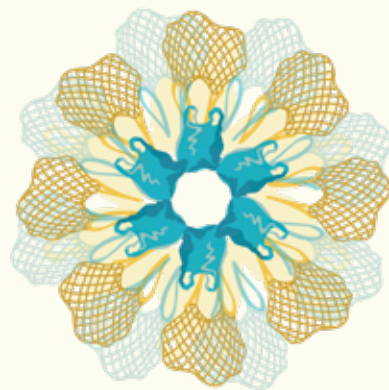


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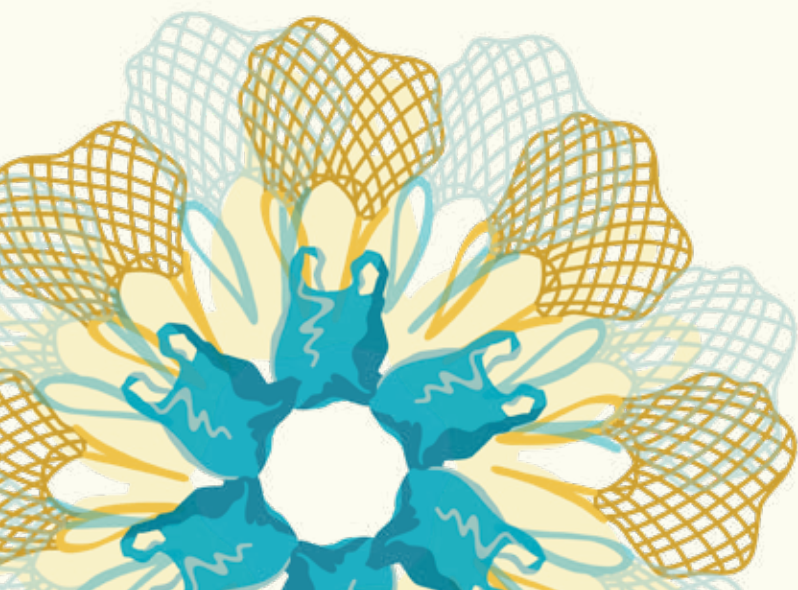


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PRAYER OF **St. Francis** OF ASSISI



Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
And where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master,
Grant that I may not so much seek,
To be consoled as to console;
To be understood, as to understand;
To be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;
In pardoning that we are pardoned;
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.



Blessed Mary

OF THE PASSION



"My God is beauty, my God is great, my God is happiness."

Hélène de Chappotin (1839 - 1904)

Founder | Institute of the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary



ABOUT THE College

Stella Maris College, a Catholic minority institution of higher education for women, is an autonomous institution affiliated to the University of Madras and is partly residential. It is managed by the Society of the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary, a Catholic religious congregation founded by Blessed Mary of the Passion (Hélène de Chappotin) in Ootacamund, Tamil Nadu, in 1877. Guided by her charisma, the initiatives of the College arise from a sound philosophy of life based on faith in God and the contemporary reality of a pluralistic Indian society that is challenged by global ideologies and cultures.

The College was founded on 15 August 1947 in a small one-storeyed building with 32 students in Santhome, Mylapore, Chennai. In 1960, it moved to its present campus "The Cloisters" on Cathedral Road in the heart of the city.

Today, the College has an enrolment of more than 5,500 students from diverse backgrounds, communities and nations.

The College is committed to serving the economically and socially marginalised sections of society. It provides university education in a Christian atmosphere

for deserving students, especially those belonging to the Catholic community. Admission is open to all, irrespective of caste and creed, and all students' rights of conscience are respected.

The College became autonomous in 1987 and has currently 23 undergraduate and 14 postgraduate programmes with five departments offering M.Phil. programmes and seven departments offering Ph.D. programmes. Postgraduate Diplomas and Certificate Courses are also offered.



Editorial

The Group of Twenty (G20) has emerged as a beacon of hope in an increasingly interconnected world. As we navigate through a complex web of global challenges, the G20 stands as a testament to the power of collaboration and collective action. Comprising the world's major economies, the G20 embodies the ideals of inclusivity, cooperation, and shared responsibility.

At its core, the G20 serves as a platform for dialogue, where leaders come together to address pressing global issues. Whether it be climate change, economic inequality, or public health crises, the G20 recognises that these challenges transcend national borders and require a unified response.

The G20 reminds us that our actions, individually and collectively, can transform the global landscape and pave the way for a better tomorrow.

As we explore the significance of the G20, we cannot overlook its profound connection to the vision of our College. Rooted in the values of excellence, inclusivity, and responsible citizenship, our College aims to foster a vibrant learning community that drives social change. In this context, the G20 serves as a powerful example of how global collaboration and shared values can bring about transformative outcomes.

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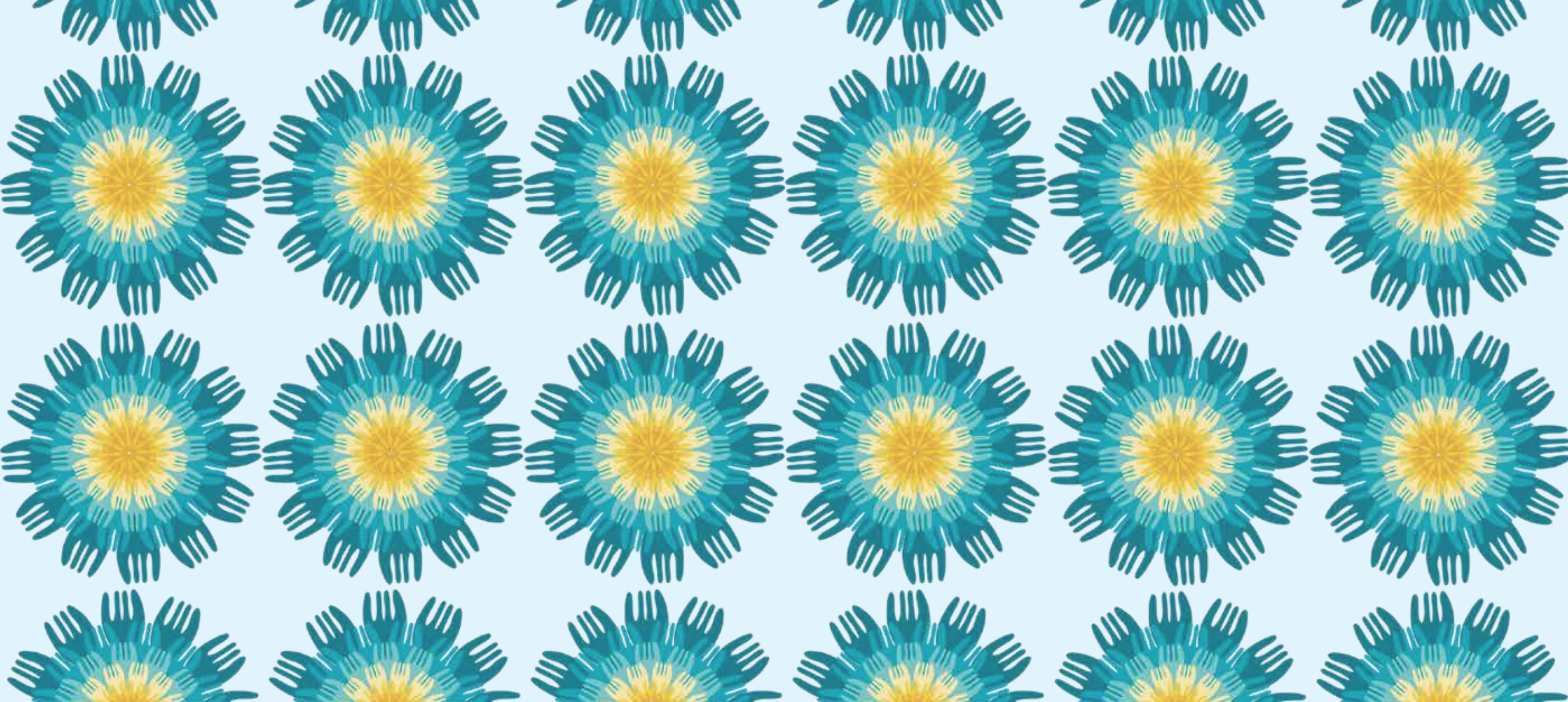
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Annual REPORT

COLLEGE DAY REPORT

2022 - 2023



Good evening, and a warm welcome to everyone present here for our annual College Day celebrations. On behalf of the College community, it is my privilege to welcome Dr. Madhavan Mukund, Director, Chennai Mathematical Institute. Let us welcome him with a round of applause. Thank you, Sir, for making time to be here with us on our special day.

I extend a warm welcome to Sr. Judith Anita Gonsalvez, Secretary of the College, Sr. Fatima Anthonimuthu, Superior, Stella Maris Convent, Vice Principals, Deans, faculty, members of the Governing Body, members of the Academic Council, administrative and support staff, retired faculty, parents, alumnae, benefactors, friends, fmm Sisters, Rev. Fathers, and you, my dear students.

I would like to place on record the loss of two retired members of the faculty, Mrs. M. Mangaladurai, Physical Director, who passed away on 28 June 2022; and Dr. Sujata Ramanathan, Associate Professor and Head, Department of Sociology, on 8 November 2022. They served the College with dedication and deep commitment, fostering the intellectual, emotional, and moral growth of young women who entered the portals of Stella Maris to make their dreams and aspirations a reality. With deep regret, we also announce the passing

of Mr. J.A. Nathan, former Lab Assistant, Department of Physics, on 24 June 2022, and Mr. Simon John, support staff on 30 August 2022. Both served the College for more than 35 years. Let us pause a moment and pray for the repose of their souls. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls rest in peace. Amen.

With the return to normalcy in academic, co-curricular and extension activities, the cycle of professional tenure moves along, and we face the reality of retiring faculty. Six faculty members retire this year: Dr. Sr. Rosy Joseph, Associate Professor, Department of Mathematics, and Principal. She had earlier served as Dean of Student Affairs, Dean of Academic Affairs, Controller of Examinations, and then five years as Principal of the College.

Ms. Zonita Mason, Associate Professor, Department of Commerce Shift I. During her tenure, she served as Dean

of Student Affairs, Head of Department and Controller of Examinations; Dr. Alice Joseph, Associate Professor, Department of Tamil and former Head, Department of Languages; Dr. Felbin Kennedy, Associate Professor, Department of Mathematics and former Head of Department, former Dean of Academic Affairs and Vice-Principal; Dr. Sr. Lourthu Mary fmm, Associate Professor and Head, Department of Social Work, and former Dean of Academic Affairs and Dr. Shanmughasundari, Associate Professor, Department of Physics and former Head, Department of Computer Science, Dean of Student Affairs and Dean of Academic Affairs.

We are indebted to them for their committed, dedicated, and selfless service to the institution. We wish them a peaceful and happy life in retirement.

As we review our performance as an academic institution committed to the service of educating young women across the various strata of society, we





are constantly aware of the need to re-vision and reconstruct our curriculum to maintain our distinctive identity and respond to changing and evolving social needs. New academic programmes bring more opportunities to greater numbers of youth who will be trained and nurtured to acquire the graduate attributes we envisage for every Stella Marian. With the introduction of M.Sc. Psychology, B.Com. Banking, Finance and Entrepreneurship, and B.A. Tourism and Travel Management this academic year, our undergraduate degree programmes number 26, postgraduate 15, and seven research, catering to a total of 6141 students on roll.

FACULTY SCHOLARSHIPS, FELLOWSHIPS AND DOCTORAL DEGREES

The following faculty have been awarded scholarships and fellowships at national and international levels and received recognition for their work: Dr. Marian Benita Maria, Associate

Professor, Postgraduate Department of Social Work received the Bhumi Campus Awards – Most Socially Responsible Staff 2022 Tamil Nadu Edition on 11 June 2022. Dr. Rita Jayaraj Associate Professor, Department of Zoology received the Academic Excellence Award instituted by the Institute of Researchers, Kerala on 26 June 2022. Dr. Sindiya Therese S. Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics, received the Best Faculty Award instituted by INSO (International Research Awards on Science Technology and Management) on 31 August 2022. Dr. Arul Roselet Meryline S. Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics received the Research Excellence Award 2022 from the Institute of Researchers-InRes, the research unit of ISPL, registered with the Ministry of MSME, Government of India. Dr. Antony Rose Immaculate, Assistant Professor and Head, Department of Botany received the Teaching Excellence Award 2022, from the International Association of

Lions Club on 11 September 2022. Dr. Shiny John Vairamon, Associate Professor and Vice Principal received the Best Teacher Award from the A.R. Kalai Maa Mandram on 2 October 2022. Dr. Mahalakshmi, Librarian was awarded the Mrs. M. Jannath Najeemunnisa Beegum Memorial National Appreciation and Meritorious Service Award [for Women Librarians] for the year 2019 in October 2022 at KSR College of Technology, Tiruchengodu. Dr. Miruna George, Associate Professor, Department of English, was the recipient of a Short-Term Faculty Scholarship from California State University, Sacramento, from 12 Nov to 18 Dec 2022. Dr. Amritha N., Assistant Professor, Department of Zoology, received the Young Researcher Award for the second time on 26 December 2022. This award is instituted by the Institute of Researchers, Kerala.

Dr. A. Fathima of the Department of Hindi was awarded the Gina Devi Hindi



Gowrav Samman on 10 January 2023 by Gina Devi Shodh Sansthan, Haryana in recognition of her contribution to Hindi Literature and Language. Dr. Srabani Bhattacharyya was awarded International Shiksha Rathan Samman from Maldives by NVS Epic International Welfare Foundation, Maldives, and Akhil Bharathiya Shodh Sansthan, New Delhi, on 26 and 27 February 2023 for her contribution to Hindi Higher Education.

Dr. Sr. Lourthu Mary fmm, Head of the Department of Social Work is the recipient of the Justice V. R. Krishna Iyer Award in Social Justice and Human Rights Crusade conferred on her by the Society for Community Organisation Trust, Madurai on 4 March 2023.

Eight of our faculty received their doctoral degrees this academic year. Dr. Meenakshi K., Department of Mathematics Shift II, in July 2022; Dr. Fancy V. F., Department of Mathematics Shift I in July 2022 ; Dr. Sr. Fatima Furtado fmm, Department of Fine Arts in July 2022; Dr. Sravya P. R., Department of Mathematics Shift II in October 2022; Dr. Sindiya Therese S., Department of Mathematics in November 2022; Dr. Felix Maria, Department of Commerce Shift II in November 2022; Dr. Parimalam, Department of Zoology,

in February 2023 and Dr. Shilpa Siby, Department of Psychology in February 2023.

PUBLICATIONS BY FACULTY

Nearly 60 academic papers were published in Scopus/Web of Science/ Indexed Journals this academic year.

Department of Chemistry	Dr. Mary George	14
	Dr. Mary N.L.	3
	Dr. Revathy Rajagopal	3
Department of English	Dr. Miruna George	1
Department of Mathematics	Dr. Felbin C Kennedy (jointly with Dr. Arul Roselet Meryline)	2
	Dr. V. Jude Annie Cynthia	4
	Dr. Teresa Arockiamary S.	4
	Dr. S. Sarah Surya	3
	Dr. A.S. Shanthi	1
Department of Biotechnology	Dr. Veena Gayathri	14
	Anbu Malarmathi	1
	Aruna Sharmili	1
	Jayashree S.	1
Department of Commerce Shift II	Dr. R. B. Ayeswarya	1
Department of Computer Science	Dr. Renuka Devi D.	1
	Dr. Swetha Margaret TA	1
	Faustina Roberts	1
Department of History	Dr. Dolly Thomas	1
Department of Zoology	Dr. Amritha N.	1

Department of Human Resource Management

Dr.R.Manimalar, Dr.P Vijayalakshmi, Ms.M K Indumathi and Ms.S.Juliet Silviya along with students have published 24 research papers in the Journal of the Asiatic Society of Mumbai indexed in the UGC care list.

Our faculty published chapters in books as well.

Department of Zoology

Dr. Amritha N. and Nichele Venkitachalam published a chapter on "An Insight on the Changing Sleep Cycles and the Nature of Dreams Before and During the Covid-19 Pandemic Lockdown" in Emerging Trends in Arts, Science and Humanities.

Department of Fine Arts

Dr. Anne Samuel
"Hegemony or Emancipation in the Print Media?" in Feminist Engagements: Cultural Expressions and Politics

Dr. Swapna Sathish
"Abject Desire: Questioning Identity through Gender and Sexuality in Contemporary Indian Art" in Feminist Engagements: Cultural Expressions and Politics.

Department of Computer Science

Ms. A. R. Charulatha "A Review on Video Sharing Over Content-Centric Networks" in Computer Networks, Big Data and IoT.

"A Deep Dive Comparison ofCache Replacement Strategies: The Quality of Experience Influencer" in Computational Methods and Data Engineering

Two faculty published books:
Dr. Sugi G, Assistant Professor, Department of English published a book titled Mixed Media in July 2022 and Dr. Priya Suresh, Associate Professor, Department of International Studies, authored a book titled "Foreign Policy of China under Deng Xiaoping: Contemporary Relevance and Continuity, published by Springer-Palgrave Macmillan, Singapore, in 2022.

FACULTY PATENTS

Patents were awarded to two of our faculty by the Patent Office, Government of India: Dr. Renuka Devi, Assistant Professor in Computer Science, for Ensemble Incremental Deep Multiple Layer Perceptron Model—Sentiment Analysis Application and Dr. C. S. Ramya of the Department of Sustainable Energy Management for the design of the Solar PV Module Testing Unit.





FACULTY AND STUDENTS RESEARCH GRANTS

Department of Economics

Ms. Vishnudevi, Research Scholar, working with Dr. Hima Bindu, has received Rs. 1 lakh for the working paper "Compliance Costs of GST for Small Business Enterprises in Tamil Nadu" from the Centre for Public Finance, Madras School of Economics.

Department of History

Dr. Cinthia Jude, Assistant Professor, received a Research Grant for an online project titled "Test of Spirituality during the SARS Covid-19 Pandemic: Prominent Indian Religious Perspectives," funded by the United Board at the Institute for Advanced Study in Asian Cultures and Theologies (IASACT) from July to December 2022.

Department of Biotechnology

Ms. Rajalakshmi S., Research Scholar, has been granted a Senior Research

Fellowship by the Indian Council of Medical Research.

The Tamil Nadu State Council for Science and Technology has released the research grants for the Student Project Scheme: one grant to the Department of Chemistry for Gayathri Hemachandran under the guidance of Dr. N.L. Mary; two research grants to the Department of Physics, one to Monica Nancy T. under the guidance of Dr. Assisi Jennifer and another to C. Niraja, M.A. Rosali, N. Niher and P. Janeeja Priya, under the guidance of Dr. C. Stella. One project grant were awarded to the Postgraduate Department of Bioinformatics, for four students, Shajitha Banu R, Priyanka G, Swetha S, and Yogapriya P, under the guidance of Dr. Aishwariya S. Three project grants were awarded to the Postgraduate Department of Biotechnology – one to Anusha E., under the supervision of Dr. Anbumalarmathi J.; Jeeva Rekha P. and Keerthana N. under the guidance of

Dr. S. Aruna Sharmili and J. Innacy Erina under the guidance of Dr. K. Veena Gayathri.

This year, the report of activities will be presented shift-wise. Shifts I and II are almost equal in terms of numbers: as a matter of fact, Shift II now has more programmes on offer, with department numbers on the upswing which is to be expected since we are committed to introducing programmes in response to societal needs and recommendations of governmental assessment and other regulatory bodies.

Department of Botany

The Department of Botany organised a three-day National workshop on 8 December 2022 with a session on "Techniques in Vegetative Analysis and Biodiversity Software" in January 2023.

Department of Chemistry

The Department of Chemistry held the Anu Awareness Programme Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav on 25 August 2022.



It was organised in collaboration with the Indira Gandhi Centre for Atomic Research (IGCAR), Indian Association of Nuclear Chemists and the Allied Scientist Southern Regional Chapter.

A programme to create awareness on the need for water management, Net Water Zero Challenge: Towards Water Conservation was held on 26 August 2022, organised in collaboration with the Enviro Club 2022-23 and International Centre for Clean Water (ICCW), Chennai (an IIT Madras Initiative).

Seven Ph.D. Scholars of the Department have been awarded their degrees this year, under the supervision of Dr. Mary N.L. and Dr. Mary George.

Department of Commerce (Shift I)

A one-day Conference on HR Trends in association with RR Donnelly was organised on campus on 7 March 2023.

Department of Economics

The Department commenced its 75th Jubilee Year with the Dr. Sr. Helen Vincent Endowment Lecture on Global Economic Challenges and India's Growth Prospects, on 30 September 2022.

Dr. Sr. Stella Mary fmm, Assistant Professor and Dean of Student Affairs was selected to participate in the United Board Fellows Program and has been placed at the Ateneo de Manila University, the Philippines for training.

Department of English (Shift I)

In keeping with its commitment to inclusive education, the Department of English organised a Faculty Development Programme on Assistive Technology for the Differently Abled between 26 July and 3 August 2022.

Songlines, an anthology of creative writing by former and present faculty and students of the Department, was launched on 26 October 2022 by the internationally acclaimed playwright, Ms. Anupama Chandrasekhar. The Department hosted Dr. Rebecca Whittington, Fulbright Nehru Scholar, as a Scholar-in-Residence, in collaboration with Fulbright India and USIEF, on 5 and 6 January 2023.

Dr. Whittington conducted a Workshop on Translation and Linguistic Diversity.

Three Ph.D. scholars completed their Viva Voce this year. The supervisors were Dr. Padma Mckertich, Dr. Sujitha S, and Dr. Miruna George.



Department of Fine Arts

Students of III B.V.A Art Specialisation created and painted an installation titled 'Healing to Empower', as part of the Women's Day initiative by MGM Hospital, Chennai.

Dr Anne Samuel's paintings were featured in the Naam-o-nisha Group Art Exhibition at the All-India Fine Arts and Crafts Society, New Delhi.

Two students, J. Aishwarya of II M.A. and Harshita Sridevi of III B.V.A. painted winning entries in a painting contest announced by the American Centre, on the theme, US-India at 75. They were invited to paint the same at the premises of the American Centre, Chennai.

Department of History

The Department of History marked its platinum jubilee with an International Symposium on the Contemporary World on 14 February. Dr. Malini Parthasarathy, Chairperson of The Hindu Publishing Group and alumna of the Department was the guest of honour. Ms. Minari Shah, Director of Corporate Communications, Amazon India and APAC PR, another alumna, was the chief guest and resource person.

Swetha M. of III BA History represented Tamil Nadu at the Second Women's Blind Football Nationals. She was shortlisted for the Indian National Blind Football Team at the Asian Championship.



Department of Mathematics

The Department of Mathematics organised a Scholar-in-Residence (SIR) 2022-23 with yearlong workshops and seminars, from September 2022 to March 2023. Fourteen seminars have been held so far, and three more will be completed by the end of March 2023.

The Journal of Advanced Computational Intelligence and Intelligent Informatics Vol. 27 No.1 ISSN 1343-0130 issued on Jan 2023 has published a few of the research papers presented at the International Conference ICRSMS-2022 organised by the Department last year. The remaining papers have been accepted by two other journals for publication later this year.

Under the guidance of Dr. Felbin C. Kennedy, one research scholar has completed her Viva-voce Examination, and four research scholars have completed it under the guidance of Dr. V. Jude Annie Cynthia.



Department of Physics

The Department of Physics, in collaboration with the Tamil Nadu Astronomy and Science Society (TASS) and Vigyan Prasar, DST, Government of India, and Chennai Astro Club organised a seminar and discussion on astronomy on 21 December 2022.

An international seminar on 'Smart Decisions for Environment and Climate Change: Big Data, Complexity, and Uncertainty,' was organised as part of the Popular Lecture Series.

A Research Lab and PG Physics Lab have been set up this year.

Department of Social Work

A programme on 'Youth Engagement in Public Health on Non-Communicable Diseases' was held on 19 September 2022 in collaboration with UNICEF and P.A.K. Palanisamy Thillaisivagamy Trust.

An Awareness Programme on 'Suicide Prevention—Creating Hope through Action,' in collaboration with the Institute of Mental Health was conducted on 21 September 2022 for the students of the College in observance of World Suicide Prevention Day.

On 9 December 2022, a Seminar on the Promotion of Youth Advocates for Children Towards Ending Violence Against Children was organised by the Department in collaboration with UNICEF, Thozhamai and the Department of Social Welfare and Women Empowerment, Government of Tamil Nadu.

Department of Sociology

A special lecture on 'Social Entrepreneurship' was delivered by Ms. Marie Banu, Director, Centre for Social Initiative and Management (CSIM) Chennai on 4 Aug 2022.

Department of Languages Sanskrit

On 21 December 2022, Ms. Umayambigai Arthy (II year Chemistry) and Ms. Geetha (II year Psychology) presented individual papers in the National Seminar on 'The Relevance of Bhagavad Gita in Today's Scenario' organised by Department of Sanskrit, University of Madras in collaboration with Samskṛta Bharati. Both papers will be published in the souvenir of the conference to be released in April 2023.

On 21 January 2023, Nivitha Rose Thomas and Ardra Prajesh of II year Mathematics (Shift 1) presented papers in the second Young Scholars' Conference on 'History of Mathematics 2023,' organised by the Indian Institute of Technology, Gandhinagar. Their papers were published in the conference proceedings.

Department of Tamil

The Department of Tamil, in collaboration with Tamil Virtual University, conducted a government programme, 'The Grand Tamil Dream' on 17 February 2023 inviting 500 students from various colleges in Chennai.

Veeramamunivar Literary Celebration was conducted in collaboration with Catholic Tamil Sangam and Thedal Kaalam Arakattalai and Kavignar Munaivar Alanthur K. Mohanrangan Tamiliyal Aaivu Maiyam on 10 February 2023.

Department of Zoology

The Department of Zoology in collaboration with Care Earth Trust, a well-known NGO, conducted a workshop on GIS Mapping for Conservation, for faculty and research scholars of local city colleges on 20 January 2022.

Shift II

Department of Bioinformatics

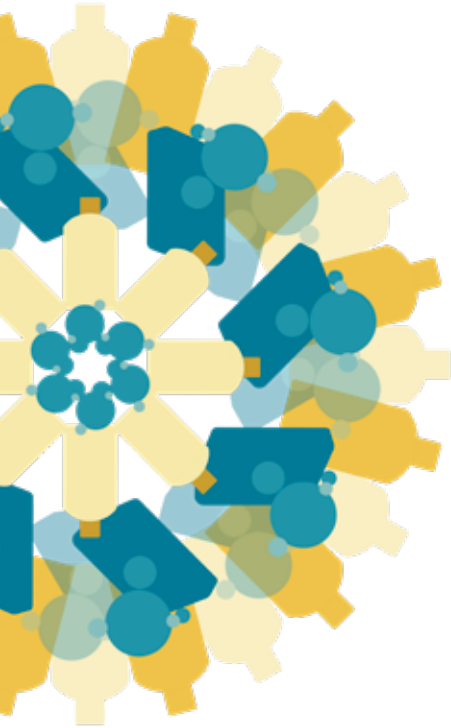
The Department of Bioinformatics organised an international seminar on 'Translational Bioinformatics' on 18 October 2022.

Department of Biotechnology

An awareness week was organised by the Department of Biotechnology on the theme of depletion and pollution of environmental resources. The Vallalar Awareness Run was jointly organised with the Yatha Green Council of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India.

Department of Commerce Shift II

The Entrepreneurial Development Cell of the Commerce Department organised talks and events with resource persons from the industry.



Commerce students Vibha Jain and Shibani have successfully completed the Certified Management Accountant programme (CMA).

Bhavadharini and Riddhi of II B.Com. Hons. were selected for the summer Internship Programme at Goldman Sachs.

Swastikaa Ashok of BBA was selected for the Summer Internship Programme at D. Shaw.

Seven III B.Com Hons. students successfully completed the professional-level course in ACCA in October 2022.

Department of Computer Science

Under the United States-India Educational Foundation (USIEF) Fulbright Specialist Grant Programme, a hands-on workshop titled 'Application Development and Innovation Engine' (ADIE) was conducted from 1-24 July 2022. An ADIE lab for students was also set up.

Department of Data Science

The first batch of M.Sc. Data Science students has completed their Masters' programme at Liverpool Hope University and is awaiting graduation.



The second batch has finished their one-year Diploma Programme from Stella Maris College and will proceed to LHU to complete their M.Sc.

Department of English and Communication Skills

Dr. Kikee Doma Bhutia, Research Fellow, Asian Centre, The School of Theology and Religious Studies, University of Tartu, delivered a special lecture.

Department of Human Resource Management

The Department of Human Resource Management conducted a two-day International Conference 'Stella ICOM 2023 - HR Unravel.' They also organised a series of seminars titled 'Corporate HR Strategies', 'India the Emerging Global Leaders', 'HR Dynamics and Humanocracy.'

Department of International Studies

The Department of International Studies, in collaboration with the National Institute of Advanced Studies and Konrad Adenauer Stiftung organised a seminar on 'One Year of the Ukraine War' on 24 February 2023.

In partnership with Defences and Strategic Studies, University of Madras, the Department organised a first-of-its-kind strategic simulation exercise on 7 and 8 March 2023.

Department of Public Relations

The Department of Public Relations held an International Scholar-in-

Residence Programme, in association with the USIEF, Chennai, from 12 to 14 September 2022. Ms. Elise Verdooner, Adjunct Professor, Columbia School of Social Work and Fulbright-Nehru Scholar to India, delivered lectures on 'Exploring the Future of CSR: An International Perspective.'

The Department organised a two-day communication carnival, 'Mediascape' that aimed at building simple, contemporary communication skills among students across disciplines on 18 and 19 October 2022. Eminent experts and professionals from various fields of communication, conducted interactive workshops.

A national conference in hybrid mode on 'Public Relations as a Catalyst in Communicating Sustainability' was held on 9 and 10 March 2023.

Department of Psychology

For World Mental Health Day (10 October), the Department of Psychology





organised a series of break-time events for students of both shifts. This included a mime on suicide prevention, Pawsitivity with Pets (a space for students to interact with friendly dogs), and an Affirmations Corner.

Vocational Programmes **Food Processing and Quality Control**

The Department of FPQC commemorated the International Year of Millets 2023 (IYoM). In collaboration with SCEED and the Department of Botany, an exhibition on the millet kingdom was organised. Various millet products, their nutritional and therapeutic value, and a demonstration of recipes were part of the exhibition.

Department of Sustainable Energy Management

A National Conference on Strategies to Promote a Sustainable Biosphere was held on February 2022.

Department of Value Education

Webinars were conducted – for Catholic Faculty on Spirituality of the Covenant; and for all Faculty, on Teaching by Rev. Fr. Joe Mannath. Special talks on Blessed Mary of the Passion and St. Francis of Assisi were organised for the first year Students.

The Star of the Sea Group was very active on campus, assisting in several programmes on campus.

Library

A one-day Regional Seminar 'The Landscape of Academic Libraries in the Digital Era' was organised on 8 October 2022 in which 81 library professionals from all over Tamil Nadu participated.

IQAC

The IQAC conducted a Faculty Development Programme, 'Outcome Based Learning and Course Mapping' facilitated by a team from Holy Cross College, Trichy.

An International Conference 'Leading Together' was held in collaboration with the University of Melbourne, Australia, and the Centre for Women's Studies.

A workshop titled 'Future Ready: Outcome-Based Performance Appraisal' for the IQAC Student Wing was also conducted.

CRIST

A two-day Intercollegiate Regional Workshop on Instrumental Methods was organised by the Department of Chemistry in collaboration with the Centre for Research in Science and Technology (CRIST) from 12 to 13 September 2022

Centre for Women's Studies

An International Symposium in collaboration with Soroptimist International and Gender Centre, Stella Maris College, Rule of Law and Gender Disparity, was held on 13 December 2022.

Gender Centre

Workshops were conducted on gender and sexuality, and expressive art therapy. A workshop on gender-based violence was organised in collaboration with the International Foundation for Crime Prevention and Victim Care on 27 September 2022.

Stella Maris Sustainable Development Students Hub

On 12 August 2022, Stella Maris College collaborated with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Students' Programme to host the International Youth Day Programme to enlighten students on pressing global concerns and ignite change-makers across the state of Tamil Nadu. Three wings—Education, Solutions Lab, and Community—have been established to carry out the operations of the Hub.

The Hub successfully completed Project C, Mental Health Week, and the Know Your SDGs series. The TN SDG Girls Championship 2022, a state-wide initiative, and the Climate Change Outreach Programme are currently underway.

SMCDRIVE

The Skills Development Centre at SMCDRIVE has trained participants in Employability and Livelihood skills in collaboration with the Bank of New York Mellon and the International Association for Human Values. The project has been extended for three more years.

From April 2022, Financial Literacy Training has been given to 546 participants from various communities such as the Kasimode fishing community, SS Puram, and Stella Maris support staff.



A job fair exclusively for women was organised for college students. 1148 women candidates and 60 recruiters participated.

A Media Workshop for Trans-women was organised from 12 to 14 September 2022. Fifteen trans-women were trained in folk arts, drama, and theatre arts.

From 10-14 November 2022, a Digital Literacy programme was conducted at Stella Maris College Extension Project Centre at Thirupachur, for 115 participants and for 33 women living with HIV infection from the Positive Women Network.

A three-month certificate course in Sign Language has been initiated for final year students.

Research Centre

Stella Maris College, in partnership with Trinity Western University conducted the 'Innovation Series', a bi-weekly webinar series which views the ways in which we study, work, and think through innovation after the global lockdown.

'Research Matters', a lecture series that aims to foster a spirit of enquiry and enhance the research performance

of the faculty included a talk on Interpretivism as a Key to Qualitative Social Science, Economics, and Business Research by Rev. Dr. Tony Bradley, Director of the Social and Economic Action Research Centre (SEARCH) Liverpool Hope University Business School, UK.

TWU-SMC 7th Annual Leadership International Conference was held on the topic, 'Innovating Sustainable Leadership: Healthcare, Social Welfare, Climate Change and Hybrid Education'.

SCEED

Faculty Development Programmes were organised for creating online content and self-development. Student Training Workshops were conducted on 'Overcoming Challenges, Report Writing for Project Work', and 'Eco-consciousness'. In collaboration with the organisation, Earth Recycler, SCEED facilitated the installation of a PET Bottle Recycler on campus.

Social Awareness and Service Learning

Social Awareness Programmes are an avenue for our students to experience social realities firsthand and become aware of the differences in social strata, which impact the lives of the common people, while Service Learning gives students an opportunity to reinforce their classroom learning through service to the community. It forms a part of our Extension Activities and involves several local communities.

NCC

Our cadets have demonstrated exceptional skills and abilities in various competitions while participating in various training camps held across various regions and states at the national and state levels. I will mention a few of the outstanding cadets:

Cadet Under Officer Ratuja Bakshi from III B.A. Sociology participated in the 31st All India G.V. Mavalankar Shooting Competition held at Asansol, West Bengal, in October 2022, and has won two gold medals in the Junior and in the Senior Categories.

Petty Officer Cadet Pulluru Toshita Reddy from III BVA was part of the Senior Wing Contingent that marched at the Kartavya Path, Delhi on Republic Day this year, 26 January 2023.

Corporal Gopika Prasad from II BA Economics participated in the Republic Day Camp 2023 at Delhi. She was part of the Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Andaman and Nicobar Directorate cultural team that secured the first place in Group Dance, first place in Ballet, and third place in the National Integration Awareness Programme. The Directorate won the overall winner's trophy in the RDC cultural event.

Air Wing Cadets Princy W. of third BCA and Manjushree of second B.Sc. Physics attended the All India Vayu Sainik Camp at Jodhpur during September-October 2022 and have won a silver medal in



Line Area and a Gold Medal in Aero-modelling competitions respectively.

Naval Cadets Disha Eshwar from third B.Sc. Psychology and Ranjani from second B.Sc. Psychology, participated in the All-India Yachting Regatta in Odisha in November 2022 representing the Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, and Andaman, and Nicobar directorates and were the overall winners of the competition. Naval Cadets Dharshini from II B. Com General and Pramodita from II B.A. English, participated in the All India Nau Sainik Camp at Visakhapatnam from 2- 12 October 2022. Naval Cadet Pramodita won the gold medal in Health and Hygiene competition.

NSS

The NSS unit of the College has diligently rendered yeoman service to communities in and around Chennai for more than half a century. Some of the major activities of the NSS whose motto is "Not Me but You"

include participation in the National Integration Camp, the NSS Republic Day Parade Camp, participation in Youth Festivals, and volunteering. The YRC focuses on social and health awareness programmes and members receive First-Aid training amongst other leadership and personality development programmes. The members of the Red Ribbon Club conduct AIDS/HIV awareness camps and receive training to become peer educators of social change.

Post pandemic, the three units have raised their levels of involvement in service to community, participation in community-based services, training and awareness programmes, clean-up programmes, walkathons, and various camps among a plethora of other activities in and outside the campus.

A few highlights of the awareness programmes this year include an Organ Donation Awareness Programme in collaboration with the Transplant

Authority of Tamil Nadu; and participation in the Clean-up Awareness 6k Run organised by the Ministry of Fisheries, India, and the Department of Fisheries, Tamil Nadu, to create awareness on the importance of Clean Sea and Coastal Clean-up. Health and disease awareness programmes on Cancer and HIV were also held, with doctors as resource persons.

Two Blood Donation Camps were organised by the units in collaboration with the Madras Blood Bureau and Royapettah Government Hospital on 25 August 2022 and 15 February 2023.

Sports

Our athletes performed well and with the spirit of sportsmanship.

M. Snekaa of I B.Com. CS won first place in Recurve at the Second Tamil Nadu State Level Traditional Archery Championship held at Mettur, Salem in November 2022, and at the First National Level Traditional Archery Championship 2022 held at Mettur, Salem in December 2022, as well as at the National Level Sports Championship 2022 held at Haryana from 20 November to 1 December 2022.

In table tennis, our College team won the Winners title at the University of Madras B-Zone Intercollegiate Tournament held in September 2022 at SCP Jain College and were Runners-Up at the Inter-zone Tournament. At the



IIT Sports Fest 2022 held in September 2022, our College team was the winner.

K.E. Shruthika of B.Com. Shift I won the Winners Title at the Inter-District Table Tennis Championship held in July 2022 at Krishan Kovil.

In badminton, M. Nisha of I B.Com was selected to represent Madras University for the South Zone Inter University tournament held at Jain University Bengaluru in November.

R. Durga of III B.Sc. Physics won First place at the Tamil Nadu State Open Chess Tournament 2023 held in January 2023 at Pudur, Chennai.

In squash, Mithali of III BBA represented the University of Madras and the team won a gold medal at the All India Inter University Squash Championship held at Somaiya Vidya University, Mumbai, in February 2023.

Natalia Orinda Johnson, I B.A. English won a gold medal in Quartet at the Tamil Nadu State Roller Skating Championship held in November in Chennai. She also won the Gold medal in Quartet, Silver in Couple dance and a Bronze medal in Solo dance at the 60th National Roller-Skating Championship held in December at Bengaluru.

In hockey, nine Students of our College were selected to represent the University of Madras Interzone. The players are G. Harini, III B.Sc. Psychology; Himanshi Singh, III B.Com; Shanmugapriya S., II B.Com.; Varshini S., II B.Com; Ashwini K., II B.Com; Vinnarasi, I B.A. Economics; S. Vigneshwari, II B.Com.; M. Harini III B.Sc Zoology and Saranya G. I B.Com.

S. Vigneshwari was selected to represent the University of Madras at the South Zone Hockey Championship held in December at Chennai, and the All-India Inter-University Hockey Tournament held in January 2023 at Punjabi University, Patiala.

At the State Level Taekwondo Championship held at Sri Shanmugha College of Engineering & Technology in November 2022, G. Sandhiya, of II. M.Com. won the Gold medal in the under-49 Category. In the same tournament, P. Anushya, III B.A. History won the Gold



medal in the under 57 kg category and Sharon Ankitha M.S. of II B.Com. CS won the Gold medal in the under 46 kg category.

This year, 25 of our students were selected to represent the Madras University B. Zone, and five students were selected to represent the Madras University. The number of National Level representatives was six.

Our performance in athletics has also been creditable. At the seventh Chevalier Dr. N.R. Dhanapalan Intercollegiate Athletic Meet 2023, S. Kalaivani of I B.Com won a Gold medal in 800 m and a Bronze in 1500 m. Our College relay team won Gold medals in 4 x 100 metres and 4 x 400 metres relay at the same tournament.

The Standards Club

Stella Maris College has partnered with the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) through the setting up of the Standards Club. The Standards Club, an initiative of the BIS is a step towards amassing the power of youth towards spreading awareness on the importance of quality standards. The Standards club of Stella Maris College was inaugurated on the 10 August 2022 in the presence of BIS officials, faculty, and students. A seminar on 'Ensuring Quality through Standards-the BIS Way' was conducted.



Incubation Centre

Four incubation projects, aimed at encouraging technology-based start-ups have been taken up by the Vocational Departments of Food Processing and Quality Control and the Department of Sustainable Energy Management (one each) and the Department of Chemistry (two) in the areas of commercialisation of distilled water that comes from complete renewable sources of energy, cost-effective refrigeration, organic cosmetics, and water purification industries. Students will be mentored by faculty and industry practitioners and have received seed funding from the College.

AASMC

The Alumnae Association of Stella Maris College brought out a souvenir 'Celebrating My Alma Mater'. Distinguished alumnae like IFS officer, Ms. Beno Zephine, Dr. Jayalakshmi IAS, Principal Secretary to State Govt. of Andhra Pradesh, Ms. K.B.Vandana IPS, Dr. Bharati Harishankar, Vice Chancellor of Avinashilingam University, Dr. Lilian,



Principal of WCC, Chennai scientists like Dr. Belinda Damien and Dr. Manisha Caleb, Ms. Malini Parthasarathy, Editor, The Hindu, contributed articles narrating their formation at Stella Maris.

363 students were placed in multinational and other corporate entities. The list is as follows:

- Accounting and Finance - 31
- BBA - 13
- B. Com. Honours - 24
- B. Com. General - 124
- Computer Science (A) - 33
- Corporate Secretaryship - 35
- Economics - 8
- History - 2
- B.Sc. MT - 16
- B.Sc. PH - 3
- B.Sc. BT - 6
- BSW - 1
- B.Com. Banking and Finance - 1

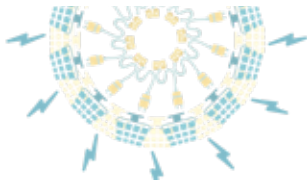
- BSc Zoology - 1
- B.A English and Communication - 2
- BA English - 2
- B.Voc T&H - 1

- MSC Bioinformatics - 4
- MSc Biotechnology - 1
- M.Com. - 24
- MSc. IT - 5
- MA Economics - 5
- MA English - 1
- MA International Studies - 2
- MSc. Mathematics - 14
- MSc. Physics - 4
- Total students placed by CGC: 363

MOUS SIGNED
Eleven new MoUs were signed this academic year by various departments.

Stella Maris College signed an MoU with:

1. Kristu Jayanti College (Autonomous) to cooperate in the promotion of teaching and research activities and for specific programme agreements from 28 February 2023 to 28 February 2028
2. California Baptist University: Academic cooperation through collaboration subject to mutual consent, availability of resources and funding, and the approval of each university from 10 February 2023 to 10 February 2028
3. Dept. of English, SMC, Shift II SDNBVC - Shrimathi Devkunvar Nanalal Bhatt Vaishnav College for Women, Chennai, for Academic Collaborations to maximise benefits for students and faculty of both institutions from 1 February 2023 to 31 January 2024
4. NSE Academy Ltd. for Conducting and Delivering short-term certificate courses from 23 January 2023 to 23 January 2026
5. Tuljaram Chaturchand College of Arts, Science, and Commerce, Baramati, Pune, for academic collaborations to maximise benefits for students and faculty for both institutions from 12 January 2023 to 12 January 2028
6. Inspired Singapore, to admit students from Stella Maris College in the innovation and entrepreneurship program offered by National University of Singapore (NUS) scale, facilitated by inspired from 15 December 2022 to 31 December 2023.
7. Alamo Colleges San Antonio Texas to develop and enrich teaching/research programmes and strengthen contacts from 5 December 2022 to 5 December 2027
8. Make a Difference (MAD), to explore future cooperation and collaboration in order to promote Service Learning skills in the areas of social work and community building from 28 November 2022 to 28 November 2025
9. iFOX OOH Ltd, to promote awareness in the fields of Environment and implementing green initiatives 23 November 2022 to 23 November 2027
10. MA FOI Strategic Consultants Pvt. Ltd., for establishing the Centre for CAREer Excellence to offer CAREer Craft from July 2022 to 12 July 2025



11. Rohini's Food Products for Training/Internship/Placements 16 June 2022 to 15 June 2025

Institutional Audits

Audits were conducted in the following areas: NIN Energy India Private Limited conducted energy, Environment, and Green Audits in September 2022. Aquilae Technologies Pvt. Limited conducted a Social Audit in October and November 2022. It covered all major stakeholders and evaluated the institution's social responsibility measures and procedures and its societal impact.

SAMA Foundation conducted an Accessibility Audit in October 2022. It evaluated the measures and procedures of the institution to make accessible all its services, products, devices and environment to students with disabilities, and whether the institution provided an environment in which they could participate fully in all aspects of campus life.

Scholarships

An amount of Rs. 1,40,61,278 has been disbursed in scholarships, both Management and Private, to 1,463 students so far.



Before I conclude, it is but right that our collaborators, funding institutions, and other network partners be thanked for their generosity and support. I thank the University of Madras, the United Board, the Xavier Board, and the AIACHE for their constant support and encouragement in all our endeavours. I thank the members of the Boards of Studies of various departments, the Academic Council, the Governing Body, the Vice Principals, Deans, administrative and support staff, the Sisters of the Convent, the wardens, and the nurse, who contribute through their committed work to the growth and progress of the institution.

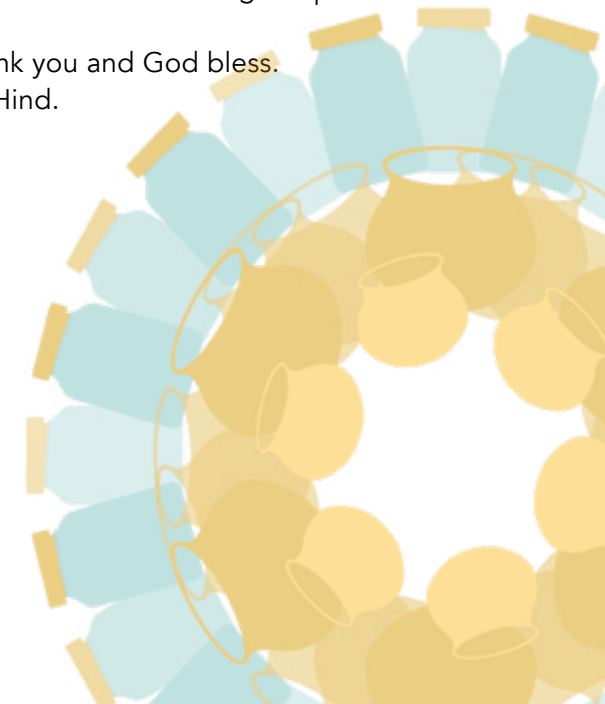
We must not forget our retired faculty members who continue to update us on their activities and through their visits to campus, keep in close touch with our work and events, and continue to uphold the values of the institution. I am happy to report that Dr. Ulaganayagi Palani retired Associate Professor

of Tamil was awarded the Queen Sisowath Kossamak Award (Women Achiever Award) at an International Thirukural Conference, Angkor Wat, Cambodia, in October 2022; and the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Tamil Nadu Iyal Isai Manram in June 2022. Dr. Ashrafi Bhagat, retired Associate Professor of Fine Arts, has published a book titled 'Navigating Culture through Formal Aesthetics: Six Decades of R. B. Bhaskaran's Journey' published by DOT Publications 2023.

My thanks go to every student of this College, for choosing to study here, collaborating with us in contributing to nation-building, and being the agents of social change in your communities.

I thank our Chief Guest Dr. Madhavan Mukund for consenting to be here this evening and delivering the College Day address and distributing the prizes.

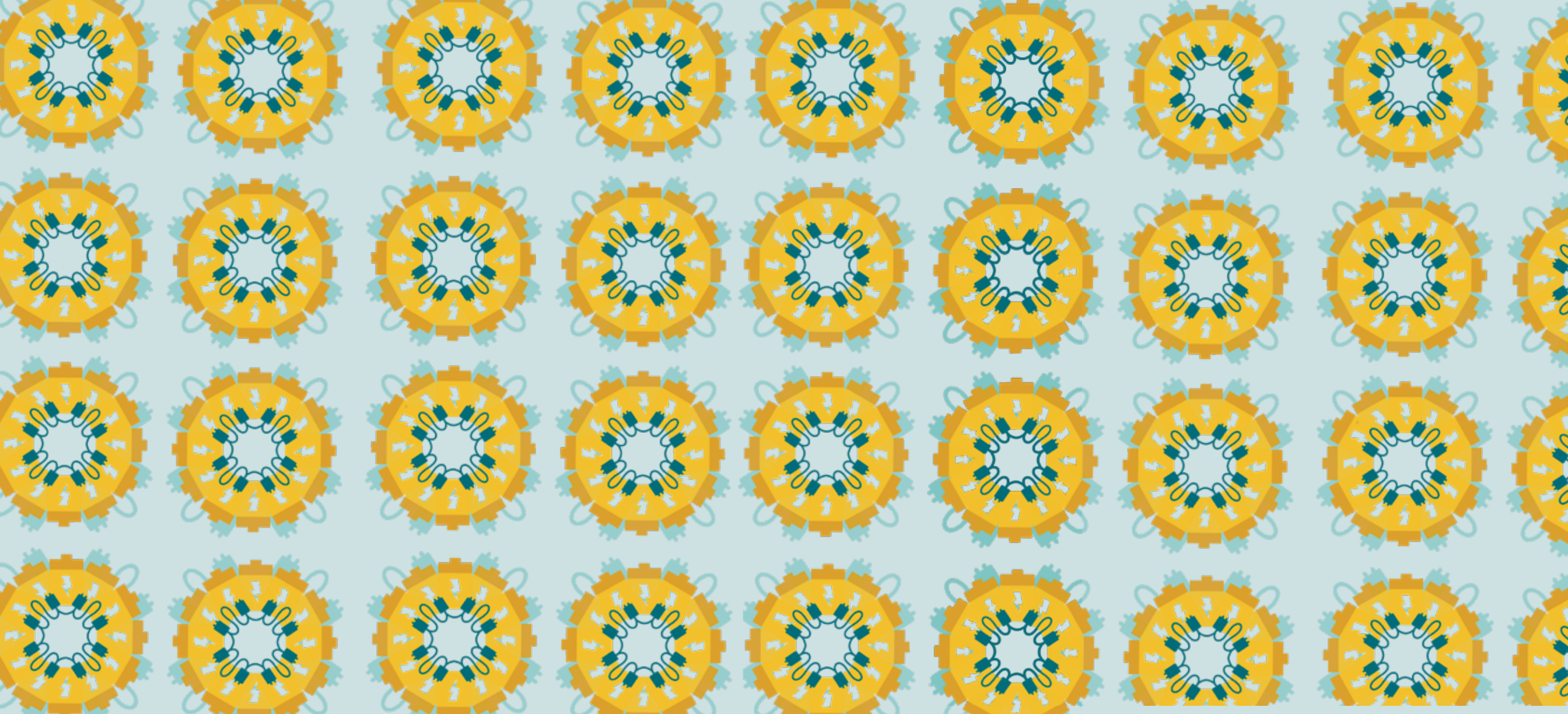
Thank you and God bless.
Jai Hind.



Independence DAY Stella BIRTHDAY







Felicitations



Dr. Sr. Rosy Joseph, fmm

“A true leader has the confidence to stand alone, the courage to make tough decisions, and the compassion to listen to the needs of others.”

Dalai Lama

Dr. Sr. Rosy Joseph, Associate Professor, Department of Mathematics, assumed office as the ninth Principal of Stella Maris College (Autonomous) on 18 June 2018. She holds a doctorate in Mathematics from Himachal Pradesh University, India. She has served the College in key posts, such as that of Dean of Academic Affairs, Dean of Student Affairs, and Controller of Examinations.

The College, under her leadership, has grown and progressed, witnessing an unprecedented growth in



student numbers, with a host of new programmes, interdisciplinary courses, online course offerings, extension, and extracurricular activities creating numerous avenues for students to obtain a holistic education for a fulfilling and rewarding future at the workplace and as women of substance in their communities.

She has initiated eleven new programmes in the College—five at the undergraduate level (B.A. English and Communication Skills, B.Voc. Tourism and Hospitality, B.Voc. Banking and Financial Services and Insurance, B.Com. (Honours), B.Com. Banking, Finance, and Entrepreneurship, and B.A. Tourism and Travel Management) and six at the postgraduate level (M.Sc. Physics, M.A. Leadership in collaboration with Trinity Western University, Canada, M.A. Human Resource Management, M. Sc. Data Science in a tripartite collaboration with GITAA and Liverpool Hope University, and M. Sc. Psychology). She introduced GE online courses and the

Learning Outcome-based Curriculum Framework for all programmes and courses.

During her tenure, the College celebrated its semi-sesquicentennial year in 2022 with a series of organised activities, particularly the Sapphirus Cognitio Talk Series, which involved highly specialised and informative lectures by experts from various fields. As the 75th-year celebration ended, the grand finale saw the visit of the Honorable Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Thiru. M.K. Stalin on 25 May 2022.

Her leadership skills and vision came to the fore during the pandemic when she oversaw the training of more than 200 faculty members in technological tools to continue the educational process of students through the online mode.

Under her able guidance, stewardship facilities and infrastructure have been enhanced and developed to meet the needs of growing student and faculty



communities. She was responsible for completing a new Academic Block called the Sancta Sofia Block with a Digital Media Center. She was pivotal in setting up Facilitated Academic Resource and Research (FARR) Center in collaboration with Trinity Western University, Canada. Under the DST-FIST programme, an e-learning recording room has been set up, and two new laboratories have been set up for the B. Voc. Programmes in Sustainable Energy Management and Food Processing and Quality Control. She has undertaken some developmental initiatives to obtain the Google Suite for Education for remote teaching during the lockdown, establish SCEED (Stella Centre for Effective Education and Development), and set up a high-tension generator on campus to ensure an uninterrupted power supply.

She has also received the Higher Education Excellence Award-2019 for Arts and Science Colleges, Chennai, conferred by Staffordshire University, UK, and was also awarded the IAB Blind Empowerment Champions 2020 by the Indian Association for the Blind in recognition of her voluntary contribution to the empowerment of

the visually challenged. During her tenure, The Xavier Board of Higher Education in India selected the College for the Sr. Hedwige Award for the Best College 2018-19 at the XXIII Triennial Conference of the Board on "Revisioning Higher Education in India – Challenges and Strategies for Catholic Institutions".

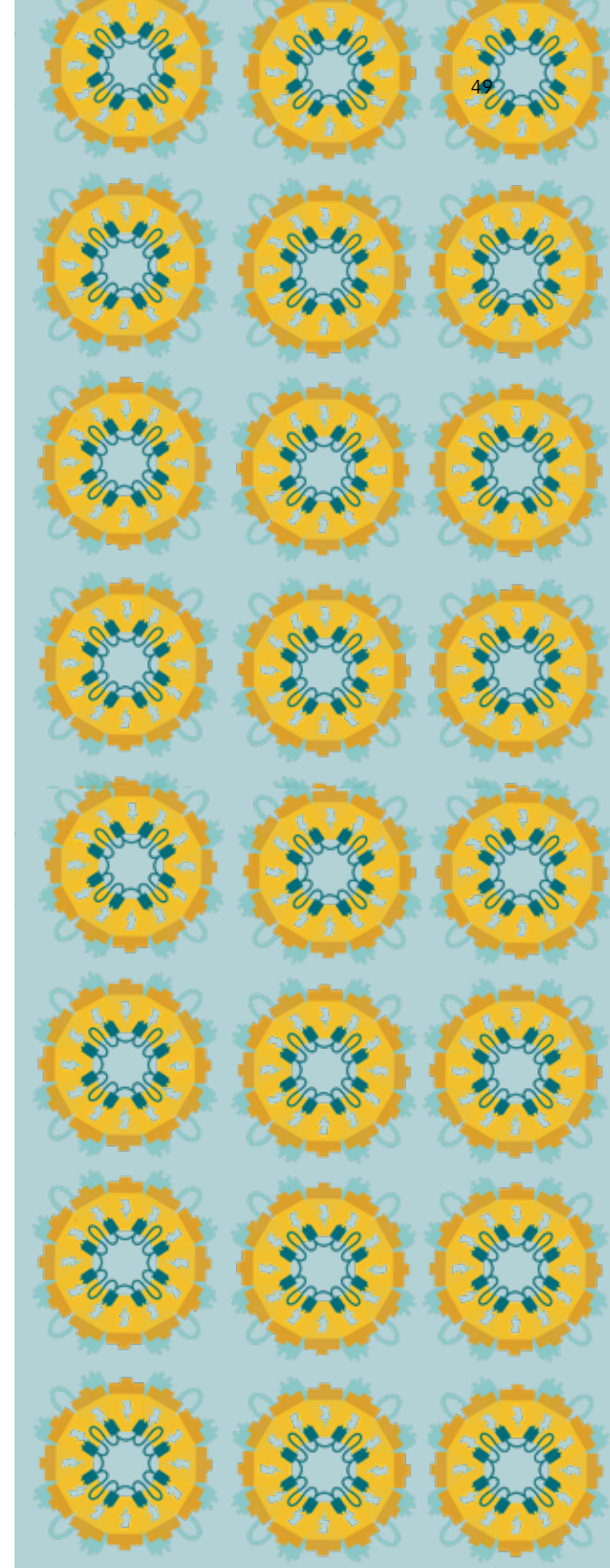
The establishment of the Jayashree Venkatraman Digital Learning and Research Centre, a state-of-the-art digital centre for technology-based learning/and research practices and training purposes, was her initiative. Several MoUs have been signed with international and national higher education institutions and industries to benefit both faculty and students through exchange programmes, internships, training, and placement.

She has been conferred with various awards, such as the Dr. Sam Higginbottom Award for the Best Principal of India (2020-21), in recognition of her educational leadership, devotion to academic excellence, the introduction of educational innovations, concern for the overall development of students,

and commitment to professional ethics. She received the Glad Heads-Up Award for Academic Leadership from the International Glad Awards 2021 by the Global Learners Academy of Development.

Recognised as one of the top 20 influential women educators in Tamil Nadu for the year 2019 by the Academic Council of uLektz, she was also bestowed with the title of Iraipani Seyalveerar in August 2019, by the Saint Mother Teresa Charitable Trust for having dedicated her life to social uplift and social justice. She was elected to the Senate of the University of Madras as an ex-officio member on 28 October 2021. She was also elected Vice-President of the Forum of Minority Institutions and Associations (FORMIA), at the Annual General Body Meeting of the FORMIA held on 30 November 2022.

Dr. Sr. Rosy Joseph's educational visits to different countries have benefited the institution by expanding its horizons. After 25 years of dedicated service, Dr. Sr. Rosy Joseph retired at the end of the academic year (2022-2023).





Ms. Zonita Mason

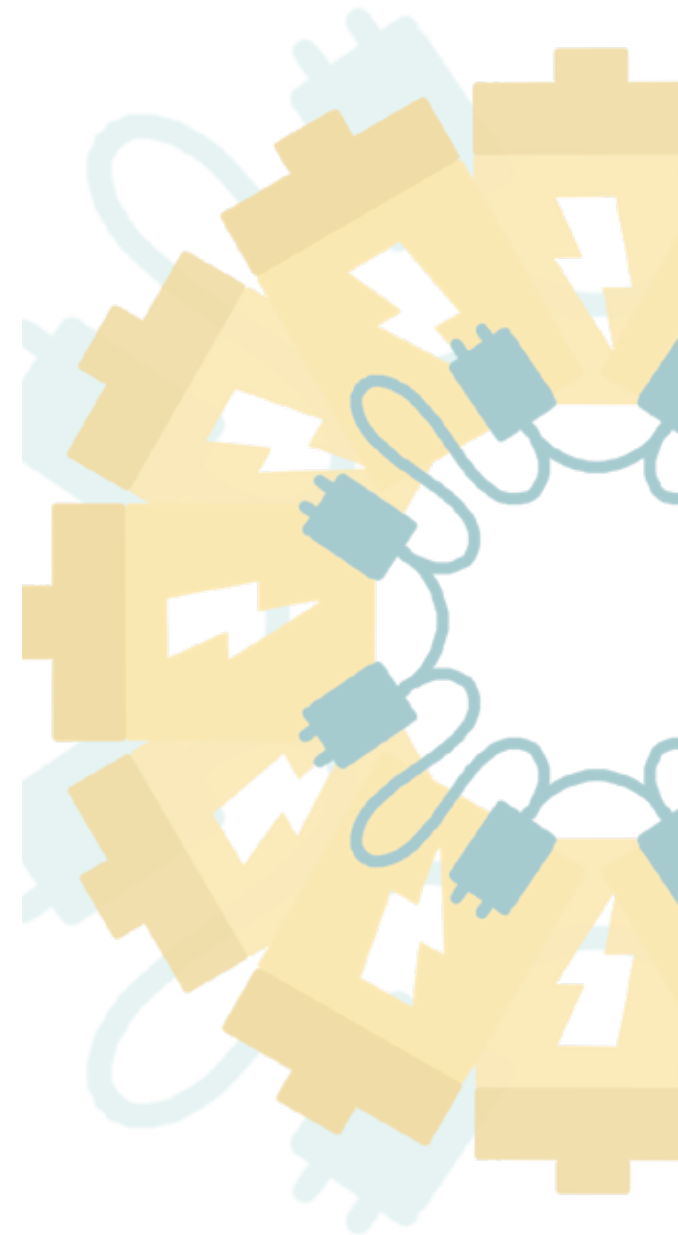
Ms. Zonita Mason, from the Department of Commerce has worked in several capacities with diligence and commitment as Dean of Student Affairs (1998-2001), Head of the Department (2015-2018), Associate Controller, and Controller of Examination (2018–2021). Ms. Zonita is well known for her loving yet firm handling of students. She taught with confidence and zeal, and her pedagogy enabled students to understand the concepts of Business Management and Communication with ease and clarity. She is comfortable working with numbers and has displayed great acumen and meticulous planning during her tenure as the Associate Controller and subsequently as the Controller of Examinations. In addition, she has significantly contributed to various committees as well.

Ms. Zonita's interactions with the staff and students are marked by warmth and kindness. She reaches out to people in need and goes out of her way to make them feel comforted and loved. Her sense of humour and ready wit leave us with peals of laughter. She has a lovely voice and effortlessly sings many popular old numbers.

Her culinary skills are truly commendable and she lavishes her colleagues with puddings and delicious dishes. Her crisis management skills display her strength of character and we find her unruffled even in an emergency.

Her presence is enigmatic and powerful enough to be missed very much when she is not around. She adores her loving family and is blessed with a wonderful son, Christopher Mason, and a caring husband, Glen Mason. Today, she is a proud grandmother and a caring mother-in-law to Reshma.

May God richly bless her and keep her in his loving providence and bounty throughout her retired life.





Dr. Ignatius Veronica Alice

Dr. Ignatius Veronica Alice, Head and Associate Professor, Department of Tamil, was born in Nagercoil. A university rank holder at her undergraduate level, she completed her M.Phil. degree at St. Xavier's College, Palayamkottai, and obtained her Ph.D. degree from the University of Madras. Her Ph.D. thesis is on femininity in the consciousness of Jesus. This shows her inclination towards theology and literature. She started her teaching career at Auxilium College, Vellore. She joined Stella Maris College in 1989. Dr. Alice was head of the Department of Languages from 2014 to 2022.

Under her leadership, the Tamil version of the college song was composed and released. She has written numerous articles and essays, which include Bible and

Tamil, Jesus and Nature, Psychological aspects in Tiruvalluvar's works, and Women's Freedom in Jesus, to name a few. In the year 2009, she wrote a book, *Rosary of Our Lady*, in Tamil with 53 couplets to exalt the Christian practice of rosary. The English translation of the book was published in 2020. The book was highly commended, and the Tamil version was added to the 2019 syllabus. For this, the Tamilnadu Educational Research Institute awarded her the Achiriyar Chemmal Award on 5th September 2016.

She deeply loves nature and aims to create a positive environment for the students, thereby boosting their self-confidence. A dedicated teacher, Dr. Alice, has held various roles and responsibilities at Stella Maris College.

She has been part of various committees during her tenure. She has also been a board member and an academic audit member for other colleges.

She has a calm, composed personality, is stern in her decision-making, and is a steering force in collaborating with the languages department. She is known for contributing to Tamil literature and for kindling interest in the language among students.

After 33 years of selfless service, Dr. Alice retired in 2022. We wish her the very best as she begins a new chapter in life with the plenitude of blessings and graces from above for a peaceful and delightful retirement.



Dr. Felbin C Kennedy

Dr. Felbin C. Kennedy had an illustrious career in the Department of Mathematics at Stella Maris College and has served the institution for 30 long years. She excelled both in academics and administrative duties, which include being the Vice Principal from June 2019–22, Head of the Department (UG: 2007–10, Research Department: 2018–19), Dean of Academic Affairs (2016 -18) Ph.D. guide since 2010 and NCC officer (1993–2001).

Her research publications in Fuzzy Mathematics have been internationally acclaimed as the basis for advanced studies. She has 34 International publications to her credit. Her scholarly achievement in this area

of mathematics was the pinnacle of her work, which was identified and quoted as Fuzzy Normed Linear Space Of The Felbin Type. She has over 795 citations for her research work. She has guided over 50 postgraduate students and five doctoral scholars through their dissertations. She has served as the corresponding and associate editor of special issues of some international journals in the field of mathematics. Dr. Felbin Kennedy is an anchor and resource for advancing Fuzzy Mathematics science.

She has been a resource at various conferences, seminars, and symposia. She initiated the international postgraduate programme in Data Science at Stella Maris College in collaboration with GITAA Research Park, IITM Chennai, and Liverpool Hope University, UK.

Dr. Felbin Kennedy is the recipient of various national awards. To name a few: the Distinguished Professor Award-2021 by the Institute of Researchers, India; the Bharat Shiksha Ratan Award by the Global Society for Health and Educational Growth, New Delhi, for excellence in the field of education; and the Bharat Seva Ratan Gold Medal by the Global Economic Progress and Research Association for Excellence in the Field of Education. She was a Fellow of the International Forum on Analysis in 2003 and was selected as the Best Officer Cadet DG Silver Plaque of Honour award (1995). She was also the General Secretary of the International Forum for Interdisciplinary Mathematics and was the domain expert for vetting Mathematics textbooks of grades 11 and 12.

She has retired from work after 30 years of dedicated service in the academia.



Dr. Sr. Lourthu Mary, fmm

Dr. Sr. Lourthu Mary, fmm, Head, Department of Social Work, entered the portals of Stella Maris College as a postgraduate student in 1994. Prior to enrolling in an academic programme here, she was the Programme Coordinator at Udhagamandalam Social Service Society from 1988. After completion of her M.S.W and M.Phil. Degrees, she served as the Secretary and Executive Director of the National Child Labour Project (1997-2002) and as Project Director, ILO-IPEC, Area Specific Approach, Tirupur (1999-2002).

Sr. Lourthu was awarded the Proficiency Prize during her I M.S.W, the Community Development specialisation prize, and the Best Field Worker Award in her II M.S.W, and was the rank holder in Social Work, University of Madras, in 1996.

Sister joined the Department's faculty in 2002 and will retire this year after several decades of dedicated service. At Stella Maris College, she was the NSS Programme Officer (2008-

2009), Dean of Academic Affairs (2017-2019), and Head of the Department of Social Work since 2019. Sister introduced the M.A. Human Resources and Management Programme in 2020 and has headed the Department for two years.

Sister is an outstanding academician and researcher with a blend of keen intellect and an action-oriented approach to administration. Her scholarship, innovation, creativity, and achievements are reflected in her contributions to the Department, the College, and the community at large.

Over the years, as an academic and Social Work practitioner, Sr. Lourthu has taught, trained, mentored, and guided students, colleagues, grass root level workers, and government and NGO personnel, and helped many entrepreneurs establish social enterprises. She introduced papers such as Entrepreneurship Development, Development Planning and Administration, Tools, and Techniques for Development, Displacement and

Social Work Practice, and Qualitative Research into the curriculum.

Bestowed with exceptional abilities in grant writing and numerical, she has spearheaded research projects and programmes with financial assistance from UNICEF, IFCU, the UGC, SIDBI, and the EDI. She is passionate about teaching, research, training, and in undertaking action research projects. She is the recipient of several prestigious awards; to list a few—

- Best Social Worker for Combating Child Labour in Coimbatore and Tirupur Districts, awarded by the Ramakrishna Mission Vidyalaya (2003)
- Best Social Entrepreneur in Women's Empowerment awarded by the Madurai Kamaraj University Staff Club Association (2011),
- Award for Social Innovation by Crescent University, Chennai (2022) and The Justice V.R. Krishna Iyer Centenary Award for Social Justice and Human Rights Crusade by the Society for Community Organisation Trust (SOCO) Trust, Madurai (2023).



These awards were given in recognition of her tireless contribution of time, talent, and knowledge shared to celebrate diversity, practice inclusion, and promote equality and equity to advance the cause of social, cultural, and economic development among the poor and needy.

Adopting qualitative research methodology early in her study and career, Sr. Lourthu is the authority on the subject. She has shared her expertise, attended conferences, and training programmes, and undertaken research at the Santa Thoma University, Columbia, The University of Mary, US, De la Sal University, the Philippines, Grail Centre, Cape Town, South Africa, 'Clean Clothes Campaign,' the Netherlands and at the Catholic University of Applied Sciences, North Rhine, Westfayleya (KathO), Germany. Her extensive list of publications includes a wide range of subjects—Social Entrepreneurship, Entrepreneurship Development, Participatory Governance, Social

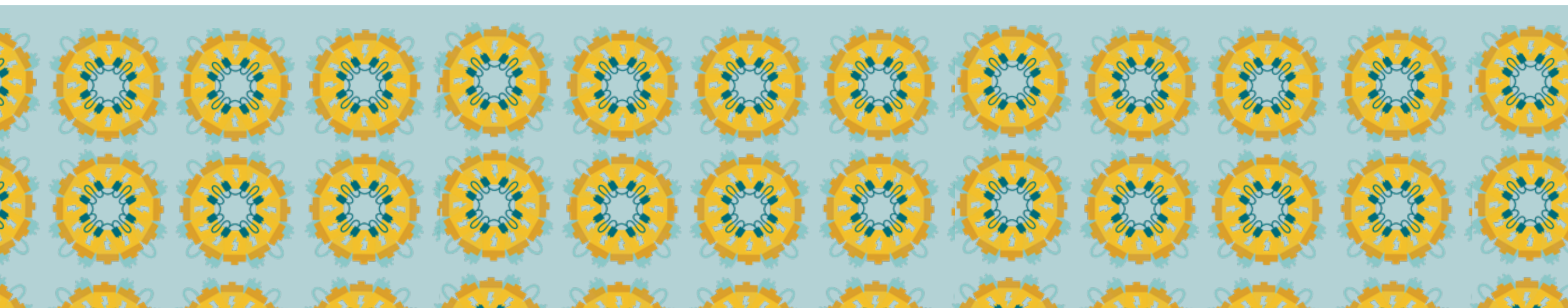
Auditing, Displacement, Women's Micro Enterprises, Women Construction Workers, Child Labour, Indigenous Persons, and Spirituality to name a few.

A much sought-after resource person, Sister has trained, chaired sessions, delivered lectures, and offered consultancy services. She has been invited to evaluate the functioning and activities of several social service agencies. Her networking skills have enabled the Department to collaborate with bureaucrats, the judiciary, the police, international, governmental and non-governmental organisations.

Quick to respond to crisis and calamity, Sister has selflessly reached out and has organised relief in the aftermath of the tsunami in 2004, the Kumbakonam Fire accident, the Chennai floods and most recently to the guest workers during the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent lockdown.

Committed to the ideals of truth, justice, charity, and welfare of the poor and marginalized, her compassion, empathy, and confidence are truly inspiring. The Biblical verse 1 Peter chapter 4 verse 10 says, "each of you should use whatever gift you have to serve others as faithful stewards of God's grace in various forms". This verse from the Bible best summarises her devotion, life purpose, and work, having served for four decades in the religious life.

In our association with Sr. Lourthu, we have experienced the vibrancy of a true steward, firmly rooted in faith and prayer, drawing from God's grace and strength in every situation, and quick to serve cheerfully and generously. As you stand on the threshold of a new beginning, Sister, may God, who has led you thus far, continue to lead, guide, and keep you in His care. God bless.





Dr. R. Shanmugasundari

Dr. R. Shanmugasundari, Assistant Professor, Department of Physics, is retiring after 23 years of dedicated service to the institution. Dr. Sundari is a woman with many academic accomplishments, especially in technology and science, which were employed for the growth of the Department of Computer Science, where she worked from 2002 to 2013. She headed the Department of Computer Science from 2006-2011. In 2013, she re-joined the department where she first worked in 1999. She has a passion for learning and teaching, which was clearly visible in all her activities in the Physics and Computer Science departments. Her areas of specialisation are Optics, Mathematical Physics, Digital design, and animation, and it is very common to hear

from the alumnae about her expertise in designing and how she inspired the students to become good designers. Throughout her career, she has fulfilled all her responsibilities with full commitment.

Dr. Sundari has demonstrated great leadership skills, which she brought to the fore as Dean of Academic Affairs. She is an understanding and compassionate teacher who understands and cares about the well-being of students. Her special ability lies in developing and maintaining a cordial and professional relationship with everyone around her.

As Dean of Student Affairs from 2020-22, her patience and sensitivity towards students' needs earned her respect from both her co-workers and students. She has guided and helped the Students' Union Executive Team conduct various activities. She was also actively involved in many of the other College activities, including IQAC, DST FIST, the NAAC Steering Committee, and the Advisory Committee for B.Voc. SEM. She was also involved in developing content for the first website launched by the College. In addition to her College activities, she has also been a resource person. She delivered online lectures for the UGC online country-wide lecture series on Animation at EMMRC Anna University, Chennai, in June 2010 and 2012. She has developed E-Content on Animation for UGC, India, through EMMRC Anna

University, Chennai. She has served as a Technical Consultant and Trainer of trainees in the Multimedia Industry, as a content writer and web designer, and as a member of the Board of Studies at Lady Doak College, Madurai.

Dr. Sundari is a simple, modest, patient, kind-hearted, responsible, and highly respected teacher. Her generosity with her time and skills knows no bounds. She is a woman of values, a sincere and committed teacher, which is reflected not only in her professional life but also in her personal life as well. She always enjoyed the work and took up every task, big or small, assigned to her with utmost sincerity and passion.

A big thank you, Dr. Sundari, for all your help and support extended to all of us during your career.

As Dr. Shanmugasundari retires from her active service after long years in Stella Maris College, we wish that the same spirit of happiness and enjoyment surrounds her during her many years of peaceful and happy retirement. We pray that she and her family are abundantly blessed with good health and joy.





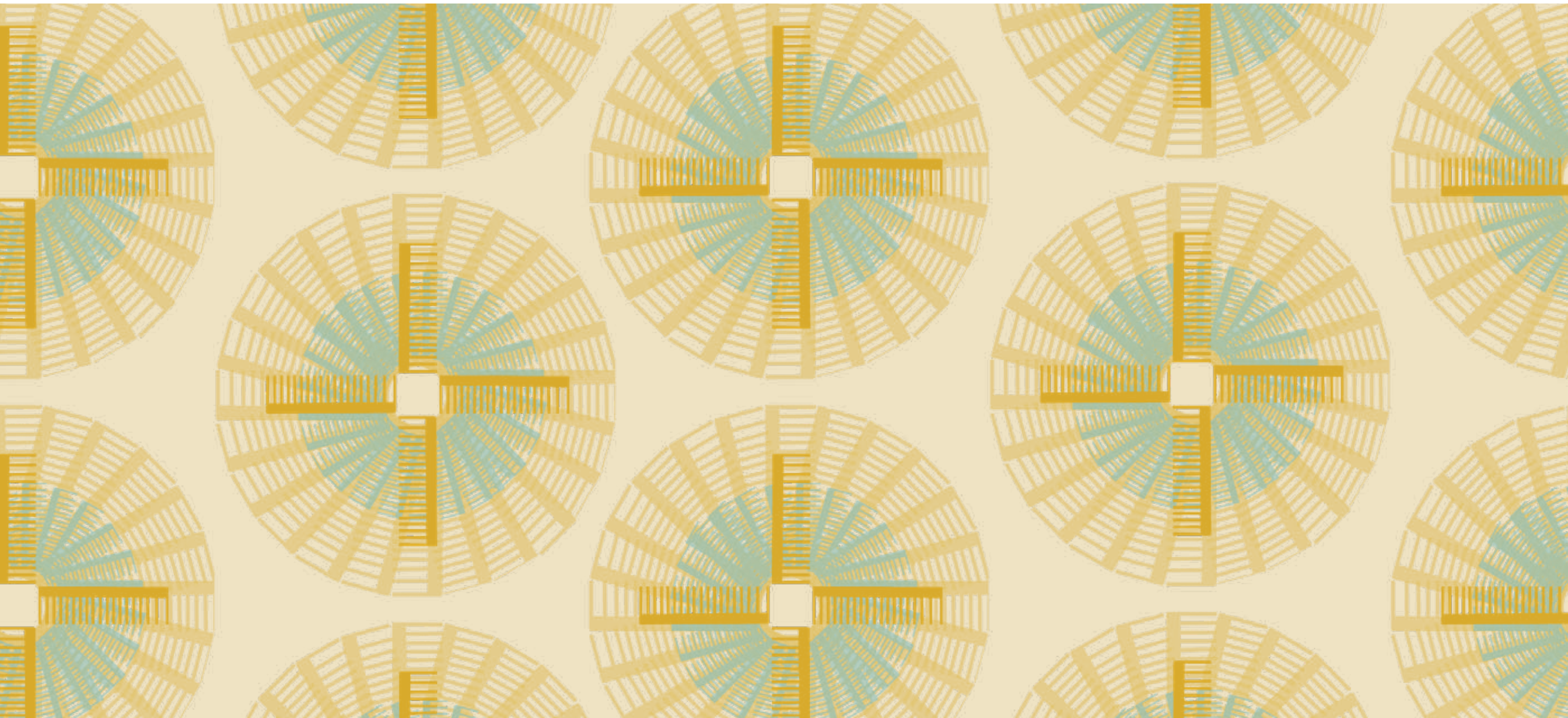
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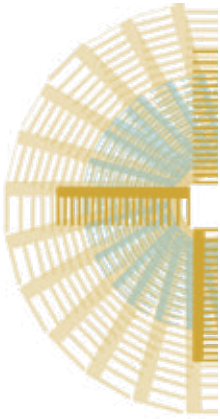
Dr. K. Shyamala, Coordinator, B.Voc. Programmes is retiring after 20 years of dedicated service to the institution. She has served the institute as Head of the Department of Bioinformatics (2008-13), Head of the Department of Biotechnology (2012-13) and Dean of Academic Affairs (2013-15). She has been a member of Stella Centre for Effective Education and Development member since 2019. She has served as an accreditation ambassador in the UGC Paramarsh Scheme 2019, guiding mentee institutions for NAAC Accreditation. During her tenure at Stella Maris College, she has shown high professionalism, commitment, and dedication in all her work. She is a teacher par excellence and is passionate about Biochemistry.

Her students have expressed their appreciation for her interactive and thought-provoking classes. She played an active role in introducing new programmes and contemporary courses. She has coordinated the DST-supported project 'Lecture Demonstrations for Popularization of Science' and contacted many rural school students across Tamil Nadu. She has played an impactful role in nurturing students and steering them towards growth. She has organised several seminars, conferences, and workshops and has also been invited as a resource person in other institutions.

Being passionate about the environment, she has been involved in setting up the Biogas plant installation of a PET bottle recycler on campus. She is an efficient and affable person who is highly appreciated for her team spirit. We thank her for her valuable service and wish her good luck in all her future endeavours.

IN Memoriam





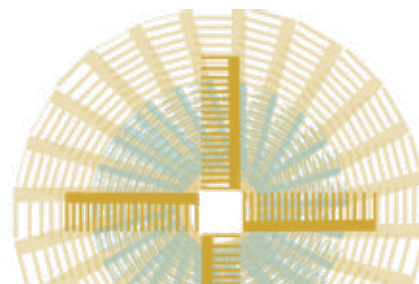
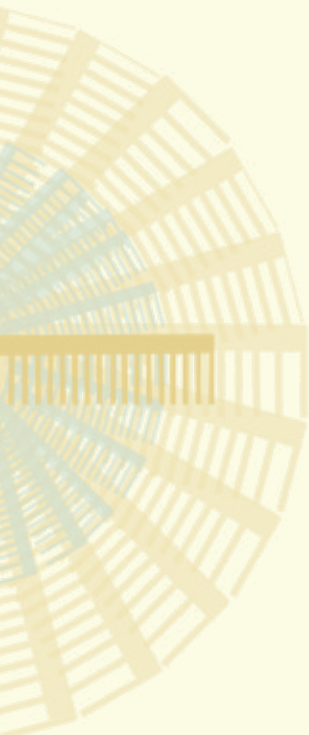
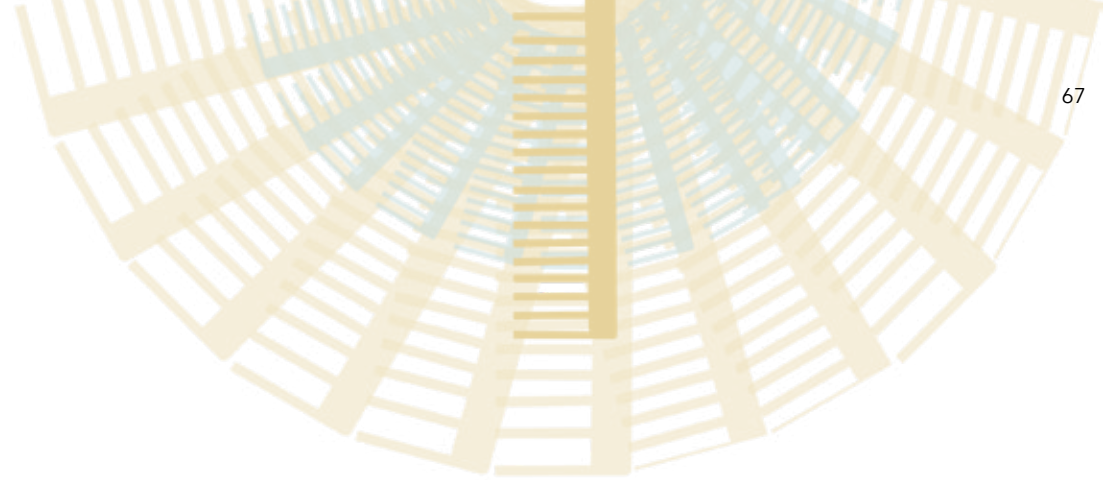
Sr. Susan Matheikal, fmm

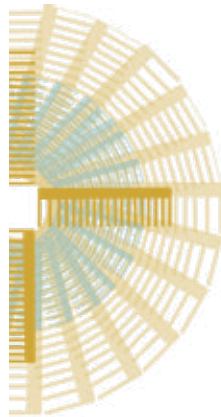
Sr. Susan entered the Institute of the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary in April 1962. She began teaching at Maris Stella College in Vijayawada as a lecturer before returning to Stella Maris as a lecturer in Mathematics. She held numerous administrative positions in the College and was known for her strong interpersonal abilities and organisational and administrative skills. Sr. Susan served as both the Hostel Warden and Dean of Student Affairs from 1974 to 1978.

She served as Superior of the Stella Maris Community and College Correspondent between 1976 and 1982. In 1983, she moved to the Delhi Province in 1983, where she was appointed as Principal of the prestigious Mater Dei School in Delhi and Superior of Prabhalya. She was a multifaceted individual who effortlessly handled multiple responsibilities at the same time. She served as the Superior of the Community from 1983 to 1987. In 1987, Sr. Susan was appointed Provincial Superior of the Delhi Province. This exposure widened her horizons and knowledge of the diverse cultures of India. From June 2008 to 2015, she was Superior of Stella Maris Convent. In 2010, she was appointed as Secretary and Correspondent of the College, a post she held until December 2021.

Sr. Susan was outstanding in her availability and her readiness to help whenever and wherever help was needed. In addition to being a devoted Franciscan Missionary of Mary, She rendered her administrative services unstintingly to all the Institutions she served. She was quick, decisive, and hard-working, which was evident in the number of posts she could hold simultaneously with ease, cordiality, and kindness. She often made bold decisions but always did so with utmost faith and confidence in God.

The College and the FMM community will cherish Sr. Susan as a vibrant, kind, committed and inspiring Franciscan Missionary of Mary. May her generous and loving soul rest in peace.





Dr. Sr. Florine Monis, fmm

"If we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord. Therefore, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord." Rom 14:8

Dr. Sr. Florine Monis joined Stella Maris College in 1976 and left for her heavenly abode on 15 March 2023. Sr. Florine was a precious gift to the College and she has contributed immensely to the growth and development of the institution. Beyond the boundaries

of duty, her public relations skills helped her reach out to parents, benefactors, and friends of the College.

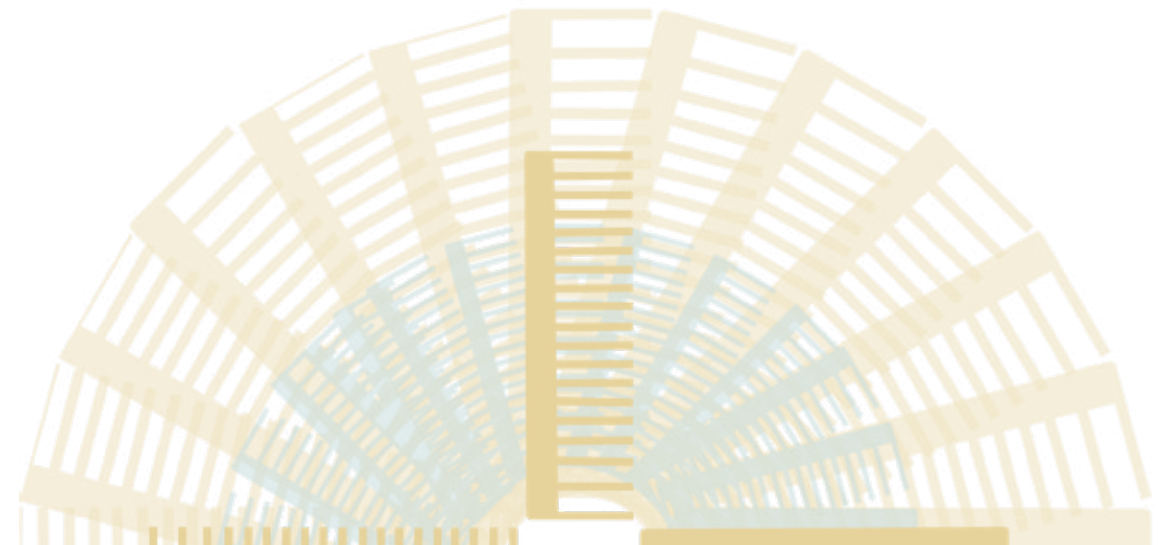
She worked in the College as Junior Assistant in the Examination section when Stella Maris became autonomous, and she also had a short stint teaching in the Department of Commerce after completing her M.Com. She completed her Ph.D. in Politics and Public Administration. As Manager of the College Office, she maintained a good rapport with the government and university authorities. The faculty and the staff found her a very responsible administrator, helpful, supportive, and willing to help the less privileged and aged.

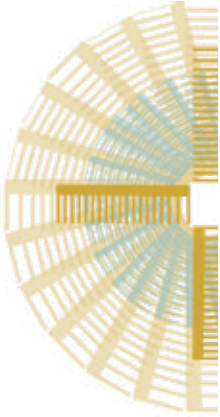
Dr. Sr. Florine's motto was to give her best to the community and the College. Along with her responsibilities at the College, she was appointed Superior of the Stella Maris Community. As an animator of the community, she

extended her love and care to all community members.

Dr. Sr. Florine worked tirelessly and generously for the improvement of the infrastructural facilities in the College. She was also partly instrumental in the institution of many merit scholarships for students during the Golden and Diamond Jubilee years. During her early days at the College, she was the advisor for the AICUF movement in the College and helped several students. In 2009, she was transferred to Sacre Coeur Convent, Tuticorin, to serve in the St. Joseph's Leprosy Hospital office.

The faculty at Stella Maris College, St. Joseph's Leprosy Hospital, and Child Jesus Hospital loved and held her in esteem. Her passing away has left a void in the lives of several people she touched with her unstinting generosity and warmth. She continues to live in the hearts of all those who knew her. May her soul rest in peace!

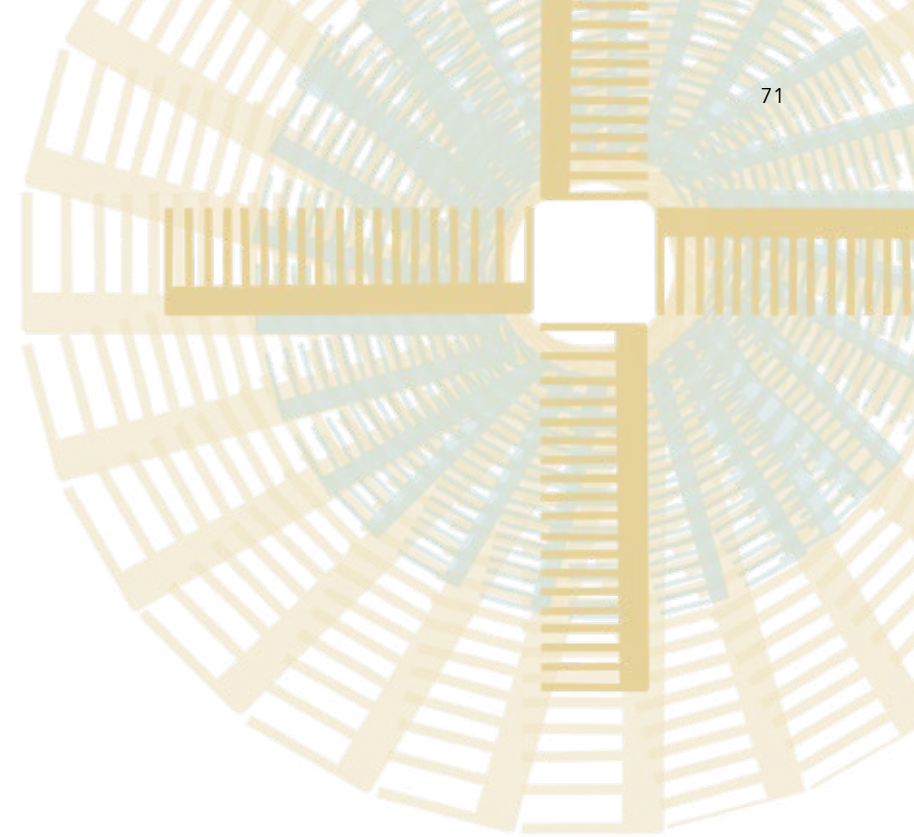
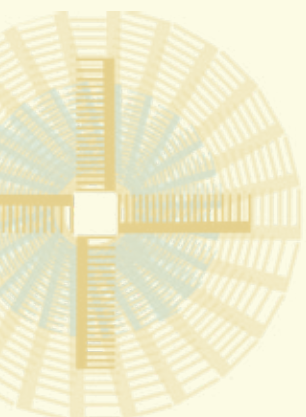




Dr. Sujata Ramanathan

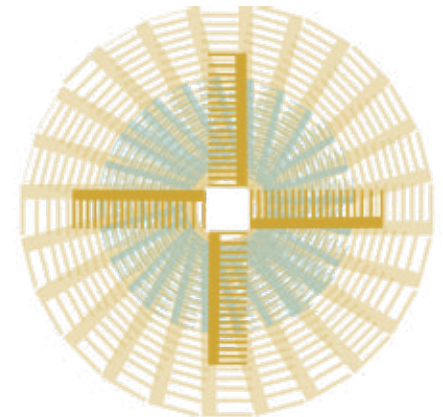
Dr. Sujata Ramanathan has left a legacy as a great academician, an excellent teacher, a spirited, outgoing person, and a wonderful friend. An alumnus of the Department of Sociology first batch of the department), Dr. Sujata began her career as a lecturer in 1978 in the same Department and retired as its Head after 33 years of committed service to Stella Maris College.

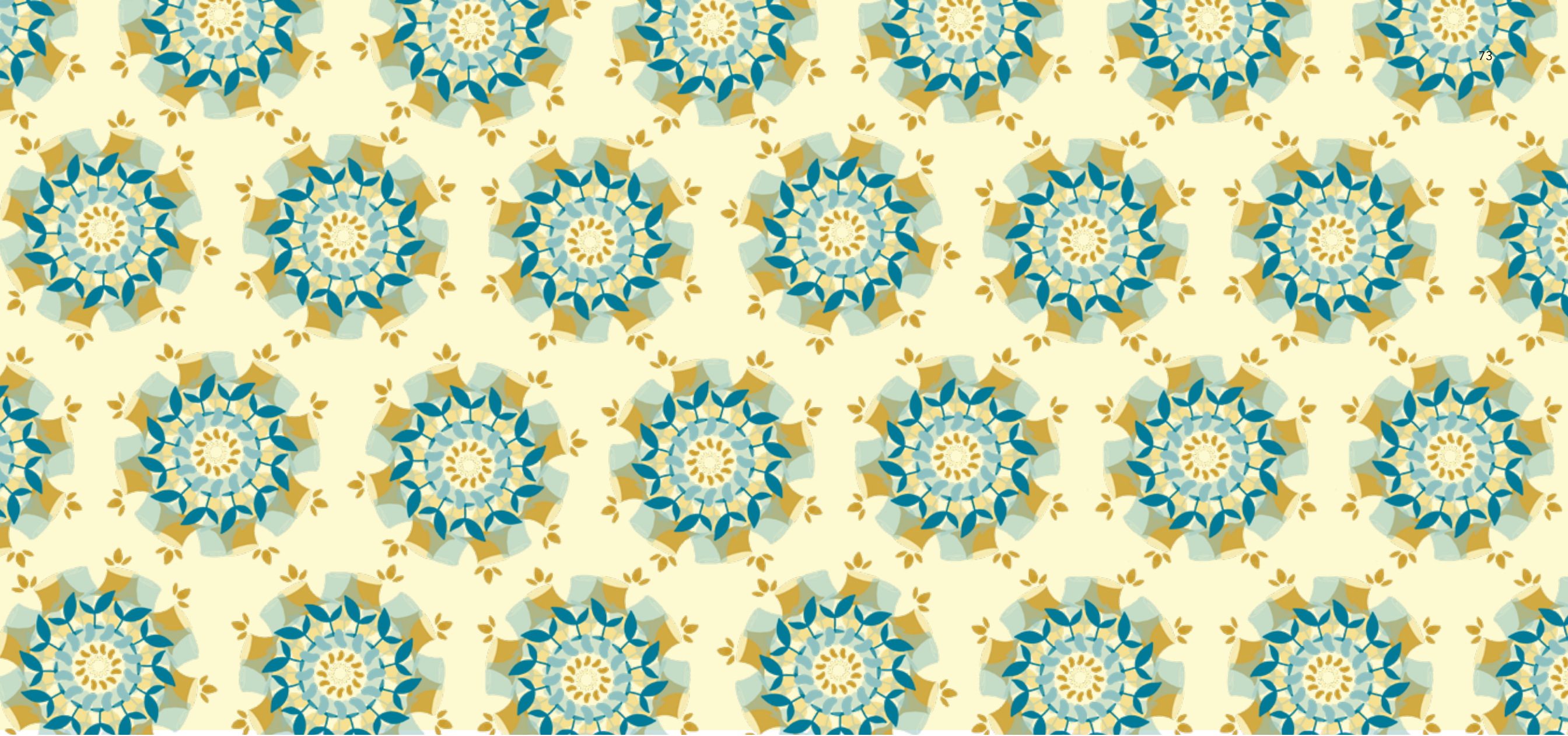
She has touched the lives of generations of students in her gentle way. Her very personality built around her an aura of warmth and gentleness that endeared her to her peers and students alike. Her empathy and zeal are remarkable. Based on her rich experience and sharp focus in her field, she was invited to be a guest faculty member for three years in the Collegium for Advanced



Study in Social Sciences at the Center for Social Initiative and Management in 1998.

After 33 years of untiring service at Stella Maris College, she became an active educator as a Documentation Consultant at UNICEF. She passed away on 8 November 2022. The strong, dynamic, charismatic personality of Dr. Sujata will always be remembered and cherished.







STUDENTS' UNION

Students' Union 2022-23 chose 'Astra' - Latin for 'To the Stars' as their official name with the motto 'Eyes on the Stars; Feet on the Ground'. The logo showcased a figure reaching to the stars while being grounded, while the three stars depict past, present, and future goals. A sphere-like structure encompasses these elements, depicting the Earth. The colours used- blue, green, and yellow - resonate with the motto. Astra created various teams titled 'Astra Auxiliaries', which supported the Union throughout the year.

During the academic year 2022-23, Astra conducted educational, enlightening, and empowering events to unleash students' full potential in a holistic environment. Post-pandemic lockdown, the Union swiftly resurrected on-campus traditions and celebrations of the College. Astra conducted week long events to commemorate the 76th Independence Day and Stella's Birthday, with theme-based competitions such as Painting Relay, Essay writing, and Interdepartmental Dance-Drama competitions.

The Anti-Drug Abuse Club, an initiative of Astra and the Office of the Students' Deans, was inaugurated on 27 September 2022. Astra's co-curricular initiatives were informative workshops in collaboration with

PARI Education, seminars on Cancer Awareness, and Vigilance Awareness competitions.

The 'Leading Together Conference', co-organised with the IQAC, saw Non-Performing Clubs conduct competitions under the banner 'Nirangal', which focused on Astra's primary mission of celebrating diversity and inclusivity.

Astra organised diverse events deriving inspirations from festivals with the aim of nurturing a vibrant and inclusive community on campus. Onam, Navaratri, Diwali, Christmas, and Pongal celebrations brought in a cheerful spirit. On these days, competitions such as Pookalam, Star and Crib Making, and Interdepartmental Carol Singing were organised.

The programmes conducted by the union for Freshers' Day, Teachers' Day, Non-Teaching Staff Day, and especially the Celebration of Founder's Day garnered significant appreciation.



Astra - Students' Union 2022-23



Deans of Students' Affairs and Students' Union 2022-23

Astra conducted two fundraisers - 'Desi Palooza' to celebrate Desiness among students and 'Neon Night', a fun dance night serving as a prelude to Aquilae.

Astra organised 'Stellatoons'- the fresher's talent hunt, and 'InterStellar' - the annual inter-years cultural competition, to enhance students' participation in cultural competitions. The intercollegiate cultural fest, - 'Aquilae', was conducted on campus after two years, with more than 30 Colleges being invited.

The Students' Union is extremely grateful for the opportunity given to them and believes that they have stayed true to their name and motto.

Astra wishes their Alma Mater the best and hopes that the Star of the Sea will guide the students in all their endeavours.

Let the Flag of Blue and Gold fly high!

NATIONAL CADET CORPS (NCC)

The National Cadet Corps (NCC) training is designed to develop leadership skills, character and a sense of discipline among students. It also aims to instill a sense of patriotism and national unity among its members. This year again the cadets have displayed an exceptional performance at the state and national levels and have won several awards and trophies.

S/Lt. Swati Seshadri received the Director General of NCC Plaque of Honour when Lt. Gen Gurbirpal Singh, AVSM, VSM visited the Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Andaman and Nicobar Directorate on 21 July 2022. Cadet Under Officer Ratuja Bakshi from III B.A. Sociology participated in the 31st All India G.V. Mavalankar Shooting Competition held at Asansol, West Bengal in October 2022 and has won two gold medals in the Junior and in Senior categories respectively. Petty Officer Cadet Pulluru Toshita Reddy from III B.V.A. was part of the Senior Wing Contingent



*All India Thal Sainik Camp
New Delhi, September 2022
Sergeant Simran Kaur - III B.Sc Botany, Corporal
Sadhana - II BVA, Cadet Under Officer -
Dhafbrin Loyola - III B A Sociology*

that marched at the Kartavya Path, Delhi on the Republic Day, 26 January 2023. Corporal Gopika Prasad from II B.A. Economics participated in the Republic Day Camp 2023 at Delhi. She was part of the Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Andaman and Nicobar Directorate cultural team that secured I place in Group dance, I place in Ballet and III place in National Integration Awareness Program. The Directorate won the overall winner's trophy in the RDC cultural. The felicitation of RDC cadets by Deputy Director General was organised by NCC Madras Group A at Stella Maris College on 1 February 2023. Commodore Atul Kumar Rastogi, Deputy Director General of Tamil Nadu Puducherry and Andaman & Nicobar Directorate awarded the RDC cadets and addressed the audience.

Sergeant Simran Kaur from III B.Sc. Botany, Cadet Under Officer Dhafbrin Loyola from III B.A. Sociology and Corporal Sadhana of II B.V.A. participated in the All India Thal Sainik Camp at New Delhi in September 2022. Sergeant Simran Kaur won a bronze medal in the tent pitching competition. Naval Cadets Dharshini from II B.Com. Shift I and Pramodita from II B.A. English, participated in the All India Nau Sainik Camp at Visakhapatnam in October 2022. Naval Cadet Pramodita won Gold medal in Health and Hygiene competition. Airwing Cadets Princy W of III B.C.A. and Manjushree of II B.Sc. Physics attended the All India Vayu Sainik Camp at Jodhpur during September-October 2022 and won a silver medal in Line Area and Gold Medal in Aero-modelling competition



All India Vayu Sainik Camp - Jodhpur October 2022 - Airwing Cadets Princy W - III BCA and Manjushree - II B.Sc Physics

respectively. Naval Cadets Disha Eshwar from III B.Sc. Psychology and Ranjani from II B.Sc. Psychology, participated in the All India Yachting Regatta at Odisha in November 2022 representing the Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Andaman and Nicobar Directorate and were the overall winners of the competition.

On the occasion of International Yoga Day on 21 June 2022, a yoga session was organised for the cadets of 1 TN Girls Bn. The Inaugural camp for the first year cadets was held in College on 13 December 2022. The Officers of the Indian Coast Guard visited Stella Maris College and addressed the NCC cadets and students from various departments on 16 August 2022 and presented the National Flag as part of the campaign on Har Ghar Tiranga. A session on career opportunities in the Indian Navy was organised on 17 August 2022. Officers from INS Adyar addressed the NCC cadets and students. A session was organised for the cadets on Women Empowerment: Breaking Barriers and Busting Myths on 18 January 2023. Dr. Swetha Margaret from the Computer Science Department was invited as the resource person.



*G. V. Mavalankar Shooting Competition
Asansol West Bengal, October 2022- Cadet
Under Officer Ratuja Bakshi - III BA Sociology*



*All India Nau Sainik Camp
Visakhapatnam, October 2022
Naval Cadets Dharshini - II B.Com General
(Shift II) and Pramodita - II BA English*



Republic Day Camp Felicitation 1 February 2023



*Petty Officer Cadet Pulluru Toshita Reddy from
III BVA at the Kartavya Path, New Delhi on the
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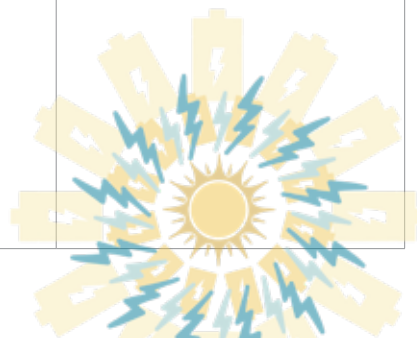
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ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF CADETS

Students	Camp / Activity	Level	Achievements
CUO Ratuja Bakshi, III B.A. Sociology	31st All India G.V. Mavalankar Shooting Competition at Asansol West Bengal from 09 to 15 October 2022	National	Won two Gold medals in the Junior and Senior Categories respectively
Sgt Simran Kaur, III B.Sc. Botany; CUO Dhafbrin Loyola, III B.A. Sociology; Cpl Sadhana, II B.V.A.	All India Thal Sainik Camp at New Delhi from 13 to 27 September 2022	National	Sgt Simran Kaur won a bronze medal in tent pitching competition.
CWO Princy W, III BCA; CWO Manjushree, II B.Sc. Physics	All India Vayu Sainik Camp from 23 September to 05 October 2022	National	CWO Princy W secured silver medal in Line Area Competition and CWO Manjushree secured gold medal in Aero-modelling competition
Naval Cadets Dharshini, II B.Com. General and Pramodita, II B.A. English	All India Nau Sainik Camp from 02 to 12 October 2022	National	Naval Cadet Pramodita won gold medal in Health and Hygiene competition

Cadet Agnes Veronica, II B.Sc Mathematics and Naval Cadet Cathina Nixon II B.B.A.	Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat at Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh from 22 August to 03 September 2022	National	Participated
Naval Cadet Femina, II B.Com. General	Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat at Jhansi, Uttar Pradesh from 10 to 19 October 2022.	National	Participated
Naval Cadets Disha Eshwar, III B.Sc. Psychology and Ranjani, II B.Sc. Psychology	All-India Yachting Regatta during November 2022	National	Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Andaman and Nicobar directorate was the overall winners of the competition.
POC Kayalvizhi, III B.A. Sociology, Naval Cadets Darshini and Femina, II B.Com General	Special NCC Yachting Training camp at Indian Navy Watermanship Training Centre Kochi from 20 November to 01 December 2022	National	Participated
Naval Cadet Shamyuktha	All India Girls Trekking Expedition 2022 at Niligiris from 27 November to 03 December 2022	National	Participated

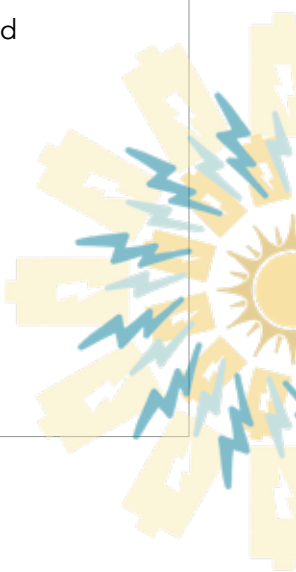
POC Pulluru Toshita Reddy, III B.V.A.	All India Republic Day Camp from 29 December 2022 to 05 February 2023	National	She was part of the Senior Wing Contingent that marched at the Kartavya Path, Delhi on the Republic Day, 26 January 2023.
Cpl Gopika Prasad, II B.A. Economics	All India Republic Day Camp from 29 December 2022 to 05 February 2023	National	She was part of the TN, P & AN Directorate cultural team that secured the I place in group dance, I place in Ballet, III place in National Integration Awareness Program. The Directorate won the overall winner's trophy in the RDC cultural.
Naval Cadets Femina and Dharshini, II B.Com. General	Annual Training Camp at the Indian Naval Academy Ezhimala, Kozhikode from 07 to 21 January 2023	National	Participated
Cpl Josmani Joan, Naval Cadet Pramodita II B.A. English and Cpl Jennifer, II B.Sc. Mathematics	Basic Leadership Camp at Nehru Arts and Science College, Coimbatore from 19 to 26 November 2022 and Advance Leadership Camp at Hindustan College of Engineering and Technology, Coimbatore from 03 to 12 January 2023	National	Cpl Josmani Joan secured the third prize in the Lecturette competition



Three II year Naval Cadets and One III Year Naval Cadet	Unifi Capital Offshore Sailing Regatta 2023 – J 80 Class boats racing from Chennai Port to Kamarajar Port, 06 - 09 April 2023	National	Participated.
CUO Ratuja Bakshi, III B.A. Sociology	47th Tamil Nadu State Shooting Competition at Trichy Rifle Club from 24 to 31 July 2022	State	Secured gold medal for the team event and silver medal in the individual event
CUO Dhafbrin Loyola, III B.A. Sociology; Sgt Simran Kaur, III B.Sc. Botany; Cpl Sadhana, II B.V.A.	Inter Group Competition from 12 July to 21 July 2022	State	Gold medal in Field Craft and Battle Craft, Obstacles and silver medal in the tent pitching competition
Flight Cadets Ramisha Fathima, II B.A. Sociology, Ancy C Varghese, II B.C.A., CWO Manjushree, II B.Sc. Physics and CWO Princy W III B.C.A.	VSC Inter Group Competition at NTA Idiyapatti Madurai from 30 July to 10 August 2022	State	CWO Manjushree secured first place in radio controlling event
Two III year and one II year Army Cadet	IGC TSC Launch camp & TSC IGC Training Camps I, II, III, IV during July-August 2022	State	Gold medal in obstacles, Field Craft and Battle Craft and tent pitching

Five Airwing Cadets	VSC Training II cum CATC camp and VSC launch camp at Air Force Station, Tambaram from 05 to 08 September 2022	State	Participated
Two II year Naval Cadets	Nau Sainik Training Camp at NCC Group Headquarters Puducherry from 23 to 30 August 2022 and NSC Training II, and Launch camps from 16 to 23 September and 24 to 30 September respectively.	State	Participated
CUO Ratuja Bakshi, III B.A. Sociology	13th South zone competition held at Trichy Rifle club from 19 to 24 October 2022	State	Secured silver medal in the junior category and bronze medal under the senior category
Cpl Gopika Prasad, II B.A. Economics; Cpl Ramya Bharathi II B.A. English for Communication and Flight Cadet Ramisha Fathima, II B.A. Sociology	RDC Inter Group Competition at Idiyapatti Madurai from 25 September to 02 October 2022	State	Cpl Gopika Prasad secured the Second prize in Group Dance

Flight Cadet Ramisha Fathima II B.A. Sociology	Marina Republic Day Camp from 18 to 26 January 2023	State	Part of the contingent that marched on Marina Beach on 26 January 2023 on the Republic Day
Three II year and two III year Army Cadets	TSC Training II Camp at SRM Institute of Technology, Kattankulathur from 01 June to 10 June 2022	Unit	Participated
11 Naval cadets	Combined Annual Training Camp at Academy of Maritime Education and Training from 11 to 18 August 2022	Unit	Naval Cadet Angel Grace Thomas - 3rd prize in Health and Hygiene and Semaphore; Naval Cadet Shazgiya Begum - 1st prize in rigging and Semaphore, second prize in Health and Hygiene and third prize in drill and service subject
Four Airwing Cadets	Annual Training Camp cum VSC camp at Air Force Station Tambaram from 17 to 23 July 2022; VSC Training I and RDC Selection Camp at NTA Idiyapatti Madurai from 12 to 20 August 2022	Unit	Participated



Two III year and Five II year Naval cadets	Inter Unit Competition camp at Pondicherry from 02 to 08 August 2022	Unit	Participated
Naval Cadets Catakam Shamyuktha and Pulluru Toshita Reddy	RDC Training Selection Camp I at Shree Chandrabrabhu Jain College at Minjur Kancheepuram from 24 August to 01 Sep	Unit	Participated
Naval Cadet Pulluru Toshita Reddy	RDC Training Camp II at Pachaiyappas College for Men, Kancheepuram from 06 to 13 September 2022	Unit	Participated
Six Naval Cadets	Visit to the US Coast Guard Ship 'Midgett' at Port Trust Harbour on 16 September 2022	Unit	Participated
Nine Naval Cadets	Swach Sagar Surakshit Sagar campaign on 17 September 2022 at Marina Beach.	Unit	Participated
21 Army Cadets	Puneet Sagar Abhiyan organized by 1 TN Girls BN at the Naval beach on 28 September 2022	Unit	Participated

31 Army cadets	Combined Annual Training Camp at Vel Tech College from 04 to 11 January 2023	Unit	<p>Cadets secured II place in Contingent Drill, Trolley Race and Relay Race.</p> <p>Cpl Sherlin Felcy - 2nd place in Individual Drill.</p> <p>Cpl Ancia Anna Thomas Tharakan - 1st place in firing.</p> <p>Cpl Ramya Bharathi - 1st place in Best Cadet Competition.</p> <p>CUO Catherine Joy - Best Parade Commander</p> <p>Sgt Simran Kaur - Best Right Marker.</p> <p>SUO Ishwarya Jose was felicitated by the unit for her exemplary work as Camp senior.</p>
Sgt Kaneesha, III B.Sc. Mathematics	Combined Annual Training Camp from 02 to 09 February 2023	Unit	1st Prize in Best Cadet Competition

NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME (NSS) YOUTH RED CROSS (YRC) RED RIBBON CLUB (RRC)

The NSS, YRC, and RRC units of Stella Maris College function as facilitators of a more comprehensive enhancement in students' collegiate journey. The programme aids in achieving holistic growth, personal empowerment, and social responsibility of individuals by giving them opportunities to explore the society around them through work in NGOs and agencies, talks by social activists and field experts, and social work to the general public. From volunteering for development projects to being a part of rallies and



Volunteers Participating In The Anu Walkathon



Volunteers actively assisting at The Blood Donation Camp

awareness campaigns, the students of the units strive to strengthen their values of altruism, social welfare, and service to others for the betterment of our society and surroundings. The academic year 2022-2023 has been a productive one for the 580 volunteers, 31 senior volunteers, and 6 programme officers, owing to their contribution to the various events conducted.

The units conducted over 11 awareness seminars with guest speakers from all walks of life and various fields of expertise to discuss and contemplate our role in understanding and spreading awareness on health and wellbeing, mental and social growth, social service, women empowerment, and patriotism. With three blood donation camps, two first aid awareness programmes, the Golden Butterflies Programme, Medical Camps on campus and Marathal Thagumo event, the volunteers received a hands-on experience in comprehending and appreciating the importance of health in today's post pandemic world.

The volunteers were also actively involved in various events like the Naan Mudhalvan Scheme College Visits, the Singara Chennai Food Safety Festival, the Mega Awareness Green Event, and the YMCA Photo Exhibition. Not only have the volunteers showcased their enthusiastic participation but have also secured several medals and prizes for the same.

The student volunteers have been a part of rallies, walkathons and awareness campaigns on the encouragement of mindful actions and practices and the banning of harmful habits and routines that we have gotten used to. The volunteers have also participated in pledge-taking ceremonies for the well-being of our nation's citizens and the environment around us along with the faculty of the College to show their strength in solidarity. The units celebrated the NSS, YRC, and RRC Day on 3 March 2023 with Ms. Smitha Sadasivan, Cross Disability Accessibility and Inclusion Consultant, as the chief guest for the event.



Volunteers actively assisting at The Blood Donation Camp

The units have also managed to integrate the working of collaborating agencies in the college by bringing in the senior citizens from Dignity Foundation for the Christmas Programme and tiny tots from St. Thomas Babies Home for the NSS, YRC, and RRC Day celebrations.



Golden Butterflies Adi Dhool Event On Campus



Awareness Programme on Mental Health and Well-Being



Naan Mudhalvan Scheme College Visit On Campus



Students Volunteering At The YMCA Photo Exhibition

GAMES & SPORTS

S tella Maris College has always encouraged students to train and participate in many sports and games in the firm belief that this is an integral part of education.

Keeping its tradition, the College has won a number of prizes in various events. At the First National Level Traditional Archery Championship 2022 and National Level Sports Championship 2022, M. Snekaa secured first place in Recurve, and Srilekaa M secured first place in Compound.

In Athletics, at the 7th Chev. Dr. N.R. Dhanapalan Athletic Meet 2023, S. Kalaivani secured the Gold medal in 800 m and a Bronze in 1500 m. The College also secured Gold medals in the 4 x 400 mts and 4 x 100 mts relay.

In Table tennis, our College team secured the Winner's title at the University of Madras B-Zone Intercollegiate Tournament and IIT Sports Fest 2022.

In Badminton, M. Nisha emerged as the Winner at the VASPO Intercollegiate. In Chess, our College team secured the Winners title at the WCC Trophy. R. Durga secured first place at the Tamilnadu State Open Chess Tournament 2023 and second place in the First SRM International Open Chess Tournament 2022. Mithali represented the University of Madras in Squash, and their team secured a Gold medal at the All India Inter University Squash Championship. S. Vigneshwari represented the University of Madras at the South Zone Hockey Championship. In Shooting, Vinitha Shalinie A participated in the 13th South Zone Championship 2022.

In Roller skating, Natalia Orinda Johnson secured the Silver medal in Couple dance at the 36th National Games. She secured a Gold medal in Quartet, a Silver in Couple dance, and a Bronze medal in Solo dance at the 60th National Roller Skating Championship.

To crown our achievements, our College emerged as Overall Champion in WASPO 2022-2023 organised by MOP Vaishnav College.

This year, 25 students from our College were selected to represent the Madras University B. Zone, and 5 students were chosen to represent the Madras University. The number of National Level representations was 6.



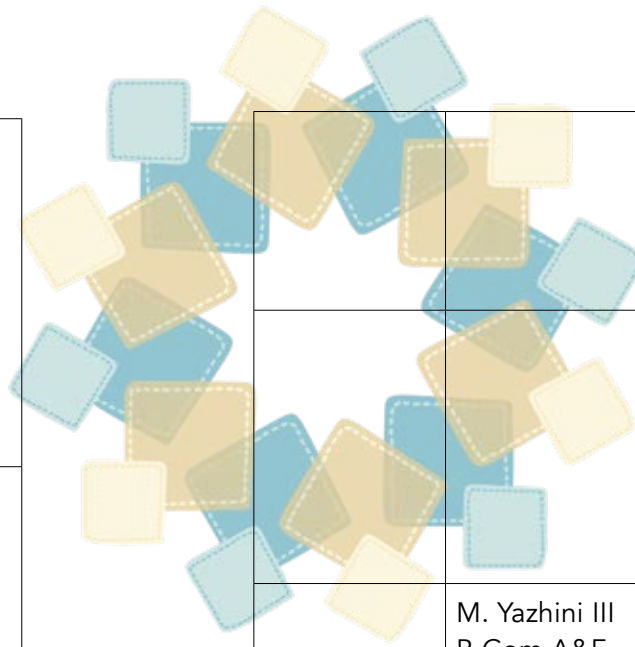
Overall champions in WASPO 2023

Game	Student	Achievements	Level
Archery	M. Snekaa I B.Com CS	First place in Recurve at the 1st National level Traditional Archery Championship 2022 held at Mettur, Salem held from 10 Dec to 12 Dec 2022.	National
		First place in Recurve at National Level Sports Championship 2022 held at Haryana from 29 Nov to 1 Dec 2022.	National
		First place in Recurve at the 2nd Tamil Nadu State Level Traditional Archery Championship held at Mettur, Salem on 20 Nov 2022.	State
		Second place in Recurve at the 1st Tamil Nadu Indoor Archery Championship 2022 held at Virudhunagar on 26 and 27 Nov 2022.	State
		First place in Recurve at the Tamil Nadu State-level Traditional Archery Championship 2022 held at Tirunelveli on 19 June 2022.	State
	M. Srilekaa I B.Com CS	First place in Compound at the 1st National Level Traditional Archery Championship 2022 held at Mettur, Salem held from 10 Dec to 12 Dec 2022.	National
		First place in Compound at National Level Sports Championship 2022 held at Haryana from 29 Nov to 1st Dec 2022.	National

		First place in Compound at the 2nd Tamil Nadu State Level Traditional Archery Championship held at Mettur, Salem on 20 Nov 2022.	State
		First place in Compound at the 1st Tamil Nadu Indoor Archery Championship 2022 held at Virudhunagar on 26 and 27 Nov 2022.	State
		First place in Compound at the Tamil Nadu State Level Traditional Archery Championship 2022 held at Tirunelveli on 19 June.	State
Athletics	S. Nathaliea Evangelin Mariea II B.Com CS	Gold in 400m, Silver in 200m, and Bronze in 100m at the Madras University B-Zone Inter Collegiate Tournament held at Madras University Union Ground on 7 Feb 2023.	Inter Collegiate
		Silver in 400m in 7th Chev. Dr. N.R. Dhanapalan Inter Collegiate Athletic Meet 2023 held on 10 Feb 2023.	Inter Collegiate
	T. Jayalakshmi II M.A. HRM	Silver medal in 800m at the Madras University B-Zone Inter Collegiate Tournament held at Madras University Union Ground on 7 Feb 2023	Inter Collegiate
		Bronze in 400m in 7th Chev. Dr. N.R. Dhanapalan Inter Collegiate Athletic Meet 2023 held on 10 Feb 2023.	Inter Collegiate
		Bronze medal in 400m hurdles and 1500m in Dr. A.L. Mudaliar Athletic Meet held from 20 to 22 Dec 2022.	University

		Represented the University of Madras in the All India Inter University Athletic Meet held at TNPESU from 13 March to 16 March 2023.	All India Inter University
	S. Kalaivani I B.Com	Silver medal in 1500m at the Madras University B-Zone Intercollegiate Tournament held at Madras University Union Ground on 7 Feb 2023.	Inter Collegiate
		Gold medal in 800m, Bronze medal in 1500m in 7th Chev. Dr. N.R. Dhanapalan Inter Collegiate Athletic Meet 2023 held on 10 Feb 2023.	Inter Collegiate
	S. Shanmuga Priya II B.A. Economics	Silver in Discuss Throw, Bronze in Shot Put in 7th Chev. Dr. N.R. Dhanapalan Inter Collegiate Athletic Meet 2023 held on 10 Feb 2023.	Inter Collegiate
	S. Nathaliea Evangelin Mariea II B.Com CS, T. Jayalakshmi II M.A. HRM, S. Kalaivani I B.Com, A. Ann Marie Shruthi I B.Com	Silver medal in 4 x 100m relay at the Madras University B-Zone Intercollegiate Tournament held at Madras University Union Ground on 7 Feb 2023.	Inter Collegiate
		Gold medal in 4 x 100 m and 4 x 400 m Relay in the 7th Chev. Dr. N.R. Dhanapalan Inter Collegiate Athletic Meet 2023 held on 10 Feb 2023.	Inter Collegiate

	S. Nathaliaea Evangelin Mariea II B.Com CS, T. Jayalakshmi II M.A.HRM, S.Kalaivani IB.Com, S. Dharshini II B.Com	Bronze medal in 4x 400 m relay in Dr. A.L. Mudaliar Athletic Meet held from 20 Dec to 22 Dec 2022.	
Table Tennis	D.K Vedhalakhmi III B.com, M.Yazhini III	Winners in the Madras University B-Zone Inter Collegiate Tournament held on 27 September 2022 at SEP.	Inter Collegiate
	B.Com A&F, K.E. Monica III B.Com, N. Aashika II B.Com CS, K.E. Shruthika I B.Com	Jain College and Runner Up in the Inter-Zone Tournament.	
	D.K Vedalakshmi III B.com A&F, K.E Monica III B.com, N. Aashika II B.com CS	Winners at IIT Sports Fest 2022 held at IIT from 21 Sep to 25 Sep 2022.	Inter Collegiate
		Runners up at the VASPO 2022- 2023 organised by M.O.P. Vaishnav College on 16 Feb 2023.	Inter Collegiate
	D.K Vedalakshmi III B.com	Selected to represent the University of Madras and secured Runners up title in the South Zone Inter University held from 14 Nov to 16 Nov 2022 at Jain University, Bangalore.	South Zone Inter University

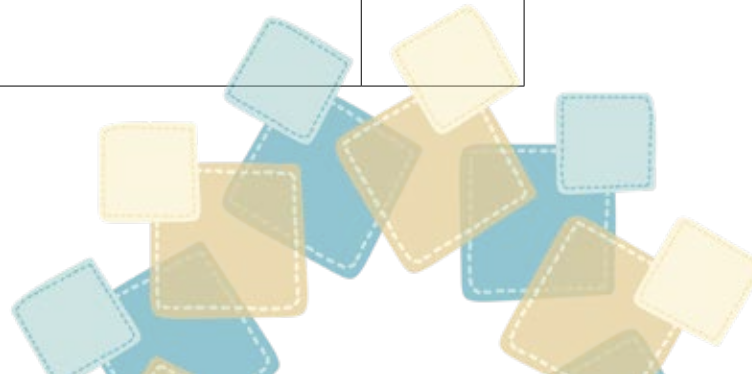
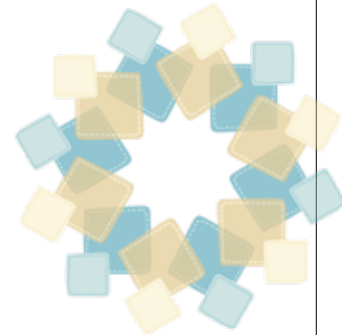


		Selected to represent the University of Madras in the All India Inter University held at Chitkara University, Punjab from 2 Jan to 4 Jan 2023.	All India Inter University
		Participated in the National Ranking Table Tennis Championship 2022 held at Surat, Gujarat from 23 Jan to 28 Jan 2023 also participated in the National Ranking Table Tennis Championship 2022 held at Vadora, Gujarat from 15 Jan to 20 Jan 2023.	National
	M. Yazhini III B.Com A&F	Runner up position in the 3rd and 4th State Ranking Table Tennis Tournament held from 22 July 24 July 2022 and 12 Aug to 14 Aug 2022.	
	K.E. Monica III B.Com	Winner in the Inter District Table Tennis Championship held at Krishnan Koil from 11 July to 13 July 2022.	State
	K.E. Shruthika I B.Com	Winner in the Inter District Table Tennis Championship held at Krishnan Koil from 11 July to 13 July 2022.	State
Shuttle	K. Jayalakshmi II BCA, Swastikaa Ashok II BBA, M. Nisha I B.Com	Runner up at the Madras University B-Zone Inter Collegiate Tournament held on 28 Sep 2022 at MCC, Tambaram	Inter Collegiate
	M. Nisha I B.Com	Winners title at VASPO 2022-2023 organised by M.O.P Vaishnav College on 16 Feb 2023.	Inter Collegiate

		Selected to represent the Madras University South Zone Inter University Tournament held at Jain University from 21 Nov to 24th Nov 2022.	South Zone Inter University
		Selected to represent the Madras University in the All India Inter University Tournament held from 22 Jan to 25 Jan 2023 at Lovely Professional University, Jalandhar.	All India Inter University
Basketball	C. Kousalya III B.Com, Sri Akshaya. P III B.Com, Amala Agnes Sylvia III B.Com, Amala	Runners up at the University of Madras B-Zone Inter Collegiate Tournament held at Thiruthangal Nadar College on 30 Sep 2022.	Inter Collegiate
	Agnes Vellentina III B.Com, Maria Evangeline.N II B.Sc Zoology, Naafila II B.A. Sociology, Sarjana. N II B.Com Honors, Priyanka M.J II B.Com, Felicia Jeren J.I. I B.Com, Saniya Tomy I B.Com A&F, Monisha R.S. I B.Com CS, Rachita Tanya Rabboni I B.A. English	Runners up at IIT Sports Fest 2022 organised by IIT from 21Sep to 25 Sep 2022.	Inter Collegiate

	Priyanka M.J II B.Com, Felicia Jeren J.I. I B.Com, Saniya Tomy I B.Com A&F, Monisha R.S I Com CS	Selected to represent University of Madras B-Zone for the Inter Zone Tournament held at D.G. Vaishnav College on 12 Oct 2022.	Inter Zone
Chess	Taanya. S.S I M.A. IS, Durga. R III B.Sc Physics, B. Mischel Capriatie II B.Com, Avanthika R.P II B.Com, Anindhitta R.P. B.A.English, Kelina Sharon. S II B.Sc Physics	Winners at the WCC Trophy held on 31 Jan 2023.	Inter Collegiate
		Runners up at the VASPO 2022-2023 organised by M.O.P. Vaishnav College on 16 and 17 Feb 2023.	Inter Collegiate
		Third place at the University of Madras B-Zone Inter Collegiate Tournament held on 29 Sep 2023 at Dr. Ambedkar Arts and Science College.	Inter Collegiate
	R. Durga III B.Sc Physics	First place in the Tamil Nadu State Level School Children and Open Chess Tournament 2023 held on 21 Jan 2023 at Pudur.	State
		First place Tamil Nadu State Level Children's Chess Tournament 2022 held on 24 Dec 2022 at Periyamet Chennai	State

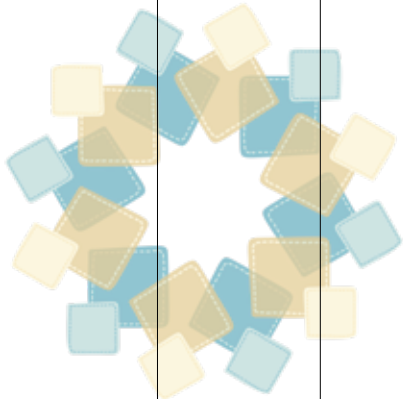
		Second place in the 1st SRM International Open Fide Rating Rapid Chess Tournament 2022 held on 25 Sep 2022 at SRM VDP Campus.	Inter-national
		Selected to represent University of Madras B-Zone for the Inter Zone Tournament held at D.G. Vaishnav College on 11 Oct 2022.	Inter Zone
Hockey	Harini. M III B.Sc Zoology, Adhirai. S III B.Sc Zoology, Harini. G III B.Sc Psychology, Himanshi Singh III B.Com, Mathivadhani III B.Voc, Agalya. P II B.Com, Shanmuga Priya.K II B.Com, Ashwini. K II B.Com, Varshini. S II B.Com, S. Vigneshwari II B.Com A&F, S. Vinnarasi I B.A.Economics, Anasuyaa Shakthi I B.A. Economics, G.Saranya I B.Com, S. Sandhya Priya I B.Com CS, S.B. Varshini I B.Com	Nine students were selected to represent Madras University B-Zone for the Inter Zone Tournament.	Inter Zone



	S. Vigneshwari II B.Com A&F	Selected to represent the University of Madras at the South Zone Hockey Championship held from 26 to 31 Dec 2022 at M.R.K Stadium Chennai.	South Zone Inter University
		Participated in the All India Inter University Hockey Tournament held from 25 to 31 Jan 2023 at Punjabi University, Patiala.	All India University
Squash	Mithali III BBA	Gold Medal at the All India Inter University Squash Tournament held at Somaiya Vidya University, Mumbai from 13 to 20 Feb 2023.	All India Inter University
		Participated in the National Squash Championship held at Shiv Nadir University, Delhi from 21 to 24 Sep 2022	National
Roller Skating	Natalia Orinda Johnson I B.A English	Silver Medal in Couple Dance at 36th National Games held in Gujarat from 30 Sep to 2 Oct 2022.	National
		Gold Medal in Quartet at Tamil Nadu State Roller Skating Championship held on 5 Nov 2022 at Chennai.	State
		Gold Medal Quartet, Silver Medal in Couple Dance, and Bronze Medal in Solo Dance at the 60th National Roller Skating Championship held from 11 to 19 Dec 2022 in Bangalore.	National
Handball	L. Swetha III B.Com, Chinchu Abiya Raj III B.Com, Sri Akshaya. P III	Third place at the University of Madras Inter Collegiate Tournament held at Nazareth College, Avadi on 19 Oct 2022	Inter Collegiate

	L. Swetha III B.Com, Chinchu Abiya Raj III B.Com, Sri Akshaya. P III B.Com, Catherine III B.Voc, Chest II BBA, Harini. K.R. I BCA, Dhanushya I BBA, Hani Jeevitha I B.A. History, C. Sowrnalakshmi I B.Com A&F	Three students were selected to represent Madras University B-Zone for the Inter Zone Tournament held at Nazareth College, Avadi on 20 Jan 2023.	Inter Zone
Taekwondo	G. Sandhiya II M.Com	Gold medal in U-49 category at the State Level Taekwondo Championship held at Sri Shanmuga College of Engineering and Technology on 6 Nov 2022.	State
	P. Anushiya III B.A. History	Gold medal in U-57 kg category at the State Level Taekwondo Championship held at Sri Shanmuga College of Engineering and Technology on 6 Nov 2022.	State
	Sharon Ankitha M.S. II B.Com CS	Gold medal in U-46 category at the State Level Taekwondo Championship held at Sri Shanmuga College of Engineering and Technology on 6 Nov 2022.	State
Shooting	Vinitha Shaline. A III B.Sc Zoology	Participated in the 13th South Zone Shooting Championship held from 28 Sep to 3 Oct 2022 at Muttom, Thodupuzha, Kerala	South Zone

Lawn Tennis	Chandhini. M III B.Com CS, Gayatri Balaji I B.Sc Psychology Netra. S II BSW, Krithika II B.Com A&F	Third place in the Madras University B-Zone Inter Collegiate Tournament held at SA Arts and Science College on 18 Oct 2022.	Inter Collegiate
	Gayatri Balaji	Participated in the Madras University Inter Zone Tennis Tournament held at Anna University on 28 Oct 2022.	Inter Zone
Volleyball	D. Priyanga III B.A. Sociology, Shakthi Bharathi II B.Com, Iniya Yazhini III B.Com CS, Monica Janet Teena II B.Sc MT, Arivumathi II BVA, Lavanya. G II B.A. History, Anu Xavier II B.A. English, Mirunazhini II B.Com, Lakshika I B.Com CS, Sowrnalakshmi .C I B.Com A&F	Third place at the IIT Sports Fest 2022 held from 21 Sep to 25 Sep 2022.	Inter Collegiate



Annual Sports Day March Past



Best Achiever Award in Archery - Sneha



Table Tennis Team Winners in BZone Intercollegiate, IIT Sports Fest



Best Achiever Award in Archery Srilekha



Chief Guest of Annual Sports Day
Dr. Sheila Stephen



Natalya Orinda Johnson received Gold medal in Roller skating



Mithali received Gold medal in Squash

LIBRARY

The College Library encourages students to attain, assess and identify knowledge and to acquaint themselves with the trends of knowledge for further education and learning new disciplines.

The resources and services of the Library create prospects for learning, support literacy, and education, and help to form new ideas and outlooks that are central to a creative and modern society.

The activities of the Library for the academic year 2022-23 began with the induction of the newly admitted 1756 undergraduate and 519 postgraduate students.

The Library offers Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) that can bring knowledge to students who may not have access otherwise, and be of use to students who cannot afford the expenses of higher education. MOOCs is a useful form of online learning and can complement traditional university education. With the success of MOOCs, our College Library continues to encourage students to enroll in MOOCs through which 26 students passed the SWAYAM – NPTEL examination and 21 students completed

Coursera Certification for the July – December 2022 semester.

The SMC Library also established a soundproof Digital studio with a state-of-the-art facility on the third floor of Sancta Sofia block and video recorded classes for two General elective online courses in this venue.

The revamped Library webpage plays the role of a traditional Librarian in selecting the information resources, organising information resources, and providing access to information resources.

A new bookmark was designed and released to commemorate the 75th Jubilee year of Stella Maris College showcasing the salient features of the Library.

First of its kind, a one-day Regional Seminar 'The Landscape of Academic Libraries in the Digital Era' was organised by the Library on 08 October 2022 and 81 Library Professionals from all over Tamil Nadu participated in this seminar. To enhance accountability, accessioning the library books of the Department of English was done in December 2022. An exhibit of books by four reputed publishers aimed at inspiring the College fraternity's reading habits was organised on 07 February 2023.

The Librarian, Dr. Mahalakshmi, has always worked with new digital techniques and honed her skills and the following are the testimonials for the same.



Regional Seminar



Dr. Mahalakshmi, Librarian, receives the Mrs. M. Jannath Najeemunnisa Beegum Memorial National Appreciation and Meritorious Service Award

Dr. Mahalakshmi was invited to be the Subject Expert at Women's Christian College, Chennai for their recruitment of Librarian Shift II in June 2022. She was awarded Mrs. M. Jannath Najeemunnisa Beegum Memorial National Appreciation and Meritorious Service Award [for Women Librarians] for the year 2019 at SALIS 2022 National Conference on 'Transformation of Learning Resource Centres in the Digital Era' on 14 October 2022 at KSR College of Technology, Tiruchengodu.

She was appointed as the External Expert Member for the Annual Library Audit on 27 March 2023 at Dwaraka Doss Goverdhan Doss Vaishnav College Library, Chennai.

College libraries are considered to be the nerve centres of Higher Educational Institutions and many of them have now metamorphosed into digital centres and Stella Maris College Library is no exception.

STELLARCHIVES

The Archives of the College stands unique with its capacity to breathe life into the past legacy of Stella Maris College. The chief goal of the Archivist for the academic year 2022 -23 was to reconstruct the evolution of the Departments and the timeline of Headship for the past 75 years. The goal was accomplished through the research that took almost two years. However, it is heartening to know that the College, which began as an Intermediate Programme, has now evolved into a Post Graduate and Research Institution.

The synergy created by the College community, and notably the Heads of the Departments, is at the heart of the evolution of Stella Maris College. The Archivist rightly honoured them as the document portrays the image of every Head of the Department from 1947 to 2022. The hard copy is available in Archives and the



Motivation Session for First Year Undergraduate Students



Futuristic Documentation - Resource Person

digital copy is made available in the database of the College.

Sr. Jebamalai fmm, the Archivist, presented a paper in a Regional Seminar conducted by the Library of Stella Maris College on 8 October 2022. Her effective presentation inspired Goethe Institute and St. Christopher College of B.Ed to welcome her as a resource person. She also motivated the first year students by highlighting the development of the College. Sr. Sheila from the Provincilate of the Congregation of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary came to the Archives to learn the basics of archives keeping and the requirements to set up an archive. The Principal with his team from Kristu Jayanti College, Karnataka visited the Archives.

The archivist has updated last year's College magazine, 16 newspaper articles, department journals, and the College Day report in Dspace.

The following books written and autographed by authors were added to the collection: Ungalil Oruvan by Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Thiru M.K. Stalin, Songlines, an illustrated anthology of Creative Writing by the Department of English, The Flora of Stella Maris; A Field Guide by the Department of Botany, and Gaianjali by Ms. Maya, a student from the Department of English. Eight Doctoral Dissertations were added to the referencing section and 15 TB Hard Disks were added to the repository to back up the data.



Visit from Kristu Jayanthi College



PATHWAY PROGRAMME

The Stella Maris College Pathway Programme serves as a platform for students with limited access to employment opportunities. The programme, funded by the UGC Equal Opportunities Centre, aims to help students from the less privileged sections of society. It is directed at first-year undergraduate students with vernacular medium schooling. Students enrolled in the programme are provided with access to opportunities that hone employability skills.

The first session of the semester, on 'Confidence Building,' was conducted for students of Shift I on 9 March 2023. Ms. Angel Elizabeth Sebastian, Assistant Professor, Department of English and Communication Skills, Stella Maris College, was the resource person. She highlighted the different strategies for boosting levels of confidence. She also introduced participants to habits that foster positive thinking. On 29 March, a session on 'Personality Enrichment' was conducted by Dr. Lora Deva Prasanna, Coordinator, Stella Maris College Pathway Programme. She emphasised the need to overcome the fear of failure through proactive behaviour.



Session on Confidence Building in progress



Session on Personality Enrichment

The sessions provided opportunities for students to interact and express their thoughts.

A skill enhancement session titled 'Breaking the barriers in Communication' was organised on 31 March 2023 for Shift II students. The session began with an introduction by Dr. Lora Devaprasanna. The resource person, Ms. K. C. Mythili, Assistant Professor, Department of English & other Foreign Languages, SRM Institute of Science &

Technology, Ramapuram, deliberated on the importance of communicative competence. She also spoke on the significant role of body language in communication and the ways to achieve positive body language. The various games and activities enabled students to identify the barriers in communication and the effective ways to overcome them. Around 120 students across disciplines actively participated in the session.



Participants at the session on 31 March 2023

CENTRE FOR RESEARCH IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (CRIST)

The Centre for Research in Science and Technology (CRIST) has been providing instrumentation facilities for the students from the Department of Chemistry, Physics, Biotechnology, Bioinformatics and Botany for their undergraduate and postgraduate projects. The activities of the CRIST lab are supervised by Dr. Mary N. L., the Administrative Director.

The CRIST Lab has been periodically used by the PG students and research scholars of the Department of Biotechnology, Bioinformatics, Chemistry and Physics. They have been effectively utilising the Weighing Balance, UV-Visible (DRS) Spectrophotometer, FT-IR (ATR) Spectrometer, Gel-Doc Imaging System, Millipore



*Regional Workshop on Instrumental Methods – WIM 2022
Valedictory Function on 13 September 2022*



*Regional Workshop on Instrumental Methods – WIM 2022
HPLC Demonstration on 12 September 2022*

Water Purifier, Rotary Evaporator, Probe Sonicator, Cooling Centrifuge, Orbital Shaker, Laminar Air Flow etc.

A Two-Day Intercollegiate regional workshop titled 'Instrumental Methods – WIM 2022' was organised by the Department of Chemistry in collaboration with CRIST on 12 and 13 September 2022. It was attended by postgraduate students doing their research oriented project work as well as faculty and PhD scholars who are engaged in research from the various city colleges.

A Two-Day workshop on 'Bionanotechnology and Bioinstrumentation' was organised by the Department of Biotechnology in collaboration with CRIST on 19 and 20 January 2023.

The DST-FIST instrumentation facility at CRIST Lab has been a great source of knowledge for our students. It has also enhanced the outsourcing capacities of the lab to students and research scholars of other colleges under the University of Madras. About 484 numbers of samples were presented for analysis at the Centre.



RESEARCH AND INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS CENTRE

The Research and International Partnerships Centre has crossed the year with moderate challenges as well as equal opportunities to learn, share, and deliver through hybrid and phygital modes, offering a range of services and events in 2022-23.

This was a pivotal year for advancing research and innovation while commemorating the decade-long establishment of the SMICMR with our collaborators across the globe. With an appreciation from our Council Advisory members we have launched tinkering labs to promote creativity and innovation with entrepreneurial outcomes. The social advocacy research in collaboration with TVS Srinivasan Trust and chaired by Mr Swaran Singh and a partnership with SkillsScape (incubated cell at IITM) to train researchers in academic writing and provide mentorship in writing for journal.

The Research Matters Series was created to overcome the challenges brought about by the pandemic. The series recreates virtual and real spaces to ideate and engage in dialogues enhancing the quality of research dissemination.



Research Matter Series 11

The series also aimed to build the research capacity and sharpen the research acumen of the College. This year, high-profiled resource persons addressed the Departments of Sciences, Arts and Commerce.

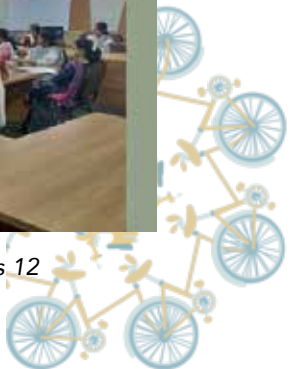
The experts ranged from Prof Pradeep Thalappil, Institutional Professor, IITM; Prof Saju Mathew, IITM; Dr. Roy, IITM; and Professor Murugesan, Former Vice Chancellor, Annamalai University to Prof. Muthukumarswamy, Folklore Centre Director, National; Dr. L Venkatachalam, Director, MIDS; Dr. M. Srinivasan, Head, Department of Criminology, University of Madras; Dr. Venkataramanan, University of Madras, and Prof Madhavan, Dean, Research, Loyola College, to name a few. Expert professors from our international partners, including Dr. Laird from Trinity Western University, who led a session on Digital Ethics, and Dr. Tony Bradley from

Liverpool Hope University, initiated a joint Research Series with the College. This series continued on a bi-weekly basis throughout the year.

The Centre organised research orientation sessions for undergraduates from all disciplines to enroll for research skills training and as an outcome, produce a dissertation which earns them extra credits. The scholars are trained to hone their journal-writing skills and develop design-oriented and critical thinking mindsets. The centre has deployed strategies to foster a research ambience within our academic schedule, positioning research as our best practice at all levels of our academic programmes.



Research Matter Series 12





Inaugural of the Leadership Conference November 2022 by Dr Laird

To enhance our global competitiveness, the Centre has leveraged partnerships with foreign universities, to enable students and faculty to participate in exchange programmes, study abroad tours and rigorous internships. Students and faculty mobility programmes were organised in the Binary University, Malaysia, and National University of Singapore. Students of the Department of Fine Arts, led by Dr. Sr. Fatima Furtado, participated in the one-month Maymester Arts Programme offered by the Liverpool Hope University, UK in May 2023. In collaboration with Trinity Western University, the Centre, along with the Departments of Sociology, History and Public Relations conducted a leadership conference in a phygital mode on the themes of leadership innovation in Education, Ecology, Social Environment, and Global Economy in

November 2022. Dr. Mark Husbands, President, TWU and Dr. Philip Laird, Vice-President led the proceedings of the one-day conference. Our Global Conversation Series was enhanced by speakers from Trinity Western University, Pretoria, South Africa, Le Tourneau University, Texas, and the upcoming series will feature Ms. Judith Ravine, Consul General, US Consulate.

With regard to our strategic partnerships, we have formalised academic linkages with the National University of Singapore and the California Baptist University, USA. Our collaboration with the University of Lille and the ICES, France has also been progressing with student exchange visits. We have made concrete plans for overseas faculty research enhancement with an active research



Felicitations - Dr Mark Husbands and Dr Philip Laird

profile to be supported by Corporate CSR and TAFE. We are grateful for the support received from the Jayashree Venkatraman Endowment instituted by TAFE for research and digital innovation in learning and research. Trinity Western University, Canada, has facilitated study tours and academic programmes through the Facilitated Academic Resource Centre including scholarships. The Fu Jen University has granted a fully-funded PhD scholarship for two

of our students from the Department of Chemistry. We continue to apply for and avail research-funding opportunities from government and non-government agencies such as the UGC, DST, FIST, UBCHEA, USIEF- Fulbright and the British Council Grants and scholarships as part of our research development initiatives. There was a continued focus on supporting the College's mission of promoting research excellence and fostering a spirit of inquiry.



Seventh International Conference, Trinity Western University, Canada President Dr. Mark Husbands, with Dr. Sr. Rosy Joseph and Sr. Anita Gonsalves

The Centre navigates research in a digitally mediated world and leverages research to cultivate a collaborative atmosphere.



STELLA MARIS CENTRE FOR DEVELOPMENT OF RESOURCES FOR INCLUSION AND VOCATIONAL ENRICHMENT (SMCDRIVE)

Through SMCDRIVE Skills Development Centre 27523 participants have been trained in various Employability and Livelihood skills as (Digital Literacy, Soft skills, English communication, Tailoring and Beautician courses) from August 2019 – August 2022. These courses are organised in collaboration with the Bank of New York Mellon and the International Association for Human Values and they have been extended for three more years in recognition of its success. From April 2022, a Financial Literacy Training programme organised for 546 participants from the Kasimedu fishing community, SS puram and Stella Maris College support staff. Women from Ernavoor, Royapuram, Vysarpadi, Kasimedu Communities have continued to attend the Beautician and



Financial Literacy Programme for Women from Kasimedu Fishing Community



Bangle Making Workshop for Women from Kasimedu Community

Tailoring Courses at SMCDRIVE. 1148 Women candidates and 60 Recruiters participated in the Womens Job Fair organised on 23 July 2022 for college students. Media Workshop for Transwomen was organised between 12-14 September 2022. 15 Transwomen were trained in Folk Arts, Drama and Theatre Arts. From 10-14 November 2022, a Digital Literacy programme was conducted at Stella Maris College Extension Project Centre, Thirupachur, Tamil Nadu for 115 participants including 33 Women living with HIV infection from Positive Women Network.

As part of Christmas celebrations, ration kits were distributed to 33 HIV positive women and to 25 cancer survivors. Books were given to Arpanam Trust Library and food packets were distributed to 120 people experiencing economic insecurity.

A Four day Bangle Making Workshop was conducted for 20 Women from Kasimedu Community from 18 -21 December 2022. A three month certificate course in Sign Language has been initiated for the final year students of Stella Maris College from January 2023 onwards. On 14 February 2023, student interns distributed Pediasure and story books to children admitted to the Cancer ward, Egmore Children's Hospital, Chennai. The event was sponsored by Hyatt Hotels, Chennai. On 27 February 2023, an Eye Camp was conducted in collaboration with Rajan Eye Clinic at Nochikuppam Community, Chennai and 100 people were serviced and treated. In March 2023, 22 queer individuals, burn and domestic violence victims from the International Foundation for Crime Prevention and Victim Care completed the employability skills course.

Thirty visually impaired students from Lotus Blind Trust are attending soft skills and personality development



Career Fair-Exclusively for LGBTQ+ Community

sessions at SMCDRIVE from 25 March 2023 onwards. The student interns from SMCDRIVE regularly volunteer as scribes at Lotus Blind Trust.

On Women's Day a workshop on women's empowerment was organised for 35 women living with HIV. Ms. Mohanna, Manager Hyatt Hotel, Chennai spoke on Women's Empowerment. Ms. Gayathri taught participants to make cleansing agent with orange peels. Sarees were



Certificate Course in Sign Language



Beautician Course For Women

distributed to all the participants as a token of appreciation for taking part in the programme.

SMCDRIVE provides sustained support to people in need from the LGBT community. Around 14 individuals were in Park Hyatt, Leela Palace, CTS, Hyatt Regency and Bank of America.

11 Stella Maris undergraduate students, were placed at BNP Paribas .



An Exclusive Job Fair for Women



Media Workshop Exclusively for Transwomen

STELLA CENTRE FOR EFFECTIVE EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT (SCEED)

Being the focal point of institutionalising and channelising activities of the College, the Stella Centre for Effective Education and Development (SCEED) organised programmes for enhancing and sustaining quality in education. The programmes focused on Faculty Development, Student Training, and Eco initiatives. The SCEED also conducted several programmes to commemorate the International Year of Millets (IYoM), the Peoples Education Programme in collaboration with KVIC, the National Intellectual Property Awareness Mission (NIPAM) in collaboration with the Indian Patent Office, an institution of Standards Club in collaboration with Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS)

To encourage faculty to share their expertise and be a part of MOOCs, Faculty Development Programmes were organised with resource persons from NITTTR and the Web-based Learning Centre, University of Madras. The programme focussed on creating online content and provided guidelines for the development of e content to be hosted on the SWAYAM portal.

Mr. Vishal and Ms. Divya from Skills Enhancement Academy conducted a workshop on 'Personality



FDP on MOOCs

Development that facilitated the faculty to identify their strengths and work towards effective performance. Student Training Workshops were conducted by the faculty from MCC with activities that assisted the students to enhance capabilities and translate challenges into opportunities for attaining their goals. The sessions titled ‘Report Writing’ stressed the systematic procedures to be followed for idea generation, execution, and scientific project report writing.

The SCEED conducted IPR Awareness Programme (Under NIPAM) as an initiative of the College to encourage innovation and research.



Exhibition - Millet Kingdom

The resource person, Ms. Jaba Chakraborty, Woman Scientist, Tifac had an interactive session with students and research scholars who were awarded certificates from NIPAM. To boost the Eco initiatives of the College, the SCEED facilitated the conduct of an Energy, Environment, and Green Audit. In collaboration with Earth Recycler, the SCEED organised a workshop on ‘Zero Waste’ that showcased the various measures in waste management and assisted in the installation of a PET Bottle Recycler on the campus.

Commemorating the International Year of Millets (IYoM), the SCEED in association with the Departments of Botany and Food Processing Quality Control organised a Lecture series by eminent personalities in the field of millets. To make an impact on the food habits of young students, an exhibition was organised at the college premises to popularise the use of millets. The exhibits were made by industries that showcased millet products.



Dr. Rajkumar conducting Students Training Programme



Installation of PET Bottle Recycler

The SCEED promoted the formation of the Standards Club of Stella Maris College in collaboration with the Bureau of Indian Standards. The activities included interactive session and door to door campaign, seminars, visits to BIS labs, and competitions.

The State Office of KVIC, organised the ‘People’s Education Programme’ at College to propagate KVIC programmes and create awareness on entrepreneurial opportunities and employment under the Prime Minister



Standards Club: Door to Door Campaign



Inauguration of Millet Exhibition for IYoM

Employment Generation Programme. The SCEED played an active role in conducting seminars, debates, and essay competitions.

The SCEED was involved in the identification of faculty and students to receive seed money grants, incentives for research paper publications, and also overseeing of Project proposal submission. Coordinating with the IQAC, the SCEED was involved in compiling the data for NIRF and, India Today Ranking. It also played an active role in the preparation of reports for AAPR, AQAR, AISHE, and other submissions.



ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION OF STELLA MARIS COLLEGE (AASMC)

Alongside its usual endeavours, the AASMC hosted its yearly reunion with its alumni members. In addition to this significant event, the AASMC organised an entrepreneurial event showcasing a diverse selection of handmade products and pastries, fostering an atmosphere of joy and anticipation. As part of the Christmas celebrations, a variety of recreational activities were organised creating an enjoyable experience for the alumni community. An initiative by the College's Alumnae Association, Ma Foi in collaboration with Stella Maris College, launched



Valedictory



Lecture on "How to Handle Failure During the Start-Up Journey" by Mr Syed Hussain



Alumnae Association and the Dean of Student Affairs organising the Valedictory

the Career Craft Programme, which provided an opportunity to upskill students. As part of this initiative, two new certificate courses on Workplace Skills and Quantitative Aptitude were introduced. Overall, 2022-23 has been a great academic year.



Workshop on AI – powered digital vaccine delivered healthcare via the Metaverse

INTERNAL QUALITY ASSURANCE CELL (IQAC)

The IQAC continued its journey in the academic year 2022-2023 in creating a culture of excellence in quality, ably supported by the Principal, management, faculty, and students on campus. Several collaborative programmes were conducted, starting with a Faculty Development Programme on 'Outcome-Based Learning and Course Mapping' facilitated by a team from Holy Cross College, Tiruchirappalli. This programme set the tone for meeting the challenges of reframing the curriculum.

An International Conference on 'Leading Together, in collaboration with the University of Melbourne, Australia was well received by the student council members. A workshop titled 'Future Ready: Outcome-Based Performance Appraisal' for the IQAC Student Wing ensured that the ongoing process of feedback



Tuljaram Chaturchand College team - MoU



International Conference on Leading Together in collaboration with the University of Melbourne, Australia

and evaluation was well articulated for the main stakeholders.

A workshop was organised for support staff on Gender Rights and POSH by Ms. Chitra, a lawyer, was highly interactive and involved fruitful engagement.

Several teams visited College in order to explore quality enhancement. A team from JSS Mahavidyapeetha Group of Institutions, Mysuru, Karnataka, and Dr. Nguyen Thi Ngoc Quynh from Vietnam National University visited in October 2022. In January 2023, the Tuljaram Chaturchand College team signed an MoU enabled by the IQAC. A Stella Maris College team comprising the Principal, Dr. Sr. Rosy Joseph fmm,

Dr. Renuka Rajaratnam (Dean of Research), and Dr. Lakshmi Priya Daniel (IQAC Coordinator) visited Kristu Jayanti College, Bengaluru, on 30 January 2023.

This visit for networking aimed at quality enhancement resulted in the signing of an MoU with a subsequent visit from the partner institution.

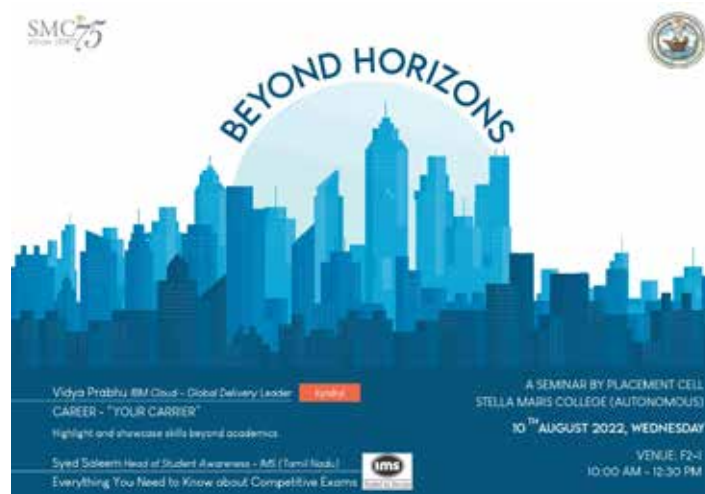
In March, two online FDP programme exclusively held for the Micro Quality Cell faculty members marked the finale of the yearlong activities of the IQAC.

Thus, in keeping with the adage that "quality is everyone's responsibility," all the IQAC initiatives were the result of efforts undertaken by the entire College community.



CAREER GUIDANCE CELL (CGC)

The academic year 2022-2023 started with the CGC orientation for all the final-year students on the placement opportunities, the career options that will be available to them, and the training programme scheduled before the placement season starts. Besides the regular training on quantitative aptitude exam preparation, résumé writing, mock group discussions, and interview sessions, presentation skills were added this year to build confidence in the students after the long COVID break. These sessions were conducted with experienced trainers imparting insights on the do's and don'ts of the recruitment process. This year, the focus was on cracking the



Beyond Horizons Seminar - Poster



Deloitte US Recruitment selects

aptitude test. Mock aptitude tests and training on this topic were conducted in four modules: quantitative, verbal, logical, and reasoning.

To create awareness among students about various other roles they can aspire to, the CGC conducted many knowledge-sharing sessions, which were open to all final and pre-final year students.

The 'Beyond Horizons' seminar on women empowerment and the importance of higher education featured key speakers Ms. Vidya Prabhu and Mr. Syed Saleem (IBM Global Delivery Leader and IMS Head of Student Awareness). An awareness session on the GATE/JAM study circle was conducted by a team from IIT with Prof. Chairman Rayala Suresh Kumar, Asst. Prof. Shiva Nagendaran, and Vice Chairman Samit Bakshi.



Beyond Horizons Seminar -Chief Guest , Ms.Vidhya Prabhu (IBM ,Kyndryl)and Mr.Syed Saleem (IMS)

An orientation about the Nan Mudhalvan Scheme, a Tamil Nadu Government scheme with the promise of jobs for all graduates, was conducted by Verandah Learning Solutions.

The talk by P. Subramaniam, Asst. General Manager (S&D, The Hindu), on the importance of reading newspapers was an eye-opener. Ms. Mini V (Tree Learning - Head of Operations and Recruitment) conducted a short session on teaching as a career, providing insights on the benefits in the teaching

profession. The MEASI Institute of Management organized a TANCET training orientation for all second and final year students.

A talk on careers in aviation by Ms. Aswathy (PTC Aviation Academy) was very well received by the students. The final session for the current academic year, 'Campus to Corporate Workshop' by Ms. Anjana Divakar - Certified Well Coach, was an absolute hit, with lots of practical tips for the placed students. The CGC also coordinated the 'Graduate School Maverick Competition' by Deloitte and the 'Young Tax Professional Competition' by EY for the pre-final year students.

This year, we are proud to announce that top companies like DE Shaw, Deloitte, Accenture, EY, KPMG, Godrej, and approximately 60 other companies have selected 426 students for full-time roles. Summer interns are ready to join Goldman Sachs, DE Shaw, Smart Training Resources, and EY. As we reach the end of the academic year 2022-2023, we hope to place many more students in the upcoming months.



Resume Building Training -Ms.Thulasi Priya



GATE JAM session by Mr. Shiva Nagendhran



*Teaching as a Career -Talk by Tree Learning
Ms.Indira Reddy*



STELLA MARIS ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED TEACHERS (SMART)

The members of SMART came together to participate in various events in the spirit of friendship and togetherness. A digital camp for Life Certificate was organised on 6 July 2022. The members of SMART celebrated Teacher's Day by exchanging wishes and recalling memories of their times as teachers. During the Christmas celebrations, held on 15 December 2022, Ms. Vimala Stephen delivered a beautiful message of God and His presence for the love of each other. The SMART choir sang Christmas carols, with the gathering. A picnic to VGP was organised on 24 January 2023, members of the staff enjoyed the much needed rest and relaxation at the beach resort and returned with happy memories.



Trip to VGP



Christmas Celebration

On 7 March 2023, SMART observed International Women's Day with an interactive session and a celebratory lunch.

Dr. Ashrafi Bhagat released a book titled 'Navigating Culture through Formal Aesthetics : Six Decades of R. B. Bhaskaran's Journey' published by DOT Publications . Dr. Ulaganayagi Palani was awarded the Queen Sisowath Kossamak Award (Women Achiever Award) at the International Thirukural Conference, Angkor Wat. Cambodia on 3 October 2022.



Teachers Day Celebration

Dr. Ulaganayagi Palani was also awarded LifeTime Achievement Award 'Araneri Avvai Annai Viruthu' by Tamilnadu Iyal Isai Mandram on 3 June 2022.

On 3 April 2023, the annual report was presented and Ms. Suganthi Lark and Ms. Nalini were unanimously selected as SMART office bearers for the upcoming year.



International Women's Day



VALUE EDUCATION

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights - James 1:17.

Through its various programmes and activities organised throughout the academic year, the Department of Value Education of Stella Maris College is to engage itself in the faith and character formation of its students across all years and departments. One of the principal activities of the Department is the annual retreat for catholic students and the workshop for students of other faiths.

The academic year 2022 - 2023 began with a prayer service for the faculty, followed by a faculty enhancement programme.

The Department of Value Education organised the inaugural Eucharistic celebration to invoke God's blessings upon the College community for the academic year.



Workshop for III UG - 2022-2023



SSG Christmas Outreach Programme 2022

The annual retreats organised for catholic students help them become mature people in their faith. For students of other faiths, workshops were conducted on topics relevant to their syllabi, such as self-awareness, building self-esteem, handling conflicts, team building, peace initiatives, and understanding their roles in the family and as career women.

Apart from retreats and workshops for all the Undergraduate students, the Department also arranged special talks for the second and third-year students on the life of St. Francis of Assisi, the Patron of the College, and Blessed Mary of the Passion, the Foundress. These sessions enabled students to understand the ethos of the College and its motto, "Truth and Charity."

The retreat for postgraduate students was held on the theme of God's Love. Simultaneously, workshops were conducted for the Non-Catholic students

on the themes of "Why Gandhi today?" and "Celebrating Self, Celebrating Life."

An important part of the Department of Value Education is the Star of the Sea Group, specifically instituted by the Department in order to provide leadership training for Catholic Students. This academic year, two leadership training sessions were conducted. In order to create social consciousness and commitment towards the less privileged, outreach programmes were also organised for the students.

The academic year of the College came to a close with a Thanksgiving Service for all the Staff and Students to thank God for all the blessings received during the academic year. The Department of Value Education considers it a privilege to contribute to the holistic development of its students.

"If it is my work, it would perish with me.
It is God's work"
- Blessed Mary of the Passion



SSG Leadership Training Programme 2022



LANGUAGE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMME (LPP)

The Language Partnership Programme (LPP) focuses on providing individual and personalised assistance to first and second-year students who need help with honing their English language skills. This assistance is provided by student volunteers from the Department of English.

The learners were identified by their course teachers after which they were counselled to enroll for LPP classes. They were then partnered with senior students who met them once or twice a week to practise spoken and written skills, as well as grammar exercises.

From July to October 2022, 10 student teachers from the Department of English conducted classes for 10 second-year students from various departments. An average of 18 classes were conducted during this period. From December 2022 to March 2023, ten student volunteers helped 10 first-year students from various departments. An average of 15 classes were conducted during this period.

CENTRE FOR WOMEN'S STUDIES (CWS)

International Women's Day was celebrated with the usual fervor on 8 March 2023. The Centre co-hosted the celebrations with the Gender Centre. A special session was held at the open air Theatre for the entire College to celebrate, recognise and appreciate the contributions and achievements of women in various fields, and the Centre had invited two distinguished women - leaders in their own fields, to inspire the students with their unique narratives. Dr. Kannegi Packianathan, retired Principal Secretary of the Government of Tamil Nadu reiterated the need for students to make the right choices and to stay motivated in their chosen fields. The message of Ms. Durga Das, founder and Managing Partner of



International conference 'Leading Together' in Collaboration with University of Melbourne



International Women's Day 8 March 2023

Das Star, to the youth of today was simple. - 'A clean mind and an open heart should be the foundation of a true entrepreneur'. Her journey was indeed an eye opener for the audience. A special cultural programme was presented on women's issues.

The Center for Women's Studies in collaboration with Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan conducted its first event on 29 July 2022. Ms. Rajni Sekhri Sibal, IAS (Retd) and Ms. Bhamathi Balasubramanian IAS (Retd) engaged in a discussion on "Women of Influence". A book launch followed by an interactive session with around 150 student participants was organised.

An International Conference on "Leading Together" in collaboration with University of Melbourne & Internal Quality Assurance Cell Stella Maris College was held on 12 & 13 September 2022 with 500 student participants.



Cyber Security Workshop in collaboration with RUSA

A Workshop on Cyber Security was conducted by Dr. Rakshit Tandon: Founder/Director: HackerShala (Hackdev Technology Pvt Ltd.) Consultant- Internet and Mobile Association of India. 2400 students of Quaid-e-Millath College, Chennai and the First and Second year Undergraduate students of Stella Maris College were made aware of the importance of Cyber Security and the Applications common people can use to make sure their devices are safe from data breaches.

Dr. A. Punitha, Director of the Centre participated in a "Consultation on Domestic Violence Act-2005-possibilities and challenges" held in Women's Christian College on 31 October 2022. A workshop on 'How to enhance our Feminine Power' was held on 1 November 2022 with Ms. Nirupama Subramanian Founder & CEO Powerful life Solutions. The workshop gave an idea as to how women can tap into their inner power and overcome the barriers created through centuries of patriarchy.



Cyber Security Workshop in collaboration with RUSA

An International Symposium in collaboration with Soroptimist International and Gender Centre Stella Maris College, was conducted on 13 December 2022 on the topic "Rule of Law and Gender Disparity"

A Session on Sisterhood Economy was held on 23 February 2023 with Ms. Shaili Chopra, Founder She. The people, put a fresh lens to what's powering or stopping women to seize the opportunity ahead of them.

The student's wing of Damini Club, with 294 members has been active participants in all the activities of the Club. The Vision of the club is to sensitise, educate and empower students to work towards the creation of a just and egalitarian society that upholds the dignity and equality of women in India. The Club engaged the students throughout the year with numerous activities such as Nirangal, a group discussion event

that centred on topics relating to the participation of women in the workforce, gender discrimination and the wage gap, and how students as policy makers can bring about amendments in the system for women to progress in the society.

A quiz series Conoscenza was organised for the members of the club students to mark Women Equality Day. 'Dil se Dil Tak' - a platform where the members came together online to have heart-to-heart conversations about life, relationships, ambitions, well being and gender roles.

Week long events and competitions marked the celebrations of International Women's Day. Mehndhi, T- Shirt painting, Slogan writing, oratorical, singing and dance competitions encouraged the students to participate in the narrative. As a culmination of the events, a rally invigorated the students with a feeling of solidarity and oneness.



GENDER CENTRE

The SMC Gender Center kick started its yearly activities with a film screening and discussion in collaboration with The Soroptimist International, a global volunteer organisation, dedicated to provide women and girls with access to the education and training they need to achieve economic empowerment. 'Vamsama Paasama', a short film by Ms. Sujatha Balakrishnan, which raised critical questions on gender roles was screened followed by a panel discussion on the focal theme of the session 'He for She'.

Ms. Sreelatha Narayan and Ms. Swapna Sundar released the second edition newsletter of the Gender center, 'Be you', which is a brief compilation of all events conducted in 2021-22 and creative outputs from Gender Center members.

The yearly 'Back to Basics' session was conducted online in September, in collaboration with The Gender Lab, Mumbai.

The Gender Center conducted an expressive arts therapy session in an attempt to help students explore



GC International symposium 2023



*GC Womens Day Celebration 2023
Dr. Sasitha introducing guest, Seated Sr. Anita,
Dr. Kannegi Packianathan, Ms. Durga Das,
Sr. Rosy Joseph and Dr. Punitha*

their ideas on 'Marriage, Money and Motherhood' with counselling specialist Ms. Surbhi Sethia. The two day long workshop helped equip participants to grasp hold of their perspectives on womanhood, freedom and what it meant to each of them.

In collaboration with the International Foundation for Crime Prevention and Victim Care PCVC, SMC Gender Centre held an informative session on 'Gender based Violence', in which students were exposed to knowledge on gender-based atrocities.

Open mics are one of the most looked forward to events among the student community. The Gender Center organised an open mic event, on the topic "Break the Silence", intending to provide a liberating platform for students to express themselves freely and creatively.

SMC Gender Center and the Center for Women's Studies along with the Soroptimist International organised the very first International Symposium on the topic "Rule of Law and Gender Disparity", involving veterans from various areas of work from around the globe. Hon. Retd Justice Prabha Sridevan, presented the keynote address along with an engaging interactive session. Prof Xin Ren, Adv. M Parvathi Srinivasan, Adv. Swapna Sundar and Ms. Manonmani were the panellists of the day with Dr. Lora Deva Prasanna moderating the session.

SMC Gender Center in collaboration with the Soroptimist International took up research on 'Law and Gender Disparity', to which the International Symposium highly contributed. Resourceful focus group discussions with Law students from colleges including Saveetha Law School and Dr. Ambedkar Law University were conducted as part of the data collection.

The members of the research group took part in a first of its kind moot court session. Students presented themselves as young legal practitioners and engaged with each other in a case of divorce. Students thereby got a first hand experience of courts and its proceedings. The Gender Center along with the Center for Women's Studies held a book talk on "Sisterhood Economy" with the author, and co-founder of shethepeople TV,

Ms. Shaili Chopra herself presiding over the session. The session explored the significance of sisterhood ties and the power it holds to run an economy.

In collaboration with the KanyaRaksha Foundation, an organisation committed to end female gendercide through holistic care, education, and training for girl children across the country, the Gender Center held an engaging workshop on 'Female Gendercide'.

Incorporating the themes of the 18th G20 Summit 2023, the Gender Centre held a week-long array of competitions in celebrating the themes of inclusive and equitable growth for all. The competitions included a photography competition on the topic 'Women in Action', which sought for students to capture women in unique and challenging fields, a news headline rewriting competition, an eco-friendly stamp designing competition and a short story writing competition which encouraged students to get creative and amplify their voices for the right causes.



*GC Moot Court 2023
Students engaged in a Moot court session*

Students from various colleges participated in the events and exhibited exceptional enthusiasm and creativity. The week-long celebrations concluded with a workshop that gave an introduction to sustainable menstruation. It also gave students a platform to openly engage in conversations regarding menstruation and period taboos.

SMC Gender Center also organised the Women's Day Celebrations 2023. Eminent personalities Dr. Kannegi Packianathan and Ms. Durga Das were the chief guests of the day, and gave away the essential Women's Day messages of women empowerment and the mighty sisterhood.

In association with the SMC Research & International Partnership Center and the American Consulate General, the Gender Center was part of an interactive session by Community Service Officer, San Jose Police Department, Ms. Kanaka Guruprasad on : 'Gendered Profession-Law Enforcement as career option for women'.

With that SMC Gender Center successfully completed another year empowering young minds through education and creating awareness among the student community on issues of gender disparity and garnering support for the marginalised communities.



STELLA MARIS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT STUDENTS' HUB

Environmental responsibility and sustainability has always been at the forefront of activities at Stella Maris College. With the setting up of the Stella Maris Sustainable Development (SMSD) Students' Hub in 2022, the College has created a platform to amplify the tremendous energy and capabilities of the student community in generating broader buy-in for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

On 12 August 2022, Stella Maris College collaborated with the United Nations SDG Students Programme to host the International Youth Day Programme – a state level event organised to enlighten students on pressing global concerns and to ignite change makers across



Know your SDG series - Students creating awareness of the SDGs on campus



Students presentation in TN SDG Girls Championship 2022

the state of Tamil Nadu. The SMSD Students' Hub was inaugurated on 13 September 2022 by Dr. Sulthan Khalifa Haroon Al Rashid, Regional Officer (Asia Pacific) for UN SDSN Youth Sustainable Development Goals Students Programme. The hub is a student driven programme modeled on the United Nations SDG Students Programme with three operating wings in the areas of Education, Solutions and Community.

The SMSD Students' Hub has successfully seen through the completion of four initiatives.

Project C involved the collection of well-maintained clothes from the student community to set up a 'Just for a Day Boutique' at Semmenchery. Mental Health Week was celebrated with competitions and talks by specialists. 'Know Your SDGs' series drummed up a lot of enthusiasm among the students as the hub coordinators used several innovative methods to create awareness on the 17 SDGs.

The TN SDG Girls Championship 2022, a state-wide initiative organised in collaboration with the UN SDG Students Program, StartupTN and eight partnering colleges across the state had around 3800 participants. The Finals of the competition was conducted at Stella Maris College on 7 March 2023. Under the Climate Change Outreach Programme the hub is in the process of providing training to a group of 45 'Climate Change Warriors' who will conduct workshops orienting school children on the causes and consequences of Climate Change.

With the conclusion of its first year the hub has successfully facilitated the creation of student-inspired innovative solutions and has aided in connecting local action with global advocacy.



Shoppers at the One Day Boutique set up by SMSD Students Hub at Semmencherry

HOSTEL

The six hostels on campus accommodating 540 students across India, as well as from Myanmar, is a home away from home. In a diverse community in which learning is of primary importance, it is imperative to foster a sense of order and discipline so as to safeguard the requirements of all while still respecting the dignity and the rights of the individuals.

The following wardens were entrusted with the responsibility of the hostels. Sr. Alphonsa, Sr. Arul, Sr. Denis, Miss Shalini, Miss Jaya, Sr. Pauline and Sr. Rozario were incharge of Navanirmana, Snehalaya, Klemens, St Joseph's, Assisi and Our Lady's Hostel respectively.

The odd semester began on 18 July 2022 for the seniors and soon the floor representatives were elected. The juniors stepped in on 1 August 2022. Each hostel organised its unique way of welcoming the juniors. The Fresher's Day Mass was organised on 9 August 2023 in F2-1. The 'Return Social' was prepared by the juniors of different hostels on convenient days



Hostel Trip

in order to express their gratitude. The students participate in the retreats and workshops organised by the College.

On 25 August Nava Nirmana gratefully remembered the 50 years of its service to all who entered its portals. The new students though initially shy and timid soon felt at home and comfortable, thanks to the friendly and welcoming attitude of the seniors who went out of their way to make them feel at ease. The even semester commenced on 5 December 2022. The Christmas programme was planned for 18 December.

After the Christmas holidays, the College reopened on 4 January 2022.



Hostel Life

But the spread of corona virus loomed large, the students were advised to reach home at the earliest. Online classes resumed. The College again reopened on 21 February. The hostelites conducted the Stations of the Cross during the Lenten season. One day picnics was organised for the outgoing students. In appreciation of the services rendered, the floor representatives were taken for a dinner outside. The Hostel Day was conducted on 15 May 2022.

The Hostel wardens helped students reflect on God's mercy and enabled them to grow in fellowship. And through accompaniment, they were instrumental in the spiritual, emotional and intellectual growth of students..



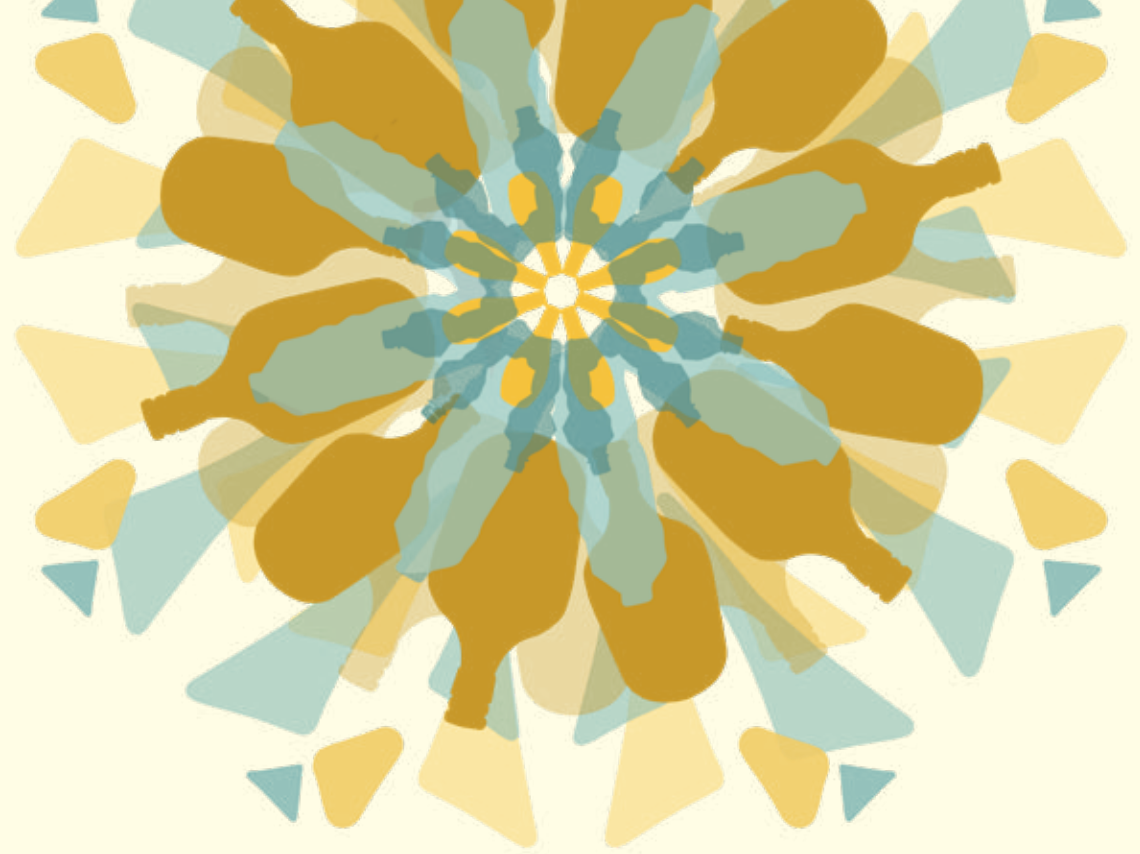
Hostel Day Celebration



Navanirmana Hostel Group Photo



Hostel Tour



Activities

OF THE DEPARTMENTS



ECONOMICS

The 75th Jubilee Year Celebration of the Department of Economics of Stella Maris College (Autonomous) commenced with Dr. Sr. Helen Vincent Endowment Lecture on "Global Economic Challenges and India's Growth Prospects" by Prof. M. Suresh Babu, Advisor, Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister, Government of India, on 30 September 2022. To mark the successful completion of 75 years, the Department created a logo that was unveiled by the Principal, Dr. Sr. Rosy Joseph fmm.

The Department organized several lectures on contemporary economic issues. Dr Alex Thomas from Azim Premji University delivered a lecture on



Launch of Student Research Cell of the Department by Dr. Jebamalai Vinanchiriachi



Dr. Sr. Helen Vincent Endowment Lecture delivered by Dr. M. Suresh Babu, Advisor, Economic Advisory Council of the Prime Minister

"Indian Macroeconomics: Theories and Policies". Ms. Luisa Cefala, Co-Principal Investigator, Behavioural Development Lab, oriented students on the research opportunities in the area of Behavioural and Labour Economics. In commemoration of the Jubilee year four special lectures were delivered under the Alumnae Lecture Series by the following resource persons : Rumaiza Fathima - IRS, Ms. Nish Amarnath - Journalist (USA), Chellammal Subramaniam - Consultant based in London, Dr. Sirisha C. Naidu - Associate Professor in Economics at the University of Missouri USA.

As a part of the Jubilee year celebrations of the Department, the Student Economic Research and Academic Writing (SERA) Cell was inaugurated on 23 March 2023 by

Dr. Jebamalai Vinanchirachi, Former Principal Advisor to Director General UNIDO.

Dr. Sr. Stella Mary fmm, Assistant Professor and Vice-Principal commenced her UBCHEA fellowship in Manila, Philippines on 13 Feb 2023.

Ms. S. Vishnudevi (Ph.D scholar of the Department of Economics) along with her supervisor Dr. D. Hima Bindu was awarded one lakh rupees by the Centre for Public Finance, Madras School of Economics, Chennai for their working paper 'Compliance of GST for Small Business Enterprises in Tamil Nadu'.

The Chamber of Economics, 2022- 2023, which is the student- run body of the Economics Department was inaugurated on 29 August 2022 by Dr. M. Vijayabaskar, Professor, MIDS as Chief Guest and Mr. Praveen

Venkatachalam, Founder, Inspire Economics as Special Invitee.

Mr. Praveen addressed the audience on narrative economics and Mr. Vijayabaskar highlighted the difference between academic research and policymaking, the legal framework within which policies are made, and the role of politics in economic decision making.

'Ecocentric', the annual fest of the Department of Economics, was organised by the Chamber of Economics. The cultural event had enthusiastic participation from students of Commerce, Management and Economics Departments of various city colleges.



Calendar released at the Exhibition on RBI Governors

An exhibition on 'Reserve Bank of India Governors' was organised by the students of III B.A Economics, Monetary and Finance on 27 March 2023.

A calendar created by the students on the theme of RBI Governors was released during the exhibition. Econ Championship, an intradepartmental event was organized by the Chamber of Economics. The events conducted were 'Play On Words' (Crossword And Pictionary), 'Volte Face' (Block and Tackle) and 'Anveshna'. Thirteen students from the Department were placed this year through the campus recruitment organized by the CGC.



Exhibition on RBI Governors

ENGLISH (Shift I)

The academic year 2022-23 was another eventful year for the Department of English. A number of guest lectures, workshops and activities were conducted.

The fourth edition of the Annual Niharika Memorial lecture on Journalistic Writing was conducted on 12 August 2022. Ms. Kavitha Muralidharan, Independent Journalist and Senior Reporting Fellow, PARI, delivered a talk on 'Gender Stereotypes in Media, A TN Case Study in Print and Mass Media'. On 16 August 2022, Ms. Sowmya Rajendran, Sahitya Akademi award winner, alumna, and author of children's books, delivered a talk on 'Writing Picturebooks for Children'. Ms. Anushka Madhavan, Illustrator, and Graphic Designer conducted a session on 'Creating a Picture Book' on 16 August 2022. Ms. Anuja Sundar, Research Scholar, delivered a lecture on Postcolonialism titled, 'We are All in the Ojibway Circle' on 10 October 2022. Ms. Gayathri Lekshmi gave a lecture on 'Picturebook Creation' on 20 October 2022. A Scholar-in-Residence programme was organised between 5 and 6 January 2023. Dr. Rebecca Whittington, Fulbright Nehru Scholar delivered a talk on 'Translation as a Mode of Attention' and conducted a workshop on 'Translation

and Linguistic Diversity'. On 2 February 2023, the Department, in collaboration with the Marappachi Theatre Group, organised a performance followed by a panel discussion on 'Celebrating Avvai'. The panel consisted of Dr. A Mangai, Theatre Practitioner and former faculty of the Department, Dr. David Wesley, Assistant Professor, Department of English, MCC, and Dr. Sugi G, Department of English, Stella Maris College (Shift II). A workshop on Picturebooks titled, 'Tactile Book Creation' was conducted by Ms. Sheryl Justin from Chetna Charitable Trust on 3 February 2023. Dr. Aparna Srinivas, Emerald Dove Learning, delivered a



Mr. Claus Ankersen at the Poetry Reading
14 Feb 2023

lecture on 'Contemporary Indian Poetry' on 13 February 2023. Dr. Kanchan Kaur, Dean, Indian Institute of Journalism and New Media, Bangalore addressed the students on 16 February 2023 on 'Careers in Journalism'. A poetry reading session was organised on 14 February 2023, with Mr. Claus Ankersen, writer, poet, artist, performer, literary activist, and translator from Denmark. On 17 February 2023, Mr. Adhavan Palani, Research Scholar, University of London delivered a talk on 'Dalit Politics, Literature and Aesthetics'. As part of the Women's Day celebration, a workshop on Creative Writing titled, '(A)gendering Characters' was conducted by Ms. Sayujya Sankar from the Department of English on 7 March 2023. Mr. Rajesh Rajamani, Film Critic, gave a talk on 'Writing Film Criticism' on 5 April 2023.

An interdepartmental poster-making competition was conducted to commemorate India's 75th Independence Day and Stella's Foundation Day on 8 August 2022. On 26 August 2022, the second edition of the English Department Inter Years Culturals- Kosmokatha was held. The students of III B.A. English won the overall trophy. The Department organised an intercollegiate seminar on 'Countering Ableist Discourses: A Students' Seminar on Disability Studies' on 17 February 2023. Dr. Hemachandiah Khara, Assistant Professor, Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Madras;



Dr Miruna George Delivering a Lecture at the
California State University, Sacramento
1 Dec 2022

Dr. Sivaraman V, Associate Professor, Department of English, Presidency College; Ms. Janaki Pillai, Director of Programmes, Ability Foundation, Chennai and Mr. Balaji Premkumar, Advocate, Madras High Court were part of the panel discussion. Students from various colleges in the city presented papers as did students from the Department of English. The intercollegiate culturals, Novella - Quo Vadis: Travel and Voyages, was held on 8 February 2023 and WCC bagged the overall trophy.

The annual Bhavana Memorial Creative Writing Competition was held on 10 October 2022. Ms. Benita Theresa, II

M.A. English won the first prize. Three alumnae from the Department of English cleared the UGC-NET this year; one of them was awarded the JRF as well. Four students of the Department completed their Ph.D. — Dr. Nimeshika Venkatesan, Dr. Cynthia S, Dr. Kikarenla Jamir, and Dr. Safrine N. Ms. Divya Ramkumar of II B.A. English wrote a creative essay for Gamble of Grace, compiled by Anupama Ashok which was published by The Quill House in December 2023. A poem, 'It's Okay not to be Okay' by Ms. Amritha A from II M.A. English was published in Efflorescence 2022- An Anthology of Poems published by Chennai Poets' Circle in January 2023. Ms. K. Anaaqa Firnaas, II B.A. English visited the Binary University, Malaysia as part of an International Study Abroad Programme from 20 February 2023 to 1 March 2023.

The Department organised a Faculty Development Programme on 'Assistive Technology for the Differently Abled' between 26 July 2022 and 3 August 2022. Dr. V. Sivaraman, Associate Professor, Department of English, Presidency College; Ms. Namitha Jacob, Director, The Chetana Trust; and members of Ability Foundation were the resource persons. Ms. Anupama Chandrasekhar, playwright and alumna of the Department released Songlines: An Anthology of Creative Writing by current students, alumni, and former and current faculty on 26 October 2022. The Department of English, in



*Students at the Tactile Picturebook Exhibition
13 March 2023*

collaboration with the Research and International Partnership Centre of the College, organised a talk as part of the Research Matters Series on 28 October 2022. Dr. D. Venkataramanan, Associate Professor, Department of English, University of Madras spoke to the faculty and research scholars on, 'The Role of a Research Supervisor: A Daedelian Conundrum'. As part of an MoU, 25 students from the Department of English, SDNB Vaishnav College, visited the campus for a week's Collaborative Learning Module between 6 and 10 February 2023.

Memorial Services were held for our former faculty, Dr. Sr. Sheila O'Neil and Dr. Sheila Mathai, on 5 August 2022 and 27 February 2023 respectively.

Dr. Miruna George was invited as a Short Term Visiting Scholar by the Department of Women's and Gender Studies, the School of Humanities, California State University, Sacramento between 12 November 2022 and 18 December 2022 and she delivered a lecture on 'The Aesthetics and Politics of Representation in Dalit Women's Writing' on 1 December 2022. Across the academic year members of the faculty presented four papers at international conferences, seven faculty served as resource persons in national conferences and seminars and five articles by the faculty were published in reputed journals. Faculty also served as peer reviewers for journals.



*Students from SDNB Vaishnav College at the
Collaborative Learning Module 6-10 Feb 2023*

ENGLISH (Shift II)

The academic year 2022-23 has been quite an eventful one for the Department of English (Shift II) with seminars, workshops and other events on topics ranging from 'Parody', 'The Linguistics of Translation' and 'Mechanics of Translation' to 'Digital Narratives' and 'Twitterature'.

To begin with, on 5 August 2022, the Department of English conducted a Reel Making competition commemorating the 75th Independence Day and the Diamond Jubilee of Stella Maris College.

On 12 August 2022, the Department organised a Translation Workshop titled 'The Linguistics of Translation' for the students of II and III B.A. English and Communication Skills. The resource person for the workshop was Dr. S. Vasu, Translator, English Faculty, Professor Academy. The workshop helped the students to understand the intricacies of translation, and motivated them to perceive translation as a prospective career.

In order to sustain and nurture this evolving interest of students in Translation Studies, the Department



also offered a Certificate Course titled 'Mechanics of Translation' along the lines of the workshop. Ms. Nandini Krishnan, Writer and Translator, Zero Degree Publishing, taught the course between August and November.

On 29 September 2022, the Department conducted the annual intercollegiate students' Seminar titled 'Digital Narratives'. The keynote speaker was Mr. Vikram Sridhar, a Performance Storyteller. The seminar encouraged the students to explore the different facets of digital storytelling and brought their varied perceptions about the newly emerging form of digital orality to the fore.

On 18 October 2022, the Department organised a one day Faculty Development Programme titled 'Trends in Teaching, Learning and Research'. The resource persons for the programme included Mr. Rajeev Jain, Agile Coach of UBS, Pune, Dr. Garima Dalal, JNU, and Mr. Shubham Kumar, SRF at IIPS, Mumbai. The FDP focused on the new norms and trends in teaching, learning and research primarily to help the teachers and scholars to keep abreast of the changes in academia. 81 faculty members and research scholars from across the country participated and benefited from it.

On 5 December 2022, Dr. Kikee Doma Bhutia, Research Fellow, Asian Centre, The School of theology and religious



Students Participating in Micdrop 23

studies, University of Tartu, delivered a special international lecture on the topic 'Beyul Demojong (The Hidden Land of Fruitful Valley): Exploring the Genre of Lived Stories and Folk Narratives of Sikkim', followed by a traditional Estonian music performance by a renowned music director Tarmo Noormaa, the Director of Estonian Traditional Music Centre.

Furthermore, as a part of the Scholar-in-Residence programme, the Department had invited Dr. Rebecca Wittington to deliver a talk on 'Translation as a mode of Attention' on 5 January 2023. The talk was of great use to the students of II and III B.A. English and Communication Skills in understanding the techniques and challenges involved in translation, an emerging field today.

Micdrop '23, the intradepartmental talent competition organised by the Department on 6 January 2023, had students of I, II and III English and



Students Receiving Best Paper Prize in Intercollegiate Students Seminar September 2022 - Digital Narratives

Communication Skills competing amongst each other in a variety of events such as Performance Poetry, Creative Interpretation, Video Interpretation, Paint the Poem and Drama. This provided the students an opportunity to expand the boundaries and improve their confidence levels in showcasing their talents.

The Department added another feather to its cap when it came up with the first edition of its intercollegiate cultural event, 'Carnavalesque '23' on 23 February 2023. This provided a platform for around 156 students from colleges across the city to exhibit their creativity and talent. The theme of the event was 'Pop-Culture' and ten events were conducted. One of the most interesting parts of the event was the talk titled 'What is Popular Culture?' delivered by the renowned Tamil filmmaker

Mr. Gnanavel. The students of Loyola College won the overall championship trophy.

The Department conducted an intercollegiate competition, 'Twitterature', commemorating the International Women's Day on 8 March 2023. This competition was modelled keeping in mind the emerging narrative trends in the age of technology. The participants were requested to write a poem or a short piece of fiction describing themselves or their role models. As expected, the students participated in it enthusiastically and won prizes. Five faculty members and seven students presented papers in national/international conferences and one faculty member published an article in a journal.

With the aforementioned activities, the academic year 2022-23 turned out to be a successful one for the Department of English (Shift II).



HISTORY

The Department of History turns 75 in 2023. The inaugural celebrations of this special year began on 14 February 2023 with an International Symposium on The Contemporary World. The special guest and speaker, who also delivered the Indira Gandhi Endowment Lecture, was an alumna of the Department Ms. Minari Shah, Director of Corporate Communications, Amazon India, and APAC. Other prominent alumnae present included Ms. Malini Parthasarathy, Chairperson of The Hindu Publishing Group. Several distinguished alumnae of the Department were honoured.

One significant milestone for our Department was the introduction of the BA Tourism and Travel Management programme in addition to the existing BA History and Tourism programme. The College signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Madura Travels with the latter agreeing to support the Department in certificate courses, internships, campus recruitments, research and training, and guest lectures by experts. Students also went on internships to SOTC.

The Department, in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Chennai Dynamic, organised campus placements for selected students from the Department. For those interested in careers in the public services, the Department arranged with the JD Academy of



Students at the Handmade Pasta Workshop

Excellence to offer coaching for the UPSC examinations on campus.

A memorable part of the year was the various study tours. The Stella Maris International Centre for Multidisciplinary Research and the Department organized a study abroad programme for 56 students (from across the college) at the Binary University in Malaysia. Dr. Priyadarshini led a group of 34 students on an International Summer Internship Programme on Entrepreneurship to the National University of Singapore. Two faculty and students from the third year went on a four-day trip to Mysore and Coorg.

The Department conducted a webinar in association with the Tamil Nadu Open University (TNOU) on the occasion of the 75th Independence Day of India, the keynote address was delivered by Dr. V. Venkataraman, Head, Department of History, Madras Christian College. The Department also organised several guest lectures by experts, many of them our alumna: Ms. Rajitha Reddy, founder

of Smart Uniforms; Ms. Elizabeth Thottan, hotelier; Ms. Vaidehi Sathish, Thomas Cook; Ms. Meyammai, founder of Mana; Ms. Mahalakshmi Ravishankar, HR, Larsen and Toubro; Dr. Joseph Paul, Management and Culinary Professional; Captain Lakshmi Mohan, PTC Aviation, and others. The Department hosted Prof. Anantanarayanan Raman, Senior Scientist, Charles Sturt University, Australia, who spoke on 'Navigation Along the Coromandel Coast in the 1850s.'

Other special events included competitions and talks held on World Tourism Day, at which the general managers Mr. Rajesh Radhakrishnan of Park Hotel and Mr. Rajiv Naidu of SOTC-South spoke.

On the occasion of Madras Day, students from the department organised competitions for students from schools and other colleges. Speakers included Mr. Dipankar Ghose, founder of Prakruthi, and Mr. T. K. Babu,



Students and Faculty at the Study Abroad Programme at Binary University, Malaysia



Third year Students of BA History and B.Voc Tourism and Hospitality at Mysore During Their Study Tour

Tamil Nadu and Chennai District Green Committee and trustee of Nizhal. Students enjoyed a 'Handmade Pasta Workshop' conducted by the Department with the support of Impasta. 'BC-AD,' the annual inter-year department cultural competitions, were held with great enthusiasm, and the second years walked away with the prize. Dr. Deepa Alexander, Deputy Editor, Metro Plus (The Hindu); Mr. A. Ahamed Riaz, Managing Partner, Edu Smart International and Regional Director, Binary University, Malaysia, and Ms. Thirupurasundari Sevvil, author and secretary, Madras Literary Society, were chief guests and speakers.



Students at Dakshinchitra

Swetha M of the third year represented Tamil Nadu at the Second Women's Blind Football Nationals. She was shortlisted for the Indian National Blind Football Team at the Asian Championship.

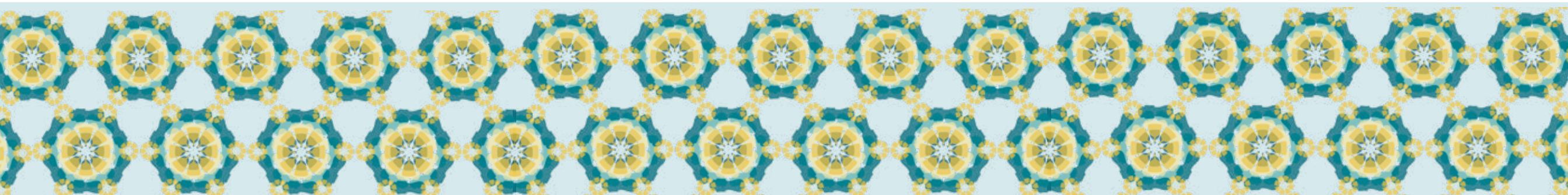
Dr. Dolly Thomas, Dr. S. Gayathri, Dr. Shan Eugene Palakkal, Dr. Cinthia Jude, Dr. M. Priyadharshini, Dr. Senkathir Selvi, and Ms. Ivan Nancy published research papers in UGC-Care listed journals. Dr. Cinthia Jude received a grant from the UBCHEA and the Institute for Advanced Study in Asian Cultures and Theologies. Seven faculty received SCEED grants from the college for research.



Exhibition to Commemorate the 75th Independence-Day



Release of the Department Magazine on the Occasion of the International Symposium on the Contemporary World and the Platinum Jubilee Year Celebrations



FINE ARTS

The Department of Fine Arts had an eventful year of academic activities. The highlight of the year was the National Seminar 'Creating Consciously: Sustainability in Art and Design,' on 21 March 2023. The seminar emphasised social and cultural consciousness as integral to the creative process. It reiterated the need to direct creative impulses in ways that positively impact communities and the environment. The keynote address was delivered by internationally acclaimed designer Mr. Sandeep Sangaru, of Sangaru Design Studio, Bengaluru. Five eminent speakers joined him in sharing their insights and experiences.

The annual Dr. Sr. Edith Tömöry Endowment Lecture was delivered by Dr. M. D. Muthukumaraswamy, Director, National Folklore Support Centre, India, on 6 February 2023. The lecture was titled 'Bhakti poetry, Art and Aesthetics. A Historical Perspective'.

The Department organised 13 workshops and 12 lectures in the year, inviting subject experts, artists, designers and craftspersons, from within Chennai, and outside, to share their expertise with students. Dr. Srivi Kalyan, Faculty, Srishti Manipal Institute of Art, Design and Technology, Bengaluru, and an alumna of the Department, served as resource person for a workshop on designing projects. Mr. Kamalesh Saravanan,



Certificate Course on Sculpture

VX Design Specialist, Google Cloud, Bengaluru, conducted a workshop on mobile application design. Other workshops were conducted on visual culture, clay modelling, watercolour painting, portraiture, figure drawing and painting, advertising, digital illustration, videography, and concept based art. Mr. S. Anwar, writer, photographer and documentary filmmaker presented his perspective on Dravidian Islamic architecture. Mr. Jacob Jebaraj, artist and resident, spoke on the Cholamandel Artists' Village, the largest artists' commune in India. National Award winning dyeing and printing expert Mr. K. Dakshinamurthy shared his insights on natural dyeing.

Two certificate courses were conducted one each on Sculpture and Digital Illustration. The Light and Life Academy, Nilgiris, conducted a five-week certificate course on Photography for students of II B.V.A. and I M.A. The workshop culminated with sessions and photo shoots at the Light and Life Academy campus at Lovedale, Ooty. Study trips and field visits were organised throughout the year. I M.A. class went on a photography trip to Pulicat lake. The II. B.V.A. class enhanced their classroom learning of Pallava architecture with a visit to the monuments at Mamallapuram. Students



II BVA Study trip to Mamallapuram



National Seminar - Creating Consciously - Sustainability in Art and Design

of IV B.V.A. visited Dakshinachitra to meet artists Bhavani G. S., Aparajithan Adimoolam and Parvathi Nayar, at their show 'Water in Images', organised as part of the Waterfest Seminar. The annual final year study tour took place in February 2023, with the IV B.V.A. class travelling to sites of art historical importance at Hyderabad, Aurangabad, Ajanta and Ellora.

Students of the Department had several occasions to showcase their creativity. The II M.A. students used origami as a tool to teach children of St Joseph's Primary School, Santhome, as part of the Service Learning initiative. The III B.V.A. art specialisation students created a painted installation 'Healing to Empower' as part of the Women's Day initiative by MGM Hospitals. This collaborative project began with planning and painting of the installation in the Department and its subsequent

unveiling at the premises of MGM Hospitals, Chennai.

The II M.A. class put up a display of naturally dyed and wood block printed cotton handloom dupattas which were patterned in designs developed by them. The showcasing of final art and design projects of the IV B.V.A. class received much appreciation. J Aishwarya of II M.A. and Harshita Sridevi of III B.V.A. submitted winning entries in a painting contest announced by the American Centre, on the theme 'US India at 75'. They were invited to paint the same at the premises of the American Centre, Chennai.

Several faculty presented papers and attended seminars and conferences. Dr. Margaret Thomas served as Evaluation Panel Member and Judge for the '9th International Conference



Photography session at Light and Life Academy, Lovedale, Ooty



Healing to Empower - painted installation by III BVA art students for Women's Day initiative by MGM Hospitals.

on Arts & Humanities - Technological Transformations', organised by TIKM, Colombo, Sri Lanka.

Dr. Margaret Thomas and Dr. Swapna Sathish served as resource persons at a workshop organised at the Light and Life Academy, Love Dale, Ooty.

Dr. Anne Samuel and Dr. Swapna Sathish contributed chapters in the book 'Feminist Engagements Cultural Expressions and Politics'. Ms. M. Meenakshi's paper was published in The Eastern Anthropologist.

Ms. Arokia Antoniate Priya presented papers at Holy Cross College, Trichy, South Indian History Congress, and the National Seminar of the 81st Indian History Congress. Dr. Anne Samuel's paintings were featured in the Naam-o-nisha Group Art Exhibition at the All India Fine Arts and Crafts Society, New Delhi. Ms. Christeena Shaju participated in a group exhibition by women artists titled 'Stereotypical Identity' at Art Houz Gallery, Chennai.





SOCIOLOGY

The events for the Department of Sociology commenced with a session on 'Social Entrepreneurship' by Ms. Marie Banu, alumna of our Department and Director of Centre for Social Initiative and Management (CSIM), Chennai. A lecture on 'Legal Literacy' was organised by the Department to create awareness on public legal education for first year students.

A half-day session on 'Crime and Victims' was organised at the Department of Criminology, University of Madras, for the third year students of the Department of Sociology, Stella Maris College. There were talks on 'Prison System in the State of Tamil Nadu' by Mr. A. Murugesan Deputy Inspector General of Prison, Tamil Nadu Prison Department Headquarters, 'Concept of Crime and Victim and UN Declaration of Human Rights and Position of Victims of Crime in India' by Dr. M Srinivasan, Head of the Department, Criminology University of Madras and 'Choosing a Career Path and Ways to Realize It' by Mr. K Jagadeesh IPS.

A day-long mega nutrifest 'Arockiyamum Arusuvaikum', the Department's first exclusive event was conducted to emphasise the significance of healthy food and



August Revel, 2023-The Students receiving their Certificates

lifestyle. The event was inaugurated by Dr. Sowmya Anbumani, President of Pasumai Thayagam and also alumna of our Department.

The 7th one day 'Annual International Leadership Conference on Innovation and Sustainable Leadership' focusing on healthcare, social welfare, climate change and hybrid education was organised by the Department of Sociology along with other Departments of Stella Maris College in collaboration with Trinity Western University, Canada.

The Department of Sociology in collaboration with Manidham, A Human Rights NGO, conducted a seminar on 'Confronting Gender Based Violence: Experiential Evidence of Activists' highlighting various real life cases of gender-based violence and possible ways to fight against it. Mr. R. Thirumurthy, Advocate, High Court of Madras, Member of

Executive Committee of Manidham; Ms.G.Pramila, Treasurer of Magalir Satta Udhavi Mandram and Ms.U.Vasuki, Vice-President of All India Democratic Women's Association, made the session thought-provoking with their insights.

As part of the academic activities, the Department of Sociology conducted two certificate courses for the students during the academic year 2022-2023. The certificate course titled 'Social Entrepreneurship' was organised by the Centre for Social Initiative and Management. The other new certificate course introduced was titled 'Film and Society' in collaboration with International Institute of Film and Culture (IIFC) in which the students were taught the basics of filming, cinematography and editing skills. As part of their assessment project, the students directed clips on public service announcements on various social issues.



*Seminar on Confronting Gender Violence
On the dais- Ms.Vasuki, Ms Pramila,
Dr Sasitha*



*Sr Christine Anthony Endowment Lecture 2023
by Director Vetrmaran
on the dais - Mr.Joe Ro, Dr. Sasitha, Sr. Anita
and Mrs. Vetrmaran*

The Department took the students on educational field trips for the academic year 2022-2023. On a field trip to the School of Media Studies, Loyola college, the third year students were exposed to various processes involved in film making, animation and graphics. As part of the certification course 'Social Entrepreneurship', the Department organised a field trip to Sri Arunodayam, Home for Mentally Challenged Destitute and Transgender Rights Association, Chennai. The students were taken on a field trip to the Stella Maris College Extension Project Centre at Thirupachur, Thiruvallur, as part of the Social Awareness Programme. The students conducted a survey among the rural residents of diverse aspects and spread awareness through skits, songs and talks with the local community.

The annual Sr. Christine Antony Endowment lecture along with the

certificate distribution ceremony for the students of 'Film and Society' organised in collaboration with The International Institute of Film and Culture, IIFC, took place on 5 April 2023. Indian film director, producer, screenwriter, and National Film Award winner and Founder-President of IIFC, Thiru Vetri Maaran was the Chief Guest of the Day. Thiru Vetri Maaran addressed the audience on filmmaking for a bigger and better cause. He urged students to pursue careers based on their interests, stressing the importance of completing a graduate degree in any subject before that. He spoke about the importance of being conscious and aware of societal issues. He shared his experience regarding his entry into the field of filmmaking and answered questions on the same.

August Revel, the intra department event organised by the students to bring out the creative talents of the students, was a success with enthusiastic participation. There were about four online submission events, five off-stage and four onstage events. The overall winning team were the second year students and the runner up team were the third year students of the Department of Sociology.



Academic year 2022-2023 proved to be a fruitful year for the Department of Botany. The Department of Botany launched the book titled 'The Flora of Stella Maris: A Field Guide' on 15 August 2022, which is a comprehensive guide for general readers as well as scholars, enabling them to identify various plants, trees and flowering species on campus. The book describes 207 plants that are spread across 19.5 acres that comprise the area of the campus. The Department of Botany organised a three-day National workshop on 8 December 2022 and 6 & 7 January 2023 titled 'Techniques in Vegetative Analysis and Biodiversity Software'. As part of the workshop, a field trip was arranged to Guindy National Park, which enabled the students to study different types of vegetation sampling methods using biodiversity software.

The Department organised a Workshop 'Mysterious Myko Walk' on 18 October 2022 to explore and identify various mushrooms on campus. The students went around for a campus walk guided by an eminent Mycologist, Dr. Kumar, Assistant Professor, Department of Botany, Madras Christian College.



Exhibition on The Millet Kingdom



Workshop on Techniques in Vegetative Analysis and Biodiversity Software

As part of the service learning programme, the third year students carried out an awareness programme on 'Growing Microgreens' and 'Importance of Medicinal Herbs' for classes VI, VII & VIII of The Children's Garden Higher Secondary School, Mylapore, on 17 October 2022. The students enthusiastically participated in this awareness programme.

Celebrating the International Year of Millets, the Department of Botany, in association with SCEED (Stella Centre for Effective Education and Development) organised an Exhibition 'The Millet Kingdom', on 21 October



Workshop on Mysterious Myko Walk

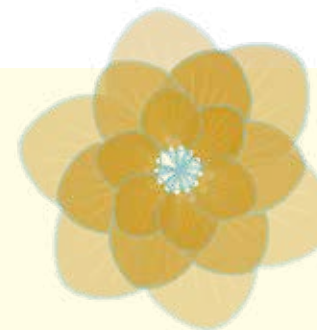
2022. Students exhibited a variety of millet- based traditional food.

The annual intercollegiate Department Fest, 'Astera', was held on the 23 January 2023. Mrs. Jayasri Krishnan, CEO/MD of D Organica Garden Shoppee was the Chief Guest. Around 12 Colleges participated in the events and Ethiraj College won the overall championship and Loyola College secured the runners up title.

As part of the curriculum, a study trip was organised for first year students to Kovalam beach, Chennai, in order to learn about the biodiversity of algae

in their natural habitat and herbaria were prepared. The second year students were taken to Yelagiri on 10 September 2022, for taxonomical study and prepared herbaria. The third year students were taken to Ooty, for three days from 16 September 2022 to 18 September 2022 on a study trip. Two of our faculty published articles in reputed UGC listed peer reviewed journals.

Dr. Antony Rose Immaculate, Assistant Professor and Head, Department of Botany received the Teaching Excellence Award 2022, awarded by The International Association of Lions Club on 11 September 2022.





The academic year 2022-23 began with a series of events conducted to create awareness in the field of science and technology. Dr Sr Annamma Phillip endowment lecture was delivered by Dr Jayakumar Rajadas, Director, Advanced Drug delivery and Regenerative Biomaterials Laboratory (ADDReB) of Cardiovascular Institute (CVI), Stanford University. Students from various city Colleges actively participated in the intercollegiate Department event Chemfest- Reactions.

Scientific and technical events were organised in collaboration with institutes of high repute. On 25 August 2022 the Anu Awareness Programme was conducted under the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav in collaboration with Indian Association Of Nuclear Chemists And Allied Scientist Southern Regional Chapter (IANCAS-SRC) IGCAR. Dr. Ananthasivan, Director, Rpg, IGCAR and his team conducted experiments and students were thrilled to participate and analyse the results.

The Water Awareness Programme 'Net Water Zero Challenge' was conducted on 26 August 2022 in collaboration with ICCW, (An IIT Madras Initiative) IITM Research Park, Chennai. The ICCW team addressed



Net Water Zero Demonstration by ICCW Team



Anu awareness group photo.

the faculty of the Department, members of Students Union and Enviro club, two students and a faculty from each of the Departments in College and the College maintenance team. This was conducted along with The Enviro Club 2022-23. The Regional Workshop on Instrumental Methods WIM 2022 was conducted in collaboration with CRIST, SMC on 12 and 13 September 2022.

Dr. K. S. Viswanathan, Professor (Retd), Dept. of Chemistry, IISER Mohali and Dr. A. S. Prakash, Senior Principal Scientist, CSIR CECRI-Madras unit, addressed the students. This brought about an awareness of essential instrumental techniques required for postgraduate and doctoral research with hands-on experience through demonstrations of high-end instruments. An awareness programme on Solid Waste and Waste Water Management was conducted on 18 October 2022 in collaboration with The Enviro Club and Department of Economics of Stella Maris College.

The following guest lectures were organised by the Department — 'Drug Discovery Fundamentals' on 27 July 2022; 'A Computational Method for Predicting Protein-Protein Interfaces' on 04 August 2022; 'Opportunities for Young Chemists' on 13 August 2022; and 'Green Chemistry Practices' on 17 October 2022.

Two exhibitions were conducted by the Department — Healthy Food made from Navadhanya and greens, and Self-made Cosmetics by the I and III year undergraduate students respectively. Certificate Courses offered for the year were 'Water Quality, Testing, Mapping and Analysis' conducted in collaboration with International Centre for Clean Water (ICCW), an IIT Madras initiative and 'Introduction to Scientific Language Editing ISLE 202' conducted in collaboration with TNQ Technologies Pvt. Ltd., Chennai. The Department has three MoUs signed with TNQ Technologies Pvt. Ltd, International

Centre for Clean Water (ICCW), Chennai and Anabond Ltd.

Two incubation projects were initiated by the Department with an aim to benefit society at large using eco-friendly methods – 'Sustainable Material for the Treatment of Laboratory Waste Water' in collaboration with International Centre for Clean Water (ICCW)-An IIT Madras Initiative and 'Cosmetic Formulations for Skin and Hair' in collaboration with Visual Difference, Chennai. The projects are sponsored by MRF, Chennai and an incubation center has been set up in the College. These projects would help in creating self-sufficiency in the lab with respect to water, encourage product development and strengthen the knowledge and skills of the students. This year saw a total of 18 publications in journals listed in Scopus and UGC CARE. Faculty also attended and presented papers in national and



Incubation Project Inauguration

international journals. This academic year the Department also saw five of its research scholars being awarded Ph.D. Ms. Sohini Chakraborty under the guidance of Dr. Mary N.L., Ms. Jeena N Baby, Ms. Swathi Pon Sakthi Sri, Ms. Roselin Ranjitham M. under the guidance of Dr. Mary George and Ms. Archana under the guidance of Dr. Revathy Rajagopal. Ms. Janet Sabina Xavier, Assistant Professor, was awarded Ph.D. Dr. Shiny John Vairamon was presented the 'Best Teacher Award' awarded by Dr. H.V. Hende, former Health minister organised by A.R. Kalai Maa Mandram on 02 October 2022. Our faculty members were invited to be members of committees from other Colleges. Students participated in various activities which brought out their potential, with enthusiasm. They won prizes and trophies in many intercollegiate competitions held in leading city Colleges.



HPLC Demonstration at Workshop on Instrumentation



PHYSICS

The Department of Physics organised a series of workshops and seminars at both international and national levels for students to provide an exposure to current technologies and advancements in the field of sciences.

The Department organised an industrial trip for III B.Sc. and II M.Sc. Physics students to Mithradham renewable energy centre, Aluva, Kochi, Kerala from 13 October to 15 October, 2022 to expose them to the functioning of the energy centre, thereby encouraging an active engagement with sustainable living and development.

A workshop on 'Physics behind '0's and '1's' was organised on 18 October 2022 with the II M.Sc. students training the I B.C.A. students of the College to impart practical knowledge on digital electronics through equipment handling and demonstration.

In collaboration with Tamil Nadu Astronomy and Science Society (TASS); Vigyan Prasar, DST, Government of India and Chennai Astro Club, the

Department organised a 'Seminar and Discussion on Astronomy' on 21 December, 2022. Mr. Lenin Tamilkovan, Scientific officer, Birla Planetarium, Chennai, gave insights into the technological advances in tracking the locations of planetary bodies using readily available applications such as Indian Sky map, IBS satellite, Solar system Scope etc.

An International Seminar on 'Smart Decisions for Environment and Climate Change: Big Data, Complexity and Uncertainty', was organised on 24 January 2023 as part of the Popular Lecture Series with Dr. Timothy O. Randhir, Professor (Full) of Watersheds/ Water, Ecohydrology, Complex systems, Ecol. Econ, Sustainability, Department of Environmental Conservation, University of Massachusetts, USA addressing the audience about mitigation, environmental conservation and the

climatic impacts on watershed systems. He also shared information on career opportunities to pursue higher studies abroad.

A Research Lab and the PG Physics Lab were inaugurated by Fr. Antony Pancras, Editor and Director, The new Leader Magazine, Chennai on 11 January, 2023. The Department Fest 'ELECTRA 2023' was conducted and the Annual Department Magazine 'PHYSIK 23' was released on 9 March, 2023. Professor R.R. Elangovan, Former ISRO Scientist, Core Team Member GSLV MK1, presided over the magazine release programme and shared his insights on the prevailing opportunities for students in Indian Space Research Organisations. Two of our faculty members presented three papers at International Conferences and one at a National Conference. Our faculty members also published three papers in international journals.



Industrial visit to Mithradham Renewable Energy Centre, Aluva, Kerala



Inauguration of Research Lab and PG Physics Practical Lab



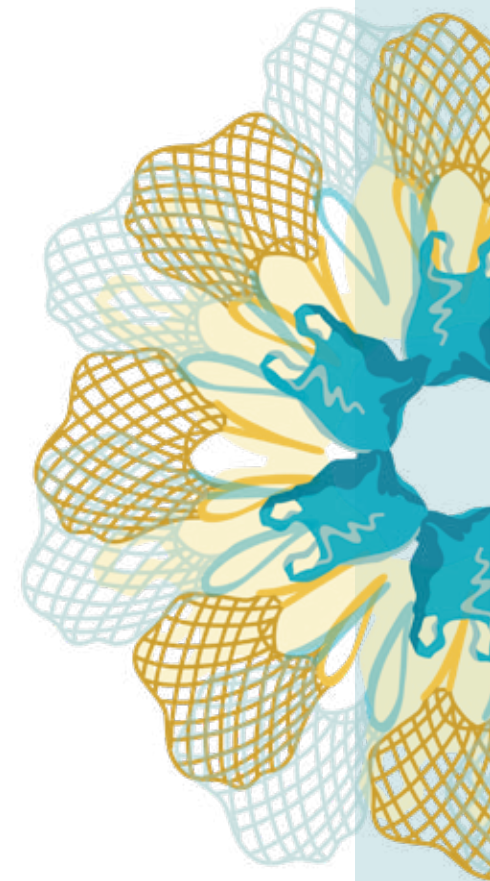
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Electra 2023 and release of department magazine



Seminar and Discussion on Astronomy



MATHEMATICS

The Department of Mathematics, Stella Maris College, has successfully completed 70 glorious years of educating young minds. To commemorate this momentous occasion, the Department organised a Scholar in Residence (SIR) with workshops and seminars commencing from September 2022 to March 2023. Eight workshops were organised, with 17 eminent Professors from around the globe delivering lectures. Researchers, UG and PG students from city colleges attended these workshops and seminars.

As the crowning glory of these events, the Department has associated itself with the 'Visitor Programme Lecture Series' by Indian Women and Mathematics, in collaboration with 'National Board For Higher Mathematics', the Government of India, and the International Mathematical Union Committee for Women in Mathematics.

SIR 2022-23 on 23 September 2022 was delivered by Dr. Sudheesh Kumar Kattumannil, Associate Professor, Indian Statistical Institute, Chennai



SIR 2022-23 was delivered by Prof. P. V. Subrahmanyam, Retired Professor Head, Department of Mathematics, IIT Madras

As part of the programme, Prof. Ariane Mezard, Sorbonne University, Paris, delivered a lecture on 3 March 2023. The series was organised in a blended mode to ensure maximum participation of researchers and resource persons across the globe.

A guest lecture on Statistics titled 'Skew Symmetric Matrices, Minimax Theorem, and Decision' by Professor T. Parthasarathy, Adjunct Professor, Chennai Mathematical Institute, India, was organised by the Department on 29 July 2022 enabling students to pursue research in this area.

This year was an outstanding year for the Research Department of Mathematics where seven research scholars: Dr. K Meenakshi and Dr. Amalore Arumica (supervised by Dr. Felbin C Kennedy), Dr. Padmavathy E, Dr. Fancy V F, Dr. Sravya P R and Dr. Sindiya Therese S

(supervised by Dr. V Jude Annie Cynthia) and Dr. Diana Grace Thomas (supervised by Dr. Shanthi A S) have successfully completed their Viva-Voce Examinations. Seven research scholars have submitted their thesis and three new scholars have joined the research family. The faculty and scholars have produced 17 publications this year.

Two of the faculty members - Dr. Fancy V F and Dr. Sindiya Therese S received their doctoral degrees this year. The 'Journal of Advanced Computational Intelligence and Intelligent Informatics', Vol. 27 No.1, ISSN 1343-0130 issued on Jan 2023 has published research papers presented at the International Conference on 'Recent Strategies in Mathematics and Statistics – ICRSMS 2022' organised by the Department of Mathematics in collaboration with IIT Madras between 19 and 21 May 2022. This year, two

more journals will be brought out to publish the other papers presented at ICRSMS 2022.

A Design Patent was conferred to Dr. Sarah Surya S and Ms. Subbulakshmi P for 'Device for Security of Wireless Transactions' by the Patent Office, Government of India, in February 2023. The Department has organised three certificate courses this year: Analytics 101, Mathematics for Competitive Exams and Programming in C++ this year.

A mega exhibition on several topics in mathematics was organised on 9 March 2023. The exhibits and models that our students presented were open to school students. They also participated in the Olympiad conducted on the day and were awarded prizes.

The students of the course 'Elements of Space Science' visited the Planetarium



Mathzoom 2022-23- Talk on 'Popularizing Astronomy' delivered by Prof. J Maria Roy Felix

on 21 October 2022 accompanied by Dr. Felbin C Kennedy, Dr. Fancy V F and Ms. Dhanalakshmi A. Dr. Sounder Raja Perumal, Director of Periyar Science and Technology, explained space science to the students. The students also had a night sky observation session on 1 April 2023, watching the bright moon and the planets through the telescope mounted on the terrace of CC Block in the College.

The III B.Sc. students of Shift II went on a three-day educational tour to Wayanad on 10 December 2022, visiting the Indian Institute of Management, Kozhikode, and the II M.Sc. students visited Bangalore for a short industrial visit to 'The Visvesvaraya Industrial and Technological Museum', Bangalore on 20 January 2023.

The Department inaugurated its exclusive library in the Maria block on 1 March 2023, enabling easy access to resources for all our students.

The Departmental Intercollegiate Fests, namely Mathzoom and Math O Match (Inter-class Competitions), were held successfully offline after two years. The faculty of the Department were invited as guest speakers, resource persons, and chief guests in various workshops and FDPs. Dr. Sindiya Therese S received the Best Faculty Award from INSO (International



Overall trophy in the Intercollegiate Math Cultural 'Quadratic Questers'22'organized by MOP VAISHNAV College for Women



Night Sky Watch

Research Awards on Science, Technology, and Management), and Dr. Arul Roselet Meryline S received the Research Excellence Award 2022 by the Institute of Researchers. The students of the Department of Mathematics have excelled in both co-curricular and extra-curricular activities. Ms. Nivedita (I M.Sc. Mathematics student) has cleared the GATE examination in 2023. Two of our undergraduate students, Megha Mariam Jose and Archana S. attended classes on Entrepreneurship, Negotiation, Leadership, Psychology and social innovation, Financial and Digital technology and Environment at

the Binary University, Malaysia, from 18 August 2022 to 28 August 2022. The first Graduation Day of the International programme in M.Sc. Data Science, offered by Stella Maris College in collaboration with Liverpool Hope University and GITAA, was held on 12 September 2022. Several popular talks by eminent Professors with a focus on data science and the related problems were also organised. An intercollegiate fest 'Data Premier League' organised by the Department was around 150 colleges participating.



ZOOLOGY

Many species of wildlife are disappearing globally and conservation measures are required to prevent this. In order to make students aware of the beauty and value of biodiversity, the Department celebrated Wildlife Week through several activities including a wildlife conservation rally in college on 8 October 2022. A skit by I B.Sc. students brought out the causes and challenges of human-elephant conflict and its mitigation. The II B.Sc. class through their thought-provoking posters, made the student-body aware of several endangered faunal species and the threats they face.



Wildlife Conservation Rally on Campus



Workshop on GIS mapping for conservation

The Department took part in a Nature Education Initiative in collaboration with the Indian Bird Photography Society. Mr. Akhilesh Kumar Sahay, Nature Educator and Author and Founder President of Dhanbad Birders and the Indian Bird Photography Society spoke to the students about his experiences in capturing natural history moments in his talk on 'Nature Education through Photography' on 9 December 2022. A workshop on GIS (Geographic Information System) Mapping for Conservation was organised on 20 January 2023 by the Department in collaboration with the NGO, Care Earth Trust (CET). The participants included faculty and research scholars from local city colleges. During the one-day workshop, participants learnt the

fundamental concepts of GIS, field data collection, map visualisation techniques and analysis using open-source GIS software applications.

The Department introduced a new Certificate Course titled 'Winged Wonders: A Basic Course in Butterfly Studies'. Students learnt about the types, life cycle and behaviour of these beautiful insects and the threats faced by them. They were also sensitised to the role played by butterflies in the ecosystem. By the end of the course, students learnt to conduct 'Butterfly Walks' on campus and to document butterflies using citizen science platforms. A field trip to Tholkappiar Poonga was organised on 22 October 2022 as part of the course.



Prize winning poster on Moth Diversity

The Department conducted 'Moth Week at SMC' for the first time in the last week of July 2022. Awareness programmes and competitions were held on the theme of moth diversity.

Students and faculty documented moths on campus during Moth Night. 'Another First' was the new theme for our Service Learning Programme – 'Faunal Diversity and Conservation'. As part of this, students visited a few local schools to carry out biodiversity surveys there and familiarised school students with the biodiversity on their school campus and its conservation through presentations, games, activities and nature walks on the school campus.

This year too, several students interned with organisations like Care Earth Trust

(CET), the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) and the Madras Naturalists' Society (MNS), which has enriched their learning experience. The Dr. Meera Paul & Dr. Hannah John Endowment Lecture was delivered by Dr. K A Subramanian, Scientist E & Officer-in-charge, Southern Regional Centre, Zoological Survey of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India on 15 December 2022. Dr. Subramanian spoke on 'Monitoring Freshwater Ecosystems with Aquatic Macroinvertebrates'. The lecture brought out the importance of indicator species in monitoring freshwater ecosystems and hence, in conservation.

Some of the regular events that were conducted included the workshops on 'Drosophila Culture Techniques,' on 18 August 2022 and 'Methodology for Studying Animal Behaviour' on 10 February 2023. The Butterfly Week was conducted between 26 and 30 September 2022 and the Campus Bird Count was between 17 and 20 February 2023. 32 species of birds were documented during the Count. With over 150 checklists being submitted by faculty and students during the Count, our College campus once again figures among the top ten colleges in India with respect to the number of checklists submitted.

An interdepartmental workshop - cum-lecture series on Research Methodology was conducted between July and October 2022.

'EXZOOBITION', the annual exhibition on the various facets of Zoology was held on 24 March 2023. The exhibition, held at the Open-Air Theatre for the first time, attracted several footfalls and was highly appreciated for the information imparted through creative and colourful models. The exhibits pertained to Microbiology, Ecology and Chordates. Synapse 2022-23, the intercollegiate fest of the Department, was conducted on 17 February 2023. More than 110 students across nine city colleges participated in various events. The overall winners were Loyola College (Autonomous), Chennai. The inaugural address was given by Mr. Alistair Fernandez, Pearl Aqua Systems, Chennai, who spoke on 'Trends and Opportunities in the Ornamental Fish Industry'.

The final year students undertook an educational trip to the Shell Museum and Aquarium at Mamallapuram on 13 February 2023. The II B.Sc. Zoology students visited several labs such as the Microbiology, Biotechnology, Cell and Molecular Biology labs and Dairy and Poultry units at the Veterinary College, Vepery, on 2 March 2023. Students of the Certificate Course in Medical Biotechnology visited the Central Leather Research Institute on 19 October 2022. Students of



An exhibit at the EXZOOBITION

the Certificate Course on 'Basics of Birdwatching' made a field trip to the Pallikaranai Eco Park on 1 March 2023. I and III B.Sc. students attended an awareness programme at Chennai Snake Park Trust on 3 October 2022, on the occasion of Wildlife Week. Two teams from the Department participated in the TNSDG Championship 2022 under the mentorship of Dr. Amritha N. This Championship was conducted by the Stella Maris Sustainable Development Students Hub, in partnership with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals Student Programme. Competing against 1032 teams from across Tamil Nadu, the team comprising Keerthi Vijay, Annette B Sebastian and Rani Sabloo were declared winners of the Zonal Level Competition of the Chennai Zone. Much to our pride, their idea made it to the top five research ideas in the state.

The faculty of the Department have constantly been upgrading their



SDG Championship Zonal Winners

knowledge by attending several Seminars, Conferences, Training Programmes and Orientation / Refresher Courses. Dr. Rita Jayaraj, Dr. S. A. Vidhya and Dr. Amritha N presented papers at national and international conferences held at local colleges and at Stella Maris College. Dr. Amritha N presented and won the second prize for her paper at the International Conference on Recent Technology of Sustainable Development of Insects, Microbes and Health organised by Centre for Insect, Molecular Studies, and Environmental Research (CIMSER), Department of Advanced Zoology and Biotechnology, Loyola College (Autonomous). Dr. Rita Jayaraj received the Academic Excellence Award and Dr. Amritha, the Young Researcher Award, instituted by the Institute of Researchers, Kerala.



SDG Grand Finale Certificate of Achievement



Dr. Rita Jayaraj with the Academic Excellence Award

Students also participated in paper and poster presentations. Kiruthika N S of III B.Sc. Zoology was awarded second place for her poster at the International Conference on Frontiers of Biosciences in Sustainable Development organised by Postgraduate and Research Department of Zoology, Justice Basheer Ahmed Sayeed College for Women, Chennai, held on 15 and 16 February 2023.





COMMERCE

SHIFT I

The academic year 2022 - 2023 was yet another exciting year for the Department of Commerce (Shift I) with conferences, workshops, guest lectures and cultural events. The deliberations at a One Day International Conference on 'Metaverse Technologies—A Challenging HR Engagement', in collaboration with RR Donnelley, Chennai brought to light the disadvantages of the world due to the integration of Metaverse Technologies and the need for sustainable HR practices. The Conference comprised varied sessions on 'Block Chain Technologies', 'IoT in the world of Business', 'Stress Management and Sustainable HR practices' and a panel discussion titled 'When Meta and Business world meets'. The Conference was held in a hybrid mode on 24 March 2023 with two international resource persons.

A workshop on Entrepreneurial Development was conducted for the students titled 'Inculcating Entrepreneurial Qualities among Youth – Future Ahead' by Mr. S. Saravanan, Master Trainer EDII. A series of webinars and seminars were conducted for the students, 'Financial Wellness Program' by Mr. C. S. Karthick, Securities Market Trainer – SEBI, Co-Founder, a Knowise Learning Academy, Bengaluru; 'Making Sustainable Mainstream' by Ms. Aishvarya Murali, CEO - The Unbottle Company; 'Need for Financial Planning by Mr. Glenn Roger Carr Founder and Director, Finmark Trainers India Pvt.Ltd; and a



Inauguration of International Conference

seminar on 'Careers in Capital markets' by Ms. Viyanza Babu, Manager, Client Relationship and Marketing, CISI. The Department also organised several guest lectures on various topics such as 'Education Opportunities Abroad', 'Bio Diversity – Threats and Conservation', 'Legal Literacy'. 'Net Zero Transition – Awareness on Climate Change' and 'Internet -Security Threats in E Business'. A Special Lecture on 'Innovation and Entrepreneurship' by Prof. Sridhar, Founder Grand Alliance for Management Excellence (GAME) in collaboration with The Stella Maris Research and International Partnership centre was delivered on 11 August 2022.

A 30 hours NSE and CISI Certificate course in 'Financial Planning and Wealth Management' was offered by the Department in collaboration with Finmark Trainers India Pvt. Ltd. and 43 students from across disciplines had enrolled and successfully completed the course.

The students participated in a number of cultural events in various colleges of the city and won many prizes. The second years won the overall trophy in the cultural competitions conducted by the Department of Human Resource Management, Stella Maris College. 'Tresalanza' – interclass competitions was organised to motivate the students to showcase their talents and develop a healthy competitive spirit in them. Ms. Jeyanthi Sivakumar, Director, HR, RRD Go Creative Chennai delivered the inaugural address. Second year undergraduate students won the overall Trophy at Tresalanza. Intercollegiate Commerce Cultural – COMBAT 2023 was held on 10 January 2023. Ms. Majella Philip, Founding Principal, Babaji Vidhyashram School had delivered the inaugural address.

The Commerce Association/Club - SPECTRA was instituted for the very first time with five elected office bearers to plan and execute student related activities of the Department.

Four final year students have been placed in Deloitte, nine in Ernst and Young, two at Barclays, two at PWC and many other students got placed in various other industries, through the Career Guidance Cell of the College. The faculty of the Department have also attended conferences and workshops as part of their academic pursuits



COMMERCE

SHIFT II

The year 2022-23 has been eventful for the Department of Commerce - Shift II, with series of activities, workshops, seminars and guest lectures by industry experts and successful professionals.

A Two-day National Conference on 'Advancing through Headwinds in the Era of Customer Engagement' was organised from 27 – 28 March 2023. The Conference was inaugurated by Ms. Sudha Kongara Prasad - Indian film director and Mr. Josh Foulger - Country Head & MD –Bharat FIH Ltd delivered the keynote address. The conference focussed on the key headwinds faced by the business industry today and the strategies and tactics that empower organisations to navigate these challenges and forge ahead in the pursuit of customer-centric excellence.

The Department organised a Postgraduate Symposium on 'The New Paradigm of Retailing' on 14 March 2023, which was inaugurated by Mr. Kumaravel – CEO & Co-Founder, Naturals Saloon & Spa and Mr. Suresh Venkataramani – CEO & Co-Founder, Karkinos Healthcare. The Speakers provided an understanding of emerging trends, strategies and approaches that have been driving the future of retail. They also shared the relevance of omni-channel strategies integrating online and offline experiences

and providing customers with the unified and personalised journey.

The Series of workshops that were organised, enabled the students to bridge the gap between theoretical concepts and practical applications. The workshops on 'Drafting & Conveyancing' by Mrs. Maheshwary Mohan - Advocate & Founder, Co-Draft, Academy of Law, 'Business Simulation' by Mr. Rajesh Harikrishnan, Firebird Institute of Management, Coimbatore and 'Advanced Excel' by Ms. Likita Krishnan - Data Science & Analytics Professional. ISDC Global, largely benefited the students.

To gain an insight into the Union Budget of India, 'The Union Budget Session', an annual feature of the Department, was held on 20 February 2023, with an analysis of the budget by the students mentored by Mr. Anand Pattabhiraman, Director, Aquilae Technologies. To facilitate in-depth discussions and to gain practical knowledge, skills and insights in the field of commerce and business, series of seminars were conducted. A Seminar on 'Indirect Tax and Compliance with special reference to GST' on 13 September 2022, a Higher Education Summit on 'Explore beyond the reviews' on 9 January 2023, 'Gateway to Higher Education & Employability' on 10 February 2023 and 'Understanding Business Analytics Success and Impact' on 27 September 2022, to orient the students about



The Principal Inaugurating the EDC Exhibition

the implications of technological advancements in business.

Recognizing the importance of holistic development and nurture leadership skills, teamwork, and creativity among students. Department offered hands on experience on preparing a business proposal, analysis of case study, financial literacy campaigns, exhibiting HR Models and designing a new product.

Students were taken on industrial visits to Rail Neer, Palur, on 17 August 2022, Coorg on October and November 2022 and Vagamon on March 2023 to give them an exposure to business operations, interact with professionals, and gain first-hand experience.

To provide students with valuable insights about real-world scenarios, industry trends, and emerging practices, series of guest lectures were organised. The sessions were conducted on various topics such as Intellectual Property Rights, Financial Inclusion, Accounting

Standards, Ethics in Mental Health, Impact of Taxes and Inflation on Returns, Internet Security Threats to E-Business, Right to Information Act, Legal Literacy, Workmen’s Compensation, Sexual Harassment in the Workplace , Legal Protection and Easy Ways to Understand Data – Tools and Techniques.

The Entrepreneurial Development Cell of the Department organised its flagship event ‘ENT-ERA’, a three-day Entrepreneurship Conclave from 29 to 31 March 2023, for the benefit of students who aspire to pursue entrepreneurship as their career. The conclave was inaugurated by Ms. G. Sree Vidhya – Chairperson and Managing Director, Ravindra Services Pvt. Ltd. On the first day, reputed entrepreneurs shared their entrepreneurial journey and their success. Mr. James Joseph – Founder, Jackfruit 365 provided an interesting insight into the efficacy of green jackfruit flour as a medical nutrition therapy. A workshop on ‘Upcycling’ was conducted on the second day, followed by interclass competitions.



Students at an Industrial visit - Rail Neer Plant, Palur, August 17, 2022

An exhibition and sale of products by start-up entrepreneurs, alumnae and student entrepreneurs was organised on the third day. The Entrepreneurial Development Cell conducted a Seminar on ‘Journey and Experience of an Entrepreneur’ and interactive sessions with successful new age entrepreneurs. To kindle the spirit of entrepreneurship among the members of the cell, few competitions were organised on 21 February 2023.

To cater to the growing need for banking and finance graduates in the industry, an undergraduate programme–B.Com-Banking, Finance and Entrepreneurship, was introduced. The programme was inaugurated by Mr. K. T. Srinivsa Raja - Founder, Adyar Ananda Bhavan.

Faculty Development Programmes were organised to engage the faculty of the department in professional development activities in order to stay updated with the latest trends and advancements in the industry. Two of our faculty were awarded Ph.D. Degree - Dr. Felix



National Conference on ‘Advancing Through Headwinds In The Era of Customer Engagement’ March 27-28, 2023

Maria in November 2022 and to Dr. Deepasri in March 2023. Five research projects submitted by the faculty were approved by SCEED. This academic year, the faculty have published 17 research articles in Scopus and UGC approved journals. Dr. Renuka Devi accompanied forty students for a Study Abroad Programme to Binary University, Malaysia, in August 2022.

The department also facilitates collaborations with corporate partners to provide professional knowledge and certifications on the current advancements. MoUs were signed with Certified Management Accountant and ISDC for the conduct of US CMA programme integrated with B.Com BFE, National Stock Exchange for the conduct of certificate programmes for B.Com students and with Aquilae Technologies for the conduct of workshops and certificate programmes on Stock Trading and Capital Marketing. Certificate

courses on Tally, Digital Marketing, MS Excel for Managers and Digital Banking and Value Added Services were also conducted.

The students’ have gone beyond the confines of the classroom to excel in the professional programmes, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities. Vibha Jain and Shibani have successfully completed the Certified Management Accountant programme (CMA). Seven final year students of B.Com Hons. have successfully completed the professional level course in ACCA.

The Department remains committed to providing a comprehensive education in commerce-related disciplines. Through a combination of academic excellence, industry exposure, and co-curricular activities, the department continues to prepare students for the dynamic and evolving world of commerce.

PSYCHOLOGY

The academic year 2022-23 has been a significant year for the Department of Psychology, as a new Master's programme (M.Sc. in Psychology) was introduced in October 2022. Following this, the Department's strength and its facilities increased with the addition of a postgraduate laboratory in Francis Block.

During the course of the year, the Department has organised various events like seminars, panel discussions, workshops, and intercollegiate competitions. The first seminar under the titled 'Applying Psychology Beyond the Classroom: An Educational Psychology Perspective' was conducted on 26 July 2022. In connection with Suicide Prevention Awareness Day, the Department organised a panel discussion on 16 September 2022 in collaboration with Emote, a mental health consultancy. It was titled 'Breaking the Silence: A Panel Discussion on Suicide Prevention' and featured eminent activists and mental health advocates. The Department also organised an interaction with Dr Thomas Ninan, a retired Professor of Psychology, on his book 'Nothing Old, Nothing New' on 19 September 2022.

In commemoration of the World Mental Health Day (10 October 2022), the Department organised an engaging sequence of events that students can enjoy and participate in. Break-time activities were conducted for students of both shifts, and they were based on the WHO's theme for the year "Make mental health and well-being for all a global priority". It aimed to help students de-stress and relax.

Some of the activities conducted are Affirmations Corner, De-stress Corner, Vibe Center, and Pawsitivity with Pets. The students of the Department also put up a mime on suicide prevention to create awareness. The Department also organised an intercollegiate event called 'Mind Matters 2022' in collaboration with the Chennai Counselors' Foundation on 20 October 2022. Dr. Shivaprakash, the guest of honour, provided a special lecture at the event.

Many competitions and games were also conducted. The event saw student participation from colleges across the city and other parts of the state.

The Department conducted a Mental Health and Menstruation seminar on 16 February 2023 for undergraduate students. On 28 February 2023, a workshop was organised on the psychometric assessment 'Thematic Apperception Test' for the postgraduate students and the faculty of the Department. The Department, in collaboration with the Department of Criminology, the University of Madras, Manitham, and the Indian Society of Victimology, organised a seminar on 'Recent Trends in Victimization of Women and Girls' on 22 February 2023. The seminar featured special lectures by eminent activists in the fields of human rights and child rights and a panel discussion.



Prominent Actor and Activist Ms. Kalyani Rohit Addressing the Panel during the Suicide Prevention Day Programme

Assistant Professor Dr. Shilpa Siby completed her PhD public viva voce exam on 27 February 2023. Dr. Divya Dovina presented a paper at a national conference along with Jyothsna V (student), which won the Best Paper award. She also presented two papers at an international conference with undergraduate students Mary Saandrina Rose, Neharika R and Mahaasree J. Dr. Shilpa Siby presented a paper at an international conference with the undergraduate students Rithika U, Sarmishta M, and Glowin Raphela and won the Best Paper award. Undergraduate student Geetha S presented a paper at a national conference, for which she received the first prize.

The students of the Department have won many laurels in extracurricular activities. The following are some notable mentions from the third-year

undergraduate students: Sanjana M won second place in the Microtale Writing Contest at H.O.P.E.', JBAS College, and third place in the creative writing competition organised by the Youth Summit, WCC; Jyothsna V and Aditi Ganesh won first place in Guess Who/What at H.O.P.E. at JBAS and second place in Potpourri at 'Sarang', IIT Madras. Jayna Rathore bagged second place in Face painting; and Manjukashika KR and Harshini M bagged third place in Group Dance at St. Thomas College. Second-year undergraduate students, Sripriya S and Monisha Devi J bagged first place in the Guess the Song competition at MGR University of Research and third in group dance, 'St. Libazaar', respectively.

The Department is very pleased with its progress over the past year and looks forward to more such laurels in the future.



The Principal felicitating the Guest of Honour Dr. Shivaprakash at Mind Matters 2022



COMPUTER SCIENCE

Under the United States – India Educational Foundation (USIEF) Fulbright Specialist grant Programme, the Department was selected to host a U.S. expert in the specialised area of Computer science from 1 to 24 July 2022. Professor Chancellor T Pascal, Faculty, Computer Science, John Hopkins Whiting School of Engineering, Baltimore, Maryland, United States was the resource person for the workshop cum internship programme. This hands-on workshop titled 'Application Development and Innovation Engine' was conducted to train students to develop projects close to the Operating System projects. In continuation to this, an ADIE lab was setup to enable the students to take this forward.

A two-day workshop on 'Computer Hardware' was organised on 11 and 12 August 2022 to give an exposure to the students on the internal components of a computer. During the workshop, students were trained on Components of CPU Cabinet, Form Factors of RAM, PSU and Storage Devices, Removal RAM and



Effective Teaching of Data Structures - FDP



ADIE

Hard Disk, Introduction to Power Supply Unit, Connecting Power supply pins to the motherboard, Components of Motherboard, troubleshooting tips, BIOS setting and Beep code identification. This workshop was conducted by Ms. Rajalakshmi S and Ms. Geethanjali S, Department of Computer Science, Stella Maris College.

Dr RenukaDevi has been granted a patent for her invention titled Ensemble incremental deep multiple layer perceptron model – sentiment analysis application in the year 2022.

22 final year PG students under the guidance of the faculty presented papers in the International Conference on Advancements in Intelligent Systems and Computing held on 11-12 January 2023 conducted by Women's Christian College. Ms. Rashmi under the guidance of Ms. Birunda Antoinette Mary, presented and received the 'Best Paper Award'.

As part of Train the trainers programme, Ms. Roselin Clara and Ms. Geetanjali attended a certificate program for faculty in computer science education organized by Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology Delhi. A knowledge sharing session by the faculty was organised as a FDP for Faculty on "Effective Teaching of Data Structures" on 27-28 January 2023. A Workshop on Agile + DB-A Practitioners' Perspective was organized for final year students on 21 January 2023 in collaboration with Kyndryl. Final year students visited the 3D printing facility and the Research Park, IIT Madras in the month of January and had an interaction with the Professors there.

Ms. A. R. Charulatha published two chapters and Dr. Renuka Devi.D and Dr. Swetha Margaret TA published a research paper in Springer journals. Two certificate courses Data Science with Python and Image Editing with Gimp was conducted in hybrid mode for the students of other departments. 67 students were benefitted and



IITM Visit

were offered certificates on successful completion of the course. 47 students have already been placed in various IT Companies. To equip the students for campus placements, the Department offered aptitude training for second year students. 43 students were offered certificates on successful completion.

Ms. Jeyapriya U, Dr. Renuka Devi D, Dr. Diana Judith I, Dr. Swetha Margaret T A and Ms. Rajalakshmi applied for SEED research projects and were selected with grant.

WizIT 2023, an Inter collegiate technical event was organised by students of the department. 97 students from more than 14 Arts and Science Colleges from Chennai enthusiastically participated in various events and won prizes. Ms. Sunita Shenoy, Technical Project Manager, Kyndryl Inc. delivered the inaugural address and Ms. Aruna Jane, Workday Manager, Alight Solutions Pvt. Ltd., our alumna was the keynote speaker.

Additionally, many other seminars and workshops were organised by the Department to augment the knowledge gained by the students through the curriculum and tuning them to adapt to industry needs and requirements.



SOCIAL WORK

The Department of Social Work organised numerous programmes this academic year. A workshop on Social Enterprises and Social Innovation was organised for students of III B.S.W. and II M.S.W. students on 1 August 2023. The resource person was Mr. Antony Stephen, Assistant Professor, Madras School of Social Work.

In collaboration with UNICEF and P.A.K. Palanisamy Thillaisivagamy Trust the Department organised a programme for Youth Engagement in Public Health on Non-Communicable Diseases on 19 September 2022.



Suicide Prevention Day Awareness



Endowment Lecture



Youth-Engagement-in-Public-Health-on-NCD

An Awareness Programme on Suicide Prevention – Creating Hope through Action, in collaboration with the Institute of Mental Health was conducted on 21 September 2022 for the students of Stella Maris College in observance of World Suicide Prevention Day.

On 29 October 2023 the Unnathi Social Work Students' Forum of the Department of Social Work organised the tenth Annual Day Celebration of South India Welfare Trust, an organisation working for the Welfare of Differently Aabled Persons. Various competitions were conducted for hearing-impaired children and prizes were distributed.

On 9 November 2022, a lecture on Mobilizing Communities for Substance Abuse Prevention by Dr Harvey Milkman, Professor Emeritus, Department of Psychological Sciences, Metropolitan State University of Denver, USA was

organised for the students of the Departments of Social Work and Psychology. On 9 December 2022, a Seminar on 'Promotion of Youth Advocates for Children Towards Ending Violence Against Children' was organised by the Department of Social Work and UNICEF on Campus in collaboration with UNICEF, Thozhamai and the Department of Social Welfare and Women Empowerment, Government of Tamil Nadu. The Chief Guest was Mr. Aloor Sha Navas, Member of Tamilnadu Legislative Assembly.

A State Level Symposium on Integrating Values at all Levels of Education in collaboration with Pennurimai Iyakkam and Centre for Child Rights and Development was organised on 9 January 2023 by Unnathi, the Social Work Students' Forum. The Chief Guest was Mrs. A.S. Kumari, Chairperson Tamil Nadu State Commission for Women.

Women's Day was jointly celebrated with Science Forum on 11 March 2023.



Women's day celebration



Session with Dr. Harvey Milkman

Ms. Jeevasundari, eminent feminist spoke on gender equality, health issues of women, their rights, male chauvinism, domestic violence and the effectiveness of acts and legislations

Rev. Sr. Thecla Endowment Lecture was organised on 28 March 2023. A lecture on 'Women Domestic Workers' was delivered by Rev. Sr. Josephine Amala Valarmathi ICM, an alumna of the Department. She highlighted the plight of domestic workers and insisted they be treated with dignity and respect.

A Certificate Course in 'Paediatric Palliative Care' in collaboration with the Golden Butterflies Children's Palliative Care Foundation was conducted for the II M.S.W. Students from 23 July to 12 August 2022.

A Certificate Course in Rights Based Community Intervention was conducted in collaboration with Justice and Hope for III B.S.W. and I and II M.S.W. students, from 7 December 2022 to 6 February 2023.

III B.S.W. Students were declared the Overall Runners Up in the cultural 'Udhayam 2022' organised by the Department of Social Work, Madras Christian College. They won a Trophy and a cash prize of Rs. 8000. Dr. Sr. Lourthu Mary received the Justice V.R. Krishna Iyer Award on 4 March, 2023 by the Society for Community Organisation (SOCO) Trust, Madurai for her untiring work as a crusader for social justice and human rights.

Dr. Marian Benita Maria received the Bhumi Campus Awards for the Most Socially Responsible Staff – 2022, Tamil Nadu Edition on 11 June 2022

Dr. Catherine Joseph delivered a lecture 'Grief Counselling' for 250 Doctors from all over Tamil Nadu at the Government Multi Super Speciality Hospital, Chennai. The session was organised by the Transplant Authority of Tamil Nadu on 23 September 2022; she was appreciated as an esteemed speaker.



Session with Youth Engagement in Public Health on NCD

B.VOC.

FOOD PROCESSING AND QUALITY CONTROL

The Department of Food Processing and Quality Control, emphasises on self-reliance through skill development and entrepreneurship. To enhance networking with the industry, the Department has renewed existing MoUs with HECS, Exel Water Systems, Naga Foods, and Moon Foods Agrivision, and has also signed a new MoU with Rohini Foods Pvt. Ltd. The NSDC assessments have been done for all the NSQF levels 4, 5, 6 and 7 and we are proud to say that all the students were successfully certified by FICSI. Internships were organised at Aavin, KVIC, and Winners Bakery, which provided them with much-needed on-the-job training. Industrial visits to EID Parry Sugars, Hatsun Agro Products Pvt. Ltd, Moon Foods Agrivision, and Bureau Veritas Pvt. Ltd gave the students a relevant



Exhibition- The Millet Kingdom



Students Exhibiting Millet Products

practical perspective of the workplace and the larger business world. 'Rashtriya Poshan Maah' 2022 and 'Nutrition Week' were celebrated with activities such as competitions and guest lectures. Students from colleges across the city participated in the Departmentl Fest 'Food Pro', which was conducted along with the 'Nutrition Week Celebrations'.

The Department commemorated the International Year of Millets in collaboration with SCEED and the Department of Botany on the 21st October 2022, by organising an exhibition titled 'The Millet Kingdom'. Various industries showcased a wide range of millet-based products, and our students enthusiastically exhibited charts and traditional and nutritional millet products. The exhibition was a huge

success and was widely appreciated by the college community. Dr. M. Anbu Malar and Dr. J. Sonya were resource persons at Thiruthangal Nadar College, Chennai. The Stella Incubation Centre awarded Rs 9,20,000 as financial aid to Dr. M. Anbu Malar and Dr. J. Sonya for their project titled 'Cold Storage Unit Risk Monitoring System' Using Sensors with the 'Internet of Things' (IOT). Dr. Subhashree was chosen as the Mentor for the Standards Club of Stella Maris College, which was formed in collaboration with the Bureau of Indian Standards, Government of India.

It has been an eventful year, and as we look ahead to the next academic year, we reiterate our commitment to providing quality education to young women for holistic growth and empowerment.



Signing of Mou with Mr. Harish, Rohini Foods Pvt Ltd



B.VOC. SUSTAINABLE ENERGY MANAGEMENT

The academic year 2022-23 was an eventful year for the Department of Sustainable Energy Management. A series of events were organised to mark the Department theme, 'Nurture Nature'.

The Department organised a National Conference on 'Strategies to Promote Sustainable Biosphere'. Mr. Arun Krishnamurthy, founder, EFI delivered the inaugural address and Dr. Easwaramoorthi Ramasamy, ARCI, was the keynote speaker. The other resource persons, Dr. Ramchander, B.V. Raju Institute of Technology, Dr. V. R. Hari Balaji, Urbaser Sumeet and Mr. Raghuram Arjunan, Cares Renewables, also discussed sustainability as the need of the hour.



Assessor at the NSDC Evaluation



Awareness to School students on
Energy Conservation

Dr. S.Sathis Kumar, Development Environergy Services Ltd. addressed around 100 participants on practices for sustainable living, at the Intercollegiate Department Fest, 'Ener-Zious 2022'. An Energy Audit was organised by Mr. Senthil Kumar, NIN Energy Pvt. Ltd. and a session on Women Entrepreneurship was conducted by Dr. Jayashree Suresh, adjunct faculty in Crescent School of Business.

A visit to sustainable house of Mr. Solar Suresh provided a wide exposure to the students on practical ways of sustainable living. Hands-on training was conducted by The Tamil Nadu Electricians Welfare Association on Solar Installation. Awareness programs were conducted for school students on the conservation of energy and natural resources.

Stella Maris College and Dr. C. S.Ramya have been awarded patent for designing a Solar PV Module Testing Unit by the Patent Office, Government of India. Dr. R. Vincent Femilaa has authored chapters in two books published by Elsevier.

The NSDC evaluations were completed at NSQF levels 4, 5, 6 and 7 and certificates from the Sector Skill Council - Green Jobs have been distributed to the students.

The final semester projects brought out the potential of the students through projects such as footstep power generator, smart sensor bin, and PCM solar distillation still. The Department is committed to providing quality education and promoting reliable and sustainable energy for all.

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

The Department of International Studies kickstarted its activities in high spirits. One of the most memorable moments for the Department was launching a book authored by our faculty Dr. Priya Suresh. She authored a book titled '*Foreign Policy of China under Deng Xiaoping: Contemporary Relevance and Continuity*', published by Springer-Palgrave Macmillan, Singapore. The book launch, held on 5 January 2023, brought together experts, friends and long-time associates of the Department to celebrate the achievement. Both Dr. Priya Suresh and Ms. Aarti S. published two articles each in journals.

The students organised the Annual National Seminar 'Kriya', on 'Conflict and Cooperation: A Paradox in the Globalized World' on 15 February 2023. The event was a resounding success. The Department organised the 15th edition of the 'Dr. Kamala Aravind Endowment Lecture', on 4 April 2023. The lecture was delivered by Dr. Uma Maheswari, The Head, Department of Politics



Students and faculty of the department with the resident scholar, Dr. Priyanka Mathur



Prize Distribution at Kriya 2023

and Public Administration, University of Madras.

The Scholar in Residence Programme organised by the Department is a creative initiative that allows our students to closely interact with scholars and field experts, encouraging them to gain an in depth understanding on different issues. This year, our students had the opportunity to learn from Dr. Priyanka Mathur, an eminent scholar in the field of gender, migration and refugee studies. The three-day programme held between 9 and 11 January 2023 enabled the students to explore the refugee crisis from different dimensions.

The Department, in collaboration with the National Institute Advanced Studies and Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, organized a seminar on 'One Year of the Ukraine War' on 24 February 2023. The Department had the opportunity to host Dr. Manoharan N, Director – Centre for East Asian Studies, Christ (Deemed to be University), Bengaluru on 24 April

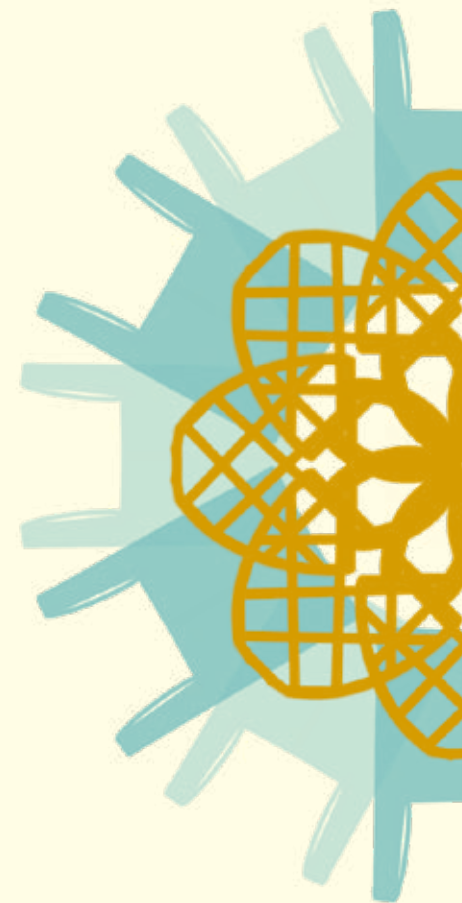
2023 for an interaction with the students on career opportunities.

Our last event was a truly fitting finale to the year. The Department of International Studies in partnership with the Department of Defence and Strategic Studies, University of Madras, organised a first-of-its-kind Strategic Simulation Exercise on 7 and 8 March 2023. Codenamed 'Exercise Jagrav', the simulation pushed the participants from both the departments to apply the concepts they learn, work together with different people and think on their feet. The exercise was a resounding success and we hope to make it an annual event.

Ms. Meenakshi and Ms. Angelin Archana, faculties of the Department, had the opportunity to attend a Public Policy Workshop on 17 and 18 February 2023 organized by IIT-Madras. As an outcome of the programme, both the faculty were nominated to be a part of a nation-wide network of academics and field experts. This network will focus on matters relating to public policy.



Mr James Thomson, Senior Policy Advisor at Act for Peace Australia delivering the keynote address at Kriya 2023



HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

The Department of Human Resource Management focuses on developing various skills for students to take competitive advantages in their workplace. The Department conducted a series of seminars titled 'India-the Emerging Global Leaders, HR Dynamics & Competency Needs, Humanocracy, Data Literacy and its Impact on Decision Making'. A two-day Creative Theatre workshop was conducted to build people skills and a workshop on Data Analysis using SPSS to strengthen analytics skills and develop knowledge on research. The HR students' forum 'Yaakai' conducted interdepartmental events like comic strips and video resume contests. The Department has signed an MoU with The International Association for Data Quality, Governance and Analytics, USA. The entrepreneurial activity 'The Marketplace' was organised to enrich entrepreneurial talents on 17 July 2022.

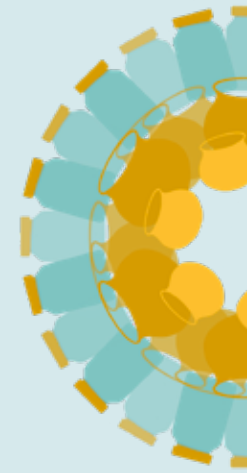
The Department conducted a Management and Cultural programme called 'Bellatrix' and the intercollegiate event 'Pyxis'. A two-day International conference 'Stella ICOM 2022 – HR Unravel' was conducted to unleash the potential of experts' intellect. As effective educators and curious learners, the faculty and students have published 24 research papers in the UGC Care List Journal.



Stella ICOM 2023 - HR UNRAVEL

Ms. Simran Tom, of II M.A. bagged 'the Best Manager' title in various intercollegiate programmes conducted by Women's Christian College, Guru Nanak College, and Alpha Arts and Science College. As a part of the extension initiative, first-year students organised various activities to celebrate Children's Day for the students of Chennai Middle School, NS Garden in RA Puram.

The Department maintains a robust connection with industrial specialists, technical and research personnel, and corporate and government agencies to remain updated on the latest advancements and technology in the field and undertake practical projects.

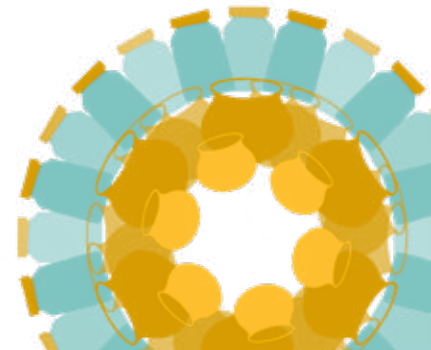


PUBLIC RELATIONS

The Department of Public Relations saw an eventful year, buzzing with many enriching curricular and co-curricular activities for the faculty and the students. The year began with the International Scholar-in-Residence Program, in association with the USIEF, Chennai, between 12 and 14 September 2022.

Ms. Elise Verdooner, Fulbright – Nehru Scholar to India and Adjunct Professor, Columbia School of Social Work delivered lectures on 'Exploring the future of CSR: An International Perspective'. The Department, in partnership with the Kothari Vision, organised a talk on 'Youth Empowerment' to the Shift II students of the College on 11 October 2022. The speakers included Mr. Ganesh Ram, @peppafoodie, Social Media Influencer, Mr. MS Krsna, Musician and Director and Screenplay Writer, Mr. Anand Kumaresan.

The first-year students of the Department organised a two-day Communication Carnival, 'Mediascape' on 18 and 19 October 2022, with eminent personalities and experts in different fields of communication conducting workshops for the students of Stella Maris College on public speaking, blogging, journalistic writing, scriptwriting and monetising through Reels.





Panel Discussion at the National Conference on Communicating Sustainability

The Department organised its annual 'Best Practices in PR' lecture in the memory of PR doyens, Gyan Haksar and M. Gopalakrishnan, in association with the Public Relations Society of India, Chennai Chapter, on 9 February 2023. Mr. Mahesh Bellie Founder and Coach, StoryEQ delivered the lecture on 'Storytelling for Brand Building and Engagement'.

The final year students of the Department conducted the PR Campaign, 'Health 360' to sensitise the college community on the importance of the wellness of the body, mind and the soul. The Campaign was launched on 14 February 2023 by Dr. Ezhilan, medical

practitioner, social activist and a member of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly from Thousand Lights. The month-long campaign included awareness programs, panel discussion, games and various activities, like Zumba, that saw a significant participation from the students of the College. The Campaign concluded on 1 April 2023 with a musical event with Mr. Adithya Kamakshinanda, Music Therapist and Ms. Subalashini, Indie Singer and Songwriter.

The Department organised a two-day National Conference on 'Public Relations as a Catalyst in Communicating Sustainability' on 9 and 10 March 2023. The conference was inaugurated by Mr. V. A Haribalaji, Environmentalist.



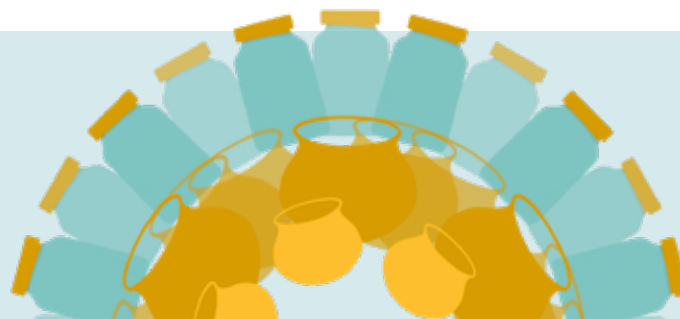
Dr. Ezhilan Naganathan, Medical Practitioner, Social Activist and Member of Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly addressing the gathering

Eminent leaders such as Mr. Pavan Singh, General Manager, Marketing, Dr. Jayashree Balasubramanian, Head, Communications, Reliance Foundation and Mr. Balachander, Founding Director, Book Water and Ecological, delivered the keynote and plenary addresses. The Conference also had an interactive panel discussion moderated by Mr. Thomas Abraham, Communications Consultant and Former Special Director, Ashok Leyland. The panel consisted of practitioners of PR and pioneers of sustainable practices in their fields – Ms. Meera Maran, Founder, Terra Earth Food, Dr. R. Kumar, Founder & MD, Navin's Builders, Mr. Rahul Prabhakar, Head of Technical Services, ITC Grand Chola and Ms. Chinnu Jimmy, Multi

Property Senior MarComm Manager, Kochi Marriot and an alumna of the Department.

As part of experiential and participatory learning approach, the Department organises field visits and study tours every year for the students. This year, the first-year students visited the Kota community, to study their socio-economic background and create awareness on pressing issues using street theatre, as part of the Social Awareness Program in association with the Tribal Research Centre, Ootacamund on 29 and 30 September 2022. The final year students went on a study tour to Hampi, Karnatak, to learn and appreciate the world heritage destination from 15 to 19 February 2023. The students conceived and produced the fifth edition of the Department's Destination Magazine, 'DASTAK'.

The Department also had organised four skill development workshops and eight guest lectures throughout the year, that aimed at enhancing the industry – class interface. Ms. Najwa, faculty of the Department contributed chapters to two books in the area of Mass Communication.



BIOINFORMATICS

The Department organised an International Seminar on Translational Bioinformatics on 18 October 2022. Dr. Ramani Sivasubramaian, Postdoctoral Researcher, Ajou University Medical Center, Molecular Medicine, School of Medicine, Suwon, Republic of South Korea gave a keynote address on the Multiomics approaches. Dr. K. Gunasekaran, Assistant Professor, CAS in Crystallography and Biophysics, University of Madras delivered "Structural Engineering". The Seminar was followed by the intercollegiate events Bioart and Biozap.

The Department of Bioinformatics conducted a guest lecture and demo on Molecular Modelling Drug Design on 07 March 2023. Mr. Sreejit Soman, Application Scientist, Zastra Innovations, delivered a lecture and demonstrated the working procedure



Guest Lecture and Demo on Molecular Modelling - Drug Design



International Seminar on 'Translational Bioinformatics'.

of the SeeSAR software for designing a drug molecule. This event was organised as part of the G20 event.

The Department of Bioinformatics in association with The SMC Research and International Partnerships Centre, organised an interactive talk, 'How Biologics Fights Cancer.' This talk was delivered by Valentina Mangiafridda, Director, Biotech Operations, MSD, Switzerland.

Four II M.Sc. Bioinformatics students, Ms. Sajitha Banu R, Ms. Priyanka G, Ms. Swetha S and Ms. Yogapriya P, under the mentorship of Ms. Aishwarya S, Assistant Professor, Department of Bioinformatics, received the student project fund for the project, 'Monkeypox- functional, structural biomarkers, therapeutic targets, drug repurposing and the effects of Glycyrrhiza glabra in curbing its menace' from the Tamil Nadu State Council for Science and Technology - Student Project Scheme 2023.

Four II M.Sc., Bioinformatics students were placed in Novartis, Accenture, and Zifo technologies. Ms. Abirami P and Ms. Sandra Manoj have received an offer letter for the role of Associate Clinical Programmer from Novartis, Hyderabad. Ms. Harini M has received an offer letter for the role of Packaged App Development Associate from Accenture, Chennai. Ms. Niveditha. R was placed as Associate Analyst at Zifo Technologies, Chennai.

Ms. Aishwarya S, Assistant Professor, published eight research articles in the SCI and Scopus-indexed journals with a cumulative impact factor of 45.13, during the academic year, 2022-2023.



Ms. Sajitha Banu R, Ms. Priyanka G, Ms. Swetha S and Ms. Yogapriya P - beneficiaries of the TNSCST Student Project Scheme

BIOTECHNOLOGY

The academic year 2022-23 was an eventful one for the Department of Biotechnology. The faculty of the Department published 19 papers in two peer-reviewed journals and book chapters. The international conference on 'Dynamics of Biotechnology' was organised by the Department on 2 and 3 August 2022. 'Bioark' Exhibition was organised on 7 October 2022. 'Biofest' was organised on 13 October 2022. As part of educating students on the recent depletion of environmental resources, an awareness week was conducted on the theme 'VAR against the polluted environment, ruined water bodies and infertile soil'. This event was jointly organised with



I M.Sc. Biotechnology, Overall Runner Up Trophy, Micromatsuri



Workshop on Bionanotechnology and bioinstrumentation

the Yatha Green Council (YGC) of India, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, the Rotary Club of Chennai, and Prowis Corporate on 10 October 2022. A workshop on 'Bio-nanotechnology and Bioinstrumentation' was organised on 19 and 20 January 2023. The Department of Biotechnology and Department of Bioinformatics in association with SMC Research and International Partnership Centre conducted an interactive session with Ms. Valentina Manciafridda, Director, Biotech Operations, MSD Switzerland on How Biologics Manufacturing Cancer on 21 February 2023.

Rajalakshmi S, Research Scholar, won the 'Best Oral Presentation Award' in CTSE 2022 organised by the Department of Chemical Engineering, SSN College of Engineering, Chennai, on 15 and 16 September

2022. She also won the best poster presentation award' at the 62 Annual International Conference of Association of Microbiologists of India (AMI) – Microbes and Society: Current Trends and Future Prospects (MSCTFP – 2022) conducted from 21 to 23 September 2022, organised by the University of Mysore, Mysuru, Karnataka. Saliha Fathima (21/PBYA/104) won second prize in the 'International Conference on Sir C.V. Raman Institutional level essay writing competition' organised by



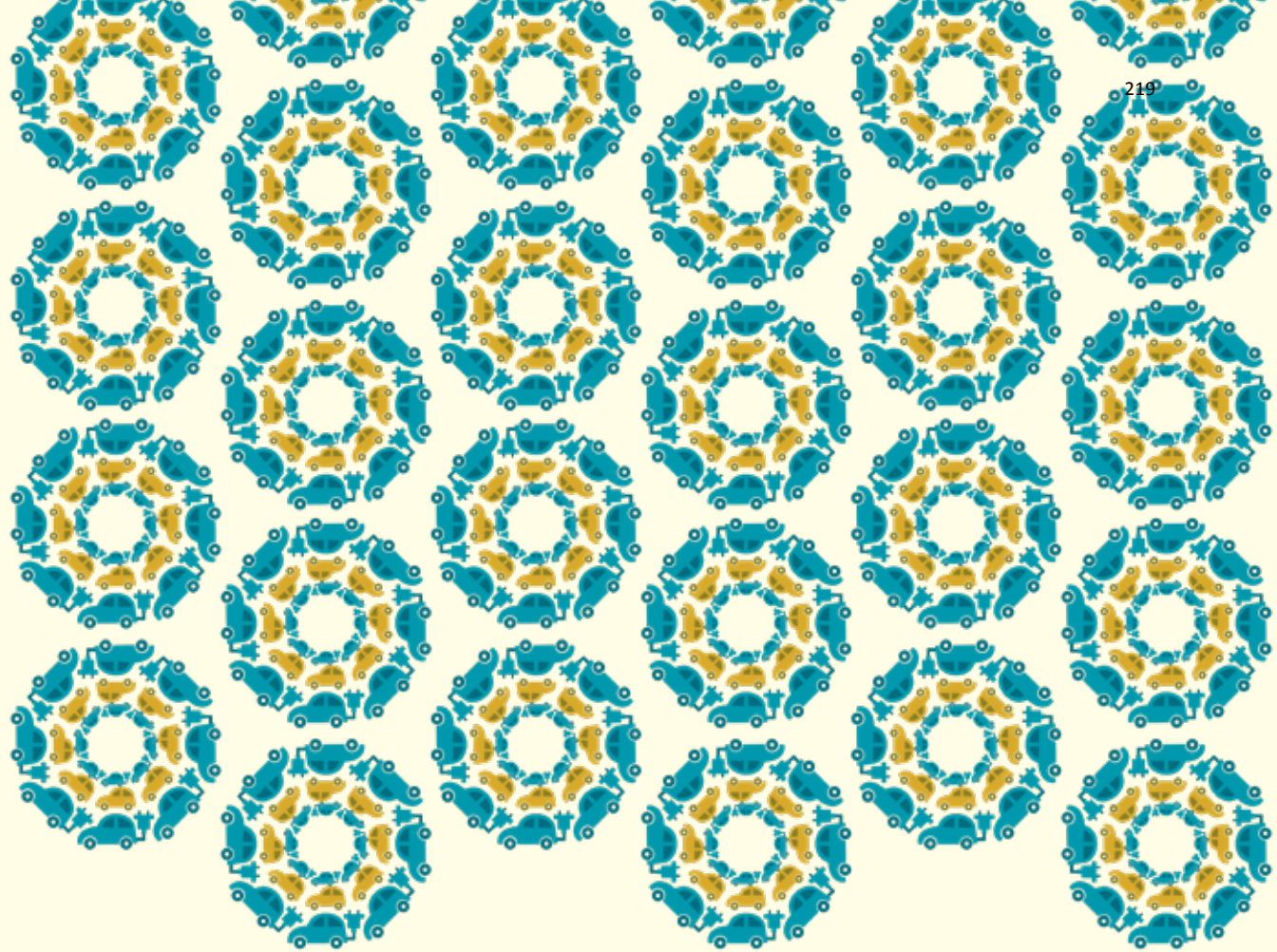
Interactive talk on How Biologics Manufacturing Cancer



International Conference on Dynamics of Biotechnology

Ariviyal Sangamam, Tamil Nadu unit of Vibha Vijana Bharathi. on 10 October 2022. Sree Devi P.S. (21/PBYA/116) won the first prize in a paper presentation competition. Missa Tony (22/PBYA) won first place in photography titled 'Water Vibes for Future Generation' in 'VAR against the polluted environment, infertile soil, and ruined water bodies' organised by Yatha Green Council (YGC) of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate change, Government of India, Rotary Club of Chennai, and Prowis Corporate.

On 10 October 2022, Kiran Maye. K (22/PBYA/105) won the 'Best e-Poster Award' at the National Conference on 'Role of Artificial Intelligence in Molecular Medicine' organised by Department of Biotechnology, Alpha Arts and Science College on 13 October 2022. I M.Sc. Biotechnology Students won the Overall Runner-up trophy in 'Micromatsuri' organised by PG and Research Department of Microbiology, DG Vaishnav College on 20 January 2023. Anjana S. (22/PBYA/128) won II place in 'Ideation your Ideas'- Technosaviour organised by DG Vaishnav College, Department of Biotechnology on 2 February 2023.



LANGUAGES

TAMIL

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ஸ்டெல்லா மாரிஸ் கல்லூரி தமிழ்த்துறையால் ஆகஸ்டு 5, 2022 அன்று சிறப்புச் சொற்பொழிவு நடத்தப்பட்டது. சிறப்பு விருந்தினராக அருட்பணி முனைவர் ஜோசப் மாணிக்கம் அவர்கள் கலந்துகொண்டு ‘சிகரத்தொடு’ என்னும் தலைப்பில் சிறப்புரையாற்றினார். தமிழ் மொழியின் சிறப்புகள் குறித்து உரையாற்றிய அவர் மாணவிகள் தற்காலச் சூழலில் தடைகளைத் தகர்த்துத் தங்களை அடையாளப்படுத்திக் கொள்ள வேண்டும் என்றும் அறிவுறுத்தினார்.



Veerama Munivar Muperum Vizha



Aysha Mubashara 2023, Oratorical Competition

ஆகஸ்டு 10, 2022 அன்று பெண்ணியக் கருத்துக்களை அடிப்படையாகக் கொண்டு பேச்சுப் போட்டி நடத்தப்பெற்றது. நாற்பதிற்கும் மேற்பட்ட மாணவிகள் கலந்து கொண்டனர். வெற்றி பெற்ற மாணவிகளுக்குப் பரிசுகள் வழங்கப்பட்டன.

பாரதியாரின் நினைவு நாளை முன்னிட்டு செப்டம்பர் 30, 2022 அன்று நடத்திய சிறப்புச் சொற்பொழிவில் சிறப்பு விருந்தினராக இலயோலா கல்வியியல் கல்லூரியின் செயலர் மற்றும் இலயோலா கல்லூரியின் தமிழ்த்துறை உதவிப் பேராசிரியர் அருட்பணி சகாயராஜ் விஜயன் அவர்கள் கலந்துகொண்டு ‘பாரதியும் பகுத்தறிவும்’ என்ற தலைப்பில் சிறப்புரையாற்றினார். தமிழ்ச் சமூகத்திற்கு மகாகவி பாரதி தன் இலக்கியங்களின் வழி வெளிப்படுத்திய பகுத்தறிவுச் சிந்தனைகள் குறித்து மிகத் தெளிவாக எடுத்துரைத்தார்.

மொழிநாள் கொண்டாட்டத்தை முன்னிட்டுத் தமிழ்த்துறையால் டிசம்பர் 09, 2022 அன்று தமிழ் மொழியைச் சிறப்பிக்கும் வகையில் ‘தமிழுக்கு அமுதென்று பேர்’ என்ற தலைப்பில் மாணவிகளுக்குக் கவிதைப் போட்டி, பேச்சுப் போட்டி, பாடல் போட்டி ஆகிய போட்டிகள் நடத்தப்பெற்றன.

தமிழர் திருநாளாம் பொங்கல் விழாவை முன்னிட்டுத் தமிழ்த்துறையின் சார்பாக சனவரி 10- 11, 2023 இரண்டு நாட்கள் மண் பானையில் ஓவியம் வரைதல், கோலப் போட்டி ஆகியவை நடைபெற்றன. மேலும் தமிழ்த்துறையின் சார்பாகத் தமிழர்த் திருநாளாம் பொங்கல் விழா சனவரி 13, 2023 அன்று கொண்டாடப்பட்டது. சிறப்பு விருந்தினராக சித்த மருத்துவர் கு. சிவராமன் அவர்கள் கலந்துகொண்டு தமிழர்களின் விழுமியங்கள் குறித்தும் தமிழர்களின் உணவுப் பாரம்பரியம் குறித்தும் இயற்கையோடு ஒன்றிவாழ்ந்த பழங்காலத் தமிழர்களின் வாழ்வியல்

குறித்தும் இயற்கையும் மனிதமும் முரண்படும்போது ஏற்படும் மாற்றங்கள் குறித்தும் சிறப்புரையாற்றினார்.

தமிழ்த்துறையும் கத்தோலிக்கத் தமிழ்ச்சங்கமும் தமிழியல் ஆய்வு மையமும் இணைந்து வீரமாமுனிவரின் தமிழ்ப் பணிகளைப் போற்றும் விதமாக பிப்ரவரி 10, 2023 அன்று ‘வீரமாமுனிவர் முப்பெரும் விழா’ என்ற தலைப்பில் சிறப்பு நிகழ்வொன்றை நடத்தின. சமூகச் செயற்பாட்டாளர் எழுத்தாளர் நிவேதிதா லுயிஸ் அவர்கள் சிறப்பு விருந்தினராகக் கலந்து கொண்டு சிறப்புரையாற்றினார். இலயோலா கல்லூரியின் தமிழ்த்துறை உதவிப் பேராசிரியர் அருட்பணி சகாயராஜ் அவர்கள் வாழ்த்துரை வழங்கினார். வீரமாமுனிவரின் அகராதிகள் குறித்து மாணவிகள் கலந்துரையாடினர். நிகழ்வின் இடையே “வீரமாமுனிவர் தமிழ்மொழியில் முன்னவர்” என்ற நூல் வெளியிடப்பட்டது.

தமிழ்த்துறை சார்பாக டாக்டர் ஜெ.ஜெயலலிதா அறக்கட்டளைச் சிறப்புச் சொற்பொழிவானது பிப்ரவரி



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16, 2023 அன்று நடத்தப்பட்டது. குழந்தைகள் மீதான பாலியல் வன்கொடுமை குறித்த மையப்பொருளைக் கருவாகக் கொண்டு, நவீன அரங்கச் செயற்பாட்டாளர் அ.மங்கையின் நெறியாளுகையின் கீழ் மரப்பாச்சி நாடகக் குழுவினரால் ‘உள்ளூரம்’ என்ற நாடகம் நிகழ்த்தப்பட்டது. நாடக நிகழ்வைத் தொடர்ந்து அ.மங்கை அவர்கள் “தமிழ்ச் சூழலில் அரங்கமும் பெண்களும்” என்ற தலைப்பில் சிறப்புரையாற்றினார்.

தமிழ்த்துறையும் தமிழ் இணையக் கல்விக்கழகமும் இணைந்து தமிழர்களின் மரபையும் பெருமிதத்தையும் உணர்த்தும் வகையில் ‘தமிழ்க் கனவு’ என்ற பொருண்மையில் பிப்ரவரி 17, 2023 அன்று மாணவிகளுக்கு இடையேயான மாபெரும் சிறப்புச் சொற்பொழிவை நடத்தின. இதில் சென்னையைச் சேர்ந்த பல்வேறு கல்லூரிகளிலிருந்து 1000 மாணவிகள் கலந்து கொண்டனர். இந்நிகழ்வில் பாராளுமன்ற உறுப்பினர் திருமிகு கனிமொழி அவர்கள் சிறப்பு விருந்தினராகக் கலந்து கொண்டு ‘சமூகப் புரட்சி’ என்ற தலைப்பில் சொற்பொழிவாற்றினார். திருமிகு பாலச்சந்திரன் (இ.ஆ.பா பணி ஓய்வு) அவர்களும் சிறப்பு சொற்பொழிவாளராகப் பங்கேற்று ‘தமிழர் இரண்டாயிரமாண்டு வரலாற்றுப் பயணம்’ என்ற தலைப்பில் சொற்பொழிவாற்றினார்.

தமிழ்த்துறை சார்பாக பிப்ரவரி 21, 2023 அன்று உலகத் தாய் மொழிநாள் கொண்டாடப்பட்டது. தமிழ் மொழியின் சிறப்புகளை அடிப்படையாகக் கொண்டு

மாணவிகளுக்கு வினாடிவினா போட்டி நடத்தப்பட்டது. வெற்றி பெற்ற மாணவிகளுக்குப் பரிசுகள் வழங்கப்பெற்றன.

மாணவியர் சாதனை

அண்ணா பிறந்த நாளையும், தந்தை பெரியார் பிறந்த நாளையும் முன்னிட்டு தமிழ் வளர்ச்சித் துறையால் செப்டம்பர் 15, 2022 மற்றும் செப்டம்பர் 17, 2022 ஆகிய தேதிகளில் நடத்தப்பட்ட கல்லூரி மாணவர்களுக்கிடையேயான பேச்சுப்போட்டிகளில் கலந்துகொண்டு, முதுகலை கணிதவியல் துறை மாணவி ஆயிஷா முபஷ்ஷாரா முதல் பரிசினைப் பெற்றார்.

கல்லூரி கல்வித் துறையால் உத்தமர் காந்தி பிறந்தநாளை முன்னிட்டு செப்டம்பர் 28, 2022 அன்று சென்னை கல்லூரி மாணவர்களுக்கு இடையே நடத்தப்பட்ட பேச்சுப் போட்டி, மற்றும் சென்னை தமிழ் மகிளா காங்கிரஸ் செப்டம்பர் 30, 2022 அன்று சென்னையில் நடத்திய முப்பெருவிழாப் பேச்சுப் போட்டி ஆகியவற்றில் கலந்து கொண்டு, முதுகலை கணிதவியல் துறை மாணவி ஆயிஷா முபஷ்ஷாரா முதல் பரிசினைப் பெற்றார்.

தமிழ் வளர்ச்சித்துறையும் கல்லூரிக் கல்வித்துறையும் இணைந்து, ஜவஹர்லால் நேரு பிறந்தநாளை முன்னிட்டு டிசம்பர் 7, 2022 அன்று நடத்திய பேச்சுப் போட்டியில் சமூகவியல் துறை மாணவி சு.ஹரிபி

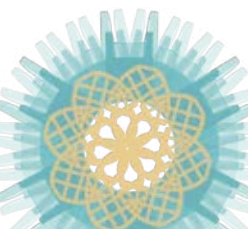


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ரியா முதற்பரிசினையும் முதலாமாண்டு இயற்பியல்துறை மாணவி தர்ஷிதா இரண்டாம் பரிசினையும் பெற்றனர்.

சென்னைக் கிறித்துவக் கல்லூரியால் பிப்ரவரி 2, 2023 அன்று நடத்தப்பட்டப் பேச்சுப் போட்டியில் முதுகலை கணிதவியல் துறை மாணவி ஆயிஷா முபஷ்ஷாரா மற்றும் சமூகவியல் துறை மாணவி சு.ஹரிப்பிரியா ஆகிய இருவரும் கலந்து கொண்டு முதற் பரிசினையும், சுழற்கேடயமும் பெற்று கல்லூரிக்குப் பெருமை சேர்த்தனர்.

சென்னை =நிவாசா காந்தி நிலையம் விடுதலைப் போராட்ட வீரர் அம்புஜம்மாள் அவர்கள் நினைவாக சென்னை கல்லூரி மாணவிகளிடையே மார்ச் 10, 2023 அன்று பேச்சுப் போட்டி நடத்தப்பெற்றது. அப்போட்டியில் சமூகவியல் துறை முதலாமாண்டு மாணவி சு.ஹரி பிரியா வெற்றி பெற்று 25000 ரூபாய் கல்வி உதவி தொகைப் பெற்றுள்ளார்.

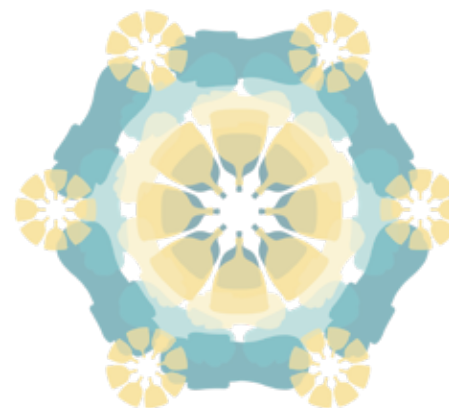


HINDI

The Anubhuti Club of the Department of Hindi conducted the intercollegiate culturals- 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' on 11 February 2023. The chief guests, Dr. Kamala and Dr. Nazeem Begum graced this occasion with their presence. All the students from various colleges participated enthusiastically in events like group dance, group song, poem recitation and potpourri. Active participation was also seen in the online events. The winners were awarded certificates at the end of the programme.



Dr. P. Saraswati delivering Lecture on Translation



Dr. P. Saraswati from the Department of Hindi, University of Madras was invited to give a lecture on translation and its importance. The concept of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' was discussed very clearly. The session was conducted on 22 February 2023. Students also performed a skit related to the theme and the event was attended by both the shifts.

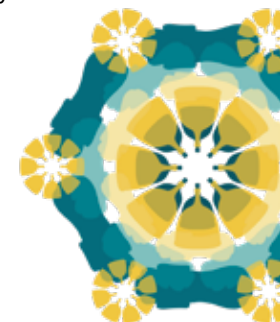
The Department released its magazine, 'Khilti Kaliyan', on 28 March 2023. It contained the writings and poems of the students of the Department. It provided a platform for all the students to bring out the best in them. The magazine was edited by Ms. Apoorvi and team.

Dr. Srabani Bhattacharya was awarded International Shiksha Rathan Samman

from Maldives by NVS Epic International Welfare Foundation, Maldives and Akhil Bharathiya Shodh Sansthan, New Delhi on 26 and 27 February 2023 for her contribution towards the field of Hindi Higher Education.

Dr. A. Fathima, faculty, was awarded the Gina Devi Hindi Gowrav Samman on 10 January 2023 by Gina Devi Shodh Sansthan, Haryana in recognition of her contribution towards the field of Hindi Literature and Language.

K. S. Soniya (22/UMTA/048) won the Best Actress Award in an online Drama competition conducted by Anna Adarsh College for Women in January 2023.



SANSKRIT

The Department of Sanskrit had an eventful academic year. Kalakrti, the Sanskrit club of our College, aiming to promote interest in students for Sanskrit language, conducted interdepartmental curricular and co-curricular competitions with the theme of ritu (seasons) on 6 February 2023 with students from 13 colleges participating in various events. Co-curricular activities included a logo-designing competition based on the same theme on 12 August 2022. In September 2022, an online collage competition on the theme 'Ekadvam/Samadvam' (oneness) was conducted as part of the Nirangal Initiative. A Mehndikala (mehndi designing) competition was organised on 21 October 2022, to celebrate Diwali with over 150 student participants. Bharatiya Bhasha Utsav, an MHRD initiative to remember the importance of Indian languages, was celebrated on 7 and 8 December 2022, with various competitions organised for students across



*Bharatiya Bhasha Utsav -2023,
My Language My Signature*



*Dr. K. S. Suman, Loyola College, Guest Lecture
on Upakhyanas of Mahabharatam*

disciplines. A signature campaign for 'My Language, My Signature' was also conducted. A Hastakala (handwriting) competition took place on 11 January 2023.

In terms of curricular activities, a guest lecture on 'Upakhyanas of Mahabharatam' was organised on 8 November, 2022, for the second-year Foundation Course Sanskrit students, delivered by Dr. K.S. Suman, Head & Assistant Professor, Department of Sanskrit, Loyola College, Chennai. Students of the Department also actively participated in various intercollegiate events organised by colleges in Chennai achieving prizes in quiz, singing, collage, poster-making, t-shirt designing, and other competitions. Notably, on 21 December 2022, Ms. Umayambigai Arthy (second year Chemistry) and Ms. Geetha (second year Psychology) presented individual papers in the National Seminar on 'Relevance of Bhagavad Gita in Today's Scenario' organised by the Department of Sanskrit, University of Madras, in

collaboration with Samskrta Bharati. Their papers will be published in the souvenir of the conference (to be released in April 2023). Additionally, on 21 January 2023, Ms. Nivitha Rose Thomas and Ardra Prajesh of second year Mathematics presented their papers on 'How Pingala created the Binary System' in the second Young Scholars' Conference on 'History of Mathematics 2023' conducted by the Indian Institute of Technology, Gandhinagar. Their research article is included in the book released by the institution.

In terms of staff achievements, Dr. R. Subasri actively participated in various seminars and lecture series on



*Nivitha Thomas, Ardra Prajesh
Presented Papers on Sanskrit - Mathematics in
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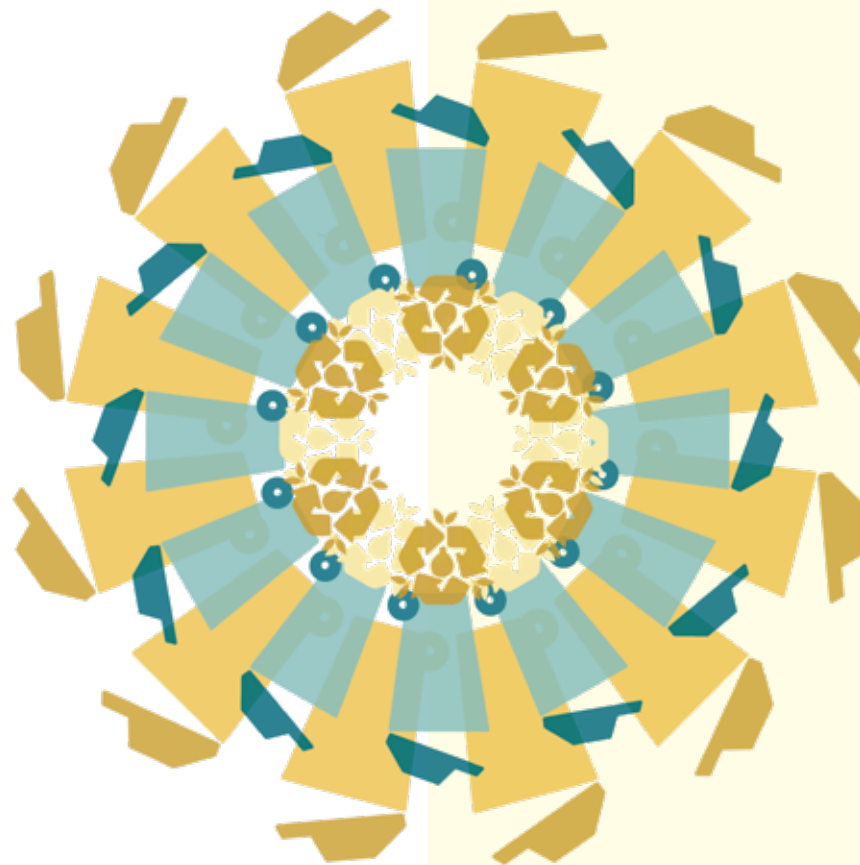
Mehandikala Competition



Dr. R. Subasri delivered a lecture at Shri Shankarlal Sundarbai Shasun Jain College

topics including the Bhagavad Gita, Epistemology, Philosophy, and Swami Vivekananda's Philosophy. She also delivered a guest lecture on Sanskrit Epic Poetry at SSS Shasun Jain College for Women on 29 September 2022. Furthermore, Dr. R. Subasri served as an external member for academic audits conducted at JBAS College for Women (Autonomous) and D G Vaishnav College (Autonomous) during the academic year.

These activities and achievements in the Department of Sanskrit have contributed to the promotion of Sanskrit language and the overall growth and development of students and faculty in the academic year 2022-2023.



FRENCH

The Department of French organised several activities for students in the academic year 2022-2023. A T-shirt designing competition—'Dépeindre un T-shirt'—was the first event conducted by the Department in the academic year. The event was held on 10 August 2022 as a live submission event with the theme, 'Liberté, Égalité et Fraternité over 75 years of our college'. The students were given two hours to express their creativity in making T-shirts inspired by the theme. The competition was open to all departments and years. Out of 20 participants, three winners were chosen by the judges.



Students at the T-shirt Designing Competition



Cercle des francophiles

The Department organised an online logo designing competition in the month of October. The theme was ‘Tout Français—Everything French’. Students were asked to design a French logo inspired by the French language, culture, food, architecture, and more. The competition, which was open to all departments and years, had 17 student participants.

With the ‘Christmas Carnival’, ‘Carnaval de Noël’, a series of offline events were conducted on 17 December 2022 with ‘Noël - Christmas’ as the unifying theme. In the festival, the competition, Murmure Français (whisper challenge), saw teams of two participants attempting to guess the French word, where one team member whispered the word and the other had headphones on. Each team was given one minute to guess the word, and around ten teams participated in the competition. Another contest, Chants de Noël (carol singing), had participants from two teams singing French songs, using instruments or karaoke. The quiz contest, Vous

connaissez la France?, was based on French Christmas traditions and events. It was conducted in two rounds with over ten teams of two members each. Apart from all the group competitions, there was an individual event, Noël dans vos mots (picture description). A picture related to French Christmas traditions was given to the participants. The participants were asked to describe the picture in French in 10–15 lines. They were given 40 minutes to complete the task. Fabrication des cartes de Noël (card making) was an online submission event. Participants had to make a Christmas card with a message in French.

On 3 March 2023, the Department of French and Le Cercle Des Francophiles in collaboration with The Association of Indian Teachers of French and the Quebec Government Office, organised an event where M. Francis Paradis, Consul and Director of Quebec Government Office, Mumbai, delivered a lecture on ‘Discover Quebec’.



T-shirt Designing Competition

The lecture aimed to introduce the audience to the cultural and linguistic aspects of Quebec, a French-speaking province in Canada. The talk also highlighted the educational opportunities for Indian students in Quebec. The event was attended by a diverse audience, including students, faculty members, and French language enthusiasts. The lecture was followed by a question-and-answer session, which allowed the audience to interact with the speaker and clarify their doubts. The event concluded with the investiture of the club office bearers and the felicitation of all the winners of the events previously conducted by the club.

Prof. R. Venguattaramane, General Secretary of the Association of Indian Teachers of French and Former Dean of the College Development Council at Pondicherry University, also graced the occasion with his presence. The collaboration with the Quebec



Discover Quebec

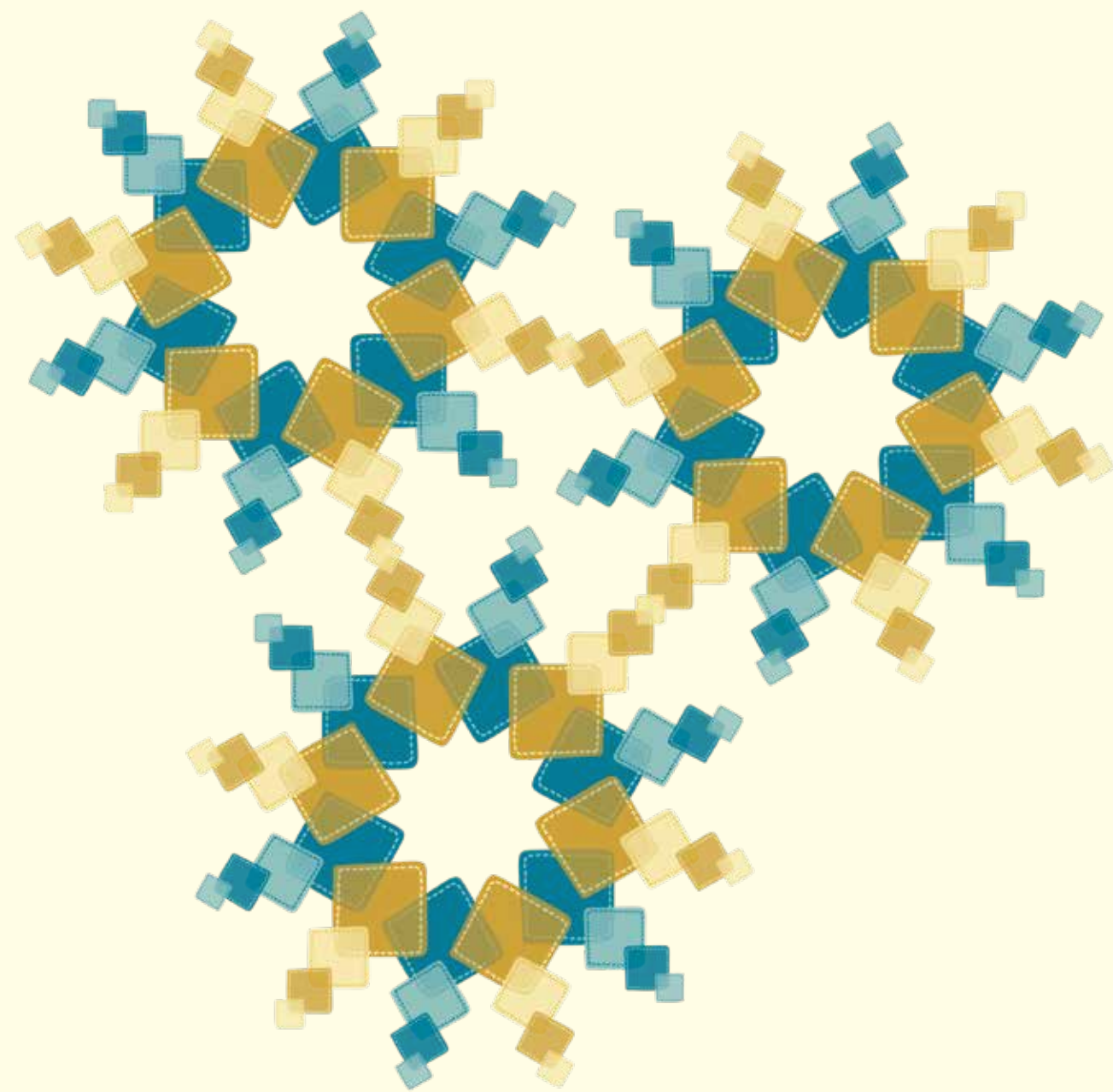


Discover Quebec

Government Office and the Association of Indian Teachers of French added significant value to the event, making it a great success.

Overall, the event was well-organised and informative. It provided a great opportunity for the participants to learn about the linguistic and cultural nuances of Quebec and enhance their understanding of the French language. The event also reinforced the College's commitment to promoting linguistic and cultural diversity.





CREATIVE
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CULTURAL EXCHANGE

From the mountains to the sea,
Different cultures, we all agree,
Bring a richness to our lives,
A diversity that thrives.

In every corner of the earth,
A different way of life takes birth,
With customs, food, and dress unique,
A way of life that we must seek.

But in our differences, we find,
A common thread that binds,
A love for life and all its wonder,
A spirit that can't be sundered.

In intercultural dialogue, we'll see,
A way to foster harmony,
To build a world where all can thrive,
And our differences will come alive.

M. Pavithra
22/UCMA/032

SOCIAL EQUALITY

Social equality is a dream that many people have been fighting for, for many years. It is a dream of a world where everyone is treated equally, regardless of their background or identity. For me, social equality is a world where everyone has the same opportunities and the same chance to succeed.

I grew up in a small town in India, where inequality was a part of everyday life. I saw how people were treated differently based on their caste, gender, and religion. It was frustrating to see people being discriminated against simply because of who they were.

I also saw people who were fighting for social equality. I saw activists who were working to create a more just and equitable society. I saw people who were using their voices to speak out against injustice and discrimination.

Their work inspired me to become an activist myself. I started organizing rallies and protests in my town, calling for social equality and justice. I wrote articles and blog posts about the importance of inclusivity and diversity. I used social media to spread awareness about the issues that were important to me.

Through my activism, I met people from all walks of life. I met people who had experienced discrimination firsthand, and people who were fighting for their rights. I learned about the struggles that people faced, and the resilience they had in the face of adversity.

I also learnt that achieving social equality is not an easy task. It requires a lot of hard work, dedication, and commitment from everyone in our society. It requires us to confront our own biases and prejudices and to actively work to dismantle systems of oppression and discrimination.

I believe that this is possible. I believe that we can create a world where everyone has the same opportunities and the same chance to succeed. It starts with each of us using our voices and our actions to create change. It starts with us working together to create a more just and equitable society.

In the end, social equality is not just a dream. It is a vision of a better world, a world where everyone is treated with dignity and respect. It is a world that I'm proud to fight for, and a world that I know we can create together.

M. Pavithra
22/UCMA/032

THE NEW NEIGHBOUR

Eleven-year-old Janaki had just finished drinking her morning milk and was on her way to the front door. Her mother dropped her lunch bag in her arms as she rushed out. The bus had just arrived in front of their house. As Janaki ran towards the bus, she noticed someone else sprinting beside her. It was a girl with a bob-cut, wearing her school uniform, yet she looked relatively different from Janaki's other classmates. It took a few seconds before realisation hit her like a brick. This girl was her new neighbour! Her parents had been talking about this for so long, day and night, speaking about the new people who were moving in from abroad.

Those 'new people' must be this girl's family. Janaki let the girl climb on to the bus first, for which she was given a grateful look. She was happy to see the girl take an empty seat at the back, so she was able to sit next to her.

Janaki asked the girl her name, to which she replied that her name was Nancy. Nancy was just as surprised to find out that Janaki lived right next door to her. Her family hadn't completed unpacking yet, so they were mostly busy. Janaki discovered that Nancy had actually

moved to India from America, where she was born; her father was also born in America. She had stayed there for ten whole years until her parents had decided to move to her mother's home country permanently.

Janaki was ecstatic to have a female friend of her age. She had never really been able to communicate properly with the other kids in her class. Nancy suddenly asked Janaki if she went to church. She was surprised at this question, and asked Nancy's reason for posing it. She replied simply saying that she and her family had seen a grand church hall on their way to the neighbourhood, and her parents always made her join them at Sunday school.

Janaki was shocked and claimed how unfair it was that Nancy had to go to school on a Sunday. She just laughed and answered that it wasn't as Janaki thought. In Sunday school, they were reminded of the Ten Commandments and were told many interesting stories from a book called the Bible.

Janaki was awe-struck by what she had heard, and when Nancy asked her how she wasn't aware of this, Janaki claimed that she had never visited a church, though she wished to. She had always visited the town temple every week with her mother. Nancy grew curious as she herself had never visited a temple before, and asked Janaki to tell her more.

As the bus drove on, Janaki happily told Nancy about the temple. She told her about the statues of divine figures, the priests who sang slokas, and the offerings her mother made her put on the thali every time the priest brought it their way. Nancy showed just as much awe to Janaki's story as Janaki did to Nancy's.

Nancy asked Janaki if she knew what the slokas meant, but Janaki said that the only thing she knew about the slokas were that they were made to praise the gods that one seeks, and that she wishes she could meet Krishna and Ganesha in person one day. Janaki asked Nancy what her favourite story from the Bible was. Nancy was about to reply, but the bus came to a stop as they had reached their school.

Janaki was disappointed to discover that she and Nancy were not in the same class, but she waited eagerly for the lunch break so she could find her and hear the story. But when the lunch bell rang, as soon as she got to the canteen, she saw Nancy sitting all by herself, picking at her food with her spoon. Janaki took her lunch bag and sat beside her.

She asked Nancy what was wrong. Nancy said that she was having a hard time making friends in her new class. Most of the kids had distanced themselves from her, seeing her different

appearance. Janaki felt bad for Nancy and said that if she ever needed a friend, she would be there for her. This didn't seem to cheer Nancy up completely. Janaki did not know what she could do. When school ended, she returned home with a glum look on her face. Her mother and father noticed her sadness and asked her what the matter was. Janaki honestly spoke of everything that had occurred and how she wished she could help Nancy and wondered why kids avoided her just because she looked different.

Her father just smiled and said that it was because the environment that surrounded the children of her school was a very traditional and conservative one, where parents and relatives tend to avoid others just because they follow different principles or appear different. Her mother added that people tend to fear what they don't understand. That is, when they cannot understand why someone holds different qualities and traits, they tend to avoid them.

Her parents were very social people who believed in the same equality that her school teachers often talked about. She understood that just because someone is different, that didn't mean that one should avoid them; instead, they should make an effort to understand them. Just like how she understood Nancy on the bus. Either we must ignore our differences and treat each other as

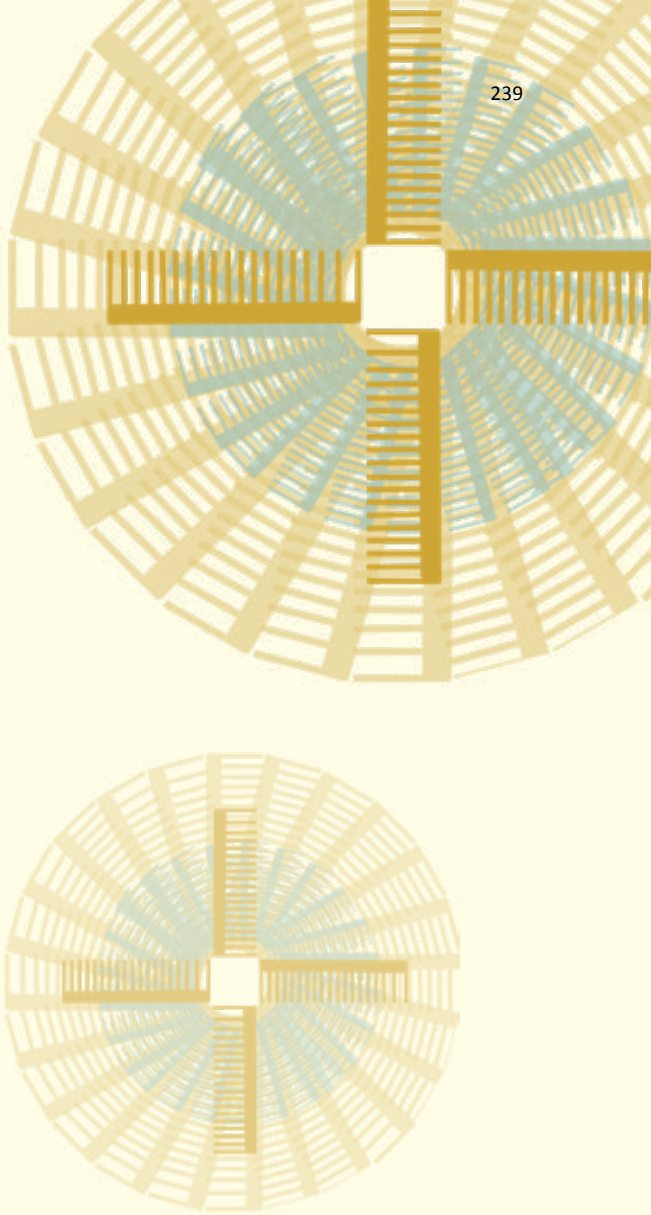
normal friends, or understand them and form a bond through it. Janaki was glad to finally understand the solution to her problem, but she was slightly scared to go up against the majority of students in the school, since she naturally had a hard time even speaking to them. Her mother just smiled, kissed her forehead and said that if she was anything like Krishna, she would do what it takes to bring happiness to those who are sad, no matter who the opponent is. Remembering all the stories of the great Krishna Leela, Janaki was filled with newly-renewed energy.

The next day, when she went to school, during the break period, she witnessed a large group of classmates gossiping about Nancy, not realising that she could hear every word they were saying. Janaki, at that moment, marched up to them and told them that they were wrong. She was surprised at the power of her own voice. She spoke in a clear voice, claiming that just because someone was different, it didn't mean that they should be talked about in such a harsh manner. She said that Nancy was a sweet and kind-hearted person who was always ready to talk to someone if they felt lonely, and if they had a problem with her they should talk to her about it and try to work out their differences. Hearing the usually quiet girl speak so boldly, the students had something to think about and soon, they apologised to Nancy.

Nancy was very happy that Janaki stood up for her, and so were many of the teachers who had witnessed her little speech. At the end of the day, Janaki's class teacher asked her to stay back for a few minutes. The teacher commended her on her knowledge and stance and asked Janaki if she wished to take part in their special student programme that aimed towards social equality. With a smile, Janaki agreed but claimed that she would only do it if her best friend was included as well. Saying so, she beamed at Nancy, who was smiling at her by the doorway.

On the bus ride back, Janaki asked Nancy to finish telling her what her favorite story from the bible was. Nancy happily claimed that it was the story of David and Goliath. She narrated the story and Janaki was fascinated by it. She in turn narrated her favourite tale from the Krishna Leela, where Krishna defeated Kaliya, the ferocious naga. Janaki and Nancy soon started talking about other things as well, such as their favourite food, desserts, colours and T.V shows. And thus formed a friendship that lasted for years to come.

Vaishnavi Gopinath
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आज के जीवन में तकनीकी का प्रभाव

वक्त के सात इस दुनिया में बहुत सारे बदलाव आए हैं। उनमें से एक है तकनीकी का आविष्कार। आज के जीवन में तकनीकी का उपयोग बहुत आवश्यक हो गया है। यह विभिन्न रूपों में पाए जाते हैं। मोबाइल फोन, लैपटॉप, टीवी जैसे यंत्र हर घर में मिल जाते हैं। इन यंत्रों के उपयोग से हमारे जीवन में लाभ और हानियाँ, दोनों भी हैं।

कोरोना वाइरस का प्रभाव दुनिया पर बहुत भारी पड़ा था। छात्र अपने कक्षा के लिए स्कूल नहीं जा पाए। कर्मचारी अपने काम के लिए दफ्तर भी ना जा पाए। ऐसा लगा कि दुनिया रुक गई थी। पर तकनीकी के प्रयोग से हमें काम करने का मौका मिला। स्कूल और कॉलेज ऑनलाइन माध्यम के द्वारा कक्षा लीया गया था। छात्र अपने घर में बैठे ही पढ़ाई कर पा रहे थे। कर्मचारी जो अपने काम के लिए बहार नहीं जा पाए उनके लिए 'घर से काम' का सुझाव दिया गया था। जब कोरोना ने दुनिया में अंधेरा पैदा किया, तब तकनीकी ने हमें रोशनी दी।

तकनीकी का प्रयोग सिर्फ शहर में ही नहीं बल्कि गाँव में भी बहुत है। इनके कारण गाँवों में बहुत सारे अच्छे बदलाव आए हैं। इनसे गाँव के लोगों को ज्ञान प्रदान करने और फैलाने में बहुत काम आया है। गाँव के जीवन के बारे में लोगों को जानकारी मिली है जिससे बहुत सारे

लोग उनकी मदद के सेवा में शामिल हो रहे हैं। आज की ज़िंदगी में तकनीकी के कारण हर काम आसान हो गया है। घर में बैठे ही सारा काम हो जाता है। बैंक से पैसे ऑनलाइन बेजा सकता है। सब्ज़ी, खाना, कपड़ा आदि का इंतज़ाम आसानी से किया जाता है।

इनके उपयोग में कुछ हानियाँ भी हैं। इन सब यंत्रों के उपयोग के कारण बच्चे अभी बाहर जाकर खेलना नहीं चाहते हैं। वे अपना पूरा वक्त सिर्फ मोबाइल फोन में खेलकर बीतना चाहते हैं। इसके कारण उनकी आँखों में परेशानी हो सकती है। बहुत सारे कम वर्ष बच्चों को चश्मा लगवाया जा रहा है। इनके कारण उनका ध्यान केंद्रित करने का समय बहुत कम हो गया है। आज के दिनों में अधिक से अधिक बच्चे एडीएचडी का शिकार हो रहे हैं।

इसके कारण बहुत सारे लोगों को काम में भी समस्या हो रहा है। इनसे काम जल्दी हो जाता है और कम वक्त में भी हो जाता है। बहुत सारे काम कम लोगों से हो जाता है। जिसके कारण बहुत सारे घरों में बेरोज़गारी का समस्या बढ़ रहा है। नौजवान लड़के-लड़कियाँ घर में बितना काम बैठे हैं। लोगों में कमज़ोरियाँ बढ़ रही हैं।

हर चीज़ को अगर हम ठीक से प्रयोग करेंगे तो वे हमारे लिए लाभ होगा। अंत में वह तरीका है जिसका हम उपयोग करते हैं जो हमारे जीवन को प्रभावित करता है।

Zeenath Nuha
22/UZLA/051

मैं भखिरी हूँ

हाँ.....भखिरी हूँ मैं ...
माँ की कोख में से
मिली ये ज़िंदगी भीख में,
हूँ मैं भखिरी उनकी
रक्त, दुग्ध, अश्रुभरी एहसानों की।
फर्ज नभिते नभिते
थका मांदा पति ने
पसीने से सींच सींचकर
सँवारे मेरी ज़िंदगी
हूँ मैं भखिरी उनकी।
मेहनत, जवानी, और सपनों की ..
रंगीन खूबियों की गुब्बारों से
सजाए गुरुओं ने मेरी ज़िंदगी
हूँ मैं भखिरी उनकी
लाड़, प्यार और प्रयासों की
आतम्बल पर जीने की
तमन्नाएँ जताई मुझ में
हूँ मैं भखिरी उनकी....

Jayashree.M
22/UHSA/053

शहीद

यहां तो हर कोई अपनी ही सुनाते है
कोई उनकी भी तो दासतां तो बयान करे
जो आपकी खातिर अपने घरों को छोड़ जाते है,
कष्ट तो होता है उन्हें फिर भी
वो सब कुछ ठीक जताते है,
माँ तो उनकी भी होती है फिर भी
वो माँ जन्मभूमि को बताते है,
रूह तो अपनी काँप तब जाती है,

जब हम उनके नाम के आगे शहीद लगाते है,
मक्कार है वो लोग जो अपनी देशभक्त सारी
26 जनवरी और 15 अगस्त को दिखाते है,
वो लोग क्या समझेंगे उनकी वेदना
जनिकी वजह से ही वो सुकुनो - चैन की नींद
पाते है,
शर्म तो उन राजनेताओं पर आती है,
जो ईन्हें अपनी राजनीति का स्तंभ बनाते है।

K.S.Sonia
22/UMTA/048

अगर वह कहे "यही प्यार है", तो बताइए "प्यार चोट नहीं पहुँचाती"

जब जानवरों के खिलाफ हसि ने पूरे देश को ठप कर दिया और वरिध प्रदर्शन शुरू कर दिया, तो महिलाओं के खिलाफ हसि को वर्जित क्यों माना जाता है? खासकर जब यह उसके अपने घर में अपने परिवार द्वारा किया जाता है। इस प्रश्न का उत्तर तभी दिया जा सकता है जब यह प्रश्न स्वयं गायब हो जाएंगे क्योंकि यही एकमात्र समाधान है।

जब कोई महिला घरेलू हसि की शिकायत करती है तो हमेशा ऐसा क्यों माना जाता है की इसमें उसकी ही गलती होगी। और अगर गलती हो भी तो पति और घरवालों को उसे पीटने का अधिकार कसिने दे दिया? बचपन में आपने माता-पिता के द्वारा पट्टाई को सही और गलत सीखने की प्रक्रिया के रूप में उचित ठहराया जा सकता है। पर एक परिपक्व महिला के ऊपर हाथ उठाना गलत से दूर नहीं है।

घरेलू हसि के बारे में चौंकाने वाली बात यह है कि स्त्रियाँ खुद एक दुसरे की साथ नहीं देती हैं। यदि स्त्रियाँ ही एक दूसरे की कठिनाइयों और भावनाओं को नहीं समझ सकती हैं, तो हम पुरुषों से क्या ही उम्मीद रख सकते हैं?

एक स्त्री -बेटी, बहन, पत्नी, बहू, मां और भी बहुत भूमिकाएँ निभाती है और हर एक में 101 ज़िम्मेदारियाँ होती हैं। हर जगह उसकी शोषण और उपयोग किया जाता है और फिर भी उसे तस्कार किया जाता है। बहुत कम लोगों को यह एहसास होता है कि एक महिला की अपनी एक पहचान होती है और उसके प्रेम और त्याग को उसकी कर्तव्य नहीं समझा जाना चाहिए। महिलाओं से समाज का यही उम्मीद है कि वे पुरुषों की सेवा करें और अपने बच्चों का खयाल रखें। क्या यही समानता है?

घरेलू हसि स्त्रियाँ पर ही नहीं बच्चों पर भी बुरा असर डालता है। बच्चों को लगने लगता है की गलतियाँ करने से स्त्रियाँ को पीटना चाहिए और यही सही है। देश के युवा अगर ऐसे सोच रखें तो देश की प्रगति कैसे होगी? ऐसे में महिलाओं के खिलाफ हसि का चक्र जारी रहेगा।

तो, समाधान क्या है?...

हमारे सरकार ने घरेलू हसि के प्रति अनेक नियमों कायम की हैं पर सच तो यह है की ज्यादातर शिकायतें पुलिस तक पहुँचती ही नहीं। घरवाले जानते हैं की स्त्री की दुर्भलता उसकी प्यार है और इसी का उपयोग करके वह अपने आप को कानून के सामने आने से बचाते हैं। सरकार ही नहीं अनेक फ्लिमें और नाटकों भी बनते हैं जो घरलु हसि के प्रति रोशनी डालकर समाज को सीख देते हैं। पर हर जगह से स्त्रियाँ को मदद मलि भी जाए, जब तक वह अपने आप को सामने नहीं रखती तब तक वह घरेलु हसि से बाहर नहीं आ पाएगी। और

तो और सरकार के द्वारा बनाए हुए कानून आधे स्त्रियाँ तक पहुँचती ही नहीं हैं। इसलिए उनका शिक्षा हमारी ज़िम्मेदारी है। स्त्रियाँ आर्थिक, भावनात्मक और मानसिक रूप से स्वतंत्र होनी चाहिए। हमारा भी एक कर्तव्य है समाज के प्रति - अगली बार घरेलू हसि आपके सामने दिखाई दे तो उनसे जरूर पूछिएगा कि उन्हें एक महिला को मारने का अधिकार कसिने दिया..

अंततः बदलाव तो घर से शुरू होकर पूरी दुनिया में पहुँचती है तो मेरी आपसे वनिता है की स्त्रियाँ के प्रति हसि खास करके घरेलू हसि के खिलाफ अपना आवाज़ उठाईए।

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महिलाओं को शक्ति करना जतिना हम महसूस करते हैं उससे कहीं अधिक महत्वपूर्ण क्यों है

स्त्री या स्त्री ऊर्जा, भारतीय संस्कृति में सभी देवताओं की मां, सभी बुराईयों पर वज्र प्राप्त करने वाली, सभी वरदानों को देने वाली है। उन्हें ब्रह्मांड की दैवीय शक्ति से माना जाता है, इन्हें से सभी प्राणियों का जन्म होता है। इस दैवी नारी शक्ति की भारत में तीव्र आराधना और भक्तिके साथ पूजा की जाती है।

फरि भी, यह भारत में ही है कहिम नारी शक्ति के प्रतिसबसे तीव्र अंतर्विरोध पाते हैं। एक ओर हम अपनी रक्षा के लिए देवी दुर्गा के सामने आत्मसमर्पण कर देते हैं और दूसरी ओर हम स्त्री के चरित्र पर नदिा करते हैं।

एक भारतीय महिला अपने जन्म से ही अपने मन और हृदय दोनों में इस क्रोध को झेलती है | वह मानव समाज में अपनी वास्तविक भूमिका, स्थिति और पहचान को समझने के लिए संघर्ष करती है। वह एक दुवधि में रहती है, सोचती है कि क्या उसके चारों ओर खड़ी की जा रही स्त्री देवताओं से संबंधित है या नहीं जसि कभी पैदा ही नहीं होने दिया।

प्राचीन काल से भारत में महिलाओं को कानूनी, सामाजिक और शैक्षिक अधिकारों से वंचित नहीं किया गया है, लेकिन व्यवहार में नशचिती रूप से वे अधिक रही हैं घरेलू मामलों में व्यस्त और

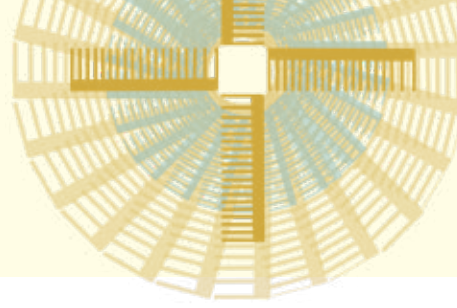
सीमति और यहीं से उनकी सामाजिक अधीनता शुरू हुई।

इस तरह की अधीनता के बावजूद, महिलाएं बोलड हाउसहोल्डर्स, मजबूत माताओं, रानियों, प्रशासकों, योद्धाओं, चुने हुए प्रतिनिधियों और नेताओं जैसी महत्वपूर्ण भूमिकाओं से बची हुई हैं। इसलए, दमन और इनकार के बावजूद, भारत ने बार-बार इस महिला रचनात्मक शक्ति की शक्तिका सही मायने में अनुभव किया है।

भारत और सामान्य रूप से मनुष्यों के लिए आगे का रास्ता महिला शक्ति (द फेमिनि पावरहाउस) के साथ सम्मान, गहरा सम्मान, अनुभवों, सीखने और अवसरों तक समान पहुंच के साथ व्यवहार करना है। सभी लोगों को, सभी यौन मतभेदों से ऊपर, उनकी पूर्ण आंतरिक क्षमता को खोजने की अनुमति दी जानी चाहिए।

भारत, विविधता और विपरीतता की भूमि, भारत शक्ति-दुर्गा का उत्कट उपासक शायद मानव जातिको गहरी आंतरिक क्षमता के लिए गहरे सम्मान के आधार पर मानव सफलता में ले जा सकता है, महिलाओं की बौद्धिक शक्ति और सरलता। महिलाओं को उनके उचित स्थान से वंचित करना मानव जातिको उसकी उचित सफलता से वंचित करना है।

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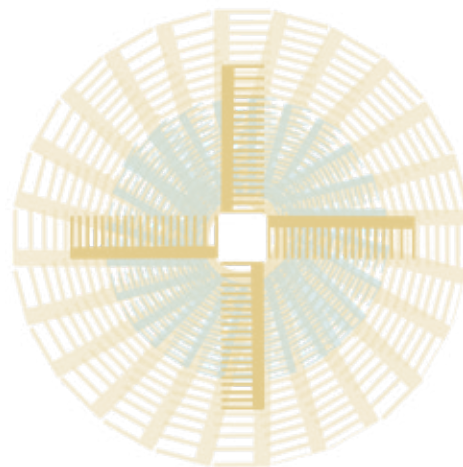
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செம்பருத்தி நடையழகு...
பிச்சிப்பூவின் பேச்சழகு...
சாமந்தியின் மூக்கழகு...
அல்லிப்பூவின் காதழகு...
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உன்னில் கண்டேனடி
தென்றலின் தேவதையே...
பூக்களாலான பேரழகு நீ!

கரோலின் மேரி. ஆ
22/USCA/036

மாய மந்திரங்கள்

மதம்
மக்கள் மனதை மாசுபடுத்த
ஓர் ஏற்பாடு
ஜாதி
உழைக்கிறவனை
சிதைப்பதற்கும் அழிப்பதற்கும்
ஓர் ஏற்பாடு
பூஜை
பகற் கொள்ளை அடிப்பதற்கு
ஓர் ஏற்பாடு

பிரியதர்ஷினி
22/USCA/043



தமிழ்த் தாரகையே!

தமிழ்த் தாரகையே!
தமிழனுக்குப் பெருமை
வரைந்த தூரிகையே!
கொஞ்சம் தமிழை
மிஞ்சும் வீரம்
பிரபஞ்சத்தில் இல்லையே!
நெஞ்சம் உருகியே
தஞ்சம் கொள்வேன்!
தினம் தினம் தமிழிடமே!
கஞ்சம் இல்லா
செந்தமிழ்ச் சொற்களஞ்சியமே!
என்றும் நீயே
என் வாஞ்சையே!
கணக்கில்லா இலக்கியமே!
என்றும் என்னை
வழிநடத்தும் வெளிச்சமே!

பலகதை முடிகையிலே
என் தொடர்கதை நீயே
என் துயரெல்லாம்
உன் தோள்களில்
மடிந்தே போகுமே!
வாய்க்கூறா வார்த்தைகளை
என் கண்கள் கதைக்க
அதைப் படிக்க
அவள் வித்தை கற்றவள்!
செழுமையும் பெருமையும்
சர்வமாய்க் கர்ஜிக்கும்
சிங்கமும் அவளே!
வயதில்லா அதிசயமே!
வரையறையில்லா மாயமே!
தமிழ்த் தாயே!
தமிழ்த் தாரகையே !

துர்கா தேவி
22/USCA/046

மரம்

நான் கஷ்டப்பட்டால் நீ கொடுப்பாய்
உன் கரத்தை
அகண்ட உலகுக்கு ஒரு பரிசாய்த் தந்தாய்
உன் இனத்தை
பசுமையின் சிகரமாய் இருக்கும்
உன் வளத்தை
பூமிக்கே நீ தான் கொடுத்தாய்
உன் இடத்தை
மனித இனமே பார்த்து வியக்கும்
என் அன்பிற்குரிய மரமே

ஓவியம்

நான் தனித்திருந்த தருணத்தில்
நீ யாருக்கும் தெரியாத உருவமே
நான் பள்ளியில் படிக்கும் பருவத்தில்
என் மனதில் இருந்தாய் நீ
அழகிய காவியமாய்
உருவம் இல்லாத என் தோழியே
என் மனதிற்குப் பிடித்த ஓவியமே

இரா.ஹரிஷ்மா
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அவளால் நான்

அனைவரும் என்னை உதறிவிட்டுச்
சென்ற போது என் உணர்வைப் புரிந்துகொண்டு
என்னோடு உடன் இருந்தாய்
ஆறுதல் சொல்ல நீ இருந்தால்
அழுவதில் கூட ஆனந்தம் கொள்வேன்
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துவண்டு போகாமல்
நித்தம் நித்தம் கொடுத்து
அன்பைப் புதுப்பித்துத் தருபவளே
எல்லோரும் விட்டுப் போயினர்
மனதுக்குள் வந்தாய்
நம்பிக்கை கொடுத்தாய்
என்னில் வந்து
வாழ்வை ஒளிர வைத்தவளே
யார் என்ன சொன்னாலும்
என்னைவிட்டுச் செல்லாதே
என்னைவிட்டுச் சென்றால்
நானும் செல்வேன்
உன்னை விட்டு அல்ல
இந்த மண்ணை விட்டு

மரிய ஜோஸ்னா. ஏ
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தோன்றியது

பெண் சிங்கமே என்று முழங்கினர்
தேவதை என வருணித்தனர்
செல்லப்பூவே என்றும் கொஞ்சினர்
சற்று யோசித்தபின் தோன்றியது
பெண் சிங்கம்போல்
மொத்த வேலையும் செய்யாமல்
பெண் குருவியைப்போல்

வேலையை

பிரித்துக் கொள்ளலாமே

கோபமில்லா தேவதையாய் இருப்பதைவிட

மனிதத் தன்மையோடு இருக்கலாமே

அழகிய பூவாய் இருப்பதைவிட

பூவைதாங்கும் பலம்வாய்ந்த

மரமாய் இருக்கலாமே

ரா. மிருணாளினி

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Srimad Bhagavad Gita on Familism

उद्धरेदात्मनात्मानं नात्मानमवसादयेत् ।

आत्मैव ह्यात्मनो बन्धुरात्मैव रिपुरात्मनः ॥ (SBG VI.5)

The study is based on the relevance of family values reflected in Srimad Bhagavad Gita between Generation X and their offspring in Generation Z. Generation X is operationally defined as the generation of people born between early to mid-1960s to 1980 and Generation Z is operationally defined as the generation of people born between 1995 to 2015. The null hypothesis of the study states that there exists no change in family values between Generation X and Generation Z. For the study, the data was collected vide a small sample of ten, 5 each from Gen X and Gen Z respectively. Family Apgar Questionnaire* was used to collect information about functional components of adaptability, partnership, growth, affection and resolve. It permits qualitative measurement of the family values and family dynamics and family members' satisfaction. This study was based on social learning theory which suggests that children can learn and imitate by observing others actions. To test the null hypothesis, Student t test (William Sealy Gosset, 1908) was done and the null hypothesis was rejected as there was a significant change in family values between the two generations.

The concepts of attachment and detachment are emphasized in Srimad Bhagavad Gita and these concepts have been misinterpreted in the present day. Attachment is a part of nature's design. According to the Vedas, we are all interconnected in this universe and we have an immense capacity to love and nurture others. The concept of वसुदैव कुटुंबकं emphasises on togetherness and viewing family as a foundational source of empowerment and joy. Swami Vivekananda highlighted that the central idea of Vedanta lies is oneness. Detachment is not about being away from people and being emotionless; rather, it is about experiencing and perceiving things as they truly are without any judgements and letting go of things without holding on to them. Detachment is the realization that we are the captain of our souls and masters of our emotions.

*Family Apgar Questionnaire was developed by Smilkstein et al. in 1982. The link has been attached in the references.

In Srimad Bhagavad Gita, Lord Krishna has brought out the importance of detachment in the 19th verse of the third chapter (Karma Yoga).

तस्मादसक्तः सततं कार्यं कर्म समाचर ।

असक्तो ह्याचरन्कर्म परमाप्नोति पूरुषः ॥ (SBG III.19)

Meaning: Therefore, constantly perform your obligatory duty without attachment as by performing duty without attachment, man obtains the supreme.

ध्यायतो विषयान्पुंसः सङ्गस्तेषूपजायते ।

सङ्गात्सञ्जायते कामः कामात्क्रोधोऽभिजायते ॥ (SBG II.62)

Meaning: The man dwelling on sense objects develops attachment for them; it springs up desire, and desire (unfulfilled) bursts into anger.

Love should have no preconditions and it should not have control over the other person and dictate their life. It is the innate quality of every parent to love their children with expectations but ideal parenting would be to love them without preconditions and discharge their duty by grooming their children inculcating good values which will shape them to be good citizens.

Srimad Bhagavad Gita emphasizes that it is important for the parents to inculcate their children with self-discipline and guide them to be a master over their senses as it brings in them the sense of divinity. The 16th chapter of Srimad Bhagavad Gita focuses on important values that should be instilled in the children.

श्रीभगवानुवाच ।

अभयं सत्त्वसंशुद्धिर्ज्ञानयोगव्यवस्थितिः ।

दानं दमश्च यज्ञश्च स्वाध्यायस्तप आर्जवम् ॥

अहिंसा सत्यमक्रोधस्त्यागः शान्तिरपैशुनम् ।

दया भूतेष्वलोलुप्त्वं मार्दवं ह्रीरचापलम् ॥

तेजः क्षमा धृतिः शौचमद्रोहोनातिमानिता ।

भवन्ति सम्पदं दैवीमभिजातस्य भारत ॥ (SBG XVI.1-3)

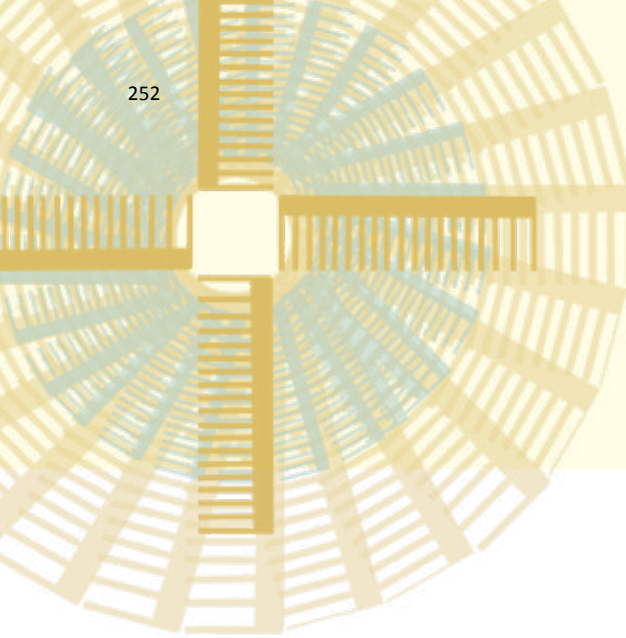
The values include fearlessness, purity of heart, steadfastness in knowledge and yoga, study of scriptures, austerity, straightforwardness, non-violence, truth, absence of anger, renunciation, serenity, compassion, gentleness, modesty, absence of fickleness, vigour, forgiveness, fortitude, purity and absence of hatred and pride. Lord Krishna mentions that these values belong to those who are pious. It is the responsibility of the parents to be ideal role models for their children to follow.

They should encourage and guide their children to introspect and find the truest expression of themselves. To ensure that the family boat is on keel, individuals should master their senses and control their desires so that they are at peace within themselves which in turn ensures that they are at peace with the society and exude family values.

In the present study, the results showed a significant shift in values between Gen X and Gen Z. Gen X held the position of a highly functional family while Gen Z held the position of moderately dysfunctional and dysfunctional families. The sample belonging to Gen X were more inclined towards upholding family values while Gen Z seemed to be influenced by western values and were less inclined towards the idea of family values. The study also showed Gen Z's profound tendency in questioning the authority of traditional values by demanding empirical results and on the other hand Generation X's inability to go in accordance with changing times and its influence on daily life.

The results suggested that it may be because the priorities have changed in tune with modern times in tandem with the mad race against nature. This can be reasoned with the concept of chronosystem (Urie Bronfenbrenner, 1979). In this context, chronosystem includes life transitions, environmental changes, technological advancements and historical events that occurred during the development of Gen Z that contributed to how they perceive family and its values. In Gen X the world focuses on values and humanity where the word "We" has more significance while in Gen Z the orientation is towards materialism where "Me" supersedes "We" and it gains the priority.

Srimad Bhagavad Gita emphasises on the fact that self-knowledge gained by divine grace alone can equip an individual to overcome any crisis. It also highlights on the discretionary powers of an individual to choose between duty and non-duty and bondage and liberation. Life always bristles with challenges of varying magnitude and individuals solve them with their discernment and ability but Srimad Bhagavad Gita teaches us that ultimately achieving the imminent sense of divinity and seeking enlightenment can only probe individuals into the mystery of life and tide over the difficulty of the challenges.



INDIA'S G20 PRESIDENCY AND ROLE OF INDIAN TRADITIONS

Indian films, commonly known as Bollywood films, have enjoyed a significant amount of popularity across the globe. These films are well-known for their vibrant music, elaborate dance sequences, and emotional storytelling. They often combine various genres, including romance, action, drama, and comedy, which appeal to a wide range of audiences.

The popularity of Indian films can be observed in several ways.

International Box Office Success: Indian films have made a significant impact on the international box office. They have seen success in various countries, including the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, Australia, and several Asian and Middle Eastern countries.

Film Festivals and Awards: Indian films regularly participate and win awards at prestigious international film festivals such as Cannes, Toronto, and Berlin. This recognition has helped raise awareness and appreciation for Indian cinema worldwide.

Cultural Exchanges: Indian films have played a crucial role in cultural exchanges between nations. They have not only showcased Indian culture to the world but also sparked interest and curiosity in other countries. This has led to collaborations between Indian and foreign filmmakers, promoting cross-cultural understanding.

Community Engagement: Indian diaspora communities worldwide, particularly in countries such as the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, and the Middle East, have played a significant role in spreading the popularity of Indian films. They organize film festivals, screenings, and events, creating a sense of community and keeping the love for Indian cinema alive.

Dance forms like Bollywood dance, Kathak, Bharatanatyam, and Bhangra have also gained popularity globally. Bollywood dance, with its energetic and synchronised movements, has become a popular form of dance across various cultures. It is often embraced in dance studios, fitness classes, and cultural events around the world.

Kathak, Bharatanatyam, and Bhangra, traditional Indian dance forms, have also found appreciation outside of India. Many professional dance companies perform these dance forms internationally, adding diversity to the global dance scene and showcasing the rich cultural heritage of India.

Overall, the popularity of Indian films and dance forms has grown steadily over the years, and they continue to have a significant impact on the global entertainment industry.

The latest examples include the Oscar for Keeravani in *Naattu Naattu* fast number, the warm gesture with which it was fielded on the Oscar stage. Malayalam feature 'Jallikattu', directed by Lijo Jose Pellissery, was selected as India's official entry for the International Feature Film category at the 93rd Academy Awards, by the Film Federation of India (FFI).

The Malayalam film was nominated by the jury to represent India at the 2018 Oscars.

INDIAN PHILOSOPHY AS A GUIDING LIGHT

अयं बन्धुरयं नेतृगिणना लघुचेतसाम् ।

उदारचरतिनां तु वसुधैव कुटुम्बकम् ॥

"Only petty people discriminate saying: One is a relative, the other is a stranger For those who live magnanimously The entire world constitutes but one family"

Throughout its civilisation, India has fostered a unique set of values that are deeply engraved in its society and have shaped the Indian way of life. Indian values are not merely abstract concepts but are rooted in practicality and applicable in everyday life and in a spiritual context.

The fundamentals of Indian values are – Jyaga(renunciation), Dharma (righteousness and duty), dana(charity), Nishta(perseverance), Satya(truth), and Ahimsa(non-violence). India firmly believes in the philosophy of ‘Vasudhauia Kudumbakam’ which has been chosen as the motto of the G20 summit by India’s presidency. The concept that all individuals are members of a single global family encompasses the notion that all are collectively responsible towards each other and their shared future.

Moreover, it shapes India’s vision of sustainable living, emphasising the exhortation about, ‘One Earth, One family, One future’.

India’s G20 presidency aims to nurture, incorporate and celebrate the diversity of the member states while striving towards achieving holistic living and building a pro-planet society.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Ancient India was a major contributor to the fields of mathematics, physics, medicine as well as technology. Right

from the Indus Valley civilisation which was quiet business to the texts on algebras like Bhaskar Acharya’s Lilavati and the mention of Trigonometric operations in Surya Siddhanta, Indian Mathematics deserves a special mention, which in the modern world, popular as the ‘Vedic Maths’ which helps to solve complex problems effectively. Moreover, India’s contribution to the fields of astrology and chemistry is quite significant as well, Scientists like Aryabhata and Brahmagupta were proficient in their fields.

India’s proficiency in metallurgy is evident in its sculpture, pillars, and architectural wonders. The sage Kamad who proposed the atomic theory should be remembered as well.

Indian science has come a long way from the sculptures of the bronze dancer and the advanced urbanization found in the Indus Valley Civilisation to the exploration of celestial bodies like the moon and Mars. Today India is venerated all over the world due to the contributions made by ISRO, DRDO, and its IT sector.

SIGNIFICANCE OF YOGA AND AYURVEDA AROUND THE WORLD

Yoga and Ayurveda originated in India around the 5th and 3rd BCE respectively. When people began to settle down and start a proper livelihood, they came across many issues one of them mainly pertaining to issues relating to

health both mental and physical. The need to solve these problems led to the discovery of Yoga by Patanjali and Ayurveda by Charka.

These practices continued to be used throughout the country for centuries and are still highly encouraged. With the movement of people around the world, they came to know of these methods. They started to learn them and began to use them back at their place. The highly promising effect these made led to many coming to India eventually led to boosting our tourism industries.

Yoga and Ayurveda started to spread so much that now every town has a Yoga studio and every city has an Ayurveda clinic. People began to practice Yoga at home and even at schools. Everyday meditation led to helping students gain higher concentration, and peace of mind, and at least one Yoga class every week led to them learning ways in which they could stay healthy and cheerful. The greatest role played by Yoga was during the pandemic. Literally, every human being turned to yoga for mental and physical health. Ayurveda gained importance when people learned that English medicine has side effects and that the problem is not solved forever but for only some years.

On the constant appeal of our prime minister, Narendra Modi, the United Nations began to celebrate International Yoga Day in 2015. The upcoming

generations are going to be more competitive, stressed, and selfish. They are going to face a more challenging lifestyle. In order to fight back and at the same time to stay sane they need Yoga and ayurveda. And as long as generations go, we will still be made of bones, flesh, and blood even if we belong to different colour or religion or gender or class. We all are one family living on the earth and looking forwards to a better future. And for us, these methods are a blessing and a legacy that needs to continue as long as life is there on earth.

ROOTS TO INDIA'S SOFT POWER AND LINKS TO OUR INDIAN CULTURE

India is an enlightened nation with a vibrant soft power inheritance. The country is vividly conscious of the weight of its cultural engagement and requires putting in a little more effort to present its culture as fascinating to the corners of the world.

India has an optimistic vision of a relatively pluralistic government, non-violent, and liberal with a non-threatening global leadership. Distinguished personages like Mahatma Gandhi, Rabindranath Tagore, literature, music, dance, software industry, Ayurveda, etc., produce an extraordinary array of soft power assets that portray the attractiveness of India to the foreign populace. The importance of respect, harmony, and fraternity are the essences that Indians are recognized

for, with Ashoka, Buddha, and Gandhi standing as principal representatives. Mythological epics such as Mahabharata and Ramayana are compared with the great Greek writings like Odyssey and Iliad. India was appreciated as the 'Golden Bird' between 1 and 1000 AD for its GDP, which was also ahead of China back then. This eventually brought migrants, traders, and invaders like 'Alexander the Great' to India.

India's global representation is rooted in the idea of 'unity in diversity', contemplative of the wide collection of cultures and civilizations that remains to attract many across the world. The soft power rootlets move very deep. Appraisals of India's soft power draw traditional, religious, ethnolinguistic, and constructive relations with other nations. Everything as a component of the Indian culture was fascinating to the outside world. India dedicated itself to gaining internationally through commerce and statecraft, apart from "soft" power. Upanishads delivered the notion of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' to the world and to India. Renowned ancient Indian philosopher, Chanakya's maneuvering to gain over adjacent powers by settlement and non-aggression arrangement and grants also demonstrate the significance of soft power in ancient Indian statecraft.

India has a vibrant and traditional history that has given rise to several academicians, intellectuals, and scholars who have committed to the

conception of distinct followings of knowledge, a pearl of wisdom that has travelled and set themselves far exceeding the frontiers of India. The ancient universities of India were the most prominent centers of cultural synergy and soft power, which drew a great number of scholars and learners from different parts of the world. India as a mystic civilization has interested academicians, scholars, and people from various fields from parts of the globe to India, which also led to the emergence of various Indologists. Indian society and culture that encompasses Indian cuisines, religions, festivals, spirituality, yoga, movies, and music have a more all-embracing impact on the global market, particularly in Asia, West Asia, Europe, and Africa.

The soft power of India has scattered in her extensive social and civilization heritage over millennia, which manifests that her purposes of secularism, liberalism, and inclusiveness of cultures are more critical in today's restless society. A concrete experience of south-south collaboration and long-held solidarity with developing nations is an added element of Indian soft power in various sections of the world. The Gandhian concepts of non-violence, Nehru's Five Postulates of Panchsheel (Peaceful Coexistence), and the globally supported Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) during the cold war made an important factor in global associations.

INDIA PERCEIVED AS A PROMOTER OF CULTURE, DIALOGUE AND SYNERGY

Jawaharlal Nehru, India's first Prime Minister was assured that the country was fastened to perform a great and benevolent share in foreign affairs. India has been perceived as a promoter of culture, dialogue, and synergy in the continuation of global politics. The religious leader of the Tibetans, his holiness Dalai Lama explained, "India's great tradition of religious tolerance can be a role model for the entire world". With the arrival of liberalization and globalization of the economy, the interlacing among nations across the world has increased. The soft power has now been graced as the essential factor of the overall power of a nation. It can increase the adhesion and the determination of the people in a domain and the capability to shape the foreign relations of a nation. Soft power has also become a piece of crucial equipment in determining India's foreign policy and strategic decisions.

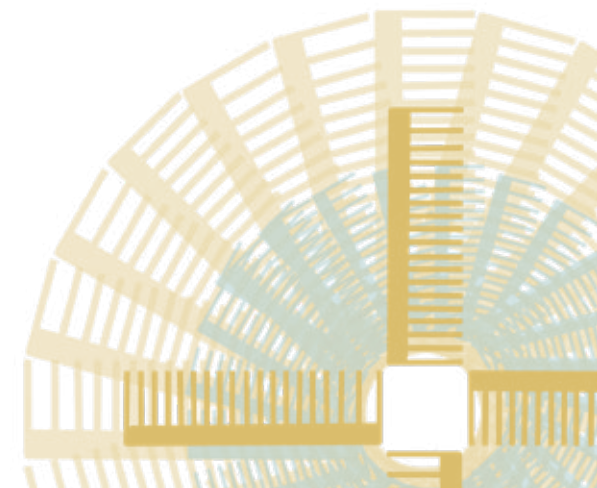
India's Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) has determined to promote a "soft power matrix" to measure the effectiveness of the country's soft power outreach. The goal of the MEA is going to be an indispensable test condition in the aforementioned regard. Initiatives such as 'Destination India' and 'Know India' have likewise been launched. Cultural centers like the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR)

even organized a national convention 'Destination India' initiative for the first time in 2019 which believes that India can move up fast to be a leader in the global knowledge society. 'Namaste diplomacy' and 'Medical diplomacy' of India today have become the talk of post-COVID-19.

CONCLUSION

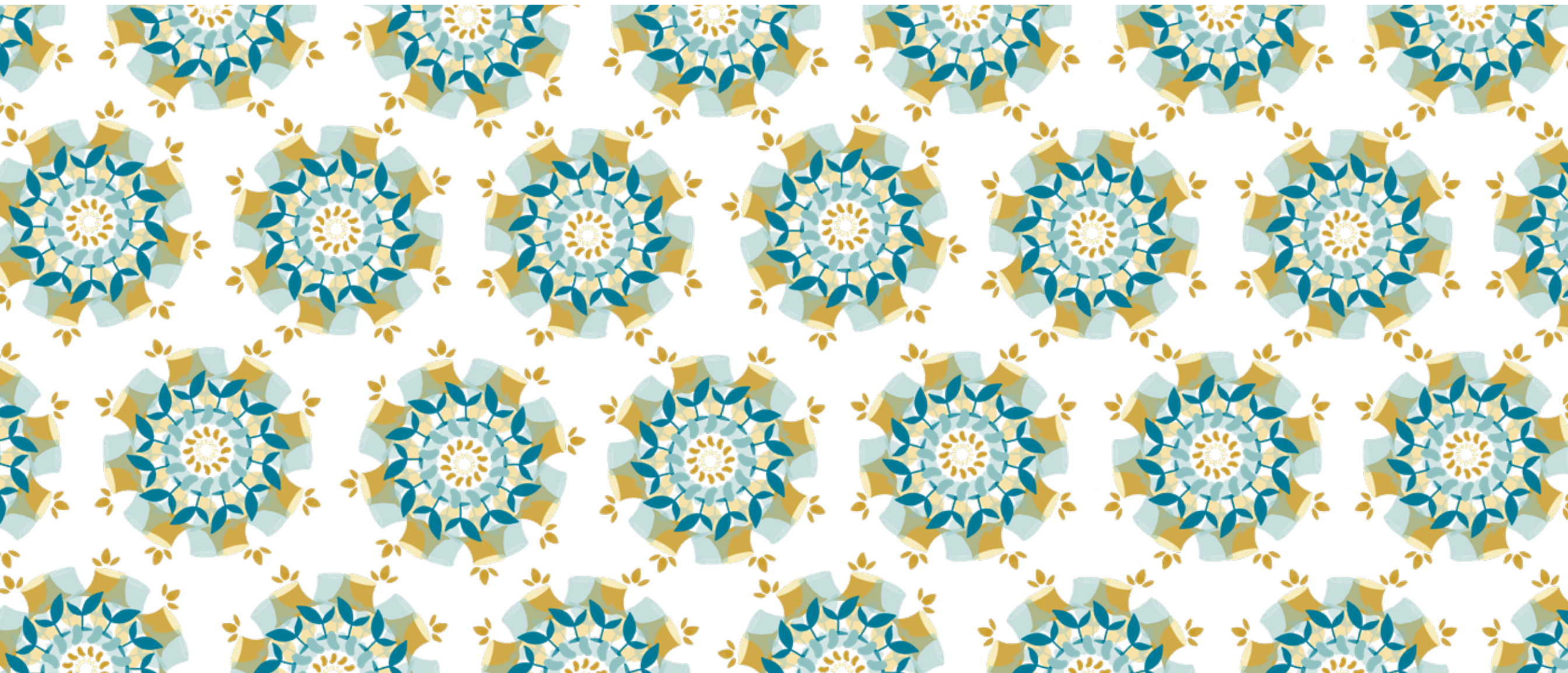
India has got immense potential to nourish and grow as a global power. India's G20 Presidency will fuel its journey to increase its influence in the arena of world affairs. For that, we can brand our Indian heritage and culture our yoga, Ayurveda, the Ancient language of Sanskrit, Indian art forms, Indian artists, etc. These all add to the value of India and increase its unparalleled uniqueness whole over the world. Our Indian Roots and Knowledge traditions make us who we are and made us the cradle of Vasudhaiva Kudumbakam.

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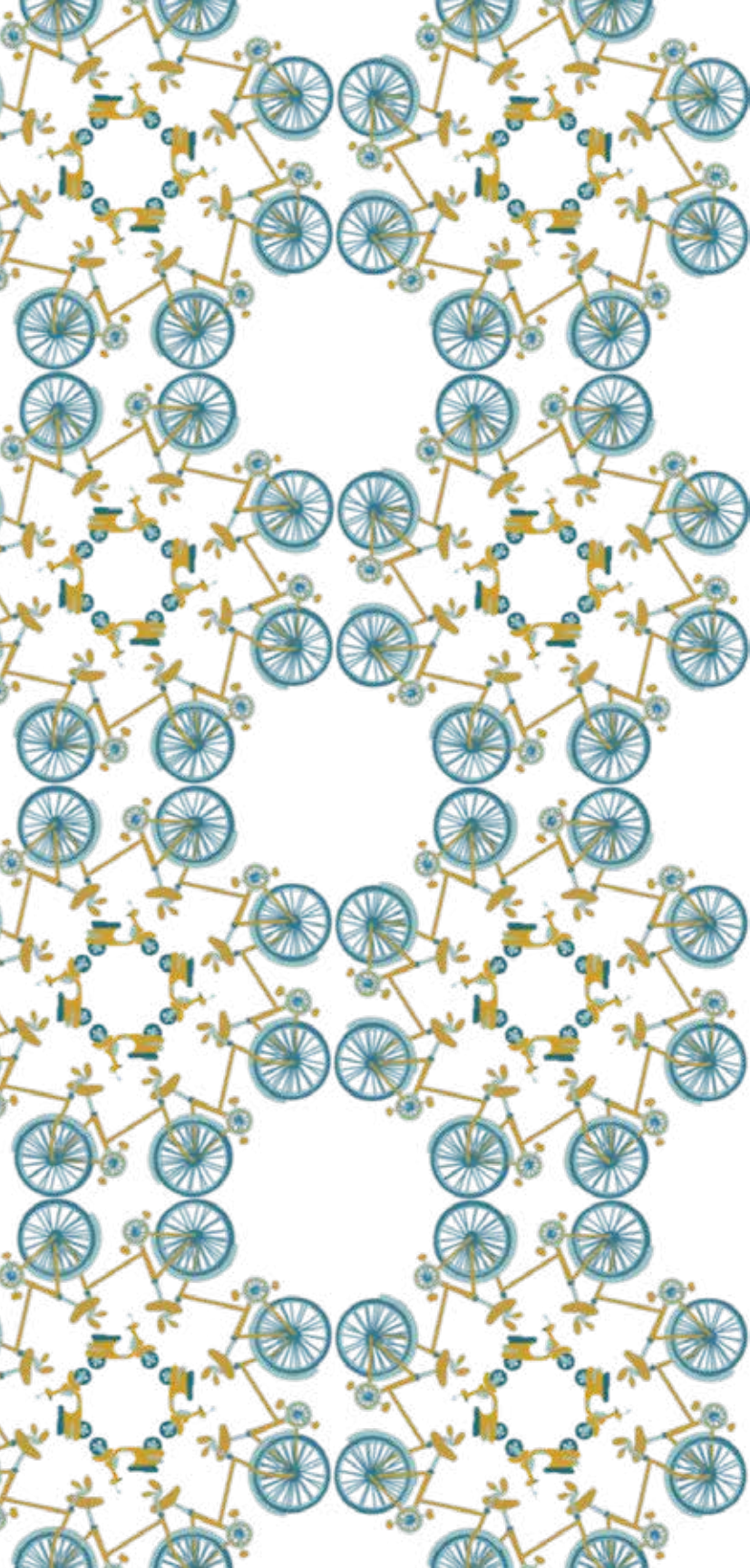
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COLLEGE : AIDED

S.NO	Section	Appeared	Passed	Percentage
1	B.V.A. - VISUAL ARTS - A	61	51	83.61

BATCH : 2020

COLLEGE : AIDED

S.NO	Section	Appeared	Passed	Percentage
1	B.A. - HISTORY AND TOURISM - A	63	48	76.19
2	B.A. - SOCIOLOGY - A	62	55	88.71
3	B.A. - ECONOMICS - A	63	44	69.84
4	B.A. - ENGLISH - A	63	58	92.06
5	B.Com. - COMMERCE - A	82	81	98.78
6	B.Sc. - MATHEMATICS - A	53	48	90.57
7	B.Sc. - PHYSICS - A	37	37	100.00
8	B.Sc. - CHEMISTRY - A	43	34	79.07
9	B.Sc. - PLANT BIOLOGY AND PLANT BIOTECHNOLOGY - A	33	30	90.91
10	B.Sc. - ADVANCED ZOOLOGY AND BIOTECHNOLOGY - A	34	32	94.12

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1	B.Com. - COMMERCE - A	74	73	98.65
2	B.Com. - COMMERCE - B	76	73	96.05
3	B.Com. - COMMERCE - C	73	71	97.26
4	B.Com.(CS) - CORPORATE SECRETARYSHIP - A	75	71	94.67
5	B.Com.(CS) - CORPORATE SECRETARYSHIP - B	75	71	94.67
6	B.Com.(A&F) - ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE - A	77	75	97.40
7	B.B.A. - BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION - A	73	59	80.82
8	B.Sc. - MATHEMATICS - A	43	38	88.37
9	B.Voc. - FOOD PROCESSING AND QUALITY CONTROL - A	42	39	92.86
10	B.Voc. - SUSTAINABLE ENERGY MANAGEMENT - A	18	16	88.89
11	B.C.A. - COMPUTER APPLICATIONS - A	48	41	85.42
12	B.C.A. - COMPUTER APPLICATIONS - B	47	42	89.36
13	B.Sc. - PSYCHOLOGY - A	50	45	90.00
14	B.S.W. - SOCIAL WORK - A	44	39	88.64
15	B.A. - ENGLISH AND COMMUNICATION SKILLS - A	55	50	90.91
16	B.Voc. - TOURISM AND HOSPITALITY - A	16	9	56.25
17	B.Voc. - BANKING, FINANCIAL SERVICES AND INSURANCE - A	40	36	90.00
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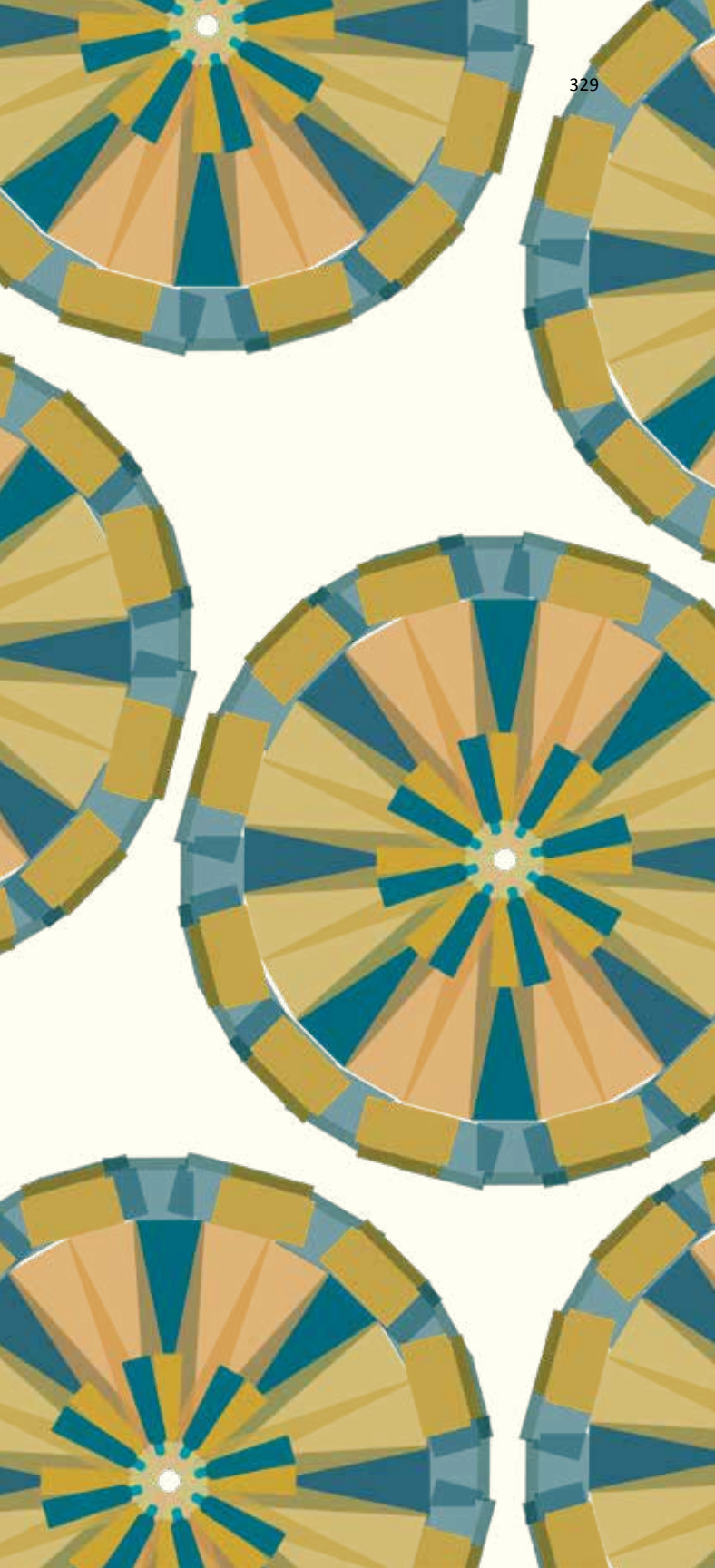
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BATCH : 2021

COLLEGE : AIDED

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1	M.A. - ECONOMICS - A	19	19	100.00
2	M.A. - ENGLISH - A	39	39	100.00
3	M.A. - HISTORY OF FINE ARTS - A	11	9	81.82
4	M.Sc. - MATHEMATICS - A	45	39	86.67
5	M.S.W. - SOCIAL WORK - A	31	29	93.55

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1	M.A. - INTERNATIONAL STUDIES - A	22	19	86.36
2	M.A. - PUBLIC RELATIONS - A	12	11	91.67
3	M.Com. - COMMERCE - A	41	41	100.00
4	M.Sc. - CHEMISTRY - A	26	25	96.15
5	M.Sc. - INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY - A	25	22	88.00
6	M.Sc. - BIOINFORMATICS - A	21	19	90.48
7	M.Sc. - BIOTECHNOLOGY - A	27	23	85.19
8	M.Sc. - PHYSICS - A	26	25	96.15
9	M.A. - HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT - A	43	42	97.67



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