



ST. THOMAS COLLEGE, PALAI

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Affiliated to Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, Kerala

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

I feel privileged to present before you a brief report of the activities and achievements of St. Thomas College, Pala in the academic year 2017-'18. Due to time constraint, with your permission, I present only a summary of the report which goes in many pages.

The student strength in the current academic year is 2629. On our faculty there are 97 regular and 44 guest/Ad hoc Teachers. 44 non teaching staff, including 8 guest staff and 3 Ad hoc Technical Staff are working in our college now.

A General view of the Curricular and co-curricular achievements

Orientation Programmes were conducted for P.G. and U.G. students. Many of our teachers had remarkable involvement in serious academic discourses as Resource Persons, Chairmen of sessions, paper presenters or participants in various National workshops, conferences and Seminars. 19 members of our faculty distinguished themselves as Chairpersons or Members of various Boards of Studies at M.G. and other Universities across the country. A few of our teachers could crown their academic excellence by serving as visiting faculty in foreign Universities. Enlightening sessions were organized in all subjects with eminent scholars from other Universities as Resource Persons.

The results of the U.G. and P.G batches passed out in 2017 indicate general improvement student performance compared to last year. First and fifth ranks were secured by our students in the B.Com final year examinations. Our students won third ranks in B.A. Malayalam & B.A. Communicative English. However, results at the U.G. level are still not up to the mark, though in most subjects the pass percentage is significantly above the University average.

At the P.G. level, the results are very encouraging and commendable. There are 8 first ranks, 8 second ranks, 4 third ranks and 12 ranks from the fourth to tenth positions in the University in various subjects.

28 students won NET/CSIR/JRF this year from various subjects. Ms. Cinit Johny was selected as the International student Ambassador, National University of Ireland, Galway. John Baby and Sreehari represented Kerala State Senior Volleyball Team and became Champions in the National Federation Cup held at Hyderabad.

Our Volley Ball team won first place in 10 and runner up position in 3 All Kerala Tournaments. They won the first place in the M.G. University Volleyball Championship, Senior District Championship, Kottayam and many other prestigious tournaments.

There are 6 Interuniversity Silver Medalists in the All India Interuniversity volleyball Championships. In athletics there is one Bronze Medalist in the Interuniversity Athletic Championship in 400 mts. 6 players participated in the interuniversity tournaments from our Volleyball team. In athletics 6 students participated in the Interuniversity competitions. In swimming and waterpolo 7 students, in weight lifting 1 in badminton², in Taekwondo 1, in power lifting 3 and in softball 2 participated at the Interuniversity competitions.

Our students won many prizes in the M.G. University Youth Festival 2018 held at Maharajas College, Ernakulum. Anandhu Anilkumar won the second prize with A grade in Classical Music (Vocal Male), Kavya Priya B won second prize with A grade in *Keralanatanam*, Cyril Thomas won the third prize with A Grade in Elocution and many of our students won A grade.

Results of the University Examinations held in April/May 2017

Program Name	Program Code	Number of students appeared in the final year examination	Number of students passed in the final year examination
BA English Language & Literature	BAEN	34	28
BA Malayalam Language & Literature	BAMA	30	17
BSc Mathematics	BSMA	31	28
BSc Physics	BSPH	47	44
BSc Chemistry	BSCH	34	31
BSc Botany	BSBO	30	23
BSc Zoology	BSZO	20	14
BSc Recreation, Leisure & Sports Studies	BSRE	23	18
BA Economics	BAEC	47	36

BA History (Archaeology and Museology)	BAHI	20	11
BA Political Science	BAPS	48	18
BA English Literature and Communication Studies	BACE	25	21
BCA	BCAC	32	30
BCom (Finance and Taxation)	BCFT	57	52
BCom (Computer Applications)	BCCA	45	44
BVoc Food Processing Technology	BVFP	6	5
BVoc Sustainable Agriculture	BVSA	30	20
MA English	MAEN	22	18
MA Malayalam	MAMA	14	9
MA Hindi	MAHN	22	21
MSc Mathematics	MSMA	15	13
MSc Statistics	MSST	14	12
MSc Physics	MSPH	22	20
MSc Chemistry	MSCH	20	17
MSc Botany	MSBO	12	11
MSc Biostatistics	MSBS	15	15
MSc Applied Microbiology	MSAM	19	18
MSc Biotechnology	MSBT	14	8
MA Economics	MAEC	24	20
MA History	MAHI	11	9
MA Political Science	MAPS	24	21
MCom	MCOM	18	15
Total		825	667

Student Achievers

- Two students attended the Republic Day Parade in New Delhi.
- Mr. Siby George IFS, our distinguished alumnus, was appointed as the Indian Ambassador to Switzerland and the Vatican this year.

College Union elections were held under Parliamentary mode. Arts Festival, Arts Day, College Day, Intercollegiate Cricket tournament and Football Tournament were organised by the Union.

Research Publications

- Our Faculty and Research Scholars published 52 research papers in reputed national/International journals and 14 research papers in regional journals and conference/seminar proceedings.
- 9 of our research scholars were awarded Ph D this year. Hearty congratulations to them.
- Chemistry, Statistics, Malayalam and History Departments organized International Seminars this year. National Seminars were held in various Departments.

Achievements by Teachers

- Our faculty members Cyriac Jose, Assistant Professor, Department of History, Bince Mani, Department of Botany and Sajeev Martin George, Department of Chemistry were awarded Doctoral Degree this year.
- Dr. Ginson P. Joseph is selected for the Carl von Ossietzky visiting Lectureship.

Retirements

8 Teachers, including the Principal, are retiring from service this year. 6 members of the non-teaching staff completed their period of service this year. The services of the retiring faculty members and that of our colleagues in the office staff are acknowledged with great appreciation and gratitude. We wish all of them a happy and prosperous retired life.

The N.S.S., N.C.C., Career and Placement Cell, Department associations etc. were very active with numerous programmes.

Faculty of Religion - Annual Retreats and value education classes were arranged for all classes. Catechism classes for catholic students, moral classes for non catholic students, Holy Mass on all First Fridays, monthly Adoration of the Holy Eucharist, October Devotion and 10 days Rosary were held.

I prayerfully place on record our condolences on the demise of Prof. P. Unikrishnan Nair, Prof. P L Mathew, both former members of the faculty of Mathematics; Prof. N.C. Mathewkutty, formerly of the Department of Politics, Prof. K.

Velappan Nair formerly of the Department of Chemistry and Shri K.O. Varkey, formerly our office staff. Their memories linger in our minds and we pray for the peaceful repose of their souls.

Conclusion

This academic year was particularly eventful in many ways. In all that we went through, there was the guiding spirit of the Almighty. He guided us, corrected us and consoled us and led us a long way along the path of righteousness. Let us thank God and our Heavenly patron with humble hearts for their blessings.

Special thanks are due to H.E. Mar Joseph Kallarangattu, Patron of the College, Mar Jacob Muricken, Manager and H.E. Mar Joseph Pallickaparambil, Bishop Emeritus and former patron of the college, I acknowledge with a deep sense of gratitude the encouragement, support and valuable advice of Very Rev. Dr. Joseph Kollamparambil, Pro Manager, Rev. Dr. James John Mangalathu, Vice Principal, Rev, Fr. Mathew Kurian Kavanadimalayil, Bursar and all members of the Managing Board.

I thank all members of the faculty and non-teaching staff, students, parents, alumni, media and the public for their unstinting support and cooperation.

Palai
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Dr. Joy George
Principal