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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 chasism, 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 25 undergraduate and 15 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

Lightweight and dazzlingly multicoloured, feathers occupy that wispy state between the real and ethereal. Their seeming weightlessness defies their power to raise birds as tiny as a hummingbird and as mighty as the eagle to the heights they each wish to reach. Little wonder that feathers have fascinated human beings since time immemorial, symbolising as they do, freedom, flight and the ability to rise above limitations.

This year's College magazine pays tribute to these aspirations in the feather motif that runs through its design. The Stella Maris college community has reached great heights in the various programmes it has conducted, the communities it has reached out to and the lives it has impacted positively. This magazine is a tribute to the efforts of the students, faculty, administrative and support staff whose efforts have been the feathers on our wings, raising us to great heights.

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ANNUAL REPORT

77th college Day Report

(2023-2024)

Good evening and welcome to our annual College Day celebrations. I am honoured and privileged to welcome Professor Dr. C. Raj Kumar, founding Vice-Chancellor of OP Jindal Global University, Sonipat, Haryana. Professor Raj Kumar is a Rhodes Scholar, and possesses academic qualifications from the University of Oxford, Harvard University, University of Hong Kong, University of Delhi and Loyola College. I extend a warm welcome to the members of his family who are present here with us today. I hope you will have an enjoyable time on campus. Let us welcome them with a big round of applause. Thank you, Professor Raj Kumar, for taking time off from your busy schedule to be here with us on this important occasion.

I extend a warm welcome to Sr. Maria Selvi, Regional Superior, St. Joseph's Region of the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary; Sr. Syria Pushpam, Sr. Mary Zacharia and Sr. Zita D'Souza, her Councillors;





Sr. Fatima Antonimuthu, Superior, Stella Maris Convent; Sr. Anita, Secretary of the College; members of the College Management; Governing Body; Academic Council and faculty; administrative and support staff; retired faculty, parents, alumnae, respected benefactors, friends; FMM Sisters, Rev. Fathers, Rev. Fr. Vicar General, and you, my dear students.

Before I proceed with the College Day Report, I would like to place on record our deep sadness at the passing of several retired members of the Stella Maris College Community this academic year:

- Sr. Rose Abraham former Bursar, on 12 June 2023
- Ms. Mariamma and Ms. Josephine former Library Assistants, on 11 June 2023 and 28 October 2023 respectively.

- Dr. Savithri Sankaran, former faculty member of the Department of Mathematics, and former Controller of Examinations passed away on 5 November 2023
- Ms. Tanya Lawrence, a former faculty member of the Department of English, passed away on 21 November 2023.
- Mr. Thambi Raj, former administrative staff passed away on 21 November 2023.
- A second-year postgraduate student of the Department of Mathematics, Ms. Shopia Mariya Stephen passed away on 29 October 2023 and our final year B. Com Student Ms. Zikraa Ahmed passed away on 16 January 2024.

Let us pause for a minute in silence 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.

On behalf of the College community, I would like to felicitate six of our faculty members who retire this academic year.

Dr. Agnes Rozario, Associate Professor, Commerce, Shift I, who has served the institution for 37 years,

Dr. Sandra Joseph, Associate Professor, Department of Social Work who has served the institution for 37 years,

Dr. Juliana Joe, Associate Professor, Department of Zoology who has been associated with the College as faculty member for 35 years,

Dr. Millie Nihila, Associate Professor, Department of Economics who has been here with us for more than 28 years.

Dr. Ajie George, Associate Professor, Department of English who has served the College for 26 years and

Ms. Latha K. Assistant Professor, Department of English for 19 years

I am happy to inform you that all have been Heads of Department, and Dr. Sandra, Dr. Juliana and Dr. Agnes have been Vice-Principals. Their

contribution to the growth and progress of Stella Maris College are greatly appreciated. On behalf of the College community, I thank them for their dedicated services to the institution, and pray for their health, well-being and contentment in the next phase of their lives.

On this occasion, I greet very specially Thiru. Tamizhmaran Ambakavathi, support staff who retires after 35 years of dedicated service. On behalf of the College community, I thank him for his unstinting, committed service to the College.

I will now present a brief overview of the initiatives we have taken to keep pace with the changing educational environment.

As I begin the report, I would like to say that talking about every event will not be possible, so I will mention only a few.

Faculty members have been involved in multiple academic events including attending meetings as Members of Boards of Studies, Academic Council, University Representatives of Selection Inspection Committees, subject experts and resource persons at various institutions of higher education.

Departments have organised conferences, seminars, workshops, webinars, created

online course materials, all this besides doing outstanding work as teachers, mentors and facilitators.

Conferences and workshops across several disciplines, in Artificial Intelligence and its effect and impact in the fields of Science and Mathematics, across areas of commerce, business studies and computer science have become the new trend in the College.

Industry collaborations and research networking are other points of focus where faculty members have opportunities for consultancies and training in specified dedicated fields to upskill their expertise.

I now present the details of the projects sanctioned:

- An amount of Rs. Thirty Lakhs was sanctioned by the Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB) - against Promoting Opportunities for Women in



Exploratory Research (POWER) Scheme for a Chemistry project over a three-year period to Dr. Mary George, Principal Investigator, Associate Professor, and Department of Chemistry.

- An amount of Rs. Four Lakh Ninety-Nine Thousand sanctioned by the Indian Council of Social Science Research, ICSSR under the minor research project for the project titled Identification and Appreciation of Lesser known Historical Monuments that Promote Tourism, History, Heritage and Economy with Special reference to Tamil Nadu to Dr. Cinthia Jude, Department of History.

- An amount of Rs. Two Lakh and Forty Thousand was sanctioned by Tamil Nadu State Council for Science and Technology on a project on anaemia and millet-based supplements, to Dr. M. Anbu Malar, Principal Investigator and Dr. J. Sonya, Co-Principal



Investigator, Assistant Professors, Department of B. Voc Food Processing and Quality Control.

- An amount of Rs. One Lakh Sixty-Nine Thousand and Six Hundred was sanctioned by NGO WASSAN (Watershed Support Services and Activities Network) for the Project 'A Study on the effect of the Utilization of the Bio-Input by the farmers of the MCRC Rural Development Programme' to Dr. Lora Deva Prasanna, Principal Investigator, Assistant Professor, and Dr. Mary Abraham, Assistant Professor, Co-Investigator from the Department of Social Work.

Details of Patent Grants are as follows:

The creative impulse at work on campus has enabled advanced developments and progressive directions in our educational map. We are extremely proud of

Dr. Swetha Margaret and Dr. Renuka Devi of the Department of Computer Science who have been granted a design patent on a 'Smart Walking Stick for Visually Impaired Persons'. The above two faculty along with Dr. Diana Judith have been granted an Innovation patent on 'Un nanban – AI based Interactive Web and Voice Application'.

A brief overview of departmental activities, faculty and student achievements now follows:

The Department of Botany organised a two-day Regional Workshop on 'Plant Functional Trait Analysis: Leaf Economic Spectrum', by Dr. Vivek Pandi, Manipal Academy of Higher Education.

A new Certificate course on Mushroom Cultivation, has been introduced by the Department.

The Department of Chemistry organised an online International Seminar on New Frontiers in Biomaterials. The Department, in collaboration with the International Centre for Clean Water (ICCW), an IIT (Madras) initiative and Tel Aviv University, Israel, undertook water testing at different locations on campus and in the city. The water on campus was found potable.

The Department of Commerce Shift I organised a one-day International Conference on 'Metaverse 2.0—AI and Futuristic Thinking in Business' in collaboration with RR Donnelley. A Certificate Course on 'Digital Marketing' is being offered in partnership with 'Makeintern' – IIM Calcutta.

To commemorate the 75-year milestone of the Department of Economics, the students brought out a book with 50 articles titled *India's Growth Story*, a narrative of its economic growth during the last 75 years.

The Department of English Shift I organised a talk by Dr. Sujatha Moni, our alumna from California State University, and Dr. Binitha V Thampy from IIT Madras. The Department also organised a Workshop on Tactile Picture Book Creation followed by an exhibition on theme of lesser known women warriors of the Indian independence struggle.

A group of 35 students along with two faculty members from the Department of Fine Arts participated in the India Book of World Records, held in Ooty, in which 160 artists, painted 160 tourist destinations on a 160 meters of canvas and completed the painting in 120 minutes. Two certificate courses were conducted by the Department of Fine Arts on Fashion Design and Digital Illustration.

The Department of History and the Centre for Women's Studies jointly organised an International Conference on 'Gender Dynamics in History, Society, Culture and Power Structures'. As part of the 75th year Jubilee Celebrations, an International Seminar on 'Relevance of Pre-History and Archaeology' was organised by the Department of History.

The Department of Mathematics inaugurated the Celestron

Nexstar Computerised Telescope on campus and night sky observation was arranged. The Department of Sociology with the Gender Centre, in collaboration with a NGO, Pasumai Thaayagam, conducted a conference on 'Climate Justice and Gender Equality'. Dr. Anbumani Ramadoss MP, was the Chief Guest. A Sustainable Development Goal app was launched and downloaded by the students of the Department of Sociology to monitor their actions and contribution towards the SDGs. This app was introduced in collaboration with CSIM (Centre for Social Initiative and Management).

A bio diversity survey, conducted annually on campus by the Department of Zoology, identified a new species of migrant birds flying from north and northeastern Asia. Students also spotted a new variety of butterfly this year.



The Department of Bioinformatics and Altem Technologies Pvt. Ltd. Bengaluru, jointly organised a workshop on Homology Modeling, Virtual Screening of Compounds and Docking using Biovia Discovery Studio software for drug discovery purposes.

The Department of Commerce Shift II organised an International Seminar on the topic, 'Leveraging Technology and Communication for Positive Social Impact and Community Building'. They also organised a national conference titled 'Glocalisation-The Way Forward: Synergizing Global Goals with Local Needs' in collaboration with Young India and Confederation of Indian Industry.

The Department of B. Com (General) & M. Com arranged a National Conference on the Theme – Futuristic Workspace: 'Exploring Digital Transformation and Innovation in Corporate Realm'.

The Department of B. Com. (Honours) organised a schedule of events designed to encourage a deep involvement in academics. In addition to the collaborative national conference, the Department organised a seminar on 'Emerging Patterns of Disruption in Business'.

A seminar on 'Wearing a Red Badge: Lifestyle Matters' organised by the Department of Business Administration, was a call to promote sustainable goal of Health and Well-being.

A Coffee Table book was released and a Silver Jubilee Scholarship instituted to commemorate the silver jubilee year of the Department of Computer Science.

An international conference on 'Advancements in Computing Technology' and certificate courses on 'Kernel Development' and "Data Science using Python' were introduced by the Department.

The Department of Public Relations organised a student-led International Conference on 'Sustainable Thread: Narratives of Sustainable Fashion and Culture' as part of the PR Campaign Eco-Vastra – A Green Fashion Collective aimed at

environmentally friendly and socially responsible practices within the fashion industry.

On World Mental Health Day, the Department of Psychology conducted various activities that raised awareness and celebrated mental health through expressions of the mind and the body.

The Department of Social work had collaborated with India Network of Professional Social Workers' Associations, (INPSWA) for an International Conference: Panorama of Social Work: Innovation and Inclusiveness in Development, in Chennai along with Loyola College, Chennai. The Conference had delegates from more than 25 countries of the member associations of the International Federation of Social Workers participating.

The Department of Human Resource Management organised an entrepreneurial

symposium titled 'Innovation Oasis.' A national level workshop was conducted on 'HR Analytics Using R Studio' was also conducted.

The Department of Food Processing and Quality Control held a two-day national conference in collaboration with Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) on 'Millets- A Sustainable Option for a Secure Future,' during which the students prepared and exhibited more than 752 millet-based products certified by Thiru Ma Subramanian, Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Government of Tamil Nadu.

The Department of Value Education, through the academic year, conducted retreats and workshops for all students on Campus to enrich their spiritual knowledge. Special guest lectures were arranged on Legal Rights and Protective Laws by advocates from the Madras High Court to equip the students for a better self.

Our Students and faculty are trained to be effective leaders and socially responsible citizens by the Star of the Sea Group (SSG). The spirit of community service is also inculcated in them through their outreach programmes

The Students' Union, EVARA 2023-2024, organised several events for the student body.



Details of Scholarships and financial aid for the year 2023-2024:

Scholarships were given by the Management under the Golden Jubilee, Silver Jubilee and Platinum Jubilee and Millennium category. Fee Concessions, Student Aid and Endowment, Food Tokens, Graduation, College Day and Free education were also given. A number of private scholarships like the Maharani Scholarship and Shyam Kothari Academic Award, were also distributed along with others. Apart from the above, other scholarships were received from Government agencies also.

Let me now proudly share with you details of our students who have brought laurels to the institution.

Students of Stella Maris College secured the second place in a dance performance on the Cultural Heritage of Tamil Nadu in the Chief Minister's Republic Day Parade held at Marina Labour Statue, Chennai on 26 January 2024.

Naval Cadet Merlin Joicy M. from II BA Sociology was part of the NCC Senior Wing Girls Contingent that marched in the Republic Day parade at Kartavya Path, New Delhi on 26 January 2024.

Flight Cadet Manjushree from III B.Sc. Physics received the Bronze medal for All India Best Cadet



Among them, a Workshop on 'Corporate Styling for Effective Careers' and a leadership summit titled 'Converge 360 Degrees - The Young Adults Leadership Symposium' were held. Members of the Student Council of Stella Maris College and various other colleges participated in the event that served as a platform for like minded individuals to network and bring real life perspectives of experts to students.

An International Conference was jointly organised by Trinity Western University, Canada and Stella Maris College titled, 'The Socio-Psychology of Leadership in the Age of Entitlement' in the hybrid mode with 300 online participants globally, and 500 participants in person on campus. This was organised by the Research and international Partnerships Office.

Faculty members and students have demonstrated high levels of

achievements in the realm of scholarly publications in UGC Care Journal, Scopus indexed journals and Peer reviewed journals.

We are very happy to announce that the following faculty have received their Ph.D. degrees:

- Dr. Aarti S.
- Dr. Angelin Archana AR
- Dr. Sharanya
- Dr. Vanitha Janardhan
- Dr. Vini Machado
- Dr. Leo Densili
- Dr. Theresa Priyadharshini
- Dr. Lydia Arokia Mary
- Dr. P. Subbulakshmi
- Dr. Amritha Jessica Samson



competitions at the Republic Day Camp 2024, held at New Delhi.

A unique and heartening fact during this academic year was the ever-growing requests or "demand" for our NSS students as volunteers in different special programmes like Walkathon, beach clean-up, and rallies in support of various social issues. The Dr. Radhakrishnan Award for the maximum number of women blood donors was won by the Units for the eleventh consecutive year. The Special Camping Programme on the theme 'Empowering Youth for Nation Building' was held at Stella Maris College campus.

As part of the Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations, the SMC Sustainable Development Students Hub has successfully banned the sale of single use plastic bottles on campus.

Stella Maris Centre for Development of Resources for Inclusion and Vocational Enrichment, is commonly referred to as SMCDRIVE, the Extension Centre of the College.

The Skills Development team of SMCDRIVE, in collaboration with the International Association for Human Values and supported by the Bank of New York Mellon, has trained economically and socially

deserving, in various soft skills. It also offered a certificate course in Sign Language to the students of Stella Maris College to help the differently abled in the society. A three-day workshop on Financial Literacy was conducted for the women of Thirupachur. SMCDRIVE and the volunteers from Bank of America honoured 150 conservancy workers for their tireless work. A session on Financial Literacy was conducted as a means of enabling them to better manage their household budget.

This year Shanthi Bhavan, the Stella Maris Welfare Centre, has mainly concentrated on community development programmes like Skill training for single mothers and awareness on healthy parenting. Volunteers also conducted workshops on food and nutrition and financial literacy.

The Career Guidance Cell conducted orientation sessions at the beginning of the academic year for all the final year students on placement opportunities. Students underwent training in key areas such as resume writing, developing a professional LinkedIn profile, mock group discussions, interview techniques, and presentation skills. This year 56 companies visited and 250 students have been placed till date and some more recruitments are in progress.

This academic year, Stella Maris College embarked on a project on Peace Education for Whole Person Education. Titled "Youth for Peace: Enhancing Knowledge, Attitude, Skills and Behaviour for Peacebuilding and Conflict Transformation", the project is funded by the United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia. On 9 February 2024, the St. Francis of Assisi Centre for Peace Studies organised Intergenerational Conversations, a dialogue between students, parents, uncles, aunts, grandparents and friends on issues that each generation felt was crucial. It revealed the need for timely and non-judgmental communication for peaceful and fulfilling relationships.

Temenos, a banking software company with its headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, is in the process of setting up high-end computers on campus which will be powered by a Solar Plant.

As I come to the end of the presentation, I would like to express my gratitude to the many people who made this day possible: the faculty and officials of the College, the College Day Committees, the cultural programme student teams, the Students' Union Executive, our students past and present without whom this day would not have been possible, the support and admin staff, all our collaborators including All India Association for

Christian Higher Education, Xavier Board of Higher Education in India, the United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia, and all our respected benefactors, the University of Madras, and the UGC.

I express my thankfulness to our Archbishop His Grace Rev. George Antony, for his blessing and best wishes. I also thank all the respected Priests who graciously support us here at Stella Maris on various occasions to offer us the much-needed spiritual guidance in all our endeavours.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to our Regional Superior and her Councillors, Sr. Fatima Anthonimuthu, Superior of the Stella Maris Convent, Sr. Anita, Secretary of the College, Sr. Veera, Bursar, and Sr. Arul & Sr. Prema for their support and cooperation in the administration of the institution.

I thank all the FMM Sisters and sisters from other congregations for their constant encouragement and prayers, and all the parents and guests who have come here to join us in this annual celebration.

Thank you all and God bless.

INDEPENDENCE DAY



STELLA BIRTHDAY



FELICITATIONS



Dr. AGNES ROZARIO

Dr. Agnes Rozario embarked on her teaching journey in 1987, joining the Department of Commerce at Stella Maris College. Over the years, she has contributed to the institution in various capacities, notably serving as Head of the Department from 2009 to 2015 and Vice Principal (Shift I) from 2016 to 2019. Dr. Agnes has generously dedicated her time and expertise to numerous college committees and commissions of the University of Madras, leaving a remarkable imprint on the Commerce curriculum both locally and beyond.

Throughout her tenure, Dr. Agnes had the privilege of working under the guidance of five different Principals, each contributing to her professional growth. Her expertise in commerce, particularly in subjects like marketing, advertising, and

entrepreneurship, have left an enduring impact on countless students who have pursued careers in these fields or ventured into entrepreneurship, thanks to her mentorship and guidance. Dr. Agnes' teachings will be cherished, and her influence on students' lives is immeasurable. She has been not only a teacher but also a mentor, counselor, and prayer warrior for her students, embodying a perfect balance between her professional and spiritual lives.

Her colleagues and students will miss her hard work, dedication, and positive attitude as she transitions into retirement. As she embarks on new experiences, we extend our heartfelt wishes for her days ahead to be filled with happiness, joy, love, and God's blessings. Dr. Agnes Rozario's legacy will continue to inspire and uplift the family of Stella Maris College for years to come.



Dr. SANDRA JOSEPH

Dr. Sandra Joseph, an esteemed academician and administrator, concludes her illustrious 37-year tenure at Stella Maris College as she steps into retirement. Over the years, she held pivotal positions, including Head of the Department of Social Work, IQAC Coordinator, and Vice Principal, before becoming the Principal at Jesus and Mary College, New Delhi.

Dr. Joseph, a recipient of the University of Madras's gold medal in Social Work, played a vital role in advancing the stature of the profession of Social Work at Stella Maris. Her expertise in curriculum development, faculty training, and program planning significantly elevated the quality of education in the department. Additionally, she guided numerous research endeavors, authored publications, and contributed as an editorial member to international refereed journals.

Her outstanding contributions have earned her several accolades, acknowledging her as a distinguished academician. Dr. Joseph was actively involved in various institutional and professional committees, showcasing her commitment to academic excellence and institutional development.

Beyond academia, Dr. Joseph spearheaded international research projects and community development initiatives. Notably, her leadership in projects like Sangamam and SMCDRIVE underscored her dedication to serving marginalised communities and addressing societal injustices.

As an educator, Dr. Joseph's empathetic approach captivated students, enriching their learning with real-world case studies and community involvement. Her influence transcended the classroom, inspiring students to become catalysts for change in their communities.

Dr. Joseph leaves behind a lasting legacy as a pillar of the Department of Social Work and Stella Maris College. Her commitment to justice, equity and social empowerment will continue to inspire future generations.

As she embarks on her new role as the Principal of Jesus and Mary College, we extend our sincerest wishes for continued success and fulfillment. May she navigate this new chapter with grace and wisdom, leaving an indelible mark on academia and society.



Dr. JULIANA JOE

Dr. Juliana Joe, Associate Professor of Zoology retired in September 2023 after 30 years of service, leaving an indelible mark on the College. She was renowned for her sincerity, meticulousness, and diligence, embodying the qualities of an exemplary administrator. Her exceptional planning and organisational skills, coupled with a sharp eye for detail, ensured the institution's progress and success throughout her tenure.

Dr. Juliana held various leadership positions, including Coordinator for the DBT-Star College Scheme, IQAC Coordinator, Head of the Zoology Department, Vice Principal (Shift I), and Dean of Academic Affairs. Her commitment extended to numerous committees, where she provided valuable insights and demonstrated a deep understanding of educational dynamics.

Beyond her college duties, Dr. Juliana contributed significantly to academia, serving as a subject expert for Assistant Professor selections and participating in committees evaluating educational resources and projects nationwide.

Within the Department of Zoology, Dr. Juliana's contributions were invaluable. She organised seminars, conferences, and workshops, and compiled practical manuals and publications. Her strategic planning streamlined departmental operations and supported new faculty integration.

Dr. Juliana's impact as an educator, particularly in Genetics, was profound. Many students were inspired by her teaching and guidance, choosing to pursue research and careers in the field.

Outside of her professional achievements, Dr. Juliana was cherished for her kindness, humour, and loyalty. Her departure leaves a void in the institution, but her legacy of excellence and dedication will endure.

As Dr. Juliana embarks on her next journey, may she continue to be blessed with success and fulfilment. Her contributions have enriched the lives of countless individuals, and her influence will be felt for years to come.



Dr. MILLIE NIHILA

As we bid farewell to Dr. Millie Nihila, Associate Professor and Head, Department of Economics, who is retiring after 28 years of service. We reflect on her profound impact on our institution and the lives she has touched. Dr. Nihila's journey at Stella Maris College began in 1996, armed with academic qualifications that culminated in a doctorate in 2000. Throughout her tenure, she has exemplified scholarly excellence and served as an inspiration to students and colleagues alike.

As a leader, Dr. Nihila guided the Department of Economics to greater heights, contributing significantly to its academic and holistic development. She also played key roles such as NSS Programme Officer and Director of the Centre for Women Studies, demonstrating unwavering commitment to gender empowerment and holistic education. Her involvement in various committees and memberships in professional bodies underscore her dedication to fostering a vibrant academic environment.

Dr. Nihila's scholarly pursuits in Microeconomics, Environmental Economics, Development Economics, and Gender Economics have expanded understanding and paved the way for meaningful societal change, evident in her extensive list of publications.

In the classroom, Dr. Nihila fosters a nurturing atmosphere, earning her students' trust and admiration. Her propensity for acknowledging and rewarding achievements, no matter how small, motivates students to strive for excellence. Her affectionate nickname for students as 'budding economists' instills pride in them.

Her teaching style, enriched by real-life narratives and case studies, brings economic theories to life, illustrating their relevance to the world around us. Beyond academia, Dr. Nihila's personal interests in travel, Indian handloom, and cricket showcase her vibrant personality and zest for life. While her retirement marks the end of an era, Dr. Nihila's legacy will continue to inspire future generations. We extend heartfelt gratitude and best wishes for a joyous retirement, knowing her contributions will be cherished and remembered. Today, we honor not just a distinguished academic, but a cherished mentor, storyteller, friend, and guiding light.





Dr. AJIE GEORGE

As Dr. Ajie George bids adieu to our academic community, we remember the profound impact she has made during her 30-year teaching career, of which 26 were spent at Stella Maris College. She joined Stella Maris College in September 1994 and went on to become the Head of the Department of English, as well as the Department of English and Communication Skills, from 2018 to 2022. Over the years, she has been involved in various activities, including preparation of two NAAC reports and academic audits. She has also been a member of various boards of studies. She also spearheaded the renovation of the Department Library and the digital cataloging of books.

Throughout her time with us, Dr. Ajie George's commitment to fostering critical thinking and a

love for literature has inspired countless minds. Her dynamic teaching style, infused with empathy and intellectual rigor, has not only enriched the understanding of literature but has also instilled in her students a lifelong appreciation for the written word.

Beyond the classroom, Dr. George has been a pillar of support and guidance, always willing to lend an ear and offer sage advice. Her mentorship has empowered students and colleagues to navigate the complexities of academia and beyond, instilling in them the confidence to pursue their aspirations with courage and conviction.



Ms. K. LATHA

Ms. K. Latha commenced her journey with the Department of English in August 2005, instantly captivating the academic community with her profound knowledge and expertise in literature. Known for her unwavering passion and commitment, she demonstrated an unparalleled ability to teach various courses with fervour, enriching both students and faculty alike.

Throughout her tenure, Ms. Latha's dedication extended beyond the classroom, encompassing extensive academic and administrative responsibilities that significantly contributed to the institution's intellectual advancement and recognition for academic excellence. Actively engaged in numerous committees and boards including NAAC, CPE and Curriculum Restructuring, her diligent efforts played a pivotal role in shaping the institution's academic landscape.

Serving as the Head of the Department of English from 2022 to 2024, Ms. Latha showcased exceptional organisational skills, consistently accomplishing monumental tasks well ahead of schedule, thus greatly benefiting the Department. Her exemplary

leadership served as an inspiration to students who admired her profound subject knowledge, and to fellow teachers, who sought to emulate her standards of excellence.

Beyond her academic prowess, Ms. Latha's multifaceted personality shone through her proficiency in editing, languages, and translation. She spearheaded the United Board project on translation and co-edited the anthology Four Tamil Plays further highlighting her diverse talents.

Ms. Latha's compassion extended to all members of the academic community including students with special needs as well as administrative and support staff. Her generosity, wisdom and kindness inspired countless individuals, leaving an enduring impact on those she encountered.

As Ms. Latha embarks on a well-deserved retirement, we extend our heartfelt wishes for a life filled with peace and contentment. May her legacy of inspiration and excellence continue to resonate, inspiring future generations to strive for greatness in all their endeavors.



திரு. தமிழ் மாறன் அம்மிகாவதி

உழைப்பின் உதாரணம் ஒருசிலர், அந்த உழைப்பை உன்னதத்தோடு செய்பவர்கள் சிலர், சிகரத்தை தொடுகின்ற வேலையாக இருந்தாலும் அதை சிறப்பாக செய்து முடிக்கும் திரு தமிழ் மாறனின் பிரியாவிடை. மாறன் என்றாலே வீரம் என்பதாகும், அவர் கம்பீரமானவர், தைரியசாலி, தன்னம்பிக்கை உடையவர், சிறந்த உழைப்பாழி, பாசத்திற்கு குறைபடாதவர், நேர்மையானவர், அனைவருடனும் அன்பாக பழகுவவர். இப்படிப்பட்ட ஒரு நல்மனிதர் நம் கல்லூரில் பணிபுரிந்து இன்று பிரியாவிடை கொடுக்கிறோம் என்று எண்ணும் போது மிகவும் வருத்தமாக உள்ளது இருந்தாலும் 34 ஆண்டுகள் மற்றும் 6 மாதங்கள் சோர்வின்றி பணிபுரிந்தார் என்று நினைக்கும் போது மகிழ்ச்சியாக இருக்கின்றது.

திரு தமிழ் மாறன் அவர்கள் 1989-ம் ஆண்டு ஏப்ரல் மாதம் அருட்சகோதரி ஹெலன் வின்செனட் தலைமை சகோதரியாக இருந்த போது காவலராக பணியில் அமர்த்தினார். சிறிது காலத்திற்கு பின்பு அவர் நம் கல்லூரியின் உடற்கல்வி மற்றும் விளையாட்டு துறையில் திருமதி மாலதி அவர்களுக்கு உதவியாளராக

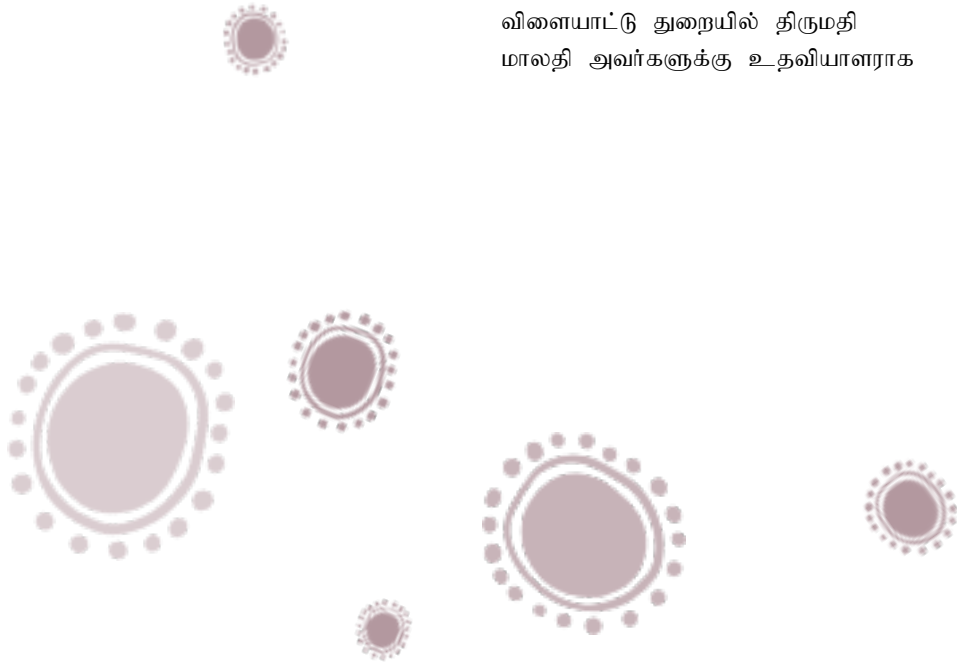
பணியில் அமர்த்தப்பட்டார். அதன் பிறகு திருமதி ஆன்சி இம்மானுவேல் அவர்களிடம் இன்று வரை மிக சிறப்பாக பணியாற்றி வந்திருக்கிறார். அவர் பணியில் சேரும் போது இருந்த உத்வேகமும் ஆர்வமும் இன்றளவும் குறையவே இல்லை. வயதின் காரணமாக அவர் உடல் தளர்வுற்றாலும் எந்த நிலையிலும் அவர் மனம் மட்டும் தளரவே இல்லை. உடற்பயிற்சியாளரின் சொற்படி கேட்டு நடந்து அவர்களின் நன்மதிப்பை பெற்றிருக்கிறார். 34½ ஆண்டுகள் நம் கல்லூரிக்காக கடினமாக உழைத்தவர். 33½ ஆண்டுகள் அவர் உடற்பயிற்சி துறையில் எந்த வித சலிப்பும் இன்றி பணிமாற்றம் இல்லாமல் ஒரே இடத்தில் வேலை செய்ததே அதற்கு சான்று. வருடா வருடம் ஆசிரியரில் லாத பணியாளருக்கு நடத்தப்படும் மட்டைபந்து வீச்சு போட்டியில் இளைஞருக்கு இணையாக தானும் ஆர்வமுடன் பங்கு கொள்வார். வெற்றியோ தோல்வியோ அவருடைய உற்சாகமும் உத்வேகமும் என்றுமே குறைந்ததில்லை. மாணவர்களிடம் பண்பாகவும் ஆசிரியர்களிடம் பணிவாகவும் நடந்து கொள்வார்.

“இதனை இதனால் இவன்முடிக்கும் என்றாயிந்து அதனை அவைகண் விடல்.”
இந்தச் செயலை, இன்ன காரணத்தால் இவன் செய்து முடிப்பான் என்று ஆராய்ந்து, அந்தச் செயலை அவனிடமே செய்யுமாறு விட்டு விடுதல் வேண்டும்.

இதைப் போன்று இவரிடம் எந்த வேலையை கொடுத்தால் முடியாது என்று சொல்லாமல் குறித்த நேரத்தில் செவ்வனே செய்து முடிப்பவர். யாரையும் எதிர்பார்த்து அவர் வேலை செய்வதில்லை இறைவனுக்கு என்று தன் பணியை செய்வனே செய்து முடிப்பது தான் அவரின் குறிக்கோள் திரு தமிழ் மாறன் அவர்களுக்கு மனைவி, 2 மகள்கள் மற்றும் ஒருமகன் உள்ளனர். அவருடைய இரண்டு மகள்களும் நம் கல்லூரியில் படித்து பட்டம் பெற்றுள்ளனர். தினமும் ஊரப்பாக்கத்திலிருந்து நேரத்தோடு வேலைக்கு வந்து செல்வார். தனது வருமானத்திலேயே குடும்பம் நடத்தி, பிள்ளைகளை படிக்கவைத்து சொந்தமாக வீடு கட்டி, ஒரு மகளுக்கு திருமணமும் செய்து முடித்திருக்கின்றார் என்பது மிகவும் சிறப்புக்குரியது. இதிலும் குறிப்பாக

“மக்கள் தந்தைக்கு ஆற்றும் உதவி இவன் தந்தை என்னோற்றான் கொல் என்னும் சொல்” என்பதற்கு ஏற்ப தன் தந்தையின் 60-வது பிறந்த நாளை இவர் குழந்தைகள் மிகவும் சிறப்பான முறையில் கொண்டாட தீர்மானித்துள்ளார்கள். கிட்ட தட்ட 34½ ஆண்டுகள் நம் கல்லூரியில் பணி புரிந்து இம்மாதம் இறுதியில்

பணி ஓய்வு பெறவிருக்கும் திரு தமிழ் மாறன் அவர்கள் தன்னுடைய ஓய்வு காலங்களை நிம்மதியாகவும் மனநிறைவுடனும் வாழ்ந்து தன் பிள்ளைகளுக்கு சிற்பான எதிர்காலம் அமைத்திடவும் இன்னும் நூறு பல்லாண்டுகள் இறைவனின் ஆசீரோடும் பிள்ளைகள் பேரப்பிள்ளைகளோடு மகிழ்ச்சியுடனும் ஒற்றுமையுடனும் வாழ வாழ்த்துகிறோம். எல்லாம் வல்ல இறைவன் இவரையும் இவர் குடும்பத்தையும் ஆசீர்வதித்து காத்து வழிநடத்த வேண்டுமென்று இத்தருணத்தில் நாம் அனைவரும் இறைவனிடம் வேண்டி என் வாழ் துரையை முடிக்கிறேன். நன்றி.





IN
MEMORIUM





SR. FLORINE MONIS, fmm

Sr. Florine has been a blessing and continues to be.

Superior, Office Manager, faculty member, confidant, helper of the needy... we can go on adding many more attributes - attributes which many people who have walked through the portals of Stella Maris College have experienced, all of which fit Sr. Florine Monis.

A loving, caring and generous person with a self-sacrificing spirit, Florine was a cheerful giver. Her beautiful charism of accompanying sisters, faculty members, staff, students, friends, and her special gift of helping people who were facing difficult times in their life was remarkable.

My association with Florine dates back to 1976 when she came to Stella Maris College and assisted in the College office when Sr. Juliet Irene was Principal. She worked in the college in several capacities including as junior assistant, in the Examination section when the college became an autonomous institution in 1987 and also served a short stint as Assistant Professor teaching in the Department of Commerce.

As Manager of the College Office she maintained a very good rapport with the government and university authorities. With her astuteness,

people's skills, she ensured that vacancies for various positions were approved by the government from time to time. She was also meticulous in her work and ensured that financial audits of the college were always completed on time and audit objections complied with satisfactorily. She played a key role in helping with the housing project for the support staff and education of their children. The faculty and the staff found her a very responsible administrator, helpful, supportive and willing to give an ear to the less privileged and aged.

During her tenure in the College, Sr. Florine helped in several extension programmes and oversaw many activities in the institution. She worked tirelessly and generously when she was appointed member of the committee for improvement of the infrastructural facilities. During her early days at Stella Maris College she was advisor for the All India Catholic University Federation (AICUF) movement in the College and helped several students. She helped in the Literacy Mission undertaken by the College in the early 1990's as part of the Service Oriented Programme organizing visits to the villages of Thirumazhisai, Kuthambakkam and Nemam and helping the Self-Help Groups in these villages.

Sr. Florine was a public relations officer par excellence. She maintained a cordial relationship with the department of higher education for the institution and with her colleagues in the college office and faculty of the college. Going beyond the call of duty, she made visible the face of the institution to parents and benefactors through which she helped raise funds for the welfare of the needy students and the college in general. She was partly instrumental in garnering a large number of merit cum means scholarships during the Golden and Diamond Jubilee years. Her disponibility to all who came to her in their need has left an indelible mark on not only the administrative and supportive staff but the public who knew her.

She continued to serve the college with unflinching strength while taking on the additional role of Superior in the convent. Meticulous and tidy in all that she did, she was an inspiration to many.

Many friends found in Sr. Florine a confidant with a kind, listening ear. Faith in God was the hall mark of her existence and one could see in her this profound faith especially when the College faced any difficulty.

On the lighter side, Sr. Florine was fun loving and enjoyed travelling. She was instrumental

in organising picnics and excursions for the administrative and support staff year after year. She received a fellowship to visit a few Community Colleges in the US under the project titled 'Towards a more connected world'. The Management of the college also nominated her as their representative at the General Assembly of the International Federation of Catholic Universities (IFCU) at Lisbon. She was also part of the team that visited Assumption University, Bangkok.

She was a precious gift to the College and has contributed immensely to its growth and development. Sr. Florine Monis spent the best part of her life in Stella Maris College and in 2008 she was transferred to another institution of the FMM at Perumalmalai near Kodaikanal. In later years she was sent to St. Joseph's Leprosy hospital where she gladdened the lives of the patients with her care and love while the staff and co-workers held her in high esteem.

Her passing away on March 15, 2023 has left a void in the lives of several people who she has touched by her unstinting generosity and warmth. She continues to live in the hearts of all those who knew her.

Thank you, Sr. Florine, for your unselfish, untiring service to the College. May you rest in peace

and enjoy the eternal bliss of the God you loved and served.

Dr. Sr. Annamma Philip, fmm
Former Principal
Stella Maris College



Sr. ROSE ABRAHAM

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord that they may rest from their labours for their deeds follow them. (Rev.14/13)

Persons who have gone before us have taught us how to live and how to die.

Surely, Sr. Rose Abraham to whom we have come to bid farewell today is one such person we would always be grateful to.

Sr. Rose Abraham from Thodupuzha of Kerala State hails from a devout catholic family of seven children (without mentioning the son who died as a small child). She was born to Abraham and Anna in 1934. Deep faith in the sacrifice of Mass and family rosary are the hallmarks of Sr. Rose Abraham's childhood. In her own words, Rose had a happy childhood. Her parents gave prime importance to education as well as inculcating in their children Christian values of love, honesty and service to others. God blessed this pious family with three Religious sisters and one more daughter who had offered her life of service to humanity in a Secular Institute. As Sr. Rose's own writing reveals, 'At home and in the parish there was a mission consciousness', and this richly accounts for her innate desire to be an authentic missionary. 'Respect for elders, obedience to authority, honesty

and truthfulness in one's duty, hard work and never to cause trouble to others even if one had to suffer' were the valuable lessons Sr. Rose learnt as she was growing up which would direct her life till the very end of her religious consecration.

Her schooling in private and parish schools and her intermediate studies at Stella Maris College gave Sr. Rose a good and firm foundation in Tamil and English languages. Her favorite saint was St. Teresa of Lisieux. Mother Mary's faith that nothing is impossible with God was her inspiration always. This made her continue her journey of life courageously in all circumstances saying to herself that without Divine assistance, she cannot succeed in her mission and with it she cannot fail.

Rose Abraham made her temporary vows in 1964 in the congregation of Our Lady of Nazareth at Bangalore. After joining the FMMs in August 1965, she made her perpetual vows in 1971 at Nazareth Convent, Ootacamund.

One of the admirable highlights of Sr. Rose's life is that no FMM will miss her heroic endurance of her hearing impairment for long years. Certainly, her faith that this too will pass away or her belief that it is not what one has lost but what one has left is what

counts in life is what kept her living her religious commitment meaningfully, joyfully and peacefully. With this physical handicap, Sr. Rose went on calmly knowing that the burden becomes light which is cheerfully borne. After all her deep-seated faith in God gave her the patience and fortitude to conquer – this and all other trials she might have faced.

It is easy to talk about Sr. Rose's passion and dedication to her mission as an FMM. She was an efficient, helpful and knowledgeable Accountant/ Bursar in her life time in the three communities where she was entrusted with this mission – to be precise 27 years as Local/ community Bursar and as Head Clerk in Stella Maris college office, 25 years as community Bursar here at St Thomas Convent and 5 years for Tuticorin community. These years are testimonies of her focussed, conscientious, accurate, meticulous, orderly hard labor accomplished with a high sense of responsibility and accountability. All of us could vouch that she was at the same time equally person-oriented.

It is common knowledge that this disciplined nun was absolutely a community person in the true sense of the word. Be it community prayer or community meetings or community recreation or

community chores like vessel washing or putting order in the community room Sr. Rose would be there always lending a helping hand. Special mention must be made here that the night before she breathed her last, sisters gratefully and appreciatively recall how Sr. Rose lingered on after supper to wipe the tables when the sister-nurse insisted that she returned to her room as she looked tired.

Another outstanding and generous contribution of Sr. Rose was her service to the Fmm students. Several of them would remember her timely help to them in her thorough proofreading of their assignments/papers/M.Phil and research articles. Confidently, Rose would argue for a full stop, comma, or semicolon at the right place besides correcting the grammatical errors. She enjoyed reading and writing.

Death is only the perfect rest and peace that this active and silent soul enjoys today. For life never ends, death is no more than a turning of us over from time to eternity goodbye. Farewell dear Sr. Rose - depart without fear out of this world even as you came into it. You will surely live in the heart of all FMMs who had the fortune of sharing life with you. May God grant your soul Eternal Rest.



Ms. MARIAMA

Ms. Mariama, fondly remembered as Mariama Chechi, has been a valuable asset to the Stella Maris community and the College. She has rendered her service for more than six decades; this campus was indeed her second home. Chechi and the library were inseparable; as she started her work from the inception of the College library, her duty was mainly in the postgraduate library. Shelving of books is an integral part of library work, which Ms. Mariama did with ease, which made access to the books easy for the staff and students. Ms. Mariama

was completely dedicated to keeping the books in order. She would guide the readers to particular shelves, giving at times directions as to left or right, top shelf, and so on. Ms. Mariama was also involved in photocopying work. When the library became digital, she started her work at the token counter of the undergraduate library, where she was a strict disciplinarian.

Thank you, Chechi, for your dedicated and loyal services. May your soul rest in peace.



Ms. JOSEPHINE

Ms. Josephine, fondly remembered as Josephine Chechi on our campus, has rendered her dutiful, loyal services to the college and the Stella Maris Community for the past five decades. She worked at the Administrative office under the leadership of Sr. Celine Paul. One of her main duties was to maintain the records by stitching and binding them. After record-keeping became digital, she started working as a volunteer in the postgraduate library, where she was a devoted employee who made sure the library opened on time so that the staff

could get to work. She also ensured that the library was clean by dusting the book racks regularly. Despite her advanced age and medical ailments, she was very punctual until she became bedridden.

Ms. Josephine will be remembered with love and gratitude for her valuable services. May her soul rest in peace.



Dr. SAVITRI SANKARAN

In the halls of academia, there are few figures whose influence transcends their physical presence. Dr. Savithri Sankaran, a cherished member of the Department of Mathematics, was one such luminary whose passing away on 5 November 2023 has left an indelible mark on all who had the privilege of knowing her.

Dr. Savithri Sankaran, Former Head, Department of Mathematics, Stella Maris College was an alumna, having completed her M.Sc. from this College in 1973. She went on to complete her Doctoral Degree in Algebra from Ramanujan Institute of Advanced Studies in Mathematics. She later joined as a faculty member and served the Department for 36 years and retired in May 2008. During her tenure she held several administrative positions such as Head of the Department and Controller of Examinations.

Dr. Savithri was an efficient and excellent teacher who had wide subject knowledge and was able to clear the doubts of staff and students alike in any topic. Students used to enjoy her classes very much, and she had a good sense of humor, due to which her classes were always lively. With a keen intellect and a compassionate spirit, she fostered an environment where intellectual curiosity thrived and where students felt empowered to explore the depths of the subject. Her simplicity, empathy and total dedication to her work have earned the respect of all. She was a great teacher, true friend, a caring philosopher, and a guide to many around her.

Dr. Savithri will forever hold a cherished place, her memory serving as a testament to the transformative power of education, mentorship, and unwavering dedication to excellence.





MS. TANYA C LAWRENCE

Tanya C Lawrence, a serene and dedicated member of the Stella maris community began her journey with Stella Maris College when she joined for her B.A. in English in 1996 and continued to do her postgraduation, completing it in 2001 followed with an M.Phil in 2002. Her commitment to her alma mater was evident when she joined the Department of English as faculty in 2003.

Tanya's strength of character and unwavering determination led her to becoming the Coordinator of the Department of English, Shift II. Despite facing health challenges, Tanya's dedication to her responsibilities at the College never wavered. She inspired her colleagues to excel in their duties and complete tasks diligently and on time.

A voracious reader, Tanya found solace and joy in the pages of crime fiction, often immersing herself for hours. Her meticulous attention to detail and organisational prowess were evident in her work, reflecting her commitment to excellence.

Beyond academia, Tanya's talents extended far and wide. She showcased her creativity through quilling paper accessories, embroidery, and glass painting, infusing her surroundings with beauty and artistry. A true team player, she generously supported her colleagues and fostered a spirit of collaboration.

Tanya's passion for teaching English language and literature resonated deeply with her students, particularly those from the Departments of Mathematics and Social Work. Her classes were a source of inspiration and enlightenment, leaving a lasting impact on all who had the privilege of learning from her.

On 20 November 2023, Tanya departed for her heavenly abode, leaving behind cherished memories and a legacy of kindness, dedication, and talent. May her soul find eternal peace, and may her spirit continue to inspire us all.



Mr. THAMBIRAJ

A meticulous, hard working and sincere staff member who dedicated most of his lifetime to this institution which he considered as his second home. Mr. Thambiraj, fondly called as "Thambi" by his colleagues joined this institution in 1971 as a young and energetic youth. He started his career as typist and was promoted as Junior Assistant and later retired as Assistant in September 2005 after rendering a dedicated service for 34 years. His portfolio contained pay bill preparation, maintaining of provident fund a/c, supplementary pay bills preparation, service register maintenance, TPF closure, pension calculation and replying to government and other official

correspondence. He was also a willing participant in training his staff. He was a good singer and had composed and sung on many stages. A humble and kind hearted person who was ever willing to help others, he always strived for the good of the college and was always in the good books of the college management. He was blessed with a lovable wife, two daughters, son-in-laws and grandchildren. After his retirement in 2005, Mr. Thambiraj spent his retired life happily with his family members until he left this earth and attained eternal life in God on 21 November 2023.





**Ms. SHOPIA MARIYA
STEPHEN**

The Department of Mathematics mourned the loss of the II PG student, Ms. Shopia Mariya Stephen, on 29 October 2023. The absence will be deeply felt by all those who knew her. Losing a student is a profound sorrow that echoes through the halls of learning. Her enthusiasm, once vibrant in classrooms, now lingers as memories etched in the hearts of teachers and her classmates. In her passing, we are reminded of the fragility of life and the enduring impact she created on all around her. Though she is no longer with us, her spirit remains, as a testament to the lasting influence of a student

gone too soon. She will always be remembered as a kind-hearted and talented individual who brought joy and positivity to our Department.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to her family and loved ones during this difficult time.

Rest in peace, dear Shopia Mariya Stephen. You will always be missed and never forgotten.



Ms. ZIKRAA AHMED

A life so beautifully lived deserves to be beautifully remembered. Our hearts brim with sorrow, a sorrow that is deep and personal for on 16 January 2024, Ms. Zikraa Ahmed of III year Commerce, Shift I, departed and reached the heavenly abode, she has left an irreplaceable emptiness in our hearts, a void that can never be filled.

We remember the quotes of Thomas Campbell 'To live in hearts we leave behind, is not to die'. Zikraa definitely continues to live in our hearts, heavily filled with gratitude and regard.

She will always be remembered for her infectious smile, kind spirit and creative mind. Her accomplishments in academics never overshadowed her most important quality - her tendency to help others.

She had the smile that lit up the first bench, her presence she had illuminated the entire class and a smooth and calming aura.

Her loss has left a void in our hearts, but in this sorrow, we find comfort in the memories we shared, the laughter, the silent moments and the loud celebrations.



ACTIVITIES
OF THE COLLEGE

STUDENT'S UNION

"Evara" means "Gift of God," a Sanskrit-origin word signifying that each and every one of us is unique. The Evara Students' Union 2023–24 chose 'Empower, Harmonize, Excel' as its motto. The logo depicts a blend of three important heavenly bodies: the sun, the moon, and the star within a ring. The logo signifies unity, with each heavenly body having its own significance. Additionally, the compass represents balance and harmony. The colours used were purple, yellow, and white, signifying wisdom, warmth, and purity.

During the academic year 2023–24, the Evara Students' Union conducted various co-curricular and cultural activities to bring out the students' creativity and provide a wide platform to showcase their talents. The year began by welcoming the freshers and with an official logo-revealing program. Evara Students' Union organised a registered



Friends' Day Out



Aquilae 2023

workshop titled 'Corporate Styling for Effective Careers' in collaboration with The Lakme Academy, Chennai. This event was a valuable opportunity for students to enhance their skills and gain insights into the importance of personal presentation in the context of successful careers.

In line with their motto of harmonising, Evara celebrated Friendship Day on campus; for the very first time a musical concert was arranged in the evening. Evara also celebrated Culture and Heritage Day, setting the stage for Independence Day. The event encompassed a variety of traditional competitions and encouraged students to attire themselves in ethnic wear.

Throughout the year, Evara conducted various activities to engage with the College community, which included

Teacher's Day, Administrative and Support Staff Day, Onam, Christmas, Ethnic Day, Pongal, and Evara Day.

The year-long activities included a Freedom Run, organised by the 'I'm Safe App Company', an anti-ragging awareness program, a literature fest at Auroville; an anti-drug awareness walk, a traffic awareness program, a mental health awareness talk, participation in the Tamil Nadu

Global Investors Meet, and the India Today Summit.

Evara participated in the Trinity Western University Conference 2024; two student representatives were given the opportunity to talk about 'New Emerging Perspectives: Socio-Psychology of Leadership in an Age of Entitlement'. The IQAC of the College conducted a two-day event titled 'ICON-24' at which four student representatives from the Students' Union had the opportunity to participate in this conclave, providing valuable insights and perspectives from the student community.

The Evara Students' Union hosted a unique event titled 'The Young Adult Leadership Symposium' that was held exclusively for the Student Council Members of several colleges located throughout Chennai City, a new initiative for the students' union to connect and network. There were about 60 council members



Freedom Run

in attendance, representing various colleges. Speakers from a variety of disciplines delivered addresses during the event.

Many fun-filled cultural events were conducted for the students, including the Freshers' Talent Day titled 'Platform 9 ¾'; the Interyears titled 'Eras '23 – Duel of the Decades'- and 'Aquilae' the annual intercollegiate cultural Fest.

The Evara Students' Union is extremely grateful and thankful for the opportunity provided, and they hope that they lived up to the mission and vision of our Alma Mater. Evara wishes its Alma Mater the best to lead the students in all their endeavours. May the Star of the Sea guide each and every Stella Marian.



Anti Drug Abuse Rally



Onam celebrations

NATIONAL CADET CORPS (NCC)

The National Cadet Corps offers enriching experiences to the cadets. During training, cadets not only learn physical endurance but also character, unity and leadership. The impact of NCC on our cadets' ability to succeed in their chosen paths is evident in their accomplishments, as our alumnae cadets have shown.

Our alumna Ms. Niveditha of the 2017 batch has been selected for Short Service Commission Women NCC Special entry securing All India Merit Rank 1 and is pursuing her course at the Officer's Training Academy, Chennai. Ms. Ponsharmini of 2017 batch has been selected for the Short Service Commission in the Flying Branch of Indian Air Force and is currently pursuing her course at Air Force Academy, Dundigal, Hyderabad.



All India Thal Sainik Camp 2023



Parade Inspection by Lt. Gen. KS Brar, GOC, DB Area during NCC Day 2024

This year again our cadets have made us proud of their achievements at National and State levels. CSUO Manjushree from III B.Sc. Physics received the Bronze medal for All India Best Cadet competitions at the Republic Day Camp 2024, held at New Delhi. Naval Cadet Merlin Joicy M from II B.A Sociology was part of the NCC Senior Wing Girls Contingent that marched in the Republic Day parade at Kartavya Path, New Delhi on 26 January 2024. Three Army wing Cadets attended the All India Thal Sainik Camp at Delhi in September 2023 in which Sgt V Vijisha Roshini from III B.Com. secured Gold medal in Individual Firing Competition. CUO Ancia Anna Thomas from III B.V.A. participated in the 48th Tamil Nadu State Shooting Championship at Idayapatti, Madurai during July 2023 and won Bronze medal in prone position category, Silver Medal in three position category. She also participated in the National level shooting competition held at

New Delhi during November 2023. Two second year Air Wing cadets attended the All India Vayu Sainik Camp at Jalahalli, Bangalore from September 22 to 06 October, 2023. CC Femina J.P. from III B.Com. participated in the All India Yachting Regatta from 15 to 23 November 2023 at INS Chilka, Odisha. In recognition of the achievements of our cadets, the College and Lt. Dr. Jayalakshmi, Associate NCC Officer, were awarded the Deputy Director General's Appreciation award for the year 2023-24 on 21 March 2023.

On the occasion of International Yoga Day a yoga session was organised with yoga practitioners from Vardhyoga on 21 June 2023. On 5 September 2023, 24 Cadets with ANOs attended the Commandant's Passing Out Parade at the Officers Training Academy, Chennai. The inaugural camp was conducted on 14 and 15 September 2023 in the college campus. A personality development session was

organised for the cadets on October 14. 2023. S/Lt. Swati Seshadri attended the Combined Annual Training Camp cum Inter Group Competition-Republic Day Camp selection at Airforce Station Tambaram. Former NCC Cadet of Stella Maris College, Ms. Geetha Kiran, Associate NCC Officer, Mizoram Sainik School addressed the cadets.

Celebrating the International Year of Millets, a workshop titled 'Seeds of Change: Millets on the World Stage'' was organised on 13 December 2023 for the NCC cadets. Mrs. Monica Kothari Lodha, Dietitian, TAG-VHS Endocrinology and Diabetes Centre, VHS Hospital, was invited as the resource person to address the cadets on various health benefits of millet consumption. Four Army wing Cadets and Lt.(Dr.) Jayalakshmi participated in the 52 km Shivaji Trail Trek at Kolhapur Maharashtra. This camp was organised for the first time for Senior Wing NCC Cadets.

The C-Certificate examination for the III year cadets was conducted on 17 February and 3 March 2024. 17 Army wings, Five Naval wings and Three Air Wing cadets attended the examination.

The B-Certificate examination for the II year cadets was conducted on March 23 and 24 2024. 23 Army wings, 12 Naval wings and Four Air wing cadets attended the examination.

S.NO.	STUDENT	CAMP/ACTIVITY	LEVEL	ACHIEVEMENTS
1	Naval Cadet Harshini R from II B.A. History and C/Sgt Amala Therese Jom from II B.Sc. Physics	All India Girls Trekking Expedition at Ooty, Nilgiris from 27 April to 04 May 2023.	National	
2	Naval Cadet Sana T from II B.A. History	Special NCC Yachting Training camp at Kochi, Kerala from 01 May to 08 2023	National	
3	Sgt. Narmada N, III B.A. English and Sgt.V Vijisha Roshni, III B.Com.	Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat (EBSB) Camp with Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), at Annai Violet Arts and Science College, Ambattur from 09 to 13 May 2023	National	
4	CSUO Manjushree from III B.Sc. Physics	Air Force Attachment Camp at Dundigal, Hyderabad from 19 June to 02 July 2023	National	
5	Naval Cadet Jinu Ponkamalam P, II B.A. Sociology	EBSB camp at Idayapatti, Madurai from 02 to 14 August 2023	National	
6	One third year and two second year Army Wing cadets	All India Thal Sainik Camp at Delhi from 19 to 30 September 2023	National	Sgt. V Vijisha Roshini from III B.Com. secured Gold medal in Individual Firing Competition.
8	Naval Cadet Pavithra J S from II B.C.A.	Special National Integration Camp from October 28 to November 08, 2023 held at Jaisalmer Rajasthan	National	
9	Cadet Captain Femina JP from III B.Com	All India Yachting Regatta 2023 at INS Chilka,Odisha from 15 to 23 November 2023	National	TN, P and AN directorate secured fifth position overall.

S.NO.	STUDENT	CAMP/ACTIVITY	LEVEL	ACHIEVEMENTS
10	Four Army Wing cadets	Shivaji Trail Trek at Kolhapur Maharashtra, from 20 to 28 November 2023	National	
11	CUO Ancia Anna Thomas from III B.V.A.	National Level Shooting Championship held at New Delhi from 23 to 25 November 2023.	National	
12	CUO Sindhu J from III B.A. Sociology	Ek Bharath Shreshta Bharat II Camp at Udaipur from 23 December 2023 to 03 January 2024.	National	
13	CSUO Manjushree	All India Republic Day Camp at Delhi from 29 December 2023 to 28 January 2024	National	All India Best Cadet – Bronze Medal
14	Naval Cadet Merlin Joicy M from II B.A. Sociology	All India Republic Day Camp from 29 December 2023 to 28 January 2024	National	Part of the Senior Wing Contingent that marched at the Kartavya Path in the Republic Day Parade on January 26, 2024
15	Flight Cadet Ancy C Varghese from III B.C.A	Ek Bharath Shreshta Bharat Camp at Udaipur from 04 to 15 January 2024	National	
16	Three third year cadets	SSB Capsule held at Puducherry from 19 to 28 January 2024	National	
17	Naval Cadet Chandhana O from II B.A. History	Special National Integration camp from 01 to 12 February 2024 held at Jorhat, Assam	National	
18	Two Army Cadets and One Naval Cadet	Advanced Leadership Camp at Pangode Military station from 05 to 16 February 2024	National	

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19	Naval Cadet Rithanyaa, II B.Sc. History	EBSB camp at Idayapatti, Madurai from 18 to 29 January 2024	National	
20	CUO Ancia Anna Thomas Tharakan, III B.V.A.	Combined Annual Training Camp (CATC) cum Sports Shooting Camp at SRM College, Trichy from 01 to 10 May 2023	State	
21	CUO Ancia Anna Thomas Tharakan, III B.V.A. and Dharshini P, III B.Com.	Inter Directorate State Shooting Championship (IDSSC) Training – I camp at Kongu Engineering College, from 13 to 22 May 2023	State	
22	CUO Ancia Anna Thomas Tharakan, III B.V.A. and Dharshini P, III B.Com	IDSSC Training – II camp at Erode from 24 May to 02 June 2023.	State	
23	CUO Ancia Anna Thomas Tharakan, III B.V.A.	IDSSC Launch Camp I at Chinmaya Vidyalaya MHSS, Srinagar, Trichy from 12 to 21 June 2023	State	
24	CUO Ancia Anna Thomas Tharakan, III B.V.A.	State Meet Launch Firing Camp at Dhanalakshmi Srinivasan Engineering College, Trichy from 03 to 12 July 2023	State	



All India Vayu Sainik Camp 2023



CUO Ancia Anna Thomas at 48th TN State Shooting Championship

S.NO.	STUDENT	CAMP/ACTIVITY	LEVEL	ACHIEVEMENTS
25	CUO Ancia Anna Thomas Tharakan, III B.V.A.	48th Tamil Nadu State Shooting Championship at Idayapatti, Madurai from 17 to 24 July 2023	State	Bronze medal in Prone position category, silver medal in three position category.
26	Four second year and two third year Air Wing cadets	Annual Training Camp – III at Air Force Station Tambaram from 2 to 11 August 2023	State	Flight Cadet Maitriy Singh Gehlot from II B.A. Sociology secured Gold medal for Flying.
27	Two second year Air Wing cadets	Annual Training Camp - IV cum VSC Training Camp I at Air Force Station Tambaram from 23 August to 01 September 2023	State	
28	Four Army Wing cadets	RDC Training I at Rajagopal Polytechnic College, Gudiyatham from 06 to 15 September 2023	State	



CSUO Manjushree and Cadet Merlin Joicy at RDC 2024



All India Thal Sainik Camp 2023

S.NO.	STUDENT	CAMP/ACTIVITY	LEVEL	ACHIEVEMENTS
28	Five second year and one third year Naval cadets	NSC- IUC at Puducherry from 25 August to 03 September 2023.	State	NCII Jaishree from II B Sc Chemistry and NCII Chrisantha Ann Chester II BCA secured Gold in Health and Hygiene and LC Shazgiya Begum N III BA Sociology, NCII Rithanyaa P S, and NCII Harshini R from II BA History secured silver in Boat Pulling
30	One third year and two second year Army Wing cadets	TSC launch Camp from 07 to 16 September 2023	State	
31	Two second year and two third year Air Wing cadets	Annual Training Camp - V cum VSC Launch Camp at Air Force Station, Tambaram from 13 to 21 September 2023	State	
32	Cpl Jayashree, II B.C.A.	RDC Training II at Prince Shri Venkateshwara Padmavathy Engineering College, from 19 to 27 September 2023	State	
33	Naval Cadet Jaishree D, II B.Sc Chemistry	NSC Training II at Puducherry from 24 to 03 October 2023	State	
34	C/Sgt Amala Therese Jom, II B.Sc. Physics and CSUO Manjushree, III B.Sc. Physics	IGC RDC Training Camp at NCC Training Academy, Idayapatti from 11 to 20 October 2023.	State	Cadets secured III place in
35	Two second year and one third year Army Wing cadet	Basic Leadership camp at KPR Institute of Technology, Coimbatore from October 25 to November 5, 2023	State	

S.NO.	STUDENT	CAMP/ACTIVITY	LEVEL	ACHIEVEMENTS
36	CSUO Manjushree	RDC Training I and RDC Training II at NTA Idayapatti from 21 October to 01 November 2023 and December 08 to 17, 2024.	State	
37	CUO Ancia Anna Thomas Tharakan, III B.V.A.	South Zone Sports Shooting Championship at National Shooting Range Stadium, Vattiyoorukavu, Trivandrum from 17 to 22 August 2023	Zonal	Qualified for GV Mavalankar National Shooting Championship.
38	One third year and two second year Army Wing cadets	TSC Launch Camp at Dhanalakshmi Engineering College, Manimangalam from 05 to 14 July 2023	District	
39	One third year and two second year Army Wing cadets	TSC Inter Group Competition at Dhanalakshmi College of Engineering, Manimangalam from 16 to 25 July 2023	District	Madras A group won the overall first position and cadet Cpl Nivitha won gold medal in FCBC
40	Naval Cadet Merlin Joicy from II B.A. Sociology	RDC Pre-IGC camp at Air Force Station Tambaram from 12 to 21 August 2023	District	
41	One third year and two second year Army Wing cadets	TSC Directorate Training – I at Dhanalakshmi College of Engineering from 12 to 21 August 2023	District	
42	Five second year and one third year Naval Cadet	Nav Sainik Inter Unit Camp at 1 (Puducherry) Naval Unit, Puducherry from 25 August to 03 September 2023	District	
43	One third year and two second year Army Wing cadets	TSC Directorate Training – II at NCC Training Academy, Idayapatti, from 28 August to 6 September 2023	District	
44	Merlin Joicy, II B.Sc. Sociology	CATC cum IGC RDC Selection Camp at Air Force Station, Tambaram from 03 to 12 September 2023	Group	

S.NO.	STUDENT	CAMP/ACTIVITY	LEVEL	ACHIEVEMENTS
45	Naval Cadet Merlin Joicy, II B.Sc Sociology	CATC cum IGC RDC Launch Camp at Air Force Station, Tambaram from 02 to 11 October 2023.	Group	
46	Three Second year and three third year Air Wing cadets	Annual Training Camp – I at Airforce Station, Tambaram from 26 April to 05 May 2023	Unit	
47	24 second year and 12 third year Army Wing cadets	CATC Camp at Velammal MHSS, Panchetti from 15 to 24 May 2023	Unit	Cadets secured I place in Contingent Drill Competition. Cpl. Sophia D, II B.A. Sociology - II place in Field Craft and Battle Craft. Cpl. Ashi Gagoria, II B.Sc. Physics - I place in extempore.
48	One third year and seven II year Army Wing cadets	Thal Sainik Camp (TSC) Training – I at Voorhees College, Vellore from 31 May to 09 June 2023	Unit	
49	One third year and six second year Army Wing cadets	TSC Training Camp – II at SRM, Kattankulathur from 12 to 21 June 2023	Unit	
50	Three second year and two third year Air Wing cadets	Annual Training Camp – II at Airforce Station, Tambaram from 21 to 30 June 2023	Unit	
51	14 second year and five third year Naval Cadets	CATC – I camp at SRM, Kattankulathur from 22 June to 01 July 2023	Unit	Naval Cadet Jinu Ponkamalam P, from II B.A. Sociology - Silver medal in Senior Wing Best Cadet Competition.

S.NO.	STUDENT	CAMP/ACTIVITY	LEVEL	ACHIEVEMENTS
52	One third year and three second year Army Wing cadets	TSC Training – III at St. Joseph's College, Semmencheri from 24 June to 03 July 2023	Unit	
53	Two second year and One third year Air Wing cadet	RDC selection camp at Air Force Station Tambaram from 14 to 23 August 2023	Unit	
54	Six second year and one third year Army Wing cadet	RDC IGC selection camp at Tamil Nadu Police Battalion, Avadi from 26 August to 04 September 2023	Unit	
55	Five second year and three third year Army Wing cadets	CATC cum RDC Training III at Soka Ikeda College, Avadi from 01 to 10 October 2023	Unit	L/Cpl Jennifer Jelena, II B.C.A. - II place in solo song L/Cpl Risenna Moushiga, II B.Sc. Physics - II place in solo dance L/Cpl Blessy Bosco, II B.Sc. Physics - II place in poster making competition & 1st Place in Line Area Competition
56	Two second year and one third year Air Wing cadet	CATC cum IGC RDC selection at Airforce Station Tambaram from 04 to 12 September 2023 and CATC cum IGC Launch from 02 to 10 October 2023.	Unit	
57	Three Naval Cadets	Visited the Submarine INS Sindhusashtra and ship INS Bangaram on 21 January 2024	Unit	
58	Two Naval Cadets	Attended the Departure ceremony of the Japanese Coast Guard ship on 14 January 2024.	Unit	

S.NO.	STUDENT	CAMP/ACTIVITY	LEVEL	ACHIEVEMENTS
59	SUO Ramya Bharathi	Appreciation Award	Unit	DDG's Appreciation Award 2023-24
60	14 Army Wing, Five Naval Cadets, Two Air Wing cadets	Cadofest, an intercollegiate NCC competition conducted by DG Vaishnav College from 13 to 15 March 2024.	Intercollegiate	Naval Cadet Anamika from I B.Com. A&F - I place in Best Cadet Competition Flight Cadet Hazel Maria Seby, I B.A. Economics - II Place in Best Cadet Competition. SUO Ramya Bharathi, III BA English - II Place in Samarvir competition

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

The NSS, YRC and RRC Units of the Stella Maris College provide opportunities for students to be actively involved in engaging with the needs and problems of the community around them. The NSS, YRC and RRC Units seek to train students as responsible citizens and leaders, and in the process aim at enhancing the personality of the volunteers.

During the academic year 2023-24, regular and special camping programmes were organised. Working in almost twenty projects located all over the city, the volunteers rendered service in various non-profit and voluntary organisations. The volunteers were part of the various online and in-person programmes organised and conducted by the University of Madras.



NSS volunteers painting murals in Nandanam



Mental health awareness rally

It was heartening to note that this academic year, there was a great demand for our NSS students as volunteers in different special programmes like walkathons, beach clean-ups and rallies on various social issues.

Blood Donation Camps are organised by the NSS and YRC units of the College twice a year in collaboration with the Madras Voluntary Blood Bank. RRC organised awareness on AIDS for the volunteers.

The Dr. Radhakrishnan Award for the maximum number of women blood donors was bagged by the Stella Maris Units for the eleventh consecutive year.

The seven-day Special Camping Programme on the theme 'Empowering Youth for Nation Building' was held at Stella Maris College; 170 volunteers participated in this. During the camp, the volunteers visited four urban



Blood Donation Camp

neighbourhood communities and organised a socio-economic survey and a social awareness session. The campers were trained in Fabric Painting, Block Printing, Terracotta sculpting, Tie and Dye and cooking without fire.

The learnings and experiences gained by the volunteers created an indelible mark in keeping in tune with the true motto of NSS, YRC and RRC.



Beach Clean-up at Marina

GAMES & SPORTS

Stressing on the holistic growth of the students, Stella Maris College has always paid particular attention to sports and games, which form an integral part of the curriculum. The students are given coaching in a number of games by professional coaches and many of our students participate at inter-collegiate, zonal and national-level sports meets. This year too, our College has won a number of prizes in various events.

In Roller Skating, Natalia Orinda Johnson, II B.A. English won the Gold Medal in Quartet, Silver in Couple dance, Bronze in Solo Dance at the 19th Asian Roller skating Championship held at Beidaihe, China from 18-28 October 2023. She also won a Gold medal in Couple dance, Silver in show group and a Bronze medal in Solo dance at the 61st National Roller Skating Championship. At the 33rd Tamilnadu State Level Roller skating championship she won Gold medal in Solo dance.



College Basketball team

In Archery, in the National Level Sports Federation Cup, Srilekaa M, II B.Com CS won First place in Archery traditional Compound and M. Snekaa of II B.Com CS won First place in Traditional Archery Recurve.

In Rowing, Sai Yazhini, I B.Com won Silver medal in the Amature Rowing Association of East.

Our College teams also won many medals. We emerged winners titles in Table Tennis, Winners in Badminton and were

runners up in Basketball and Chess; we also won third place in Hockey and Lawn Tennis in the University of Madras B-Zone Intercollegiate Tournament.

This year, so far 30 students of our College have been selected to represent the Madras University B. Zone and 3 students were selected to represent the Madras University. The number of National Level representation was 4 and we had one International representation too.

ACHIEVEMENTS BY STUDENTS IN SPORTS AND GAMES 2023-2024

Game	Student	Achievements	Level
Roller Skating	Natalia Orinda Johnson II B.A. English	Gold Medal in Quartet Senior, Silver Medal in Couple Dance and Bronze Medal in Solo Dance at the 19th Asian Roller Skating Championship 2023 held at China from 18 October to 28 October 2023.	International
		Participated in the 2023 World Skate Oceania Artistic Skating Championship and Pacific Cup Open Championship held at Australia from 18 August to 22 August 2023	International
		Gold Medal in Couple Dance, Silver Medal in Show Group and Bronze Medal in Solo Dance at the 61st National Roller Skating Championship 2023 held at TNPESU from 15 December to 20 December 2023.	National

Game	Student	Achievements	Level
Archery	M.Snekaa II B.Com. CS	Gold Medal in Recurve in the National Level Sports Federation Cup 2023 held at Uttarakhand from 23rd June to 25th June 2023.	National
		Gold Medal in Recurve in the 1st Winter Games Traditional Archery National Level Championship 2023-2024 held at Dindigul on 28 and 29 December 2023.	National
		Gold Medal in Recurve at the 4th National Traditional Archery Arjuna Championship 2023 held at Salem from 18 May to 21 May 2023.	National
	M. Srilekaa II B.Com. CS	Gold Medal in Compound in the National Level Sports Federation Cup 2023 held at Uttrakhand from 23 June to 25 June 2023.	National
		Gold Medal in Compound in the 1st Winter Games Traditional Archery National Level Championship 2023-2024 held at Dindigul on 28 and 29 December 2023.	National
		Gold Medal in Compound in the 4th National Traditional Archery Arjuna Championship 2023 held at Salem from 18 May to 21 May 2023.	National



Game	Student	Achievements	Level
Rowing	R.Sai Yaazhini I B.Com.	Silver Medal in the Doubles Skull in the Amateur Rowing Association of East held at Kolkata from 16 March to 22 March 2024.	National
		Participated in the All India Inter University Rowing Competition held at Punjab University, Punjab from 22 December to 27 December 2023.	All India Inter University
		Participated in the 43rd Junior National Rowing Championship held at Chandigarh from 7 to 12 Dec 2023.	National
		Bronze Medal in Junior Women's Coxless Pair in the 4th Tamil Nadu State Rowing Championship held at Madras Boat Club from 30 August to 2 September 2023.	State



Natalia Orinda Johnson,
Asian Medalist



M. Srilekaa, National Archer



M. Snekaa, National Archer

Game	Student	Achievements	Level
Athletics	Juliet Christena.J II M.A.English	Bronze Medal in Triple Jump in Dr. A.L. Mudaliar Athletic Meet held from 20 December to 22 December 2023	Intercollegiate
		Gold Medal in Triple Jump and Silver Medal in Long Jump in 8th Chev. Dr. N.R. Dhanapalan Intercollegiate Athletic Meet 2024 held on 7 February 2024.	Intercollegiate
		Bronze Medal in Long Jump in the 53rd Chennai District Junior Athletic Championship on 14 and 15 August 2023.	District
	S. Kalaivani II B.Com.	Gold Medal in 4x 400M Relay in the 37th Tamilnadu Inter District Junior Athletic Championship held at Namakkal from 14 to 17 September 2023.	State
		Gold medal in 800m in 8th Chev. Dr. N.R. Dhanapalan Intercollegiate Athletic Meet 2023 held on 7 February 2024.	Intercollegiate
		Gold Medal in 800m and Silver Medal in 1500m in the 53rd Chennai District Junior Athletic Championships held at Chennai from 14 and 15 August 2023.	District
		First place in 800m, Second place in 400m in the University of Madras B-Zone Athletic Meet held at University Union Ground, Chetpet on 13 March 2024.	Intercollegiate
	Ann Marie Shruthi.A II B.Com.	Third place in 100m, Second place in Mixed relay in the 1st Mini Inter District Junior Athletic Meet held at Chennai on 2 and 3 March 2024.	District

Game	Student	Achievements	Level
Athletics		First place in 200m, Second place in 100m in the University of Madras B-Zone Athletic Meet held at University Union Ground, Chetpet on 13 March 2024.	Intercollegiate
	Sri Akshaya.P, I M.Com.	First place in Javelin Throw, Third place in Shot Put in the University of Madras B-Zone Athletic Meet held at University Union Ground, Chetpet on 13 March 2024.	Intercollegiate
	Juliet Christena II M.A.English, S.Dharshini III B.Com., S .Kalaivani II B.Com., A. Ann Marie Shruthi II B.Com.	First place in 4 x 400m relay, in 8th Chev. Dr. N.R. Dhanapalan Intercollegiate Athletic Meet 2023 held on 7 February 2024.	Intercollegiate
	Juliet Christena II M.A.English, Ashwini.K III B.Com., S.Kalaivani II B.Com., A. Ann Marie Shruthi II B.Com.	Second place in 4 x 100m relay in 8th Chev. Dr. N.R. Dhanapalan Intercollegiate Athletic Meet 2023 held on 7t February 2024 and University of Madras B-Zone Athletic Meet held at University Union Ground, Chetpet on 13 March 2024.	Intercollegiate.
Table Tennis	Aashika III B.Com. CS, S. Sneka, III B.A. Economics, A.P.Tanuja I M.Sc.Chemistry K.E. Shruthika II B.Com., N. Lincy I B.A. Economics	Winners in the Madras University B-Zone Intercollegiate Tournament held on 5 October 2023 at Ethiraj College.	Intercollegiate
		Runner Up in the University of Madras Inter-zone Tournament held on 12 October 2023 at DG Vaishnav College.	Inter-zone



Receiving Overall University Runner Up trophy



M. Harini, University Hockey Player

Game	Student	Achievements	Level
Table Tennis	Aashika III B.Com. CS,S. Sneka III B.A..Economics, A.P.Tanuja I M.Sc.Chemistry K.E. Shruthika II B.Com., N.Lincy I B.A.. Sociology	Winners title at IIT Sports Fest 2023 held at IIT from 21st Sep to 25th Sep 2023.	Intercollegiate
		Runner Up at the VASPO 2022-2023 organised by M.OP. Vaishnav College on 13th & 14th Feb 2024.	Intercollegiate
	N.Aashika II B.Com. CS	Selected to represent the University of Madras and secured Third place in the South Zone Inter University held from 22 December to 24 December 2023 at AMET University.	South Zone Inter University

Game	Student	Achievements	Level
		Selected to represent the University of Madras in the All India Inter University held at University of Delhi from 30 January to 1 February 2024.	All India Inter University
		Selected to represent the University of Madras in the Khelo India University Games held at Assam from 18 February to 22 February 2024.	National
	Juliet Christena II M.A.English, Ashwini.K III B.Com., S.Kalaivani II B.Com., A. Ann Marie Shruthi II B.Com.	Second place in 4 x 100m relay in 8th Chev. Dr. N.R. Dhanapalan Intercollegiate Athletic Meet 2023 held on 7t February 2024 and University of Madras B-Zone Athletic Meet held at University Union Ground, Chetpet on 13 March 2024.	Intercollegiate.
Shuttle Badminton	M.Nisha II B.Com., Methini.V.D I B.A. Economics, Samritha.B I B.A. Sociology	Winners in the Madras University B-Zone Intercollegiate Tournament held on 3 October 2023 at DG Vaishnav College.	Intercollegiate
		Runner Up in the University of Madras Inter-zone Tournament held on 16th Oct 2023 at DG Vaishnav College.	Inter-zone
	M.Nisha II B.Com., Methini. V. D. I B.A. Economics,	Third place in the VASPO 2023-2024 Organised by MOP Vaishnav College on 13 and 14 February 2024.	Intercollegiate
	M.Nisha II B.Com., Methini.V.D I B.A. Economics, Swastikaa Ashok III BBA, K. Jayalakshmi III BCA	Runner Up in the Buck Tournament organised by YMCA College of Physical Education on 30th and 31st August 2023.	Intercollegiate

Game	Student	Achievements	Level
Basketball	Maria Evangeline. N III B.Sc. Zoology, Sarjana. N III B.Com. Honors, Priyanka M.J III B.Com., Felicia Jeren J.I. II B.Com., Saniya Tomy II B.Com. A&F, Monisha R.S. II B.Com. CS, Rachita Tanya Rabboni II B.A.. English, A.Nivetha I B.Sc..Chemistry, N.Prithika I B.Com. CS	Runner Up position at the University of Madras B-Zone Intercollegiate Tournament held at Stella Maris College on 11 October 2023.	Intercollegiate
	Felicia Jeren J.I. I B.Com., Saniya Tomy I B.Com. A&F, Monisha R.S I Com CS, N.Prithika I B.Com. CS	Selected to represent University of Madras B-Zone for the Inter-zone Tournament held at D.G. Vaishnav College on 16 October 2023.	Inter-zone
Chess	Taanya. S.S I M.A. IS, 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	Runner Up at the WCC Trophy held on 9 August 2023.	Intercollegiate
		Runner Up in the University of Madras B-Zone Intercollegiate Tournament held on 4 October 2023 at WCC College.	Intercollegiate
	Taanya.S.S II M.A. International Studies	Second place in the 1st Tamil Nadu State Level Open Chess Tournament for School & Women 2023 held at Soka Ikeda College on 23 July 2023.	State
	R.P. Avanthikha III B.Com.	Participated in the Inter-zone Chess Tournament and their team won third place held at DG Vaishnav College on 6 October 2024.	Inter-zone

Game	Student	Achievements	Level
Hockey	Harini. M I M.A.HRM, Adhirai. S I M.Sc. Biotechnology, Shanmuga Priya III B.Com., Ashwini. K III B.Com., S. Vigneshwari III B.Com. A&F, S. Vinnarasi II B.A..Economics, Anasuyaa Shakthi II B.A.. Economics, G.Saranya II B.Com., S. Sandhya Priya II B.Com. CS, S.B. Varshini II B.Com., M.Sneha I B.Com., Evangline Joshiba Praisly I BSW	Third place at the University of Madras Intercollegiate Tournament held at Mayor Radha Krishnan Stadium on 16 October 2023.	Intercollegiate
		Nine students were selected to represent Madras University B-Zone for the Inter-zone Hockey Tournament held at Sri Ramachandra Medical Centre on 25 January 2024.	Inter-zone
	M.Harini I M.A.HRM	Participated in the All India Inter University Hockey Tournament held from 28 January to 31 January 2024 at Pune University.	All India Inter-university



N. Ashika, Table Tennis Player



Staff Throwball team

Game	Student	Achievements	Level
	S. Adhirai I M.Sc. Biotechnology, S.Vigneshwari III B.Com. A&F	Runner Up in the Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Trophy State level Tournament organised by Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu held at Chennai from 1 July to 25 July 2023.	State
Handball	Chest III BBA, Divisha.P I B.Sc..Physics, Prashanntini.R I B.Sc. Botany, C. Sowrnalakshmi II B.Com. A&F	Selected to represent Madras University B-Zone for the Inter-zone Handball Tournament held on 6 January 2024 at Nazareth College, Avadi	Inter-zone
Taekwondo	Sharon Ankitha M.S. III B.Com. CS	Gold medal in U-46 category and Silver Medal in Individual Poomsae in the Chennai District Taekwondo Tournament held on 17 June 2024 at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Chennai.	District
Lawn Tennis	Gayatri Balaji II B.Sc. Psychology Netra. S III BSW, Krithika III B.Com. A&F, Deepti. S I B.Com.	Third place in the Madras University B-Zone Intercollegiate tournament held at WCC College on 4 October 2024.	Intercollegiate
	Gayatri Balaji II B.Sc. Psychology, Krithika III B.Com. A&F	Third place in the Madras University Inter-zone Tennis Tournament held at DG Vaishnav College on 10 and 11 October 2023.	Inter-zone



M. Yazhini, National level rower



College shuttle badminton team



College Table Tennis team



Madras University Intercollegiate tournament at our College

LIBRARY

Stella Maris College Library continued to work towards building its programmes and services for the academic year 2023-24. The activities of the Library for the year began with the library orientation of the newly admitted 1311 undergraduate and 484 postgraduate students. To utilise the facilities and services of the American Centre the Institutional membership of the Centre was renewed for the benefit of the College community.

The Library offers Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) that enables learners to access courses anywhere and at any time. Taking advantage of these MOOCs, 56 students obtained NPTEL certification in 2023. Ms. Sumaiya Thaslim of II B.Sc. Chemistry topped the NPTEL course 'Soft Skills' securing 90 % for the July-December 2023 Semester. Ms. Gowri Nandana S of II B.A. English topped the NPTEL course 'History of English Language and Literature' securing 87% for the July- December 2023 semester. Three faculty members received a



Inaugural of CSRF



SPOC for the NPTEL Programme

letter of consent from the SWAYAM Board to offer credit on behalf of the college.

The profiles of the College faculty were registered in the IRINS (Indian Research Information Network System) portal which facilitates the academic community, R&D organizations, faculty members and scientists to collect, curate, and showcase interactions and provide an opportunity to create a scholarly network.

The TURNITIN Plagiarism detection software was procured for the year 2023 and enabled for all research supervisors to ensure originality in research work. A good reading habit opens up the mind to a great number of possibilities as well as knowledge of the world. To achieve this, the Chennai Student Readers' Forum of Stella Maris College was inaugurated on 16 August 2023.

Iniya G from the Department of Economics and Joshika Mary from the Department of Zoology were selected as Literary Agents by the Directorate of Public Libraries, Tamil Nadu. They also attended the Global Literary Agents Training Programme from 16 November to 6 December 2023 and also represented India as Literary Agents at the Chennai International Book Fair, organised by the Government of Tamil Nadu from 16 to 18 January 2024.

Adding another feather to its cap, Stella Maris College was recognised as Best Local Chapter by IIT, Madras for the period January 2022 to December 2023. The recognition was based on the maximum number of Translators and Quality Check experts involved in the Translation effort.

Dr. M. Mahalakshmi, the Librarian was recognised as an Active SPOC for the SWAYAM-NPTEL

Programme by IIT Madras for the second consecutive time for the July-December 2023 and January-April 2023 and July-December 2023 semesters. She also obtained a Certificate of Appreciation from Turnitin a subsidiary of Advance Publications. on National Librarians Day - 12th August 2023. She also published a chapter in a book.

To ensure equitable access to information, the library continued to work closely with the College fraternity to make sure that relevant library information and resources were available to the College community.

PATHWAY PROGRAMME

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

A session on 'Confidence Building' was organised for the first year undergraduate students enrolled in the Programme. Sessions were held for students of Shift I and II on 31 July and 1 August. The resource person was Ms. Rochelle D' Souza, Manager, Psychosocial Programs, YR Gaitonde Medical, Educational and Research Foundation. The students took part in activities that helped them boost their self confidence and self-esteem. The students responded to the interactive sessions, enthusiastically participating in the



Leaders-in-Training Program in Progress

and improve their self-confidence through participatory approaches.

A session on 'Personality Enhancement' was conducted for students of Shift I on 12 December 2023 and Shift II on 30 January 2024. Ms. Angel Elizabeth Sebastian, Assistant Professor, English and Communication Skills, Stella Maris College, was the resource person. She highlighted the different strategies for boosting the levels of confidence and enhancing self-esteem. She also introduced to the participants the habits that have a positive impact on personal growth. The sessions provided opportunities for students to interact and express their thoughts.



Ms. Kavyasree Interacting with Participants

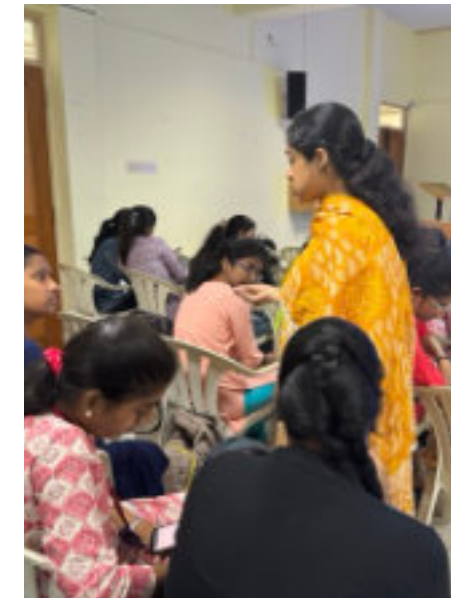
activities and introducing themselves to each other in English confidently.

A session on 'Interpersonal Relationships' was conducted for students of Shifts I and II on 13 September 2023. Ms. Kavyashree Prithviraj, Manager, Crea-Shakthi, was the resource person. She briefed the students on the importance of interpersonal skills. She also engaged students in activities to help them understand skills needed for effective interaction or communication with people.

Leaders-in-Training Volunteer Programme, a free weekly training series, was offered to registered students of the Pathway Programme, from September to December 2023. The Volunteer program was designed and offered by YRGCARE, a not-for-profit health service institution based in Chennai. The Program was conducted by Ms. Rochelle D' Souza. The Programme aimed to help students to upgrade their communication skills in English, learn various interpersonal skills



Ms. Rochelle Conducting the Session



In Rapt Attention at Ms. Angel's Session

CENTRE FOR RESEARCH IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (CRIST)

The Centre for Research in Science and Technology (CRIST) is a central instrumentation facility of Stella Maris College and houses sophisticated instruments which aid students and research scholars from the Department of Chemistry, Physics, Biotechnology, Bioinformatics, Botany and Zoology for their research ambitions. It promotes scientific temper and encourages students to take up research work.

Students have access to instruments like UV-Visible (DRS) Spectrophotometer, FT-IR (ATR) Spectrometer, Gel-Doc Imaging System, Rotary Evaporator, Probe Sonicator, Cooling Centrifuge, Orbital Shaker, Laminar Air Flow and Weighing Balance. The CRIST Lab has been periodically and effectively utilised by the PG students & research scholars of the Department of Biotechnology, Bioinformatics, Chemistry and Physics to produce good research work and publications.



Dignitaries of the International Seminar visiting the Lab



Visit of team from TAU

Apart from this, the Centre's facility has been used for practical demonstration of UV-Visible (DRS) Spectrophotometer and FT-IR (ATR) Spectrometer to facilitate the learning experience of III UG students of Department of Chemistry in their synthetic organic chemistry practical classes.

The DST-FIST Instrumentation Facility at CRIST Lab also offers sophisticated characterisation services to researchers at Stella Maris College and other Colleges under University of Madras. About 260 samples both internal and external have been characterised at the Centre in this academic year.

The CRIST lab is efficiently run under the headship of Dr Mary N L., Administrative Director and the sample analysis is diligently carried out by Mr Antony.

Professor Elzbieta Pamula and Professor Aneta Zima from AGH University of Science and Technology, Faculty of Materials Science and Ceramics, Krakow, Poland visited the Centre on 25 July 2023 while they were on Stella Maris College campus for an International Seminar at the Department of Chemistry. A team from IIT Madras and Tel Aviv University also visited the centre as part of the water testing activity of the water available in the campus.

The instruments, facilities, workshops and visits of eminent scientists, help the faculty, research scholars and students to carry out competitive research in basic and applied sciences. CRIST also aspires to be self sufficient through revenue generation and inspire active research on campus.

RESEARCH AND INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS CENTRE

2023-24 was a pivotal year for advancing research and innovation with our collaborators within the region and beyond our borders. With an appreciative approval from our Research Council Advisory members, we had launched the Interdisciplinary Series on the 'Interdisciplinarity and Intersectionality: a Feminist Enquiry' in June 2023 in collaboration with distinguished professors from California State University, IITM and the University of Essex, UK.

The Tinkering Space, an initiative to promote creativity and innovation with entrepreneurial outcome, is supported by eminent faculty from the Department of Fine Arts. While facilitating the core research in the Arts and Sciences, the Centre helps sustain the standard of excellence in research within the College through resource and mobilisation, motivating the scholars to publish research papers in new areas of knowledge



Tinkering Lab



Mr. Oliver Ballhatchet British Deputy High Commissioner, Chennai - Innovations in Collaboration

thereby increasing the qualitative and quantitative output of research. In this connection, the Research Centre has entered into a formal agreement and cooperation with *Skill Scapes*, an Incubated Cell, IITM, to promote courses in Academic Writing and provide assistance for journal writing.

The Research Centre is supported by a dedicated team of the Research Council Advisory, competently guided by our eminent external advisors Padma Shri Professor Pardeep Thalappil, Institutional Professor IITM; Emeritus Professor Ajay Kapoor, Vice Chancellor, Chinmaya Vishwavidyapeeth University; Dr. Indira Ramarao, Social Scientist, University of Mysore; and Professor Saji Mathew, Management Studies, IIT Madras. The SMC Research Ethical committee is supported by the advisory members Professor J. Madhavan, Loyola College; Dr. Kallol Roy, Research Advisor/ Adjunct Faculty, IITM and

Dr. Nagheswari, Chief Editor, Oxford University Press.

2023-24 saw the signing of the MoU with members of Consortium of Higher Education in Research & Development (CHIRD): Kristu Jayanti College, Bengaluru; St. Aloysius College, Mangaluru; and PSGR Krishnammal College for Women, Coimbatore. CHIRD aims to provide in the joint research projects leading to publications with funding support, institutional exchanges of academic resources and infrastructure and finally to increase and leverage consultancy services among the member institutions.

Social Advocacy research programme was launched this year with the support of the TVS Group, Srinivasan Social Service Trust to take up a research survey in the SMC extension project in Thirupachur, Tamil Nadu to provide better livelihood opportunities for women within the region.



Undergraduate research scholars

The Research Matters Series was created to potentially leverage the research capacity and sharpen the research acumen of the College. This year saw high-profiled resource persons addressing the Departments of Sciences, Arts and Commerce. The experts ranged from Professor Pradeep Thalappil, Institutional Professor, IITM and Professors Merin Simi Raj and Avishek Parui of the Centre for Memory Studies, IITM to Professor Nagarajan, Chemical Engineering Department, IITM; Professor Parivelan, TISS; Prof. Sreenath, Biologist, Virginia, US and Mr. Ashvin Rajagoplan, Ashvita's, Chennai and Primal Museum of Art, Mumbai, to mention a few. Our international partners Dr. Laird, Trinity Western University, disseminated on AI and Sociology and Tony Bradley, Liverpool Hope University, initiated the joint Research Series with SMC, which will continue throughout the year on a bi-weekly basis. The first speaker of the series was Prof. Tim Cadman, Griffiths Queensland, who



Stella Maris students at LeTourneau University

disseminated on the topic 'Valuing Society's Contribution to Sustainable Development'.

This year's One Globe Series No 5: Global Conversations, commenced with a scintillating interactive talk by Mr.Scott Hartmann Consul General Cultural Affairs, US Consulate, Chennai on 25 July 2023. The topic was 'Measuring the True Value of International Exchanges: Fostering Inter-cultural Competence and SocialDiversity'. On 30 Aug 2023, the One Globe Series No 6.was rendered by Mr. Oliver Ballhatchet, British Deputy High Commissioner, Chennai on the topic 'Innovation in Global Collaborations'.

The Research Centre organised research orientation for undergraduates from all disciplines to enrol for research skills training and as an outcome, produce a dissertation which earns them their extra credits. The scholars are trained to hone their journal-writing skills and develop a design oriented and critical thinking mindsets. The Centre has

deployed strategies to integrate a research ambience within our academic climate, positioning research as our best practice at every level of our academic programmes.

The Centre has leveraged partnerships with international universities enabling students and faculty mobility programmes with Binary University, Malaysia, National University of Singapore, Liverpool Hope University, England and with Le Tourneau University, Texas, United States. This year we have formalised academic linkages with National University of Singapore, St. Mary's University, United States and University of Maribor, Slovenia. Our collaboration with the University of Lille and the ICES, France has been progressively moving on with student exchange visits. In collaboration with the Trinity Western University, The Centre in association with the departments of Sociology, History and Public Relations had organised a substantiveLeadership Annual

Conference on 22 January 2024 on 'The Socio-Psychology of Leadership in an Age of Entitlement'. The IMBA and the Data Science students of 2023 Batch are continuing their Masters Programmes in the Liverpool Hope University, UK.

We have made concrete plans for overseas faculty research enhancement for faculty with an active research profile to be supported by Corporate CSR, 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 departments of Chemistry and History have received project funding from DST and ICSSR funding for major and minor research.The Fu Jen University has granted a fully funded PhD scholarship for two of our students from the Department of Chemistry.

This academic year, the Centre continued to endorse the College's mission of promoting research excellence through means of fostering a spirit of enquiry, navigating research in a digitally mediated world and leveraging research by nurturing a collaborative synergy in our practices.

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

The Academic Year 2023-24 was a fulfilling one for SMCDRIVE.

As part of the continuing MoU with International Association for Human Values and supported by Bank of Newyork Mellon, 33424 participants have been trained in various employability and livelihood skills such as digital literacy, soft skills, English communication, tailoring and beautician courses, from August 2019. A summer camp on Personality Development programmes was conducted for 40 adolescent girls from 10 to 26 May 2023.

A five-day soft skills and personality development programme was organised for 254 school teachers of the Chennai Mylai Educational Society Archdiocesan Office, in the districts of Chennai, Tiruvallur and Periyapalayam in May. In collaboration with ADRA, SMCDRIVE conducted



Mental Health and You, Park Hyatt Employees



Session for School teachers

soft skills and basic communication sessions for government high school students, Thiruvallur on 27 and 28 July 2023.

Trainers associated with SMCDRIVE regularly conduct sessions for the special children of Sri Arunodayam Charitable Trust, Kolathur and Deepam Special School, Chennai on various life skills enrichment activities through rhymes, pictures and games. They also regularly scribe for the visually impaired students of Takkar Bappa Vidyalaya and Lotus Blind Trust Chennai. Our volunteers also visit Dignity foundation regularly to conduct activities for the elderly. This year, a new Certificate Course was offered in Sign language for the students of Stella Maris College.

Several welfare measures were held in campus including an Eye Camp on 17 August 2023 in collaboration with Rajan Eye Care Hospital. This camp was conducted for the benefit of students and staff of Stella Maris College. Relief kits were distributed to 1050 people in

Chennai after the Michaung Cyclone and Chennai rains on 15 December 2023 with the volunteers from Bank of America, Sundaram Fasteners Limited and Bhoomika Trust. A three-day workshop on Financial literacy was conducted for 172 community women of Thirupachur from 5 to 7 February 2024.

Bank of America and SMCDRIVE joined hands to conduct games for 50 community women from Thousand Lights area and distributed sarees, besides saluting and honouring 150 Conservancy workers for their tireless work. As part of the International Women's Day celebrations on 8 February 2024, the volunteers from Bank of America honoured five empowered women, who completed Certificate Courses at SMCDRIVE, in Park Hyatt Hotel, Chennai.

Along with the volunteers of Bank of New York, course on Excel and Personality Development was started for 25 students of Shri



Relief being Distributed after Chennai Rains

Krishnaswamy and 15 Hearing impaired students of Little Flower School. 'Inspire Inclusion', a one to one session, saw 200 volunteers take part in sessions on Interview skills and Resume writing. Several events were particularly organised for people in need, particularly for the LGBTQ, including the celebrations in the Pride month along with the volunteers of Bank of America, an orientation visit to Bank of America on 27 September 2023 and a study tour to Bank of New York Mellon for a session on 'Be smart with Social Media' on 30 November 2023.



One to one session at Bank of America

ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION OF STELLA MARIS COLLEGE (AASMC)

This academic year, alongside its usual endeavours, the AASMC hosted the Annual Alumnae Meet on 11 Oct 2023 presided by Dr. Sr. Stella Mary fmm., Principal i/c of Stella Maris College. More than 400 alumnae attended the meet. Ms. Latha Krishna, Executive Director of Krishnaswamy Associates, a media production house, delivered the Chief Guest's address. The reunion was a memorable event, functioning as a space for the alumnae to reminisce about the good old times with their peers and teachers.

The traditional Christmas celebration on campus was held on 16 December 2023. Dr. Fatima Vasanth – Academic Director of Patrician College of Arts and Science, delivered an inspirational Christmas message as the Chief Guest of the event. Carol singing, the coming of Santa Claus and fun games were some of the highlights. An array of



The Annual Alumnae Meet



Christmas Celebrations



Christmas Carols by Faculty Alumnae



Alumnae Association Gathering 2023

stalls by both the alumnae and sponsors added colour and festive vibe to the event.

The Alumnae Association along with the Office of the Deans of Students Affairs organised the Valedictory on 22 March 2024. Highly accomplished senior carnatic musician, Ms. Sangeetha Sivakumar was the Chief Guest. The program appreciated all the outgoing students, office bearers, and faculty members for their wonderful contributions throughout the year. Furthermore, AASMC offered examination fee scholarships to forty deserving final year students.



Felicitation of Ms. Latha Krishna at the Annual Alumnae Meet

INTERNAL QUALITY ASSURANCE CELL (IQAC)

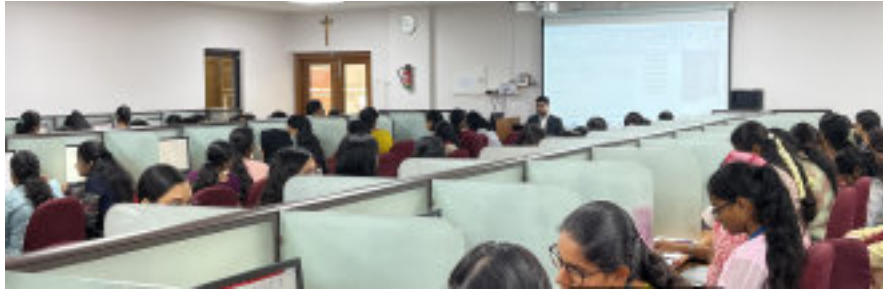
The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) promotes a culture of quality in all aspects of campus life. This academic year, the IQAC's organisational structure was modified to include a core team of three members headed by the IQAC coordinator.

The IQAC played a significant role in instituting two landmark initiatives in college. On 22 November 2023, the Principal i/c, Dr. Sr. Stella Mary, fmm, signed the Memorandum of Understanding at St Aloysius College, Mangalore, formally launching the Consortium of Higher Educational Institutions for Research and Development (CHIRD). CHIRD, an initiative of the IQAC, along with the Centre for Research and International Partnerships, provides a platform for collaborative research and development activities among the four institutions of the consortium.

The second initiative spearheaded by the IQAC was ICON—an Academia Industry Connect Programme, a two-day extravaganza held on 2 and 3 February 2024, in association with the Confederation of



ICON Conclave



Hands-on Workshop on Advanced Excel for IQAC student representatives



Session for Faculty on Institutional Values

Indian Industry (CII) and CII Yi. The two components of ICON, ICON Melange and ICON Conclave, brought together leaders from academia and industry to sign MOUs, deliver talks, engage in corporate networking, and ideate on the pathways to forge successful partnerships.

Capacity building workshops were organised throughout the year for teachers, students and administrative staff. A two-day orientation programme was organised for young faculty. A

hands-on workshop on 'Advanced Excel and Data Analytics' was organised in collaboration with the Institute of Analytics and International Skill Development Corporation for IQAC faculty and student representatives. Dr Ramesh Mohan, Professor of Mathematics and Economics of Analytics and Visualization, Bryant University, US, was invited to train the faculty on the 'Use of Power BI for Better Teaching and Presentations'. A session on 'Rules & Regulations to Execute Government Related Work' was conducted for the administrative

staff. A session on 'Institutional Values and Training on Consultancy' was organised for faculty.

As the College made its foray into the Learning Outcomes Based Curriculum Framework, the IQAC organised faculty training sessions to equip faculty with the skills required to implement this system effectively. Mr Mahesh Bellie, Founder and Coach of Story EQ, conducted a two-day workshop for faculty on 'Building Creativity and Critical Thinking through Storytelling'. Dr Xavier Mahimairaj, former IQAC Coordinator, Loyola College oriented the faculty on 'Enhancing Evaluation Excellence: Mastering Rubrics for Transparent Assessment & Evaluation'.

To vitalise the innovation ecosystem in College, the IQAC framed a policy on patents, including guidelines and incentives for faculty and students applying for patents. The IQAC along with the SMCHRD organised a session for faculty with Dr. Jeba Chakraborty, Scientist and Sr. Executive, Technology Transfer Office, IPM Cell, IIT Madras on 'Intellectual Property Rights'.

The IQAC facilitated the visit of management and faculty from four colleges across the country to study the unique academic and administrative processes followed at Stella Maris.

CAREER GUIDANCE CELL (CGC)

The Career Guidance Cell (CGC) of the College began the academic year 2023-24 by focusing on training programs and job placement opportunities. Students underwent training in key areas such as resume writing, developing a professional LinkedIn profile, mock group discussions, interview techniques, and presentation skills. These sessions were conducted by experienced trainers enabling students excel in the aptitude tests, with training sessions conducted in four modules: Quantitative, Verbal, Logical, and Reasoning.

The 'Campus to Corporate' Training conducted by Goldman Sachs proved to be an eye-opener for the second year students in confidence building and upskilling for the successful transition from campus life to the corporate world. A virtual meet with



Students selected by Deloitte Audit



Verizon's Work and Learn talk by Mr. Anand Ravikumar, Group Discussion

Mr. Krishnakanth Naik of IBM Skills enabled students to register with them and get trained this year. CGC had also taken initiatives to connect with NASSCOM to explore more technical training and placement opportunities for the students. ICON 2024, Industry Connect Programme conducted on 2 February led to new avenues in internships and jobs for the students.

Top companies like Deloitte, Zifo Rnd, KPMG, Accenture, World Bank, ICICI, Barclays, BNY Mellon, DE Shaw, Zomato, Tesser



Akshar Arbhol School Recruitment - Group Discussion



BNY Mellon Recruitment selects

Insights, Magnum Clothing and approximately 56 companies visited the campus and selected 250 students this year. Kailash Solar Enterprises, Poornatha and Vidhai recycling have enrolled students for full time roles and internships. College internship programs and student volunteer opportunities have also garnered significant attention. The Madras Dyslexia Foundation has chosen six students as interns to create study material for dyslexic students and Halara, a VR Tech company has selected interns for a research project focused on working with autistic children.

Interestingly, there has been a growing demand for teachers, and establishments like Velammal Bhodhi, Akshar Arbhol International School, Alphabet International School, Chennai Public School, have selected students to teach Science, Maths, and English, respectively. The campus hiring process has attracted the interest of several more companies, indicating the recognition of the talented student community of Stella Maris College.

STELLA MARIS ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED TEACHERS (SMART)

SMART members of Stella Maris College came together to participate in various events in the spirit of friendship and togetherness. A digital camp for Life Certificate was organised on 13 July 2023 with around 40 retired staff utilising this opportunity. The members of SMART celebrated Teachers' Day by taking part in various games and exchanging greetings. This event also held a welcome gathering for the new Principal Sr. Stella Mary fmm.

During Christmas celebrations, held on 27 November 2023, Father Arok Sundar delivered a beautiful message of God's love and sharing.



Dr. Ashrafi Bhagat at Inko Cultural Centre Chennai



Dr. Ulaganayaki Palani receiving 'Vallalar Award' from the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu

The SMART choir sang Christmas carols followed by games for the retired and current faculty members.

On 11 January 2024, SMART came together to celebrate Pongal with Ms. Meenakshi, Classical singer who presented them with Bharathiyar and retro Tamil movie songs mesmerising the teachers. The members enjoyed the event thoroughly. On 6 March 2024, SMART observed International Women's Day with an interactive session by alumnae Ms. Mythili K. Rajendran I.A.S. as the Chief Guest.

Dr. Ulaganayaki Palani was awarded 'Vallalar Award' by the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu. Her

book for students with simple prose explanatory text on Thirukkural was launched by Justice Jagatheesan and Justice Sureshkumar. Her literary contribution was acknowledged and awarded with the 'VGP Tamil Sangam Award' by Speaker Appavu and Mr. Senji Masthan, Minister of foreign affairs.



Pongal Celebrations

Dr. Ashrafi Bhagat was invited by Inko Cultural Centre Chennai and K Art International Busan to curate an exhibition at Jeju Island and Busan Korea celebrating 50 golden years of collaboration between India and Korea in December 2023.

Dr. Ashrafi Bhagat was invited by Sarala Art World International to curate a show for the Madras week titled "Confluence of the Past and Present: The Creative Flow" from 15 to 30 December 2023.

Dr. Rukmani Srinivasan released a book "Navarathna Maalai" in Tamil at Bharathiya Vidya Bhavan, Mylapore. She also received the title 'Thamil Arignar' as a writer in Tamil. The book is being used as a reference book in Mandya, Mysore.

SMART looks forward to many more such rewarding moments in the coming academic year.

VALUE EDUCATION

A beautiful tradition of Stella Maris College is to celebrate an inaugural mass at the beginning of the academic year, invoking God's blessings on the College and its varied activities. The entire College community celebrated the Inaugural Mass on 30 June 2023 with Rev. Dr. George Anthonysamy, Archbishop of Madras-Mylapore as the main celebrant.

All through the academic year, retreats and workshops were conducted for all students on Campus. The College also celebrated the feasts of St. Francis of Assisi, the Patron of the College and of the Foundress, Blessed Mary of the Passion.

Special Guest Lectures were arranged for the III year Students on 'Legal Rights and Protective Law'; the speakers were advocates from



Faculty Recollection Session



Inter-religious Prayer

the Madras High Court. Special Sessions for faculty were also organised. Dr. Fr. Suresh Mathew, Editor, India Currents facilitated a session ‘Christian Living in Modern India’ on 14 July 2023. Experts from various fields were invited on 22 July 2024 to speak on a variety of topics such as ‘Understanding the Youth’, ‘Pros & Cons of Uniform Civil Code’, ‘The impact of the Contemporary Digital Revolution on Youth: Exploring Techno Legal Issues’ and ‘Students in a complex Multi-Religious, Socio-Cultural Challenges & Opportunities’.



I BVA Workshop

Rev. Ivan Fernandes, Youth Director, Archdiocese of Mumbai delivered a much appreciated talk titled ‘Angels Unaware’. The Catholic faculty had a day of Recollection on 7 March 2024; the session was led by Rev. Fr. Raj Irudaya SJ who spoke on ‘Jesus Model of Leadership’ and ‘Our responsibilities as Models and Formators of our Youth’.

One of the significant activities of the Campus Ministry is the leadership training of Catholic students given through The Star of the Sea Group (SSG). The SSG also organised outreach programmes to share the Christmas spirit of sharing and caring. The SSG along with the Faculty coordinators visited designated areas to distribute their gift items, and entertained their guests with Christmas Carols, dance, and games. The year ended with the thanksgiving mass celebrated by Rev. Fr. Praveen SDB on 14 March 2024.

CENTRE FOR WOMEN’S STUDIES (CWS)

The Centre for Women’s Studies in collaboration with the Damini club had an eventful year organising formal conferences and informal interactive sessions for students to freely express their thoughts and feelings.

The Centre organised two international conferences organised this academic year. The first conference titled ‘Interdisciplinarity and Intersectionality in Feminist Inquiry’ was held on 30 June 2023. The second conference, ‘Gender Dynamics in History, Society, Culture and Power Structures’ was held on 30 and 31 January 2024, the latter in collaboration with the Department of History. The latter featured speakers from Slovenia, Kuwait and other parts of India.

On 14 August 2023, the Centre organised a Youth Day Open Session for the students of the college was organised in collaboration with the



Faculty at Slovenia



Dr. Dolly Thomas and Damini Club Students at the India Today Summit on Gender Equity

Damini Club. The purpose of the session was to create a supportive environment in which students could freely express their thoughts.

On 30 September 2023 the Centre in collaboration with SMCHRD and Apollo Proton organised a session on gynaecological health for the entire student body and faculty. Dr. Priya Kapoor of Apollo Proton was the resource person.

On 2 October 2023, the Centre conducted an contest regarding human trafficking titled 'Shatter the Silence'; it included online competitions such as essay writing, poetry writing and poster making. On 18 October 2023 the Damini club, in collaboration with the Enviro club of Stella Maris College, organised a talk on Ecofeminism. The discussion explored the link between gender

and the environment in a meaningful discussion.

Dr. Dolly Thomas was invited as the chairperson for the ICSSR National Seminar, 'Prejudice to Pride: Contribution of Indian Women in Nation - Building (A post-independence outlook)' organised by Loyola College on 29 November 2023. At the seminar, she addressed the gathering on 'Women in Post-independence India - Issues and Challenges'.

On 18 January 2024 a Pongal photography contest 'Harvest Hues' was held for the students of Stella Maris. On 19 January, a Performance Poetry Competition on the theme 'The Power of the Youth' was organised in collaboration with Stellaiedoscope. On 5 February 2024 an awareness on braille titled 'Feel the Words' was organised in collaboration with

the Damini club. Visually challenged students of Stella Maris shared their experiences and the unique challenges they faced.

On 9 February 2024 Dr. Dolly Thomas and students from the Damini Club attended the India Today Women's Summit on Gender Equity. It was an enriching experience and students had the opportunity to interact with women achievers across the spectrum.

As part of the International Women's Day celebration on 8 March 2024, Dr. Nandhini Murali, Vice President, Avtar Group and Vidya Subramaniam, Chartered Accountant and founder, Vidya Subramaniam Academy were invited to address the gathering. On 12 March 2024 at a Seminar on 'Legal Rights of Women', prominent lawyers addressed students on the issues such as sexual harassment, consumer rights, cyber crime, domestic violence and POCSO.

A Virtual International Faculty Development programme on 'Women and Development – A Global Perspective' was organised along with SMCHRD from 4 to 8 March 2024. Prominent women experts from the United States, Kuwait, Slovenia and India addressed the faculty from Stella Maris and other institutions.

GENDER CENTRE

The SMC Gender Centre, a part of the Department of Sociology, organised various prominent events for the academic year 2023 – 2024. The first was the series of Orientation Programs conducted for the first years. The Gender Centre shared its history, objectives, and activities via presentations and a thought-provoking play. Freshers gained insight into gender issues, stereotypes, and the centre's mission and vision, across different departments.

On 31 July 2023 a valedictory event was organised for the Climate Action Month in collaboration with Citizen Consumer and Civic Action Group. Dr. Shankar Prakash summarised the Climate Action Month activities of the team. Dr. V. Thiruppugazh, a retired IAS officer with thirty five years of expertise in the disaster management sector and a doctorate in disaster management, delivered a special lecture.



Conference on Climate Justice and Gender Equality



Additionally, Mr. Deepak Bilgi, a highly accomplished Indian Forest Service Officer, also addressed the audience. Ms. Maria Aishwarya, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology was part of the panel and spoke on climate change as an emerging global socio-political issue. A rendition of Tamil Rap songs by the Black Boys Band which witnessed different environmental issues in the society followed by a mime performance by Prakash and Team on deforestation and its impacts on humans concluded the event.

The investiture ceremony of the Gender Centre members of the batch 2023- 2024 was organised on the same day and Principal i/c Dr. Sr. Stella Mary fmm presented the office bearers with their badges. The Back to Basics workshop was conducted on 30 August 2023 by Mrs. Shalin Maria

Lawrence, a Dalit activist, intersectional feminist, author of 3 books, and orator. On 15 September 2023 a talk on the topic 'Unveiling Complexities, Navigating the Intersection of Gender, Politics and Media' was organised. The Chief Guest was the prolific writer, lyricist, theater artist, English Professor and the Member of Parliament Dr. Thamizhachi Thangapandian, who in her talk brought out different aspects of gender, politics and media with a lot of quotations from literature.

Another milestone achieved by SMC Gender Centre was the Faculty Enrichment Programme organised in collaboration with Gender Lab Mumbai. Held from 19 to 21 Sep 2023 exclusively for faculty from various universities and institutions, the event was a huge success. Its goal was to enhance faculty members' comprehension of gender,

empowering them to promote moral values associated with gender with reason and clarity. Gender Centre also hosted several intercollegiate competitions themed 'Unlearning Gender' prior to the three-day event. Contests included Photography, Gender-neutral Toy Designing, Bookmark Making, Poetry Oration, and Comicstrip Making. Winners received prizes in person during the Faculty Enrichment Programme's valedictory session, where their creations were showcased.

Zentangle Art workshop was conducted on 17 October 2023, by Ms.Bavadharni, the Planning and Execution Team Head of Gender Centre. The meditative practice expressed through art was well received by the participants.

On the 2 December 2023, a panel discussion was arranged by

SMCGC in collaboration with Soroptimist International observing the 'Orange the World' campaign, addressing gender-based violence Panelists were Ms.Vaishnavi C Nathan, policy expert, Gender Lab; Ms Gowri Kailasam, CEO of Rane, Madras Limited; Advocate Y Kavitha, High court of Madras ; Ms Shanaz Fathima, President of Soroptimist International with Ms Swapna Sundar being the mediator. 'Project Umbrella' an initiative by Soroptimist International that distributes umbrellas to underprivileged girls in government schools was also inaugurated. The Gender Centre also joined to support the UNESCO worldwide initiative for the Elimination of Gender based Violence, by hanging orange lights at M Block of our college.

The Second Edition of the Zentangle Art workshop, Bookmarks with Zentangle

was also conducted by Ms. Bavadharni, on 19 December 2023.

In a hallmark move to make the community socio-environmentally accountable, the SMC Gender Centre, in partnership with Pasumai Thaayagam- NGO- accredited with UN ECOSOC AND UN HRC, organised a Conference titled 'Climate Justice and Gender Equality' on 7 February 2024. Notable speakers, including Dr. Anbumani Ramadoss, Member of Parliament and Ms. Supriya Sahu IAS, addressed the intersection of climate change and gender issues. The sessions included notable speakers such as MS. Durga Moorthy, Farmer Kavitha, MS. Menaka, Mr. Osai Kalidasan, Dr Velayudham and Mr. Janakarajan, along with the Moderators, Dr Shankar Prakash and Dr. Sowmiya Anbumani. The formal valedictory session was

addressed by Ms. Supriya Sahu IAS and Dr. Sowmiya Anbumani.

On a delightful note, the GC team members engaged our college students in Happy Streets – fun activities to raise attention and awareness on International Women's Day conducted on 8 March 2024. This kind of an activity was the first of its nature and was located at various locations of our campus. This event included competitions like Crossword Puzzle, Pop Quiz, is it right or wrong game show, human library, and an affirmation photo frame. Students and faculty participated in large numbers and gave positive feedback.

The past year has been a testament to our Centre's unwavering commitment to excellence. From insightful discussions to impactful initiatives, the Centre has been able to accomplish it once more.



STELLA MARIS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT STUDENTS' HUB

Sustainability and environmental awareness are key aspects of the vision of Stella Maris College, and with this in mind, the Stella Maris Sustainable Development (SMSD) Students' Hub was inaugurated in 2022. With this organisation, the students of the College have been given their own platform to advocate for environmental responsibility and sustainable development through a range of initiatives that align with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The first of these was the continuation of efforts made during the Project C initiative in the previous academic year. The SMSD Students' Hub collected clothes for Thozhamai (NGO) in April 2023 and December 2023, during the festive Christmas season.

The 'United for Land' event was held on 25 July, 2023 to great success, wherein our Chief Guest and Speaker, His Excellency Ibrahim



The Winners and Runners Up of Planet Pitch with the Judges



His Excellency Ibrahim Thiaw Addressing the Audience

Thiaw, Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), graced us with his esteemed presence. Organised in collaboration with UNICEF on Campus, the event's objective was to create awareness regarding the importance of preserving land and soil. Multiple SDGs were targeted through this event, and it enlightened and empowered our students to become agents of positive environmental change.

One of the hub's most successful initiatives was the ban on single-use plastic and creating awareness regarding the same. In collaboration with the PG & Research Department of Chemistry, Stella Maris College, in partnership with IIT Madras – International Centre for Clean Water, and Tel Aviv University, Israel. The contribution of these



SMSD team with Dr J Radhakrishnan, Commissioner, Greater Chennai Corporation

organisations and institutions was invaluable to the execution of this initiative, and under the guidance of Dr. Sr. Stella Mary fmm, the principal-in-charge, the ban was set into motion. The hub's next event was the celebration of Global Goals Week, in September 2023. During this event, an interactive workshop on bio-enzymes was organised, along with a poster-making competition named 'Canvas of Equity' that was based on the SDGs.

On 31 October 2023, faculty and student representatives of the hub took part in the 'World Cities Day Connect' conference, held at Radisson Blu in Chennai. This conference was attended by visionary leaders and pioneers of sustainability.

For the festive season, the hub brought cheer to the College in the form of the Christmas Melodies Stall. The final event

organised by the hub for this academic year was 'Planet Pitch' held on 3 February, 2024. It was an inter-collegiate competition where students from various institutions pitched ideas framed according to the 17 SDGs. The competition aimed to encourage students to pitch their sustainable ideas in five minutes within five slides, and it was judged by Mr. Mehul Kumar and Ms. Kanika Surana from Yi, and Mr. Gowrishankar Iyer.

In addition to these events, the hub carried out numerous on-campus sustainable and eco-friendly activities such as the Vermicompost Pit initiative, the maintenance of the Herbal Garden, and the LED Conversion Initiative.

The successful execution of a plethora of activities stands as a testament to the hub's growing presence in the College.



Students Handing Over the Contributions to Thozhamai, NGO



THE HOSTELS

The five hostels on the campus of Stella Maris College – Navanirmana, Klemens, Our Lady's, Snehalaya and Assisi – are important spaces for students who come to Chennai from distant regions with dreams and aspirations of a fulfilling and meaningful life after their education. The hostel is more than merely a place for boarding; it becomes a home away from home for the students.

Hostel life is one of the most rewarding and exciting aspects of college life, bringing young people of different cultures, languages and backgrounds together as one large family. From forging new friendships that last a lifetime, learning from one another, camaraderie and fun, hostel residents have great experiences that make for cherished memories.



Residents relishing time together

Under the watchful and loving eyes of the wardens, the residents of the hostels enjoyed organising and participating in a number of activities this academic year.

The College reopened on 19 June 2023 for the First and Second Year students. The floor representatives were elected and assigned special duties. The First Year students joined College on 25 June 2023. Each hostel welcomed the First Years in a unique way. Freshers' Day Mass was organised in July 2023. Christmas was celebrated in a grand manner with carol singing and other festivities. Every resident experienced a sense of unity despite the diversity among the hostel residents.

In February, one-day picnics were organised for the outgoing students. During the Season of

Lent, the Way of the Cross was conducted by the residents. Remembering the service rendered by them, floor representatives were taken out for a dinner treat. On 10 March 2024, a throwball match was held between the Sisters in the convent and the hostel residents. It was well appreciated and everyone enjoyed the day. On 17 March 2024, Hostel Day was celebrated.

The highlight of the year was the visit of the Regional Superior and the Councillors; it was indeed inspiring and motivating to interact with them. Overall, it was an eventful year, especially during the monsoon, when the campus was flooded. The surroundings of the hostel were filled with knee-deep water. It was a difficult time, but all the residents pitched in to do chores, clean up and dispose of waste. The mess staff

had to wade through water in order to deliver food to the three hostels.

A farewell for the Final Year student residents was held. With a sense of nostalgia, we said our goodbyes with sad hearts. Those who return to the College for later semesters can look forward to another year of making new memories to carry with them for life.



Residents enjoying a moment together



Residents along with their warden



STANDARDS CLUB

Stella Maris College in association with the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) conducted various activities in the second year of setting up of the Club in the College. The club successfully conducted a learning series titled 'B.T.S' (Behind the Standards), interactive sessions, awareness campaigns and various competitions like poster and mock technical committee. The mentor, Dr. Subhashree S, Assistant Professor, Department of Food Processing and Quality Control and students were invited to participate in a 'Manak Mathan' conducted by BIS to evaluate the standards for a product. A seminar on "ISO: A Commitment to Quality" was conducted. Shri.U.S.P Yadav, Deputy Director General, Southern Regional Office of the Bureau of Indian



Principal and Vice Principals with Mr. Yadav Deputy Director General and Mrs. Bhavani Director, BIS, Chennai



Standards spoke on the importance of the International Organisation for Standardization (ISO) in harmonizing quality standards across the world.

Third-year student Ms. Sakshi Achar won the third place in a reel making competition at the national level and was awarded a cash prize of Rs.5000.



Newly Inducted Club Members



Awareness Session on BIS Standards



Prize Winners receiving their Certificates from Shri. U.S.P Yadav, DDGS, BIS



STAR OF THE SEA GROUP

Throughout the Academic Year 2023-2024 , the collaborative efforts of the Star of the Sea group, alongside the fmm Sisters and devoted faculty members of Stella Maris College, yielded a tapestry of enriching events and activities. These endeavours were meticulously designed to foster talent, cultivate leadership, and engender a strong sense of community spirit among the student body.

The year commenced with an inaugural meeting that set the stage for the diverse array of activities that followed. Emphasising collaboration and active student involvement, this gathering underscored the group’s objectives and aspirations.

Under the guidance of a seasoned professional, choir auditions displayed the musical talents of Stella Maris College students while



SSG coordinators with sisters from Little Flower Convent



Christmas celebrations with children from Mercy Home

encouraging teamwork and artistic expression. Concurrently, leadership training sessions led by renowned expert Lauraen Sridhar aimed to equip students with essential skills, nurturing them as future leaders and instilling a profound sense of responsibility.

The SSG Week of Talent served as a vibrant celebration of the diverse skills inherent within the college community, fostering healthy competition and camaraderie among students. The presence of esteemed guests such as Fr. Ronald Richard and Deacon Ivan provided invaluable insights from their experiences. These interactions broadened students’ perspectives, contributing to their personal and intellectual growth.

The SSG’s choirs, comprising both English and Tamil ensembles, lent a cultural dimension to college events through their spirited performances. Additionally, a visit to Puzhal Prison facilitated a heartening exchange between students and inmates, creating a memorable and mutually impactful experience. During the festive season, the SSG organised a Christmas outreach program, spreading joy to elderly residents through song and performance.

The diverse range of activities that the Star of the Sea Group was involved in this academic year not only nurtured talent and leadership but also promoted community engagement and social responsibility. These

initiatives underscored the group’s dedication to fostering a vibrant and enriching academic environment at Stella Maris College.



Celebrating Christmas with the elderly at Mercy Home



STELLA MARIS CENTRE FOR HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

The Stella Maris Centre for Human Resource Development encourages faculty to take up various projects from DST and other organisations that help in the enhancement of innovative and collaborative high quality education and academic enrichment. The two major projects that the Centre has applied for are offered by DST-SATI for ₹ 20 Lakhs and by ICSSR for ₹ 28 Lakhs. Two Major Projects have been applied for – one for 20 Lakhs from DST-SATI and another from ICSSR for 28 Lakhs.

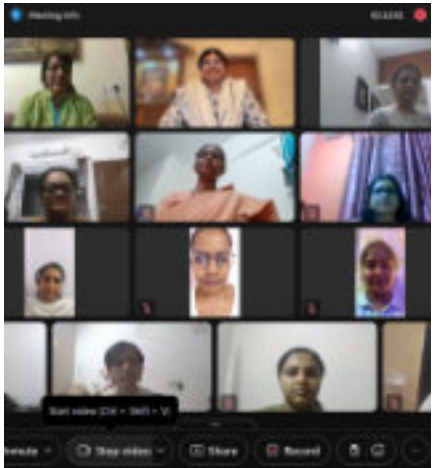
Dr. Hima Bindu, Director of SMCHRD held meetings with the members of various Departments to discuss initiating the Student Research Cell. With the aim to improve research and publications, a meeting was coordinated with the principal to encourage the faculty to register for Ph.D. and focus on quality publications.



SMCHRD Members



Sr. Principal addressing Faculty members



Five Day Virtual International FDP

A workshop on 'Teaching Strategies for LOCF' was conducted in association with the IQAC for faculty on 3 July 2023. An IPR awareness programme under NIPAM 2.0 was organised for interested faculty on 5 August 2023; the workshop gave them an insight into procedures related to patents, copyrights and trademarks. An awareness session titled 'Her Health Matters- Issues Related to Women's Health' was organised in collaboration with

Apollo Proton Cancer Centre and Centre for Women's Studies on 30 September 2023. The SMCHRD has also formulated the process and guidelines for SEED proposals. The Centre was instrumental in NIRF data uploading. The SMCHRD organised a virtual five-day international Faculty Development Programme on 'Women and Progress – A Global Perspective' in collaboration with Centre for Women's Studies from 4

to 8 March 2024. The programme provided diverse sessions focusing on challenges in labor, development, law, politics, leadership, media, and arts, featuring accomplished speakers in these areas. The programme was aimed at facilitating updation of emerging discourses within women's studies leading to effective dissemination of knowledge and research among faculty.



NIPAM IPR Session



INTERNATIONAL MOBILITY PROGRAMMES

At Stella Maris, International programmes aim at making global connections offering opportunities to students to leverage their learning potential on a global platform increasing their acumen in intercultural competence. Through the Office of the Research and International Partnerships Centre, the College attempts to build strong and sustainable partnerships measuring the value of collaborative mobility programmes.

Students were able to travel to Le Tourneau University in Texas in 2023 and gain an academic exposure in the areas of entrepreneurship, psychology, creativity and environment apart from industrial and tourist visits in Texas. The student delegation was led by



Data Science students celebrating Ethnic Day at Liverpool Hope University

Dr. Shiny Vairamon John and Dr. Ayeshwarya Balaji.

In the summer of 2023, Dr. Sr. Fatima Furtado led the Fine Arts students to the Liverpool Hope University and London for a Maymester Arts Study programme. The students also had a wonderful opportunity to take up a Summer Internship Programme at the National University of Singapore led by Associate Professor Jeya Priya.

The study involved learning new trends in Business, Innovation and AI.

In our mission to continue to enhance education beyond borders, current mobility programmes are slated in 2024 to Slovenia, Vienna, Singapore Management University, Binary University, Malaysia and Imperial College, London and Trinity Western University, Canada.



Students of the International MBA Programme

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI CENTRE FOR PEACE STUDIES

This academic year, Stella Maris College embarked on a project on Peace Education for Whole Person Education. Titled "Youth for Peace: Enhancing Knowledge, Attitude, Skills and Behaviour for Peacebuilding and Conflict Transformation", the project is funded by the United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia. Through a number of activities the project aims to train staff and students in various strategies of peacebuilding and conflict transformation while also integrating peace education with holistic education to enhance academics, ethical, moral/spiritual, social values.

As part of the project, the St. Francis of Assisi Centre for Peace Studies was blessed on 17 July 2023 and formally inaugurated the next day. The centre is located on the first floor of the St. Francis block. The Rev. John Prasad, Director of Centre for Peace Studies,



Members of the Students Union with Ms. Rochelle at the Peace Leadership Workshop



Members of Channels of Peace at the Workshop on Introduction to Peacebuilding and Conflict Transformation

Madras Christian College, the Chief Guest on the occasion, spoke on the importance of peace studies.

A number of training programmes on peacebuilding have been conducted through the year. The newly elected Students' Union were trained in Peace Leadership by Ms. Rochelle Yeptomi D'Souza; faculty teaching second year Value Education courses underwent two two-day training programmes – the first, an online workshop on the fundamentals of

Heartful Communication and the second on Introduction to Teaching Peacebuilding and Conflict Transformation.

The International Day of Peace was observed on 21 September with the launch of Channels of Peace, a students' group that will work towards creating awareness among the student community on different strategies for engaging positively with conflict. Competitions were also conducted on the occasion. In November, members of the



Intergenerational Conversations



Sr. Secretary presenting the memento to the Chief Guest at the inaugural of the Centre for Peace Studies

Channels of Peace group underwent a training programme on Introduction to Peacebuilding and Conflict Transformation.

On 9 February 2024, the Centre organised Intergenerational Conversations, a forum for students, friends, parents, uncles, aunts and grandparents to engage in a dialogue about issues and concerns that are central to them. Moderated by Mr. Satish Kumar, Manager – Learning and Development, YRGCare and Ms. Sethu Lakshmi, Managing Director, Sethu Foundation, the programme brought out the importance of open communication between generations.

The Centre for Peace Studies has also developed a certificate course on Introduction to Peacebuilding and Conflict Transformation which will be offered in the forthcoming semesters.

THINK TANK



SMC Think Tank Initiatives: Fostering Civic Consciousness and Environmental Awareness

The SMC Think Tank is dedicated to enhancing the academic culture and intellectual environment, fostering civic responsibility and promoting environmental awareness among students. Its goal is to inspire active student participation and academic engagement through stimulating educational initiatives and collaborative programs, thereby promoting holistic growth in keeping with the vision and mission of the institution.

The SMC Think Tank spearheaded the National Voters Day Campaign aimed at increasing civic consciousness and encouraging youth towards responsible citizenship. In collaboration with the Electoral Literacy Club of Stella Maris College and its coordinator Dr. Cinthia Jude from the Department of History, the Think Tank organized an extensive awareness campaign on the occasion of National Voters Day, 24 January 2024.



The Think Tank team with Dr. Sr. Stella Mary, Principal, Mr. Dipankar Ghose, Founder, Mentor and Principal Outreach and Field Strategist of Prakruthi and Mr. T.D. Babu Principal Environmentalist and Habitat Management Strategist



Mr. Suresh, DRO Elections, Chennai Corporation being felicitated by the Principal

This event saw the presence of officials from the Election Commission of Tamil Nadu. To mark the significance of the day, the College hosted various competitions, with prizes distributed by the Deputy Returning Officer of Elections, Chennai Corporation. A highlight of the event was a detailed presentation by the Programme Officer on the rules and procedures for applying and revising information on the Voter ID card. Additionally, an educational consultant from the Chennai Corporation addressed the gathering, providing further insights into the electoral process.

Ms. Donal Metilda of II MA International Studies delivered an inspiring speech, motivating her peers to enroll as voters. The president of the Student's Union Shift I, Ms. Yuga Priya, led the College in taking the Voters Day Pledge, reinforcing the commitment to active and

informed participation in the democratic process.

While building on the momentum of civic engagement, the SMC Think Tank launched a Tree Tourism initiative in collaboration with *Prakruthi*, an NGO dedicated to environmental conservation, and the departments of Botany, History and Tourism, and the Environment Club of Stella Maris College. An orientation and workshop were



Ms. Yuga Priya president of the Student's Union Shift I leading the college in taking the Voter's Day pledge

conducted on February 1, 2024. Mr. Dipankar Ghose, the Founder, Mentor, and Principal Outreach and Field Strategist of Prakruthi, along with Mr. T.D. Babu, the Principal Environmentalist and Habitat Management Strategist at Prakruthi, led the workshop. They trained 16 students on the ecological importance and history of trees, emphasizing the cultural significance and traditions associated with them. This initiative aimed to foster a deeper appreciation and understanding of the natural world among the students, promoting sustainable environmental practices.

These initiatives by the SMC Think Tank not only enhanced civic responsibility among students but also instilled a profound respect for the environment, showcasing the college's commitment to holistic education and community engagement.

THE ANNUAL COLLEGE PLAY 2023-24 HAYAVADANA

In September, the announcement by The Stella Players for the College Play auditions rang in classrooms beckoning everyone—UG and PG, Shift I and II—to audition for the cast or volunteer to be part of the crew. Amongst the rustling leaves of our campus, Sayujya ma'am, our director, initiated the auditions. An unexpected wave of students swallowed up HC block and the grounds outside, causing the auditions to go on for an entire day.

Thus, 64 minds from various Departments and ages came together to stage Girish Karnad's Hayavadana. We sat at the NCC grounds discussing and analysing the play. The scriptwriters put their pens to



Hayavadana narrating his story to the Bhagavatar



The awe-inspiring Yazhi and Padmini

action, pooling in our ideas. We had a group of budding directors helping the cast with dialogues and actions, giving life to Karnad's words. The PR team brought their cameras and editing skills to promote our progress. The props and costume team took to the streets of Chennai in search of the perfect backdrop and costumes for our splendid cast. Over six months, various rooms across campus rang with the harmony of our fantastic music team. The cast underwent six months of rigorous training. Passersby witnessed the ups and downs of our day-long

practice sessions. All this was reflected in our final performance on 18 and 19 February 2024.

Our growth was possible thanks to help from professional theatre artists Vishwa Bharath from 'Yaazhi—The Indian Fusion Collective'; Regin Rose, founder of 'Chennai Theatre Academy'; Nimmy Babu from 'Crea-Shakthi'; and Shakti from 'Theatre Nisha'. Our College alumna, Krishna, was a pillar of support, giving significant insights into the visual, technical and theatrical aspects of the play. On show day, sound and lights were handled by Mr. Suthan's team from 'Streetlight Theatre'.

18 February 2024 arrived too quickly. 'The Circle' that Sayujya ma'am insisted on had adjourned. The cast and crew huddled in F2-1's green room. Reality check—

show day was upon us! Lights out. And we began.

The show made its mark on day one and was a full house on 19 February. The Dramatics Club advisors, Sayujya ma'am and Aasha ma'am, ensured that all the backstage work ran smoothly. They were also aided by other faculty members: Dr. Sarah Surya S., Ms. Usha Nandhini and Ms. Angel Sebastian.

This play brought together a family in practice rooms and will always be a home to us. It was here that students found who they are and who they were meant to be just as Hayavadana felt when he finally found his voice.

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ACTIVITIES
OF THE DEPARTMENTS

ECONOMICS

2023-24 was an eventful and fulfilling academic year for the Department of Economics. On 23 March 2024, the Department inaugurated the Student Economic Research and Academic Writing Cell (SERA Cell) to promote a culture of scholarly inquiry, encouraging research activities and intellectual discourse within the Department. Dr. Jebamalai Vinanchiarachi, Former Principal Adviser to the Director General of UNIDO, was the guest speaker at the inauguration.

On 13 October 2023, a vibrant exhibition was held on 'The Prospects of the Future of Renewable Energy', featuring innovative ideas and research from the Economics and Physics departments. The exhibition brought together 100 students, and provided a platform for interdisciplinary collaboration and knowledge sharing. Students showcased various technological developments in the field of renewable energy, including advancements in solar panel efficiency, wind turbine design, and energy storage solutions were presented. Two faculty members, one each from the Departments of Economics and Physics, judged the exhibition ensuring a comprehensive evaluation of the presentations, taking into account both economic viability and scientific rigour.

The Department collaborated with the Feminist Association for Social Action (FASA) and organised an intercollegiate debate competition on 1 February 2024 with the theme 'The current pop culture does not combat gender prejudices in everyday life'. Eight teams from various colleges across the city participated in both English and Tamil languages. Ethiraj College for Women won the debate competition.

On 12 March 2024, a Special Edition of the Departmental Journal, Ankur titled 'India's Growth Story' was released at the Valedictory of the department marking the conclusion of a year-long celebration of



Iniya of II B.A Economics, the Global Literary agent at the Chennai International book fair

the Department's 75-year legacy. This publication comprises 50 articles authored by students, alumni and faculty, highlighting the intellectual endeavours of the Department.

Our students continue to make us proud. Iniya Gabriel of II B.A. Economics represented India as a Global Literary Agent certified by the Government of Tamil Nadu at the Chennai International Book Fair. She has been selected to represent the Chennai International Book Fair at the prestigious New Delhi International Book Fair. Her selection is a testament to her academic progress and reflects the high standards of education in the literary field. Additionally, she has also translated an Iranian



Exhibition on Renewable Energy



M. K. Gayathri receiving the Best Paper Award

book titled The Singing Fiend from English to Tamil and was featured in The Hindu on 7 January 2024.

M.K Gayathri also of II B.A. Economics won the best paper award at the 43rd Annual Conference of the Association of Economist of Tamil Nadu. Jeevithaa Shree of I B.A. Economics won the first place in the event 'Edhas' hosted by the Department of Economics at Ethiraj College. Gopika Prasad of III B.A. Economics represented the College in the Republic Day celebration of the Tamil Nadu Government and won the second prize. She received the award from the Honourable Governor of Tamil Nadu. Prathiksha of II M.A. Economics has successfully cleared the National Eligibility Test (NET) for Assistant Professorship.

Out of the 10 students from our College, nine students from III B.A. Economics were selected for the Millennium Fellowship Class of 2023, a transformative initiative by the United Nations Academic Impact (UNAI) and Millennium Campus Network (MCN).

V Samyuktha, Ph.D scholar of the Department, along with her supervisor Dr. Punitha, won the best paper award twice at National Conferences organised by Pondicherry University and Holy Cross College Trichy. Faculty and students from the Department of Economics have published four research papers in peer-reviewed journals and presented four papers at national and international conferences.

ENGLISH SHIFT I

The year's activities began on 30 June 2023 with a talk titled 'Interdisciplinarity and Intersectionality in Feminist Inquiry' by Dr. Sujatha Moni, Chair, Department of Women's and Gender Studies, California State University, Sacramento and Dr. Binitha V. Thampi, Professor, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Madras. The event was hosted in collaboration with the Department of Economics, Centre for Women's Studies, and Research and International Partnerships Centre. In alignment with the College's commitment to Sustainable Development Goals, 'Seeds of Vandana Shiva', a documentary on Dr. Vandana Shiva, eminent ecofeminist, was screened on 14 July 2023 in collaboration with Prakriti Foundation. As a follow-up, a few students attended a public lecture and interactive session with Dr. Vandana Shiva, held in the city on 3 August 2023.



Mr. Scott Hartmann Briefing Students on Exchange Opportunities in the US



Ms Revathi Interacting with the Audience

In order to give students some input on exchange opportunities abroad, the Department collaborated with the Departments of Economics, Sociology, International Studies, and Research and International Partnerships Centre, to organise a talk on Exchange Opportunities in the US by Mr. Scott Hartmann, US Consul, Cultural Affairs, on 25 July 2023. Dr. Prathim-Maya Dora-Laskey, Associate Professor, English and Women's and Gender Studies, Alma College, Michigan, delivered a talk on Gender Studies to the postgraduate students on 4 August 2023. The Department organised a workshop on Tactile Picture Book Creation on 11 August 2023. Conducted by Ms. Kamakshi Saptharishi, Librarian, Chetana Charitable Trust, the workshop served as an input session for an exhibition held on 12 October 2023, in which students displayed the tactile books they had created on the theme of lesser-known women warriors of the

Indian Independence struggle. These tactile books were later contributed to Chetana Trust for their library for the differently abled. The students of the Department also put-up exhibitions on Indian Literatures, pre-Independence Indian Literatures, Picturebooks and Postcolonial Studies during the academic year.

Dr. Lily Mercy, Program Manager, Thors eLearning Solutions, addressed the final year postgraduate students on career opportunities in content writing on 13 October 2023. On 20 December 2023, Dr. Avishek Parui, Associate Professor, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Madras spoke to the faculty of Shift I and II on 'Literary and Memory Studies: Exploring Correlations and Interface in Research' as part of the Research Matters Series. In a Meet the Author session conducted on 22 February 2024, Ms. A. Revathi, a transwoman activist and author, whose



Dr S. Sujitha, MRCS Examiner

memoir *The Truth about Me*, is on the undergraduate syllabus, delivered a talk to students of the Department. The talk was followed by an interactive session with the participants.

Dr. Veena Mani's chapter "Activism as Collective Care: Football Practices in Malabar, Kerala" in the book, *Athlete Activism: Global Perspectives on Social Transformation*, published in August 2023 is prescribed on the syllabus (week 8) in the course 'Urban Anthropology', at California State University, Fullerton, for Fall 2024.

Dr. S. Sujitha published two papers in UGC CARE listed journals and MS. Sayujya Sankar published a paper in an

international journal while Dr. Veena Mani contributed a chapter in a book.

Dr. S. Sujitha was on the Panel of Examiners for the MRCS certification of Royal College of Surgeons, United Kingdom held in July 2023, September 2023 and January 2024. She also carried out ELPA tests for the Air Traffic Controllers at Chennai Airport on 29 January 2024.

Ms. Gowri Nandana Sethu, II B.A. English, won the poetry writing prize awarded by Thozhamai in November 2023. She also secured the All-India 14th rank in the NPTEL SWAYAM course "History of English Language and Literature".

ENGLISH
SHIFT II

The Department of English (Shift II) showcased a vibrant array of academic and cultural events, during the academic year 2023-24, aiming to enrich both intellect and creativity. On 9 August 2023, 'Reels on Meals', a Reel Making competition was conducted commemorating the 76th Independence Day, Stella Maris College's birthday, and Madras Day. On 1 September 2023, the Department welcomed the renowned author Sudeep Sen, for an engaging 'Meet the Author' session, delving into the intricacies of storytelling and literary craftsmanship. On 22 February 2024, the Department hosted another interactive and informative 'Meet the Author' session with writer and transactivist Ms. Revathi. The Annual Intercollegiate Annual Student Seminar on 'Culinary Narratives' held on 21 September 2023, provided a platform for exploring the multifaceted stories embedded within culinary traditions.



Students at the Annual Students' Seminar



Ms. Revathi in Meet the Author Session

Alongside these academic endeavours, the Department also hosted several cultural fests. Micdrop '24, the intradepartmental talent competition, themed on marine fantasy, was organised on 29 January 2024, where students of the Department competed with each other in a variety of creative literary events. This provided the students with an opportunity to expand their boundaries and improve their confidence levels in showcasing their talents. The second edition of the Intercollegiate Cultural event, 'Carnavalesque '24,' on the theme Science Fiction, was held on 28 February 2024. This event enabled students from colleges

across the city to exhibit their creativity and talent. 'Spookytober', an interdepartmental poetry writing competition was held on 18 October 2023, to unleash their poetic talents.

An online Faculty Development Programme titled 'Trends in Teaching, Learning, and Research' was organised on 12 December 2023, empowering educators from different parts of the country with innovative pedagogical approaches.

Dr.C.L.Shilaja received SMCHRD SEED money for the project on 'Digital Transformation and 21st Century Competencies: A Pilot Study on Exploring Strategies to Empower Gen Z Students'. Dr. Sugi G. and Ms. Aasha John attended a four-week residential research program at the Institute for Advanced Study in Asian Cultures and Theologies (IASACT 2023), Hong Kong in June - July 2023. Ms. Angel Elizabeth Sebastian was placed among the Top 30 Percentile globally in the International Teachers' Olympiad held on 7th October 2023 by Suraasa, an online platform for teacher upskilling and growth.

Lakshmi Vempati of I B.A. English and Communication Skills was recognised as a Doordarshan Graded Artist (B Grade in the Kuchipudi- Classical Dance Category) by Doordarshan Kendra. Anto Mathi of III B.A.

English and Communication Skills represented the Indian Catholic Youth Movement (ICYM) at World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal. Her journey began with a pre – WYD program in the Portalegre – Castelo Branco diocese from 26 July 2023 to 31 July 2023. Ramya, also of III B.A. English and Communication Skills was selected as the best thirty NCC cadets all over India by the Service Selection Board (Super-30) for SSB Attachment Camp at Puducherry.

Faculty members of the Department have been active in publishing and presenting papers. Three articles were published in National and International Journals and five papers presented at National and International Conferences.

HISTORY & TOURISM

For the Department of History, 2023-24 was significant as the Department completed 75 years of existence.

The highlight was two International Conferences. The first, an International Seminar titled 'Relevance of Pre-History and Archaeology' was held on 21 September 2023 as a part of the 75th year Jubilee Celebrations. Dr. Anthony Baracco, Chairman, Faculty of Arts, History Professor, Oakland Community, USA; Dr. Shanti Pappu Archaeologist, Sharma Centre for Heritage Education; Mr. Kumar Akhilesh, Director, Sharma Centre for Heritage Education; Dr. Jeyaraj, Former Curator, Chennai Museum, Egmore; and Dr. N. Dhanalakshmi, Director, School of History and Tourism Studies, TNOU spoke at the event.

The Department and the Centre for Women's Studies jointly organised another International Conference on 'Gender Dynamics in History, Society, Culture and Power Structures' on 30-31 January 2024. Retired Justice Prabha Sridevan; Dr. Nanditha Krishna, President, CP Ramaswami Aiyar Foundation; Dr. Suzanna Kosir, Dr. Andrez Naterer, Dr. Klanjsek Rudi, all from the Department of Sociology, University of



Mango Tourism

Maribor, Slovenia, Dr. Malavika Binny, Department of History, Kannur University, Kerala; Dr. Radhika Lakshminarayanan from Kuwait, Dr. Kripa Anant Pur, Madras Institute of Development Studies; and Dr. Sebastian Joseph General Secretary, Kerala History Congress were the speakers. There were student presentations from across the country too. The College also signed an MoU with the University of Maribor, Slovenia, on 29 January 2023. The Department will be conducting study tours and exchange programmes in collaboration with the University of Maribor as part of this.

An important adjunct of learning history is visiting places we learn about. The Department organised field trips to places like Vellore (Vellore Fort, Sripuram Golden Temple), Kanchipuram (Jaina Kanchi, Kailasanatha temple, Ekambaranathar temple), Mamallapuram, Vivekananda Illam, Santhome Cathedral, and

the Chennai Museum at Egmore. Students also took part in heritage walks at the High Court and Fort St. George. In January 2024, the third-year students went on a study trip to Mysore and Coorg. On 26 February 2024, the Russian Centre for Science and Culture invited the first- and second-year students for an event dedicated to the Defenders of The Fatherland. The Department celebrated World Tourism Day in collaboration with the Korean Tourism Organisation and Madura Travel Services on 25 September 2023.

There were also workshops on Practical Aspects of Learning History and Tourism. In collaboration with the Sharma Centre for Heritage Education, students attended workshops on Prehistory and the Indus Valley Civilization; and with the support of the Prakruthi Centre for Eco-Care and Outwardbound Experiences, they took part in an



on-site workshop on Eco-tourism at the Adyar Eco Park.

Exhibitions add a practical dimension to learning. This year, the students themselves organized the Madras Week Exhibition, the Tourism Day Exhibition, Global Cuisines Exhibition, and the World Civilizations Exhibitions.

The B.A. (Tourism and Travel Management) and B.Voc. (Tourism and Hospitality) students set up counters in the 46th Tamil Nadu Tourism Trade Fair of the Education Department stall from 23-25 March 2024 at Island Grounds.

These events provided a stimulating and enriching experience for our students in the past year, and we hope we are positioned for an engaging, experiential, and deep learning in history and tourism studies in the coming year as well.

International Conference on Gender and Power Structures 30 and 31 January with University of Maribor Slovenia 1 at the release of department magazine

FINE ARTS

The Department of Fine Arts held the annual Dr. Sr. Edith Tömöry Endowment Lecture delivered by Ms. Shalu Arora Juneja, Artist / Director and co-founder, of Uno Lona Academy, India. on 27 July 2023. The lecture was titled 'Brushstrokes of Passion'. Shalu Juneja is a successful female entrepreneur and a pioneer in our country's art and design education. Mrs. Shalu, as the primary educator, is responsible for developing and delivering the curriculum at Uno Lona Academy.

A group of 35 students from II, III and IV B.V.A. classes along with 2 faculty members, Dr. Anne Samuel and Ms. Manasi Ravindran, participated in the India Book of World Records in which 160 artists painted 160 tourist destinations on 160 meters of canvas and completed the painting in 120 minutes. The event was held in McGan's Ooty School of Architecture on 10 October 2023.

Two certificate courses were conducted by the Department of Fine Arts on 'Digital Illustration' and 'Fashion Design' and offered to both undergraduate and postgraduate students. A fashion show was held in the OAT upon completing the Fashion Design Certificate Course.

Students of II BVA and I MA Fine Arts completed a certificate course offered by Light and Life Academy, Lovedale, Ooty. Photographs of students were displayed in the atrium of Sancta Sophi Block. A group of 34 students of III and IV B.V.A. Art Specialisation from the Department of Fine Arts exhibited their artworks in the Art and



Student Speak 2023



Students at the Study Tour

Photography exhibition titled 'Leading Together Dialogues 2023 Expo'. This was a part of the 'Leading Together Dialogues International Conference 2023' held at Tetso College, Nagaland on 28 and 29 November 2023. The exhibition was organised by the University of Melbourne in collaboration with Tetso College, Savitribai Phule Pune University, Stella Maris College, and Tata Institute of Social Sciences.

The Students' Seminar, 'Student's Speak' was held on 5 March 2024 in which 17 students participated and presented papers based on their experiences and learning.

The annual study tour for the final year students was organised by the Department and three faculty members, Dr. Margaret Thomas, Ms. Meenakshi Madan and Ms. Manasi Ravindran took them to places of artistic importance in Mysore, Srirangapatna, Belur, Halebid, Lepakshi Bangalore.

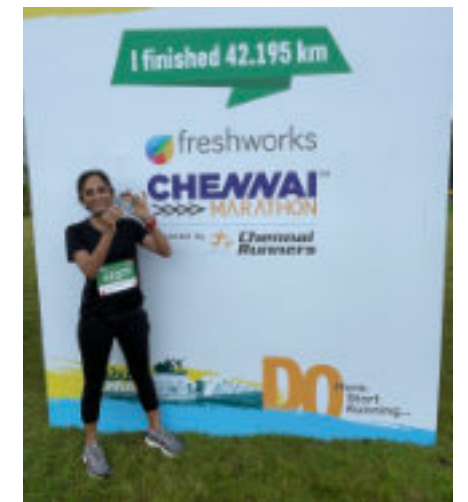
Five students of the 2020 batch in B.V.A. Art Specialisation completed an internship programme with Emagic Animation Co. & Academy.

Dr. Anne Samuel won the 'Art Chitrakala All India Art Contest 2023, Emerging Artist Award' on 6 November 2023. Dr. Swapna Sathish ran the Chennai Marathon (42.2 kilometres) on 6 January 2024 and was placed second in the Veteran Women's category. She also ran the London Marathon, the world's largest marathon, on 21 April 2024. Ms. Burle Venkata Kritika student of III B.V.A. won the 2nd prize in the 14th 'Mrs. Barbara Sreenivasan Memorial Awards for Fine Arts 2023-24'.

Dr. Margaret Thomas served as a Scientific Committee Member for the 10th International Conference on Arts & Humanities 2023 titled "Collaborative Process, Cooperation, and

Multiplicity' held on 7 and 8 September 2023 at Bangkok, Thailand and also served as an Evaluation Panel Member.

Dr. Anne Samuel was invited to deliver the keynote address and chair the session for the Interdisciplinary Literary Studies, titled 'Literature, Painting & Music' organised by the Department of English, Queen Mary's College, Chennai on 5 January 2024.



Dr. Swapna Sathish at the London Marathon



Venkata Krithika, 2nd place in Painting Competition

SOCIOLOGY

The Department of Sociology organised various prominent events for the academic year 2023–2024. The students participated in a Panel Discussion conducted by the US Consulate, Chennai on 22 June 2023, with a vision of showing support to the LGBTQIA+ community during the Pride Month and to recognize the contributions and challenges faced by the community globally. The Panelists were Ms. Nila from Thozhi who shared her experience as a transwoman and the difficulties she faced in accessing resources. Mr. Manuraj Shanmugasundaran, a co-panelist and a lawyer from Madras High Court elaborated on the difficulties faced by a homosexual couple from Madurai and Dr. L Ramakrishnan, Vice President of SAATHII acted as moderator of the panel discussion.

On 22 June 2023, Ms. Sheila Venkataswamy, Instructor of Sociology at McHenry County College made an informative presentation on different types of families in the society. She explained the major forms of familial arrangements, ranging from cohabitation and single parenting to blended families at large.

Dr. Shankar from the Civil Action Group (CAG) interacted with the III year Sociology students on 4 July 2023 discussing environmental sciences, social science conservation, and provided an overview of SHAPE and STEM. On 12 July 2023, a talk and story of the Northern arm of the Adyar river, and a flood documentary screening was held with Mr. Thirunavukkarasu, Mr Afroze, Mr Jayakumar and Ms Madhuvanthi explaining the situation of different water bodies in Chennai. On 21 July 2023, a field visit was organised to



Conference on Climate Justice and Gender Equality

Pazhaverkaadu and Ennore creek bridge with Mr. Rajkamal, who is a close observer and a resident of Pazhaverkaadu. Discussions were held on recent issues like sand mafia, climate change, sea level rise and areas prone to submerging. Mrs. Rajalakshmi, an activist voiced out for women's rights and women's participation in the decision-making process in village panchayats.

On 25 July 2023, a workshop on eco-feminism was conducted with Ms.Kavitha Muralidharan, Ms.Narayani Subramanian and Ms.Vanathi as guest speakers. A picture story telling competition was held and cash prizes distributed.

On 11 Sep 2023, Film Director, singer, lyricist and an actor Mr. Arunraja Kamaraj provided a brief overview of UNAR, a collaboration project of the Department of Sociology with Muthamizh Padaipagam.



Field visit to Ennore and Pulicat

Ms.Marie Banu an alumni of the Sociology Department and the current Director of Centre for Social Initiative and Management gave an informative speech on the primary aims and objectives of 'Sustainable Development Goals' on 14 Sep 2023. On 16 October 2023 a field visit to Kuthambakkam Panchayat was arranged. A mini film festival in collaboration with IIFC with Ms Sethulakshmi, Ms. Uma Vangal and Ms. Kutti Revathi being the guest speakers was conducted on 19 Oct 2023.

On 22 January 2024, the 8th Annual Leadership Conference by Trinity Western University in collaboration with Stella Maris College was co-organised by the Department of Sociology on the theme New Emerging Perspectives: Socio-psychology of Leadership in an Age of Entitlement.

On 23 Jan 2024, the Vice

President of TWU, Canada, Dr. Philip Laird delivered a special lecture titled 'The Four Intelligences required for Industry 5.0'; he briefed the audience on the changes that have taken place since the introduction of AI technology.

Students who took up the Certificate Course on 'Film and Society' offered by the Department of Sociology received an invitation to attend the Chennai International Short film festival from 22- 25 February. Out of 818 short film entries, 56 were screened at INOX Sathyam cinemas. Our students bagged the third prize under the student category for their short film titled "Naangu Suvargal" a film conceptualised around Domestic Violence.

The highly anticipated annual event, "August Revel," was held on 13 March 2023, marking a vibrant celebration of talent and creativity within our department. From captivating onstage performances to a number of submission and offstage events, students showcased their enthusiasm and skills, making it a memorable occasion. The third-year students bagged the overall trophy for the second consecutive year and the first years were the runner-ups. With each event, the Department has strived to create an environment for holistic development of students.

BOTANY

The academic year 2023-2024 proved to be a fruitful year for the Department of Botany. The Department organised a two-day Regional Workshop on ‘Plant Functional Trait Analysis—Leaf Economic Spectrum’ on 28 and 29 September 2023. The resource person, Dr. Vivek Pandi, Assistant Professor, Manipal Academy of Higher Education, shared his expertise with the students and participants through a hands-on training session.

The Department introduced a new Certificate course on ‘Mushroom Cultivation’; students across various Departments were given hands-on training on growing oyster mushrooms.

As part of the service learning programme, our III B.Sc. students carried out a Green Initiative Project and sowed nearly a hundred palm seeds in Kadambathur and places near Tirupachur on 9 October 2023. The students enthusiastically participated in this awareness programme. The III B.Sc. students also visited St. Ebbas Higher



Ms. Sancia and Ms. R. Harishmaa won the first prize in Planet Pitch competition



Participants at the Course on Techniques in Paleobotany at Manipal University

Secondary School on 16 October 2023 and created awareness about millets, kitchen garden, seed pencils and manure among students of grades VI, VII and VIII. This was coordinated by Dr. H. Shakila, Assistant Professor of the Department.

The annual intercollegiate Department fest, ‘Astera’, was held on 2 March 2024. Dr. Ravindhran, Associate Professor, Department of Plant Biology and Biotechnology, Loyola College, was the Chief Guest. Around 14 colleges participated in all the events and Women’s Christian College won the overall championship while Ethiraj College secured the runner-up title.

Six of our final year students attended a one-week internship course titled ‘Techniques in Paleobotany’ at Manipal Centre for Natural Sciences, Manipal University, accompanied by the Department Faculty Sr. Jabavathi from 27 December 2023 to 3 January 2024.

Two of our II B.Sc. Plant Biology and Plant Biotechnology students, Ms. Sancia and Ms. R. Harishma, presented a paper on sustainable development goals in the Planet Pitch Competition conducted by ICON 24, and won the first prize with a cash award of Rs. 5,000.

As part of the curriculum, a study trip was organised for first year students to Kovalam beach,

Chennai on 14 August 2023 in order to study the biodiversity of algae in their natural habitat and herbariums. The second year students were taken to Yelagiri on 2 September 2023 for taxonomical study and prepared herbarium. The third year students were taken on a study trip to Mysore and Coorg for 3 days from 7 September 2023 to 9 September 2023.



Regional Workshop on Plant Functional Trait Analysis—Leaf Economic Spectrum

CHEMISTRY

As always, the Department of Chemistry planned various activities and executed them with enthusiasm. This year, the Department was sanctioned two projects—the first one being the SERB-POWER Grant (Reference Number: SPG/2022/002103) titled 'Prospects of eutectic solvents assisted synthesis of layered double hydroxide/perovskite as multifunctional platforms for energy and environment remediation application' funded by the Science and Engineering Research Board against the Promoting Opportunities for Women in Exploratory Research (POWER) Scheme. The Principal Investigator is Dr. Mary George, Associate Professor, and the tenure is 36 months. The second project was the establishment of the Incubation Centre from funding received from MRF Limited and our management. Two incubation projects, namely 'Sustainable Methods for Laboratory Waste Water Treatment' and 'Cosmetic Formulations for Skin and Hair' have been sanctioned.



Faculty and students of the Department with the trophies won during 2023 - 24



Intercollegiate quiz on World Water Day 22 March 2024

The activities for the academic year began with an International Seminar on 'New Frontiers in Biomaterials' on 25 July 2023. The resource persons were Professor Elżbieta Pamuła, AGH University of Science and Technology, Faculty of Materials Science and Ceramics, Krakow, Poland and Professor Aneta Zima, AGH University of Science and Technology, Faculty of Materials Science and Ceramics, Krakow, Poland. Eminent Professors from CLRI CSIR, Chennai and University of Madras also participated. The afternoon session was an enriching panel discussion on 'Challenges and Opportunities in Chemistry'. The participants were the alumni of our own Department. Under the 'Popular Lecture Series: Emerging Landscapes In Chemistry 2023-

24', two lectures were organised. The first was an online lecture on the topic 'Circular Economy: New Opportunities in Sustainable Nano Materials and Polymer Bio-Nanocomposites' on 30 June 2023. The speaker was Prof. Dr. Sabu Thomas, D.Sc., Ph.D., FRSC, FEurAsc, Director, School of Energy Materials Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, Kerala. The second was an offline lecture on 'Semiconductor Transistor Scaling and Materials and Methodologies Evolution' held on 1 August 2023. The speaker was Dr. P Antony Premkumar AvH Fellow Research Scientist, Materials and Interface-Deposition and Analyses Department, Interuniversity Microelectronics Centre, Belgium. The Department conducted its annual events with fervour and

passion. The Dr. Sr. Annamma Philip Endowment Lecture was held on 31 July 2023 and this year, the lecture was delivered by Dr. K. J. Sreeram, Director, CSIR-Central Leather Research Institute, Chennai on the topic 'Chemists, Chemistry and Sustainability'. This year, the endowment lecture was blessed with the presence of Dr. Sr. Annamma Philip. The lecture was attended by the faculty and UG and PG students of the Department. The student event chemfest, 'Reactions 2023', was held on 15 September 2023 and the chief guest was Dr. Nishad Fathima, Chief Scientist, Inorganic and Physical Chemistry Division, CSIR-CLRI, Chennai. In collaboration with TNQ Technologies Pvt. Ltd., Chennai, a three-month long online certificate course titled



Dignitaries at the International Seminar New Frontiers in Biomaterials

‘Introduction to Scientific Language Editing ISLE 2023’ was conducted. The MoU with TNQ Technologies Pvt. Ltd. on 5 August 2022 for another year.

The Department has fourteen publications in Scopus and UGC-CARE Journals. Faculty members and students also participated in conferences, workshops and FDP at both national and international levels. Faculty were also called to conferences as resource persons. Dr Janet Sabina. X and Dr. Archana. K. M were awarded their PhD degrees this year. A number of programmes were conducted under the Incubation Project Scheme. A Water Monitoring Survey Programme was conducted in collaboration with ICCW (IIT Madras) and Tel Aviv

University, Israel. Students from Madras Christian College visited our campus and were trained in the sampling process at the Incubation Centre. A newsletter, People’s Water Data, was published by TAU, Israel in collaboration with IITM, SMC, MCC. Water quality tests were undertaken at various drinking water points on College premises. An awareness programme was conducted on 3 October 2023 to create a plastic-free college campus. Drinking water at the campus was tested and approved. This programme led to the ban of sale of plastic water bottles on campus. An NPTEL course titled ‘Hybrid Course on Water Quality’ commenced on 22 January 2024 with 300 students registering. The



practical component of the course was held at the Incubation Centre. To commemorate World Water Day on 22 March 2024, an intercollegiate state level quiz was conducted. The winners of the competition were students of Loyola College.

A six-week certificate course on Cosmetic Formulations for Skin and Hair Products by the SMC-MRF Incubation Centre in collaboration with ‘The Visible Difference Hair and Beauty Saloon’ was conducted; the valedictory programme of the certificate course was held on 13 March 2024. Ms. Vasundhra, sole proprietor of ‘The Visible Difference’ presided over the programme. During the valedictory, students proposed the idea of sale of their own

products such as herbal-hair oil, face pack, bath powder (Nalangu maavu) and lip balm through an on-campus stall. Ms. Vasundhra had mentored the students in packaging, labelling, fixing the quantity and cost of the cosmetic products prepared by them. Students named their brand of cosmetic products Itkila (Sanskrit for fragrance) Herbal Cosmetics Products. On 19 March 2024, the students launched the Itkila Herbal Cosmetics Products brand in the College OAT; it was inaugurated by Dr. Sr. Stella Mary fmm, Principal i/c of the College. The students sold most of their cosmetic products prepared by them to other College students, faculty members, non-teaching staff and also received a few orders within the college. It was a great experience for the students

as well as the coordinators of the project. The students of the Department of Chemistry actively participated in competitions and paper presentations. They won the overall trophy at Loyola College Chennai, Anna Adarsh College, Women’s Christian College and Ethiraj College, Chennai. Ms. Ashmi A. of the 2020 postgraduate batch cleared both GATE and UGC CSIR Exam and Ms. Aparna of the 2022 postgraduate batch) cleared GATE.

The year was very fruitful and eventful thanks to the commitment and earnest participation efforts of all the faculty, students and support staff.



Students & Faculty at ITKILA



Water Analysis at SMC Campus

PHYSICS

The Department of Physics inaugurated the Popular Lecture Series for the academic year 2023-2024 on 30 August 2023 with a lecture titled 'Modern Physics to Materials and Quantum Technology Frontiers' by Prof. M.S. Ramachandra Rao, Institute Chair Professor, Department of Physics, IIT Madras. The students were introduced to Development of High Performance and Low-Cost Boron-Doped Diamond Electrodes for various applications.

On 15 September 2023 the students of III B.Sc. Physics were taken on a field visit to the Airport Authority of India (AAI) Chennai. The visit coordinated by Dr. Belina Xavier, Associate Professor, threw light on the dynamic world of Air Traffic Control (ATC), job opportunities within AAI, the physics behind the cutting-edge equipment steering air traffic and the strategic planning of plane routes that keeps the skies seamlessly connected.

The postgraduate students of the Department were taken for a field visit to Materials Science Research Centre (MSRC) which is headed by Prof. M.S. Ramachandra Rao, Institute Chair Professor, Department of Physics, IIT Madras on 29 January 2024. The visit to the laboratory developed their interest in Material Science and provided new research insights.



Industrial visit to Kaynes Technology, Mysore

The III B.Sc. and II M.Sc. students were taken for an industrial visit to Kaynes Technology, Mysore. The industrial unit was involved in manufacturing Printed Circuit Board (PCB). The students acquired knowledge of the circuit boards and its utilization in motors, pumps, wi-fi, signal control of railways, vehicles, and laptops (INTEL).

On 8 February 2024, the Department organised its intercollegiate cultural fest 'Electra 2024'. The objective was to recognize academic excellence, creativity and teamwork among participants representing various colleges and universities within the city. This annual event is a platform for students to display their skills, exchange thoughts and establish connections within the physics community.



Annual Department Magazine Release

The culmination of the Popular Lecture Series happened on 27 February 2024; on the same day the annual Department magazine 'Physik 24' was released. The guest speakers for the day were Professor Emeritus Dr. V. Balakrishnan, Department of Physics, IIT Madras and Dr. B. Muthuraaman, Assistant Professor, Department of Energy, University of Madras.

Dr. Belina Xavier was invited as a resource person at Stella Matutina College of Education, Chennai and St. Bede's Academy, Chennai in October 2023. Dr. Sukanya delivered a lecture in an Online FDP organised by the Government College of Engineering, Srirangam, Trichy on 14 September 2023.

On 14 February 2024, the Department organised a

workshop on 'Guassian 16W'. The session was handled by Dr. M. Victor Antony Raj, Assistant Professor, Department of Physics, Loyola College, Chennai. The workshop enabled the students to construct molecules using the software and gain better insight on theories such as semi-empirical, Ab Initio, density functional method, and molecular mechanics.

Dr. Belina Xavier, Dr. Annie Vinosha P., Dr. Sukanya, Dr. Daries Bella R.S., faculty and Ms. Marian Keerthana P. C. and postgraduate students of the Department, published papers in national and international journals. Dr. Stella C., Dr. Daries Bella R. S., and Dr. M. Asisi Janifer, presented papers in international and national conferences.



Address by Dr. Muthuraman

MATHEMATICS

The Department of Mathematics marked the beginning of this academic year with the inauguration of the CELESTRON NexStar 8SE Computerised Telescope on 21 June 2023 and the establishment of the Galactic Club, an astronomy enthusiast’s haven, on 19 July 2023. These events set the stage for the night sky observation on 1 September 2023, wherein the students, faculty and sisters from the management enjoyed watching the Blue Moon and the Saturn ring. As a research department, a few articles associated with the ICRSMS 2022 were published in the reputed peer-reviewed journal, Scientiae Mathematicae Japonicae. The second volume of JACIII containing the ICRSMS 2022 papers was also published. This academic year, the department also witnessed the viva voce examination of three research scholars under the supervision of Dr. V Jude Annie Cynthia, Dr. Teresa Arociarny Santiago and Dr. S Sarah Surya.

Aiming for academic excellence and holistic growth of students, the department organised various workshops. ‘Innovative Research, Patenting and Publication Ethics’ was held on 17 and 18 August 2023 and was conducted by Dr. M. Arociaraj, Asst. Professor, Dept. of Mathematics, Loyola College, Chennai and Dr. C. Anita Fabiyola, Asst.



Workshop on Graph Theory



Winners of the Trophy at Loyola College

Professor, Dr. Ambedkar Govt. Law College, Thiruvallur. A Regional Workshop on Graph Theory was conducted on 19 October 2023 by Dr. Devi Yamini S, Asst. Professor at the School of Advanced Sciences, Vellore Institute of Technology, Chennai and by Dr. Sathish K., Asst. Professor and Head of the Department of Career Guidance at SRM Institute of Science & Technology, Chengalpattu. A workshop on ‘ICT-based Tools for Teaching and Research’ by Dr. Fancy V. F. and Dr. Sindiya Therese S. was conducted on 7 and 8 November 2023 while an online Workshop on ‘Building Solutions in the Language of Numbers with SageMath’ with Dr. Srutha Keerthi, Division Chair & Associate Prof, Division of Mathematics, School of Advanced Sciences, VIT Chennai as resource person was conducted on 17 February 2024. The Dr. J. Thangamani Endowment Lecture was held on 28 February 2024; this time, the lecture was delivered by Prof. Jayanthi Iyer of IMSc. Chennai.

The Department organised the intercollegiate Mathfest ‘Mathzoom’ on 12 September 2023, in which Women’s Christian College won the overall trophy. For wholesome growth and career opportunities, the Department ran three certificate courses this year: Mathematics for Competitive Examinations, Data Analytics 101, and Data Analysis using Python. The Mega

Exhibition organized on 20 February 2024 on ‘Applications of Mathematics in Real Life’ and the frequent visits to Birla Planetarium motivates the students to relate theoretical knowledge to practical applications.

During the Christmas fete held on 15 December 2023, the Department of Mathematics had collected the highest amount of money. The annual interclass competitions of the Integra Forum were held on 12 March 2024. This brought into spotlight the hidden budding Mathematicians of the Department through competitions such as Quiz, Brigantino, Adzap and paper presentations. Moreover, the



Night Sky watch

astrophiles of our department were also engaged in various activities organized by the Galactic Club which culminated with the valedictory on 9 March 2024. The Executive Director, Mr. I K Lenin Tamilkovan of TNSTC, Chennai addressed the students on the latest trends in space exploration.

Faculty members of the Department were actively engaged in professional development through workshops, sessions, and online seminars. Notable achievements include 16 faculty publications, participation in conferences, and completion of UGC-sponsored Faculty Induction Programmes. Faculty from our department have been resource persons in various academic programmes at both national and international levels.

The students excelled in internships, NPTEL courses, and UG dissertations. The Department emerged as overall winners in the intercollegiate competitions held at Loyola College on 16 December 2023, at Ethiraj College For Women on 29 September 2023 and at Patrician College on 9 February 2024. II M.Sc. student Aysha Mubashara won the Tamil Manavar Award organized by Azuthiral in December 2023. The Department also celebrated the success of its alumni, Ms. Samhita Sankriti, who was accepted for M.Sc. in Financial Mathematics at the

ZOOLOGY

Over the course of the last academic year, our Department activities have been dedicated to creating and nurturing a vibrant learning environment for our students. A new certificate Course titled 'Research Methodology and Scientific Writing' was introduced to improve students' research, critical thinking, scientific writing, and networking skills thus setting them on a path towards success in their chosen field.

'Moth Week' at the College, conducted during the last week of July 2023, celebrated moths for the crucial roles they play in ecosystems as pollinators, food sources for other animals, and indicators of



Felicitation of Dr. Juliana Joe on her retirement



Students and faculty at the Madras Veterinary College (TANUVAS)

environmental health. Students learnt about the life cycle and behaviour of these beautiful insects and the threats faced by them through an introductory talk on moths by Dr. S. A. Vidhya titled 'Meet the Moths' and during an interactive session with Ms. Jomi Jose and Ms. Aswathi Asokan, Nature Educators from Palluyir Trust and our alumnae, on 'The Mesmerising World of Moths'. The students also observed moths during a night moth survey using a moth screen and documented 16 species of moths on campus.

The biodiversity surveys on campus, especially the bird and butterfly surveys are popular with students and are great learning experience. The annual Big Butterfly Month organised in September 2023 had a lovely surprise in store for us when

students spotted the Pointed Ciliate Blue Butterfly. With this, the tally of butterfly species seen on campus stands at 79. Dr. Bavani Govindarajulu, Associate Professor in Zoology, Queen Mary's College, Chennai, spoke about 'How to Attract Butterflies to Your Garden' during an interactive session on 20 September 2023, as part of the activities organised during this month. Butterfly-themed competitions and Butterfly Walks on campus were also conducted. Another pleasant surprise was the spotting of the White-browed Wagtail, a wetland bird, on campus during the four-day 'Campus Bird Count' between 16 and 19 February 2024. Three Black-naped Orioles made our campus their home for nearly the whole month of February. These birds are winter migrants that fly in from North and North-eastern



Students examine a freshly shed snake skin at Tholkappia Poonga

Asia. The Department of Zoology is proud to record that Stella Maris College has figured in ninth place with regard to the number of ebirders (36) and in fourth place for the number of unique checklists submitted (298) during 'Campus Bird Count 2024'.

The Dr. Meera Paul & Dr. Hannah John Endowment Lecture was delivered by Dr. B. Gunalan, Assistant Professor, Department of Zoology, Presidency College (Autonomous), Chennai, on 12 March 2024. Dr. Gunalan spoke about 'Unlocking the Secrets of Crustaceans: Exploring Diversity and Innovations in Cultivation Techniques.' Dr. Gunalan's expertise and enthusiasm for the subject truly shone through, making the session informative and enjoyable.

Some of the regular events that were conducted included the workshops on 'Drosophila Culture Techniques,' on 12 July 2023, 'Puppet-Making,' on 2 August 2023 and 'Methodology for Studying Animal Behaviour' on 31 January 2024 for third year B.Sc. students and on 'Pests of Stored Foods' on 20 March 2024 for second year B.Sc. students. 'Exzoobition' was held on 28 February 2024 at the Open-Air Theatre. With exhibits pertaining to Microbiology, Ecology and Chordates, this annual departmental event is an experiential learning process with students creating exhibits and working models.

Synapse 2023-24, the intercollegiate fest of the Department of Zoology, was conducted on 19 February 2024. Eight city colleges participated and the overall winners were Madras Christian College, Chennai. The inaugural address was given by Dr. R. Geeta, Former Faculty, Department of

Botany, University of Delhi, and Emerita, Ecology and Evolution, State University of New York, U.S.A, whose interesting presentation was titled 'The Geography and History of Species—What Do Darwin and Wallace Have to Do with This?'

The second year B.Sc. Zoology students visited several labs at the Veterinary College, Vepery, on 5 February 2024. Students of the certificate course on 'Winged Wonders: A Basic Course in Butterfly Studies' and the course on 'Basics of Birdwatching' made field trips to Tholkappiar Poonga and to the Pallikaranai Eco Park respectively.

Dr. Rita Jayaraj, Associate Professor in the Department was awarded the 'Certificate of Excellence in Reviewing' by the Asian Journal of Environment and Ecology. Dr. S. A. Vidhya, Assistant Professor in the Department of Zoology, was awarded the Silver Certificate for



Participants at the WIPRO-CET-SMC Connect, an Urban Sustainability Round Table

the category on 'Most Observations by Women Observers' in the India's Nature - Monsoon Beauty 2023 challenge organised by iNaturalist.org. Harini C. and Annette B. Sebastian of third year B.Sc. Zoology and Anagha S. of III B.A. Sociology along with Dr. S. A. Vidhya presented posters at CitSci India 2023, on 1 and 2 December 2023. Dr. Amritha N. mentored a team for 'Planet Pitch' that was organised by the Stella Maris Sustainable Development Students' Hub in January 2024. The team, comprising Ms. Rani Sabloo and Ms. Annette B. Sebastian of third year B.Sc. Zoology, ideated on making edible packaging films as a means for effective waste management. The team won first place in College.

Our alumnae made generous contributions of time and knowledge through guest lectures. We were proud to have Ms. Keerthi Vijay of the 2020 batch and Jenita of the 2014 batch speak to the third year B.Sc. students on 'Sampling Techniques and Behavioural Studies in Animal Research' and 'ELISA and Its applications in Immunology' respectively. Several guest lectures were also organised as part of the Service Learning Course and the Department Soft Skills course. The Department of Zoology took up the initiative to coordinate with the Departments of Botany, Biotechnology and Bioinformatics to create an awareness on antimicrobial resistance, as part of the Antimicrobial Awareness Week that was held between 18

and 24 November, 2023. A presentation on 'Antimicrobial Resistance' on 25 November 2023, an online quiz that all students participated in, and posters displayed by the Life Sciences Departments (on 27 November 2023), helped educate the students on the importance of responsible antibiotic use and the urgent need to address antimicrobial resistance. The Department of Zoology also helped initiate a WIPRO-CET-SMC connect—a Round Table that brought in several NGOs under a common roof on 18 March 2024, to brainstorm on possibilities for Small Grants Funding by WIPRO on projects relating to the theme - Water-Waste-Wealth. The Departments of Botany, Chemistry, and Zoology made presentations to showcase their work. This round table has opened up several possibilities for collaborations and networking.

We are extremely grateful for all the opportunities that presented themselves this year and that we were able to take up to enable the growth of the Department.



Students observing and photographing the Pointed Ciliate Blue, SMC's 79th species of butterfly

COMMERCE SHIFT I

The Department of Commerce (Shift I) excelled academically in the year 2023-2024, offering students a wide array of enriching experiences. Various initiatives like conferences, workshops, and guest lectures were organised to enhance student development. A one-day International Conference on 'Metaverse 2.0 - AI and Futuristic Thinking in Business', in collaboration with RR Donnelley, Chennai, highlighted the impact of Artificial Intelligence on the business landscape and featured sessions on Cyber System Trends and Global Perspectives on AI, Legal Challenges and Sector-specific



Intercollegiate Cultural Festival Combat 2024

Applications. A workshop on 'Entrepreneurial Development' included a live demo of creating an application. Guest lectures covered Stress Management, Leadership, Social Media Marketing and Internet Security. Special lectures on Career Opportunities Abroad, CMA Course Orientation, and Social Awareness and Accounting Standards were also conducted, along with a lecture on Behavioral Economics and Finance in collaboration with the University of Essex, UK, and the Stella Maris Research Centre. The Department collaborated with IIM Calcutta and MakeIntern to offer a 30-hour Certificate course in 'Digital Marketing'. 50 students from various disciplines enrolled and completed the course successfully. The students of the Department participated in several cultural events across various colleges in 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',

the interclass competition, was organised to motivate the students to showcase their talents and develop a healthy competitive spirit. Ms. Salomi Diamond from Diamond Artistry, an alumna of the Department, delivered the inaugural address. The second years won the overall Trophy at 'Tresalanaza'. The Intercollegiate Commerce Cultural, 'COMBAT 2024' was organised on 4 January 2024. Mr. V. R. Hari Balaji from Urbaser Sumeet delivered the Inaugural Address and Loyola College won the overall trophy. The Commerce Association Club, SPECTRA, successfully coordinated the curricular and co-curricular events of the Department.

The Department has also ensured that the students are placed in renowned industries through the College Career Guidance Cell. Additionally, faculty members attended conferences and workshops, and published research papers in reputed journals to further their academic pursuits.

COMMERCE SHIFT II



Participants at the National Conference

This academic year, the Department of B.Com. (General) and M.Com. organised varied events for the students, encompassing conferences, guest lectures, and competitions.

The Department organised a postgraduate National Conference on 29 February 2024, on the theme 'Futuristic Workspace: Exploring Digital Transformation and Innovation in Corporate Realms.' The Conference was inaugurated by Mr. V. Nandakumar, IRS, Commissioner of Income Tax, and Dr. S. Praveen Kumar, Dean, School of Commerce, Bharath Institute of Higher Education and Research. The technical sessions were headed by Dr. R. Rajkumar, Assistant Professor, SRM College, and Mr. N. Aditya Kumar, COE, Ramco Systems, followed by panel discussion moderated by Dr. M. Sathyakumar, Advocate. The panel from the industry consisted of Ms. Keziah Evangeline Victor, Strategic Officer, TCS, Mr. Thangavel Puhai, COE & Business Growth Specialist, Diginadu; and two of our postgraduate students. The valedictory session was presided over by Ms. Amirdha Varshini, Councillor Mylapore, and the conference proceedings were released by Dr. Sr. Stella Mary fmm, Principal, i/c.

In collaboration with the other Commerce departments, the Department conducted an International Conclave on the topic 'Leveraging Technology and Communication for Positive Social Impact and Community Building' on 19 February 2024. Mr. Dhanesh Raj, the official Malaysian delegate to the Y20, addressed the students, offering an intriguing glimpse into the upcoming technological innovations that will mold our world.

The Department, jointly organised with other Commerce departments an International Conference titled 'Glocalization: The Way Forward - Synergising Global Goals with Local Needs' on 2 March 2024, in association with the Yi wing of CII. Wing Commander Mr. Madhusoodhanam, Mr. Kavin Venkatesh of Maybell India,

Mr. Isak Nazar of Mannah Foods, Ms. Naazia of KYT Helmet India, Mr. Sujay Sudharshan of Professional Lifts, and Ms. Arathi Narayanan of ABS Marine Services were the dignitaries who graced the occasion. The conference offered a refreshing perspective on how the global economy is adopting a global outlook.

The department also conducted an Interclass Competition, PETRA '23, on 8 August 2023. Various competitions, like Adzap, Visual Commerce, Shipwreck, and Corporate Walk, were held for the students. The prizes were distributed at the valedictory by Mrs. Anitha Kuppusamy, prominent singer, musician, and author, along with Dr. Leema Francis, Dean of Commerce and Business Studies. Dr. Vanitha Janarthan, Dr. E. Theresa Priya Darshini and Dr. A. Lydia Arockia

Mary were conferred with their Ph.D. degrees on 24 August, 21 September and 10 November 2023 respectively. In the research front, Dr. Shanthi Ranjith, Ms. Valentina, Dr. E. Theresa Priya Darshini, Dr. Vanitha Janarthan, Dr. Amali Vinu Priyadharshini, and Ms. Ruth Felicita. F received seed money for their research projects.

Two students from the first year M.Com., Ms. Hannah Parousia and Ms. Agnes Uvasri, won the best paper presentation award cash prize from Guru Shree Shantivijai Jain College for Women. Students and faculty also published papers in journals and chapters in books besides presenting papers at conferences at various levels. The academic year proved to be educational and fulfilling for both the students and faculty members.



Dignitaries at the National Conference



Corporate Walk at PETRA '23

COMMERCE SHIFT II ACCOUNTING & FINANCE

This academic year, the Department of Commerce (Accounting and Finance) organised a wide array of events to offer the students a varied experience of college, encompassing conferences, workshops, guest lectures, and competitions.

The Department, in collaboration with the other Commerce Departments, organised an International Conclave on the topic 'Leveraging Technology and Communication for Positive Social Impact and Community Building' on 19 February 2024. Mr. Dhanesh Raj, the official Malaysian delegate to the Y20, addressed the students, offering an intriguing glimpse into the ways upcoming technological innovations will mold our world.

The Department, again in collaboration with other Commerce Departments, organised an International Conference titled 'Glocalisation – The Way Forward: Synergising Global Goals with Local Needs' on 3 March 2024, in association with the Yi wing of CII. Wing Commander Mr. Madhusoodhanam, Mr. Kavin Venkatesh of Maybell India, Mr. Isak Nazar of Mannah Foods, Ms. Naazia of KYT Helmet India, Mr. Sujay Sudharshan of Professional Lifts, and



National Conference on Glocalisation - The Way Forward



Outreach program on Financial Literacy

Ms. Arathi Narayanan of ABS Marine Services were the dignitaries who graced the occasion. The conference offered a refreshing perspective on how the global economy is adopting a global outlook.

A workshop on Advanced Excel was held in August, and a workshop on GST was held in February, which helped students get hands-on training in Excel and the intricacies of GST laws. The Department organised an interclass competition, FINOVA 2023, on 17 October 2023. Various competitions, like Adzap, Quiz, Shipwreck, and Corporate Walk, were organised for the students. The prizes were distributed at the Valedictory by Dr. Nalli Kuppuswami, well-known industrialist and philanthropist, and Dr. Leema Francis, Dean of Commerce and Business Studies.

The first year students of the Department organised 'Navafest', an exhibition on the different indigenous varieties of

navadhanya (the nine kinds of grains), which was held on 18 December 2023. The fest was inaugurated by Dr. Sr. Flavia fmm, Sr. Veera fmm, and Sr. Usha fmm. The students set up stalls showcasing nutritious food and extolled its benefits to the onlookers. The Department organised an outreach program on financial literacy on 29 January 2024 for higher secondary students of C.S.I. Monahan Girls Higher Secondary School, Royapettah. The second-year students enlightened the school students about diverse banking activities, demonstrating that learning about financial responsibility can begin at any age. NEGOCIO '24 – An intercollegiate fest was organised on 22 February 2024, with the participation of more than 12 colleges. 'Bulls and Bears', 'Throw it Back', 'Pitch Perfect', 'Brainwrecked', and 'Commerce Conundrum' were some of the events organized. Loyola College emerged as the overall winner of the festival.

The second-year students visited Hatsun Agro Products Ltd. in Kancheepuram and Red Hills as part of an industrial visit on 10 February 2024. The trip gave the students a first-hand look into the backend work that goes into making a product possible. Alongside that, the movie "The Big Short" on stock market scams was screened for students on 29 February 2024.

Dr. Kristin Marian Martin was conferred with a Ph.D. degree on 26 December 2023. Ms. Pavithra, Dr. Sharanya, and Ms. Abirami received Seed money for a research project on 'Investors' Perception of Gold as an Investment Option'. Ms. Pavithra, Head of the Department, published two research articles in UGC Care-approved journals. The academic year proved to be illuminating and rewarding for both the students and staff members.

COMMERCE SHIFT II
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

The Department of Business Administration organised a workshop on 'Intellectual Property Rights' on 19 October 2023. Dr. Kandavel, Associate Professor from Jeppiaar University, Chennai, highlighted different facets of intellectual property rights (IPR), such as trade secrets, industrial design, patents, trademarks, copyrights, and geographical indications, with real-life examples. A seminar titled 'Wearing a Red Badge: Lifestyle Matters' was organised on 1 August 2023, inspired by the Sustainable Development Goal of Good Health and Well-Being. Dr. Meera Srinivasan, a renowned gynaecologist and obstetrician, addressed the B.B.A and M.A. HRM students.

In recognition of World Entrepreneurs Day, the Department of Business Administration organised a seminar on the topic 'Why Women are Better Entrepreneurs' on 30 August 2023. The CEO of Kolapasi, Mr. Santhosh Murganatham, was the chief guest for the event. The Department inaugurated the B.B.A Future Forward Forum on 4 September 2023. It is one of the key initiatives of the



Students participating in the seminar 'Wearing a Red Badge Lifestyle Matters'



Participants at the inaugural of the International Conference

Department to enhance business students' academic experiences, encourage entrepreneurship and leadership, and facilitate connections with industry leaders.

Excelsior' 24, an intercollegiate fest orchestrated by the Department of Business Administration, drew 216 students from reputed colleges in Chennai for a day-long fest on 8 February 2024.

On 15 February 2024, the B.B.A Future Forward Forum organised a hands-on 'LinkedIn Workshop' for final year B.B.A students. Ms. Srilatha Srinivasan, Senior Partnership and Alliance Manager of Softone HR Solutions, was the resource person for the workshop aimed at crafting effective LinkedIn profiles through profile optimisation, networking

etiquette, job search, and content creation, stressing privacy and professionalism.

An industrial visit was organised for first year B.B.A students at Hatsun Agro Product Limited in Kanchipuram on 18 December 2023, and for second year B.B.A students at The Hindu Group Publishing Private Limited in Maraimalai Nagar on 15 March 2024.

The Department of Business Administration hosted its first International Conference on the theme 'Embracing Innovation, Change, and Digital Transformation through Sustainable Practices: For a Better Tomorrow' on 20 March 2024. A diverse array of keynote speakers and panelists shared their insights and expertise on

the topics aligned with the theme. The key highlights of the conference include a commitment to inclusivity and sustainability in all aspects. To highlight different ways of embracing change, one of the guests from the third gender community was invited to address the gathering, on issues pertaining to eliminating plastic usage, promoting tree planting initiatives through eco-friendly pens, banning plastic water bottles on campus during departmental events, and initiating the use of reusable bottles. The conference emphasised the significance of collective responsibility in making positive changes and creating a more sustainable and equitable future for all.

COMMERCE SHIFT II
BANKING, FINANCE & ENTREPRENEURSHIP
& BANKING, FINANCIAL SERVICES & INSURANCE



Guest lecture on Digital Rupee
Mr.Amarnath, Manager, RBI on
07.08.2023



Industrial Visit to Aavin

The academic year 2023-24 was an eventful and fruitful year for the Department of Commerce (Banking, Finance and Entrepreneurship) and Banking, Financial Services And Insurance. The department organised a National Conference on ‘Glocalisation - The Way Forward – Synergising Global Goals with Local Needs’ in association with the Youth Wing of YUVA on 2 March 2024. In collaboration with the Audacious Dreams Foundation, the department also organised an international seminar on ‘Leveraging Technology and Communication for Positive Social Impact and Community Building’ on 19 February 2024.

To introduce students to the advantages and scope of the professional course, the Department organised a session on ‘The Role and Relevance of US-Certified Management Accountants’ on 26 July 2023. A three-day workshop on ‘Accounting Standards’ in collaboration with

John Moris & Co. was organised from 24 to 27 July 2023. The final year students attended a ten-hour workshop on ‘3C’s – Key to the Corporate World’ aimed at enhancing their employability skills. A quiz competition on ‘Digital Banking’ was conducted by the Reserve Bank of India on March 8, 2024, and the winners were awarded cash vouchers worth Rs. 14,000. The Department organised various talks in collaboration with the Reserve Bank of India and industry experts. The Department, in collaboration with the Reserve Bank of India, organised a lecture on ‘Digital Rupee - Opportunities and Challenges’ on 7 August 2023.

A lecture on ‘Re-shaping influencer marketing landscape in India’ was delivered by Ms. Swetha Renukumar, a renowned Instagram influencer, on 24 July 2023. In collaboration with Shan & Associates, the

department organised a guest lecture titled ‘E-Filing - Simplifying Tax Submission for Individuals’ on 1 September 2023. On 4 September 2023, the second-year students from the Department of B Voc. BFSI exhibited a varied range of innovative business ventures, including innovative pastry products, portable water heaters, and student-friendly educational in-house apps.

To gain exposure to new and successful ventures, the second year students of B Voc. BFSI and B. Com. BFE visited Eco Kitchen, Injambakkam, on 4 August 2023, and Aavin, Sholinganallur, on 19 December 2023, respectively. The department also organised its interdepartmental competitions ‘Finanza’ on 1 February 2024. The department placed a strong emphasis on research. Faculty and students of the department actively presented and published research papers.



Session on US-CMA by Dr. CMA John Nevin

COMMERCE SHIFT II HONOURS



Ms. Srisahana, ACCA Affiliate

The academic year 2023–24 was marked by a plethora of enriching activities aimed at enhancing students' learning experiences and preparing them for the dynamic world of commerce.

A notable event was the one-day seminar on 'Emerging Patterns of Disruption in Business', held on 8 September 2023. The seminar brought together industry experts to explore the evolving landscape of disruption and its implications for various sectors. Sessions led by seasoned professionals such as Mr. Avinash Jayakumar, Mr. Kiruba Shankar, and Dr. Ankur Mehra provided valuable insights into FinTech, advertising, and business boundary redefinition. Dr. Leena K. Anil's engaging session on 'Leveraging Disruption: Building Agile Businesses' showcased innovative online teaching resources, resonating with students and highlighting the transformative potential of interactive tools in education. Additionally, students had the opportunity to gain insights into the FinTech industry through a

session led by Mr. Madhav Rajan, Dean of Chicago Booth Business School, on 'The Fast Train to FinTech' on 20 October 2023.

The Department's collaboration with esteemed organisations such as Rane Group of Companies, Dell Technologies, and Shiv Nadar University facilitated practical sessions on leadership styles, financial reporting standards, and career navigation. Workshops like 'Advanced Excel', conducted by Mr. Narayana Babu, provided students with essential skills, while inter-class and inter-collegiate competitions offered platforms to showcase talents and organizational abilities. Industrial visits to the Times of India office

and Chikmagalur provided students with practical insights and networking opportunities, enriching their academic and professional growth.

The Faculty Development Program on 'The Pedagogical Edge: Innovative Approaches to Teaching' and the completion of Dr. Amritha Jessica Samson's Ph.D. exemplify the Department's commitment to academic excellence and faculty development. The Department also celebrated the achievements of students like Ms. Sahana Srikanth and Ms. R. Sakthi Sreya, who became ACCA affiliates and cleared professional-level courses, demonstrating their

academic prowess and industry readiness. Thirteen final-year students securing placements at Deloitte and other companies further attest to the Department's dedication to nurturing well-rounded commerce professionals.

The Department of Commerce continues to uphold its commitment to providing students with a holistic education through a blend of academic rigor, industry engagement, and co-curricular activities, preparing them for success in the dynamic field of commerce.



Participants at the one-day seminar

PSYCHOLOGY



The academic year 2023-24 has been a significant one for the Department of Psychology; the PG laboratory was inaugurated and blessed by Dr. Sr. Stella Mary, Principal-in-charge, Stella Maris College and Sr. Flavia, fmm on 27 June 2023. Both the faculty and the management sisters prayerfully initiated the ceremony with great gratitude and hope for future research and learning.

During the year, the Department organised various events, seminars, workshops, special lectures, awareness programs, and live demonstration sessions. 'Project Aram' by Child and Adolescent Foundation of India (CAAF India), in collaboration with the



Undergraduate Psychology Students at the Walkathon on Suicide Prevention Awareness Day

Department of Psychology and Social Work, Stella Maris College and Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University successfully concluded in June 2023. In the course of the project, undergraduate students of the Department of Psychology created modules on socioemotional learning for primary and secondary level students at government school. This gave students much-needed exposure and valuable field experience.

Three seminars were organised by the Department of Psychology

this academic year. The first was on 'Working with Children using Multi-Modal Therapies' with the resource person Ms. Pratyusha D. V., Counselling Psychologist and Arts-based Therapy Practitioner, Bhaava Community Mental Health, on 31 July 2023, and the second one on 'Sports Psychology: Career Prospects' with resource person Ms. Keerthana Swaminathan, President, INSPA, on 25 August 2023. The SMC Research and International Partnerships Centre and the Department of Psychology organised a special lecture by Dr. Heather Flowe,

University of Birmingham on Developmental Science and Neurodiversity, on 20 July 2023. A demonstration session on Sound Therapy and Healing was organized on 2 March 2024. The session was taken up by professionals from Satvat Holistics and showed a glimpse of holistic healing practices inspired by indigenous cultures. The Department is also known for the students' active interest in community engagement and contribution. Seventeen undergraduate students, led by Ms. Smrithi S., Assistant Professor, took part in the



Sr. Flavia blessing the Psychology Postgraduate Laboratory



Gong Master Ms. Sunithi Ramesh demonstrating the Impacts of Sound Therapy



Students making art at the Color Splash Event for World Mental Health Day

walkathon conducted by SNEHA for World Suicide Prevention Day on 10 September 2023. The Department of Psychology and U&I, a volunteer driven organisation working with disadvantaged children, conducted a session titled 'Call for Change Leaders' on 22 January 2024.

A QPR Gatekeeper Training for Suicide Prevention was organised by the Department of Psychology on 27 September 2023. Ms. Devika Khanna, licensed QPR trainer and counselling psychologist, served as the resource person for the workshop. The Department also organised a four-hour workshop on 'Thematic Apperception Test' for the I M.Sc. Psychology students on 20 December 2023 with resource person, Ms. Sharon Samson, Clinical Psychologist,

NIMHANS. These workshops complemented the curriculum work of the department and the students gained great insight into projective testing and psychometric assessments. The most significant event of the Department during this year was the celebration of World Mental Health Day on 10 October 2023. The grand event saw various break-time activities such as Catharsis Corner, Gratitude Grove, Colour Splash, Energy Oasis, Free Hugs, and PositivIT Checkpoint for students of both shifts. The Department raised awareness and celebrated mental health through expressions of the mind and the body. Special sessions, such as 'Dance Movement Therapy–Dance your Stress Away', guided by Ms. Deepthi Ravichandran, a professional Dance Movement therapist, were enjoyed by the



Dr. Heather Flowe interacting with the students on Developmental Science and Neurodiversity



Ms. Keerthana Swaminathan Addressing the Students on Career Prospects in Sports Psychology

students of the College.

A highlight of this year's faculty and student achievements include both curricular and extracurricular excellences. Ms. Judith Aarthi K., Ms. Smrithi S., and Ms. Ramya S. received the Outstanding Participant Award in the Five-Day Online Faculty Development Programme on Academic Research and Publications in Arts and Humanities from 10 October to 14 October 2023 organised by the All India Association for Christian Higher Education, New Delhi and Madras Christian College, Chennai. Dr. Asha Latha Mathew received the Prof. Manju Thakur Memorial Award 2024 for

innovative contribution in Test Construction during the Year 2024 by the Indian Academy of Applied Psychology. Ms. Smrithi S. published a paper in the International Journal of Psychosocial Research, a peer-reviewed journal.

Student achievements were many: Ms. Sripriya S. of III B.Sc. was part of the group folk-dance performance representing Stella Maris College that won second place in the Chief Minister's Republic Day Parade held at Marina Labour Statue, Chennai on 26 January 2024. Students also presented papers at various institutions as part of national and international conferences.

COMPUTER SCIENCE

This academic year marked the Silver Jubilee of the Department of Computer Science. The Department planned to celebrate this momentous occasion with a series of engaging and enlightening activities throughout the year. The celebrations aimed not only to honour the Department's illustrious past but also to set the stage for a promising future. The yearlong festivities commenced with a grand inauguration ceremony on 28 July 2023. The event was graced by Shri Amaresh Pujari, IPS, Director General of Police, Prisons. The celebration witnessed the participation of academicians, alumni, and students. As part of the inauguration, a Coffee Table Book highlighting the achievements of the Department, was released. The 25 years of academic excellence of the Department and its endeavour to give back to the community that supported its journey were manifested in the announcement of the establishment of the prestigious Silver Jubilee Scholarship by the Department. Ms. Elakiya K from III B.C.A.-B and Ms. Vuyaka Sowmya from II B.C.A.-A, were the first recipients of the scholarship.

Recognising the need of the hour, the Department organised a workshop titled, 'CyberAware' in association with the Digital Security Association of India (DiSAI) on 28 July 2023. A certificate course on 'Kernel Development' was organised in collaboration with Mr. Steve Anand, Director, Qenz, from 1 June 2023 to 1 July 2023. Another certificate course on 'Data Science Using Python' was organised for students from other disciplines from 30 August to 21 September 2023.



Exhibition on Cyber Security



ICACT 2024

An institutional membership was signed with the ICT Academy in July 2023. Students and faculty participated in a series of events and conferences organised by the ICT Academy.

The Department signed an MoU with Edge Matrix Multinational Corporation, Delaware, USA, on 14 October 2023, and conducted a one-day regional-level hands-on workshop on 'Industry 5.0: In the Era of AI'. To enhance the knowledge gained from the curriculum, the Department organised a hands-on workshop on 'Data Management in the Cloud Using AWS' with resource persons from AWS on 18 December 2023.

Esteemed alumni of the Department who have achieved remarkable success in their respective careers were invited to interact on campus about their careers. These accomplished individuals shared their experiences, challenges, and triumphs, inspiring the current generation of students to dream big and aim high. Additionally, an exhibition at which students demonstrated their innovative projects and solutions on cyber security and its awareness was organised. An industrial visit to IITM Research and the 3D Printing House provided an enriching experience to the final year postgraduate students.

The highlight of the Silver Jubilee celebrations was the

Third International Conference on 'Advancements in Computing Technologies' (ICACT 2024) organised on 8 and 9 January 2024, which brought together experts, researchers, and academicians from across the globe. The inaugural address was delivered by Professor Mahesh Panchagnula, Dean, Alumni & Corporate Relations, Former Director, IIT Madras Incubation Cell, IITM. Dr. Anand Bhojan, Professor, School of Computing, National University of Singapore, delivered the keynote address. The conference served as a platform for presenting ground-breaking research and fostering collaboration to address the challenges of the digital era. Faculty and students of the Department presented papers and also received the Best Paper award.

Ms. Jeyapriya, Vice Principal (Shift II), and three students of the Department went to the National University of Singapore for an exchange programme and had an enriching learning experience. Dr. Swetha Margaret T.A and Dr. Renuka Devi D., have been granted a design patent for a 'Smart Walking Stick for Visually Impaired People'. Dr. Swetha Margaret T.A., Dr. Renuka Devi D., and Dr. Diana Judith I. have been granted an innovation patent on 'Un Nanban: AI-based Interactive Web and Voice Application'. Ms. Jeyapriya U, Associate Professor, received the

Best Paper Award at ICAKMPET-2024, organised by World Citi Colleges, WCC Aeronautical and Technological Colleges, Philippines, and the IFERP Philippines Society. The postgraduate lab was shifted to the CC block and was inaugurated on 9 February 2024, with the blessings of Rev. Fr. Paul SDB. With its rich history of excellence and a promising future ahead, the Department of Computer Science is poised to make a lasting impact on the world of technology for years to come.



Inauguration of the Silver Jubilee celebrations



Release of the Coffee Table Book

SOCIAL WORK

The Academic Year 2023-24 commenced with the Department of Social Work engaging with current social issues such as gender violence, climate change, health etc. The Department observed the UN International Day in Support of Victims of Torture; the Inaugural of State level Campaign Against Torture was organised by the Postgraduate Department of Social Work in collaboration with Tamil Nadu State Human Rights Commission (SHRC), Tamil Nadu State Commission for Women (SCW), and Joint Action against Custodial Torture – TN & PY (JAACT) on 26 June 2024.

The students of Social Work participated in the screening of the film, 'Something like a War' followed by a critical discussion on gender issues. This programme organised in association with Media Advocacy Non-Governmental Organisation Marupakkam on 19 July 2023. International Day of Elimination of Violence against Women was observed on 23 November 2023 through an awareness meeting on gender violence organised by The Department of Social Work in collaboration with Pennurimai Iyakkam.

On 27 November 2023, a comprehensive awareness session on Cyber Security Issues and the current challenges was organised. Ms. Deepthi



Grama Sabha 26 January 2024



Cultural Performance by students at India International Social Work Conference 2024

Vichuru, Associate Vice President, ICS Risk and Control, Standard Chartered Bank addressed the students along with other prominent speakers. A pop-up stall was put up by International Foundation for Prevention and Victim Care (PCVC) and B.S.W. student volunteers where games and activities provided awareness and information on safe use of Online Technology.

An Exhibition on 'Millets – The Powerhouse of Nutrition' was held on 9 August 2023 by III year B.S.W. students in which they presented low-cost, sumptuous and tasty millet dishes. The Postgraduate Department of Social Work also organised an

Awareness Programme 'Idhuvum Kadhandhu Pogum' for the students in observance of World Suicide Prevention Day on 19 September 2023, in collaboration with Nam Vidhaikalam an organisation founded by alumna and resource person Ms. Monisha.

As part of a Memorandum of Understanding on Environmental Awareness and Engagement between the Department of Social Work and Poovulagin Nanbargal, an environmental organisation, the Department organised a series of programmes related to Climate Change and Youth responses which culminated with a conference on



The team involved in Michaug relief work

Youth and Climate on 22 September 2023, presided by Mr. MA Subramanian, Hon'ble Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Government of Tamil Nadu and other prominent environmentalists. Mr. Aari Arjun, Actor delivered the valedictory address. The event was coordinated by Dr Priya George and Ms. Beula. The Department of Social Work in collaboration with the Archdiocese of Mylapore had conducted a Teacher Development Programme for about 200 school teachers from the Archdiocese of Mylapore in Thiruvallur District on 29 July 2023.

Students of II M.S.W. doing



Teacher Development Programme



Prize Winners of the State Level Cultural Fest



Prize Winners Paper Presentation at the State Level Conference on 'Conflict Analysis and Conflict Resolution'

Community Development participated in the Grama Sof promoting tribal culture. The Michaung Cyclone devastated Chennai city and the poor with massive flooding. The Department of Social Work responded by distributing relief materials for the affected Narikuravar people in Pallavaram. One hundred and sixty families received 3 kg rice each. Relief materials were also distributed to homeless persons living near the bridge in Saidapet on 22 January 2024. It was a meaningful and heart-warming experience for the students and faculty.

The Department of Social Work had collaborated in India Network of Professional Social Workers' Association's (INPSWA) India International Social Work Conference 2024. Ms. Medha Patkar was invited to

College for a Convention on Land Rights. The event was conducted in collaboration with Unorganized Workers' Federation on 29 February 2024 to spread awareness and appeal to the government on the land rights entitlement of the marginalised community. On 2 October 2023 and 26 January 2024, as part of Unnat Bharat Abhiyan, a flagship programme of the Government of India was coordinated by Dr. Nirmala Alex.

A special session in commemoration of Jan Jatiya Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas was conducted for I B.S.W. students on 25 November 2023. Ms. Angeline Prince, an alumna of the Department and Founder Director, 'The Candles' NGO was the resource person. The M.S.W. students were given inputs through a documentary film



Youth and Climate Conference

highlighting the significance – Panorama of Social Work: Innovation and Inclusiveness in Development held in Loyola College, Chennai from 22 to 24 February 2024. Dr. Nirmala Alex was the Chairperson of the cultural committee and the students of Social Work performed a meaningful cultural programme on National Integration.

Dr. Jayashree Nimmagadda, Professor, School of Social Work, Rhode Island, USA delivered the 20th Rev. Sr. Thecla Endowment Lecture on 'Social Workers as Team Leaders in Inter professional Care' on 26 February 2024. This was followed by a Faculty Development Programme on 'Assessing Student Learning Outcomes' for the faculty of the Social Work Department by

Dr. Jayashree Nimmagadda on 26 February 2024.

Social Activist and founder of the Narmada Bachao Andolan Movement Ms. Medha Patkar was invited to College for a Convention on Land Rights. The event was conducted in collaboration with Unorganized Workers' Federation on 29 February 2024 to spread awareness and appeal to the government on the land rights entitlement of the marginalized community.

A Certificate Course on 'MS EXCEL: Fundamentals and Essential Techniques' was organised for 20 Students from B.S.W. in partnership with Inspire Software Solutions and was inaugurated on 31 August 2023.



Michaung Relief Work

Faculty of the Department presented a number of papers at Conferences and Seminars. The students also did the Department proud. Three II M.S.W. students participated and won 1st prize in paper presentation in 'Peace is the Way – State Level Conference on Conflict Analysis and Conflict Resolution' held in Women's Christian College on 19 September 2023. In the State Level Cultural Fest by St. Thomas College of Arts and Science the Social Work students (UG and PG) won the I prize in Mime Competition.

The Department of Social Work seeks to play a pivotal role in moulding the young social work trainees to work with zeal and commitment towards building a just and humane society.



The Rev. Sr. Thecla Endowment Lecture

FOOD PROCESSING & QUALITY CONTROL



CSIR - NIIST Visit



Cheese making Workshop



Setting the World Record on Millet Day

The Academic year 2023-24 was a very momentous one for the Department of Food Processing and Quality Control. The year began with a workshop on cheese-making for the students. Artisanal cheese-maker Ms. Namratha Sundaresan, a Nari Shakti Puraskar awardee and co-founder, Kase Cheese was resource person.

The Nutrition Week celebration for 2023 aimed at commemorating and celebrating the International Year of Millets. In accordance with this, the Department organised a two-day National Conference in collaboration with Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) titled 'Millets- A Sustainable Option for a Secured Future'. The students presented their preparation of more than 752 millet-based products. The exhibition saw the gracious presence of Thiru Ma Subramanian, Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Government of Tamil Nadu, Dr. P. Satheesh Kumar, Designated Officer, FSSAI, Tamil Nadu Food Safety Department, Mr. A. D. Padmasingh Issac, Founder and Chariman of Aachi Group of Companies, Kalai Mamani Dindigul I. Leoni, Thalivar – Tamil Nadu Padanul Kalagham. This event was recognised as having set the world record for the 'Maximum cooked millet dishes displayed by minimum number of college students' by



Triumph World Records. The final year students were taken to the National Institute for Interdisciplinary Science and Technology (NIIST). The visit helped them keep abreast with latest developments in food cultivation, research and product development.

The Department also conducted guest lectures for the third year and the second year students on food business proposal writing and therapeutic nutrition.

The first year students completed a training programme in fruit and vegetable product processing at the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC), Madhavaram. The second years interned at AAVIN dairy to get a first-hand view of milk processing operation. Three faculty members from the Department presented papers at the National Conference cum Workshop on



Farm Visit

'Millets as a Nutritional Paradigm in ensuring Food Security'. A Project amount of INR 2,40,000 was sanctioned by the Tamil Nadu State Council for Science and Technology on the topic 'Formulation of Opuntia ficus and millet based supplement for anemic adolescent girls – A study on iron bioaccessibility' with Dr. M. Anbu Malar as Principal Investigator and Dr. J. Sonya as Co-investigator. Students of the Department participated in different collegiate, intercollegiate events and won prizes. Ms. Jubile Karissa Benedict, third year student won a second prize at the IOC, Indane, Inter Collegiate cooking competition. Ms. Sakshi Achar won third prize Gracias Kemi 2K23, Loyola Chemical Society.

Industrial visits were organised for the first and second year students to Spices Board, (Regional and Quality

Evaluation Laboratory, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, GOI) to get hands-on experience of quality assessment of spices using instrumental methods. The students got a first-hand view of the functioning of large scale bakery products manufacturing at Modern bakers.

Dr. Subhashree. S was the resource person in a symposium on Food and Nutrition for Youth: Preparing a healthy future free from NCD's organized jointly by Mohammed Sathak College of Arts and Science and Cancer Institute, Adyar on the occasion of Youth Health Mela 2024. The Department successfully conducted the student National Skill Development Council evaluation for National Skills Qualification Framework levels four to keep pace and updated with the developments in the field. The academic year was eventful and prolific. The Department strives to work together with zeal to raise benchmarks and achieve excellence.



Awareness Program

SUSTAINABLE ENERGY MANAGEMENT

The Department of Sustainable Energy Management had an eventful Academic year 2023-2024.

A Guest Lecture Series on Career Guidance by the alumnae of the Department was organised to create awareness among the students of employment opportunities in the field of sustainable energy. Ms. Kathlyn Hendry, ESG team member (Environmental Social Governance) and Ms. Sneha Anandhan, HR and supervisor of the waste management system in L & T Construction, were the resource persons. A workshop was conducted by Dr Vedharaman on 'Production of Biodiesel Using Cooking Oil'.

The Annual Intercollegiate Department Fest, 'Solara 2023' was organised on 16 October 2023. Students from various colleges



Interns at the Energy Audit

participated and won prizes in the competitions organised as part of the event.

Industrial visits to Daystar Solar, CSIR NEERI (National Environmental Engineering Research Institute) and NML (National Metallurgical Laboratory), and Expo on Green Building were organised throughout the year. These visits also alerted students to opportunities in internships and job opportunities in the field. A visit to the sustainable house of Mr. Solar Suresh provided a wide

exposure to the students on practical ways of sustainable living. Awareness visits to Crescent School, St. Ebba's Matriculation Higher Secondary School, and St. Raphael Girls Higher Secondary School were conducted; these visits included interactive talks on renewable energy sources.

To enhance networking with the industry, the Department has signed a new MoU with Daystar Solar company. Students' visit to the company was another endeavour at industry and commercial exposure.



DAYSTAR Industrial visit



Crescent School Awareness Program

Dr. B. Keerthana was invited as a Panel member at National Conference held in Sathyabama University based on sustainability and Dr. P. Anto Christy, published a paper in Journal of Condensed Matter. Dr. R. Vincent Femilaa has been funded by MRF-SMC on her Incubation Project with the aim to take up alternative resources as mode of energy to bring forth positive outcomes than conventional ones. 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 Department organised an internship on Energy Audit by Mr. Senthil Kumar, NIN Energy Pvt.Ltd. The students carried out their internship work at CSIR NML and IITM AENL (Alternate Energy and Nanotechnology Laboratory) based on biodiesel and Fuel cell technology.

The final semester projects brought out the potential of the students such as wireless power bank, tracking system, sprayer drone, rechargeable fan and biodiesel centred on solar and biomass energy generation. A final year student's project has been published as an article in Dinamani Tamil Newspaper.

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

The Department of International Studies had an eventful academic year in 2023-2024. The Department is proud to share that on 27 November 2023, Dr. Aarti S, Associate Professor and Head, and Dr. A. R. Angelin Archana received their PhD degrees.

On 13 July 2023, the 16th edition of the Dr. Kamala Aravind Endowment Lecture was delivered by Dr. Jeganaathan, Associate Professor, Centre for European Studies, School of International Studies, JNU. On 7 September 2023, the Department organised an online Panel Discussion in collaboration with the Indo-Pacific Circle. Yet another panel discussion was organised in collaboration with the Australian Consulate on 27 September 2023 on 'Challenges and Opportunities in the Indo-Pacific Region'. The Department also had the opportunity to organise an RTI Awareness Campaign titled 'My Right – My Might' on 19 October 2023. The programme had an address delivered by Mr. Rajendran Shanmuganathan.

The Department, in collaboration with the Department of Defence and Strategic Studies, University of Madras, the International Studies Departments of Loyola College, and Women's Christian College, conducted JAGRAV II, an inter-collegiate strategic simulation exercise, from 12 to 13 February 2024. The second edition proved to be as big a success as JAGRAV I. Kriya 2024, the Annual Student Seminar organised by the students of the Department, was yet another triumph. The highly relevant theme, "The Age of AI", attracted a large number of participants from all over the country. The seminar was held



The IS Department with the delegation from Taiwan



The Students of II MA International Studies Attending the Conflict Resolution and Peacebuilding Workshop.



The prize winners of Kriya 2024



The Annual Scholar-in-Residence lectures led by Dr. Subramanyam Raju

on 20 February 2024. The Department also had the opportunity to host a delegation from Taiwan for an interaction with the students of the International Studies Department on 26 February 2024. The students of II M.A. International Studies attended a workshop on 'Conflict Resolution and Peacebuilding' on 1 and 2 March 2024. The two-day workshop, led by Dr. Gladston Xavier and Dr. Florina Xavier in their retreat Inbavanam, proved to be an eye-opening experience for the students, as they got the opportunity to interact and learn from practitioners in the field of conflict resolution and peacebuilding.

The Department of International Studies strives to provide exposure that goes beyond classroom learning to students. The annual Scholar-in-Residence is an outcome of that endeavour. Held between 4 to 6 March 2024, the scholar for this year's programme, Dr. A. Subramanyam Raju led in-depth sessions on various themes related to the Indian Ocean Region. Dr. A. R. Angelin Archana, Assistant Professor, Department of International Studies published one article and one book chapter. Dr. Aarti S presented a paper at a National Conference.

HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

The Department of Human Resource Management enables the students to build HR competencies to manage effective employee relationship in any practical business environment. The Department conducted a series of seminars on several topics such as women's empowerment at workplace, humanizing brands, catalyzing women's entrepreneurship, child rights and the issues related to children, innovation selection process in Talent Acquisition, Compliance Cornerstone, legal empowerment PoSH Act, 2013 and career prospects and challenges. The Department also conducted various workshops such as Basics of HR Analytics Using R Studio, SPSS Workshop, Emotional Intelligence for HR Excellence, Mind Mapping, and Child Rights and the issues related to children. These workshops helped hone analytical skills of students besides creating awareness of possible areas for research..



Business Alchemy



HR Odyssey

An intercollegiate entrepreneurial symposium, 'Innovation Oasis', was organised on 30 August 2023 to captivate boundless creativity through 'The Grand Investor Show' having more than 100 participants from eight different colleges. An Interview Simulation program 'HR Odyssey' was conducted on 19 October 2023 to give hands-on experience on the interview process for all the students of the College. The program had recruiters from various sectors like service, non-profit organisations and talent acquisition firms who meticulously evaluated and

selected 16 candidates for the internship positions of their esteemed organisations.

The Management Development Program was conducted on 'Metacognition & Self- Regulated Learning' for academicians and industry professionals on 16 December 2023, to enhance the professional skills of teachers and to act as a catalyst for students' growth and success. The Department organised an Intercollegiate Exchange Learning Program 'Business Alchemy: A Case Study Expedition' on 16 February 2024 to make students

practically apply their cognitive skills and their learned concepts to a real-world situation. This saw the participation of more than 100 students from various colleges and students of our Department bagged the first prize. The Annual Management and Cultural Interdepartmental event 'Bellatrix' and intercollegiate event 'Pyxis' were also conducted.

The faculty and the students have published 4 research papers in the UGC Care List and Scopus indexed journals as well as a book on Management Caselets.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

The Department of Public Relations began this academic year with the virtual celebration of the World PR Day on 16 July 2023. The faculty, students and the alumnae of the Department came together and contributed short narratives about their journey in the field of Public Relations, which were published on the Instagram handle of the College. As part of the celebration, the Department also organised a special talk on this year's theme, Harnessing the power of Public Relations, delivered by Mr. Schubert Fernandez, CCO, MSL India, on 26 July 2023.

The Department organised a two-day Scholar-in-Residence Program on 12 and 13 October 2023 related to the theme 'The role of Media Literacy in Public Relations'. Dr. Anubhuti Yadav, Head, Department of New Media and Technology and Course Director, Advertising and Public Relations, Indian Institute of Mass Communication, New Delhi, shared her expertise on the need for awareness on misinformation and trained the students in using supportive tools for fact-checking and verification.

The first year students of the Department organised a Communication Carnival – 'Mediascape' – on 19 October 2023. This involved workshops on contemporary communication tools and techniques



Scholar-in-Residence Program on Media Literacy



Dr. Sr. Stella Mary, Principal, Stella Maris College launching the campaign video along with Mr. Senthil Shankar and Ms. Sanah Sharma at Stella Maris College

such as podcast, mobile photography and acting, which were offered to the students of the College. The carnival was well received among the students of the College and saw an enthusiastic participation.

The theme for this years Annual PR Campaign carried out by the final year students was

on 13 March 2024. The Conference aimed at fostering discussions, sharing knowledge and promoting initiatives that advance environmentally friendly and socially responsible practices within the fashion industry. Fashion Designer, Author and Architect, Ms. Vino Supraja, Founder, Brand Vino Supraja, UAE, was the keynote speaker.



Panel Discussion on Sustainable Fashion.

'Sustainable Fashion' under the banner 'Eco Vastra — A Green Fashion Collective'. It was launched on 9 February 2024. Through the campaign, the students advocated for the adoption of a capsule wardrobe, highlighting the benefits of a minimalist approach to fashion that not only reduces environmental impact but also fosters a conscious and mindful approach to personal styling. A Student-led International Conference on 'Sustainable Thread: Narratives of Sustainable Fashion and Culture' as part of the PR Campaign was organised

The panelists for the conference include Ms. Renu Lalwani, Founder, Alankrit, Mr. Sai Ramamurthy, Founder, No Toxic and Mr. M Sandeep Kumar, Founder, Hand and Yarns. The panel discussion was moderated by Ms. Smriti Raghunandan, Partner and Business Director, The Mavericks India.

Dr. Shrinidhi, Head, Department of Public Relations was featured as one among the leading Professors in India for the year 2023 by a digital magazine, Business Talkz in July 2023. Ms. Angel Jerlin Jayaprakash, I M.A

completed the Innovation Programme for Young Entrepreneurs hosted by the School of Continuing and Lifelong Education in collaboration with the School of Computing, National University of Singapore organised from 13 August 2023 to 19 August 2023. Ms. Angel was also a contributing member of the winning team at the final presentation that took place during the course of the Programme and secured a commendation letter.

A paper titled 'An Examination of Political PR Strategies Portrayed in Malayalam Cinema: A Content Analysis of Malayalam Films 2014- 2023' authored by Ms. Viswalakshmi A.S., final year student and Dr. Shrinidhi, was awarded the Best Paper at the International Conference on 'Media Metamorphosis 2024: Navigating Changing Voices, Audience and Practices', organised by the IQAC and The School of Media and Communication, Shasun Jain College, Chennai, in association with Bayan College, Oman on 23 February 2024.

The Department organised 6 skill-based workshops and 12 guest lectures delivered by eminent resource persons from the field of Public Relations and Communications. The faculty of the Department presented 4 papers at International Conferences this year.

BIOINFORMATICS

The Academic Year 2023-24 was marked by a number of interesting and enriching events for the Department of Bioinformatics. The Department and Altem Technologies Pvt. Ltd., Bengaluru, jointly organised a workshop on 'Homology Modeling, Virtual Screening of Compounds and Docking' using Biovia Discovery Studio software by Dr. Dhivya Shanmugarajan, Senior Application Scientist, Altem Technologies on 26 and 27 September 2023. A guest lecture was delivered by Dr. Saravanakumar Selvaraj, Research Scientist, Duke-NUS Medical School, National University of Singapore, Singapore, titled 'Differential Gene Expression (DEG) Analysis Using R Packages' on 13 February 2024. Annual event 'METAFEST- 2024' an intercollegiate event was organized by the Department of Bioinformatics on 14 February 2024. A workshop on 'Microbiome Data Analysis' by Ms. P. N. Suganya, Young Professional II, Centre for Bioinformatics, ICAR-CIBA, Chennai was organised on 2 March 2024. Ms. CS Nivetha of I M.Sc. cleared TNPSC Group II Exam 2023 and has been



The Workshop on Homology



Metafest 2024

appointed as Assistant Inspector of Labour, Department of Labour, Government of Tamilnadu. Ms. Pooja R and S Sweety Merlin Angel won first place in Essence '23, an intercollegiate fest organised by the Department of Food Science, MOP Vaishnav College, Chennai. Ms. Manasvini won the third place in the Western Dance competition organised by Stella Maris College and Ms. Vaidehi received II prize in

logo Designing. Ms. Vaidehi, Ms. Pooja R, Ms. Shrinidhi S, Ms. Aparna L, Ms. Samdarshana Gururajan won first place in quiz, heads-up and spotters competitions organised by the Department of Biochemistry and Bioinformatics and Clinical Trial Management, Dr. MGR Janaki college of Arts and Science for Women, Chennai on 16 February 2024.

BIOTECHNOLOGY

The academic year 2023-24 was filled with activities and events. The Department of Biotechnology organised a guest lecture on fundamentals and advancement in electron microscopy for biomedical imaging on 19 July 2023. Dr. Krishna Kumar Kungumaraj, Professor of Analytical Chemistry, Chemical Engineering and Technology Universiti Malaysia Perlis Malaysia, ER Visitor at Oregon Health and Science University, Portland, Oregon, USA delivered the lecture. The 'Bio-Ark' exhibition, a display of models and posters by students, was conducted on 30 August 2023.

'Bio-Fest' the annual Departmental intercollegiate fest was conducted on the topic Artificial Intelligence and the Future of Life Sciences, on 14 September 2023 in which students from several colleges participated. A workshop on Bioinstrumentation was organised on 16 December 2023 and the inaugural talk was delivered by Dr. Mary Elizabeth Gnanambal K., Associate Professor, Department of Biotechnology, Sri Ramachandra Institute of Higher Education and Research, Chennai. Dr. Evelin Kramony, Assistant Professor, Department of Plant biology and Plant Biotechnology, Women's Christian College, demonstrated mushroom cultivation to the I PG



Ms. Rose & Ms. Anna, winner of the Poster Presentation competition



Ms. Afshan & Ms. Arene, winners of the Poster Presentation competition

students of the Department during a skill development workshop organised on 12 March 2024.

In November 2023, Dr. K. Veena Gayathri, Associate Professor was invited as a speaker and Co-Chairperson-Technical session for the 11th International Conference on Fermented Foods, Health Status and Social Wellbeing organised by the Department of RDAP, North-Eastern Hill University, Shillong, Meghalaya, and Swedish South Asian Network on Fermented Foods

(SASNET-FF), Anand, Gujarat. Four students of I PG participated in poster presentation at a state level seminar titled: Imitation of Life-Biology Inspired Computing, organised by Dr. M.G.R Janaki College, Chennai, on 1 February 2024. Ms. Anna Merin Easo and Ms. Rose Mathew won the first place and Ms. S. Afshan Banu and Ms. Arene Zipporah A., won the second place. Ms. Harini N P and Ms. Haritha S of I M.Sc. won the third place at a national conference on Biotechnological Approaches for Current Challenges organised by Sona

College of Arts and Science, Salem, on 2 February 2024. Two research scholars Ms. K. Mercy Madhumitha and Ms. S. Noorunnisha won the best oral presentation at the two-day international conference on Biorevolution – Pioneering Innovation in Life Science (BIO-PILS – 2024), held on 21 and 22 March 2024 organised by the Department of Biotechnology, PSGR Krishnammal College for Women, Coimbatore.

The faculty of the Department published 16 international

HINDI

The Academic Year 2023-24 was an eventful one for the Department of Hindi, filled as it was with co-curricular and extracurricular activities.

Dr. Srabani Bhattacharyya, Head of the Department, received the Hindi Bhasha Award for her paper presentation at the International Conference conducted by Veer Bahadur Singh Purvanchal University, Varanasi on 11 and 12 August 2023. She also received the Sahitya Manthan Shiksha Doot Samman from Akhil Bharatiya Sahitya Manthan Shodh Sansthan, New Delhi, on 3 October 2023 for her work in the field of education, literature, art and culture.

Dr. A. Fathima received the Rashtra Putri Samman 2023, from Gugunram Educational and welfare society, Haryana on 15 August



Sahitya Manthan Shiksha Doot Samman from Akhil Bharatiya Sahitya Manthan Shodh Sansthan awarded to Dr. Srabani Bhattacharyya



Ms. Tanushree of I year Physics winning the Best Actress Award



Shikshak Ratna Samman awarded to Dr. A. Fathima

2023. She also received the Guru Shikshak Ratna Samman from Guru Foundation, Rajasthan on 10 October 2023 for her remarkable contribution in the field of education.

On 12 October 2023 Department of Hindi organised a talk by Prof. Ram Mohan Pathak, former Vice Chancellor of Dakshin Bharat Hindi Prachar Sabha, former Vice Chancellor of Nehru Gram Bharathi Deemed University, Prayagraj and presently a member of Official Language Committee, Government of India. He spoke on the topic 'Employment Opportunities in Hindi'.

On 24 January 2024 the Department of Hindi and Anubhuti Club conducted the Annual Intercollegiate festival 'Parampara 2024'. The Chief Guest for the inauguration ceremony was Dr.S. Shafiulla, Associate Professor and Head, New College. Students from various city colleges participated enthusiastically in cultural events like group dance, group song, poetry recitation, shipwreck and channel surfing. Active participation was also seen in the offstage events.

On 14 March 2024, the Department of Hindi organised a talk by Prof. Nirmals S. Mourya,

former Vice Chancellor of V.B.S Purvanchal University, Uttar Pradesh on the topic 'Medieval Poetry - Kabir, Surdas and Tulsidas.'

In the drama competition conducted by The Central Hindi Directorate in Anna Adarsh College on 20 October 2023, six of our students won the first prize and cash prize of Rs. 5000. Tanushree of I year physics won the Best Actress Award.

SANSKRIT

The Department of Sanskrit enjoyed a vibrant and eventful academic year 2023-24. The Department conducted a number of intra- and intercollegiate competitions. A large number of these competitions were conducted as part of 'Bharatiya Utsava 2023-24', the theme this year of Kalakriti, the Sanskrit Club of the College. On 11 March 2024, Dr. Raji Suresh, Associate Professor (Retd), JBAS College for Women inaugurated the intercollegiate event. The competitions conducted included a Logo Designing Competition, Quiz, Face Painting, Music, Collage Making, Picture Description and Photography. Nearly 17



Logo Unveiling of Kalakriti



Bharatiya Utsava Inauguration

Colleges from all over Chennai city participated and M.O.P. Vaishnav College, Chennai emerged as overall winners of the Bharatiya Utsava 2023-24.

World Sanskrit Day was observed through Quiz and Creative writing competitions on 7 September 2023. The 'Utsavannam' Food & Festival competition conducted on 26 September 2023 focused on food that are prepared during different festivals in India. A Mehendi drawing competition was also conducted on 2 December 2023.

Students of Sanskrit participated in various intercollegiate events organised by city colleges. They bagged prizes in Quiz, Singing, Collage, Poster Making, T-shirt designing etc. in competitions conducted by Shasun Jain College, SDNB Vaishnav College, Guru Nanak College and Samskrita Bharati.

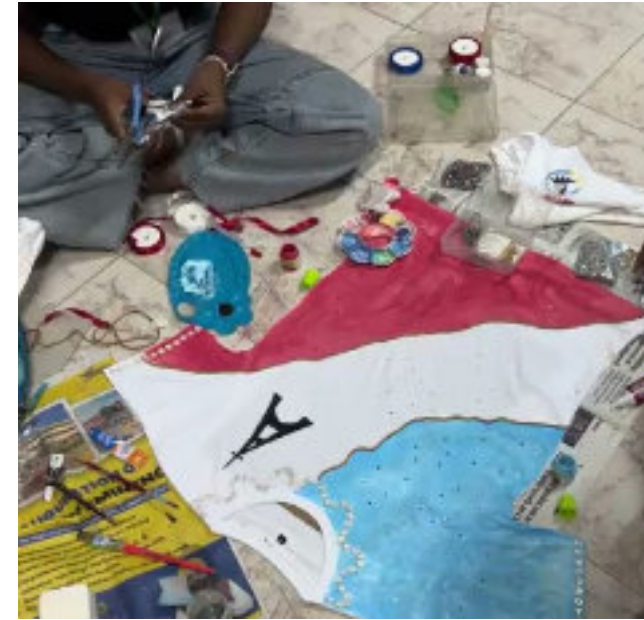
Dr. Subashree, faculty of the Department, was a resource person at the inaugural of 'Sahrudaya', the Sanskrit Club at JBAS College for Women on 29 September 2023; she also gave a talk on 'Sanskrit studies in India and Abroad' on the occasion. She also served as subject expert for the Academic Audit conducted at the Department of Sanskrit, DG Vaishnav College, Arumbakkam.

FRENCH

Le Cercle des Francophiles, the French Club kick-started the Academic Year 2023-24 with a celebration of Bastille Day on 18 July 2023. This event featured engaging competitions like Creative Writing, Poster Making, and Logo Designing open to students across all departments. The response was overwhelmingly positive, with a remarkable number of entries pouring in for each competition. In addition to the competitions, the club's installation ceremony took place during the event. This involved the investiture of club office bearers for the annual year. The club also arranged an informal ice-breaker session with an informative quiz on French culture and current events, and a game titled Whisper challenge.



The Chief Guest addressing the audience



French Intercollegiate Competitions 'Jeux d'Esprit'



The Department of French hosted the French Intercollegiate Competitions 'Jeux d'Esprit' on 15 September 2023. This annual event, held after a hiatus of five years, witnessed the enthusiastic participation of students from over 20 colleges. The occasion was graced by the esteemed presence of Mme. Lise Talbot Barré, the French General Consul for Pondicherry and Chennai, and Thomas Chaumont, Attaché for Cooperation in French Language in South India, who inaugurated the event. The event featured a range of onstage activities that captured the essence of French culture and creativity such as Group Dance, Fashion Walk and Singing, and offstage events such as T-shirt Designing, Quiz, Poster Making and Short Film Making. All of these events were designed

to challenge the participants intellectually and creatively.

'La Fête de Noël', organised by the Department on 19 December 2023, on the College campus fostered the festive spirit of Christmas among the students. As part of the event, three competitions, namely, Christmas Tree Making, Cooking Christmas Delicacies and Christmas Card Making were conducted. These competitions were, chosen through student polling and they added a delightful touch to the campus festivities. The event created a joyful atmosphere, providing students with a platform to express their creativity during the festive Christmas season. The enthusiastic participation and diverse entries in each

competition highlighted the vibrant spirit of the French Club members.

Le Cercle des Francophiles embraced the vibrant festivities of Mardi Gras with its spirited celebration on 15 February 2024. With colourful masks and lively competitions, students embarked on a journey of creativity, paying tribute to the rich cultural heritage of France and its exuberant carnival traditions. The competitions that were organised included Art Facial (Face Painting), Fabrication de Masque (Mask Making and Défilé Élégant (Elegant Walk). The competitions were open to all departments, and were scheduled so as to accommodate all willing participants from both the shifts.

தமிழ்



பாரதி மன்றத் தொடக்க விழா 20.07.2023 அன்று "பாரதியின் வழியில் புதுமைப் பெண்கள்" என்ற தலைப்பில் நடைபெற்றது. இவ்விழாவில் சிறப்பு விருந்தினராகத் திரு. இளங்கோ கிருஷ்ணன் அவர்கள் கலந்துகொண்டு அயராத முயற்சியும் கடின உழைப்பையும் உள்ளடக்கிய தனது வெற்றிப் பயண அனுபவங்களை முன்னுதாரணமாக வழங்கி மாணவியரை ஊக்கப்படுத்தினார்.

மாயூரம் வேதநாயகம் பிள்ளை அறக்கட்டளைச் சொற்பொழிவானது 7.09.2023 அன்று நடைபெற்றது. மாயூரம் வேதநாயகம் பிள்ளையின் பெருமையினையும் தமிழ் இலக்கிய வரலாற்றில் அவருடைய பங்களிப்பினையும் மாணவியர் விரும்பும் வகையில், “உலகின் முதல் நாவல் ஒரு முன்னோடி நாவல்” என்ற தலைப்பில் மாநிலக் கல்லூரியின் முதல்வர் முனைவர் இரா. இராமன் அவர்கள் சிறப்பு விருந்தினராகக் கலந்துகொண்டு உரையாற்றினார்.

மகாத்மா காந்தியடிகளின் 154வது பிறந்தநாளை முன்னிட்டு 16.10.2023 அன்று பேச்சுப் போட்டியும் கவிதைப் போட்டியும் நடைபெற்றன. ஸ்டெல்லா மாரிஸ் கல்லூரி, வரலாறு மற்றும் சுற்றுலா துறையின் உதவிப் பேராசிரியர் முனைவர் சிந்தியா ஜூதி அவர்கள் பேச்சுப் போட்டியின் நடுவராகவும், தமிழ்த்துறையின் உதவிப் பேராசிரியர் முனைவர் அம்பிகாவதி அவர்கள் கவிதைப் போட்டியின் நடுவராகவும் இருந்து வெற்றியாளர்களைத் தேர்வுசெய்தனர். போட்டிகளில் 55 மாணவியர் ஆர்வத்துடன் பங்கேற்றனர்.



முதுகலை இரண்டாமாண்டு மாணவி ஆயிஷா முபஸ்ஸரா மக்கள் பேச்சாளர் விருதைப் பெறுகிறார்.

மகாகவி பாரதியாரின் 141வது பிறந்தநாளை முன்னிட்டு 15.12.2023 அன்று தனிப்பாடல், குழுப்பாடல், ஓவியப்போட்டி ஆகியவை நடைபெற்றன. கல்லூரியின் சமஸ்கிருதத்துறையின் உதவிப் பேராசிரியர் முனைவர் இரா. சுபஸ்ரீ அவர்கள் தனிப்பாடல் மற்றும் குழுப்பாடல் போட்டியின் நடுவராகவும், தமிழ்த்துறையின் தலைவர் முனைவர் இ. நந்தமிழ் நங்கை அவர்கள் ஓவியப்போட்டியின் நடுவராகவும் வருகைபுரிந்து வெற்றியாளர்களைத் தேர்ந்தெடுத்தனர். போட்டிகளில் 56 மாணவியர் ஆர்வத்துடன் பங்கேற்றனர்.

தமிழர்த் திருநாளாம் பொங்கலை முன்னிட்டு நிகழ்த்தப் பெற்ற பொங்கல் விழாவானது 12.01.2024

அன்று சிறப்பாகக் கொண்டாடப்பட்டது. விழாவிற்குச் சிறப்பு விருந்தினராகப் பிரபல மக்கள் இசைப் பாடகர்கள் திரு புஷ்பவனம் குப்புசாமி அவர்களும் திருமதி அனிதா குப்புசாமி அவர்களும் தலைமை ஏற்றுச் சிறப்பு செய்தனர். மேலும் நிகழ்ச்சியில் சிறப்பு விருந்தினர்கள் சிறப்பு உரையாடலோடு மாணவியர் அனைவரையும் உற்சாகமூட்டும் வண்ணம் பாடல் பாடி மகிழ்வித்தனர். அதனைத் தொடர்ந்து லயன்ஸ் மார்ஷியல் ஆர்ட்ஸ் கலைக் குழுவினர் மற்றும் நம் கல்லூரி மாணவிகள் தங்களின் கலை நிகழ்ச்சிகளால் அனைவரையும் மகிழ்வித்தனர்.

முன்னாள் முதல்வர் டாக்டர். ஜே. ஜெயலலிதா அறக்கட்டளைச்

சொற்பொழிவு, 12.02.2024 அன்று நடைபெற்றது. இந்நிகழ்ச்சியில் சிறப்பு விருந்தினராகப் பிரபல பாடலாசிரியரும் மற்றும் திரைப்பட இயக்குநருமான கவிஞர். குட்டி ரேவதி அவர்கள் வருகை புரிந்து "ஊடகமும் பெண்களும் " என்ற தலைப்பில் உரையாற்றினார்.

பாரதி மன்றம் 20232024 நிறைவு விழாவானது 20.03.2024 அன்று நடைபெற்றது. இவ்விழாவிற்குச் சிறப்பு விருந்தினராக முனைவர் நா.சுலோசனா அவர்கள் வருகை தந்து பெண்களின் வளர்ச்சி குறித்துச் சிறப்பாக உரையாற்றினார். தொடர்ந்து பாரதி மன்றம் நடத்திய போட்டிகளில் வெற்றிபெற்றவர்களுக்குப் பரிசும் பாரதி மன்றப் பொறுப்பாளர்களுக்கு நிறைவுச் சான்றிதழும் வழங்கினார்.



ஆயிஷா முபஷ்ஷரா முதல் பரிசையும் சு.ஹரிப்பிரியா இரண்டாம் பரிசையும் யாமினி மூன்றாம் பரிசையும் பெறுகின்றனர்.

மாணவியர் சாதனை (2023 — 2024)

1. கல்லூரிக் கல்வித்துறையால் 7.07.2023 அன்று சென்னை மாவட்ட அளவில் நடத்தப்பெற்ற கவிதைப் போட்டியில் இரண்டாமாண்டு சமூகவியல் துறை மாணவி சொ. துர்காதேவி மூன்றாம் பரிசு பெற்றார்.

2. முத்தமிழ் அறிஞர் கலைஞர் மு. கருணாநிதி அவர்களின் பிறந்த நாளை முன்னிட்டு பாரதி மகளிர் கல்லூரியில் 11.08.2023 அன்று நடைபெற்ற பேச்சுப்போட்டியில் முதுகலை மாணவி ஆயிஷா முபஷ்ஷரா மூன்றாம் பரிசு பெற்றார்.

3. தந்தை பெரியார் பிறந்த நாளை முன்னிட்டு தமிழ் வளர்ச்சித்

துறையின் சார்பாக மாநிலக் கல்லூரியில் 19.9.2023 அன்று நடைபெற்ற பேச்சுப்போட்டியில் முதலாமாண்டு பொருளாதாரத் துறை மாணவி த.மீனாட்சி மூன்றாம் பரிசு பெற்றார்.

4. அண்ணல் அம்பேத்கர் பிறந்த நாளை முன்னிட்டு மாநிலக் கல்லூரியில் 10.10.2023 அன்று கல்லூரிக் கல்வித் துறையால் நடந்தபெற்றப் பேச்சுப்போட்டியில் முதுகலை இரண்டாமாண்டு மாணவி ஆயிஷா முபஷ்ஷரா மூன்றாம் பரிசு பெற்றார்.

5. ஸ்டெல்லா மாரிஸ் கல்லூரி வாசகர் மன்றம் ஸ்டெல்லா மாரிஸ் கல்லூரி மாணவிகளிடையே 25.20.2023

அன்று நடத்திய அக்னிச் சிறகுகள் நூல் மதிப்புரைப் போட்டியில் இரண்டாமாண்டு சமூகவியல் துறை மாணவி சு.ஹரிப்பிரியா முதல் பரிசு பெற்றார்.

6. முத்தமிழ் அறிஞர் கலைஞர் நூற்றாண்டு விழாவை முன்னிட்டு 28.11.2023 அன்று நடைபெற்ற சமூக நீதி காவலர் பேச்சுப்போட்டியில் முதுகலை இரண்டாமாண்டு மாணவி ஆயிஷா முபஷ்ஷரா முதல் பரிசையும் இரண்டாமாண்டு சமூகவியல் துறை மாணவி சு.ஹரிப்பிரியா இரண்டாம் பரிசையும் இரண்டாமாண்டு இயற்பியல் துறை மாணவி யோ.தர்ஷிதா மூன்றாம் பரிசையும் பெற்றனர்.

7. எழுதிரள் அமைப்பு 24.12.2023 அன்று நடத்திய தமிழ் மாணவர் விருது வழங்கும் நிகழ்வில் முதுகலை இரண்டாமாண்டு மாணவி ஆயிஷா முபஷ்ஷரா மக்கள் பேச்சாளர் விருதைப் பெற்றார்.

8. நீர் இணையம் அமைப்பு 31.12.2023 அன்று மாநில அளவில் இணைய வழியில் நடத்திய நீர் விழிப்புணர்வு பேச்சுப்போட்டியில் முதுகலை இரண்டாமாண்டு மாணவி ஆயிஷா முபஷ்ஷரா இரண்டாம் பரிசு பெற்றார்.

9. நீதிபதி பஷீர் அகமது ஸயீத் பெண்கள் கல்லூரியால் 19.01.24 அன்று நடத்தப்பெற்றப் பேச்சுப்போட்டியில் முதலாமாண்டு பொருளாதாரத் துறை மாணவி த. மீனாட்சி மூன்றாம் பரிசு பெற்றார்.

10. புதிய குரல் அமைப்பானது மாநிலக்கல்லூரியில் 23.01.2024 அன்று “பாலஸ்தீனம் நேற்று இன்று நாளை” என்னும் தலைப்பில் நடத்திய பேச்சுப்போட்டியில் முதுகலை இரண்டாமாண்டு மாணவி ஆயிஷா முபஷ்ஷரா மூன்றாம் பரிசு பெற்றார்.

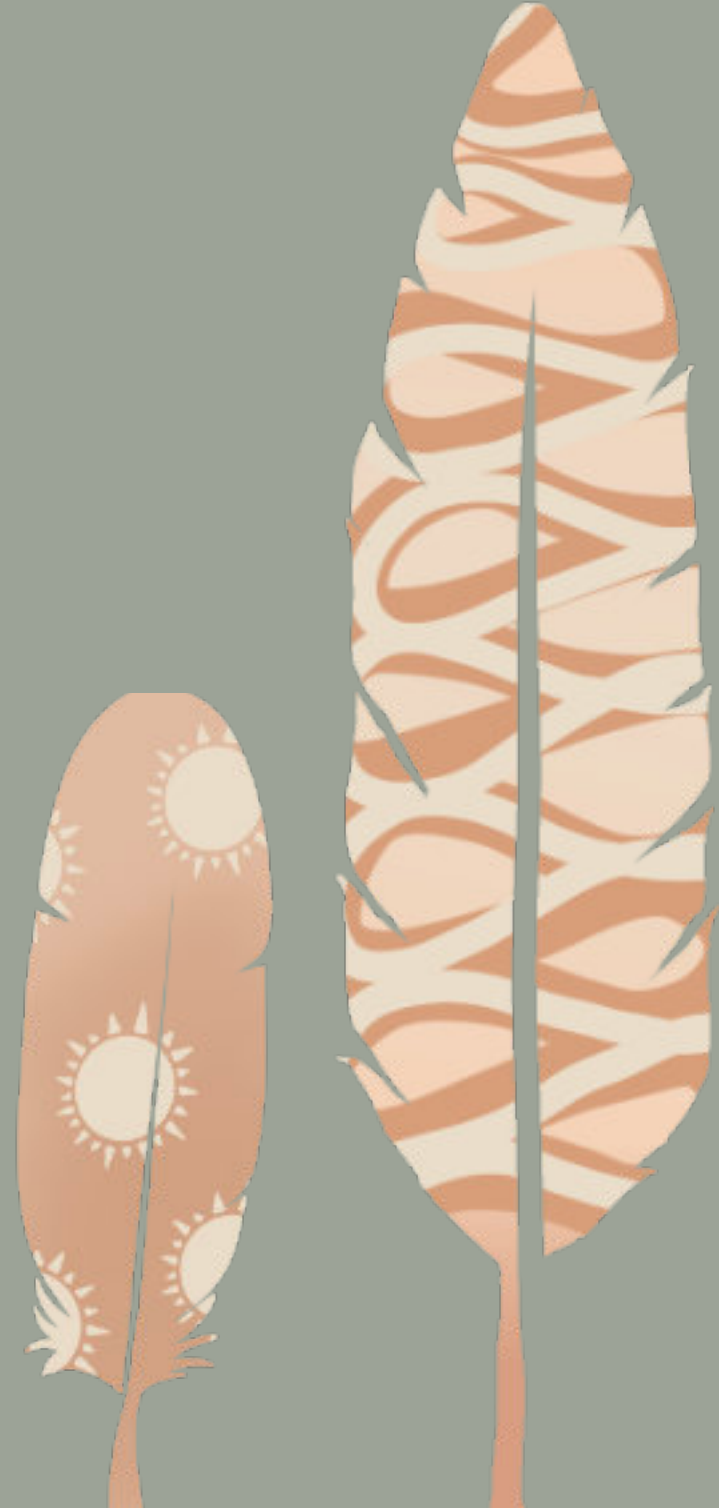
11. முத்தமிழ் அறிஞர் கலைஞர் மு. கருணாநிதி நூற்றாண்டு விழாவை முன்னிட்டு தமிழ்நாடு மாநில உருது அகாடமியும் தமிழ்நாடு திறந்தநிலைப் பல்கலைக்கழகமும் இணைந்து நடத்திய பேச்சுப்போட்டியில் முதுகலை இரண்டாமாண்டு மாணவி ஆயிஷா முபஷ்ஷரா முதல் பரிசையும் இரண்டாமாண்டு சமூகவியல் துறை மாணவி சு.ஹரிப்பிரியா இரண்டாம் பரிசையும்

இரண்டாமாண்டு வரலாற்றுத்துறை மாணவி யாமினி மூன்றாம் பரிசையும் பெற்றனர்.

முதுகலை இரண்டாமாண்டு மாணவி ஆயிஷா முபஷ்ஷரா மக்கள் பேச்சாளர் விருதைப் பெறுகிறார்.



CREATIVE
WRITING



Something Smelly This Way Comes

(The winning entry in the Bhavana Memorial Creative Writing Competition)

Ping! The microwave went off, and he got off the couch to lower the volume of the tacky late-night detective show. As much as he hated it, it was the only thing on TV he could catch after his shift ended.

He made his way over to the microwave to grab his dinner. Looking down at the plate, he sighed. This was the fourth microwaved dinner this week, and it was only Friday! He grabbed a fork and sat down in front of the television.

Tonight's episode featured "Marvellous Mike" solving another dangerous crime, this time in a dingy alleyway. "Ugh, the typical fedora-wearing, trench coat-clad detective," he complained. But he kept watching anyway; he didn't have anywhere particular to be on a Friday night. The screen droned on for another half hour, but he wasn't paying attention, mindlessly chewing on a carrot.

Suddenly, he tasted something rather unappetizing. It couldn't have been the plate of mush that was his so-called dinner; that had tasted fine two minutes ago. He drank a gulp of water to wash down the taste,

but there it was again! This time he knew it wasn't the food. He hadn't even taken a bite! He was certain it was something else.

He swallowed again in an attempt to rid himself of the foul taste, but it didn't work. He swallowed again and again. He was about to try once

more when he slowly realized it wasn't something he had eaten. It was a smell so bad he felt the lingering taste in his mouth.

He then spent a good few minutes sniffing around his apartment. As he got closer to the living room, the odour became extremely evident. The smell grew stronger and stronger until he found himself standing in front of his apartment door.

Heart pounding, he hesitated for a moment before cautiously opening the door. The hallway was dimly lit, and the smell was overpowering. He followed the stench down the hall until he reached the apartment next to his. The door was ajar, and he could hear the faint sound of a television inside.

Summoning his courage, he pushed the door open further and stepped inside. The sight that

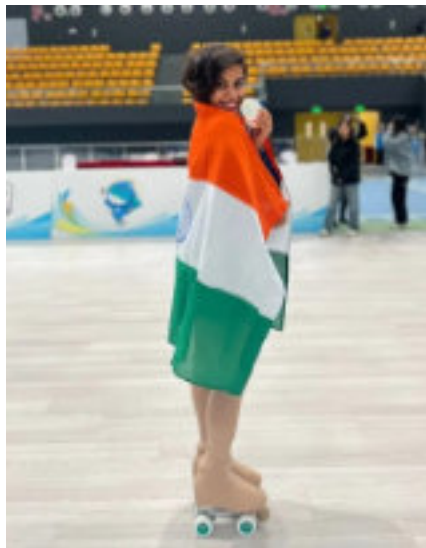
greeted him made his eyes slightly widen. His neighbour, Mr. Thompson, sat on the floor, his head stuck into the refrigerator. The smell was coming from a pool of dark liquid around his body.

Panicking, he fumbled for his phone to call for help, only for his neighbour to turn around and smile at him. "2 days I wasn't in town, and forgot to clean out my fridge before leaving. And clumsy old me, just had to spill the old spaghetti sauce" he confessed sheepishly.

There was confused silence in the room, and he briefly glanced at the television. The detective show was still playing, and Marvellous Mike was in the middle of a dramatic revelation. He really needed to stop watching that damned show!

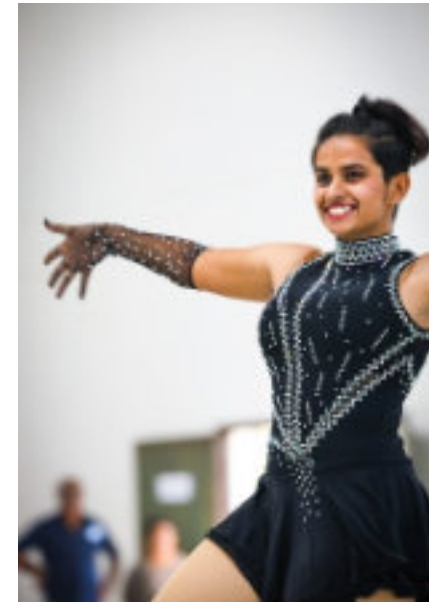
Yaamina Buhari

Artistic Skating: A Love-Hate Relationship?



I'm in a love-hate relationship with my sport (love for the most part. I think). For those who don't know, I am an artistic roller skater and have been skating for the past 10 years of my life. It's like ice skating sans ice. It is a graceful dance on wheels that showcases the athleticism and the creative artistry of the skater. My expertise in skating has been in the following events – Solo Dance, Couple Dance, Quartet (group of 4 skaters), and Show Group (group of 8 to 12 skaters).

Now, being a skater isn't and hasn't always been fun and games. The minute I decided to pursue this sport professionally, my life has revolved around it. The consequence being sacrificing my personal life, time with my family and friends, foregoing family trips and missing out on mundane things that would otherwise seem normal to everyone else. Every decision I make somehow has an impact on skating. If I want to go on a trip with my family or friends, there's always training or a camp to attend to or a competition coming up.



The past few years of my life has been the craziest part of my sporting career, and I have absolutely loved it. In December 2021, I made the decision of participating in the trials for the Asian Games. The event was the couple dance where a male and a female skater skate together with a combination of dance, technical skills and lifts. This was an event I had tried only once when I was much younger. This led to two years of continuous travelling, long camps, new friendships and different guest houses becoming a home to me. Very soon, Mohali, Chandigarh,

Hyderabad and Vishakapatnam became temporary homes. I learnt enough Hindi to survive in these cities, especially in the North. I made friends with people from Kerala, Hyderabad, Vizag, Mumbai and Gujarat. There were 5 selections held and training camps

across these cities all leading to disappointment where the artistic skating event was cancelled from the Asian Games as there were not enough participating countries. I wanted to hang up my boots.

My parents were my guiding light and source of encouragement. I found myself back on the skating rink and back to competitions and selections. Travelling across states now took me across country borders. My first International competition took me to Brisbane, Australia for the Oceanic Championships in August 2023. It was a moment of pride to represent India. Although I was placed 12th amongst the best of skaters, the experience was phenomenal. This was quickly followed up by me getting selected to represent India in the Asian championship held in China in October 2023. All my hard work payed off with me emerging with 3 medals – Gold in Quartet, Silver in Couple Dance, Bronze in Solo Dance. It was the proudest moment of my sporting career. I was overwhelmed with joy and my family could never hide their pride.

My achievements led to younger kids, especially from my school, looking up to this sport. I was soon called by my school principal to start training younger kids in artistic skating. This encouraged me all the more to train and develop young kids in to professional skaters. Thus started my training career. But no, this did not stop my skating career. I have participated in district, state,

national and international events and have won numerous medals. I have had the honour of being felicitated by the Honourable Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Mr. Stalin, for winning the silver medal at the National Games held in Ahmedabad in September 2022. I have also had the honour of being felicitated by the Minister of Sports, Tamil Nadu, Mr. Udaynidhi Stalin for having won three medals at the Asian Championships in October 2023.

My passion for artistic skating cannot be described in simple words. I continue to pursue the sport and I continue to participate in every competition possible. Bust most importantly, my wish is to train and prepare as many artistic skaters as possible in this romantic sport that involves artistic dance on roller skates. My passion for this sport is undying. The mental stress that comes with this sport is no joke. I have wanted to give up on multiple occasions. And I'm so grateful I didn't. I've made new amazing friendships with people not only from across India but from different countries, and have been welcomed with open arms to skate and train with them. This is my love-hate relationship that I share with my sport, and I have absolutely no regrets.

Natalia Orinda Johnson
International Figure Skater

தமிழ்

தமிழ்த் தாரகையே
தமிழனுக்குப் பெருமை
வரைந்த தூரிகையே!
கொஞ்சம் தமிழை
மிஞ்சும் வீரம்
பிரபஞ்சத்தில் இல்லை!
நெஞ்சம் உருகியே
தஞ்சம் கொள்வேன்
தினம் தினம் தமிழனிடமே!
கஞ்சம் இல்லா
செந்தமிழ்ச் சொற்களஞ்சியமே!
என்றும் நீயே
என் வாஞ்சையே
கணக்கில்லா இலக்கியமே!
என்றும் என்னை
வழிநடத்தும் வெளிச்சமே!
வயதில்லா அதிசயமே!
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தமிழ்த்தாயே!
தமிழ்த் தாரகையே!

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என் கல்லூரி

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பெண்மை

தூய்மை உள்ளம் நெஞ்சில் ஊற்றெடுக்க
கண்ணில் அன்பு பெருக்கெடுக்க
உதட்டில் புன்னகை எட்டிப்பார்க்க
குண்டலகேசத்துடன்
கூரிய புருவம் கொண்டவள் பாவை
வர்ணிக்க வார்த்தைகள் நூறு
பிடித்ததைச் செய்தால் பிடிவாதக்காரி
சொந்தமாக்க விரும்பினால் சுயநலவாதி
வழி தவறினால் கற்பில் குன்றியவள்
உரிமைக்குக் குரல் கொடுத்தால்
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தேவையில்லை
ஊருக்கும் ஆறுக்கும்

மகளிர் பெயர் கூட வேண்டவில்லை
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ஒவ்வொரு பெண்ணும்
நவீன உலகின்
கண்ணகியே!

நித்தியஸ்ரீ
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महिलाओं को शिक्षित करना जितना हम महसूस करते हैं उससे कहीं अधिक महत्वपूर्ण क्यों है

स्त्री या स्त्री ऊर्जा, भारतीय संस्कृति में सभी देवताओं की मां, सभी बुराईयों पर विजय 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 दिव्य नारी शक्ति की भारत में तीव्र आराधना और भक्ति के साथ पूजा की जाती है।

फिर भी, यह भारत में ही है कि हम नारी शक्ति के प्रति सबसे 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 निंदा 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 दुविधा में रहती है, सोचती है कि क्या उसके चारों ओर खड़ी की जा रही स्त्री देवताओं से संबंधित है या नहीं जिसे 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 निश्चित रूप से वे अधिक रही हैं घरेलू मामलों में व्यस्त और सीमित और यहीं से उनकी सामाजिक अधीनता शुरू हुई।

इस तरह की अधीनता के बावजूद, महिलाएं बोल्ट हाउसहोल्डर्स, मजबूत माताओं, रानियों, प्रशासकों, योद्धाओं, चुने हुए प्रतिनिधियों और नेताओं जैसी महत्वपूर्ण भूमिकाओं से बची हुई हैं।इसलिए, दमन और इनकार के बावजूद, भारत ने बार-बार इस महिला रचनात्मक शक्ति की शक्ति का सही मायने में अनुभव किया है।

भारत और सामान्य रूप से मनुष्यों के लिए आगे का रास्ता महिला शक्ति (द फेमिनिन पावरहाउस) के साथ सम्मान, गहरा सम्मान, अनुभवों, सीखने और अवसरों तक समान पहुंच के साथ व्यवहार करना है।सभी लोगों को, सभी यौन गतावेदों से ऊपर, उनकी पूर्ण अंतरिक क्षमता को खोजने की अनुमति दी जानी चाहिए।

भारत, विविधता और विपरीतता की भूमि, भारत शक्ति-दुर्गा का उत्कट उपासक शायद मानव जाति को गहरी आंतरिक क्षमता के लिए गहरे सम्मान के आधार पर मानव सफलता में से जा सकता है, महिलाओं की बौद्धिक शक्ति और सरलता। महिलाओं को उनके उचित स्थान से वंचित करना मानव जाति को उसकी उचित सफलता से वंचित करना है।

Sara Singh

22/UHSA/04



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 उनकी 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
जिनकी वजह से ही वो सुकुनो- चैन की नींद पाते है,
शर्म तो उन राजनेताओ पर आती है,
जो ईन्हें अपनी राजनीति का स्तंभ बनाते है ।

K.S. Sonia
22/UMTA/048

आज के जीवन में तकनीकी का प्रभाव

वक्त के सात इस दुनिया में बहुत सारे बदलाव आए हैं।उन्में से एक है तकनीकी का आविश्कार । आज के जीवन में तकनीकी का उपयोग बहुत आवश्यक हो गया है। यह विभिन्न रूपों में पाए जाते हैं। मोबाइल फ़ोन, 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 दफ़्तर भी ना जा पाए। ऐसा लगा कि दुनिया रुक गई थी। पर तकनीकी के प्रयोग से हमें काम करने का मौक़ा मिला। स्कूल और कॉलेज ऑनलाइन माध्यम के द्वारा कक्षा लिया 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 सिर्फ़ 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 । गांव 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 है । इन सब यंत्रों के उपयोग के कारण बच्चे अभी बाहर जाकर खेलना नहीं चाहते हैं । वे अपना पूरा वक्त सिर्फ़ मोबाइल फ़ोन 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 बड़ रहा है । नौजवान लड़के-लड़कियाँ घर में बिना काम बैठे हैं । लोगों में कमज़ोरियाँ बड़ रही है।

हर चीज़ को अगर हम ठीक से प्रयोग करेंगे दो 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 भिखारी हूँ

हाँ.....भिखारी हूँ मैं ...

माँ की कोख में से

मिली ये ज़िंदगी भीख में,

हूँ मैं भिखारी उनकी

रक्त,दुग्ध,अश्रुभरी एहसानों की।

फर्ज निभाते निभाते

थका मांदा पिता ने

पसीने से सींच सींचकर

सँवारे मेरी ज़िंदगी

हूँ मैं भिखारी उनकी ।

मेहनत, जवानी,और सपनों की ..

रंगीन ख्वाबों की गुब्बारों से

सजाए गुरुओं ने मेरी ज़िंदगी

हूँ मैं भिखारी उनकी

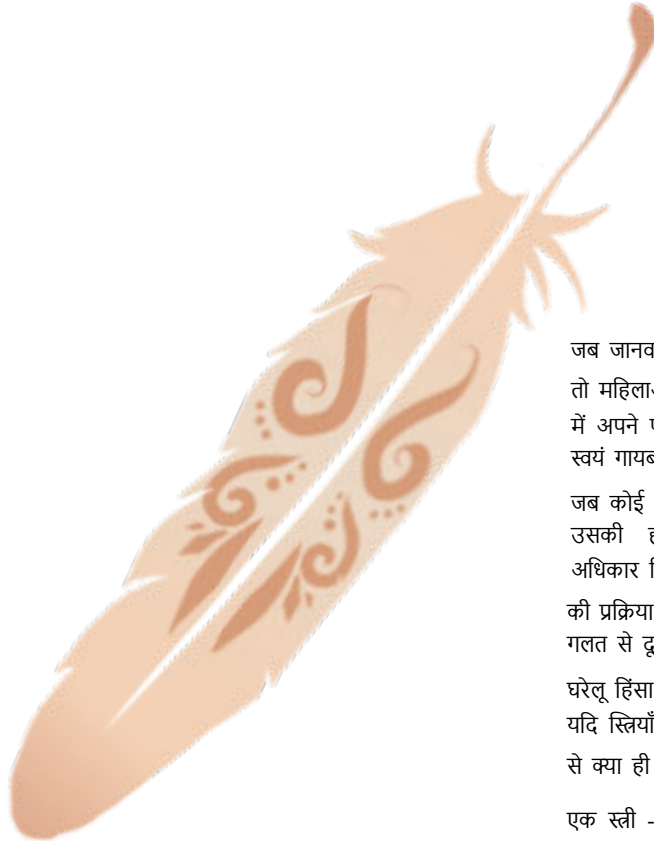
लाड़, प्यार और प्रयासों की

आतम्बल पर जीने की

तमन्नाएँ जताई मुझ में

हूँ मैं भिखारी उनकी....

Jayashree M.
22/UHSA/053



अगर वह कहे “यही प्यार है”, तो बताइए “प्यार चोट नहीं पहुँचाती

जब जानवरों के खिलाफ हिंसा ने पूरे देश को ठप कर दिया और विरोध प्रदर्शन शुरू कर दिया, तो महिलाओं के खिलाफ हिंसा 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 हिंसा 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 किसने दे दिया? बचपन में आपने माता-पिता के द्वारा पिटाई 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 हिंसा 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 है, तो हम पुरुषों से क्या ही उम्मीद रख सकते है?

एक स्त्री -बेटी, बहन, पत्नी, बहू, मां और भी बहुत भूमिकाएँ निभाती है और हर एक में 101 जिम्मेदारियाँ होती हैं । हर जगह उसकी शोषण और उपयोग किया जाता है और फिर भी उसे तिरस्कार 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 रखे। क्या यही समानता है?

घरेलू हिंसा 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 रखे तो देश की प्रगति कैसे होगी ? ऐसे में महिलाओं के खिलाफ हिंसा का चक्र जारी रहेगा।

तो, समाधान क्या है?...

हमारे सरकार ने घरेलू हिंसा 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 दुरभलता उसकी प्यार है और इसी का उपयोग करके वह अपने आप को कानून के सामने आने से बचाते हैं। सरकार ही नहीं अनेक फिल्में और नाटकों भी बनते हैं जो घरलु हिंसा के प्रति रोशनी डालकर समाज को सीख देते हैं । पर हर जगह से स्त्रियाँ को मदद मिल भी जाए, जब तक वह अपने आप को सामने नहीं रखती तब तक वह घरेलु हिंसा 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 जिम्मेदारी हैं। स्त्रियाँ आर्थिक, भावनात्मक और मानसिक रूप से स्वतंत्र होनी चाहिए । हमारा भी एक कर्तव्य है समाज के प्रति - अगली बार घरेलू हिंसा आपके सामने दिखाई दे तो उनसे जरूर पूछिएगा कि उन्हें एक महिला को मारने का अधिकार किसने दिया..

अंततः बदलाव तो घर से शुरू होकर पूरी दुनिया में पहुँचती हैं तो मेरी आपसे विनती है की स्त्रियाँ के प्रति हिंसा खास करके घरेलू हिंसा के खिलाफ अपना आवाज़ उठाईए ।

Amritha Pradeep
22/UMTA/021

The background features several stylized feathers. A large, light green feather with white oval spots is the central focus, angled from the top left towards the bottom right. To its right, there are two smaller blue feathers: one with a pattern of small white spirals and another with larger white swirls. In the bottom left corner, there are two more blue feathers, one with white spots and another with white horizontal stripes. The entire composition is set against a solid cream-colored background.

CLASS
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II M.A. Economics



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II M.A. International Studies



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II M.Sc. Bioinformatics



II M.Sc. Chemistry



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II M.Sc. Information Technology



II M.Sc. Mathematics



III B.A. Economics



II M.Sc. Physics



III B.A. English and Communication Skills



III B.A. English



III B.A. History and Tourism



III B.A. Sociology





III B.B.A.



III B.C.A. Section B



III B.C.A. Section A



III B.Com. Shift I



III B.Com. Section A Shift II



III B.Com. Section C Shift II



III B.Com. Section B Shift II



III B.Com. Accounting and Finance



III B.Com. Corporate Secretaryship Section A



III B.Com Honours



III B.Com. Corporate Secretaryship Section B



III B.S.W



III B.Sc. Psychology



III B.Sc. Chemistry



III B.Sc. Botany



III B.Sc. Mathematics Shift I



III B.Sc. Mathematics Shift II



III B.Sc. Zoology



III B.Sc. Physics



III B.Voc. Banking, Financial Service and Insurance Shift II



III B.Voc. Food Processing and Quality Control



III B.Voc. Sustainable Energy Management



III B.Voc. Tourism and Hospitality



IV B.V.A.



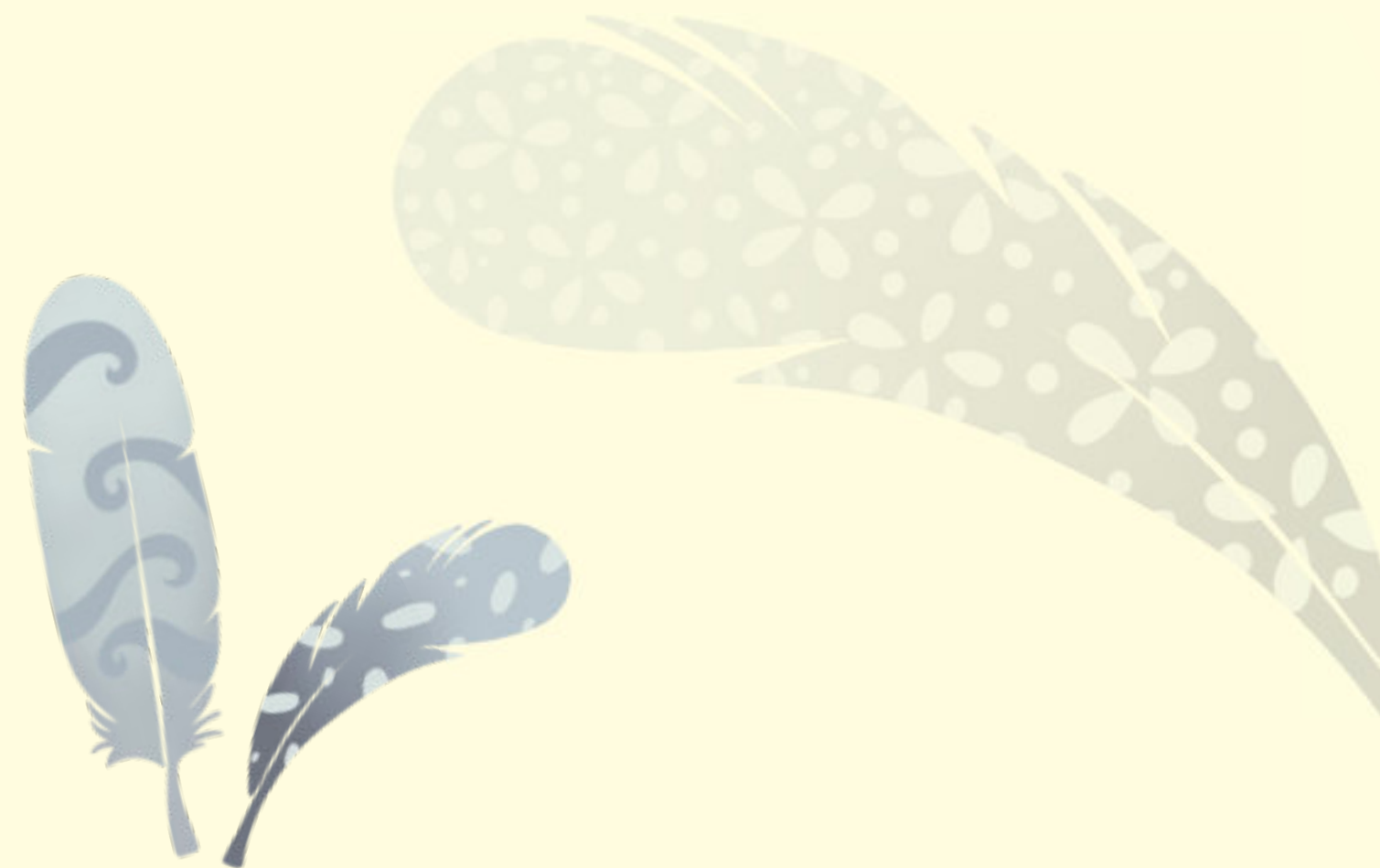
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List of Overall Pass Percentages Undergraduate
April 2024

BATCH : 2020

COLLEGE : AIDED

S.NO	Section	Appeared	Passed	Percentage
1	B.V.A. - VISUAL ARTS - A	63	59	93.65

BATCH : 2021

COLLEGE : AIDED

S.NO	Section	Appeared	Passed	Percentage
1	B.A. - HISTORY AND TOURISM - A	54	42	77.78
2	B.A. - SOCIOLOGY - A	73	67	91.78
3	B.A. - ECONOMICS - A	65	48	73.85
4	B.A. - ENGLISH - A	67	53	79.10
5	B.Com. - COMMERCE - A	79	73	92.41
6	B.Sc. - MATHEMATICS - A	51	43	84.31
7	B.Sc. - PHYSICS - A	39	31	79.49
8	B.Sc. - CHEMISTRY - A	41	33	80.49
9	B.Sc. - PLANT BIOLOGY AND PLANT BIOTECHNOLOGY - A	39	28	71.79
10	B.Sc. - ADVANCED ZOOLOGY AND BIOTECHNOLOGY - A	38	31	81.58

RESULTS

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BATCH : 2021

COLLEGE : SELF-FINANCING

S.NO	Section	Appeared	Passed	Percentage
1	B.Com. - COMMERCE - A	78	74	94.87
2	B.Com. - COMMERCE - B	78	74	94.87
3	B.Com. - COMMERCE - C	79	69	87.34
4	B.Com.(CS) - CORPORATE SECRETARYSHIP - A	80	68	85.00
5	B.Com.(CS) - CORPORATE SECRETARYSHIP - B	81	71	87.65
6	B.Com.(A&F) - ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE - A	79	66	83.54
7	B.B.A. - BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION - A	80	71	88.75
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9	B.Voc. - FOOD PROCESSING AND QUALITY CONTROL - A	36	34	94.44
10	B.Voc. - SUSTAINABLE ENERGY MANAGEMENT - A	10	8	80.00
11	B.C.A. - COMPUTER APPLICATIONS - A	52	49	94.23
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13	B.Sc. - PSYCHOLOGY - A	55	50	90.91
14	B.S.W. - SOCIAL WORK - A	45	39	86.67
15	B.A. - ENGLISH AND COMMUNICATION SKILLS - A	64	47	73.44
16	B.Voc. - TOURISM AND HOSPITALITY - A	6	5	83.33
17	B.Voc. - BANKING, FINANCIAL SERVICES AND INSURANCE - A	38	26	68.42
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S.NO	Section	Appeared	Passed	Percentage
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2	M.A. - ENGLISH - A	39	34	87.18
3	M.A. - HISTORY OF FINE ARTS - A	17	9	52.94
4	M.Sc. - MATHEMATICS - A	44	37	84.09
5	M.S.W. - SOCIAL WORK - A	32	26	81.25

COLLEGE : SELF-FINANCING

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1	M.A. - INTERNATIONAL STUDIES - A	20	19	95.00
2	M.A. - PUBLIC RELATIONS - A	23	18	78.26
3	M.Com. - COMMERCE - A	43	41	95.35
4	M.Sc. - CHEMISTRY - A	25	24	96.00
5	M.Sc. - INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY - A	26	24	92.31
6	M.Sc. - BIOINFORMATICS - A	21	20	95.24
7	M.Sc. - BIOTECHNOLOGY - A	26	26	100.00
8	M.Sc. - PHYSICS - A	26	24	92.31
9	M.A. - HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT - A	44	43	97.73
10	M.Sc. - PSYCHOLOGY - A	3	3	100.00

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