

ANNUAL REPORT 2015-2016



ST. THOMAS COLLEGE, PALAI

Re-accredited with 'A' Grade by NAAC
College with Potential for Excellence (UGC -CPE)
Affiliated to Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, Kerala

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Dear members of the Managing Board, Staff, Parents, Alumni and Students,

It is with immense pleasure and a deep sense of gratitude to Almighty God and to all the well-wishers of our college that I present before you a brief report of our activities and achievements during the academic year 2015-2016.

I. Student/Staff Strength as on 31/12/2015

Students

UG	:	1816	
P.G.	:	518	
Ph.D. Research Scholars	:	214	2601
Diploma	:	53	

Staff

Regular Teachers	:	88
Guest/Ad hoc Teachers	:	47
Non-Teaching Staff	:	42
Ad hoc Technical Staff	:	1

The academic year 2015-2016 has been dynamic in terms of curricular and co-curricular activities and achievements.

Orientation Programmes were conducted for U.G. and P.G. students. Quite a few of our teachers served as resource persons, chairmen of sessions, paper presenters or participants in various national workshops/conferences/seminars. 16 teachers served as chairpersons/members of various Boards of Studies at Mahatma Gandhi and other universities. A few teachers served as visiting faculty in foreign universities. Various departments conducted invited talks by the faculty members of other universities.

II College with Potential for Excellence (Phase II)

The expert committee of the UGC has recommended the College for the “College with Potential for Excellence” status for the period 2016 -2021 (Phase II).

III Blessing and Inauguration of Integrated Sports Complex

The blessing ceremony of the St. Thomas College Integrated Sports Complex was held at 1.30 p.m. followed by the inaugural function in the new Indoor Stadium on Sunday 28th February 2016. His Excellency Mar Joseph Kallarangatt, Bishop of Palai and patron of the College, blessed the Sports Complex. Sri. Oommen Chandy, Chief Minister of Kerala, inaugurated the Indoor and Swimming facilities in the presence of Mar Jacob Muricken, Auxiliary Bishop of Palai and Manager of the College, Mar Joseph Pallickaparambil, Bishop Emeritus of Palai and our former Patron, Sri. K.M. Mani, former Finance Minister and MLA of Palai, Sri. Jose K. Mani M.P., Sri. Anto Antony M.P. and other dignitaries.

IV Results of the University Examinations held in April/May 2015

UG/PG Results

Program Name	Program Code	Number of students appeared in the final year examination	Number of students passed in final year examination
BA English Language & Literature	BAEN	37	37
BA Malayalam Language & Literature	BAMA	45	32
BSc Mathematics	BSMA	26	23
BSc Physics	BSPH	30	29
BSc Chemistry	BSCH	34	34
BSc Botany	BSBO	21	19
BSc Zoology	BSZO	26	25
BA Economics	BAEC	51	48
BA History (Archaeology and Museology)	BAHI	15	14
BA Political Science	BAPS	46	40
BCom (Finance and Taxation)	BCFT	62	61
BA English Literature and Communication Studies	BACE	33	33
MA English	MAEN	30	26

MA Malayalam	MAMA	15	8
MA Hindi	MAHN	20	16
MSc Mathematics	MSMA	18	15
MSc Statistics	MSST	19	17
MSc Physics	MSPH	22	17
MSc Chemistry	MSCH	23	19
MSc Botany	MSBO	15	14
MSc Biotechnology	MSBT	9	5
MSc Biostatistics	MSBS	24	24
MSc Applied Microbiology	MSAM	24	24
MA Political Science	MAPS	28	23
MA Economics	MAEC	28	24
MCom	MCOM	18	13
Total		719	640

V UGC - CSIR JRF/NET Examination, Scholarships etc.

Sl. No.	Name of Student	Test Qualified
1.	Ashly Thomas	NET
2.	Ancy Cyriac	NET
3.	Jesumol Charles	NET
4.	Karthika Suresh	NET
5.	Jeswin Cyriac	JRF
6.	Ashna Jose	NET
7.	Athira K.R.	NET
8.	Arjun Babu	NET
9.	Sreeja P.S.	JRF
10.	Elizabeth George	NET
11.	Rakhi Ramachandran	NET
12.	Linmer Jeseentha Souz	NET
13.	Diju T. Raj	NET
14.	Rajkumar R.	NET

VI Recruitment of Staff

During the academic year 9 teachers were appointed in various subjects.

- (i) Gibin Raja George, Department of English
- (ii) Tony Joseph, Department of Malayalam
- (iii) Dr. Sr. Kochurani Joseph, Department of Hindi
- (iv) Dr. Anish Cyriac, Department of Hindi

- (v) Tojo Joseph, Department of Chemistry
- (vi) Manjesh Mathew, Department of Chemistry
- (vii) Roberse Thomas, Department of Economics
- (viii) Dr. Jayesh Antony, Department of Zoology
- (ix) Dr. Deemat C. Mathew, Department of Statistics

VII Achievements in Sports and Games

The Big Picture of 2015

The legacy of sports achievement of our institution is underlined by the completion of the mega project of sports infrastructure-The Integrated Sports Complex - with partial financial assistance of Rupees One Crore Seventy Lakhs from the University Grants Commission. The project was completed at a total cost of Rupees Eleven Crores. The Management, teachers and private individuals contributed substantially for the successful completion of the project. The Sports Complex consists of Multipurpose Indoor Sports Training Facility with maple wood flooring and can accommodate six badminton courts at a time. An Olympic standard Swimming Pool with latest water purification system, a kid's pool and a walker's lane are the other facilities developed in the Integrated Sports Complex. The entire project was completed in this academic year.

College Games Champions

Once again the college proved its mettle in sports by emerging as the overall champion in men's section in the ALL KERALA COLLEGE GAMES conducted by the Kerala State Sports Council and bagged the cash award of Rupees One lakh. The competition was held at Thiruvananthapuram in diverse disciplines among the best - performing colleges affiliated to various universities in Kerala. Our college became Champions in Athletics and Volleyball and was ranked fourth in Swimming. A cash award of Rupees Ten Thousand for champions in team events was also won by our college. The Chief Minister of the State handed over the champion's trophy.

Performance at National Level

Details of the performance of our students at various National competitions are mentioned below:

Sl. No.	Name	Class	Event	Competition	Position
1	Unias V	I DC	Athletics (Triple Jump)	All India Inter University (Punjabi Uty, Patiala)	Silver
2	Madhu S	II BA Malayalam	Athletics (1500m)	-do-	Silver
3	Anoop S	I M.Com	Athletics 4x400m	-do-	Bronze
4	Shafeeque	III BA Malayalam	Athletics 4x400m	-do-	Bronze

Performance of the College at Inter-Collegiate Competitions

Our college fielded 15 teams comprising Undergraduate and Postgraduate students during the academic year 2015-16. Particulars of the performance of our teams at various Inter-Collegiate competitions are mentioned below:

Sl. No.	Event	Competition	Venue	Position
1	Athletics	M G University Intercollegiate	Maharajas College, Ernakulam	Winners
2	Swimming	-do-	M A College, Kothamangalam	Winners
3	Power Lifting	-do-	Newman College, Thodupuzha	Winners
4	Water Polo	-do-	M A College, Kothamangalam	Winners
5	Cross Country	-do-	S D College, Kanjirapally	Runners up
6	Weight Lifting	-do-	St Thomas College, Palai	Runners up
7	Best Physique	-do-	St Thomas College, Palai	Fourth
8	Tennis	-do-	RSC, Ernakulam	-do-
9	Volleyball	-do-	M A College, Kothamangalam	-do-
10	Football	M G University Intercollegiate South Zone	Marthoma College, Thiruvalla	Participation
11	Cricket	-do-	CMS College, Kottayam	Participation
12	Taekwondo	M G University Intercollegiate	BPC College, Piravom	-do-

13	Kabbadi	M G University Intercollegiate	SNM College, Maliankara	-do-
14	Judo	M G University Intercollegiate	BPC College, Piravom	-do-
15	Chess	M G University Intercollegiate	CMS College, Kottayam	-do-

Selection to Represent M.G University in All India Inter-University Competitions

Nineteen students of our college got selected to represent Mahatma Gandhi University in the All India Inter-University competitions as detailed below.

SI No.	Name	Class	Event	Competition Venue	Position
1	Anoop D	I M.Com	Athletics (400m)	AIIU, Punjabi Uty, Patiala	Bronze
2	Shafeeque	III BA	Athletics 4x400R	-do-	-do-
3	Sujith	I BA	Athletics, 20KMRW	-do-	Participation
4	Madhu	II BA	Athletics, 1500m	-do-	Silver
5	Unias	I BA	Athletics, TJ	-do-	-do-
6	Sujith	I BA	Athletics, 20KMRW	-do-	Participation
7	Altaf	I BA	Athletics, 4x100	-do-	-do-
8	SoorajSasi	III BA	Cross Country	-do-	-do-
9	Dipu Antony	II BA	Cross Country	-do-	-do-
10	Jebin Sebastian	II BA	Swimming	DNP	-do-
11	Anoop	II BA	Swimming	-do-	-do-
12	Vineet	I BA	Swimming	-do-	-do-
13	Ebin Thomas	IBA	Swimming	-do-	-do-
14	Ebi Varghese	II BSc	Power lifting	AIIU Acharya NagarjunaUty, Guntur	-do-
15	Jobin James	III BSc	Power lifting	-do-	-do-
16	Ebi Varghese	III BSc	Weightlifting	AIIU Acharya NagarjunaUty, Guntur	Participation

17	Christy	III BA	Volleyball	SZ IU	-do-
18	Athula K P	III BA	Volleyball	-do-	-do-
19	Abhijith E S	III BSc.	Tennis	SIU SRM Chennai	-do-

Bishop Vayalil Inter-Collegiate Volleyball Tournament

The Bishop Vayalil Inter-collegiate Volleyball Tournament for Men and Women was organized in the month of February 2016, at the Jimmy George Stadium. The week-long extravaganza was attended by the best volleyball teams in the state. St. Thomas College team retained the men's trophy and Assumption College won in the women's section.

Conduct of Inter-Collegiate Competitions & Other Events

Last year our college hosted the M.G. University Inter-Collegiate Power Lifting and Body Building competition in the College. We also conducted a summer coaching camp for school children in the events of Athletics, Swimming, Badminton, Football, Tennis and Cricket at the end of the academic year. More than 250 students successfully participated in the two-month long event.

VIII Research Activities/Ph.D. Awardees

Our faculty and research scholars published more than 11 research papers in reputed National/International journals and about 5 research papers in regional level journals and conference/seminar proceedings. The following research scholars were awarded Ph.D. during this year. Hearty congratulations to them.

Sl. No.	Name	Subject	Guide
1.	Rani Sebastian	Statistics	Dr. K.K. Jose
2.	Lovely Abraham	-do-	Dr. E. Sandhya
3.	Arun Salim	English	Dr. H. Sadasivan Pillai
4.	Sr. Mariat A.	Hindi	Dr. C.K. James
5.	Shobitha Sebastian	-do-	Dr. Mathew Thomas
6.	Shija Grace	-do-	Dr. V.V. Georgekutty
7.	Sandhya B.	Hindi	Dr. V.V. Georgekutty
8.	Rani Antony	-do-	Dr. K.M. Mathew
9.	Preethi R.	-do-	Dr. K.M. Mathew

Scholarships & Fellowships:

The following research scholars were awarded fellowships by DST/CSIR/UGC/M.G. University during 2015-2016 and joined the College for research leading to Ph.D.

Sl. No.	Name	Subject
1.	Sunil C. Vattappalam	Physics
2.	Bindu P.V.	Hindi
3.	Sumy Surendran	Malayalam
4.	Tijo Thomas	Malayalam
5.	Linda Sebastian	Malayalam
6.	Kavitha A.K.	Malayalam
7.	Ambily Jose	Statistics
8.	Joshni George	Statistics
9.	Ajitha Sasi	Statistics
10.	Muhammed Akbar E.K.	Statistics
11.	Shelmi Antony	Biochemistry
12.	Jincy Johny	Commerce
13.	Elizabeth Johny	Commerce

Our students get scholarships and fee concessions under various schemes like Minority Scholarship, Centre Sector Scholarship, Post Metric Scholarships, KSHEC Indira Gandhi Single Girl Child Scholarship of UGC, UGC Scholarship for financially deprived, Muslim Scholarship, Hindi Scholarship, University Merit Scholarship, Sports Scholarships, Survarna Jubilee Scholarship, KPCR fee concession etc. More than 60% of our students are getting scholarships, fee concessions and stipends. Besides these, PTA, Alumni Association, College level endowments etc. provide a number of scholarships to encourage students. Also free noon meal programme is instituted for poor students.

IX Research Projects

The following teachers have been sanctioned new research projects during this year.

Nature of the Project	Duration Year	Name of the funding Agency	Total grant sanctioned	Received (To date)
Major projects				
Dr. Ginson P. Joseph	2015-18	DST	25.35 Lakhs	21 lakhs
Dr. Ginson P. Joseph	2015-18	CSIR	17.71 Lakhs	6 lakhs
Minor Projects				
Smt. Shilpa Mathew	2015-17	UGC	Rs. 1,35,000/-	Rs. 1,12,500/-

X UGC Plan Grants (XII Plan)

Various funds received from April 2015 to March 2016 are given below:

U.G.C.

1. Major	Dr. K.K.Jose	Statistics	II nd Inst.	Rs. 2,69,832/-
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U.G.C - Seminar:

1. Commerce		Ist Inst.		Rs. 105600/-
2. Malayalam		IInd Inst.		Rs. 25000/-
3. Biotechnology				Rs. 37500/-

Minor Research Projects:

1. Bince Mani		Botany		Rs. 8500/-
2. Shilpa Mathew		English		Rs. 112500/-
3. Princemon Jose		Malayalam		Rs. 28000/-
4. Soumya Jose		Malayalam		Rs. 12000/-

UGC Funds:

1. Sports Infrastructure -Swimming Pool		IInd Inst		Rs. 4000000/-
2. B.Sc Sports Studies - Salary Grant				Rs. 935584/-
3. Promotion Of Ethics And Human Values- Human Rights Education				Rs. 100000/-
4. Human Rights Education – Foundation Course Ist. Inst.				Rs. 250000/-

KSCSTE:

1. Srs – Dennis Thomas T.- Botany				Rs. 1891600/-
2. Sard - Dr. Sunny Mathew - Physics		IInd Inst.		Rs. 19207/-
3. Student Projects Scheme - Ratheesh M.				Rs. 10000/-
4. Emeritus Scientist Scheme- Dr. K.K. Jose		Statistics		Rs. 614800/-
5. National Science Day				Rs. 20000/-

Dept of Environment & Climate Change, TVM.

Rs. 1000/-

D.S.T.

1. Serb - Ginson P. Joseph, Physics				Rs. 716357/-
2. Wos-A - Ms. Jeena Joseph, Statistics		Ist Inst		Rs. 35000/-

Coconut Development Board:

1. Statistics				Rs. 24580/-
2. Dr. Ratheesh M.- Biotechnology				Rs. 20.95 lakh

Council of Scientific And Industrial Research:

1. Dr. Ginson P. Joseph				Rs. 6,18,333/-
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XI Seminars/Conferences/Workshops/Symposiums Hosted by the Institution*Department of English*

- Seminar on „Globalization and Honing of Indian Language Skills“ - 19th October 2015, Resource person: Dr. Ranga Rajan Gopalakrishnan.
- Seminar on „Shakespeare Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow - 26th November 2015, Resource Person: Dr. C.C. Thomas.

Department of Economics

- One-day seminar on „The Fiscal Dynamics and Growth prospectus of the Economy of Kerala“, organized by Dr. P. J. Thomas Centre for Social Sciences Research, January 5, 2015.

Department of Politics

- Erudite Special Lecture on „How to Achieve Stable Peace in South Asia“ on 5th January 2016, in association with KSHEC-Dr. T.V. Paul, Prof., Mc Gill University, Montreal, Canada.

Department of Statistics

- Two-day workshop on „The Role of Official Statistics in National Development and Career Opportunities in Statistics“- 21 – 22, August 2015.

Highlights

- II M.A. Malayalam - Ms. Ashna Jose and Prince T. Jose secured full A Grade in the University Examination 2015.
- II M.A. Politics - Ms. Jayakrishnan R. and Sabitha K. secured I & II position respectively in the University Examination 2015.
- III Year B.A. Degree Politics - Mr. Nidhin Jose and Ditto Thomas secured I and II positions respectively in the University Examination 2015.
- II M.A. Economics - Ms. Ann Mary Cherian, Ms. Jomol Thomas and Ms. Trace Benny secured 1st, 2nd and 9th positions in the University Examination 2015.
- II M.A. English - Ms. Ashly Thomas secured I position in the University Examination 2015.

XII Infrastructure Development

- Completed the construction of Indoor Stadium and Swimming Pool
- A new Walkers“ Lane constructed around the football field (620 mtr x 2 mtr) with 40 lights around for the use of the college community and the public.

XIII College Union Activities

The College Union functioned under the guidance of the College Union Advisor, Dr. Sabu De Mathew. The activities of the Arts Club were coordinated by the Arts Club Director, Dr. Thomas V. Mathew. Student- volunteers who extended their whole-hearted support in Union activities included Mr. Shony Jose, Mr. Johns T. Leo, Mr. Bibin K. Babu, Mr. Jilson Jimmy and Mr. Sudheesh Suresh.

With an aim to enhance the diverse talents of the students, a variety of onstage and offstage competitions were conducted from the month of February. Offstage competitions held from 1st to 5th February marked the onset of the Arts Competition, “*Arangu 2016*”. An inter-departmental debate competition was also organised on 5th February on the topic, 'Abhipraya Swathantryam Janadhipadhy Rajyathu'. A photography competition was

conducted on 6th February, while painting and drawing competitions were organised on 8th February.

The inter-departmental cricket tournament conducted on 12th February was received with great enthusiasm and the participation of 38 teams confirmed the success of the event. 15th February witnessed yet another event rated high, an inter-departmental quiz competition in which about 250 students participated in the preliminary round. Five teams consisting of three members each were selected to the final rounds handled by the quiz master Prof. Tommy Cherian, our former Vice-Principal and Head of English Department.

A seminar on lifestyle diseases was organised on 16th February in which Dr. Jose, HOD of Community Medicine, Medical College Kottayam, rendered an informative session. An inter-collegiate Powerpoint Presentation competition on the theme “Environmental Protection” was held on 25th February in which students from various colleges took part. The first and second prizes were secured by Alphonsa College and St. Thomas College, respectively. Drama competitions were conducted on 2nd March and all the other onstage competitions of “*Arangu 2016*” were held on 4th March.

The College Day was celebrated on 11th March with great pomp and show. The prestigious Mr. St. Thomas Competition was held in the forenoon session, which was followed by the formal meeting in the afternoon. The meeting was presided over by the College Union Chairman, Mr. Don Tom and inaugurated by the Chief Guest, Ms. Merin Joseph IPS, Assistant Commissioner of Police, Munnar. The Chief Guest also distributed prizes for the winners of various items in “*Arangu 2016*”. The formal meeting was followed by a variety of cultural programmes by the students which added colour to the day.

The College Union is deeply indebted to all the teachers, non-teaching staff and students for the successful functioning throughout the academic year.

XIV Activities Undertaken by NSS Unit

World Environment Day: Activities of the National Service Scheme, St. Thomas College Palai, unit, started with planting a tree in the campus. United Nations Environment Programmes motto for the year 2015 was 'Seven billion dreams, one planet, consume with care'. Principal Dr. Sunny Joseph planted a *ficus* tree in the campus on 5th June 2015. In connection with World Environment Day, Kerala Forest Department provided more than twenty - five species of trees which were planted by the volunteers to make up a 'Nakshathra Vanam' in the campus.

The seven - day NSS camp of our unit for the academic year 2015-2016 was inaugurated at the head office of VICIB self-help group, Kadanad, in Kadanad Grama Panchayath on August 21st, 2015.

Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) - Campus Cleaning

Our NSS volunteers cleaned the campus on World Environment Day as part of Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM). Volunteers conceived the idea of Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) and efficiently took part in the programme to keep the campus, and eventually the country, cleaner.

Ambily Fathima Treatment Fund

NSS volunteers of this college collected an amount of Rs. 82,000/- (Rupees eighty two thousand) for the treatment of Miss. Ambily Fathima. The collected amount was handed over to the Principal.

World Day to Combat Desertification

As part of the World Day to Combat Desertification, a one - day seminar was conducted on climate change and desertification. Prof. Mathew Thomas, Programme officer, led the seminar.

Anti - drug Pledge

As a measure to combat the misuse of drugs, an anti - drug pledge was taken by the NSS volunteers. Prof. Princemon Jose delivered the pledge on 26th June 2015.

World Population Day

On World Population Day, a seminar on Population Explosion was organised for the NSS volunteers on 11th July 2015. Sri. Mathew Thomas and Sri Prince Mon Jose led the session.

Blood Donation Camp

The NSS unit in association with Blood Bank, Medical College, Kottayam, organized a blood donation camp on 21st July 2015. More than hundred students donated blood.

World Nature Conservation Day- Campus Cleaning

A general campus cleaning was organised by NSS volunteers as part of World Nature Conservation Day on 28th July 2015.

World Literacy Day

World Literacy Day was observed by organising a special meeting for the volunteers on 8th August 2015.

NSS Orientation Programme

An Orientation Programme was conducted for the first year NSS volunteers on 13th August 2015.

Independence Day Celebration and Work Camp

Our NSS volunteers celebrated Independence Day along with the NCC cadets of the college. Principal Dr. Sunny Joseph hoisted the National Flag.

A work camp was conducted on August 15th as part of Independence Day celebration. NSS volunteers cleaned the main road in front of the college and cleared a walkway for the easy commute of the pedestrians.

(i) Activities Undertaken by the NCC Unit Naval Wing

- This year 18 cadets participated in International Day of Yoga on 31st June 2015 at S.B. High School, Changanacherry.
- Celebrated Environment Day on June 2015
- Celebrated Independence Day on August 15, 2015

- Cadet Dawny Johnson participated in All India Nav-Sainic Camp held at Karwar in October 2015
- Conducted trekking to Vagamon in October 2015
- Cadet Emmanuel P Jose participated in All India Trekking Camp at Kulamavu in October 2015
- Cadets Jaison John, Rojan Roy and Santo Sali participated in RO IGC Camp in October 2015
- Conducted blood donation camp on October 01, 2015.
- Cadets visited Cochi Naval Base in December 2015. 30 cadets participated in ATC camp held at Govt. College, Nattakom in December 2015. Our college secured overall second position and cadet Dawny Johnson was selected as the Best Cadet.

Army Wing

1. This year 60 cadets participated in International Yoga Day held at Deva Matha College, Kuravilangadu.
2. Harikrishnan M; I MA, attended Attachment Camp at Dehradun in July 2015.
3. Battalion level selection for RDC conducted in Aug 2015.
4. Independence Day observed on Aug 15.
5. CPL Lanson George, CPL Maheen K.S. & Vipin Joseph attended TSC camp at New Delhi in September.
6. CATC/RDC training camp organised in October.
7. UO Lijo George, SGT Jomy Thomas, SGT Christy Thomas K, CPL Arun K.A. and CPL Manukuttan K.M. participated in IGC RDC held at Trissur Police Academy in October. SGT Jomy Thomas was selected as All Kerala Army Wing Best Cadet.
8. CDT Lovin George Kuruvila attended Adventure Mountaineering Camp at HMI Darjeeling and won gold in cross country race and best patrol competitions and silver in rock climbing in November.
9. UO Harikrishnan M & CDT Thomas K.J. attended NIL at Alapuzha in December.
10. UO Jomy Thomas attended Republic Day Camp in New Delhi in January 2016.
11. Republic Day celebrated on 26th Jan. Cadets visited Mariya Sadanam and helped the inmates.
12. Expeditio - 2016 Annual Fest, Weapons Exhibition & War Demo were conducted in March. The programme was inaugurated by DDG K & L Brig. Sanal Kumar
13. Our unit won Inter - Company Guard competition at St. George's College, Aruvithura in May 2016.

14. SUO Jomy Thomas participated in the youth exchange programme held at Kazakhstan in May 2016.

XV Career Guidance and Counseling Activities

There are five UGC - sponsored Career Oriented Programmes offered by the college. In addition to these, five value added programmes are offered by various departments. Departmental associations also help students develop their talents and enable them to develop creative and organising skills through intradepartmental, inter-departmental and inter - collegiate programmes. With the active support of the PTA, the Faculty of Religion offers counselling service to students.

- Rev. Dr. Mathew Panthalanickal, specialized in counseling, will be available in the college, three days a week for counselling service.
- In addition to this students can meet teachers like Dr. P. D. George, Dr. V. V. Georgekutty, Dr. Benny Kurian and Dr. P. O. Augusthy for counselling. These teachers have undergone special training in counselling.
- The college is having the service of two teachers as Career Counsellors - Dr. Seemon Thomas and Dr. C. K. James. After attending a 3-week course at the Institute for Career Studies at Luknow, they have been certified as Professional Career Counsellors. They conduct career orientation programmes. Programmes for career guidance and personality development are conducted for all the students batch by batch by the Career Guidance Centre. Coaching for bank tests, UGC NET/JRF exams. etc. are also offered. Career fests are organized every year.
- Finishing School programmes were organized for UG and PG students and proper career guidance was given to them.
- Career orientation programme for III DC students was conducted on 15 December 2015.
- Career Profile Mapping programme for III DC students was conducted on 21st January 2016.
- A class on Motivational Training was conducted on 2nd, 4th, 8th, 9th and 23rd of February 2016 for different groups of students.
- A class on Resume Preparation was conducted on 27th February 2016.
- A seminar on personality and soft skill development was conducted for III DC students on 2nd March 2016.
- Classes on numerical ability and corporate expectations were conducted on 5th March 2016 for UG and PG students.
- A seminar on 'What after +2' was conducted for the students of various schools and their parents on 12th April 2016.
- The Department of Statistics organized a preparatory course for "Base SAS Certification" conducted on five Saturdays and five Sundays during April and May 2016.
- Conducted a workshop on R and SAS Programming.
- Conducted a workshop on Career Opportunities in Biostatistics.

- The Department of Statistics organized orientation class for getting into Indian Statistical Service on 8th January 2016.

XVI Women's Forum

- The Women's Forum conducted several meetings of lady students of the College. It is intended to address various issues faced by them. The students are given counseling facilities if needed.
- Under the auspices of the Janamaithri Vanitha Jagratha Samithi and the Women's Forum various sensitization/ empowerment programmes were organized for lady students.
- Orientation on special rules and privileges for the safeguarding of women, awareness programmes against sexual abuse, harassment, suicidal tendencies, classes on adolescent problems etc. were conducted.
- Special training in Karate, Yoga etc. were provided to lady students. Leadership training as well as personality development programmes were organized.
- All students expressed their concern about atrocities against women and pledged to protect women from such evils.
- Arranged cultural competitions at the department level to showcase their talents.
- Arranged classes for girls in home management, cooking, etc
- A motivational talk was conducted on January 15, 2016. Ms. Deepthi John of Deva Matha College, Kuravilangadu was the resource person.
- Many competitions were conducted for the students such as poster designing competition, caption writing, Ms. St. Thomas etc. for the development of extracurricular abilities of students.

XVII Faculty of Religion

The Faculty of Religion organized retreats and value education classes of all students. Catechism classes for catholic students and moral classes for non-catholic students were organized during this year also. Holy Qurbana was celebrated every first Friday. Annual retreats and spiritual enlightening classes were held for all degree and PG students. October devotion and rosary for 10 days were regularly conducted in October this year. Christmas celebrations were held both at common level in the quadrangle and at departmental level. Students collected about one thousand toilet items to be given to Maria Sadan and nearby orphanages. There were more than 57 faculty members who served in the faculty of religion. I thank all members of the faculty of religion for their sincere service.

XVIII Parent Teacher Association

PTA meetings are conducted at least once in a semester and score sheets are given to parents and their suggestions are used to improve the system.

- Complaints are collected; necessary changes are made as per their demands.
- The PTA gives proficiency prizes to top scorers in the internal examinations.
- The PTA also has instituted a number of scholarships for students on merit cum means.
- The PTA is instrumental in ensuring discipline and academic excellence of students through timely intervention and interaction with teachers.
- The PTA of the college also extends financial support for the needy sportspersons and has instituted scholarship for excellence in sports.
- The PTA is playing an active role in providing additional funds for the development of the college. The video camera surveillance facilities and security systems of the College are sponsored by the PTA at an estimated cost of Rs. 15 lakhs.
- Merit Days are held every year under the auspices of the PTA to encourage and felicitate the rank holders and winners of various competitive exams.
- Attractive prizes are given by the PTA to students who excel in social service activities.
- The PTA of Economics Department extends financial support for conducting the annual conference organised by the Dr. P.J. Thomas Centre for Social Sciences Research.

XIX Alumni Association Activities

- The Alumni Association of our College has been organizing various academic, cultural, self-help and support programmes for its members and students of the college since its inception. The Association has overseas branches in the Gulf and in Europe. This academic year also the Alumni Association conducted various programmes within the campus and at its Pala office.
- The Association has a number of subsidiary trusts and forums such as The George Thomas Kottukappally Trust, The Founding Fathers Trust, The Augusthy Thomas Kunnathedom Trust, Debate Forum, Sports Forum, Arts Forum, Heritage Forum etc. These trusts and forums have sponsored various awards and organized events and programmes to honour eminent personalities who have made significant contribution to nation-building, education, ethical business practices, historiography etc.

- Alumni Day was celebrated in the College Auditorium on 15th September 2015. The meeting was attended by a large gathering. Sri. P.C. Cyriac, former Chairman of the Rubber Board, was the Chief Guest. Sri. K.T. Joseph, President of the Association, presided over the meeting. New office-bearers and executive council members were elected: Sri. Ravi Pala (President), Sri. T.N.V. Namboodhiri and Sri. Joseph Poondikkulam (Vice-Presidents), Sri. Alex Menamparambil (Secretary), Sri. Dijo Kappen (Joint Secretary) and Dr. C.K. James (Treasurer).
- This year's Mar Sebastian Vayalil Award of Rs. 30,000/- and citation plaque sponsored by the Association in recognition of outstanding performance in various fields of activity was presented to Sri. Jose Panachippuram, Associate Editor, Malayala Manorama.
- An All Kerala Quiz competition was organized on 16th January, 2016 for promoting the intellectual growth of our students and to preserve the precious memories of our founding fathers. 80 students from different colleges participated in the quiz. Government Victoria College, Palakkad team won the first prize of Rs. 5,000/- along with Menamparambil Pappachen Memorial Trophy; the team representing University College, Kariavattom won the second prize of Rs. 3,000/- and M.A. Zacharias Mannakkunnel Trophy, and Baselius College, Kottayam won the third prize of Rs. 2,000/- and John Nechikkatt Trophy.
- It also assists the college in conducting various academic programmes as well as sports activities utilizing the expertise of the members. They are actively involved in the infrastructure development of the college.
- The Alumni serve as resource persons for various enrichment programmes. The Alumni Debate Forum meets every month on first Saturdays and discusses current issues and organises debates at HRD Centre, Pala. It has instituted an endowment fund with a corpus amount of Rs. 7.50 lakhs to gratefully acknowledge the services of the Founder Fathers namely, Late Bishop Mar Sebastian Vayalil, Founder-Patron of the college, Late Msgr. Joseph Kureethadom, former Principal and Late Prof. V.J. Joseph, the first Vice-Principal of the college.
- The Founding Fathers Trust of the Alumni Association has instituted awards for those excelling in various fields such as education, science & technology, social service, agriculture, literature and administration.

- The Alumni Association together with Sri. George Thomas Kottukapally Trust has instituted an award worth Rupees One Lakh for the "Best Ethical Businessman of Kerala" in memory of Sri. George Thomas Kottukapally, former M.P., who was instrumental in the starting of the college. A corpus sum of Rs. 11 lakhs has been paid by Kottukapally family.
- Statistics Alumni Association sponsors Prof. Ramakrishna Pillai Statistics Quiz Competition.
- The alumni association of Biostatistics Department has instituted scholarships for meritorious poor students.
- Alumni meeting is held annually and their responses are collected and as far as possible changes are made in the biotechnology and microbiology department. Departmental Alumni Meeting of Chemistry Department was held on 14th March 2016.
- Jom Jacob (1982-84), Deputy Director, Statistics and Planning Division, Rubber Board of India, delivered a talk on Understanding Commodity Market Dynamics on 21st January 2016.
- Saji George I.S.S.(1996-1998), Sidhil Sasi I.S.S. (1998-2000) , Vishnuraj I.S.S. (2006-2008) and Cyriac George I.S.S. (2001-2003) interacted with M.Sc. students respectively on 10 June 2015, 22 June 2015, 8 January 2016 and 27 January 2016.
- Rajesh Joseph (2003-2005), Manager, Biostatistics and Programming Division, Novo Nordisk, Bengaluru interacted with students on 1st January 2016.

XX Journals and Magazines from the Campus

There were eight journals/publications from the campus (i) STARS: International Journal (Sciences) ISSN:0973-7804 and (ii) STARS: international journal (Humanities and Social Sciences) ISSN: 0973-7812 (iii) College Newsletter (iv) The Thomist (v) Sodh Kshitij (vi) Malayala Sabdam (vii) The Spectator (viii) Manuscript magazine of Women's Forum.

XXI Tributes to the Departed

This year one of our beloved students left us for heavenly reward Joseph T.J., III DC Political Science, died in an accident. We place on record our deep condolence on his untimely death and pray for his soul. Our former staff members Prof. K.V. George, Department of Chemistry; Prof. P.I. Devasia, Department of Economics; Prof. K.A. John, Department of English and Prof. P.A. Mathew, Department of English also left us.... From our former non-teaching staff Sri. C.I. Sebastian, Sri. K.K. Sivaraman Nair, Sri. P.J. Gregory and Sri. P.C. Korah were called to eternal rest in this academic year. All of them had worked

most sincerely for the College in various capacities. Let us remember them gratefully and pray for the repose of their souls.

XXII Farewell to Teachers

This year two of our professors retired from service after more than 30 years of sincere service. They are Sri. Bejoy Mathew (HOD, Chemistry) and Dr. V.V. Georgekutty (HOD, Hindi). Besides these, Dr. T.J. Abraham, Department of English, voluntarily retired from service to join duty as Professor in Central University, Tamil Nadu and Dr. Dennis Thomas T., Department of Botany was relieved from service to enable him to join Central University, Kasaragod. They have enriched our campus and rendered invaluable service to the students and academic community in various capacities. Sri. Jose Mathew, Sri. Jose Joseph and Sri. Sonny Antony of the non-teaching staff also retired this year after more than 30 years of devoted service.

I wish all of them very active and fruitful retired life.

XXIII A Word of Gratitude

On this occasion I gratefully remember the co-operation and goodwill extended by the Management, members of the faculty and non-teaching staff, students, parents, alumni, media and the public. Special thanks are due to H.E. Mar Joseph Kallarangatt, Patron of the College; H.E. Mar Jacob Muricken, Manager of the College; H.E. Joseph Pallickaparambil, former Patron; Very Rev. Fr. Joseph Kollamparambil, Pro-Manager; Rev. Fr. N.V. Joseph Njarakkattil, former Principal, and all members of the Managing Board for their encouragement, support and valuable advice. Also I remember thankfully the services rendered by Dr. James John (Vice Principal) and Rev. Fr. Mathew Kurian Kavanadimalayil (Bursar). Above all I thank Almighty God and our Heavenly Patron St. Thomas the Apostle for the abundant blessing received during the last academic year.

A CHRONOLOGICAL REPORT OF ACTIVITIES DURING 2015-2016

01/06/2015	Dr. Sunny Joseph assumed office as Principal. Rev. Dr. James John took charge as Vice-Principal.
	College re-opens after mid-summer vacation.
	Staff meeting held at 2.00 p.m.
06/06/2015	One-day program- Jesus Youth, held at Library Hall
12/06/2015	Sports Complex committee meeting held at Canteen Hall at 5.00 p.m.
15/06/2015	NTS meeting held at Tisserant Hall at 4.00 p.m.
22/06/2015	Meeting of Teaching and Non-Teaching Staff held in Canteen Hall at 3.00 p.m.
	Reading Week program in Library Hall
24/06/2015	Research Committee meeting held in Council Hall at 3.00 p.m.
27/06/2015	PSC test

29/06/2015	Celebration of Statistics Day held in Library Hall at 10.00 a.m.
02/07/2015	Commerce Forum Inaugurated by Regional Manager, South Indian Bank in Library Hall at 2.00 p.m.
04/07/2015	PSC test
	College Council Meeting at Council hall at 3.00 p.m.
06/07/2015	Building Committee Meeting held at Canteen
	Reception to I B.Sc. Sports students held at Tisserant Hall
09/07/2015	IQAC meeting held in College Council Hall at 3.00 p.m.
10/07/2015	Research Guides" meeting held in College Council Hall at 3.00 p.m.
11/07/2015	M.A. Malayalam Batch Gathering
15/07/2016	I DC classes started.
16/07/2016 to 17/07/2015	Retreat for II DC students held in the Auditorium
	Moral classes for II DC non-catholic students
20/07/2015 to 21/07/2015	NCC enrolment held in the Auditorium
21/07/2015	Planning Board meeting held in Council Hall.
	Blood donation camp held in the Auditorium.
29/07/2015	Oratory and Debate club programme.
30/07/2015	Condolence meeting of Late Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam.
02/08/2015	Jesus Youth Gathering
03/08/2015	Biostatistics Seminar (RCC) held in Tisserant Hall
	Smart Kottayam Project Presentation held in Library Hall
04/08/2015	Blood Donation camp held at Auditorium
	College Council meeting at 3.00 p.m.
06/08/2015	Campus recruitment held at Library Hall at 10.00 a.m.
07/08/2015 to 08/08/2015	ComArena organized by Commerce Department at Library Hall.
13/08/2015	Youth Day program held at Tisserant Hall.
15/08/2015	Independence Day Celebration.
17/08/2015	PTA executive meeting.
20/08/2015	Computer Software presentation held at Council Hall at 1.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.
21/08/2015 to 21/08/2015	Workshop conducted by Department of Statistics.
23/08/2015 to 25/08/2015	Adventure camp organized by Department of Physical Education.
01/09/2015	Economics Association meeting held at Library Hall from 1.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.
04/09/2015	Building Committee meeting.
05/09/2015	Jesus Youth Program held at Auditorium
	Leo the Friend Programme held at Library Hall. Chief Guest: Municipal Chairperson.
10/09/2015	Readers Forum meeting.
12/09/2015	PSC test.
16/09/2015 to 18/09/2015	UGC - sponsored workshop conducted by Department of Commerce
19/09/2015	PSC test.
23/09/2015	Hindi Fortnight programme.
26/09/2015	PSC test.

28/09/2015	Send-off meeting to Dr. T.J. Abraham held at Tisserant Hall at 2.30 p.m.
09/10/2015	Meeting of Women's Forum
11/10/2015	NCC camp begins.
13/10/2015	Late Rev. Dr. Mathew Maleparambil lecture held at Library Hall.
19/10/2015	College Council meeting at 3.00 p.m.
	Building Committee meeting at 6.00 p.m.
21/10/2015 to 25/10/2015	Jesus Youth Camp held at Auditorium.
29/10/2015	IQAC meeting held at College Council Hall at 3.00 p.m.
30/10/2015	Readers' Forum held at Tisserant Hall.
19/11/2015	Building Committee meeting held at Canteen hall.
23/11/2015	PTA executive meeting.
	Anti-narcotic awareness camp organized by Pala Police held at Auditorium at 3.00 p.m.
02/12/2015	Blood donation camp organized by NCC (Naval Unit).
10/12/2015	Alumni Executive meeting held at Library Hall at 2.00 p.m.
01/01/2016	Building Committee Meeting held at Canteen Hall
14/01/2016	Campus recruitment
15/01/2016	IQAC meeting held at Council Hall at 3.00 p.m.
18/01/2016 & 19/01/2016	Workshop conducted by Malayalam Department.
19/01/2016 & 20/01/2016	Workshop conducted by Commerce Department.
20/01/2016 to 22/01/2016	Interview for the selection of teaching staff held at Council Hall
22/01/2016 to 25/01/2016	Workshop conducted by Physics Department
25/01/2016	Prof. Mathew T. Matheikal Quiz program conducted by the Department of Mathematics
28/01/2016	Philip John Foundation –competition conducted by Department of Commerce
	College Council meeting held at Council Hall.
30/01/2016	Walk with a Scholar programme
09/02/2016	Walk with a Scholar programme
10/02/2016 & 11/02/2016	Eco-Fiesta conducted by the Department of Economics.
11/02/2016	Prof. A.V. Varkey Memorial Intercollegiate Quiz competition conducted by the Department Physics.
12/02/2016	Campus recruitment
	Indoor Stadium Committee Meeting held in Library Hall.
13/02/2016	Jesus Youth Program.
16/02/2016	Intercollegiate Quiz competition conducted by the Department Physics.

	O.N.V. Tribute - conducted by the Department of Malayalam
22/02/2016	Essay competition conducted by the Department of Chemistry
24/02/2016	General cleaning (College campus) conducted by the students. Science Day Celebration.
25/02/2016	Intercollegiate PowerPoint presentation conducted by Physics Department.
25/02/2016 to 27/02/2016	Workshop conducted by Chemistry Department
25/02/2016	Send-off meeting-Teaching Staff
26/02/2016	College Youth Festival begins. Workshop conducted by Statistics Department.
27/02/2016	Walk with a Scholar programme.
28/02/2016	Indoor Stadium inaugurated by Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri. Oommen Chanday.
29/02/2016	Send-off meeting – Sri. Jose Mathew, Non-Teaching Staff
01/03/2016	IQAC meeting held at College Council Hall.
02/03/2016	Seminar organized by M.G. University
03/03/2016 & 04/03/2016	Commerce workshop.
05/03/2016	Career Guidance Seminar.
11/03/2016	Merit Day organized by the Department of Economics inaugurated by Mar Jacob Muricken. LED training program organized by IQAC
12/03/2016	ASAP Program.
14/03/2016	Chemistry Alumni Association Program.
17/03/2016	ASAP interview
22/03/2016	Commerce Night conducted by Department of Commerce.
23/03/2016	One-day Women's Program Building Committee meeting.
28/03/2016	Annual get-together
29/03/2016	Parent Teacher Association meeting held at Auditorium at 2.30 p.m.
01/04/2016	Building Committee Meeting held at College Council Hall.
03/04/2016	Walk with a Scholar programme.
12/04/2016	Career Guidance Program for +2 students.
23/04/2016	PSC examination.
28/04/2016	Send-off program - Sri. Jose Joseph, Administrative Assistant.



Dr. Sunny Joseph
Principal

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31/10/2016