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GOLDEN JUBILEE YEAR 2013-'14

Inauguration of Golden Jubilee Celebrations by Dr. A. P. J Abdul Kalam

The Golden jubilee celebration of St. Xavier's College for Women was inaugurated by the former President, Dr. A. P. J Abdul Kalam on 27th of December 2013. Dr. Kalam planted a Fig sapling on the occasion and spoke on the topic ***Women are empowered, nation is empowered.*** The function was presided over by our General Manager Rev Sr. Liza CTC. Principal Rev. Sr. Reethamma welcomed the gathering. Rev Msgr. Alex Vadakkumthala, K P Dhanapalan MP, Anwar Sadath MLA and Prof. Vijaya Kumar Ambat spoke on the occasion.

Mega Medical camp

A Mega Medical camp was organized in collaboration with Renai Medicity and Vasan eye care. Dr.Thomas Varughese, Oncologist, Renai Medicity inaugurated the camp, followed by a talk on the topic 'Prevention of Breast Cancer'.

Principal's Column

St. Xavier's College for Women completes its 50 years of academic excellence this year. It is indeed a great pleasure that our college celebrated its Golden Jubilee with full grandeur. This year was an amalgamation of our hopes, dreams, prayers and expectations. I thank the staff, students and well wishers for making this Golden Jubilee year a memorable one and I wish all Xaverians a bright and fulfilling year.

Aadharam 2013

Fifty selected alumni of the college were honoured as the part of Golden Jubilee celebrations. Muncipal Chairman, Mr. M O John, our Principal Rev. Sr. Reethamma, former Principals and retired teachers were present for the function.

Sri. Kochouseph Chittillapilly inaugurated the project **"Jyothirgamaya"** (Vision 2020). On the same day an **Organ Donation campaign** was also organised in the campus and the consent letters of 250 students and 50 teachers was handed over to Sri. Kochuouseph Chittillapilly.

NCC

NCC cadets got a golden opportunity to pilot Dr. A P J Abdul Kalam on the occasion of Golden Jubilee year Inauguration.

Cadets attended annual training camp at Vimala college, Thrissur and Pre Tal Sainik Camp held at MES College, Marampally. Sneha Jose of our college won the best cadet award. Cadets also participated in blood donation, anti plastic campaign, anti-drugs campaign, AIDS day campaign and old age home visit.

NSS

A class on Cervical cancer led by Dr. Jissy George Kurian was organized in association with WIMA on 17th of January for students and members of Widow Welfare Forum.

Volunteers attended Seven Day Special Camp at Veliyathunad Harijan Colony which included a free medical camp, making of vegetable garden, planting medicinal plants and setting a library "Pusthaka Thottil". Volunteers also removed the plastic wastes, cleaned and planted ornamental plants in the premises of Aluva Railway Station and nearby areas.

Volunteers also participated in-

Vijnana Yathra' on 28th September organised by Mithradam, cleaning college campus and premises on Gandhi Jayanthi, the pain and palliative care training programme at Anwar pain and palliative care unit, the District Level inauguration of AIDS awareness campaign, "Thuyilunarthu", "Sujithwa Haritholsavam 2013", a project of Nedumbasserry Grama Panchayath, the "Shuchithwayajna Rally with the theme Pure air, water and soil for Man", planting 250 saplings at Harithavanam, a project of District Tourism Promotion Council, a signature campaign to save the public from the fatal attacks of stray dogs, The Anti-Narcotics Rally organised by URAA, Residents Association, IMA Madhya Kerala, Kerala Action Force and Janamythri Police in Aluva town on 31st December, "Ardram: One Rupee per day, Splendid Smiles Every day" Dialysis project to lend financial support to the needy patients and in the construction of 5 houses.

Padmashri Dr. M. Leelavathy Inaugurating the Open forum

WOMEN CELL

- Women Cell conducted an inter-collegiate cultural competition 'Excellentia-2013', on the topic 'Women Issues' on 12 Dec 2013. The fest was inaugurated by our Principal Rev. Sr. Reethamma.
- Women Cell conducted an Open Forum - an interaction with empowered women in various walks of life, on 10 Feb 2014. The programme was inaugurated by Padmashri Dr. M. Leelavathy.

One day Seminar on "Women in Science" was organized by the Science Departments and the Women study center of the College on 7 th March 2014. Seminar was inaugurated by the 'Missile Women of India', Dr. Tessy Thomas, Scientist, DRDO, Hyderabad. Other speakers of the day were Dr. Asha Gopalakrishnan, Department of Statistics, CUSAT, Dr. Sarita G Bhat, Dept of Biotechnology, CUSAT, Dr. Geetha Ramkumar,Scientist,VSSC, Thiruvananthapuram and Dr. Sreekala M.S, Asst Professor , Department of Chemistry, Sree Sankara College.

Dr. Tessy Thomas inaugurating the seminar

COLLEGE UNION ELECTION

Members swearing the oath

The College Union election was held in the month of February 2013. The elected members are

Name of the Post	Name	Class
Chairperson	Pearl Augustine	II B.A Comm. Eng
Vice Chairperson	Reshma K.s	II Bsc Chemistry
General Secretary	Jain Mary Sajeev	II B.A Eng
Editor of the College Magazine	Libya Alias	II BA Comm Eng
Arts Club Secretary	Karthika S	III Bsc Maths

COLLEGE UNION AND ARTS CLUB INAUGURATION

The College Union for the year 2013-14 was officially inaugurated by the distinguished Chief Guest of the day Smt. Sushama Sreekandath (Senior Vice Presi dent and chief-operating officer of AVT Mc.Cormick Ingredients Pvt. Ltd) on 4 Feb 2014 and The Arts-club was inaugurated by cine artist Miss Namitha Pramod by lighting the lamp and bursting the poppers.

XAVERIAN DAY

Xaverian Day commenced with the Holy Mass in the Parish Church on Dec 3 and was followed by an array of cultural programmes in the college auditorium. Principal Rev. Sr. Reethamma addressed the gathering and conveyed the feast day wishes. The celebrations began with the welcome address of the Chairperson, Pearl Augustine.

College day Celebration

Dr. Dileep Kumar addressing the Gathering

The college day was celebrated on 3 March 2014. The chief guest of the day was Dr. Dileep Kumar, Vice Chancellor of Sree Sankara Sanskrit University, Kalady. The afternoon session was made more colourful with cultural programmes and the Xaverians were spellbound by the performance of the Indian Voice fame Aslem.

NAZAARA

In connection with the Golden Jubilee Celebration, the college union 2013-14 organised a shopping expo named 'NAZAARA 2014'. It was inaugurated by Principal Rev. Sr Reethamma. It was a true shopping experience for all the visitors.

RITHU College youth festival began on 3 Feb 2014.

DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES

BOTANY

As a part of Academic week celebration a talk on " Lichen biodiversity " was delivered by Dr. Stephen Sequiera, Asst. Professor, Dept. of Botany, St. Albert's college, Ernakulam.

Paaristhithikam Project which is funded by Department of Environment and Climate Change, Government of Kerala was inaugurated by Anwar Sadath , MLA on 10 Jan 2014.

As a part of Paaristhithikam students cleaned the Periyar river side and KTDC park and series of lectures were delivered by eminent personalities. Department also organized a rally and took initiative to place waste disposal bins at Aluva Manappuram.

Anwar Sadath MLA inaugurating the project

CHEMISTRY

The department organised seminars and lectures on various topics, the sessions included talks on "Nano Polymers" by Dr. Sreekala.M.S Assistant professor Sree Sankara college Kalady on 3rd September; on "Science and Life" by Mr. K. J. Jerly on 29th January 2014; on "Dr. Kasturirangan report on Western Ghats" by Mr. Ajaykumar,Chief town planner ,Town and country planning ,Govt. of Kerala on 2nd February 2014.

The Department conducted a series of chemistry exhibition- 'Chimie Magic'.

Mole day was celebrated and in connection with it an inter departmental cross word competition was also organised.

As part of the **Go Green Project,** a work shop on making of paper bags and paper pens was organised.

COMMERCE

On the occasion of Research Centre inauguration

The Research Centre in the Dept. Of Commerce was inaugurated on 9th December by Honourable Vice Chancellor of MG University Dr. A.V.George.

Commerce Journal "XJORC", was released on 9th December by Dr. P K Someshekaran Unni, the former Head of the Department and Syndicate member of MG University.

Three houses were constructed by the Dept. of Commerce in association with Kerala Action Force, IMA Madhya Kerala and G P Charitable Trust

The department conducted an awareness class on Cervical cancer on 19th December.

One day Self Employment Training programme was organized on 12th September for women and students.

As a part of Academic Week, the department arranged a session by Dr. Ratheesh Ambat on "Personality Development and Soft Skill Training".

HINDI

In connection with the academic week celebrations, the Department of Hindi conducted various programmes on 29 Jan 2014. The programme was named "Khel Khel Mein". The intention of the program was to encourage the students to use Hindi as a medium of communication and the students wholeheartedly took part in it.

ECONOMICS

Dr. Thomas Isaac MLA inaugurating the lecture series

As part of Human Rights Day, the department organized a talk on "Environmental Protection and Human Rights" by noted environmentalist and human rights activist, Adv. Harish Vasudevan, on December 10th 2013. A power point presentation was also done on 'Western Ghats Conservation: Gadgil Committee report"

The department instituted an annual lecture series in memory of our co-foundress Mother Magdeline. The lecture was inaugurated by Dr. Thomas Issac MLA, on January 2nd 2014. Dr. Thomas Issac delivered the first lecture on the topic: 'What do the markets say? Stock indices and Economic conditions'.

As part of the academic week, the department organised a talk on " Social Security measures of government of Kerala" in association with Kerala Social Security Mission on 29th January 2014. The talk was delivered by Shri. Baiju, Regional Co ordinator, Social Security Mission.

Xaverian Accelerated Literacy Programme (XALP) in association with the Kerala Literacy Mission, the students of the department who have undergone training by DIET are handling 7th standard equivalency classes of the Literacy mission in their own panchayats

ENGLISH

Ms.Shiney Antony in the association

The activities of the English Association was inaugurated by popular Indian English writer Ms. Shiney Antony on 10th of January 2014 and the manuscript magazine 'Cantatio' was also released. The UGC national seminar proceedings "Literature and Environment: Deep Ecological Perspectives" with ISBN was released by her on the same day.

A seminar was conducted for the final year Communicative English students on 'Editor's role and duties in Indian Scenario' by K A Shaji, Senior Correspondent of 'The Hindu' on November 26, 2013.

During the academic week the dept. organized debates and poster designing competitions

Journalist M P Basheer of India Vision was invited to the department for a session on "T. V news reproduction and Reporting" on 6th December 2013.

MALAYALAM

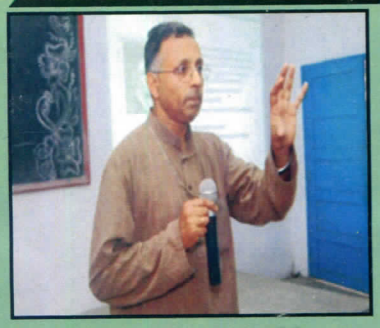
Malayalam Literary Association and Sahithyolsavam was inaugurated by Sri. K Jayakumar I A S, Vice Chancellor, Malayalam University on 25th September 2013. The manuscript Magazine *Akshari* was also released on the same day.

Sreshtabhashavaracharanam, organised from 1st November to 7th November 2013 was inaugurated by Sri. Anwar Sadath MLA. Dr. V.P Markose, Associate Professor, Department of Malayalam, U.C College Aluva, delivered the Keynote address on "Malayala Bhashayum Malayaliyude Jeevithavum". Madhuram Malayalam Programme in association with Mathrubhumi was also inaugurated on this occasion.

Sri K Jayakumar I A S inaugurating Malayalam Literary association

A lecture series was organized in the Dept. The eminent personalities who delivered lectures are Dr. K.S Ravikumar, Dr. V.P Markose, Dr Amritha, Prof. M.K Sanu, Shri. Margi Madhu and Dr. K Sreekumar. In connection with the academic week on 28th January 2014, the department conducted a performance of Nangyar Koothu by Dr. Indu G, Nepathya Gurukulam in collaboration with SPICMACAY (Society for Promote Classical Music Art and Culture Among Youth). Sri. Margi Madhu Chakyar, Master Sreehari Nepathya, Kalamandalam Jinesh, Kalamandalam Manikandan also took part in this progamme.

MATHEMATICS



Prof. K N Raghavan addressing the students

A half day seminar was conducted on 24th January and Prof. K. N. Raghavan, Institute of Mathematical Sciences, Chennai, spoke on the topic 'Constructions using ruler and compass-An application of Algebra to Geometry'.

As a part of academic week, the department organized a seminar on the topic ' Logic and Quantitative Aptitude for Competitive Exams', by Ms. Pramada Ramachandran, Asst. Professor, Dept. of Mathematics, St. Paul's College, Kalamassery.

The department actively participated in coordinating Madhava Mathematics Competition, a Mathematics competition for undergraduate students organized by Department of Mathematics, S.P. College, Pune and Homi Bhabha Centre for Science Education, T.I.F.R. Mumbai. Dr. Aparna Lakshmanan is the state co ordinator of the same.

MICROBIOLOGY/BIOCHEMISTRY

Dr. Santhosh Varughese inaugurating the National Seminar

- Department of Microbiology organized a **National Seminar** on **'IMMUNE DISORDERS AND RECENT TRENDS IN DIAGNOSTICS'** on 9th and 10th of January 2014. The seminar was formally inaugurated by Dr. Santosh Varughese, Consultant Nephrologist, Christian Medical College, Vellore and various sessions were handled by experts from Lourde, PVS, Lakshmi hospitals, and Metropolis laboratories.
- **World Breast Cancer Day** was observed by providing and awareness talk for the staff, students and public by Dr. Thomas Varughese, Oncologist, Renai Medicity hospital on October 30th.
- Department organized a seminar on "**Intellectual Property Rights**" in collaboration with Research Promotion Council on January 23rd 2014. The programme was sponsored by Kerala State Council for Science Technology & Environment and Patent Information Centre.
- **'National Science Day was celebrated** on 26 February 2014 and Seminars and competitions were held as part of the same.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

The Department organized the 20th Msgr. Augustine Maveli Memorial All Kerala Inter Collegiate Volleyball tournament and 20th Rev. Sr. Redempta Memorial All Kerala Inter collegiate Basketball tournaments from 4th -7th of February 2014.

During the Academic Week a Yoga demostration class was organised by Smt. Geetha Balakrishnan, Yoga expert from Sree Eamakrishna Ashramam, Kalady

Our basketball team- Won all the Women Basketball championships they played in the year 2013-14

Athletics Team- Won the overall championship in Aluva Municipality Keralosavam Athletic Meet held on 12th October 2013.

Kabaddi Team- won the All Kerala Open tournament held at Koonnammavu and were the runners up in the All Kerala Open tournament held at Ellanthikkara.

Volleyball Team won six trophies for the college

PHYSICS

The Department organised a Science exhibition *"Etalage"* and a Working Model Competition from Sept 6 to 9. Sri Anwar Sadath, MLA inaugurated the exhibition. Pavilion from ISRO Thiruvanathapuram was one of the main attraction. More than 5000 people visited the event including students and the public. A one day awareness programme on "Energy Conservation Techniques" was conducted for the housewives on 7th October.

Sri. Anwar Sadath MLA inaugurating the exhibition

A fund of **Rs. 1 crore** was awarded to the Physics Dept. under DST-FIST Programme 2013 for the development of research centre and the improvement of teaching facilities. The coordinator of the project is Dr. Sujatha N. V.

As a part of academic week a lecture was deliverd on "Active and Smart Materials"by Dr. A V Alex, Director, Dept. of MCA, UC College, Aluva on 30 Jan 2014.

ZOOLOGY

A still form 'Brush and Lens'

- A free Gynecology Medical camp was arranged for the public, the staff and the students of the college on 11th December 2013.
- As a part of the Academic Week , a documentary "Living World" was screened on 31st January 2014 and the Department organized an intercollegiate painting, cartooning and photography competition, "Brush and Lens".
- The Department organized an alumni meet on 10th August 2013
- The alumni visited Evangel Ashram on February 3rd 2014 and contributed toiletries and contributed generously for the house construction for a poor widow at Vazhakulam.

Annual Intramural Sports competitions were organized on 14th of February 2014. Department of English won the Overall championship this year.

At A Glance

21 days residential ASAP training programme was inaugurated by Dr. Varughese John, former principal U C College. Additional Skill Acquisition Programme(ASAP) is a joint initiative of Higher Education and General Education Department, Govt of Kerala to train final year U G and P G students to get employment in various sectors.

Self Employment Training Programme

The Departments of English, Zoology , Commerce and NSS unit along with the Lions Club organized a free of cost self employment training program for women on the 24th of Oct. 2013. The function was presided over by Dr. Hyderali, Chairman, Pain and Palliative Care Center, Anwar Hospital.

The final year Communicative English students conducted an **inter-collegiate fest -Espirito 2014**, inaugurated by the cine artist Dhyan Sreenivasan. 15 colleges competed in 7 events and Bharat Mata College, Thrikkakara won the overall trophy

The Departments of Microbiology, Zoology and Biochemistry observed International Ozone day based on the focal theme "A healthy atmosphere, the future we want". Dr. Shanavas, Scientist, Pollution Control Board gave an awareness talk on the subject and Ms. Asmy Antony of the department of Chemistry conducted a class on ozone depletion for the public.

THE LIBRARY Week Celebration of our College was inaugurated by the renowned Malayalam writer Priya A.S. on 13th January 2014. The library and the English dept. Together celebrated the library week from 13 Jan to 17 Jan 2014.

One day work shop on mushroom cultivation for women organized by Lotus Nature Club, Botany Dept and Rapid Action Force. Technical session was given by Ms. Reji Antony of C-SIS wing, CUSAT (OSAX member) on 3-11-2013.

Inauguration of the workshop on Mushroom Cultivation

A ROYAL VISIT- Camilla, the Duchess of Cornwall with the students of St.Xavier's College,Aluva.

Dr. Abdul Kalam planting a fig sapling on the occasion of Golden Jubilee Inauguration

Awards and Recognitions

Best Tourism State Award for St. Xavier's College

St. Xavier's College for women was selected for the Kerala State Tourism Award for the year 2012-13 in the category of bestTourism Club. Ms Unnimaya Muraleedharan was selected as the best student co ordinator. The awards were distributed at Mascot Hotel(KTDC),on 28 May2014 by Sri. Oommen Chandi, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Kerala in the presence of Sri. A P Anil Kumar, Hon'ble Minister for Tourism.

Sr . Salini was awarded with Ph.D from Sree Shankaracharya Sanskrit University.

Dr. Cicily Pearly Alex, was nominated as Technical official representing **India** for the **Asian Track and Field Athletics Championship and 2nd Lusofonia Games .**

Dr. Sujatha was awarded with "Best Poster Award" in the Workshop on "Image Processing " conducted at Saintgits Engineering College, Kollam.

Dr. Raji Joseph receiving award as the Best NSS Programme Officer.

STUDENTS ACHIEVEMENTS

- Shahida of III Com. English won 3rd prize in All Kerala Elocution Competition and was part of the team that won a National Level Inter-collegiate Crossfire Debate Competition.
- Minu Jose (II MSc) Physics awarded the Best Poster Award in the International Conference on Advanced Materials & Its Applications.
- Libina M J was the member of the Winning Kerala team (2nd Place) for the Federation Cup Basketball Championship, held at Gujarat from 3rd – 9th January, 2014.

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