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From the Principal's desk...

Dear friends,

Greetings from UCC!

The higher education sector today is undergoing massive transformations. Students who enrolled under UG (Hons.) Programme have now completed three semesters. The newly restructured undergraduate curriculum offers our students a wide range of choices. They can now customize their degree by selecting Major, Minor and Multidisciplinary courses based on their interests and preferences. Under this new system, students also have the flexibility to switch their Major and Minor, and to pursue skill-based courses.

While this reform in higher education aims to enhance student progression, the extensive overhaul it demands poses significant challenges for the existing undergraduate framework. Union Christian College remains dedicated to providing a supportive and enabling environment that allows students to make the most of these evolving opportunities.

The academic year 2025–26 marks a milestone for UC College, as it is the first year since it was conferred with autonomous status. The major challenge before the college now is to manage, simultaneously, the Three-Year UG (final year), Four-Year UG (second year), and Four-Year UG Autonomous (first year) batches, while conducting exams under different patterns and completing valuations on time. It is the hard work and perseverance of the teaching and non-teaching community that empowers the college to navigate this transition phase with confidence and wholehearted commitment. The BBA and BCA programmes introduced after the conferment of autonomy have successfully completed their first semester. The Centenary Block, initiated with the support of the teaching community during the Centenary Year, will be completed in November.

Alongside achieving an A++ grade from NAAC, UC College secured the 96th position in the NIRF and 12th position in the KIRF rankings. In recognition of these remarkable achievements, the college received the Minister's Award of Excellence, jointly constituted by the Higher Education Department and SLQAC.

Moving forward, embracing the positive transformations in the higher education sector, the college envisages to take necessary steps towards attaining the status of a university in the near future. The year 2025 holds special significance as we celebrate the centenary of Mahatma Gandhi's visit to UC College. The words "Delighted with the ideal situation" inscribed by Gandhi in the visitor's diary in



1925, remain an enduring inspiration – an affirmation of the values the institution strives to uphold. The *Gandhivarsham* celebrations organised by the college community were an earnest attempt to remain as close as possible to this ideal.

It was during the period when the British colonial regime had tightened its grip across India that the founding fathers of Union Christian College – Prof. K. C. Chacko, Prof. A. M. Varki, Prof. V. M. Ittyerah, and Prof. C. P. Mathew – invited Mahatma Gandhi, who envisioned India's independence, to the campus in 1925. We bow in tribute to their resplendent courage inspired by patriotic spirit.

Even as we assimilate the latest developments in higher education, we have the responsibility to uphold and preserve alternative visions of life and living. UC college has been committed to this ethos for over a century.

The UCian community, including the Old Students' Association, remains an encouraging force to carefully and clearly negotiate this transition period. May UCC be able to progress in the sphere of knowledge without losing its distinctive feature of fostering a polyphonic culture, acknowledging differences and accepting otherness.

Prof. (Dr.) Mini Alice

Old Students' Reunion Day 2025

Dear Alumni,
Union Christian College Old Students' Association invites you to the
Old Students' Reunion Day on 08th of November, 2025 (Saturday).

Programme

✓ 9.30 AM	Registration
✓ 10.00 AM	Public Meeting @ VMA Hall
Chief Guest: Shri. T.T. Thomas Former CMD of FACT & Alumnus	
✓ 11.15 AM	Distribution of scholarships instituted by alumni and honouring Shri. Lal Paul for designing and maintaining the new website of OSA 'www.uccalumni.org'
✓ 11.45 AM	Reminiscences and Cultural Programme
✓ 1.00 PM	Lunch

UCC is Autonomous

Union Christian College has been conferred Autonomous status by Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, with the approval of the UGC. The college started functioning as a full fledged Autonomous Academic Institution from this year.

Gandhi Varsham

Celebrating 100 years of the Mahatma's visit.



The college is celebrating the centenary of Mahatma Gandhi's visit to the College this year (18 March 2025). A Memorial Plaque was erected in commemoration of this event. His Grace Dr. Geevarghese Mor Coorilos Metropolitan unveiled the plaque on 16 August 2025. The plaque was designed and sculpted by Artist Ramachandran, an alumnus of the college.

Visit to Vaikom



A contingent of teachers, students, alumni and non-teaching staff led by the Principal Prof. (Dr). Mini Alice visited Vaikom on 4 January 2025 on the occasion of the Centenary celebrations of Vaikom Sathyagraha which coincides with the Celebration of Gandhi's visit to the college. The team led a 'Padayathra' through the path tracked by Mahatma Gandhi during his visit to Vaikom in 1925. Gandhiji visited the college during this visit to Vaikom.

Autonomy - Office Bearers



1. Autonomy Director: Dr. Anil Thomas Koshy
2. Executive Officer: Dr. Manju M. George
3. Controller of Examinations: Dr. Sunil Abraham Thomas



As part of the Centenary celebrations of the Mahatma's visit to the campus, a bust of Mahatma Gandhi was unveiled in the college on 14 March 2025 by Shri Tushar Gandhi, great-grandson of Mahatma Gandhi. The bust was sculpted by Shri V.K. Jayan and the students of the college.

Chithramathil



The Centenary Celebrations of Gandhi's visit were flagged off by decorating a 'Chithramathil' with paintings from the events related to Gandhi's visit in 1925. The 'Chithramathil' was conceived and painted by the members of Vara club. The project was completed on 26 January 2025.

Gandhi Varsham

Gandhivarsham Padayathra

The college organised a Padayathra on 13 January 2025 from the college to Municipal Town Hall, Aluva, to mark the centenary celebrations of Mahatma Gandhi's visit. Manoj K. Das (Editor, Mathrubhumi Daily and Digital) flagged off the Padayathra. The Padayathra was welcomed at the Town Hall by Shri. M. O. John (Municipal Chairperson).

Swami Devatmananda (Advaita Ashrama) and Riyaz A. J. (State Secretary of the Vyapari Vyavasayi Ekopana Samiti) offered felicitations at the public meeting, following the Padayathra.

Green Pedals - Cycle Rally



A Cycle rally with the theme "Say no to Drugs, Save Campuses" as part of Gandhivarsham programmes was conducted on 18 March 2025 (the day of Gandhi's visit 100 years back) in association with Cochin International Airport Ltd (CIAL). The rally was flagged off by Neeraj George Baby (Former International Para Badminton Player) and Keziya Varghese (International Cyclist and National Cycling Champion).



Gandhi Exhibition and Cultural Extravaganza



From 28 to 30 January 2025, the college witnessed a wide tapestry of celebrations, exhibitions, cultural events and academic deliberations in connection with the Gandhivarsham. The Gandhian Exhibition **Darpan** which showcased Gandhian philosophy and ethos, was inaugurated by Shri. V.K. Sreeraman (Actor, Writer and Social Worker). All the Academic departments of the college along with various institutions from outside participated in the event. **Drishti**, the Gandhian Film festival was inaugurated by Dr. Muse Mary George (Director, State Institute of Encyclopaedic Publications). The inaugural lecture of the Gandhian lecture series **Dandi** was delivered by Dr. M.P. Mathai on the topic, "Why Gandhi Matters in the Millenium". The Mexican Activist and Writer Fernando Humberto Ferrara Rivero interacted with the students after the lecture. Shri. Jude Anthany Joseph (Film Maker and Actor) inaugurated the cultural event **Darshan**. Students from various departments and clubs of the college presented programmes. There was also participation from other institutions like Chavara Vocational Training and Rehabilitation Centre.

OSA Updates



Teachers' Day celebration was organised by OSA on 11 September 2025. Prof. Shaji George (Former Principal, St. Thomas Teacher Training Institute, Thiruvalla) was the chief guest. Prof. K P Mathew (Former HoD, Dept. of Mathematics) and the teachers who retired in March 2025 (Maj. KS Narayanan and Ms. Beena CK) were honoured on the occasion. The merit awards for the PG rank holders were also distributed at the function.



The Alumni Reunion organised by the OSA of the college was held on 9 November 2024. Shri. A. Akbar IPS (IGP), an alumnus of the college was the Chief Guest of the day.



The Pravasi Purva Vidhyarthi Meet 2025 was held on 30 August 2025. The new website of OSA was launched on the day.



The All Kerala Inter-Collegiate Elocution (English and Malayalam) competitions for the Prof. E. Narayanan Nambiar Memorial Ever-Rolling Trophy and the All Kerala Inter-Collegiate Quiz competition for the Prof. A.K. Abdul Kareem Memorial Ever-Rolling Trophy, instituted by the OSA, were held on 8 October 2025. Athulya S. Menon (CMS College) won the first prize in the Elocution Competition. The College team won the first prize in the Quiz Competition. The team members were Anugrah V.K. and Nithiya Poullose.

College Updates

Accolades Galore! - NIRF & KIRF



The college secured the 96th rank in the 2025 edition of NIRF Ranking instituted by the Ministry of Education, Government of India.

Excellentia Award

The College was honoured with the **Excellentia Award** instituted by the Department of Higher Education, Govt. of Kerala in recognition of its outstanding achievements in the higher education sector. The College was awarded A++ grade in the 5th Cycle of NAAC, placed at 12th Rank in KIRF ranking and secured 96th position in NIRF ranking.



The college was placed in the 12th position in the KIRF ranking instituted by The Kerala State Higher Education Council, Department of Higher Education, Government of Kerala.



College Updates

Celebrating Golden Legacy

Principal's Installation Service



Prof. (Dr.) Mini Alice was formally installed as the Principal of Union Christian College on 16 August 2025. His Grace Dr. Geevarghese Mor Coorilos, (Metropolitan of Niranam Diocese) delivered the Benedictory message at the auspicious ceremony.

The **Orientation Programme** for the first year degree students (Honours) was held on 1 July 2025. Dr. R Bindu, Hon'ble Minister for Higher Education, inaugurated the state-wide FYUGP

honours orientation programme, 'വിജ്ഞാനോത്സവം'. The college-level orientation programme was jointly inaugurated by Dr. K.P. Ouseph IFS (Manager) and Prof. (Dr.) Mini Alice (Principal). A merit ceremony to felicitate Patent holders, PhD Awardees and Rank Holders was also held on the occasion. Dr. Femi Anna Thomas (Asst. Prof., Dept. of Zoology) who was selected to India's 44th Scientific expedition to Antarctica and Niniya Thomas (Alumna) who secured 254th rank in Civil Services Examination were also honoured during the function.



The **Golden Jubilee of the Prof. V.M. Ittyerah Memorial Administrative Block** was celebrated on 13 June 2025. A brief and meaningful gathering was held to commemorate the occasion. Prof. (Dr.) Mini Alice delivered a short message, reflecting on the legacy and importance of the administrative block in the college's history. Prof. (Dr.) Sibu M. Eapen (Bursar), Shri. Eldo Varghese (Administrative Dean), and Shri. Santhosh C.M. (Office Superintendent) also shared their thoughts on the significance of the milestone.



The **Centenary of Chacko Hostel** (Men's Hostel of the College), named after one of the founders, Prof. K.C. Chacko, was celebrated on 4 March 2025. Renowned Writer and alumnus Shri T.D. Ramakrishnan was the Chief Guest.

Dr. Sreejith C.M. (Controller of Examinations, MG University) and alumnus was the Guest of Honour. Dr. K.P. Ouseph (Manager), Prof. (Dr.) Mini Alice (Principal) and Rev. Thomas John (Former Manager) graced the occasion.



The **Founders' Day** was celebrated on 27 February 2025. The chief guest Dr. Cyriac Thomas (Former Vice-Chancellor of Mahatma Gandhi University) delivered the Founders' Day address.



A **Staff Orientation Programme** was organised by the college on 3 January 2025. Prof. (Dr.) Manju Kurien (Principal, MA College, Kothamangalam), the resource person spoke on the topic, "Implementation of Autonomy: Opportunities and Challenges".

College Updates

The **Foundation Day Thanksgiving Service** was held on 5 June 2025. Fr. Bobby Jose Kattikad delivered the Foundation Day address. The **World Environment Day** was also celebrated on the day. The saplings for Miyawaki forest were planted by the NSS and NCC units on the day in association with Veliyathunaadu Welfare Trust, KFIR Peechi and Rewild Kerala. An Environment awareness programme “Letter to Earth and Pledge Tree” was organised by the **Department of Zoology** on the same day.



An orientation programme was conducted for the new faculty members on 19 July 2025. The resource persons were Dr. Raju K John (Former Manager and Principal) and Dr. Muse Mary George (Director, State Institute of Encyclopaedic Publications)



The College honoured the Aluva Media Club for its constant and unwavering support by organising a Christmas celebration with its members on 18 December 2024. The event was marked by a joyous gathering that highlighted the spirit of gratitude and festivity.

Remembering the Catholicose



On 17 November 2025, a memorial meeting was organised at the Chapel of the college in remembrance of the Late Lamented Catholicos His Beatitude Mor Baselios Thomas 1st. Prof. (Dr). Mini Alice presided over the meeting which was attended by His Grace Elias Mor Athanasios Metropolitan, His Grace Dr. Mathews Mor Anthimos Metropolitan and Rev. Thomas John (Former Manager).

Drishti



The Statutory committees of the college (Anti harassment committee, Ant Ragging Committee, SC/ST Monitoring Committee and ICC) jointly organised the programme Drishti as an initiative for a friendly and disciplined campus. A legal awareness session was led by Adv. Varghese Sabu (District Legal Services Authority, Ekm) on 24 September 2025. The Second Session of Drishti was a legal awareness session held on 7 October 2025 led by Adv Jino KP (Panel Lawyer, Taluk, Legal Services Committee)

Interdisciplinary Research Centre



The interdisciplinary research centre in Physical Education and Psychology was inaugurated by Prof. (Dr). C.T. Aravindakumar, Hon'ble VC of Mahatma Gandhi University on 17 January 2025.

Website Launch



The revamped website of the college was launched by Dr. KP Ouseph, IFS (Manager) on 2 May 2025 in the presence of Prof. (Dr). Mini Alice (Principal), Dr. Anil Thomas Koshy (Autonomy Director) and the members of the College Standing Council.

International and National Seminars/Lectures

The **Department of Malayalam** hosted a three-day National Seminar on സംഗീതത്തിന്റെ വർത്തമാനങ്ങൾ from 5 to 7 March 2025, sponsored by the Vidwan PG Nair Memorial Research Foundation. The seminar was inaugurated by Dr. Sreevalsan J Menon (Carnatic Vocalist and Musician). He also delivered the keynote address. Dr. K.P. Ouseph IFS (Manager) delivered the Vidwan PG Nair memorial address and released the Bhoomi Malayalam Journal (17th edition).



Another edition of the Three Day National seminar sponsored by Vidwan PG Nair Research Foundation was conducted this year from 15 to 17 October 2025. The seminar was in the area ലിപി പരിണാമവും പുതുവഴികളും. Dr. K.H. Hussain inaugurated the seminar and delivered the keynote address. Dr. P. M. Kuriachen (Manager - in charge) released the Bhoomi Malayalam Journal (18th edition).



A National Seminar on “**Regional Knowledge Systems**” was conducted by the Kerala Higher Education Council and hosted by the **Department of History** from 8 to 9 October 2025. The seminar was organised as part of the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations of the Department. Prof. (Dr). CT Aravindakumar (VC, MG University) inaugurated the seminar. The keynote address was delivered by Prof. (Dr). Rajan Gurukkal (Vice Chairman, KSHEC). Dr. Rajan Varghese (Member Secretary, KSHEC) presided over the meeting.



The Kerala Council for Historical Research and the **Department of History** jointly organised a Seminar in the topic Periyar Valley and Archaeology titled “**New Possibilities and Explorations in History and Archaeology in Contemporary Kerala**” from 13 to 14 March 2025. Prof. K.N. Ganesh (Chairperson, KCHR) inaugurated the seminar and delivered the keynote address. Scholars both within and outside the state presented academic papers in the area.



The annual Dr. V.K. Alexander Memorial National Seminar of the **Department of Psychology**, titled “Dynamics of Intimate Relationships: A Colloquium on Psychological Competencies” was conducted on 7 February 2025. Dr. Sany Varghese (Clinical Psychologist, Kerala Mental Health Services) introduced the area in her expository lecture.

The Prof. T. Simon Memorial National Seminar on “**Social Connections and Supportive Environment for Well-being**” was held on 26 August 2025. Prof. (Dr.) K.E. Leelamma (Former HoD) inaugurated the seminar and Ms. Sandhya V.K. (Psychosocial Counsellor, Women and Child Department, Govt. of Kerala) delivered the keynote address.

International and National Seminars/Lectures



The College organised an International Educational Conclave, “**Responding to Global Dynamics: A Dialogue on Strategies for Enhancing Global Competitiveness in Higher Education**” on 16 January 2025. Prof. Philip G Altbach (Boston College, USA) and Prof NV Varghese (Director, CPRHE, New Delhi) were the key speakers. Dr. Rajan Varughese, (Member Secretary, KSHEC) made the introductory remarks. The session was moderated by Mr. Alwin Alexander, (Assistant Professor, UC College, Aluva).



The Department of Biosciences organised a National Symposium on “**Drug Discovery, Development and Clinical Trials: From Bench to Bedside**” from 23 to 24 November 2024. Expert scientists and scholars from across India, along with students from Kerala, actively participated in this significant event.

Workshops



The **Department of Botany** conducted a Kokedama making workshop for MDC students as part of promoting entrepreneurship. Dr. Sreelakshmi Rajesh (Dept. of Botany, Union Christian College) led the workshop.



The **Department of Commerce** organised a workshop “**Improve your English**” for final year BCom students on 7 and 10 February 2025. Ms Halma Faizy (Freelance English language trainer and IELTS tutor) was the trainer of the programme. The workshop helped the students to fine tune their English speaking skills.



The **Department of English** organised a Theatre Workshop in association with Beck & Call, the English Theatre and Space of Act Theatre Collective on 7 October 2025. The programme was supported by M E Mathew Memorial Endowment. Mr. Ajithlal Sivalal and Ms. Anamika Anand acted as facilitators.



A Workshop on Introduction to Logistics and Supply Chain Management was conducted for second year BCom students on 21 February 2025 by the **Department of Commerce**. Mr. Adonal and Mr. Adithyan from the Dept of Higher Education, Center for Continuing Education, Kerala were the resource persons.

Workshops



The **Department of History** hosted a one-day conservation workshop on 14 February 2025. Dr. Shaji V.R. (Senior Conservation Consultant, Thiruvananthapuram & Former Conservation Officer, Department of Archaeology, Govt. of Kerala) led the workshop.



On 1 August 2025, the **Department of Psychology** organised a workshop on “Research Process in Psychology” with the financial assistance of PTA. Dr. Justine K. James (Assistant Professor of Psychology, Sri. C Achutha Menon Govt. College, Thrissur) was the resource person.



A classroom theatre workshop was organised by the **Dept of English** in association with Renaissance, SSC, Kalady on 20 February 2025. “G.B. Shaw’s Pygmalion” was performed by the resource person Dr. Sujeesh C.K. (Assoc. Prof of English, SSC, Kalady).



The **Department of History** organised a one- day workshop on Digital Archiving on 18 February 2025. The workshop was conducted by Sunil Prabhakar (Digital Media Professional, Mathrubhoomi), Prof. M H Ilias (School of Gandhian Thought and Development Studies, MGU) and Athira Anilkumar, (RUSA Project, MGU)



The **Department of Psychology** organised the Rev. Middents Endowment workshop on the topic “Mastering the Art of Qualitative Research” on 7 March 2025. The workshop was led by Dr. Baiju Gopal (Professor, Christ University, Bengaluru).



A workshop “കളംപാട്ട് ശില്പശാല” was conducted by the **Department of Malayalam** in association with the Folklore club on 6 October 2025. Shri Kadannamanna Sreenivasan (Kalampattu artist and winner of Kerala Book of Records) was the resource person. The ritualistic aspects of Kalampattu and the associated legends were elaborated on through a discourse during the workshop.

Workshops



A two-day workshop, “Ignite to Innovate & From Idea to Impact – The Innovation Challenge” was organised by **IEDC** in association with **IQAC** and the **Departments of ECC and Economics** was held from 15 to 16 July 2025. Ms. Reshma Ralgin (Skill Trainer, Wisdom Wizards) led the workshop.



An Interactive Workshop, “Research Informatics, Plagiarism Control and Publishing” was conducted on 11 September 2025 by IEDC in association with IQAC, Institutional Innovation Council, College Library, Research Forum, IPR Cell, Centre for Skill Development Courses and Career Planning, and the Academic Library Association. The resource person was Prof. (Dr.) A. T. Francis (Chief Librarian at Amala Institute of Medical Sciences, Thrissur).



IEDC, in association with the **Department of ECC**, organised a one-day workshop on “LED Display Technologies and Smart Interfacing” on 17 February 2025. The chief instructors were Mr. Deepu Anand, Mr. Mahash Kumar and Mr. Nickil.



A “Career Readiness” workshop was conducted by the **School of Management Studies** on 19 March 2025. Dr. Thomas George K, (Director of LEAD College of Management), and Dr. Bindhu Ann Thomas (Principal, Kochi Business School) were the facilitators. The HR Club of School of Management Studies organised a highly engaging workshop on 18 February 2025. The session was led by 11 professionals from the Toastmasters International, a renowned non-profit educational organization dedicated to promoting communication and leadership skills.

The **School of Computer Applications** conducted a one-day hands-on training session on “CO-PO Mapping” on 26 March 2025. The facilitator was Sr. Italia Joseph Maria (Assistant Professor, PG Dept of Computer Applications, Marian College, Kuttikkanam).



A one-day hands-on workshop titled, "Future Ready Classroom: AI Tools for Educators" was conducted by the Industry Institute Partnership Cell (IIPC) of the **School of Computer Applications** on 23 August 2025. The session was led by Dr. Shine K. George (Associate Professor, School of Computer Applications).



An “Aurduino UNO Workshop” for the students of Vidhyadhiraja School was conducted on 20 September 2025. The final year MCA students of the **School of Computer Applications**, led by Mr. Muhammed Yasin, delivered a session on Arduino and related components.



Workshops



The **Department of Physics** in association with Academy of Physics Teachers (APT) organised a three-day residential workshop from 11 to 13 September 2025 .



A two-day IAPT AND DBT-STAR sponsored hands-on training workshop on “Illuminating Optics” was conducted for 11th-grade students on 3-4 February 2025.

Dr. Manoj R. (Dept. of Physics, Maharaja's College) and Dr. Shinoj V.K (Dept., of Physics, UC College) served as resource persons.



A two-day workshop on “Materials Synthesis and Characterization” was organised by the **Department of Physics** on 19-20 February 2025. The faculty members of the Departments of Physics and Chemistry served as the resource persons.



The **Department of Mathematics** organised a one-day workshop titled “An Invitation to Topology” for PG students on 23 September 2025. Sri. Albert Antony T, (Assoc. Prof., Dept. of

Mathematics, P. M. Government College, Chalakudy) was the resource person.

International Engagements

Cultural Exchange



The **Department of Malayalam** organised a cultural exchange programme in collaboration with Bellarmine University, Kentucky, USA on 19 December 2024. A 13 member team from the University led by Dr. Helen-Grace Ryan (V.P. of Student Affairs, Bellarmine University) and Fr. John Pozhathuparambil (Director, Campus Ministry, Bellarmine University) visited the college and took part in the cultural and academic engagements.



A **Faculty interaction programme** was conducted on 19 December 2024 by the **IQAC** with the delegates visiting from Bellarmine University, Dr. Helen-Grace Ryan and Fr. John Pozhathuparambil.



Students of the **Department of Psychology** had a day long interaction with students from the *Semester at Sea* programme from various universities across the world on 15 November 2024. The discussion was about the cultural impact on psychology and communication. The **Department of English** also collaborated with the event with engagements in the areas of culture and communication on 20 November 2024.



Extension Activities



"I am Capable" - A residential camp was conducted from 26 to 28 September 2025 by the **Department of Psychology** in association with Buddies Project India and Aster D M Foundation. Thirty three children with special needs (Autism Spectrum disorders, Intellectual Disability) and their parents attended the camp. Psychological assessment of strengths, interests and specific skills of the children was made. Parents were engaged in interactive sessions on various topics like vocational rehabilitation, privileges and rights, awareness about the clinical condition etc.



A one-day state-level camp "Buddies Day", was organised by the Brain Train Family in association with the **Department of Psychology** on 24 May 2025. Around 100 children with special needs along with their mothers attended the programme. Ms. Jeny Philip and her son Tom Philip shared their insights and experiences on supporting children with special needs.



The **Department of Botany** organised a one-day hands on experience and learning class for the students of Alpha Learning Development Centre, Kalamassery. Dr. Justin R Nayagam (HoD) served as the organising secretary and resource person. The Department is also conducting an ongoing Plant Identification Consultancy programme.



The students of the **Department of Psychology** volunteered in "കൂടെ" three days residential camp for differently abled children organised by Psychology department of KMM College, Thrikkakara and Buddies India. Volunteers found it as a pleasant and really enjoyable experience very enlightening and challenging.



A Kids Camp for differently abled children was organised by the Indian Red Cross Society Aluva, Rythms of Angels, and the **Department of Psychology** on 23 December 2024 at Kuttamassery Govt. High School auditorium.



On 19 October 2024, the **Department of Chemistry**, in association with the General Education Department organised a Lab Visit and Talk titled "Nature - Greatest Inspiration for Innovation" for local high school students. The session offered hands-on exposure to research facilities. Dr. Jenish Paul (Assoc. Professor) coordinated the event.

New Office Head



Mr. Santhosh C.M.
Senior Superintendent

Department of English



GenZ Slang Meets Academic Swag: The Department of English organised an *Orientation and Induction Programme* for 1st BA English (Hons.) students on 6 August 2025, in association with IQAC and Chrysalis Centre for Life Skills Development. The main resource person was Dr. Shyama Sasidharan (Asst. Prof. of English, St. Thomas College (Autonomous), Thrissur). She spoke on the topic “Think Smart & Write Sharp”. The other resource persons were Ms. Kairali K.K (Asst. Prof. of English, Sree Sankara College, Kalady), Ms. Syna Soosam Abraham (Assoc. Prof. of Psychology, Union Christian College, Aluva) and Ms. Sheethal V.R. (Placement Officer, Union Christian College, Aluva)

Interactive Workshop Series



The Department organised an innovative series of workshops with prominent writers to give the students first hand knowledge of the dynamics of writing and publishing. The first in the series was a book release function. The book *Hidden Bird Singing* by Ms. Chandana Ramachandran was released by the renowned Malayalam Writer **Shri. N.S. Madhavan** on 27 August 2025. A *Meet the Author* Programme was conducted as part of this series on 19 September 2025. The programme featured Ms. Ponnu Elizabeth Mathew (author of *The Remnants of Rebellion*). She interacted with the students touching on the nuances of creative writing. She also read out portions from her memoir.



Prof C.T. Benjamin Endowment Award: On 22 August 2025, the *Prof. C.T. Benjamin Endowment Award Ceremony* was held to honour the top scorers of the PG and UG passing out batches of 2025. The awards were presented to Mr. Aaron Mathew Roy (2nd MA) and Sreelakshmi V (3rd BA English). Shri. K.A. Mathew IAS (Retd.), the son-in-law of Prof. C.T. Benjamin spoke on the occasion. The Endowment is instituted by the family of Prof. C.T. Benjamin.



On 9 October 2025, a book discussion was organised by the Department.

Ms. Sunitha Krishnan (Writer, Social Activist and Co-founder of Prajwala) was the resource person.

Shri Viju V., (Metro Editor, The Times of India) led the book discussion and conversation with the author. The event was organised in association with DC Books.



Department of Hindi

As part of the Reading day celebrations in June, the Department in association with Aashiyana club organised a Diction Competition, a book review competition and a letter writing contest. The students participated actively in these events. The Department and Aashiyana club jointly conducted a book review presentation competition as part of Hindi Day Celebrations. On 31 July 2025, the Department along with Aashiyana club celebrated Premchand Jayanti as a tribute to the great writer. The programme was conducted online.

Department of Malayalam

Malayala Pournami & Sinu Varghese Memorial Research Award 2025



The Alumni Meet of the Department (Malayala Pournami) was held on 8 March 2025. Prof. (Dr). Sunil P. Ilayidam was the resource person. The Sinu Varghese Memorial Award was presented by him to Dr. Thaleema. The programme was inaugurated by Dr. Muse Mary George (Director, State Institute of Encyclopaedic Publications, Thiruvananthapuram).



A discussion on the book പാട്ടോർമ്മകളുടെ പൂർണ്ണി was organised by the Malayalam Association on 13 March 2025. Shri. Ram Mohan Paliyath (Writer and Columnist) introduced the book. The author Shri. Gopinathan Shivaramapilla had a fruitful and insightful interaction with the audience. Shri K.B. Venu (Film maker and Writer) served as the moderator.



The students of the Department visited the renowned novelist and writer Sethu on 1 November 2025 as part of the Malayalam Week Celebrations.

അർണോസ് പാതിരി ചെയർ



The Amos Padiri Chair was started by the Department this year with the aim of promoting research aptitude. The inauguration of the Chair was conducted on 23 October 2025. A one-day seminar was organised in association with the Amos Padiri Academy on the same day. The chief guest Dr. Gracy KS (Assoc. Prof., History, St. Peter's College, Kolenchery) spoke on the topic: അർണോസ് പാതിരി: പുത്തൻ(പാമ്പ) സാംസ്കാരിക പാഠങ്ങൾ.



The World Sanskrit Day was celebrated on 11 August 2025. The Major KS Narayanan Endowment lecture was also conducted on the same day. Prof. Viswanathan Namboothiri (Retd. Prof., Baselius College, Kottayam) inaugurated the programme and delivered the lecture. The Sanskrit Day address was delivered by Dr. Sarath P. Nath (Assoc. Prof. & HoD, Baselius College, Kottayam).

Faculty Appointments



Dr. Vishal Johnson
Malayalam



Ms. Ashly Elizabeth Koshy
Mathematics



Ms. Chithra Ashok
Librarian



Dr. Shinil Sebastian
Director, Self-Financing



Ms. Shameema A.M.
ECC



Ms. Ridhika Paul
Bio-Science

Department of Commerce



The Department organised a career guidance programme for BCom students on 17 March 2025 titled *“How to Connect with Industry after BCom”*. The resource person was CMA Manu P.M. (Deputy Manager, Finance Bimbo Bakers India Pvt. Ltd). This session focused on opportunities and qualifications after BCom.



A talk was conducted on 8 August 2025 on the topic *“Role of Business Development in Healthcare”* in association with Aster Medcity, Kochi, for the second year BCom students. Mr. Muhammed Rishal (Marketing Head, Aster Medcity, Kochi) served as the resource person.



On 4 August 2025, a session on *“Financial Education and Consumer Awareness”* was conducted in association with the National Institute of Financial Education. Mr.Sreejit K Anirudhan (Co-founder and MD, Signox Evaluations) served as the resource person.



The Department organised a talk *“Level up Your Skills”* on the opportunities of learning through Centre for Continuing Education on 6 August 2025. Mr.Vishu Lona Jacob and Mr. Adonal CS served as resource persons. They encouraged the students to embrace continuous learning.



A talk on *“Success is Great but Goodness is Greater - A Value-Based Orientation for Mental Health and Success”* was held on 6 August 2025. Dr. Ali MA (Psychologist, Former Professor, Government Engineering College Thrissur) was the resource person. The session emphasized the need for balancing ambition with empathy.



An *“Investor Awareness Programme”* was organised in collaboration with Central Depository Devices (India) Limited (CDSL) for the final year B.Com students on 2 July 2025. The resource person was Mr.Sumith CS. The programme encouraged students to develop a disciplined approach towards savings and investments



On 17 October 2025, the Department in association with Kerala Vanitha Commission conducted an orientation session on *“Gender Inequality, Reasons and Solutions”*. The facilitator was Adv. Prabha M (Family Counselor).

Department of Economics



On 15 July 2025, the Department organised a training programme “Financial Education and Consumer Awareness Training” in association with National Centre for Financial Education (NCFE). Mr. Sreejit K. Anirudhan (Co-Founder and MD, Signox Evaluations) served as the resource person.

Civil Service Exam Orientation



An orientation for Civil Service Exams was conducted by the Department in collaboration with Civil Service Aspirants Club and Kerala State Civil Service Academy on 21 January 2025. Mr. Sreejith K.R., (Educator, KSCSA) served as the resource person.

A Motivational Orientation Session, “Preparing for the best Four Years of Life” was organised for the students on 6 August, 2025. The session was led by Ms. Shema Elizabeth Kovoov (Asst. Prof. of Psychology, Union Christian College Aluva).



The Department organised an orientation programme for its UG and PG students under the title “Thinking Like an Economist” on 6 August 2025. Dr. Nithin Thomas (HOD Dept. of Economics, Bharata Mata College, Thrikkakara) was the resource person. He spoke on the topic “From Blackboard to Data: The Future of Economic Policy”.



A Practical Session on Stock Market Training was organised on 21 February 2025.

Mr. Muhammed Unais (Stock Trader) led the session.



The Final year UG and PG Students of the Department were given an orientation on Research Methodology. Dr. Vishnuprasad C.V. (Teacher, Govt. VHSS, Mankayil, Ernakulam) spoke on the topic “Research: A Litany of Unknowns”.



Gandhian Nuggets

Mahatma Gandhi's visit to Union Christian College was set in the background of the Vaikom Satyagraha. Gandhi arrived at the Old Railway Station in Cochin on 8th March, 1925 and addressed the crowds at Vaikom on 10th March (ഓരോരോര സമ്മേളനം). Once word got out that Gandhi would visit Travancore, Prof. C. P. Mathew, was commissioned by the College Senatus to invite him to the College and had set off to Vaikom. Of meeting the Mahatma in person, Prof. C.P. Mathew notes: 'There I stood face to face for the first time in my life with the hero, nay almost the idol, of many millions.'

Department of History



As part of the celebrations marking the 75th Anniversary of the adoption of the Constitution, a memorial seminar “ഓർമ്മകൾക്ക് ഒപ്പം വി സി അഹമ്മദുണ്ണി” was organised on 7 January 2025 under the initiative of Shri. P. Rajeeve, (Minister for Industries, Law and Coir). Justice C.K. Abdul Rahim delivered the keynote address on the topic “മൗലികാവകാശങ്ങൾ: ഭരണഘടന നിർമ്മാണത്തിന്റെ നാൾവഴികളിലൂടെ”.

On 19 August 2025, the Department hosted 2 distinguished lectures as part of the *IHC-KHC Flagship Lecture Series* organised in collaboration with the Kerala History Congress.

Dr. Biju R. I., (Associate Professor and Head of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Sree Narayana Guru Open University), delivered a lecture on “Mapping Indian Nationalism: Ideas, Theories, and the Road to Nehru”. Dr. Tintu K. Joseph, (Asst. Prof., Department of History, K.E. College, Mannanam), made a presentation on Nehruvian Nationalist Narratives and the Making of Modernity in India.



Field Trips



On 4 October 2025, the Department organised a field trip to Chendamangalam and North Paravur in connection with the requirements of Archaeology, History and Architecture courses. Paravur Jewish Synagogue and Pallam Palace were the prominent sites visited.



A visit to Pattanam Archaeological site Kodungalloor was conducted on 26 September 2025. Exposure to excavations and the Cosmos Malabaricus Project was the key highlight of the visit. A visit to St. Joseph's Pontifical Seminary Church, Mangalappuzha was organised on 26 June 2025 for the 3rd Semester Minor History students. Gothic architecture and the integration of European Gothic Elements with Kerala traditions were studied.



Department of Computer Science



The Department organised an outreach programme to the LP schools nearby in order to spread awareness about the use of computers and technology. Two teams under the guidance of Mr. Cijin K. Paul (HOD) and Ms. Gincy Abraham led the students to Govt LP School, North Kadungalloor and Govt LP School, East Kadungalloor. The initiative was well appreciated by the students and teachers of the schools.

Department of Psychology

Webinar Series



The Department organised a series of innovative Webinars, *Inspiring Journeys* featuring the Alumni of the Department as resource persons who illuminated the participants on the diverse career possibilities in Psychology. The resource persons were:

Ms. Pallavi Rao (Forensic Psychology, 25 January 2025), Ms. Shadhiya Jassim (Cognitive Psychology, 1 February 2025), Ms. Lizil Johnson (Industrial Psychology, 15 February 2025), Ms. Neelu Sunny (Rehabilitation Psychology and Special Education, 1 March 2025), Dr. Meghna Girish (Art Therapy, 15 March 2025) and Mr. Jerin V Philipose (Applied Positive Psychology, 22 March 2025).



Service-learning: Knowledge Sharing and Interaction

Three faculty members, Dr. Veerta Tania, Dr. Jacqueline Kareem, and Dr. Sharon Valarmathi, from the Service Learning Centre, Christ University, Bengaluru, visited the college on 29 September 2025. The team interacted with the faculty and students of the Department and the Service Learning Centre of the college.



PhDs Awarded

1. Fr. Dr. Johnson Joseph - Guide: Dr. Vidhya Ravindranadan
2. Dr.. Swathymol P.S - Guide: Dr. Seena M. Mathai



Skill Training Programmes

Four Skill Training Programmes were organised by the Department in various areas to enhance students' skills in different skills in Psychological interventions. *Pathway-Social Life Wellness Programme* was organised on 23, 24 and 25 January 2025, in collaboration with the Coaching Centre for Minority Youth under Minority Welfare Department of Kerala Govt, BLISS, and Jeevani Counselling Centres. The resource persons included Ms. Akhilu Thomas, Mr. Fable Varghese, Ms. Saheera Thankal, Dr. Bindu Philip, Adv. P K Kunjumon, and Mr. Abdul Rahman. On 15 and 29 September 2025, Train the Trainer programme was organised in preparation for Mind Your Mind Campaign. The trainer was Dr. T. R. John, (Chief Psychiatrist & Director of Medical Affairs, Aster Medcity). The programme Assessment of Children with Special Abilities was conducted on 24 September 2025 by Dr. C. P. Aboobacker (Retired Civil Surgeon) to prepare the students to conduct a residential camp to identify the abilities of special children.

Alumni Reunions

1. Two Alumni reunions were conducted this year: **Dr. V. K. Alexander Memorial Alumni Reunion** - *A Trip Down the Memory Lane* was organised on 8 February 2025. Prof. Dr. Kunhikrishnan, who was a student of Dr. V. K. Alexander spoke about Experimental vs Experiential Approach.
2. A **Reunion of the 1967-70 UG batch** was organised on 17 May 2025.



Department of Psychology

Orientation Programmes

Orientation to Buddies India - A Project for Mainstreaming Special Children was organised on 18 February 2025 to introduce the buddies India project and help students understand how mainstreaming of special children can be done effectively. Dr. C. P Aboobackar (Retd. Civil Surgeon) led the session.

A **Two day Orientation** for first year B.Sc. Psychology students was conducted on 6 & 7 August 2025. The resource persons were Dr. Zakkaria K A (Professor, School of Management Studies, CUSAT), Prof. (Dr.) K. E. Leelamma (Former Head, Dept. of Psychology), Ms. Hanna K. (Jeevani Counselor) Ms. Sheethal (Placement Officer).



The programme *Ask About Dementia (Memory Wall)* was organised on World Alzheimer's Day, 19 September 2025. Dr. Prasad M. Gopal (Public Health Specialist) led a session about Alzheimer's disease. In connection with World Mental Health Day, PG students of the Department interacted with UG students of the College on 9 October 2025 on the topic of mental health. On 10 October 2025 *Mental Health Campaign* was organised in association with Aster Medcity in 31 schools across the state.

Department of Zoology



The **18th Student Biodiversity Congress 2025–26**, Ernakulam district-level competitions, organised by the Kerala State Biodiversity Board in collaboration with the Department of General Education, and Departments of Zoology and Botany, UC College was hosted by the Department on 27 September 2025. The programme was inaugurated by Dr. N. Anil Kumar (Chairman, KSBB).

The **World Oceans Day 2025** was celebrated on 9 June 2025 by the Department in collaboration with the Association of Fisheries Graduates. The program featured expert talks by Dr. M. Anand (Madurai Kamaraj University), Dr. K. Anoop Krishnan (NCESS, Tvm), and Ms. Vishnu Maya T. M. (NCESS, Tvm).

Faculty PhD



Dr. Dhanush B. Danes

PhD in Zoology from The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda, Gujarat.



The Department, in association with, St. Stephen's College, Uzhavoor, and Lore and ED Research Associates Pvt. Ltd. organised a webinar *Beyond the Lab: Mastering Scientific Communication and Research Funding Strategies* on 18-19 August 2025. Prof. Mohamed Hatha Abdulla (CUSAT) led the sessions.



The Department organised a felicitation on 20 June 2025 to honour Dr. Femi Anna Thomas on the successful completion of the 44th Indian Scientific Expedition to Antarctica. Prof. Dr. N. C. Chacko was the guest of honour.

Department of Botany



The Apollo Tyres Foundation Environment and Nature Quiz Competition 2025 was hosted at Union Christian College, Aluva, on 22 September, 2025, in association with the Departments of Zoology and Botany.



Class and lab sessions were organised under the Gifted Children Programme of the Government of Kerala on 18 January 2025 by the Department. Classes were conducted by Dr. Reshmi G.R & Dr. Justin R Nayagam



Three of our faculty members along with 11 students visited ecotourism spots like Thattekad Bird Sanctuary, Bhoothathankettu Dam and Vadattuppara waterfalls as part of FYUGP Ecotourism course on 5 November 2024.



The Department honoured Prof. Joyce Mathew (former Principal and faculty of the Department) at his residence on his 90th birthday on 11 January 2025.



The Alumni reunion was held on 11 January 2025. Dr. P Soman donated his books to the department. A portable public address system was contributed to the Department by the alumni.



The Department grafted 85 saplings of *Gandhimaavu* during *Gandhivarsham*.



The Department organised a 10 Day Higher Secondary School Teacher Transformation Programme for the Higher Secondary School Teachers from 9 to 18 December 2024 in association with the Directorate of General Education, Government of Kerala.



Gandhian Nuggets

Malcolm Muggeridge, who served as an English lecturer in College, notes of the impact of the Mahatma's speech on the students: "He spoke very quietly, in English, of which he had a subtle and discriminating command, but the effect on the students was terrific. They jumped up and down shouting 'Mahatma Gandhi Ki Jai! Mahatma Gandhi Ki Jai!' their eyes glowing... I would scarcely have known them; they were transformed. In this case, of course, it was nationalism that enthused them."

Department of Biosciences



On 5 August 2025, the Department hosted a special programme titled *Proteomics: A Powerful Tool in Biology Research*. Dr. Kamalika Roy Choudhury served as the resource person for the event. The event was sponsored by the National Academy of Sciences.

The Department organised a handicraft exhibition and sale on 18 December 2024. The event was inaugurated by Prof. (Dr.) Mini Alice and featured a stunning array of handicrafts created by talented students under the leadership of Dr. Jyothilekshmi S. (Assoc. Prof.) and the guidance of all faculty members in the Department. The exhibition attracted much attention, received media coverage, and was a resounding success, showcasing the creativity, teamwork, and entrepreneurial spirit of the Department's students.

On 12 September 2025, a lecture on *Genomics and its Applications* was delivered by Dr. George Thomas. The expert talk explored the latest opportunities and advancements in the field of genomics, highlighting its transformative potential.



Faculty PhD

Dr. Stephymol Robinson in Bioinformatics from JIS School of Medical Science and Research University, Kolkata.



A team of students and teachers visited IIHT Kannur as part of their Industrial Visit/ Lab visit (IV). During the visit, the students underwent a comprehensive training session on *Natural Dye Extraction and Dyeing*. They also had the opportunity to explore the various labs and facilities at IIHT, including the weaving lab.



Department of Physics

National Space Day

In commemoration of the remarkable success of Chandrayaan-3, the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), organised a series of celebratory academic programmes in association with the College. These events were held in connection with the National Space Day.

The Department organised an invited lecture titled *Expanding the Horizons of Astronomy* on 8 August 2025. The lecture was delivered by Dr. Nijo Varghese (Assistant Professor, Department of Physics, S.H. College, Chalakudy).

On 11 August 2025, the Department hosted an invited lecture on *Introduction to Space Technology*. The resource person was Mr. Narayanan Namboothiri V, a distinguished expert in space science from VSSC, Thumba.



Department of Physics



A Seminar on *Nuclear Power: Science and Future Opportunities* was conducted on 11 August 2025. The seminar was led by Mr. Alvin James Mathew (Project Control Specialist, Candu Energy Inc.).



A *Visiting Researcher Program* was held from 20 to 24 January 2025, featuring Dr. Nalina Vadakkayil, Post-Doctoral Researcher, University of Luxembourg. During her visit, Dr. Vadakkayil actively interacted with the students and faculty members of the Department, sharing her research insights and experiences.

Faculty PhD



Dr. Rakhy Raphael

1. Dr. Ben Jose, - Guide: Dr. E.I Anila
2. Dr. Vrinda S Punnakkal - Guide: Dr. E.I. Anila
3. Dr. Soorya G - Guide: Dr. E.I. Anila
4. Dr. Benazeera Beegum - Guide: Dr. Reshmi R.

PhDs Awarded



Department of ECC

On 7 July 2025 the Department in collaboration with the UCC Placement & Guidance Cell, Department of Computer Science, and the University Employment Information and Guidance Bureau (SSUS, Kalady), hosted the event *Career Meet in Data Science*. Dr Alwin Paulose, (Assistant Professor, School of Data Science, IISER, TVM), served as the resource person. An academic session on Lab Equipment Preliminary Setup was conducted on 14 July 2025 by Mr. Suresh (Expert in Lab Instrumentation and Electronics Hardware) for first semester Electronics and Computer Science (ECC) students. Students gained hands-on exposure to essential lab instruments such as oscilloscopes and function generators.



A special career guidance event titled *Global Career Paths After BSc Electronics & Computer Science* was organised by the Department on 7 October 2025. The session, featured Kevin Paul Jose (Career Expert and Regional BDM, Geebee Education) as the resource person.



As part of the initiatives by the Jeevani Centre for Student Well-being, a session on *Induction to College Life and Mental Health Awareness* was conducted on 2 July 2025 for first year ECC students. The facilitator was Ms. Hanna K. A.

Department of Chemistry

Prof. T.R. Anantharaman Memorial Lecture

On 10 February 2025, the Department hosted the Prof. T. R. Anantharaman Memorial Lecture, with Dr. Nygil Thomas (Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry, Nirmalagiri College) delivering a talk on *Advances in Heterogeneous Catalysis: Bridging Science and Industry*. The lecture illuminated the practical links between catalytic research and industrial applications.



Dr. A. M. Chacko Memorial Lecture



Dr. Rony Rajan Paul (Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry, CMS College, Kottayam) delivered the Dr. A. M. Chacko Memorial Lecture on 18 February 2025. He spoke on the topic *Chemistry Unveiled: From Alchemy to Unseen Forces Shaping Our Lives & The Voyage from Cyclopentenones to Dihydropyranones*.



On 17 February 2025, the Department organised a Career Guidance and Counselling session focused on CSIR-JRF and UGC-NET, with Dr. Arun Gopi (Assistant Professor, School of Marine Sciences, CUSAT) delivering a talk on *A Gateway to Academic and Career Excellence*. The orientation, tailored for postgraduate students, offered valuable insights into competitive exams, and research pathways.

Orientation Programme for FYUGP 2025 Batch

1. Dr. Femi Anna Thomas (Asst. Prof., Department of Zoology) delivered a session titled *Beyond the Ice: Chasing Scientific Dreams in Polar Realms* on 6 August 2025, as part of the three-day orientation for first-year B.Sc. students. Her talk inspired incoming students by exposing the wonders and challenges of polar research.



Knowing Your Worth - Understanding and Building Self-Esteem:

A counselling session led by Ms. Hanna K A (Jeevani Counsellor) was held on 6 August 2025. She conducted an orientation for the PG students, speaking on *Reshaping Your Future: The Psychology of Goal Setting and Well-being* on 11 August 2025.



As part of the three-day event, the Department, in association with the University Employment Information and Guidance Bureau (SSUS, Kalady), hosted a career orientation session on 6 August 2025. Shri. Krishnakumar S (former Deputy Chief, UEIGB, CUSAT) was the resource person. Ms. Chithra Ashok, Librarian, UC College) introduced the first year UG students to the various resources of the college library during the *Knowledge Expedition* event on 7 August 2025.



An Online Career Awareness Session titled *From Molecules to Miracles: Your Career in Chemistry Awaits* was conducted on 23 February 2025. The resource person was Ms. Evelin Lilly Varghese (IISER Alumnus, Fingerprint Searcher, Kerala Police). The webinar focused on career and higher studies opportunities after UG programme.

Department of Chemistry

Alumni Talks

On 14 August 2025, the Department organised a career counselling and alumni talk for students. Ms. Niniya Thomas (BSc Chemistry, 2016–2019), who secured All India Rank 254 in UPSC CSE 2024, delivered a talk on *Unlocking Your Potential: A Career in Civil Services*, inspiring students with insights and guidance on pursuing a career in civil services.

The Department organised an *alumni talk and career counselling session* on 12 December 2025. Ms. Ashly Paul (Graduate Research Assistant, Department of Nuclear Engineering, University of Tennessee, Knoxville), shared her academic and professional experiences, providing valuable guidance on pursuing careers in research and higher studies.



Department of Mathematics

CIPHER

The Department conducted *CIPHER- an Inter-School Mathematics Quiz Competition* for the K.P. Mathew's Ever Rolling Trophy on 1 February 2025. Teams from various schools participated in the competition. Mr Prathish Abraham, (Associate Professor, St Dominic's College, Kanjirappilly), was the Quiz Master. Mr. Abhishek S.S. and Arjun Reji from St. Joseph EMHSS, Thrikkakara, bagged the first prize in the competition.

This year's edition of *CIPHER* was conducted on 27 September 2025. Dr Preenu C (Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics, University College, Thiruvananthapuram) was the Quiz Master. Mr. Advait A Shenoy and Mr. Karthik Anil Shenoy from St. Sebastian's HSS, Palluruthy, bagged the first prize in the competition.



On 1 February 2025 the Mathematics Association conducted the *Thasnim Memorial Intercollegiate Seminar Presentation Competition* for the academic year 2024-25. Ms Akshitha M Prabhu of the Department was declared as the winner.

The Thasnim Memorial Intercollegiate Seminar Presentation Competition for the academic year 2025-26 was conducted on 27 September 2025. Ms. Meera Sajeerv from St. Dominic's College, Kanjirapally, was declared as the winner.

The Department of Mathematics conducted a talk and demonstration as part of Gifted Children Program on 18 January 2025. Dr. Anu Nuthan Joshua (Associate Professor & Head of the Department) delivered the talk on *Large Numbers and Infinities*. The students of the Department performed various demonstrations.



Department of Mathematics



Dr. Noufal A. (Associate Professor, Department of Mathematics, CUSAT) delivered an invited talk on *Linear Differential Equations with Applications* on 8 August 2025 in connection with the inauguration of the Department Association.



In connection with World Statistics Day, the Department organised an invited talk on, *From Numbers to Narratives* on 8 October 2025. Dr. Jerin Paul (Assistant Professor, Department of Statistics, Vimala College, Thrissur) was the resource person.

Orientation



An orientation programme was conducted for first year UG students on 6 August 2025. Dr. Manju K. Menon (Professor, Department of Mathematics, St. Paul's College, Kalamassery) delivered a talk on *Beyond the Boundaries* and Mr. Anoop Attokkaran Thomas (Senior Consultant) spoke on *Possibilities of Mathematics in Modern Industries*.

Alumni Interaction



The Department conducted an interactive session on 27 February 2025. The resource person Dr. George Rubin Thomas (founder of mathcamp.org) spoke on the topic *Quadrilaterals with a Bisected Diagonal*.

Department of Physical Education

Awards and Honours



The Department, for the second time, brought home the award for the runners-up position in the best Sports Performing College category under Mahatma Gandhi University, for the academic year 2023-24. The College won the first place in the women's section and the fourth position in the men's sections. Dr. Anil Thomas Koshy (Autonomy Director) received the award from Shri. VN Vasavan (Minister for Ports and Cooperation and Minister for Devaswoms) on 30 June 2025.



The Department organised the International Society for the Advancement of Kinanthropometry (ISAK) Accreditation Course - Level 1 and 2 on 3-5 and 7-10 April 2025 respectively. The course trainers were Dr. Joselet Charles (L3) and Dr. Bindu M (L2 Assistant).

Department of Physical Education

Dr. A K Baby Memorial Hockey Tournament



The 27th Dr. A K Baby Memorial South Zone Inter Collegiate Hockey Tournament was hosted by the college and ceremoniously inaugurated by Smt. Bindu Manoharan (President, Ernakulam Hockey). Victoria College, Palakkad & St. Thomas College, Thrissur, were joint winners in the Men's section and St. Mary's College, Thrissur, was the winner in the Women's section.

All India Soft Baseball Championship

The All India Inter-University Soft Baseball Championship 2024-25 was ceremoniously inaugurated on 25 April 2025 at Union Christian College, Aluva, under the aegis of the Association of Indian Universities (AIU), organised by



Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, and hosted by Union Christian College, the event was officially inaugurated by Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) C.T. Aravindakumar, who described the championship as a national model of integrity. Mahatma Gandhi University emerged the winners in both Men and Women sections.

Tournaments Organised



The Department had the distinction of organizing major tournaments including the MG University Archery Championships in December 2024 & September 2025; the MG University Inter Zone Lawn Tennis tournament; the MG University Inter Zone Hockey (women) Tournament in December 2024; MG University Inter Zone Baseball in January 2025, & CAK-Chessmi-Seavana Fide rated International Chess Tournament.



The Department celebrated the International Day of Yoga on 21 June 2025 in association with the NCC and NSS units of the College. 250 students participated in this program. Ms. Annsu Stephen (Yoga Trainer) was the resource person.

Non-Teaching Staff Updates



The Union Christian College Non-Teaching Staff Association organised a medical camp, with the support of Rajagiri Medical Center (Aluva) on 28 February 2025. The camp was inaugurated by Rev. Fr. Gijo Kadavan (Director, Rajagiri Hospital). It offered specialized medical consultations and expert advice from the doctors in the departments of General Medicine, Cardiology, Oncology and Dietician Consultation.

MBA

Vidhyarambham



The inauguration of the MBA 2025–27 batch was held on 16 July 2025. The Keynote Address was delivered by Mr. Sunil Balakrishnan (Chief Values Officer, UST Global). He spoke on value-based leadership.

Launch of BBA Programme



The BBA programme of the college was officially inaugurated on 28 July 2025. Mr. Sony A (CEO, South Indian Bank) was the chief guest. In his insightful address, he highlighted the importance of integrity, adaptability, and innovation in shaping successful careers in the professional landscape.

Induction Programmes

As part of the induction programme, the school conducted various events. On 28 July 2025 an interaction program with Mr. Rajath Navas (CEO Pacelab) was organised for the students. A session on leading a healthy life and maintaining a healthy diet was conducted by Sr. Dr. Alphonsa (Chief Medical Officer, Cardinal Padiyara Nature Cure Yogashram Hospital) on 29 July 2025. On 31 July 2025 Rev. Renju Varghese Mathew (CSI Christ Church, Elamkulam) conducted an insightful session on Multiple Intelligence and Stress Management for students.



Career Programmes



The Marketing Club of the School organised an insightful session on 19 February 2025, focusing on the diverse career opportunities in the aviation sector. The session was led by Dr. Joemon Pappachan (Director of Training Programmes, Cochin International Aviation Services Ltd.). On 26 March 2025, a session on *Crafting Careers with AI: Smarter Job Search Strategies* was conducted for the MBA students. Mr. Daikes Daniel David (D-Links) led the session. A two day Leadership and Entrepreneurship Programme was held on 12 & 13 June 2025 in collaboration with EY Global Delivery Services.

The resource persons were Ranjit Ramachandran (Managing Trustee, MBT), Louis Issac (CEO, True Code Market Research), Sam Thomas (EY GDS), Alex Joseph (EY GDS), Sujay Sivasankaran (EY GDS). The Public Speaking Club of School of Management Studies organised an engaging and insightful session titled *Professional Launchpad for MBA Students* on August 1 2025. The session was led by Ms. Sharnaya Nair (Founder - Pet O Park).

MBA

Expert Talks



The HR Club organised an expert talk on *Building Resilience: Turning Stress into Strength* on 29 September 2025. The talk was delivered by Dr. Swathy Prasad (Asst. Professor, Bharata Mata Institute of Management, Thrikkakara). On 10 March 2025, Dr. Govind Bhat, Professor and Lean Consultant delivered a talk on Lean Manufacturing.

Add-on Course



An add-on course on *Advanced Microsoft Excel* was conducted from 2 June to 10 June 2025, in collaboration with The Strategist: Data Infrastructure and Analytics.

Yoga & Music Day



A wellness event titled *Celebrating International Day of Yoga and World Music Day* was organised on 20 June 2025. The session was led by Ms. Ashija Ali (Founder, Smart Fitness Floor).

Alumni Insights

On 13 August 2025, the Placement Cell arranged an interaction session with Mr. Dheeraj Mohan, (Entrepreneur/Trainer/Wellness Consultant, IndusViva Health Services Pvt Ltd.), a distinguished alumnus of the College.



MCA

A six-day ATAL Online Faculty Development Programme sponsored by AICTE, Delhi, on *Exploring the Role of Artificial Intelligence in the Evolving Media Landscape and Rural Entrepreneurship* was conducted from 20 to 25 January 2025, by the School of Computer Applications. 260 teachers from different parts of the country participated.



A one-day hands-on workshop titled, *Future Ready Classroom: AI Tools for Educators* was conducted by the Industry Institute Partnership Cell (IIPC) of the MCA Department on 23 August 2025. The session was led by Dr. Shine K. George (Associate Professor from the School of Computer Applications).

Faculty PhD



Dr. Divya P.B
PhD in Mathematics
from Cochin
University of Science
and Technology,
Cochin (CUSAT).

MCA

Career Guidance and Training Programmes

The Department organised several career guidance programmes this year. A session on *Inclusive India Scheme* was conducted on 3 February 2025. Dr. KP Ouseph, IFS (Manager) was the resource person. The software development cell (SDC) conducted a two day workshop on *Flutter-Mobile App Development* from 14 to 15 February 2025. A 6-day Online Externship Programme was organised from 23 to 28 June 2025, in association with TCS, Kochi. The programme was designed for MCA

Final Year students with the objective of bridging the gap between academia and industry. The Training and Placement Cell, in association with the Career Catalyst Club, organised a seminar titled *How to Sell Yourself in a Job Interview?* on June 25, 2025. Dr. KP Ouseph, IFS (Manager) led the seminar.



Pragmatix. On 22 August 2025 a training programme *LinkedIn Edge: Building Your Professional Presence* was conducted. Ms. Neethu Sajeve (Regional Marketing Manager, IPCS Global Services LLP) led the session.

Induction and Orientation Programmes

The Orientation Programme for the MCA batch was organised in the month of August. 24 sessions were conducted with eight eminent resource persons. The BBA and BCA Orientation Programmes were conducted from 11 to 12 September 2025. Resource persons from various fields handled the sessions.



An Alumni interaction session was organised on 22 November 2024, to provide insights in to academic and professional journeys.

Industrial Visit

As part of academic enrichment, students visited Tata Consultancy Services, Infopark, Kochi, on 24 September 2025. The visit helped explore the Robotics Lab and understand the practical applications of advanced technologies in the IT industry.

Alumni Reunion on 9 August 2025



Faculty Achievements

Proud Patent Holders!



Dr. Shine K. George
(Faculty MCA)



Dr. Lince Rachel Varghese
(Faculty, MCA)



Dr. Jyothilekshmi S
(Faculty, BioSciences)



Dr. M Anil Kumar
(Research Guide, Botany)



Dr. Sreelakshmi Rajesh
(Guest Faculty, Botany)



Dr. E.I Anila
(Research Guide, Physics)



Dr. Soorya G. Nath
(Research Scholar, Physics)



Dr. Rejeesh T. Chacko, (Asst. Prof., Dept. of Physical Education) received the Cpt. Mandeep Singh Trust National Award 2025 for Physical Educators from the Arjuna Awardee Ashok Dhyani Chand (Son of the legendary Maj. Dhyani Chand) on 8 February 2025.

Dr. Femi Anna Thomas successfully completed 44th Indian Scientific Expedition to Antarctica from December 2024 to April 2025. She was also awarded the Dr. Shanta Achuthankutty and Dr. P.A. Lokabharathi Award in Marine Microbiology and Biotechnology by the Ocean Society of India for the Biennial Best PhD Thesis on February 2025.

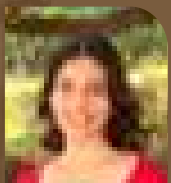


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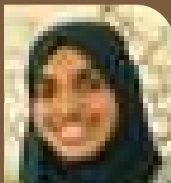
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- School of Management Studies with Kerala Management Association (Students' Chapter Collaboration).



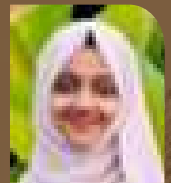
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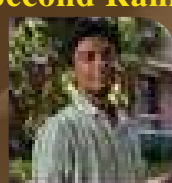
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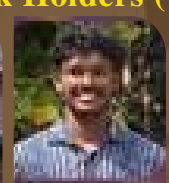
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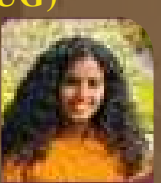
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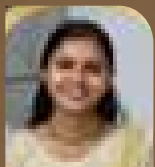


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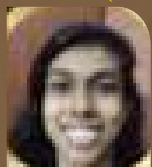


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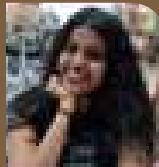
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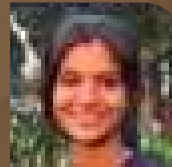
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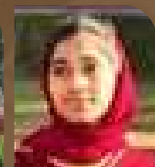
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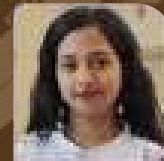


Sheba Biju
BSM

First Rank Holders (UG)



Nitha Peter
BT & SP



Maria George
History



Aiswarya Shiju
E & CM

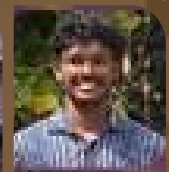
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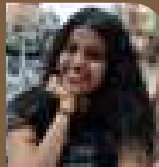


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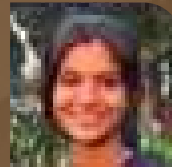


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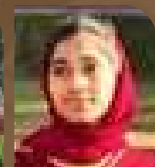
Third Rank Holders (UG)



Sreelakshmi V.
English



Nivea P.V.
Computer Science



K.N. Nidhana Fathima
E & CM



Sheba Biju
BSM

Faculty as Resource Person

English



Mr. Alwin Alexander

1. *Crafting the Witch* - Department of English, Marthoma College for Women, Perumbavoor (National Conference, 4 March 2025).
2. *AI for Life* - 113th Mar Thoma Students' Conference (30 April 2025).

Dr. Akhila Narayanan

1. *Beyond Modernity: Key Perspectives* - Department of English, Maharaja's College (4 July 2025).

Chemistry



Dr. Ajalesh B. Nair

1. *Indian Knowledge System: Nanoscience and Nanotechnology Perspectives* - Department of Chemistry, Al Ameen College, Edathala (8 October 2025).
2. *Advanced Energy Storage Materials* - Department of Chemistry, Sree Sankara Vidyapeetom College, Valayanchirangara (29 September 2025).
3. *Emerging and Advanced Green Energy Technologies for Sustainable Future* - Department of Chemistry, Al Ameen College, Edathala (3 March 2025).
4. *Energy Harvesting* - Research And Development Cell, FISAT, Angamaly (National Seminar, 22 November 2024).
5. *Advanced Nanomaterials: Lessons from Nature* - Department of Chemistry, Vidyodaya School, Thevakkal (7 November 2024).
6. *Nature Inspired Nanotechnology and their Applications* - Holy Ghost CGHSS, Aluva (6 November 2024).

Dr. Jenish Paul

1. *Understanding Basis Sets* - Carmel College, Mala (7 November 2024).
1. *Why Science Matters?* - St. Peter's College, Kolenchery, (11 November 2024).

Dr. Jenee Peter

1. *Archaeology Workshop* - St. Teresa's College (07 March 2025).



BioSciences



Dr. Sareen Sarah John

1. *Frontiers in Life Sciences* - MES College for Advanced Studies, Edathala (27 & 28 February 2025).
2. *World Micro Organism Day* - Al-Azhar College of Arts & Science (17 September 2025).
3. *HSSTTP in Biology* - Department of General Education, Govt. of Kerala (December 2024).

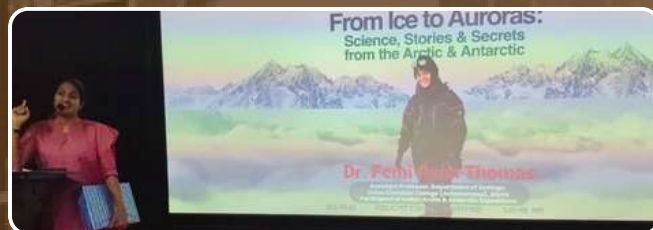
Mr. Vipin Thomas

1. *Beyond Modernity: Key Perspectives* - Department of English, Maharaja's College (4 July 2025).

Ms. Asha M P

1. *HSSTTP in Biology* - Department of General Education Govt. of Kerala (December 2024).

Zoology



Dr. Femi Anna Thomas

1. *Frozen Secrets: An Antarctic Voyage...* - Indian Women Scientists' Association, St. Xavier's College for Women (7 August, 2025).
2. *The Secret life of Polar Microbes* - Centre for Excellence in Microbiome – KSCSTE (20 August 2025).
3. *From Ice to Auroras* - Department of Zoology, BCM College, Kottayam (22 August 2025).
3. *Hidden Life, Frozen Secrets* - CUSAT (10 September 2025).
4. *Expeditions to the Ends of the Earth* - Department of Zoology, Alphonsa College, Pala (12 September 2025).

Botany

Dr. Sreelakshmi Rajesh,

1. *Transforming Ideas into Intellectual Property* - SH College, Thevara (5 December 2024).



Faculty as Resource Person

Psychology



Dr. Marykutty PJ

1. *Care for Care Givers* - Wings on Wheels Fellowship and People of Determination Trust (24 August 2025).

Ms. Shema Elizabeth Kovoov

1. *Empowering Women, Empowering Humanity*- YWCA Alangad (8 March 2025).

Dr. Vidhya Ravindranadan

1. *Promotion of Excellence Among Gifted Children* - Aluva Educational District, Government of Kerala (19 October 2024).

Ms. Syna Soosan Abraham

2. *Breaking the Generational Barriers* - ESAF webinar (5 March 2025).
3. *Conscious Parenting* - St. Peter's Marthoma Church, Aluva (13 September 2025).

Ms. Seena M Mathai

1. *Soft Skills Development for Project Implementation and Work Orientation* - NIFAM, Kadungalloor.

Electronics & Computer Science (ECC)



Dr. Jibin Jose Mathew

1. *Optical Communication and LED Lighting* - Department of Physics, Mar Athanasius College, Kothamangalam (4 December 2024).

MCA



Dr. Lince Rachel Varghese

1. *Academic Report Writing Workshop* - Department of Computer Science, Bharata Mata College of Commerce and Arts, Choondy (19 June 2025).
2. Dr. Lince Rachel Varghese chaired a session at the International Conference on Artificial Intelligence & Emerging Technologies (ICAET 2025) organised by Rajarigi College of Management and Applied Sciences, held on 20-22 March 2025.

Student Achievements

NSP PG Scholarships



Sports Updates

Aruna Mohan, Adithya Chembayil and Anamika B.K. represented MG University in the **All India Inter University Women Netball Championship** held at SGVU, Jaipur.



101st ANNUAL ATHLETIC MEET

The college Sports Day was held on 6 March 2025. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from students, faculty, and staff. The sports day featured a range of events, including track and field competition. The chief guest for the event was Prof. (Dr). Mini Alice (Principal). Department of Malayalam secured the overall championship and the Department of Physical Education secured the runner position.



Aleena Surendaran (MA Economics) & Isabel Mary Joseph (1 BA English) represented Kerala state in the BCCI Senior Women's T20 trophy on 8-19 October 2025 at Punjab.



The College Staff Cricket team participated in the Dr. Edward Xavier Memorial Pauline Premier League Cricket Tournament held at St. Paul's College, Kalamassery, from 24 - 26 March 2025. The team bagged the second place. Mr. Sanilkumar K.G. (Office Attendant) was the Player of the tournament.



The College bagged the first prize in both Men's and Women's sections of the MG University Inter Zone Baseball Championship held at the College in January 2025.



Clubs

Anti Narcotic Club



As part of Statewide Anti-Drug Awareness Campaign, the college organised an awareness talk "NIVRTTI", observing The International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking on 26 June 2025. The awareness talk was given by Shri. S. Ravikumar (Assistant Excise Inspector, Janamythri Excise Squad, Attapadi, Palakkad).

As part of the World Environment Day Celebrations on 5 June 2025, the Biodiversity Club organised a campus cleaning drive, *Say No to Plastics*.



Biodiversity Club



Civil Services Club

A Civil Services Add-on course is offered by the College in collaboration with Civil Service Institute, Pala. As part of this initiative an orientation was given by Shri. Jubin James (Chief Academic Coordinator, Civil Service Institute).

Clubs

Debate Club



The members participated in various prestigious elocution and debate competitions across the state, winning the top positions on many occasions. Special mention goes to Ms. Sharafunissa Karoli (Research Scholar, Dept of History), Ms. Anna Dominic (MA History), Mr. Sathyajith K.S (BSc E&CM), Ms. Alfina Mehrin (BA Economics), and Mr. Anugrah V K (III BA History).

Gandhi Darshan Club



The Club, in association with Debate Club, Quiz Club, Civil Services Aspirants Club and Matrubhumi Study Circle, Thiruvankulam and Probhodha Trust, Kochi, conducted intercollegiate elocution and quiz competitions on 29 January 2025. A. Faheem Bin Mohammed M P, MA Political Science, IGNOU -JDT Kozhikode was the winner in the elocution competition and Gokul Thejas and Abhinav Nair, BBA LLB, School of Legal Studies, CUSAT won the first prize in the Quiz competition.

Grandhika Library Club



The Library Club was inaugurated by P.V. Shaji Kumar (Winner of Kendra Sahithya Akademi Yuva Puraskar Award) on 25 June 2025.



Electoral Literacy Club

In the first week of August 2025, student volunteers from the Electoral Literacy Club set up a help desk to facilitate voter enrolment and registration for college students and local residents. The Club was honoured by the District Electoral Office, Ernakulam as one of the top 5 Clubs in the Colleges of the district during 2023-2024.

Fashion Club



The club proudly achieved First Position at Adwika, the cultural fest organised by MES College, Kunnukara, for creativity and team coordination.

Birders Club

The Club conducted a Field Study trip to Thattekad Salim Ali Bird Sanctuary on 6 March 2025.



Kandal Club



A field trip was organised to Kannur on 10 October 2024 to collect mangrove samples.

Mizhi Club

On 5 August 2025 the Mizhi Club organised the webinar "Vision Empower", for the visually challenged students of the College. The resource person was Ms. Vidhya V.

Media Club



The Media Club activities were inaugurated by Shri. Tharun Moorthy on 10 October 2025 during the event *Script to Screen: A Dialogue with Tharun Moorthy*, organised by UCC Media.

Clubs

Quiz Club

The members of the club participated in Quiz Press Inter-Collegiate Competition on 1 October 2025 organised by Kerala Media Academy. Anugrah V. K. and Kavyas Nair secured the Second Prize and received the Chief Minister's Trophy, presented by Adoor Gopalakrishnan.



Swaralaya



On 20 September 2025, the Dance Squad members of the club participated in the inter-college dance competition *COMFIESTA 2025 Dance Fest*, held at MES College, and secured second prize.

Folklore Club



The Folklore Club, affiliated to the Kerala Folklore Academy, was inaugurated by Mr. O. S. Unnikrishnan (Chairman, Folklore Academy). Marking the occasion, the Chairman presented a bamboo shoot, a traditional symbol of prosperity and agricultural growth, to Prof. (Dr.) Sibu M. Eapen, Head of the Department of Malayalam.

The Folklore Club of U.C. College, in collaboration with the Thrissur Nattarivu Padana Kendram, Malayalam Samajam, and Karumaloor Police, organised the Folklore Day and Onam celebrations, along with a folk flower competition. On 27 August 2025. Dr. P. Ranjith, Director of the Thrissur Natural History Centre, delivered the keynote address on *Historical Events of Onam*.

Pain & Palliative Club



As part of the activities of the Club, the members went on home visits during the year, along with the palliative care unit.

Science Club



In an effort to promote scientific awareness and critical thinking among students, the Club, in collaboration with the Sastra Sahithya Parishath, organised a lecture-cum-discussion session on 3 February 2025. The event was centered around the theme *Modern Technology and Tomorrow's World*.

Vara Club



The Club members actively participated in a painting workshop held at Kinder Hospital Café on 6 July 2025. The initiative was undertaken to create a warm and welcoming atmosphere in the hospital space through art. The Club received a memento from the CEO of Kinder Hospital for the work.

Photography Club



An Astrophotography competition titled *CosmoClick Challenge* was organised jointly by Photography & Science clubs, in association with ISRO, as a part of celebrating National Science Day and success of Chandrayaan. Nimal Babu (II MCA), Devikrishna Gireesh (III BSc Physics) and Vishal Vijayakumar (I BSc Physics) secured the first three positions respectively.

Trekking & Mountaineering Club



The Club organised a three-day trekking camp at the pristine Silent Valley National Park in Palakkad, Kerala, from the 4th to 6th of March 2025. A total of 40 students and 6 faculty members took part in this adventurous and educational expedition.

D-Trix

The Club activities were inaugurated on 6 January 2025. The members took part in various competitions and won accolades.



7(K) Girls Battalion, Thrissur



On 26 July 2025 the NCC cadets of 7(K) Girls Bn sub-unit & 22(K) BN NCC Eloor of the College celebrated the Kargil Vijay Diwas. A Kargil Vijay Diwas lecture was organised to pay tribute to the brave soldiers who sacrificed their lives. The online lecture was delivered by Brig. Viswanath Narayanan Retd. (Former Director of Training DG NCC).

A session on *Women's Hygiene and Personality* was held on 6 March 2025. Experts from Yconnect and Whisper India Gillette led the session.

A Seminar on *Career in Indian Armed Forces* was held on 17 March 2025. Col. H. Padmanabhan (Retd.), a Kargil War veteran led the seminar.



Lt. Nino Baby, Associate NCC Officer of the College successfully completed the PRCN (Pre Commission Course) at Officer's Training Academy, Gwalior in December 2024 with the highest grading A. She also received the Certificate of Excellence in Drill during the course.



A talk on *Leadership and Team Building* was organised on 12 June 2025. Shibin Shaji Varghese (Corporate I/O Trainer, Addiction Recovery Counselor) spoke on the basics of team building, conflict resolution and decision making.

NCC National Camps



SUO Annmariya Jose,
EBSB Gujarat



JUO Sadhika Sajeev
Trekking Expedition TN II
TSC IGC



CQMS Nandana KS
Trekking Expedition
TN II



SGT Chandra ES
ALC-5, Alappuzha
SSB-SUPER 30, TVM



L/CPL Meenakshi CM
TSC IGC



L/CPL Vrinda Reghunadh
TSC IGC



CDT Soja Joy
TSC IGC



The cadets of the sub-unit donated blood on 13 June 2025 (World Blood Donation Day).



An awareness programme on PCOD and related issues was conducted on 5 February 2025. The resource persons were Dr. Sunil, Dr. Mariamma, Dr. Naseeba (Medical experts from Life Homeo Clinic, Aluva).



A warm farewell was accorded to Major K.S. Narayanan on his retirement in March 2025.



In appreciation of the group effort in voluntary blood donation, the NCC units of the college was honoured by the IMA on 6 October 2025.

New Appointments - Management



Anoop Mohan K
Administrative Officer



Ronu Mathew Kurian
Computer Assistant



Sreenitha Sudheer
IQAC Office Assistant



Sunitha Varghese
Secretary to the Principal



On 26 January 2025 the **Republic Day** was celebrated with great enthusiasm by the Cadets of the 22(K) Battalion and the 7(K) Girl's Battalion, in collaboration with the NSS Volunteers. The esteemed Chief Guest for the event was the Principal-in-charge Mr. Eldho Varghese (Asst. Prof., Department of Mathematics).



On 10 February 2025 a self defense training programme was conducted by the Kerala Police in collaboration with Kinder Hospitals. The event was graced by the presence of Dr. Vaibhav Saxena, IPS, (S.P. Ernakulam Rural), and Prof. (Dr). Mini Alice.



A felicitation ceremony was held on 17 September 2025 to honour CSM Devika Vinod for her remarkable achievement in completing the TSC Delhi Service Firing 2025. CSM Devika Vinod shared her camp experiences, inspiring everyone.



Dr. Jenish Paul (Assoc. Professor, Department of Chemistry) took charge as Care Taker Officer (CTO) of the UC College NCC sub-unit of 22(K) NCC Battalion, Eloor.



On 15 August 2025 the National Cadet Corps of Union Christian College, Aluva, 22(K) Bn NCC Eloor, proudly celebrated **Independence Day** with a Flag Hoisting Ceremony at Kacherimalika. The Chief Guest was Prof. (Dr). Mini Alice (Principal). Following the ceremony, an interactive session was held With distinguished guest speaker UO Meera Jacob, (RDC, 2015 and YEP Bhutan).



A Fire and Rescue Awareness Session was conducted on 11 July 2025 by the Fire and Rescue Department, Aluva. The session aimed to educate students and NCC cadets on fire safety protocols, emergency response techniques, and disaster preparedness.



Athul Krishna Shibu



Sidharth R Nair



Alan Ipe Alias



Shins K Suresh



Anandhu Sukumon



Janet R Kulangara



Devika Vinod



Emin Daisan



Yadhuv P B



Anugrah Sreekumar

1. Inter Directorate Sports Shooting Championship 2025 and All India G V Mavalankar Shooting Competition 2025: SUO Anandhu Sukumon **2. Army Attachment Camp 6 Garhwal Rifles- Tvm:** UO Janet R Kulangara and CSM Devika Vinod **3. Mountaineering Course Sandakphu Trek Darjeeling, West Bengal:** CQMS Emin Daisan **4. Inter Group Sports Shooting Championship 2025:** Cdt. Shins K Suresh **5. A P Trekking I:** Sgt. Athul Krishna Shibu, L/Cpl. Alan Ipe Alias **6. Special Adventure Course Jim & Ws Pahalgam:** Cpl. Sidharth R Nair, Cdt. Yadhuv P B, Cdt. Anugrah Sreekumar.

Adopted School Programmes



The NSS unit continues to engage with the Govt. LP School, Chamaparambu. In November 2024 the unit, handed over computers to the school for teaching the basics of computer literacy to the students. It was handed over by the MG University NSS Coordinator Dr.EN Sivadasan. On 18 December 2024, the volunteers celebrated Christmas with the students of the school. On 14 March 2025, a health check up was organised for the students at the adopted school for free.

Health Care Initiatives

On 1 December 2024, the NSS unit observed **World Aids Day**. A rally was conducted as part of the observance, with prominent personalities taking part. The **DRISHTI** programme was launched by the Government of Kerala in association with Little Flower Hospital on 8 December 2024 with the aim of making Ernakulam district Cataract Free. The programme was inaugurated by Shri. P. Rajeeve (Minister of Industries).



The second phase of the Drishti Project, “**Jyothirgamaya**” was launched on 25 August 2025, in association with LF Hospital Angamaly. The project aims to promote eye donation. The project was inaugurated by Shri. Benny Behanan (MP).



The inauguration of the Sneha Veedu project was held on 16 August 2025 in association with the K. Chittilappilly Foundation and NSS Mahatma Gandhi University. The event marked the handing over of two newly constructed houses to the beneficiaries, symbolizing hope, care, and community solidarity. The keys of the two houses were handed over by the Principal of the college. Dr EN Sivadasan (NSS Programme officer, MGU) was present on the occasion.

Legacy Waste Collection Drive



The NSS unit collected non degradable legacy waste in association with the Prarthana Foundation,. The NSS volunteers transferred the waste materials to the recycling company on 17 July 2025. 1800 kg of legacy waste was collected from the students, teachers, non teaching staff and also from the residents of the panchayat.



Medical Camp

A Lifestyle Diseases Medical Camp was conducted in association with Jeevadhara Foundation on 31 July 2025.



Reunion of NSS Programme Officers and Volunteers (1970 - 2025)

Placement Cell



The Career Counselling and Placement Cell organised two mega job fairs in November 2024. 25 in-house and collaborative recruitment drives and 119 external recruitment drives were facilitated, achieving over 180 student placements across UG and PG programmes. The Cell conducted two intensive 5 day workshops for final-year students in July and September 2025 in association with the Departments of Computer Science and ECC. A two-day LinkedIn workshop was also organised. In September 2025, NET Coaching was implemented in collaboration with the Minority Welfare Department. Over 36 training programmes and 14 pre-placement talks were conducted in collaboration with leading organisations including Accenture, TCS, Cognizant, HDFC, Axis Bank, SIB, Deloitte, Sutherland, and EY.

Career Catalyst Club



The Club organised an **IBM Skill orientation programme** on 4 November 2024 in collaboration with IBM under its skills build initiative. On 29 November 2024 a Career Orientation After Higher Secondary programme was conducted for over 1000 higher secondary students. On 7 March 2024, an interview coaching was conducted for BCom students to enhance interview skills. Various training and skill building initiatives were conducted throughout the year. Quality circles were formed for final year students in MBA and MCA programmes. An awareness programme in **Graduate Aptitude Test in Engineering** was held on 16 August 2025.

A one day Workshop titled *Religion: Weaving the Web of Life* was organised on 13 March 2025. Rev. Moncy Varghese (Director, CARD) was the chief facilitator. The students attended National and Regional Camps in Meghalaya, Jharkhand, Bangalore, and Thiruvananthapuram during the period.

Thanalidam

First Anniversary Celebrations



The first anniversary celebrations of Thanalidam was inaugurated by renowned Wildlife Photographer Shri. N.A. Naseer on 8 November 2025. Dr. E.N. Sivadasan (NSS Coordinator, MG University) inaugurated 'Nattidam', an exhibition and sale, featuring merchandise of women entrepreneurs and children. An amount of Rs. 1 lakh, collected by Thanalidam, the NSS-NCC units and the Disaster Management Club, was handed over to Dr. E.N. Sivadasan to aid rehabilitation in Wayanad. Bottle booths were set up on the campus in collaboration with OSA UAE Chapter. Seats, recycled and manufactured by Carbon and Wales, from plastic waste collected by NSS and NCC volunteers in collaboration with Thanalidam, were installed on the campus. The Thanalidam website, developed by students from the Content Writing Course, was launched on the day. The campus was officially declared as plastic free on the day by Dr. K.P. Ouseph IFS (Manager).



Thanalidam in association with Hamara Plastics, on 9 October 2025, placed waste bins made from recycled plastics on the campus. The plastic waste collected in these will be converted into value added products.



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Centres

CSDCCP



The Centre for Skill Development Courses and Career Planning was inaugurated on 15 July 2025 by Prof. Robinet Jacob (Director, School of Tourism Studies, MGU). The centre monitors programmes like ASAP, SWAYAM_NPTTEL, IHRD courses, Centre for Continuing Education (CCEK), Directorate for Applied Short Term Programme (DASP), IEDC, Institution Innovation Council (IIC) & Entrepreneurship Development Cell (EDC).

Centre for Applied Sciences

Under the aegis the Centre, the Faculty members of all science departments have submitted research proposals to various funding agencies like DST-SERB, KSCSTE etc. Major projects from DST-SERB, KSCSTE. Two of doctoral student projects have been recommended for financial support under Women Scientist Scheme-A (WOS-A). Our proposal for SERB-TARE accepted for conduct of research in collaboration with NIT Calicut.

Centre for Service Learning



A Knowledge Sharing and Interaction programme was organised by the Centre on 29 September 2025 in association with Christ University Bangalore. COGE, the Department of Psychology, School of Computer Applications, School of Management Studies collaborated with the centre and hosted interactive sessions with the visiting faculty from Christ University: Dr. Veerta Tantia (Assoc. Prof.), Dr. Jacquin Kareem (Assoc. Prof.) Dr. Sharon Valarmathi (Assoc. Prof.).

College Chapel



The updated version of the **Manual of Worship: For Use in the College Chapel** has been made available for regular worship in the College Chapel. The revision of this fourth edition of the Manual of Worship was completed in March 2024, nearly 22 years after its previous update in 2002. The updated Manual, which was envisaged as a Centenary Project of the College, was released on 15 March 2025, in the College Chapel.

Thleesoyo



The College Choir hosted a musical evening, **Thleesoyo- Blessed Trinity: A Musical Journey**, on 15 March 2025 in the College Chapel. Musical pieces praising the Trinity were presented. The highlight of the evening was the Trinitarian Medley rendered beautifully by the live orchestra of teachers and students. Tarun George Philip (II MA History) and Joel Jacob (II BSc. Computer Science) served as Choir Directors, and Dr. Sunil Abraham Thomas as the Staff Advisor.

Christmas Carol Service



The Christmas Carol Service of the College was conducted on 7 December, 2024

COGE



The UCC Centre for Outreach and Global Engagement (UCC COGE) was inaugurated by Prof. Mohamed Hatha Abdulla, (Senior Professor (Retd.) and Director, CUSAT-NCPOR Centre for Polar Sciences) on 25 August 2025. The event also featured the unveiling of the UCC COGE logo.



13 Students from the Departments of Zoology & Botany, led by Dr. Dhanush B. Danes and Dr. Reju J., participated in a 3-day Biology training program at National Centre for Polar and Ocean Research, Goa from 24-26 September 2025.



The inaugural lecture of the UCC Global Connect Lecture Series was held on 26 September 2025. Dr. Thamban Meloth (Director, National Centre for Polar and Ocean Research, Goa) spoke on the topic *Exploring the Frozen Poles: Opportunities and Frontiers*.

Kids' Dale



Our daycare center provides a vibrant and stimulating environment for our little ones.

KSWDC Womens Cell

The Cell at Union Christian College organised a talk on *Assertiveness and the Quest for Gender Egalitarianism* on 17 January 2025. The resource person for the program was Ms. Thaniya K. Leela, (Consultant Psychologist and certified Learning & Development trainer).



International Women's Day was celebrated by the Cell on 7 March 2025. Ms. Kavery S (Chief Psychologist, Feel Home Psychological Counselling Centre, Kochi), the Chief Guest delivered a lecture on the topic *The Psychology of Women Empowerment: Breaking Mental Barriers*.

BLISS



As part of World Mental Health Day, BLISS organised peer interactive sessions on the theme *Access, Support & Hope for Every Mind, Everywhere* on 10 October 2025.

Jeevani

Jeevani, a mental health initiative of the Govt. of Kerala aims at promoting the psychological well-being of college students. Ms. Hanna K.A. serves as the Jeevani College Psychologist, offering regular psychological counselling to students.



CSRS



Scholarships under the Sansco-Parthana EDU-CARE Project were distributed on 16 January 2025. Five deserving students from first year UG and PG from various disciplines were given the first installment at the event. Another three received their second installment. This project provides financial assistance of Rs. 1,50,000/- each academic year as part of the MoU signed by the college with the Parthana Foundation.

Farewell!



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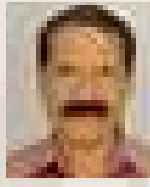
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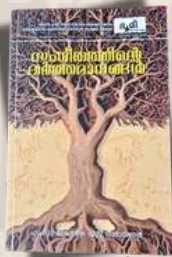


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FACULTY PUBLICATIONS



തമിഴ്, മലയാളം പെൺകവിതകൾ
Ed. Dr. Mini Alice



സംഗീതത്തിന്റെ വർത്തമാനങ്ങൾ
Ed. Maj. K. S. Narayanan



Narratives of Love and Friendship
Ed. Alwin Alexander & Dr. Akhila Narayanan



നിർമ്മിതബുദ്ധി വിജ്ഞാനകോശം
Dr. Asha Das, et.al



Criticism and Theory
Ed. Dr. Akhila Narayanan



Reading Culture
Ed. Dr. Akhila Narayanan



Literature, Technology and AI
Ed. Dr. Akhila Narayanan & Alwin Alexander



Sportlight
Ed. Alwin Alexander & Dr. Akhila Narayanan



Hindi ka Pravasi Sahitya
Ed. Dr. Ruby Elsa Jacob



Addictions and Mental Health
Dr. Marikutty. P. J, et.al



Generative AI – Foundations, Models and Applications
Dr. Lince Rachel Varghese et.al



Foundations of Cyber-Physical Systems and Smart Sensor Technologies in Industry 4.0
Dr. Jibin Jose Mathew



Scientific Communications in Biological Research
Dr. Sareen Sarah John, Mr. Shyam Mohan, and Dr. Jyothilekshmi S.

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Book Release



On 26 August 2025, Dr. Tiju Thomas IRS (Commissioner Customs [Prev] Kerala and Lakshadweep released the book “ഇന്റർവ്യൂ വിജയിക്കാനുള്ള 7 ഹ്രസ്വമന്ത്രങ്ങൾ” authored by Dr. KP Ouseph IFS, the College Manager.

