude Puthukaalam: Maariya Sankalpananga" was delivered by Dr.Muse Mary George, Director of Sarva Vijnanakosam and Retired Professor of Malayalam in relation to Reading Week celebration.
- A lecture was delivered by Dr.Sr.Sigi.M.V to commemorate Vaikkam Muhammad Basheer Day and later a story-writing competition was conducted.
- Sanskrit Day was celebrated and the talk "Importance of Sanskrit" was delivered by Dr.Jilsha A., Asst. Professor of Sanskrit, Govt. Victoria College, Palakkad.
- In connection with Farmer's Day, a Folk song competition was held and Sri.Tonny K.A was honoured as the Best Farmer.
- > Students from various colleges and schools took part in literary competitions as part of Hindi Fortnight celebrations to promote Hindi language and literature.
- ➤ Gandhi Jayanti was celebrated with an enlightening talk by Dr.Sreedevi K.Menon, Asst. Professor of English, Mercy College. An elocution competition on the theme "Ente Gurunathan" was also organised.
- As a part of "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav", All India Radio, Thrissur conducted AIR NXt Programme for college students. R.J and five students of Mercy College led a debate which was broadcasted through AIR, Thrissur.
- As a part of Keralapiravi celebrations, District Information and Public Relations conducted a programme at Bharath Matha School, Chandranagar, Palakkad. Under the guidance of the Language department, students performed a musical drama.
- ➤ Madhuram Malayalam- a project on distribution of Mathrubhoomi Daily to students was organised.

#### DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS

- A seminar on kitchen gardening was given by Krishnan P., Agricultural Officer, Krishibhavan, Palakkad municipality.
- ➤ The seminar on "Research Trends in Abstract Algebra and its Applications" was organised. The resource person was Dr.Haseena A., Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics, Govt College, Chittur.
- An Inter-Collegiate Paper Presentation Competition was conducted for PG and UG students. Sri. Nidhish Unnikrishnan, Asst. Professor, Govt. Victoria College, Palakkad was the judge for this competition.
- ➤ The Mathematics exhibition 'Math-Magic' for school students, faculty members and students of the college was organised. The exhibition was inaugurated by Dr. Sreenivasan. C, Associate Professor, Department of Mathematics, Govt. Victoria College, Palakkad.
- The talk "Constitutional Obligations" was delivered by Ms. Shanthimol Jose, Assistant Professor, Department of History and Political Science.

- ➤ The department and Rotary Club of Palakkad Fort organised an Anti-Drug awareness session. The Civil Excise officers Mrs. M.Smitha and Mr. P.H.Pratush delivered lectures on anti-drug awareness.
- ➤ In collaboration with Rotary Club of Palakkad, the college initiated the year long community service project "Helping Hands" and sewing machines were distributed to the needy.
- A quiz competition was conducted in connection with "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav" for PG and UG students.
- ➤ Poster Presentation and Quiz competitions were conducted for the students in connection with National Statistics Day Celebration.
- ➤ World Environment Day was celebrated.

#### RESEARCH AND PG DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS

- ➤ The department executed the Total Solar Power Project for the college campus by installing an 80KW unit on the terrace of John Paul Block.
- ➤ The department hosted the webinar "Introduction to Intellectual Property Rights". Ms. Arathi Asok, Assistant Professor, Department of Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) at the School of Legal Studies, Cochin University of Science and Technology, Kochi was the resource person.
- ➤ A one-day Paediatric Medical Camp was held in the college by the reputed Multispecialty hospital Aster Medcity, Kochi in association with the Lions Club of Palakkad Heritage City.
- ➤ A Power quiz was organised in association with Kerala State Electricity Board (KSEB) Officers Association.
- ➤ The department provided financial assistance to a school-going girl for the purchase of accessories.
- ➤ Various certificate courses including employability skill training and Technical writing with Latex are conducted by the department.
- ➤ The department observed International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking by campaigning about anti-drug awareness in two schools -Government High School, Vennakkara and Government Higher Secondary School, Big Bazar.
- > Students performed a Flash mob at Palakkad Stadium Bus Stand to deliver the importance of child health.
- The seminar "Padanamanu Lahari" organised to create awareness on drug abuse and a speech was delivered by Mr Satish P. K., Circle Inspector of the Excise Department.
- ➤ In connection with Hiroshima day and Nagasaki day, poster- making and debate competitions were held respectively.
- > Origami -Peace crane making competition was held.
- Malayali Manga competition in association with Malayala Manorama was organised.

# RESEARCH AND PG DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY

- A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between Mercy College, Palakkad and M.E.S. Kalladi College, Mannarkkad to collaborate online faculty exchange programmes, webinars, certificate courses, and research activities.
- ➤ The department received recognition as a Research Centre under the University of Calicut in the current academic year.
- ➤ Various certificate courses including "Chemsafelab" and "Chemistry in Daily Life" were introduced for the UG students.

- ➤ The international webinar "Career Thoughts: Study Abroad after Bachelors/ Masters" was delivered by Dr. Jintu Francis K. Research Professor, Department of Chemistry Korea University, Republic of Korea and Ms. Silpa Mathew.
- The webinar "Computational chemistry" was delivered by Dr. Jayasree E.G., Assistant Professor, Department of Applied Chemistry, Cochin University
- > The seminar "Intellectual Property Rights was delivered by Adv. Beena P.V.
- > The department initiated NET coaching for PG students.
- An orientation programme was organised by the Alchemi Institute for Science on NET, GATE and other competitive exams for PG and UG students and an online career orientation programme was organised by CIPET, Kochi.
- > The job-oriented interdisciplinary course "Medical Coding" was introduced for the UG students.
- To nurture entrepreneurship skills in students, the department initiated a venture on Aloe Vera cultivation, gel preparation, soap making, and preparation of pain Balm.
- As part of extension activities, students and faculty members of the department visited Attapadi to generate awareness on cleanliness and social hygiene.
- ➤ World Environmental Day, Ozone Day and International Mole Day were observed.
- ➤ Anti-drug awareness programmes were organised.
- > Vayanavaram was observed.

# RESEARCH AND PG DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY

- The seminar 'IPR: Powerhouse for Innovation' by Dr. Parimelazhagan Thangaraj Head, Department of Botany, Bharathiyar University, Coimbatore was conducted.
- ➤ The department brought out the book "Perspectives in Plant Science" with ISBN No.978-93-5627-274-3, which was released by Dr. Thangaraj.
- The Workshop "Research Methodology in Plant Taxonomy" was conducted and Dr. Anto P. V., Assistant Professor, Department of Botany, St. Thomas' College (Autonomous), Thrissur was the resource person.
- ➤ An Intercollegiate online quiz competition was conducted in commemoration of the 200th birth anniversary of Gregor Johann Mendel
- > The department implemented QR coding mechanism for the flora in the campus and a Ring compost pit was prepared.
- ➤ UG students received hands-on training in mushroom cultivation at Integrated Rural Technology Centre (IRTC), Mundur.
- Ms. Surya Sekhar, Manager, Central Warehousing Corporation, Calicut delivered a talk on career enrichment
- ➤ The street play "Ma Nishadha" was performed in connection with anti-drug campaign.
- ➤ Various competitions like Onapookkalam and Fashion show were conducted for the students of the college.
- ➤ The UG students of the department visited Mercy home at Palakkad and distributed household items.
- ➤ The department organised a Field Visit to Kerala Agricultural University at Mannuthy to provide hands- on experience on Plant Breeding, Agricultural Microbiology, Plant Pathology, visited Thikkodi, Kozhikode and Nelliyampathi Hills for taxonomic collection.
- ➤ The UG students visited research laboratories, the Deco Pottery unit, Vermi and Bio composting units, Hydroponics and Aquaponics in IRTC and the Botanical Garden and Research Lab at the University of Calicut
- > Convocation day was observed.
- ➤ "Karshakadinam" was observed at the campus with several related events.

Flower arrangement competition conducted for teaching faculty of the college.

# DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY

- ➤ The department signed MoUs with Unibiosys Biotech Research Labs, Ernakulam; Silk Mark Organization, India; St. Aloysius College, Elthurth; Veta Genomics, Thrissur; Cardea Health Care Solutions, Calicut; Little Flower College, Guruvayoor; and St. Mary's College, Thrissur.
- ➤ The department offers the Calicut University-certified (U.O. No. 1356/2013/CU), UGC-Assisted (F. No. 4-340/2010/COC), job-oriented, add-on Courses namely Certificate, Diploma &Advanced Diploma Courses in Bioinformatics.
- > The Certificate Course in Laboratory Skills "Histotechniques and Curation of Museum "for the Post-graduate students of the department was initiated.
- A national webinar under National Intellectual Property Awareness Mission (NIPAM) on the topic "Overview of Intellectual Property Rights and its Significance" was led by Ms. Anjana Haridas, Examiner of Patents & Designs, Patent Office, Chennai.
- ➤ The National webinar "Research Methodology & Writing in Biological sciences" was organised. The resource person was Sri. Dr. M. Chandrasekaran (Retd. Emeritus Professor, Department of Biotechnology, CUSAT).
- A blood-donation drive, in connection with the District Blood Bank and HDFC Bank, Palakkad was organised.
- ➤ RoaR (Roar and Revive): Exploring Human-Animal Relationships various Interdepartmental competitions were conducted to observe World Wildlife Week.
- ➤ The department, in association with AAPC-approved Cardea Healthcare Solutions, Kozhikode organised the programme "Career in Medical Coding: Current Trends & Future Prospects" and the session was handled by Dr. Viji Mukundan [BHMS, CPC, Medical coder].
- ➤ In association with Shyvind's Institute for Science, the department organised the online workshop "JAM-CUET in Life sciences & Biotechnology." Dr. Shyvind Raj U. P. (Ph.D., NIT Calicut) and Sri. Shibin Das M. (M.Sc., B.Ed) handled the sessions.
- ➤ The department provides online real-time training sessions for NET Coaching in Life Sciences for understanding of concepts and their applications in terms of NTA-CSIR NET/JRF, DBT, TIFR, GATE and other national-level entrance examinations. The department conducts topic-wise mock test according to the latest pattern periodically.

# **DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY**

- An MoU with Vaidyaratnam Oushadhashala, Palakkad branch was signed for conducting awareness classes, free medical camps, and sustainable living practices for the well-being of women.
- A one-day National Seminar on the topic "Upsurgence of National Sentiments through Media and its Impact on Democracy" was conducted in association with Institute of Parliamentary Affairs, Govt. of Kerala and the resource person was the writer and director Mr. Jayan Sivapuram.
- ➤ The seminar "Oral History", based on research methodology was handled by Dr. P.J. Vincent, Associate Professor, Dept. of History, Govt. Victoria College, Palakkad.
- The webinar "St. Chavara Elias Kuriakose: Reformative Kerala Renaissance Guru" was conducted and Shiji V.K., Assistant Professor in History, Sahrdaya College of Advanced Studies, Kodakara was the resource person.
- ➤ The orientation talk "Route Map to UPSC" was given as a part of career guidance by Ms. Nandini SG, Trainer, TALENT Academy.

- The Literacy Club of the college, in association with the Election Wing of Palakkad district conducted SVEEP quiz for students in Palakkad block panchayath.
- Addhar linking drive with ID card and ID card drive for students of Mercy College was conducted by Election Literacy Club in association with Election wing of Palakkad.
- ➤ The 36-hour certificate course "Employability Skill Programme", in association with Mahindra Pride Classroom and Nandi Foundation was provided for the students of the college.
- The 30-hour certificate course "Gender Sensitization" was provided by the department.
- The Newspaper exhibition "Mathrubhumi@100" in association with Malabar Christian College, Kozhikode was organised.
- As part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, a poster exhibition on Capt. Lakshmi organised. Moreover, in association with the District Collectorate, the department commemorated the national Hero Capt. Lakshmi with a street play and a flash mob that depicted the life and career of Capt. Lakshmi.
- > "Swathanthrya Sparsham" screening of documentaries on the Indian Freedom Movement, in association with Asianet News was organised.
- > Students of various departments participated in the creation of "Freedom Wall" to commemorate National freedom struggle and Indian Freedom Movement.
- As part of the extension activity "Pravesanolsavam", the department contributed study materials to the students of St. Sebastian Senior Basic School, Palakkad. In addition, "Clio Tots"- the free tuition programme was provided in Social Science for the economically backward students of the neighbourhood every Saturday.
- In association with SESREC, the department observed Environment Day with waste management activities. Students recycled and reused old cloth and newspapers and turned them into mats and paper bags.
- ➤ In association with Vaidyaratnam Oushadhashala, International Yoga Day was celebrated by explaining the students the importance of physical activity in daily life
- ➤ As part of National Reading week, an Audio Book Contest in both English and Malayalam was conducted.
- ➤ Pride Month was observed in solidarity with LGBTQIA ++ by conducting face painting competition.
- As part of World Photography Day, a mobile photography contest was conducted.
- As part of National Ayurveda Day observation, "Ayurgeham", a talk on Ayurveda in everyday life was conducted.
- As part of Constitution Day, an awareness talk on Fundamental Duties was organised by the department and the key-note speaker was Adv. Beena.

#### PG DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

- ➤ The Department of Economics signed an MOU with Soorya Driving School and began driving classes for the students and staff of the college, training them to use both 2-wheelers and 4-wheelers.
- ➤ Under the expertise of Mr. Arun Sasi, the department organised an orientation session for UPSC aspirants.
- A session on Career Guidance and Skill Training was conducted by Avodha, one of the leading skill development platforms in India and the resource persons were Mr.Nivin Vijayan and Mrs.Akshaya Prasannan.
- ➤ The Department of Economics of the college and the Department of Economics, St. Joseph's College (Autonomous), Irinjalakkuda, jointly organised the International seminar "Women Empowerment through Education and Employment." Dr. K. M.

- Ashifa, Assistant Professor in Social Work, Faculty of Economics & Social Science, Nisantasi University, Istanbul, Turkey was the resource person.
- ➤ The department organised the orientation programme *Dare to Dream* for the newly admitted BA and MA economics students and faculty members. The chief guest was Shri. Nandhajan.
- A session on "Capital Market as a Path towards Wealth Creation" was handled by Mr. Nithin Joy, Branch Manager, HDFC AMC.
- ➤ The department conducted a workshop on the topic "Research Analysis with SPSS" Dr. P.K. Sujathan, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, KKTM College, Kodungallur was the resource person.
- ➤ The Economics Association was inaugurated by Dr.Bindu Balagopal (Head of the Department, PG & Research Dept of Economics, Govt. Victoria College, Palakkad).
- ➤ The Department of Economics initiated a 3-day Zoomba, Aerobics fitness class "Get Fit Moves" for the students and the training was given by Mr. Satheesh, Certified Trainer, Top Winners Dance, and Fitness Studio Palakkad.
- ➤ In association with Janamaithri South Police Station Palakkad, the department organised 'Nirbhaya'-self defense classes.
- ➤ The department organised the inauguration of Santhwana Parichranam, a fund raising programme for the construction of a palliative care building, which was done by actor Shane Nigam.
- **ECOVISION 2022**, a presentation by PG students was organised.
- ➤ In connection with Onam Celebration 2022, the department organised a Payasamela.
- ➤ The PG students of the Department participated in a data collection initiative undertaken by Haritha Karma Sena.
- ➤ In association with Mahindra Pride Classroom and Nandi Foundation, the department organised the 5-day certificate course "Recognising and Developing Employability Skills". Ms. Chinchu K Bhavani was the resource person for the sessions.
- ➤ The department organised a 30 Hour -certificate course on MS Office for the III year students.
- ➤ The extension programme Sarathy was conducted for the auto drivers near Mercy College Junction, Palakkad.
- > The extension program Kaithangu was conducted for Headload workers near Mercy College Junction, Palakkad.
- > The department organised the extension programme Ayalsparsam in the neighbourhood households of the college.
- ➤ Constitution Day Observance & Discussion on Mock Parliament was conducted by the department. Dr. Vijesh T P, FDSJ Palakkad District Coordinator, Institute of Parliamentary Affairs, Government of Kerala, and Assistant Professor in Political Science, NSS College, Ottapalam inaugurated the event.
- ➤ The PG department of Economics organised an industrial visit to the Masco Tea factory, Vagamon to study the prospects of the tea industry
- ➤ The students of III DC Economics conducted a 3 –day study tour to Goa to learn about the tourism industry in Goa and its prospects.
- ➤ The II PG students of the department organised a study tour to Wayanad to explore the tourism industry and its prospects.

#### DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK

➤ In association with Mohanji Foundation, the department organised the International Workshop "Meditation and Psychotherapy".

- A Webinar on "Laws Related to Adoption" was organised. Ms. Maria Emmanuel, Social Worker, SAA, Ananda Bhavan, Malampuzha, Palakkad was the resource person.
- ➤ The first semester MSW students participated in the PRA workshop organised by the Kudumbashree Mission, Palakkad and assisted its intervention at 24 hamlets of various panchayats in Palakkad.
- ➤ The department organised a Finishing School Program Lecture Series- 1 on the topic "Social Worker: A Change Maker". The resource person of the Session was Mr. A. Bellaro John Regan, Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work, SNGC, Coimbatore.
- ➤ The department started a new initiative called Alumnae Lecture with a session by Ms. Aiswarya (2015- 2017 Batch) on "International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking".
- A webinar was organised on the topic "Covid 19 & Stress Busters". Ms. Deepa Nair, Consultant Psychiatrist, Thangam Hospital of PMRC, Palakkad was the resource person for the session.
- ➤ The department organised a seminar on "Health System Challenges in Social Work Background" and the resource person of the session was Dr. Sreehari M, State Nodal Officer (RBSK & Child Health) & Tribal Nodal Officer- Attapadi, National Health Mission, Trivandrum.
- The first semester MSW students participated in the awareness campaign against child labour and child beggary organised by the District Child Protection Unit, Palakkad at Manapullikavu Temple premises during Manappullikavu Vela.
- ➤ The department organized the closing ceremony of the Social Work Month Observation with a "Ganamela" by "Voice of Samanwaya", Palliative Care Music Troup under Sreekrishnapuram Block Panchayat and CHC Kadambazhipuram with the support of Jai Christo CMC.
- The department organised observation visit of first semester MSW students to 12 organisations in Palakkad & Thrissur districts to orient the students to the vision, mission, objectives, administrative structure and process and service users of various organisations in the field of social work, such as non-governmental organisations involved in welfare and development activities, government bodies, health care organisations, organisations in the care of aged, women and children and corporate organisations.
- > The department organised a national study tour to Mumbai for the students of the final year.
- ➤ The Department of Social Work organised an awareness program for students on the topic "Drug Abuse among College Students" and the session was handled by Dr. Sibin Muhammad, MBBS, MD Psychiatry, PIMS Palakkad.
- ➤ The first year students organised a Community Residential Camp SAMATHWA at Karamkode village, Elappully Panchayat for community living and study, also took the initiative to create awareness about drug addiction. Surveys were conducted to find out the problems in the community.
- ➤ The Motor Vehicle's department along with the Department of Social Work organised an awareness class on Road Safety and the Resource Person was Mr. Ravi Kumar, Motor Vehicle Inspector, Palakkad.
- A Bridge Course on "Rural and Urban Community Development Specialisation in Master of Social Work" was conducted and the resource person for the programme was July Joseph P, Project Officer, MGNREGA.

- ➤ The Department of Social Work, in collaboration with Impact Guru Foundation, Delhi conducted a two-day Awareness Creation and Sensitisation programme at Jaycee Special School, Kannur.
- ➤ The Second Year Social Work students visited Pain and Palliative Care as an observation visit to learn the Fields of Social Work.
- As part of International Day for Older Persons the social work students performed Flash mob and street play at Mercy College Palakkad.
- ➤ The Social Work research scholars of NIMHANS provided Mental Health Awareness classes to Social Work students of Mercy College.
- ➤ The Department of Social work organised a Certificate course and the two-day Workshop on PRA. The resource person was Dr. I Maria Yesuraja, HOD, Sree Narayana College, Coimbatore.
- The department provided the certificate course 'Basic Skills in Counselling and Psychotherapy' in the college and the Resource Person was Dr. Sherin Joseph, specialist in counselling and psychotherapy.
- ➤ The Department of Social Work collaborated with KISMAT NGO and conducted Anti-Drug Awareness campaign at KINFRA, Kanjikode and at Olavakode Railway station in collaboration with Kaval Plus, Mercy College for generating anti-drug awareness.
- As part of MSW curriculum activities, the students visited various non- governmental organisations involved in welfare and developmental activities, government bodies, health care organisations, organisations in the care of aged, women and children and corporate organisations.
- > The social work students celebrated Christmas in Buds School.
- As part of Prisoner's Welfare Day, the social work students of Mercy college, organised celebrations at Malampuzha Jail.
- ➤ Kudumbashree mission in association with the Department organized a District Level Fest- 'INNOCENCE' for Buds School students.
- > Students of the department observed World Cancer Day and conducted various activities at their fieldwork agencies.
- International Women's Day observation was organised by the field work trainees of first semester MSW batch, in association with KISMAT, Palakkad. Awareness classes and SHG training programmes were held.
- ➤ National Youth Day was observed in association with the District TB Centre at Mercy College & District Hospital, Palakkad.
- ➤ The department, in association with Department of Social work, NIPMR, Thrissur observed World Social work day.
- ➤ The department, in association with Social Justice Department, Palakkad observed World Elder Abuse Awareness Day with a Street play and a Flash mob in various places of Palakkad district.
- ➤ The International Women's Day programme was organised by the department by conducting the webinar "Legislations for the Protection of Women" and the resource person was Adv. Seema P.P, Lawyer of District Court, Thrissur.
- The webinar "Equalize" was organised and the key speaker was Deepa D., Lions Suraksha Project Manager. A rally on creating awareness on TB was held in collaboration with the District TB Centre.
- As part of World Student's Day, a Webinar was organised and the key speaker of the session was Ms. Remani V S, National Teachers Award Winner, 2015.
- ➤ The department organised a flash mob and a Webinar on "Equality"- the theme of this year's Human Rights Day announced by the United Nations from Article 1 of the

- Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which states: "All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights".
- ➤ Road safety Week was observed by Social Work students along with the Motor Vehicle's Department and the students performed a flash mob on road safety awareness at the Stadium Bus stand, Palakkad.
- ➤ The department, the Social Service League and the College union observed National Girl Child Day by honouring a staff with four girl children and the chief guest for the function was Adv. Elizabeth Mamman Mathai, Member, State Women Commission.
- > The social work students celebrated Children's Day in Anganawadis and Mercy creche.
- ➤ Department of social work, Mercy College Palakkad in association with Excise department Palakkad conducted a short film contest on behalf of 'Anti-drug campaign'.
- National health mission in association with Department of Social Work, Mercy College Palakkad organized a district level Asha fest for Asha workers. The district level Asha fest was held at mercy college Palakkad. The fest was inaugurated by Mr. K.Krishnankutty, the Honourable Minister of Electricity of Kerala.
- ➤ In connection with World Cancer day, the department, in association with College Union *Inizio* and People's Service Society conducted Hair Donation camp. The programme was inaugurated by Fr. Joseph Justine K C, Director of PSSP and 30 people from within and outside the campus became part of the camp.

#### DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION

- An MoU was signed with Ezhuthachan Training College, Talents Football Academy & Palakkad Tug of War Association for promoting sports activities in the college and outside.
- Yoga Day was observed. Mr. Viswanathan P. (MIb, MSc Yoga) inaugurated and demonstrated Yoga Asanas.
- ➤ Observed Independence Day and honoured Mr Jayapalan V. (Former Athletic Coach of the college (Retired from Kerala Sports Council & the Indian Navy).
- National Sports Day was observed and an aerobic dance event was conducted.
- Fan fest was organised in connection with the promotion of Word Cup 2022.
- ➤ In association with the College Union, the department conducted one kick penalty "PANENKA" (penalty kick) against the use of drugs.
- ➤ The college ground was opened to outsiders for promoting sports activities. Students of CFD Mathur School, Kanikkamatha CEMGHSS & St. Rapheal's Cathedral School use the campus ground for practice. The Annual Sports Meet of St. Rapheal's Cathedral School was held at the college ground. A few Kerala PSC & Railway Exam students also utilized the ground for their physical test for the year 2022-23
- ➤ Several Calicut University, All India & National upcoming events for the year 2022-23 would commence.

#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

- ➤ An MoU was signed with IFC School for providing ACCA course along with B.Com.
- ➤ A corporate internship program was conducted by Midhun V, Faculty, Logic Institute of Management.
- A one-day seminar on GST by Ashish A, Faculty, Logic Institute was conducted.
- Industrial Visit by final year students to KAMCO, Angamaly, Ernakulam
- The department conducted the IRDC exam in the college, in association with NSE
- A one-week soft skill programme was conducted for the final year students in association with Naandi foundation.
- An awareness class on NET Exam was held for the PG students.

- ➤ Various awareness classes on SAP, CA, CMA for the students of the department were organised.
- As an extension activity, the department distributed school kits for the new comers in Vennakkara anganawadi.
- ➤ World Environment was observed.
- As part of Onam celebration "Malayali Manka" and "Tug of War' competitions were held.

# DEPARTMENT OF BIOTECHNOLOGY

- An MoU was signed between the department and Microbolite Research and Development, BIOGOK Incubator, Manipal, Karnataka.
- ➤ An MoU was also signed between the department and Genolites Research and Development.
- ➤ The department visited Integrated Rural Technology Centre (IRTC). Sessions were organised on waste management, aquaponics, vermin composting, mushroom cultivation and energy management.
- ➤ In relation to International Women's day, the Department, in Association with Metropolis Clinical Lab organised a complete blood count test. The talk "Biotexiles and Future Development" was delivered by Mr Gopalakrishnan D., Assistant Professor, PSG Tech Coimbatore.
- A personality development programme- "Neuroplasticity for Personality Development" was delivered by Ms.Swetha Nair, K, Udbodh Organization.
- A talk by Mr. Vineeth on the topic "Business of Biology; from Lab to Revenue" was organised.
- ➤ The talk "The Significance of Individual Property Rights (IPR) in Higher Education" was given by Dr.V. Manon Mani, Assistant Professor, Department of Biotechnology, RVS College.
- ➤ The department conducted a one-day National Symposium, co-Sponsored by KSCSTE under the SSW scheme.

# DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER APPLICATIONS

- An MoU was signed between the department and St.Teresa's College, Ernakulam to collaborate Online faculty exchange programmes and other activities.
- A national seminar on the topic "Artificial Intelligence and its Applications" was organised. The resource person was Dr. J. Alfred Daniel, Assistant Professor in CSE, Karpagam Academy of Higher Education, Coimbatore.
- The seminar "Mobile Forensic: An Overview" was organised. Mr.Sukrith B., Associate Professor, Amrita School of Arts and Science, Kochi was the resource person.
- ➤ A National Workshop was organised on the topic "Financial Principle in Daily Life" by the departments of Commerce and Computer Applications. Mr. John Joy, Pips point Trainer was the resource person.
- An orientation class was conducted by Ms. Mini and Ms. Akshaya, Skill Development Executives, ASAP.
- An Intercollegiate Tech Fest was jointly organised by the departments of Computer Science and Applications. As part of TrailBlazer 7.0, various technical and non-technical events were conducted for students of other colleges.
- As part of TrailBlazer 7.0, an IT Exhibition 'Tech-Fantom' was organised.

- ➤ In connection with the activities planned under the curriculum, an industrial visit was organised to UL-Cyber Park, ULCCS LTD SEZ, Nellikode, Calicut.
- ➤ Out-Bound Training Camp was organised, in association with LEAD College of Management, Dhoni, Palakkad for the BCA and B.Sc. Computer Science students.
- ➤ Placement training programme was organised in collaboration with Lead College of Management, Dhoni, Palakkad. The resource persons for the session were Dr. Thomas George, Director of Lead College and Mr. Ajay Japamani, Placement Officer of Lead College, Palakkad.
- ➤ The curriculum- based workshop "Hardware Assembling" was conducted by Jomon P. Antony, Netgen Computers, Thrissur for the first year and the final year BCA students.
- ➤ In collaboration with Mahindra & Mahindra, a certificate course based on Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Training was organised for the final year BCA students. The session was handled by Mrs.Chinchu.K.Bhavani.
- An Induction program for the first year BCA, B.Com, B.Sc and CS was organised. The resource persons were Mr. Bhavadas K.P and Ms. Aarsha, Skill Development Executives, ASAP.
- ➤ The department initiated the women empowerment programme "Mercy Blaze" an LED Assembling training unit in collaboration with STAR Light & Sound to provide the opportunity for self-employment
- ➤ The students of the department made colour scented candles "BCAndles".
- A PTSA (Parent-Teacher-Student Association) Meeting and a Motivational Talk addressed by Dr. Sr. Siji. M.V, Assistant Professor in Malayalam on the topic "Knowing Yourself as a Parent" was organised.
- ➤ The Certificate Course "Cyber Security for Beginners" was organised.
- ➤ A Bridge Course on "Ms-Office and Introduction to Internet" was conducted for the 1<sup>st</sup> year students of the college.
- Anti-Drug awareness programme was conducted.
- ➤ As part of Computer Literacy Day Observation, a Computer awareness session for the non-teaching staff of the college was organised.
- > Various competitions were held in connection with Reading Week.
- As a part of extension activities, students of department visited Kanikkamatha C E M H S S and conducted a Quiz competition on the topic "Indian Space and Life & works of Dr. A P J Abdul Kalam".
- > Environment Day was observed.
- As part of Mercy Day celebrations, various cultural events were conducted.
- ➤ Merit Day for the 2019-2022 Batch BCA students was organised.

#### DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE

- An MoU was signed between Kinfra Integrated Park Ottapalam and the department.
- A seminar on Cyber Security was conducted by Kerala Police, Cyber Security Wing.
- ➤ The Certificate Course "Adobe Photoshop and Video Editing" by Credize InfoTech Jojie Peter & Pradeesh C.V. was conducted.
- ➤ An Employability Skill development programme was conducted by Mahindra Pride Classroom, Naandi Foundation.
- A Skill-Development Course was conducted by ASAP.
- A workshop on Hardware Reassembling was conducted by Sundar Prasad, Technical Assistant, Mercy College, Palakkad.
- > The Departments of Computer Science and Applications jointly organised an Intercollegiate Techfest.

- ➤ The Departments of Computer Science and Economics jointly conducted Christmas Celebration and other related events
- An industrial visit to iDatalytics Pvt Ltd,InfoPark, Kochi was organised.

#### **LIBRARY**

| ITEMS      | NUMBER     |
|------------|------------|
| BOOKS      | 65212      |
| JOURNALS   | 35         |
| MAGAZINES  | 66         |
| NEWSPAPERS | 6          |
| CD ROMS    | 450        |
| COMPUTERS  | 9+1 SERVER |
| STAFF      | 4          |
| SOFTWARE   | BOOK MAGIC |

- ➤ 102 books worth Rs.52000/- were added to the library collection
- > 34 books were donated added to the library
- ➤ Library is presently computerized with software Book Magic (Circulation and
- > Cataloguing)
- New students were given orientation sessions and proper guidance was given to all the users.
- ➤ Short Story Writing, Caption Writing, and Poem Writing competitions were conducted by the library in Connection Vayana Varam and National Reading Week.

  The library ensures access to e-resources, e- databases, and e-books w
- Free access to Internet is provided to the students.
- > For the increased usage of the library resources, a library hour is allotted to each class
- > The library provides access to Question Paper(Pdf) and with links to access videos and other Study materials and other services.

# **COLLEGE UNION 'INIZIO'**

- ➤ The student union of Mercy College 2022-23, Inizio and the Department of Physical Education organised a Kick off Goal Challenge on November 28, 2022.
- ➤ On December 7, 2022, a quiz was organised by the Postgraduate and Research Department of Physics and the student union of the college, in support of the Anti-Drug campaign.
- ➤ On behalf of Svastha, the college union arranged a health and hygiene awareness session for women on December 12, 2022.
- ➤ On December 15, 2022, the college union and the Post Graduate and Research Department of Chemistry organised a mime and flash mob in support of the Anti Drug Campaign.
- ➤ 'Inizio' Inaugural ceremony of the College union was held on 16 December 2022 in College auditorium.
- ➤ The post -graduate and Research Department of English, in association with INIZIO, Mercy College Student Union 2022-23, presented a dance-drama focusing on mental health awareness, on the occasion of College Union Inauguration on 16 December 2022.

- From November 29 to December 19, 2022, the college union and the ED Club organised a two-week vocational training programme for students who were interested in making Christmas stars.
- On December 20,2022, an intra-college star-making competition was held.
- An education session was held by the student union of on behalf of the Anti-Drug Campaign at Athurasramam Working Women's Hostel, on December 21, 2022.
- ➤ The student union conducted a reels competition on behalf of Anti Drug campaign on January 09, 2023.
- ➤ The student union conducted an inter department cartoon competition on behalf of Anti Drug Campaign on 09/01/2023.
- ➤ On January 9, 2023, the Mercy College student union organized a bottle art competition in support of the anti-drug campaign.
- Meditrina hospital organised a talk on Cervical Cancer under Svastha for the all students of the college on 20th January 2023. The Resource Person for the session was Dr. Madhuranjini, Gynaecologist and laparoscopic surgeon.
- ➤ A Memorandum of Understanding "ASHA" was signed on 1 February 2023 between Mercy college, Palakkad and Meditrina Hospital, Palakkad
- Meditrina hospital organised a talk on Life Style Diseases under Svastha for the all the students on 9th February 2023 and a talk was delivered by Dr. Aiswarya, Physician.
- Meditrina hospital organised a class on training on basic life support skill under 'Svastha' by Dr George Immanuel, for the NCC cadets of Mercy College on 09 February 2023.

#### **NCC**

- ➤ Sgt Christy K Telin, Cdt Adisha R, Cdt Anusha K V and Cdt Sofiya S attended Thal Sainik Selection Camp held at NCC Complex Westhill, Kozhikode from 10 June 2022 to 19<sup>t</sup> June 2022.
- ➤ CSM Arathi V P and Sgt Nancy Babu T attended Army Attachment Camp held at 22 RAJ RIF Bangalore from 4Aug 2022 to 19Aug 2022.
- ➤ 30 Cadets attended CATC at JNV Malampuzha from 15 /06/2022 to 24/06/2022.SUO Anna Sera K was awarded with the best firer in the camp.
- ➤ L/Cpl Aiswarya G Nair attended Vajra Jayanthi Yatra Programme organised by Asianet News from 08 Aug to 15 Aug 2022 at New Delhi.
- ➤ 15 Cadets Attended CATC at JCET Lakkidi Palakkad from 4 Sep to 11 Sept. 2022.Cdt Arathy R got first prize in running competition (PT) and Cdt Divya K R was selected for Guard Team.
- ➤ CplSurya S, L/Cpl Varadhadas, Cdt Aswathy M A and Cdt Sofiya S attended CAWATC at NCC Complex Westhill Kozhikode from 17 to 24 Sept. 2022.
- Cdt Anusha K V and Sgt P Jyothi Lakshmy attended IBC held at NCC Complex Westhill Kozhikode from 17 to 24 Sept. 2022. Sgt P Jyothi Lakshmy was selected for IGC cultural.
- > Sgt P Jyothilakshmy attended IGC at Kerala Police Academy Thrissur from 04 to 21 Oct 2022. The team consisting of Sgt P Jyothilakshmy won gold medal for group dance.
- ➤ UO Megha P K attended All India Girls Trekking Expedition at Nilgiri, Tamilnadu from 27<sup>t</sup> Oct to 3 Nov 2022 and won first prize for painting competition.
- Cdt. Arathi R was selected for Indian Navy Agniveer Nov 2022.
- ➤ Cdt Prarthana V M and Cdt Panchavya Prabha attended the Kozhikode Group Inter Battalion Firing Competition held at NCC Complex Kozhikode from 28 Nov to 05 Dec 2022.

- ➤ 25 Cadets attended CATC at JCET Lakkidi Palakkad from 24 to 31 Dec 2022.
- ➤ CQMS Arya R and Cpl Adithya Suresh attended Army Attachment Camp from 16 to 23 Jan. 2023 at 11 Madras Regiment at Trivandrum.
- Examinations:42 cadets passed "B" certificate and 23 cadets passed "C" Certificate Examinations in the year 2022.38 cadets will appear for "C" Certificate Examinations at IPT,GPTC Shoranur, Palakkad on 18 and 19 Feb. 2023. 36 cadets will appear for "B" Certificate Examinations at JCET Lakkidi, Palakkad on 04 and 05 March 2023.
- ➤ World Environment Day was celebrated on 5 June 2022. Competitions were conducted in Art of Speaking and Sketching on the World Environment Day on 5 June 2022.
- As part of social service community development activities, Mercy College NCC Unit conducted 'Har Ghar Tiranga' rally on 12 Aug 2022 from Mercy College to Government L P School Kallikkad. Dr.Sr.Gisala George flagged off the rally. Quiz competition was conducted for the students and prizes were distributed. Cadets made 300 National Flags in 3: 2 ratio using paper. 100 National Flags were handed over to Smt.Girija Headmistress of the school to be distributed to the students.
- ➤ In connection with the celebration of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, Mercy College NCC Unit organised Freedom Run on 13 Aug. 2022. The event was inaugurated by Col.S.K Babu, Commanding Officer, 27 Kerala BN NCC, Palakkad. Dr. Sr.Gisala George, Principal, Mercy College presided over the function.
- ➤ The 75<sup>th</sup> Independence Day was celebrated on 15 Aug 2022. Dr.Sr Gisala George, Principal hoisted the National Flag. Dr.Sr Yushma delivered Independence Day message. Two platoons conducted march past under platoon commanders Sgt Christy K Telin and Cpl Anusha. Shri.Jayapalan V, Ex Indian Navy Petty Officer(Telegraphist and Retired Kerala State Sports Council Athletic Coach at Mercy College from 1985 to 1999 was honoured in connection with Azadi Ki Amrit Mahotsav. Various cultural programmes were conducted on 12 Aug 2022.
- ➤ Independence Day Parade at District Court 15 Aug 2022. One platoon comprising 23 cadets under platoon commander SUO Anna Sera K participated in the Independence Day parade at District court, Palakkad on 15 Aug 2022.
- ➤ The interaction programme by Hon'ble Raksha Mantri Shri.Raj Nath Singh with the NCC cadets all over India which was conducted in connection with Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan was watched by 60 cadets on 12 Sept 2022.
- The College NCC Unit organised an anti-narcotic campaign and awareness cycle rally on 28 Oct 2022. The awareness class was led by Sri.K.Satheesh, Excise Circle Inspector, Palakkad. Dr.Sr.Gisala George, Principal, Mercy College presided over the function. 96 cadets attended the awareness class. Cadets presented a flash mob in the presence of the College students. Thereafter, the ant-narcotic cycle rally was flagged off by Sri.K Jayapalan, Excise Deputy Commissioner, Palakkad, who spoke about the vicious effects of drug use. Cadets presented flash mob at the KSRTC bus stand as a part of the anti-narcotic campaign.
- ➤ Maj.Lillykkutty Thomas T, 27 Kerala Bn Staff, SUO Anna Sera K and U O Gayathri S Kumar rendered necessary directions and guidance for the anti-narcotic campaign cycle rally.40 cadets participated in the cycle rally.
- ➤ 31 cadets were enrolled on 26 Sept 2022. Senior cadets were present on enrolment day.
- ➤ In connection with Gandhi Jayanthi Celebration cadets engaged in social service activities on 30 Sept .2022. 45 cadets cleaned college premises.
- Rank ceremony was conducted on 15 Oct 2022 at Mercy College ground. Col.S.K Babu, Commanding Officer, Col.V.S Chaudhary, SM. M Manoj from 27 Kerala (BN), Palakkad participated in the programme. Senior Under Officer and Under Officer Ranks were given to Cdt Anna Sera K, Cdt Megha P K, Cdt Gayathri S Kumar and Cdt

- Arathi V P by Col.S K Babu on the occasion. Under Officer rank was given to Cadet Gayathri S Kumar by SM M Manoj.
- ➤ Career guidance class was conducted on 15 Oct. 2022. Shri.Surendran R, Director of SS Academy and Smt.Shylaja took classes on selection procedures to the three wings of military namely army, navy and air force. Discussion on the newly introduced appointments to military named Angni Veer was also held.
- As a part of Puneet Sagar Abhiyan, the NCC cadets of Mercy College Palakkad performed a street play on 05 Nov. 2022 before the students of the college. The theme of the street play was the importance of keeping the rivers clean. The programme was inaugurated by Assistant Principal Dr.Sr.Nirmal. T Cadets collected plastic waste from the river bank, which was handed over to the cleaning department of Palakkad Municipality.
- After cleaning the river bank at Kalpathy area, cadets performed a street play at Chathapuram junction based on the theme of the necessity of keeping the rivers clean. Sri.Viswanadhan K V, Municipal Councillor of Ward 5 Kalpathy inaugurated the cleaning programme. Col.S K Babu delivered key note address.
- ➤ The College NCC Unit under 27 Kerala Bn Palakkad celebrated 74<sup>th</sup> NCC Day on 25 Sep 2022. A blood donation camp was conducted in connection with the NCC Day celebrations. Students of Mercy College, NCC cadets from other units under the battalion and employees from nearby shops of Mercy College donated blood to the Palakkad District Hospital Blood Bank.
- In addition to the blood donation camp, an inter battalion quiz competition was also conducted on the same day. NCC Day celebrations were inaugurated by Col.S K Babu Commanding Officer of 27 Kerala Battalion.Sr.Merin ,Principal in charge of Mercy College presided over the function. Sr.Leena Jose, former Principal of Mercy College and Sri.M.Retnakaran,PTA president delivered felicitation on the occasion. Cadets staged cultural programmes on the stage.. Under Officer Megha S,Cadet Christy K Telyn and Cadet Anusha spoke on the occasion.
- ➤ On 26 Nov. 2022, 25 Cadets visited Kripasadan old age home at Malampuzha.Sr. Linet delivered NCC Day message. Sr.Rose Mary introduced the inmates to the cadets. Cadets performed cultural programmes before the inmates and distributed sweets to the inmates. Cadets also cleaned the rooms and premises of the old age home.
- ➤ In order to prevent spread of plastic pollution and support Puneet Sagar Abhiyan in protecting the water bodies from plastic contamination, Puneet Sankalp pledge was taken by cadets on 18 Nov 2022. 106 cadets took the pledge and certificates were received from the Ministry of Defence.
- ➤ The college NCC unit celebrated Flag Day on 7 Dec 2022. Dr. Sr. Gisala George inaugurated the celebrations in the college. Cadets performed a flash mob before the students to convey the message of Flag Day. Maj. Lillykkutty Thomas T presided over the function. Sri. P. S. Mahesh, Controlling Inspector of KSRTC delivered Flag day message.
- ➤ The celebrations at KSRTC bus stand were conducted under the guidance of Sri.Muhammad Mansoor, Station Master,KSRTC Palakkad, CSM Arathi V P, Cdt Amrutha S and Cdt Aswathy P S. Cadets collected Rs.58000/ from the public as donation for Flag Day. 104 cadets participated in the programme.
- Rs.8000/-(Rs Eight thousand only) being the cost of 800 stamps collected by the cadets was handed over to Zila Sainik Welfare Office, Jainimed, Vadakkanthara, Palakkad. Rs.1000/- (Rs.One thousand only) being the cost of 100 stamps collected by the cadets was handed over to the Deputy Director. Rs.200/-(Rs. Two hundred only) being the cost of 20 stamps collected by the cadets was handed over to BHM Prasad, 27 Kerala

- BN NCC. Besides hundi box collection of the cadets was handed over to NCC BN Office, Palakkad
- ➤ 6 cadets participated in the Flag Day celebration organised by the Zila Sainik Welfare Office, at the conference hall of district collector on 7 Dec. 2022.
- ➤ Mercy College NCC Unit participated in the district level 74<sup>th</sup> Republic Day parade conducted at Fort Maidan on 26 Jan 2023. One platoon consisting of 25 cadets under platoon commander SUO Anna Sera K took part in the parade and other celebrations. First prize for the best parade was awarded to Mercy College NCC Unit. SUO Anna Sera K received prize from the Hon'ble Excise Minister Shr.M.B Rajesh. Cadets staged patriotic dance, tableau based on "the Indian Republic", mime based on the theme of anti drug campaign and group song.
- ➤ The Anti Drug Campaign Phase II of "District Vimukti Mission" under the State Government was launched. Cadets of Mercy College performed mime, street play, life series of drug abuse, a tableau and a patriotic dance.
- As part of social service community development activities, Mercy College NCC unit conducted an awareness class on TB and health& hygiene on 4 Feb. 2023.
- ➤ Smt.Mini Babu ,Municipal Councillor inaugurated the plastic eradication drive on 4 Feb 2023. Cadets distributed 1750 paper bags in the shops near Kanikkamatha School,Big Bazar and Kallikkad. The plastic eradication drive was organised under the guidance and leadership of Maj.Lillykkutty Thomas.T, SUO Anna Sera K, UO Gayathri S Kumar and UO Megha P K.
- A training programme was conducted on emergency rescue methods on 9 Feb 2023.Dr.George Immanuel, Meditrina Hospital Palakkad led the training session. 68 cadets participated in the training programme.
- ➤ On Hindi Diwas, 14 Sept 2022, competitions in recitation and essay writing were conducted for the students of Mercy College. In connection with Hindi Fortnight Celebrations, inter-collegiate competitions in quiz, elocution, recitation and versification were conducted for school and college students on 22 Sep 2022.

# NSS

- ➤ The NSS Unit of the College, in association with RIBK Sthreejwala Palakkad District Committee and Hair Bank, Thrissur conducted a Mega Hair Donation Camp at the College auditorium on April 2, 2022. 80 volunteers from different parts of the district donated their hair, and Wigs were also distributed to the cancer patients during the camp.
- ➤ Led by Sreedevi Bindhu Olappamanna, the NSS unit of the College organised handson training on the proper use of the Menstrual Cup.
- NSS volunteers of units 6/34 conducted an orientation class on "Women Safety and Self Defense." Adv. Sujatha Varma, a former student of our college and Human rights activist, ICC legal expert CMFRI Kochi, District dowry prohibition committee member expert, Women empowerment trainer, and Anti-narcotic committee State Vice President, handled the session.
- ➤ Under the leadership of the famous Environmentalist Kallur Balan, palm seeds and various other trees were planted at Thekkinkadu Maidanam, Kallur by the NSS volunteers on 27 /05/2022. 200 saplings and seeds were planted as part of the greening of Ayyar Mala mountain ranges.

- NSS Volunteers organised a mentoring programme for the group of school students named 'Tiny Tots' on May 28, 2022. Various activities, games and cultural events were organised as part of it.
- NSS volunteers, in association with Friends of Bharathapuzha and Rotary Club cleaned the catchment area of Malampuzha Dam on 18/6/2022. Sri Sreekandan, Member of Parliament, Palakkad inaugurated the event. Our volunteers collected around 50 sacks of plastic and beer bottles from the area and planted around 50 saplings there.
- ➤ NSS volunteers of unit 6/34 attended an anti-drug awareness class conducted by the Palakkad Town South Janamaitri police and Palakkad Service Sahakarana Bank on 21 September at Sarada Kalynamadapam Noorani.
- ➤ NSS volunteers of unit 6/34, in association with Friends of Bharatha Puzha cleaned the banks of Kalpathi river on 1 October 2022 as part of River Day commemoration.
- ➤ NSS volunteers of Mercy College Palakkad participated in an awareness class on Human Rights to commemorate World Human Rights Day organised by Social Justice for International Civil Rights Council at Lion's club of Fort Town Palakkad on 11/12/22.

#### SSL

- ➤ Family Counselling Centre functions under Social Service League, Mercy College. During this year around 164 new cases were handled and the Counsellors dealt with different issues such as marital problems, family issues, individual problems and other minor issues.
- During this period, 26 awareness programs were conducted, 7 different types of programmes were organised and the unit participated 5 times in the women's commission adhalath under the state women's commission and 2 subcommittee meetings were held.
- ➤ Service Providing Centre also functions under Social Service League, Mercy College and around 65 new cases are handled and 63% follow ups were done. 35 cases settled through counselling, court, and DLSA.
- ➤ The Crèche, which is part of SSL functions with 25 kids, to support the working women in the locality and is periodically checked by the child protection officer.
- ➤ Kaval Plus project which runs under the NGO Social Service League, Mercy College Palakkad that started in the year 2021 in order to provide protection and caresexually abused children. It aims at the social upliftment of these children and around 50 children and their families availed its service through this project in this year.
- ➤ In connection with the need to spread awareness against the ill effects of drugs among citizens, and in co-ordination with Narcotic Control Bureau (NCB), the Government of India announced the citizens to take a pledge Say Yes to Life, No to drugs" and SSL representatives participated by taking the oath on 31/10/2022.
- ➤ The Social Service League of Mercy College 2022-23 organised cloth drive "Koode" from December 12 -16, 2022 to support the poor and needy by giving old clothes.
- ➤ Children's day celebrated at crèche on 14/11/2022 by SSL students.
- > SSL put up a food stall in connection with Tech fest to raise the fund for beds.
- > SSL students collected newspapers from different classes and sold them in order to raise the funds on 10/12/2022. Waste materials after the food fest and other small cartons are also sold on the same day.
- SSL students sold Hand wash liquid on 13/12/2022 to raise the fund to buy beds.
- The new initiative "Thannal" introduced by SSL to donate 25 beds to Mercy Home. The amount for beds in which one costs Rs 2,500/- was raised and the beds were offered to Mercy Home on 21/12/2022.

#### **AICUF / CAMPUS MINISTRY**

- All the activities and intentions of the organisation were consecrated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus with a prayer and the message on that day was given by the college chaplain, Rev.Fr.Joshy Pulikottil, Vicar, St.Raphael's Cathedral, Palakkad.
- > Carmel Day, Mercy Day and Christmas Celebrations were conducted.
- ➤ Holy Mass and Confession were arranged in every month for Catholic students for their spiritual upliftment.
- > Councelling facility was arranged for students.
- ➤ Orientation for first year students and their parents was given by Rev.Fr.Sanil Kuttipuzhakkaran, Principal, St.Raphael's Cathedral School, Palakkad.
- Annual Retreat was arranged for Catholic students from October 21 to 24, 2022.
- ➤ Food fest Lucky Dip programmes were conducted in connection with Mission Day on Oct. 28th. The collected money was spent for the medical treatment of one of our students.
- ➤ In the month of October, a Rosary procession was arranged
- > In connection with the Feast of St. Chavara, our motivational spirit of Education, a video programme was arranged.
- ➤ The motivational talk "Wonders of my world" for first year PG Students was delivered by Rev. Fr. Ebi Poruthoor.
- ➤ Christmas message was delivered by Rev.Fr. Franco Vadakkan, OFM, Sinai Renewal Centre, Palakkad.
- ➤ Our AICUF members took an oath on Indian Constitution day.

#### **JESUS YOUTH**

- ➤ Campus Leaders Training Program (CLTP) organised by Zonal Campus Ministry was held at Yuvakshethra Institute of Management Studies, Mundur from April 29- May 1, 2022.
- ➤ Sr. Anjaly CMC was elected as the animator of Zonal Campus Ministry. Amitha K Babu of D2 B Com Finance was elected as the coordinator and Anjana Thomas of D3 Chemistry was elected as the CCT member.
- ➤ Jesus Youth Members visited Mercy Home on July 10 and presented various cultural events for them.
- ➤ The one-day program 'INSIEME' was organised along with Jai Christo Province faith and media at the College as an invitation to Blaze on August 18.
- ➤ Jesus Youth Palakkad organised a Renewal program for all Jesus Youth Members of Palakkad zone from September 2-6 in Yuvakshetra College.
- ➤ Conducted flashmob on September 22 to invite students for the prayer gathering that is conducted every Thursday.
- A prayer gathering for the spiritual development and fellowship is held every Thursday from 12:50 1:50 pm at Swargam.
- ➤ Zonal one- day programs are held every 3rd Saturday of a month. Students from the college attend the program.
- > Jesus Youth Mercy College organised various programs such as cleaning, praying for friends in connection with Christmas.
- ➤ All Kerala Campus Ministry Organised Campus Leaders' Summit from December 16-18 at Assisi Shanti Kendra, Karukutty, Angamaly. 2 students from the college attended the program.

# **IQAC**

➤ The IQAC conducted a seminar on 'Higher Education Reforms in Kerala' as a Faculty Development Programme on 9th February 2023. The Resource Person was Dr. Shyam B Menon, Vice Chancellor. BML Munjal University, Gurgeon and Chairman of the Commission on Reforms in Higher Education in Kerala.

#### MEDIA CENTRE

- ➤ A Media Centre- Recording Studio named "Nadhopasana" was introduced in our college in loving memory of late Dr Sr Sheila kannath CMC, former HOD, Department of English and was blessed and inaugurated by Fr. Sabu Cyraic on 19/09/2022.
- ➤ In association with Ahalia FM 90.4, a Radio jockey competition was conducted on 19/12/2022.
- ➤ Recordings and Editing of 9 days Novena in connection with Mercy Day, various Documentaries, Shortfilms, Day Celebrations and Departmental activities were recorded in the studio.

# WOMEN DEVELOPMENT CELL

- ➤ International Yoga Day was celebrated in association with Vaidyaratnam Oushadhashala on 20 June 2022.
- > "Sthree Swasthyam- Revitalising Women's Health", a health awareness talk was conducted in association with Santhigiri Trust on 11-08-2022.
- A one -day pre-marital awareness class was arranged for the Women's Cell members, in association with Kerala Women's Commission on 15-09-2022.
- As a part of the celebration of National Cinema Day, the Women's Cell arranged an invited talk on "Women representation in Malayalam Cinema" on 29-09-2022. The key speaker was Dr. Anu Pappachan, Vimala College, Thrissur.
- A two-day Paper Craft workshop for the women's cell members was organised on 14-10-2022 and 04-11-2022.
- Face Art Contest was organised for the students in connection with Orange Day and Anti-drug campaign on 09-12-2022.

### RESEARCH FORUM

- ➤ The research forum organised the webinar "Research careers in Pharma companies" on 18 June 2022. Students were able to interact with different scientists of Reddy's Laboratory and familiarised with various opportunities in the pharmaceutical research labs.
- ➤ The research forum provided a unique opportunity to interact with Dr Roshitha Kuniyil, Assistant Professor, IIT Palakkad who explained the need to engage in research and contribute to the society.
- ➤ The research forum organised paper presentation competitions on 14/02/2023 for UG and PG students to improve their confidence and presentation skills.

#### **TOURISM CLUB**

- ➤ The Tourism Club was inaugurated in the college under the initiative of the Department of History and Political Science on 27-09-2022. Dr. Silbert Jose inaugurated the club with a message of "Sustainable Tourism".
- rayanaah" a new logo for tourism club was released by the director, DTPC, Palakkad.

- ➤ In association with SANTAMONICA, the tourism Club of Mercy organised a talk on "Tourist Destinations of Palakkad".
- ➤ The Tourism club of mercy in association with Santamonica Travels conducted a quiz competition on "Tourism".
- As part of Tourism day celebration Tourism club members and faculty engaged "Clean Malampuzha Drive" at Malampuzha gardens, Palakkad on 27-09-2022.
- A competition on "Travelogues" was conducted under the initiative of club.

#### **SESREC**

- ➤ The institution, under the auspices of the Social Entrepreneurship, Swachhata and Rural Engagement Cell undertook several activities to create awareness on entrepreneurship, global warming, and management and leadership skills.
- ➤ World Environment Day was observed by a fruit tree sapling sale. A quiz was also conducted and certificates were distributed. The message of greenery was spread through dance and music. Outdoor classrooms took 'Back to Nature' campaigns more strongly. A dance to spread the message of greenery was uploaded in the college YouTube channel.
- ➤ National Entrepreneurship Day was observed by conducting a Fest. A dream-catcher making workshop, in association with Women's Development Cell was conducted and these were sold at the fest.
- ➤ In association with Diwali celebrations, Rangoli and Dream Catcher Competitions were held
- ➤ The SESREC observed National Entrepreneurship day on 4 November 2022 through a fest. The fest had Handicraft, art and food stalls.
- ➤ The "Ban Plastic Back to Cloth Bag" campaign was conducted and students were taught how to stitch cloth bags by Ms. Latha, Subject Expert of the Old Students Association Bags were stitched and a sale was held on 18 November 2022 to observe the World Women Entrepreneurship Day.
- ➤ The National Youth day was celebrated by conducting the Youth Icon Mercy 2023 contest. T.R.Navya Menon of III year English literature was selected as Youth Icon 2023.

#### FINE ARTS CLUB

- ➤ The Fine Arts Club of Mercy college organised the celebrations for Principal's feast day on November 17, 2022.
- ➤ The club conducted a flash mob as part of FIFA world cup 2022 on 28 November 2022 at the college.
- ➤ The cultural events for related to the inauguration of the Student union was held on 16 December 2022 at college auditorium was conducted by Fine arts club.
- ➤ "Srishti"- Arts Day 2022-23 was organised on 1 February 2023 and was inaugurated by Ms. Shivada and Mr. Sumesh Chandran.
- ➤ The club conducted a COSPLAY competition on 3 February 2023 at the college

#### ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT CELL

- ➤ An Entrepreneur support program was organised for the textile dealers in Palakkad on 11 April 2022.
- ➤ Entrepreneurship Development Club and Department of commerce conducted an Industrial Visit for students of D3 B.Com Finance and B.Com CA to KAMCO, Angamaly, Ernakulam on 13 and 16 June respectively.
- ➤ The merchandise programme "Frostie Fete" was organised by E D Club in association with College Union on 22 December 2022.

➤ The Ice Cream Parlour became operational under the E D Club at the campus. It was inaugurated by the Vice Principal Dr.Sr. Jorry T.F. on 1 February 2023.

#### CAREER GUIDANCE & PLACEMENT CELL

- An Orientation Programme was conducted for the final year U.G and P.G students on 1.6.2022. The Orientation Programme was conducted by Dr. Fr. Raju Chakkanattu SDB, the founding Director of Don Bosco Global Education, Palakkad and former Principal of Don Bosco College, Mannuthy.
- ➤ The Career Guidance and Placement Cell of the college co-ordinated the Lakshya Mega Job fest conducted by the District Employment Exchange, Palakkad in association with ICA Edu Skills Pvt. Ltd. on 4.6.2022.
- The Career Guidance and Placement Cell collaborated with various departments of the college to offer a 36-hour certificate programme to students. Nine batches were given employability skill training. The programme was held as part of Mahindra and Mahindra&#39 CSR project. The 6-day (36-hour) offline programme for employability skills was organised with the goal of teaching life skills, soft skills, communication skills, and interview techniques.
- A one-hour session on various life skills and soft skills by Chinchu K Bhavani, (trainer for the Mahindra pride class room -certificate course) was held on 22.7.2022.
- An awareness programme was conducted by Canapprove Consultancy Services on 27/10/2022. The programme aimed to make students aware of the range of educational and employment opportunities available to those studying abroad.
- The awareness programme "Career Opportunity in Public /Central Government Sectors" was held on 1/12/2022. The programme was organised by Wellguide Academy. G.Natarajan, Rtd scientist from CSIR took a session on soft skills.
- A six-month coaching class on various entrance exams was started on 16 August 20222. Classes were handled by an eminent faculty of Wellguide Academy.
- ➤ The Career Guidance and Placement Cell coordinated the Niyukthi Job Fest 2022 on 3-12-2022 conducted by the National Employability Centre (Kerala) and District Employment Exchange Palakkad.

#### MINORITY CELL

The Minority Cell of Mercy College in collaboration with CCMY, Palakkad and Minority Cell, District Collectorate, Palakkad observed Minority Rights Day on 20 Dec 2022. The keynote Address was delivered by Sri.N.Haridas Bodh, Chairman, Mahabodhi Charitable Trust and Boudh Samaj, Kerala.

#### PTA

- ➤ The PTA contributed an approximate amount of rupees 6.5 lakhs towards the salary of non-teaching staff.
- ➤ It extended financial support for the smooth functioning of the Career Guidance cell of the college.
- Financial aid (approx. 3 lakhs) was provided for paying university registration fees/affiliation fees for new courses and unaided courses.
- > The services rendered by the retiring staff on the retirement day was acknowledged with thanks and honorariums were given.
- > The Chrisanta trust scholarship was awarded to the meritorious students.
- Financial support to physical education department was provided.

- ➤ The PTA spent an approximate amount of rupees 7 lakhs for the renovation of the reception of the college.
- ➤ The insurance policy of the students was renewed by the PTA; thereby, the life of students and their earning parent was insured.
- ➤ The PTA honoured the rank holders and the meritorious students of each department with cash prizes with trophies on Merit Day.

#### **ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION**

- $\triangleright$  Executive meetings were held on 23/7/22, 21/12/22 and 21/02/23.
- A Home Science Centre functions at the Alumnae block, where financially weak students are given training in skills like tailoring and embroidery. The timings are adjusted to accommodate the students of the college as much as possible. Several women from the nearby locality also make use of the training facility.
- ➤ Christmas was celebrated at the Alumnae block on 21.12.2022 with colourful activities.
- A reception was given to the outgoing students on 21.2.2023.

#### SOUHRIDA ASSOCIATION OF MERCY-SAM

The Annual General Body Meeting of SAM (Souhrida Association of Mercy) was held in the Seminar Hall, Mercy College on 30 March 2022. After interaction with the retired staff, the faculty and Staff formally bid farewell to Smt. Mariyamma John (HOD Department of Physics) and Dr. Sheelakumari (HOD, Department of Political Science).

On the joyous occasion of the 59<sup>th</sup> annual day celebrations of Mercy College, my feelings of gratitude are extended to His Excellency Mar Peter Kochupuraickal, Bishop, Diocese of Palakkad; most respected Dr. Mary Matilda, Former Principal, Maharaja's College, Ernakulam; Fr. Joshi Pulikottil, College Chaplain and Vicar, St. Raphael's Cathedral; Rev. Mother Dr. Sr. Leoni, Manager and Provincial Superior, Jai Christo Province, Palakkad; Rev. Dr. Sr. Eushma, Local Manager, Mercy College; Dr. Sr. Roseanne, Educational Counsellor, Jai Christo Province, Educational Agency Palakkad; Dr. Sr. Jorry T.F., Vice-Principal; and Mr. Raveendran P.V, PTA President.

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Let me express my gratitude to all the other sisters of Mercy Convent and Mercy Home, Jayamatha, Kanikkamatha, Koduthirapully and Jai Christo convents for their sincere co-operation. I thank the press, media, depts of telecommunication, electricity, police, fire force, municipality and each and every one present here. I also take this opportunity to acknowledge the earnest efforts and support of the faculty, non-teaching staff and students. Thanking the Amighty and Mother of Mercy for guiding us in our endeavours towards perfection and excellence, let me conclude. Thank you.