

Principal's Report 2016-2017

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 2016-2017.

I. Student/Staff Strength as on 31/12/2016

Students

UG	:	2140	}	2814
P.G.	:	431		
Ph.D. Research Scholars	:	214		
Diploma	:	29		

Staff

Regular Teachers	:	94
Guest/Ad hoc Teachers	:	49
Non-Teaching Staff	:	50 (Regular - 42, Guest - 8)
Ad hoc Technical Staff	:	3

The academic year 2016-2017 has been dynamic in terms of curricular and co-curricular activities and 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. 16 members of our faculty were distinguished themselves as Chairpersons or Members of various Boards of Studies at Mahatma Gandhi and/or other Universities across the country. A few teachers from different Departments could crown their academic excellence by serving as visiting faculty in universities abroad. Enlightening sessions were organized in all Subjects with eminent scholars from other Universities as Resource Persons.

II Results of the University Examinations held in March 2016

<i>Course</i>	<i>Total Appeared</i>	<i>Passed</i>		<i>Grade</i>					<i>%</i>
				A+	A	B	C	D	
CBCSS(UG)B.A/B.Sc/B.Com				A+	A	B	C	D	
B.A .Economics	49	26		1	9	7	8	1	54.16
B.A .Politics	39	9		-	2	6	1	-	23
B.A .English	32	21		1	10	8	2	-	65.62
B.A. Malayalam	41	4		1	2	1	-	-	9.71
B.A. Voc. History	23	3		-	-	2	1	-	13
B.A. Commu.English	30	15		-	5	5	4	1	50
B. Sc .Mathematics	31	9		5	2	1	1	-	29.1
B.Sc. Physics	46	23		1	12	8	2	-	50
B. Sc .Chemistry	39	14		2	8	4	-	-	35.89
B. Sc .Botany	31	9		2	6	1	-	1	29
B .Sc .Zoology	24	5		1	4	-	-	-	20.83
B.Sc. Recreation, Leisure & Sports Studies	20	8		-	2	5	1	-	40
B.Com	59	47		7	24	16	-	-	79.66
B.Com (SF)	38	19		-	9	7	3	-	50
B.C.A (SF)	9	3		-	1	2	-	-	33.33
CSS M.A/M.Sc/M.Com		Passed	A+	A	B+	B	C		
M.A .Economics	23	16	-	4	9	3	-		69.56
M.A .Politics	21	20	-	2	10	7	1		95.24
M.A .History	15	10	-	1	4	5	-		66.66
M.A. English	23	17	-	1	10	6	-		73.91
M.A. Hindi	12	7	-	-	3	4	-		58.33
M.A .Malayalam	12	7	-	1	4	2	-		58.33
M.Sc. Mathematics	15	12	3	7	2	-	-		80
M .Sc .Statistics	14	10	-	2	6	2	-		71.42
M. Sc .Physics	18	15	-	-	13	2	-		83.33
M. Sc. Chemistry	20	10	-	-	8	2	-		50
M .Sc .Botany	12	11	-	1	6	4	-		91.66
M.Sc. Bio-Statistics	15	14	1	8	5	-	-		93.33
M .Sc .Bio Technology	9	3	-	-	2	1	-		33.33
M .Sc. Appl. Microbiology	22	20	-	3	10	7	-		90.90
M.Com	15	8	-	4	3	1	-		53.33

III Recruitment of Staff

During the academic year 4 teachers were appointed in various subjects.

- (i) Dr. Suvarnani Devi E, Department of Sanskrit
- (ii) Dr. Dinimol N.D., Department of Hindi
- (iii) Fr. Abin Jose, Department of Syriac
- (iv) Dr. Seena Mathew, Department of Physics

IV Research

(i) Publications

Our faculty and research scholars published more than 27 research papers in reputed National/International journals and about 5 research papers in regional level journals and conference/seminar proceedings.

(ii) Ph.D. Awardees

Heartly congratulations to our Research Scholars on being conferred with the Prestigious Ph.D. Degree in their Subjects. I wish them excellent prospects.

The following is a list of Scholars whose doctoral aspirations blossomed in the current academic year.

Sl. No.	Name	Subject	Guide
1.	Anju K.N.	English	Dr. Mathew Joseph
2.	Rekha Mathews	-do-	Dr. Mathew Joseph
3.	Sandhya B.	Hindi	Dr. V.V. Georgekutty
4.	Rani Antony	-do-	Dr. K.M. Mathew
5.	Saji Joseph	Physics	Dr. Vincent Mathew
6.	Sunil C. Vattappalam	-do-	Dr. Sunny Mathew
7.	Jyothi Abraham	Botany	Dennis Thomas
8.	Sweetymol Jose	-do-	Dennis Thomas
9.	Dhanya P	Bio-chemistry	Dr. Benny P.J.
10.	Jobin T Johney	Politics	Dr. Stany Thomas
11.	Manoj Kumar	-do-	Dr. Stany Thomas
12.	Madhusudhanan B.	-do-	Dr. P. M. Thomas

(iii) Research Projects

Two Project Proposals were approved by major Funding Agencies and the amounts sanctioned were released in full.

Nature of the Project	Duration Year	Name of the funding Agency	Total grant sanctioned	Received (To date)
Major projects				
Dr. Ginson P. Joseph	2016-2019	CSIR	Rs. 6,18,333/-	Rs. 6,18,333/-
Dr. Ratheesh M	2016-2017	Coconut Development	Rs. 2,09,052/-	Rs. 2,09,052/-

V Major Events

- **ICMST 2016 (3-8 June 2016):** The academic year had a glorious start with the Second International Conference on Materials Science and Technology (ICMST) hosted by the Department of Physics. The Conference would doubtlessly go down in the history of the Department as a momentous academic accomplishment. Lectures of renowned Physicists inspired scholars from home and abroad. The discourses initiated by **two Nobel laureates, Prof. Ada E. Yonath (Israel) and Prof Dr Klaus von Klitzing (Germany) created** waves of excitement in the audience. The grand finale of the Conference is enough to savor for a lifetime. Congratulations, my colleagues in the Physics Department.
- **All India Inter University and Inter Zone Volley Ball Championship** was jointly organized by Mahatma Gandhi University and our College in December 2016. The entire St. Thomas fraternity got wholeheartedly involved in the preparations and running of the event. The programme is viewed as a stepping stone to new eminence for the Physical Education Department. Congratulations to our efficient team of trainers in the Department.

VI Achievements by Teachers

- Dr. Sebastian George (Dept. Of Statistics) resumed duty in the Department having completed his visiting Professorship at the North Carolina University, U.S.A.
- Prof. Ashish Joseph was adjudged “The Best Physical Education Teacher in the State” by Kerala State Sports Council.
- Dr. Ginson P. Joseph (Dept. of Physics) was selected for the Common Wealth Fellowship for three months in Scotland.
- Dr. Ratheesh M (Dept. of Biochemistry) succeeded in developing an anti-arthritis drug which has been filed for patent. He has also created a formula for preserving “Neera in Powdered Form” and the U.S. patent is awaited.
- Dr. Jomy Augustine (HoD, Botany) was identified as an expert in Wild Life Management Planning by Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India.
- Dr. Deemat C. Mathew received the invitation for presentation of a paper in Bali in March 2017 (DST sponsored).

VII Retirements

April seldom passes without plucking the ripest fruits from the trees they have adorned. Two eminent Professors bid good bye to St. Thomas College this year. Both have served this institution for over thirty years.

An outstanding academician, an efficient administrator and a teacher par excellence, Dr. Sunny Joseph, had a sterling career to feel proud of as he retires from the college. During his career Dr. Sunny Joseph had two successful terms in the post of the Principal, the first one in Marian College, Kuttikkanam where he was sent on deputation for a few years. He was the HOD of the Commerce Department before he assumed office as the Principal. Sunny sir was gentlemanliness incarnate and his demeanor was ever in keeping with his character. On behalf of the College, I thank him and wish him an active and vibrant life ahead.

Prof. Manuel Joseph Panavelly, served the Mathematics Department as a teacher and subsequently, the Head of the Department. A man of exceptional erudition and farsightedness, Prof. Manuel had been a source of inspiration and a reservoir of knowledge and insights. His wide reading and proficiency in English language and literature have always created an appeal. In discussions academic and otherwise, Prof. Manuel was always a sensation. I wish him all success in his new endeavors.

Sri. Sadeesan V.T, Laboratory Assistant and Sri. K.J. Joseph and Sri. K.C. Mathew, Administrative Staff are also retired this year after more than 30 years of devoted service. Their services, though mostly rendered in silence were so precious in the day to day running of the institution and for the general wellbeing of the College community. I sincerely thank the retiring colleagues in the Administrative Staff and wish them all the best in their life outside the campus.

VIII Obituary

Prof. N.S. Chandrasekharan Nair, former Professor, Department of English and K.T. Mathew, former member of our Non-teaching staff were called to eternal rest in this academic year. Let us pray for the peaceful repose of their souls.

IX Conclusion

I thank Almighty God and our Heavenly Patron St. Thomas the Apostle for the abundant blessing we received during the last academic year.

Special thanks are due to H.E. Mar Joseph Kallarangatt, Patron of the College, H.E. Mar Jacob Muricken, Manager of the College and H.E. Joseph Pallickaparambil, Bishop Emeritus and former Patron of the college.

I gratefully remember the co-operation and goodwill of the members of the faculty and non-teaching staff, students, parents, alumni, media and the public. I acknowledge the encouragement, support and valuable advice of Very Rev. Fr. Joseph Kollamparambil, Pro-Manager, Rev. Dr. James John Mangalathu (Vice Principal), Rev. Fr. Mathew Kurian Kavanadimalayil (Bursar), Dr. Sunny Joseph former Principal, and all members of the Managing Board.

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30/05/2017



Dr. Joy George
Principal