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GOLDEN JUBILEE YEAR 2013-'14

Principal's Column



A new dawn, a new academic year has begun with lot of happiness and expectations. Our college is celebrating its Golden Jubilee this year. The academic community of St.Xavier's College for Women,Aluva is actively engaged in a vast spectrum of activities ranging from Exhibitions, Seminars as well as service oriented programmes such as organ donation, building houses for the needy and other activities for the upliftment of the deprived section of the society.Let us hope that all our dreams and work become fruitful. I wish all Xaverians a year filled with joy and blessings.

Rev. Sr. Reethamma

The academic year 2013-'14 is very significant for St. Xavier's College, Aluva. Our College is celebrating its 50 years of service in the field of women's education. The inauguration of the Golden Jubilee year of our college was held on 7 July 2013 with the Holy Mass. The Chief celebrant was Rt. Rev. Francis Kallarackal, Archbishop of Verapoly. The co-celebrants were Fr. Francis, Fr. Collins Elanjikkal, Fr. Joseph Vellayil, Fr. Joseph Oliparambil and Fr. Vibin. A power point presentation depicting the history of the



college was put up on the occasion. The **Jubilee Logo** was released by Rev. Francis Kallarackal and the **Jubilee anthem** was released by Rev. Provincial Superior, Sr Claudit. The Jubilee Anthem was sung to the accompaniment of music by the College Choir and the **music club** comprising of 50 students. The Jubilee logo embodies the Jubilee motto "excellence and enlightenment through education".

i) **GRATIA** was an eventful programme held in our college to honour all the retired teaching and non-teaching staff, who rendered selfless service to this prestigious institution. The function was presided over by Rev. Mother Liza, Rev. Mother Claudit, Sri Anwar Sadath and also the former Principals- Rev. Sr. Infanta, Rev .Sr. Speciosa, Rev. Sr. Charles and the present Principal Rev. Sr. Reethamma. Mr. Tony Daniel, the former H.O.D of the Physical Education Department was also present

ii) It was a great occasion on 5.7.2013 that the former faculties of our college, Sr. Bencitta, Marie Morice, Sr. Damian who served in our institution from the time of its inception, were felicitated in an elaborate ceremony organized in the Seminar hall. They were honoured with mementos and ponnadas

UGC Sponsored Orientation Programme

The Dept of Student Service of MGU in association with our college organized a **UGC sponsored orientation programme for teachers on Women Empowerment** in July. Ms. Mini Antony, Ms. Lida Jacob spoke on the Occasion. Dr. Rajan Varughese, Pro- Vice Chancellor, M.G. University, Kottayam delivered a lecture.



IQAC Seminar

Two days State level workshop was conducted at St. Xavier's College for Women, Aluva on 29th and 30th of August 2013. The workshop was inaugurated by Dr. A. P. Padhi, former Vice Chancellor of Berhampur University, Odisha. Dr. Sheena Shukkur, Pro.V.C. of M.G. University delivered the Keynote address. Dr. M.B. Baby, of Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, Kalamassery felicitated the occasion. Rev. Sr. Reethamma gave the Presidential address on the occasion. Dr. M.K. Radhakrishnan (Singapur National



University), Dr. Edward Edezhath (St. Alberts College, Ernakulam), Mr. Joshy Varghese (Rajagiri College), Dr. Mary Mettilda (Former Principal Maharajas College, Ernakulam), Dr. Molly Kuruvilla (Calicut University) and Mr. Rajeev S.R. (Rajagiri College, Kalamassery) were the resource persons. Dr. Harry Cletus, (Principal, St. Alberts College, Ernakulam) led the panel discussions. The Programme Convenor was Dr. Sr. Benedicta.

ASAP

Additional Skill Acquisition Programme (ASAP), a joint initiative of Higher Education and General Education Department, Govt of Kerala is designed and being implemented to impart skills to higher secondary and college students along with their regular studies. Our College was selected as one of the training partner institution for ASAP. The Programme started on May 7 and completed on May 27. Anwar Sadath, MLA inaugurated the event. 6 teachers from the Dept. of English and two faculty specialized in IT engaged the students. Ms. Bindhu Vargheese of the Dept of English was the Course Director. Students from various districts attended the Residential Programme. They took up the final exam conducted by the British Council and the pass percentage was 100%.



NCC

- The NCC unit of our college functions under 7 (k) girls Bn NCC, Thrissur
- The Independence Day was celebrated by organizing a rally on August 15 in association with NSS. Rev Sr. Reethamma hoisted the National Flag



NSS ACTIVITIES 2013-14

- A meeting was arranged in association with Regional Blood Transfusion Centre, General Hospital Aluva and IMA Madhya Kerala on World Blood Donor Day. Sri. M.T. Jacob, Municipal Chairman, Aluva officially inaugurated the meeting as well as the activities of NSS for the current year. Dr. N Radhakrishnan, Vice-President, IMA gave the keynote address.
- A poster exhibition was organised as a part of Anti Drug Day.
- Mini Camp of NSS was from 26th July to 28th July. The camp was inaugurated by Shri. Chinnan T Pynadathu, Environmentalist, Aluva. Activities included ice breaking session, campus cleaning, seminar on 'Child Marriage and The Awakened Kerala'. There was classes on Environmental issues and mitigation strategies by Shri Chinnan T Pynadathu, and personal crisis management by Shri. Sudheer Panicker, OISCA Secretary, Aluva chapter.
- NSS observed World Hepatitis Day. A talk on 'Hepatitis' was delivered by Dr. N Vijayakumar, Medical Officer, Blood Bank, Aluva. A poster designing competition was also arranged for the high school students.
- Formed "Mukthisena", an Anti- Narcotic cell in the college in association with Union of Residents Associations, Aluva. Shri. Chinnan T Pynadathu, General Secretary, URAA officially inaugurated the Cell.
- "Malala Aikadhardya Dinacharanam" was observed on August 2nd. The function was inaugurated by Smt. Lissy Abraham, Vice-Chairperson, Aluva Municipality.
- A class on Anti-ragging by Adv. Anjaly Cyrus was arranged for the students of our college on 2 Aug..



A blood donation camp was held in the college in association with Blood Bank, Aluva on World Blood Donor Day.



Research Promotion Council

The research promotion council was inaugurated on June 14, 2013 by the Vice Principal, Dr. Sr. Benedicta. The Research promotion council organizes Paper presentations for teachers and students from various colleges. The participants will be awarded with certificates and the best papers will be published in the college journal DISCOURSE

World Environment Day Celebrations

The World Environment Day was observed in our college in association with NSS, Dept of Microbiology, Dept of Commerce, OISCA International, Aluva Chapter, Non-teaching staff and **Bhoomithra club** on June 5. The faculty and students participated in the events and an exhibition of medicinal plants was also organized. World environment day celebrations was inaugurated by the Aluva Municipal Education Standing committee Chairman Sri. Fazil Hussain on. Pledge for the protection of environment was also taken by the OISCA (Organization for Industrial, Spiritual & Cultural Association International). Vegetable seeds and saplings were distributed. A seminar was also held on 'Jaiva pachakkarikrishi'.

Tourism Club also took great enthusiasm to make the event a grand one. The members of the club extended their activities outside the college and participated in the Rally and Public meeting organized by Organisation for Environmental protection Aluva.

Free Eye Camp was held in collaboration with Little Flower Hospital, Ankamaly on the same day, and selected members were referred for free eye operation. Seminar on Nutrition & Life style diseases was taken by Dr. Leena Saju, Diet Consultant, KIMS Hospital, Kochi.

Various competitions, slide show, presentations, debate, essay writing etc. were held on the focal theme.



ACTIVITIES OF THE WOMEN'S STUDY CENTRE

The Women's study centre's activities for the academic year 2013-14 was inaugurated on 19 July 2013 by Prof. Meera Bhai, Co-ordinator of Women Study Centre, CUSAT. She also delivered a speech on the occasion. As the part of the Inauguration a street play 'Pandhamendhiya Pennungal' was organized by **Drama Club** and Prayan 2013-14 was organized by **Dance Club**.

As a part of International Women's Day celebration, The Women Study Centre of our college in association with YWCA conducted a seminar on the topic "Women Empowerment." The seminar was inaugurated by Adv. Radhika, (Kerala High Court)

DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES

BOTANY



The activities of Botany Association was Inaugurated on 22 July by Dr Lizzy Mathew, Associate Prof, Dept of Botany, St Teresa's College, Ernakulam and she delivered a talk on 'Mushroom cultivation'.

As a part of Environment day celebrations on 5 June a movie was shown to the students of St. Francis School, Aluva and medicinal plants were also planted in the garden of Botany Department.



On 18.6.2013- **LOTUS Nature club** (Registered under Encon club of BPCL) was inaugurated by Dr. Kochu Baby Manjooran, Dpty Manager, Energy and conservation Dept, Kochi refineries ltd.

On 17 July, on the occasion of Karkidakam First there was an exhibition on Dasapushpam.

On 23 July a Mega Event was organised in the Department. The event consisted of Food fest; Mehendi Fest; exhibition cum sale of medicinal and ornamental plants and crafts items.

CHEMISTRY

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On Aug 3, An Alumni gathering was organized in the Department. 75 former students and 5 retired teachers attended the event. Green pens made by the present batch were gifted to the former students.

COMMERCE

The Department of Commerce in association with Kerala Action Force, GP charitable Trust, Vazhakulam Grama Panchayat, WIMA-IMA constructed a house for a widow in Vazhakulam Panchayat

Department alumni association was officially formed and inaugurated by MG University Syndicate Member and Former head of the department of Commerce, St. Xaviers College Aluva by Prof. Dr. Somasekharan Unni on 13th July 2013.



The Department in association with **ED Club** organized a 2 day workshop on leadership skills for II year B com students by KMH IQBAL, Faculty member Kied Master Trainer Nehru Yuva Kendra

Our 1985-1988 B com batch celebrated their 25th year. As a part of the celebration an alumni meeting of that batch was held on 15th August 2013.

ECONOMICS

The activities of the Planning Forum and Economic Association was inaugurated by Adv. Jayshankar, Social Activist and Political Analyst and anchor of 'Varanthyam', India Vision on Aug 19 and gave a talk on '**Socio economic and Political scenario**' and released a manuscript 'SANKALP'.

Under the auspices of Human Rights Forum, a talk was given on **Human Rights Violation** by Adv. Sandhya George, Legal Advisor of Human Rights Network, KELSA. A power point presentation on 'Human Rights Violation on Koodamkulam' was presented by the students. They also arranged an awareness campaign in our college and presented a skit on 'Constitutional Rights in India'.

The meeting of the Alumni of the Department was organized on 10 August. The meeting was presided by Principal Rev.Sr. Reethama. The meeting began by paying homage to retired Prof. Rebecca Mathen, former HOD of the Department who passed away in July.



Adv. Jayshankar inaugurating the activities of the Planning Forum and Economic Association



Sri V. S. Vijayan inaugurating the seminar.

ENGLISH

The Post Graduate Department of English, in association with **Tourism Club** and Association for Environmental Protection, organized a two day **U G C Sponsored National Seminar on “ Literature and Environment: Deep Ecological Perspectives”** on 11&12 of July. Sri V. S. Vijayan, Chairman, Salim Ali Foundation, gave the inaugural lecture. Various sessions were held by experts from the field. Dr. B Hariharan, Dr. Tessy Antony, Dr. C S Jayaram and Dr. Nityananda Bhatt led the sessions. Prof. Lincy Joseph, HOD, Dr. Lima Antony and Dr. Milon Franz spoke on the occasion.

III year lit students organized a Food Festival in order to raise funds to help the needy on 15 July. Students and teachers from all the Departments took part in the event.

An **Inter Collegiate Workshop** was organized on 22 July on “Linguistics”. Mr. Chandrachoodan guided the session. Post graduate students and teachers from various colleges attended the programme. III year Communicative English students organized an exhibition and sale of cards and bands on 2nd Aug. as a part of Friendship Day Celebration. On August 10 an Alumni meet was organized in the Department.

HINDI



The Department of Hindi celebrated 133rd birthday of the litterateur, Munshi Premchand, on 31st July 2013. Dr. Shila Pappoo (Rtd. Associate Professor, Hindi Department, St.Xavier's College for Women, Aluva.) was the Chief Guest.She gave a speech **Introducing Premchand** to the students. An inter departmental quiz competition was held and 18 teams participated. In the event, Dept. of Mathematics won the first prize.

MALAYALAM



A Vayana Varam was organized during the third week of June by the Malayalam Department in association with *Readers and Writers Club* of the college and various literary competitions were held as part of the week.

On 21 June, The Malayalam Dept in association with Aluva Thaluk Library and Thrissur Vailoppally Memorial Council organized **Kavyamadhuri**. There was also a seminar on **Kalyana Saugandhikam** by Shri. K P Sankar and a class on **Thullal** was also arranged. In the afternoon session **Kalyana Saugandhikam Sheethangan Thullal** was performed by Kalamandalam Arun R.

The Department organized a Food Festival on June 24. Students and teachers from all the Departments took part in the event. Students of the Department Organised a 'Payasam Mela' on 26 August.

MATHEMATICS



The activities of Mathematics association for the year 2013-2014 was inaugurated by Prof. A. Krishnamoorthy (CUSAT) on 26 July. The inauguration was followed by a talk on "**Introduction to Stochastic Modelling**"

Department of Mathematics organized an interdepartmental Mathematics Quiz on 26 July. From the participants from various Departments, Department of Physics won the Prize.

The Mathematics Dept in association with All India Lawyers Union (A I L U) and N S S SXC organized a Seminar on the topic "**CHILD MARRIAGE AND RENAISSANCE KERALA**" on 26 July.

MICROBIOLOGY

The activities of Microbiology Association was inaugurated by Dr. T .Thomas Philip, Former Principal of UC College, Aluva on July 9th. He delivered a talk on the topic **Transplantation Immunity**. Departmental Journal Club was inaugurated by Dr.Sybila Pius Fernandez on the same day. During the inauguration, paper presentations were made by our PG students. Paper Presentation was also done by PG students as a part of the Research promotion Council activity.

On 9 July Department of Microbiology in association with **Debate club** of the college organized a Debate competition on the topic "Light Pollution and Energy conservation". Many teams participated in the event and the Department of Chemistry won the first position.



The College Basketball Team

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Our Basketball team participated in the Golden Jubilee All Kerala Inter Collegiate Basketball tournament held at Assumption College Changanaserry from 5th to 7th of August 2013, and won the winner's trophy.

PHYSICS



The activities of Physics Association was inaugurated on 04th July 2013 by Dr. Anand Narayanan, Assistant Professor, Earth and Space Sciences, IIST, Thiruvananthapuram and he delivered a talk on **The Univesre We Know**.

III DC students along with the faculty visited Carmel Old Age Home on 2nd August 2013.

Dr. Sujatha N. V. attended Orientation Programme at Academic Staff College, Thiruvananthapuram on 21.06.13 - 18.06.13. Our Department Conducted an Alumni meet on 10th August 2013.

III DC students Sruthy P.P, Anu Yohannan, Aleena Jose, Minu Elizabeth and Haritha P R attended the intercollegiate Seminar on "Projects in Physics" conducted at Morning star Home Science College, Angamaly on 29.07.13

ZOOLOGY

On 30-7-2013 the Department of Zoology observed the World Hepatitis Day. Dr N Vijayakumar, Director, Blood Bank, Aluva inaugurated the event & gave an awareness talk. A number of students from the nearby schools participated in the session. The Department also organized an intercollegiate quiz & inter school poster designing contest.

The Department started observing the first working day of every month as charity day & the students & staff is contributing an amount to the patients of Dialysis Unit, Aluva.

The Department organized an alumni meet on 10th August. Old students & teachers added colour to the event. A handmade bag exhibition by our alumnus, Divitha Xavier was also organized in the campus.

The inauguration of activities of Zoology Association and Observation of World Mosquito Day was done by Dr. Haseena Muhammed, D.M.O, Ernakulam on August 23rd. This was followed by a talk on "Mosquito Menace" by Smt. Sumayya, District Malaria Officer, Ernakulam. Our students presented an awareness skit on "Mosquito Menace" among the inmates of Janaseva Sishubhavan and members of Velleiyathunadu Harijan Colony and distributed leaflets on mosquito borne diseases and its control measures. Students also set an aquarium for the inmates of Janaseva Sishubhavan.

The **Quiz Club** organized an Intercollegiate Quiz Competition in association with Dept. of Zoology on 30th July as part of World Hepatitis Day. Theme- 'Hepatitis- Know it. Confront It'. 5 teams participated in the event. Dept. of Zoology won the first prize.



College Library

As a part of 'Reading week', English Department in association with the Library of our college organized a **Spelling Bee Competition and Poetry Reading Competition** on June 19.

Our College library got registered as a part of **INFLIBNET** and all the students will be given password to access the library.

Non-Teaching Staff

Non teaching staff organized a grand function to congratulate the students who scored A+ for all the subjects in 10th std.

Moulding the New Generation

An Orientation programme was organized for the first year students on 11 and 12 of July. Adv. Charlie Paul delivered lectures on the topics dealing with the life of youth.

A Counseling session for the First Year Students was organized on 15 July. Fr. Dais gave the essential guidance for the students.

Two day retreat was organized for Xaverians on 20 and 21 of August

STUDENTS ACHIEVEMENTS

Malavika K B of is the university topper with A+ grade in CBCSS B.com MG University degree examination.



Reshma Mary Zachariah of the Dept of Zoology won the first prize with cash award for the National level essay contest on the topic "Role of youth towards a corruption free society" organized by Xavier Board of Higher Education in India

Sargapatham 17 Literary Pentathlon' organized at Sacred Heart's college Thevara, Arya. S. Nair, Pearl Augustine and Amrutha Elizabeth of the Dept. of English won the First Prize in Quiz and our College won the Second position in the event.

TEACHER'S ACHIEVEMENTS

Teacher's who were Awarded PhD



Dr Aparna Lakshmanan S. received Kerala State Young Scientist Award for the year 2012.



Ms. Milon Franz



Sr. Stella Grace



Ms. Lima Antony



Ms. Mercy Varghese



➤ **Dr. Cicily Pearly Alex**, Head of the Department of Physical Education is selected as the Member of Board of studies of Physical Education for the year 2013-2015. She was one of the Technical official from India for the conduct of 20th Asian Athletic championship held at Shiv Chathrapathi stadium, Pune from 3rd -7th July 2013.

➤ **Mrs. Revathy.S** has won First Prize with cash award & certificate from Shri. K Babu, Hon. Minister for Excise, Port and Fisheries, Government of Kerala for the State Level Safety Essay (English) Competition for General Public, conducted by National Safety Council (Kerala Chapter) in connection with the National Safety Day Celebrations, 2013. Mrs. Revathy.S also received a certificate of recognition for her insightful composition submitted to the International essay Contest for young people organized by the Goi Peace Foundation & UNESCO.

Social Awareness Campaign

- A Street play 'Pandhamendiya Pennungal' on the life of Irom Sharmila was organized in our college in association with Dept of Economics, Women Study centre, Human Rights Club and Theatre Club on 19 July.

Our Nightingales

- On 15 June, as part of the Death Centenary Celebration "The Shathabthi Geetham Competition" was held among various C T C institutions and our Non-Teaching staff won the first prize for Nadan Pattu and the teaching staff won the II Prize.
- On 16 July, as a part of the Golden Jubilee Celebration a college level Nadan Pattu Competition was organized and the Dept of Commerce won the First Prize.



Music Club of our college was inaugurated on 14 June 2013



The students of our college attended a Magic show organized at Aluva Town Hall by Jana Seva Sishubhavan

At a Glance



Our College was one venue for the 'Youth Club' programme on Asianet



III Lit students and students of the Dept of Physics visited the exhibition conducted at INS Sarveshak, Naval Base, Kochi on 21st June in connection with the World Hydrography Day.