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International Conference On TRADITIONAL & ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE

(ICTAM - 2017)

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INVITATION

The theme of this medical conference is Traversing the Future of Alternative Medicine. This conference will mainly focus on the latest and exciting innovations in every area of Alternative Medicine research, and it will offer a unique opportunity for scientists from all over the world to meet, network, and perceive new scientific interactions. ICTAM-2017 aims to gather leading educational scientists, researchers and research students to exchange & share their experiences and research results about all aspects of Natural and Alternative Medicine.

At ICTAM-2017, a variety of special areas will be covered luring the 2 day meet including herbal therapy, Avurvedic, nomeopathy, ethno pharmacology and many more exciting ireas. I would like each one of you to make use of the great opportunity to learn and collaborate with others which will nighlight and exchange new insights of traditional therapies hat will be rewarding to the mankind as a whole.

CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS:

- **Evolution of Alternative Medicine**
- **Herbal Medicine & Plant Remedies**
- Coconut & its Value added Products
- **Current Research in Alternative Medicine**
- **Holistic Approach of Alternative Medicine**
- Ayurvedic & Homeopathy
- **Physical Therapies and Natural Remedies**
- Pharmacognosy & Biological Product Development
- Conservation & Sustainable Utility of Medicinal Plants
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St. Thomas College, Palai, founded in 1950 has to its credit nore than 60 years of distinguished, service in the field of nigher education in the state of Kerala sending out many graduate maxima cum laude to carve out their destinies in liverse spheres. The college has been recognized by the UGC as a College with potential for excellence and e-accredited with A grade.

Department of Biochemistry, founded in 1976 has grown trength over the years. The relatively small size of our lepartment provides an atmosphere of collegiality and accessibility. At the same time, close contacts and collaborations with other strong institutions in India and ibroad, provide a breadth of expertise and experience of which we take full advantage. Research group in the addresses structure of biological lepartment nacromolecules, the mechanisms by which they function and the possible applications to research technology and nedicine

SPEAKERS

PLENARY SESSION

Dr. Muhammed Maieed Founder & MD (Sami Labs Ltd)

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

1.Dr. Samson Mathews Samuel

(Weill-Cornell Medicine - Qatar - Cornell University)

- 2. Dr. K. Radhakrishnan, Chief Executive Officer (IC), (SMPB, Kerala)
- 3. Dr. S. Sasidharan, Universiti Sains, Malaysia

INVITED TALKS

1. Dr. Anirban Sukul

(Hony Physician, Ministry of Public Health, Govt of Thailand)

2. Dr. D. Suresh Kumar.

(Head, Product Development, Cymbio Pharma Pvt, Ltd.)

- 3. Dr. Ronnie Moore (University College Dublin, Ireland)
- 4. Dr. Saji Francis (American Board of Internal Medicine)
- 5. Dr. Alex Hankey (USA)
- 6. Dr. P.G. Biju (Dept. of Biochemistry, Kerala University)
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(University of Colorado School of Medicine, USA)

- 9. Dr. Vibin M. (South Dakota State University, USA)
- 10. Dr. Rajmohan V. (Govt. Ayurveda College, Trivandrum)
- 11. Dr. K. Jagannathan

(Vice Principal, Santhigiri Siddha Medical College)

PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

DAY 1

08:30 am

:Registration

09:30 am

:Inaugural Ceremony

11:00 am - 04:30 pm

:Invited Talks

02:00 pm - 05:00 pm :Oral Presentation(Venue-2)

04:30 pm - 05:30 pm :Poster Presentation

DAY 2

09:30 am - 05:00 pm :Invited Talks

09:30 am - 05:00 pm :Oral Presentation (Venue-2)

CALL FOR PAPERS

Authors are invited to send the soft copy of the abstract of their research work not exceeding 250 words in MS-word format. Soft copy should be sent to biochemistrystcp@gmail.com. The abstract should have title, authors name and affiliations', full address for corresponding including fax, phone no/mobile and email.

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POSTER PRESENTATION

The poster should be in 120 (Length x Breadth)in size. It should be organized into introduction, materials & methods, results, discussion references. The matter should be brief with illustrations, graphs and photographs should be printed

REGISTRATION FEES

	FACULTY	STUDENTS
PARTICIPATION	Rs. 1000/-	Rs. 500/-
ORAL/POSTER PRESENTATION	Rs. 1500/-	Rs. 600/-

IMPORTANT DATES

Last date for abstract submission: : 25th August, 2017 Notification of abstract acceptance: 30th August, 2017 Last date for registration : 3rd September, 2017

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The Principal St. Thomas College, Pala, Kottayam

Sir,

Sub: - Project proposal for International conference on Traditional and Alternative Medicine (ICTAM-2017)- sanction order-- reg.

Ref: -1) Project proposal submitted to the State Medicinal Plants Board.

2) Decision of the State Level Screening committee meeting dated 10/08/2017.

Kind attention is invited to the subject and reference cited above. I am to inform that the project proposal submitted by your institution has been approved by the State Level Screening Committee and sanctioned for an amount of Rs.50, 000/-(Rupees Fifty thousand only). You are requested to take up follow up action for the successful conduction of the workshop.

Your project No. is SMPB/KL/20/2017/P- IEC - 1. Please quote the Project No. for all future correspondence

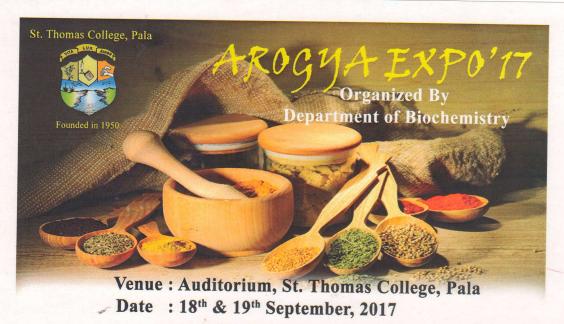
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Yours faithfully

Chief Executive Officer. ()

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PROGRAMMES

- •Medicinal Plant Exhibition
- •Exhibition of Dried Samples
- •Exhibition of Ayurveda Ashtangas
- ·Siddha Expo on 'Maruthvam'
- •Exhibition on Homeopathic Practice
- •Exhibition on Unani practice
- Anatomy Exhibition
- •Exhibition cum Sale of Ayurvedic & Natural Products

Free Speciality Medical Camp

- •General Medicine •Orthopedic
- •Sports Medicine •Pediatrics
- •Ano Rectal Treatment
- •Toxin Treatment
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REPORT

KSCSTE Sponsored Two Days National Seminar on Emerging Trends in Nanocomposites

Ref No. SSW/033/2017/KSCSTE

The two days National Seminar on 'Emerging Trends in Nanocomposites' was conducted by Research and Postgraduate Department of Chemistry, St. Thomas College, Palai on 12th and 13th October 2017. There were four lecture sections, a keynote address, paper presentation session, and poster presentation session during this seminar. The resource persons of this seminar were Dr. Kuruvilla Joseph (Dept. of Chemistry, Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology, Thiruvanathapuram), Dr. S Abraham John (Dept. of Chemistry, Gandhigram Rural Institute and Deemed University, Dindigul, Tamilnadu), Dr. Jinu Jacob George (Dept. of Polymer Science and Rubber Technology, CUSAT) and Dr. Josmin P Jose (Dept. of Chemistry, Mar Thoma College, Thiruvalla). There were 160 participants including teachers, research scholars and students from various institutions attended the programme. The two day National seminar was inaugurated by Dr. Kuruvilla Joseph, Head of Chemistry division and Dean, Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology, Thiruvanathapuram.

The paper and poster presentation sessions were conducted. The citation certificates and cash awards for the first and second positions for the best paper and poster presentations were given to the winners.





A three-day Science Academies' Lecture Workshop

on

'Recent Advances in Chemical Sciences'

A three-day Science Academies' Lecture Workshop on 'Recent Advances in Chemical Sciences', sponsored by Indian Academy of Sciences, Bangalore; Indian National Science Academy, New Delhi and the National Academy of Sciences India, Allahabad, was organised by the Department of Chemistry, St. Thomas College, Pala, Kottayam District, Kerala at St. Thomas College, Pala during 13-15 June 2017. Dr. K. R. Gopidas, Fellow of the Indian Academy of Sciences, Bangalore and Chief Scientist, Chemical Sciences and Technology Division, National Institute for Interdisciplinary Science and Technology (NIIST- CSIR), Thiruvananthapuram was the Convener of the Lecture Workshop. Dr. G.D. Gem Mathew, Associate Professor, Department of Chemistry, St. Thomas College, Pala was the Coordinator.



Resource Persons

The following six nationally reputed professors/scientists in Chemistry were the resource persons:

1.	Prof. (Dr.) Uday Maitra	Dept. of Organic Chemistry
		IISc, Bangalore
2.	Prof. (Dr.) R.B. Sunoj	Dept. of Chemistry

		IIT Bombay
3.	(Dr.) Aninda J. Bhattacharyya	Solid State and Structural Chemistry Unit
		IISc, Bangalore
4.	Dr. Subi Jacob George	New Chemistry Unit
		JNCASR, Bangalore
5.	Dr. Joshy Joseph	Photoscienes & Photonics,
		NIIST (CSIR), Trivandrum
6.	Dr. Kana M. Sureshan	School of Chemistry
		IISER Thiruvananthapuram

U.G.C. Sponsored Two-Day National Seminar

Two Paradigms: Deleuze and Nagarjuna



A National Seminar was organized by the Department of English and sponsored by the UGC on *Two Paradigms: Deleuze and Nagarjuna* on 16th and 17th August 2017 in the Tisserant Hall. Dr. Krishnan Unni P, Dr. T. J. Abraham and Dr. Anup Kumar Dharpremiered the discussions on the subject. Dr. Krishnan Unni from Deshabandhu College, Delhi, in his speech "Aspiring Immanence: Deleuze's Conundrums and Nagarjuna's Space of Emptiness" tried to link these two philosophers from the west and the east who are temporally ages apart.



Dr. TJ. Abraham from Central University, Thiruvarur, Tamilnadu, talked about his favourite thinkers. His speech was "Leaving the Text for a World of Becoming Deleuze and Nagarjuna". Prof. Anup Kumar Dhar from Ambedkar University, Delhi handled another session on "Desire as Nirvana: From Anatman to the Anti-

Oedipal in a God-less Cosmos". The Philosophical base of these two thinkers was brought into the awareness and several discussions from the part of the audience enriched the conference. There were paper presentations from specialists on the field, in fact, from School of Philosophy rather than from English.



Talk by Dr. Krishnan Unni

Inauguration by lighting the lamp

INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR

2018 FEBRUARY 1,2,3



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NEW TRENDS IN LITERARY DISCOURSES

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Kerala Lalithakala Akademi Thrissur, Kerala, INDIA Sir/Madam,

P. G and Research Department of Malayalam, St. Thomas College Pala in association with Kerala Lalithakala Akademi is conducting a three day international seminar from 1 to 3 February 2018. The Seminar probes into the paradigm shifts in art and literature across the globe. The literary horizons keep on expanding. This seminar incorporates scholarly talks and discussions that delver deep into the subtleties of these evolving trends. We cordially invite you to this seminar.

Dr. Joy George
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St. Thomas College Palai

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Dr. Thomas Scaria
Coordinator
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International seminar on

"Vision Experience, Narration: New Trends in Literary Discourse" on 1 to 3 February 2018

Malayalam Department of St Thomas college Palai conducted an international seminar in collaboration with Kerala Lalitakala Academy from 1st February to 5 on the topic "Vision Experience, Narration: New Trends in Literary Discourse". Mar Pallickaparambil inaugurated the seminar on February 1st at the library hall. The famous Critic Dr.C.B Sudhakaran Manonmaniyam, University research guide Dr Prameela Mahesh, Literary Critic Prof A.P Sasidharan, College Principal Dr.Joy George, Vice Principal Rev.Dr.James John Mangalath, Bursar Fr.Mathew Kavanadi are among those who spoke. On January 15th there was a preseminar talk by Norbert Wessel on the topic "German Culture and Literature". As part of the seminar Fr.Sebastian translated Wessel's speech for the participants. As many as 200 academics across the world presented their paper in the seminar. The Dean of Faculty of Theology and Religion studies leuven Belgium, Prof Mathijis Lamberights delivered the key note address on the topic "The Struggle with a Changing World: Augustine's Autobiography". The valedictory session was inaugurated by the renowned short story writer and novelist N.S Madhavan. Rev. Thomas vadakkel lecturer Pourasthya Vidhyapitam Vadavathoor (Greco-Roman Literature in coopus paulinum), Dr.K.K Sivadas from Kannur university(post humanism in short story) and Dr.R V M Divakaran from Calicut university(Emogi Studies) delivered their talks. Department arranged a special video conference session for university professors in which shared their thoughts effectively.



Dr. Thomas Scaria co-ordinated the international seminar. Kerala Lalithakala Academy organized a painting workshop *Chithrachaithram*. The faculty members of the Fine Arts Colleges of the Kerala participated in it and they conducted a painting exhibition. The art fest *sargasara* by the students from the department of malayalam add more colour to the seminar.

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Dr. P J Thomas Centre for Social Sciences research seminar

One day state seminar on "GST and Centre – State Relations in India" was organized in association with Dr. P.J. Thomas Centre for Social Sciences Research. The function formally inaugurated by Sri. Aneish P Rajan IRS, Joint commissioner, GST central taxes and customs, Trivandrum on 12th February 2018. Prof. Joseph J Mattom HOD delivered the welcome address to the gathering. Prof. Bobby Simon narrated the character sketch of Dr. P J Thomas.



Academic Session II (1.45 pm -3.45 pm)

Paper presentation session

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'Impact of GST on Co-operative Federalism'

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'Prospects & challenges of fiscal federalism in the post GST era'
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Dr. P. J. Thomas Centre for Social Sciences Research

Dr. P. J. Thomas Centre for Social Sciences Research was formed in 2004 to commemorate the cherished memories of the late Dr. P. J. Thomas, Economic Advisor, Govt. of India and the first Principal of St Thomas College, Pala, during the period 1950-52. This Centre strives to enlighten the Social Science students of this College through Seminars, Discussions and Workshops on current socio-economic relevance.

Dr. P.J. Thomas: A Profile

Dr. P.J. Thomas was the Professor of Economics, at Madras University from 1927 to 1943. He was nominated to the Madras Legislative Council in 1937 when Mr. C. Rajagopalachari formed the interim government in Madras. Later he became the Economic Advisor to Mr. C. Rajagopalachari. It was during this period the Madras Government introduced sales tax in lieu of the revenue loss incurred on account of prohibition.

He was appointed Economic Advisor to Government of India during 1942-48. He was one of the three member Indian delegation to San Francisco USA, for the inaugural session of the UNO in 1945. He was also President of Indian Economic Association during 1937-38.

He was the first member to represent Kerala in Rajya Sabha who had been elected unanimously in 1957. He wrote many books on Economics, History and Malayalam Literature. He was called to eternal rest on 26th July 1965.



ONE-DAY STATE SEMINAR ON

GST and Centre-State Relations in India



Organised by

Dr. P. J. Thomas Centre for Social Sciences Research St. Thomas College, Pala

Venue: Library Hall

Time: 10.00 am

Date: 12th February 2018 (Monday)

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Dear Sir/Madam,

We are glad to inform you that a one-day State Seminar on 'GST & Centre-State Relations in India' will be conducted at St. Thomas College, Pala on 12th February2018 under the auspices of the Dr. P.J. Thomas Centre for Social Sciences Research.

The launch of Goods and Services Tax (GST) on July 1st, 2017 unrolled the biggest indirect tax reforms in the history of India. GST replaced a slew of indirect taxes with a unified tax. The new tax regime is expected to create a common market across the country, improve the ease of doing business, bring down tax evasion and avoidance, and boost GDP growth. The idea of 'One Tax, One Market, One Nation' sounds appealing, but it has major implications for the Centre-State financial relations and changed the financial equations in Indian fiscal federalism. It is in this context that a one-day State seminar on Centre-State Relations in India in the post-GST era is being put to academic scrutiny.

We cordially invite you to attend the seminar.

With warm regards,

Rev. Dr. James John Mangalathu Vice Principal Dr. Joy George Principal

Prof. K.V. John Dr. Shajimon K. Mathews (HOD of Commerce) (HOD of Political Science) Prof. Joseph J. Mattam (HOD of Economics)

PROGRAMME

February 12, 2018 - Monday

10.05 am

Inaugural Session

Prayer

Words of Welcome:

Prof. Joseph J. Mattam

(HOD of Economics)

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Dr. Joy George

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Academic Session I (11.15 am - 1.00 pm)

'GST & Centre-State Financial Relations in India'

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A seminar on "India's Foreign Policy" was conducted by the department of economics on October 30th 2017. Sri. K. P. Fabian, IFS, Former Indian Ambassador to Italy was the chief resource person. He delivered the key note speech and spoke about the changes that are taking place in trade policy approaches by countries in the liberalized era.





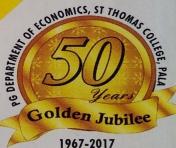
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TALK ON: 'INDIA'S FOREIGN POLICY'

Three - day training on

'Data Analysis using R'

on

18-20 September 2017

A Three – day training on 'Data Analysis using R' was organized in collaboration with CMC, Vellore during 18-20 September 2017. The Resource persons are: Dr. L Jayaseelan, Dr. Tunny Sebastian and Ms. Thenmozhi, CMC, Vellore. Total number of participants was 34. Dr. Joy George, Principal, inaugurated the ceremony.

Workshop on

'Biostatistics and Epidemiological methods in Medicine and Public Health

on

20-21 October, 2017

Department of Biostatistics organized a workshop on 'Biostatistics and Epidemiological methods in Medicine and Public Health in collaboration with PSG, Coimbatore and NIMHANS, Bangalore and the resource persons were Dr. Anil C Mathew and Dr. B Binukumar. Dr. Joy George, Principal, delivered the presidential address. Total number of participants was 36.

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Two-Day Training Programme on

'Advanced SAS'

Two-Day Training Programme on 'Advanced SAS' in collaboration with CMC, Vellore held in November 2017 and the resource persons were Ms. Thenmozhi and Mrs. Ambily Nadaraj. Total number of participants was 67. Dr. Joy George, Principal, inaugurated the workshop and Dr K K Jose delivered the presidential address.

Invited talk on

Emerging Trends and Opportunities for Statisticians

on 12 December 2017

Dr. Vinu C.T., Assistant Professor, IIM Trichy delivered an invited talk on Emerging Trends and Opportunities for Statisticians on 12 December 2017. Total number of participants was 30.

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Newsletter

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Juna 2018

Principal's Message Aspiring to be the Best



The academic year 2017-18 was eventful for our college in both academic and co-/extra curricular aspects. The close rapport built up among the stake-holders of this mighty institution of higher learning in central Kerala, which enjoys an enviable track record in academic and allied accomplishments, has enabled us to scale new heights and plunge into more luminous depths of intellectual enterprise. From the treasure-troves of academic sedulity our adept philomaths could unearth bona fide prizes of scholarship.

As we all are patently aware, academic pursuit, the earnest search for knowledge, is shared metier where frontiers are pushed back. In the St. Thomas College family we always uphold the primacy of developing a close rapport between the mentors and the mentees, i.e. our teachers and our students. The responsibilities we took over and our achievements for the year were exciting, remarkable and indeed challenging. Thanks to the dedicated work of our Principal Dr. Joy George and the faculty, St. Thomas community was able to scale the towering heights of success in academic and co-curricular activities.

Last year our college organised a number of international / national conferences and symposia on recent developments in humanities, science and technology. Quite a few research papers in international / national journals have been published by our faculty members and research scholars. Also, papers were presented and invited lectures delivered by our teachers at seminars / workshops at universities, national institutes and other colleges within and outside the state. Three of our teachers were awarded Ph.D. last year.

In the domain of socio-cultural activities our departments organised intercollegiate fests, contests and other programmes. In sports, in the year 2017-18, our teams stood first in several tournaments and championships. Some of our sports persons won medals in championships at national level. A number of events such as intercollegiate and zonal tournaments, championships, camps etc. were organised by our Physical Education Department.

In M. G. University, at PG and UG levels, a good number of our students won top positions. This year we had a substantial number of publications from the campus. There were literary journals, books including textbooks etc. edited / authored by our faculty members. In the co-curricular and extra curricular fields our excellence was attested by the activities of various departmental associations, the NCC, the NSS, the College Union, the RACS Cell, the Faculty of Religion, the PTA, the Alumni Association etc.

The academic year has had its list of losses too. Eight of our eminent teachers and four non-teaching staff members retired from service. I remember their meritorious service with a deep sense of gratitude. Six retired teachers and a former non-teaching staff member were called to eternal rest this year. I pray for the repose of the departed souls.

I assumed the office of Principal on April 1, 2018. Our new Vice-Principal Dr. Sunny Kuriakose also took charge on the same day. I whole heartedly thank Dr. Joy George, our distinguished Principal during 2017-18 for all his support and positive encouragement. I take this opportunity also to thank all the teaching and non-teaching staff members of our college for their unstinting support extended to me during my stint as Vice-Principal of the College. I now request your undivided support and prayers as I take on the new responsibility.

I thank Almighty God for all His blessings and guidance. I remember all my colleagues and students and say a prayer of grateful thanks. I also thank our Patron H.E. Mar Joseph Kallarangatt and our Manager H.E. Mar Jacob Muricken for their paternal support and encouragement.

Rev. Dr. James John Mangalathu

67th Foundation Day Celebrated

St. Thomas College, the sparkling diamond in the crown of the Diocese of Palai, was founded by H. E. Bishop Mar Sebastian Vayalil on 16 April 1950 and inaugurated on 7 August 1950. Very Rev. Msgr. Emmanuel Mecherikunnel, Rev. Fr. Jacob Thazhathel, Sri. George Thomas Kottukapally, Sri. Cherian J. Kappen, Sri. R. V. Thomas, Sri. K. M. Chandy and others joined hands with the bishop in realizing this long cherished dream. The College has emerged as a leading centre of higher education moulding the lives of thousands of students with an agrarian rural background in the central part of Kerala. The College, which entered the new millennium under the patronage of H. E. Bishop Mar Joseph Pallikaparampil, is now administered by the able hands of H. E. Bishop Mar Joseph Kallarangatt (Patron), H. E. Bishop Mar Jacob Muricken (Manager), Very Rev. Dr. K. M. Joseph Kollamparampil (Pro-Manager) and Dr. Joy George (Principal).



Dr. Babu Sebastian, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, inaugurates the 67th Foundation Day celebrations

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SEMINARS, CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS AND LECTURES

International Conference on Recent Advances in Statistical Methodology



Dr. Barry D. Nussbaum, President of American Statistical Association, inaugurates the International Conference

An International Conference on Recent Advances in Statistical Methodology with Applications in Clinical and Official Satistics was organized by the Department of Statistics in collaboration with the Department of Mathematics and Statistics, University of Maryland, Baltimore County, USA and the Department of Biostatistics, Christian Medical College, Vellore, India during 3-5 January 2018. The sponsors of the conference were the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India; the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI), Government of India and the Kerala State Council for Science, Technology and Environment, Govt. of Kerala. The two main themes of the conference were clinical statistics and official statistics. The Conference was attended by about 130 dele-

gates, of which more than 20 were from abroad. There were plenary talks, invited talks and contributory presentations.

The Conference was inaugurated by Dr. Barry D. Nussbaum, President of American Statistical Association, at a glittering function in which eminent statisticians Prof. B. K. Sinha (University of Maryland) and Prof. John M. Lachin (George Washington University) addressed the gathering. Dr. Barry D. Nussbaum cited two eye-opening examples when American Statistical Association came up with appropriate statistical methods to deal with two very serious problems faced by the American Government and earned immediate recognition. Dr Thomas Mathew (University of Maryland), Dr. Ionut Bebu (George Washington University), Dr. K.Krishnamoorthy (University of



A view of the distinguished delegates who attended the inaugural function



Speakers at the International Conference







Prof. B. K. Sinha



Prof. John M. Lachin George Washington University, USA



Dr. Thomas Mathew University of Maryland, USA



Dr. Sunitha Bhaskar Deputy Director, MoSPI, Govt. of India

Louisiana), Dr Suchindran C.M. (University of North Carolina) and Dr. Viswanath Iyer (Novartis Healthcare, India) were the key speakers on clinical statistics. Sessions on official statistics were mainly handled by officials from MoSPI. Dr. James Mathew, Deputy Director General, and Dr. Sunitha Bhaskar, Deputy Director from the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation were the prominent speakers on official statistics.

The important topics discussed under clinical statistics were Challenges in the new era of personalized medicine, Cost-effective screening schedules for disease progression analysis, Applications of data mining in cancer survival, Modelling of epidemic outbreak data, Multivariate reference regions in laboratory medicine, Modelling of Self-Reported and Proxy Responses in Medical Treatment, The Vision of the South Asian Cochrane Center, and Some new statistical methods for the analyses of medical data. Some of the topics discussed under official statistics were Data analyses under confidentiality protection, National monitoring framework on sustainable development goals, Role of civil registration and vital statistics in

monitoring sustainable development goals. Revelations on the health indicators of Kerala from the 4th(2015-'16) National Family Health Survey and The role of statisticians in big data analyses.

Unlike other conferences being organized in academic institutions, this conference offered a unique opportunity for people from academic, industry and government sectors to sit together and discuss current statistical issues. There were three venues for par-

allel sessions and a total of twenty-four technical sessions were conducted. The support given by Christian Medical College, Vellore, is to be specially mentioned. The conference coincided with the 59th year of service of the Department of Statistics of the College. Dr. Sebastian George (Associate Professor, Department of Statistics) was the Chief Co-ordinator of the international conference.



Dr. Sebastian George Chief Co-ordinator



Exuberanza - International Seminar on New Trends in Literary Discourse



H.E. Mar Joseph Pallikaparampil inaugurates the international seminar

The Department of Malayalam organised an International Seminar on New Trends in Literary Discourse titled Exuberanza during 1 to 5 February 2018, in collaboration with the Kerala Lalithakala Academy. Thrissur. The seminar was intended to probe into the paradigm shifts in art and literature across the globe. The seminar incorporated scholarly talks and discussions that delved deep into the subtleties of the evolving trends in the literary horizons.

The international seminar was inaugurated by H. E. Mar Joseph Pallikaparampil, Bishop Emeritus of Palai, on 1 February 2018. Noted writer Sri. N. S. Madhavan and Dr. Babu Sebastian, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam were the chief guests at the inaugural function. Invited lectures were delivered by Prof. Dr. Mathijs Lamberigts, Dean of the Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies, K. U. Leuven, Belgium, on the topic 'The Struggle with a Changing World: Augustine's Autobiography'; Fr. Norbert Wessel, Emisdetten, Germany, on the topic 'Germany - the Land of Poets and Thinkers'; Rev. Dr. Thomas Vadakkel, Paurastya Vidyapitham, Vadavathoor, on the topic 'Greco - Roman Literature and Culture in



Participants of the painting biennale with the Principal and Malayalam faculty

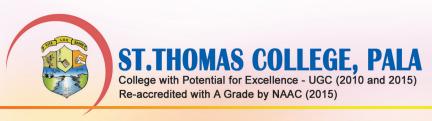
the Corpus Paulinum', Dr. K. K. Sivadas, Kannur University, on the topic 'Posthumanism in Short Story', Dr. R. V. M. Divakaran, University of Calicut, on the topic 'Methods of Film Studies' and Fr. Sebastian Myladiath, Emsdetten, Germany, The plenary lectures were delivered by Prof. Dr. Ekaterini Tsalampouni, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece, on the topic 'Literature and Culture in the Context of Greece'; Prof. Dr. Idesbald Goodeeris, Katholike Universiteit Leuven, Belgium, on the topic 'Lierature and Culture in the European Context': Fr. Joseph Karikulam, Pontificio Ateneo Regina Apostolorum, Rome, on the topic 'Indian Culture and History of the 16th Century' and by Fr. Manoj Francis, Katholieke Universitiet Leuven, Belgium, on the topic 'Literature and Ethics'. Paper presentations were conducted by Dr. Prameela Mahesh, Dr. Haskerali E. C., Dr. A. P. Sasidharan, Sri. Rajendran Edathumkara, Sri. Anup Antony, Dr. Sunil Jose, Sr. Ciby Kurian, Dr. Jose K. Manuel, Dr. Deepesh Karimpumkara and Dr. Binu M. Mathew.

Along with the international seminar, a painting biennale ti-

tled 'Chithrachaithram' was held during 1-3 February 2018. It was curated by the master artists Sri. Nemam Pushparaj, Sri. Ponniam Chandran, Sri. V. R. Santhosh and Sri. C. S. Jayaram. In addition, a cultural evening titled 'Sargasaras' was held on 2 February 2018. Dr. Thomas Scaria, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Malayalam, was the Chief Co-ordinator of the international seminar.



Dr. Thomas Scaria Chief Co-ordinator



International Seminar on 'The Portuguese in the India Ocean Regions'



Very Rev. Dr. Joseph Kollamparampil inaugurates the international seminar

An International Seminar on 'The Portuguese in the Indian Ocean Regions with Special Reference to the Malabar Coast (1500-1663)' was organised by the Department of History on 2 February 2018. The seminar was intended to delve deeper into the dynamics of trade, urbanization, naval battles, social interactions and organization of factories and fortresses on the Malabar coast by the Portuguese. Specialists of international repute in Indo-Portuguese history and maritime history were invited to present research papers and participate in the discussions.

The international seminar was inaugurated by Very Rev. Dr. Joseph Kollamparampil, Vicar General, Diocese of Palai and Pro-Manager of the College, at a meeting presided over by Dr. Joy George, Principal of the College. Prof. Dr. K. S. Mathew, Former Professor and HoD of History, Pondicherry Central University, delivered the keynote address. In the sessions that followed, invited lectures were delivered by Dr. Vitor Luis Gaspar Rodrigues on the topic 'The Fortress of Cranganore (1501-1662)'; by Dr. Tiago Castro

on the topic 'The Services of Joao dela Camara, Master-gunner of the Portuguese State of India (1506-1522); by Dr. Alexandra Pelucia on the topic 'Portuguese Warfare along the Malabar Coast: Onset and Rise of a Maritime Seizure System'; by Dr. Manuel Lobtao on the topic 'From India to India: Portuguese Shipping in South Asian Waters'; by Dr. Pius Malekandathil on the topic 'The Portuguese and

the Socio-cultural Changes in the Indian Ocean Regions 1500-1663'; by Dr. James John on the topic 'The Portuguese and the Position of Women in Malabar during 16th Century' and by Dr. Jose Varandas on the topic 'The Greek Campaigns in India (321-325 B. C.): The Impacts in the West'. Rev. Dr. James John, Head of the Department of History, was the General Co-ordinator of the international seminar



Rev. Dr. James John General Co-ordinator

International Conference on Traditional and Alternative Medicine (ICTAM-2017)



Padma Sri Dr. P. R. Krishnakumar inaugurates the international conference

The Department of Biochemistry organised an International Conference on Traditional and Alternative Medicine (ICTAM - 2017) on 18 and 19 September 2017. The theme of the international conference was 'To Traverse the Future of Alternative Medicine'. In the twoday meet of ICTAM- 2017, a variety of special areas were covered including Herbal therapy, Ayurveda, Homoeopathy, Ethno-pharmacology and many more exciting areas. The endeavour was inaugurated by Padma Sri Dr. P.R. Krishnakumar, Chancellor, Avinashalingam University, Coimbatore & Founder of AVP Research Foundation. In the plenary session, Dr. Muhammed Majeed, Founder & MD of Sami Labs Ltd. Bangalore & winner of Ellis Island Medal awarded by US Congress and Daniel Statesman Award 2010 from USA, felicitated and spoke about the scope of nutraceuticals and also about the vision of a research scientist and how a passionate entrepreneur takes on social and commercial expressions. Students, researchers and faculty members from various universities and colleges inside and outside India participated in the conference. Overall there were one keynote speaker, one plenary speaker, 13 invited speakers and 480 participants in the two-day conference. The keynote speaker was Dr. Samson Mathews Samuel from Weill-Cornell University, Qatar, who delivered a talk on 'Anti-angiogenic effects of metformin in 2-deoxyglucose treated microvascular endothelial cells: Role of thrombospondin-1' The plenary speaker was Dr. S.Sasidharan from Universiti Sains, Malaysia, who spoke about 'The green cancer prevention: An opportunity to expand the cost-effective medicinal plant-based therapeutics'. Dr. K. Radhakrishnan, Chief Executive Officer (IC), SMPB, Kerala, India, presented a paper on the topic 'Problems and prospects of traditional medicine with reference to Kerala state, India'. Other invited speakers from various parts of the world were Dr.



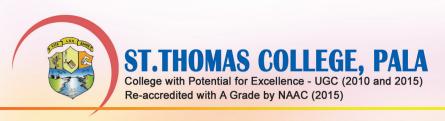
Dr. P.R. Krishnakumar delivers the inaugural address

Roonie Moore (University College, Dublin, Ireland), Dr. Anirban Sukul (Hon'y Physician, Ministry of Public Health, Govt of Thailand), Dr. D. Suresh Kumar (Head of Product Development, Cymbio Pharma Pvt. Ltd., Bangalore), Dr. P. G. Biju (Assistant Professor, Department of Biochemistry, Kerala University), Dr. Cibin T.R. (University of Colorada School of Medicine, USA), Dr. Rajmohan V. (Assistant Professor, Govt. Ayurveda College, Trivandrum), Dr. S. Sandhya (Scientist, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore), Dr. K. Jagannathan

(Vice Principal, Santhigiri Siddha Medical College, Trivandrum), Dr. Vibin M. (South Dakota State University, USA), and Sri. Sree Kumar (Processing Engineer, CDB, Cochin) who talked about various aspects of health related problems and also about role of alternative medicine. Dr. Ratheesh M., Asst. Professor, Department of Biochemistry, was the Co-ordinator of the international conference.



Dr. Ratheesh M. Co-ordinator



National Science Academies' Lecture Workshop on 'Recent Advances in Chemical Sciences'



H. E. Mar Jacob Muricken inaugurates the lecture workshop

A three-day National Science Academies' Lecture Workshop on 'Recent Advances in Chemical Sciences', sponsored by Indian Academy of Sciences, Bangalore; Indian National Science Academy, New Delhi, and the National Academy of Sciences India, Allahabad, was organised by the Department of Chemistry, during 13-15 June 2017. Dr. K. R. Gopidas, Fellow of the Indian Academy of Sciences, Bangalore and Chief Scientist, Chemical Sciences and Technology Division, National Institute for Interdisciplinary Science and Technology (NIIST- CSIR), Thiruvananthapuram, was the Convener of the lecture workshop. Dr. G.D. Gem Mathew, Associate Professor, Department of Chemistry, St. Thomas College, Pala, was the Co-ordinator.



H. E. Mar Jacob Muricken presents a memento to Prof. (Dr.) I. Ibnusaud, Director, IIRBS, Mahatma Gandhi University

Resource Persons

The following six nationally reputed professors/scientists in chemistry were the resource persons:

1.	Prof. (Dr.) Uday Maitra	Dept. of Organic Chemistry, IISc, Bangalore
2.	Prof. (Dr.) R.B. Sunoj	Dept. of Chemistry, IIT, Bombay
3.	Dr. Aninda J. Bhattacharyya	Solid State and Structural Chemistry Unit, IISc, Bangalore
4.	Dr. Subi Jacob George	New Chemistry Unit, JNCASR, Bangalore
5.	Dr. Joshy Joseph	Photoscienes & Photonics, NIIST (CSIR), Trivandrum
6.	Dr. Kana M. Sureshan	School of Chemistry, IISER, Thiruvananthapuram



H. E. Mar Jacob Muricken presents a memento to Dr. K. R. Gopidas, Convener of the lecture workshop





Dr. K. R. Gopidas, Convener, presents mementos to the UGC-CSIR JRF awardees Mr. Jayakrishnan K. R. and Mr. Anish Babu

Inaugural Function

The Lecture Workshop was inaugurated on 13 June 2017 by H.E. Mar Jacob Muricken, Auxiliary Bishop of Palai and Manager of St. Thomas College, Pala. The Principal of the College, Dr. Joy George, presided over the function. Dr. K. R. Gopidas, Fellow of the Indian Academy of Sciences, Bangalore, and Chief Scientist, Chemical Sciences and Technology Division, National Institute for Interdisciplinary Science and Technology (NIIST-CSIR), Thiruvananthapuram, and Convener of the Lecture Workshop, delivered the introductory remarks. Dr. Aninda J. Bhattacharyya and Dr. Joshy Joseph. offered felicitations on the occasion. Dr. Sunny Kuriakose, Head, Department of Chemistry, welcomed the gathering and Dr. G.D. Gem Mathew, Co-ordinator, proposed the vote of thanks. Prof. (Dr.) I. Ibnusaud, Director of Institute for Intensive Research in Basic Sciences (IIRBS), Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, who was recently elected as a Fellow of the National Academy of Science India (NASI), Allahabad, was felicitated on the occasion.

Technical Sessions

The programme schedule for the technical sessions was kept to without any change. On the first day of the Lecture Workshop, Dr. Aninda J. Bhattacharyya delivered two lectures on the topic 'Role of

Electrochemistry for Conversion of Waste to Bioelectricity & Chemicals', while Dr. Joshy Joseph delivered lectures on the topics 'Introduction to Carbon-based Functional Nanomaterials' and 'Graphenebased Hybrid Materials for Bio-sensing Applications'. On the second day, Prof. (Dr.) Uday Maitra delivered two lecture-demos on the topic 'Learning Chemistry with Fun', while Prof. (Dr.) R.B. Sunoi delivered lectures on the topics 'Introduction to Computational Chemistry' and 'Learning Organic Chemistry using Molecular Orbital Theory'. On the third and final day, the first two lectures were delivered by Dr. Suby Jacob George on the topics 'Dynamic Supramolecular Polymers' and 'How Far We Can Push the Molecular Self-assembly?'. It was followed by two lectures by Dr. K.N. Sureshan on the topics 'Topochemical Reactions for Synthesis of Biopolymer Mimics' and 'Sugar-based Organogels: Synthesis and Applications'. The sessions were all well attended by faculty, research scholars and postgraduate students from various institutes and colleges in Kerala.

Participants

There were about 125 participants on all the three days of the Lecture Workshop. These included 50 participants from the host institution - Department of Chemistry, St. Thomas College, Pala- and





Dr. Aninda J. Bhattacharyya presents to the M. Sc. Chemistry toppers Ms. Renitta Benny and Ms. Christin Mariya Davis

Resource Persons of the Lecture Workshop



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Dr. Joshy Joseph, NIIST (CSIR), Thiruvananthapuram



Dr. Kana M. Sureshan, IISER, Thiruvananthapuram

25 from Institute for Intensive Research in Basic Sciences (IIRBS), Mahatma Gandhi University. The other participants included teachers and research scholars from other institutes, colleges and higher secondary schools. The participants were of the opinion that topics of the lectures were up-to-date and very useful. They also suggested arranging follow-up programmes like refresher courses in the future.

Concluding Session

The concluding session was held in the evening of 15 June 2017. The chief guest was Dr. Joy George, Principal of the College.

He delivered the valedictory address and presented certificates to the participants. Dr. Sunny Kuriakose, Head of the Department of Chemistry, welcomed the gathering. Dr. K.R. Gopidas, Convener, offered concluding remarks. Dr. Subi Jacob George gave feedback on behalf of the resource persons and Ms. Aina Elizabeth Antony gave feedback on behalf of the participants. Dr. G. D. Gem Mathew, Dr. G.D. Gem Mathew Co-ordinator, proposed the vote of thanks.



Co-ordinator

National Seminar on Global Sports Industry



Dr. G. Kishore inaugurates the national seminar

The Department of Physical Education organised a UGC-sponsored national seminar titled 'Changing the Game: An Outlook of Global Sports Industry' on 16 and 17 March 2018. The aim of the national seminar was to provide a platform to academicians, practitioners, doctoral students and other researchers for exchanging knowledge, experience and innovative ideas on the emerging and diversified roles of sports industry in the growing economy through the presentation of conceptual and empirical research papers as well as studies.

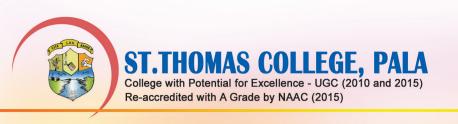
The national seminar was inaugurated by Dr. G. Kishore, Principal, SAI Lakshmibai National College of Physical Education (LNCPE), Thiruvananthapuram, at a meeting presided over by Dr. Joy George, Principal. Dr. Sutheeshana Babu S., Nodal Officer, NIWS, Goa & Associate Professor, IITTM, Gwalior, delivered the keynote address. Felicitations were offered by Rev. Dr. James John Mangalathu, Vice Principal, Rev. Fr. Mathew Kurian Kavanadimalayil, Bursar and Prof. Raju Thomas, HoD of Physical Education. Prof. Sanish Lukose welcomed the gathering and Dr. Jils Baby Emmanuel proposed the vote of thanks. In the seminar that followed, invited lectures were delivered by Dr. Sutheeshna Babu S. on the topic 'Prospects of Sports Tourism in India'; Sri. Joji K. Francis on the topic 'Booming Health and Fitness Industry'; Gp. Capt. P. Venugopal on the topic 'Adventure Sports Today and Prospects Tomorrow' and by Smt. Radha Krishnaswamy on the topic 'Barefoot Training'. The paper presentation session was chaired by Dr. Mini Thomas, Associate Professor, B. K. College, Amalagiri.

On the second day of the seminar, invited lectures were delivered by Sri. Ajay Padmanabhan on the topic 'Sports Infrastruture Development with Special Reference to TSH'; Sri. Joby George on the topic 'The Role of Media in Sports Development'; Sri. Shalin Jose on the topic 'Recreation and Sports in Hospitality Industry'; Sri. Siddharth Deshmukh on the topic 'Prospects of Sports Management in India' and by Smt. Nisha Jose on the topic 'Deep Sea Diving'. The paper presentation session that followed was chaired by Dr. Thank-

achan Mathew, Associate Professor, Alphonsa College, Pala. At the valedictory session, Sri. Blessen K. James proposed the vote of thanks. More than 200 participants from various parts of India took part in the seminar, the main focus of which was the emerging fields of sports management, sports tourism and fitness management. Prof. Ashish Joseph, Asst. Professor, Department of Physical Education, was the Organising Secretary of the national seminar.



Prof. Ashish Joseph **Organising Secretary**



National Seminar on 'Emerging Trends in Nanocomposites'



Dr. Kuruvilla Joseph inaugurates the national seminar

A National Seminar on 'Emerging Trends in Nanocomposites' was organised by the Department of Chemistry, on 12 and 13 October 2017. There were four lecture sessions, a keynote address, a paper presentation session, and a poster presentation session during this seminar. The resource persons of this seminar were Dr. Kuruvilla Joseph (Dept. of Chemistry, Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology, Thiruvanathapuram), Dr. S. Abraham John (Dept. of Chemistry, Gandhigram Rural Institute and Deemed University, Dindigul, Tamil Nadu), Dr. Jinu Jacob George (Dept. of Polymer Science and Rubber Technology, CUSAT) and Dr. Josmin P. Jose (Dept. of Chemistry, Mar Thoma College, Thiruvalla). There were 160 participants including teachers, research scholars and students from various institutions who attended the programme. The two-day National Seminar was inaugurated by Dr. Kuruvilla Joseph,

Head of Chemistry Department and Dean, Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology, Thiruvanathapuram, at a meeting presided over by H. E. Mar Joseph Muricken, Auxiliary Bishop of Palai and Manager of the College.

Paper and poster presentation sessions were also conducted. Citation certificates and cash awards for the first and second positions for the best paper and poster presentations were presented to the winners. Dr. Sajeev Martin George, Asst. Professor, Department of Chemistry, was the Co-ordinator of the national seminar.

Dr. Sajeev Martin George Co-ordinator

National Seminar on 'Two Paradigms: Deleuze and Nagarjuna'



Dr. Krishnan Unni P. inaugurates the national seminar

A UGC-sponsored National Seminar was organized by the Department of English on the topic 'Two Paradigms: Deleuze and Nagarjuna' on 16 and 17 August 2017. Dr. Krishnan Unni P., Dr. T. J. Abraham and Dr. Anup Kumar Dhar premiered the discussions on the subject. Dr. Krishnan Unni from Deshabandhu College, Delhi, in his speech "Aspiring Immanence: Deleuze's Conundrums and Nagarjuna's Space of Emptiness" tried to link these two philosophers from the West and the East who are temporally ages apart.

Dr. T.J. Abraham from Central University, Thiruvarur, Tamil Nadu, talked about his favourite thinkers. His speech was "Leaving

Seminar on Hindi as the Official Language

A one-day seminar on 'Introduction of Hindi as the Official Language: Problems and Solutions' was organised by the Department of Hindi on 22 January 2018. The seminar was inaugurated by Dr. Joy George, Principal, at a meeting presided over by Dr. Mathew Thomas, HoD of Hindi. The chief resource person of the seminar was Dr. Jesty Emmanuel, HoD of Hindi, Alphonsa College, Pala.



Dr. Joy George, Principal, inaugurates the seminar

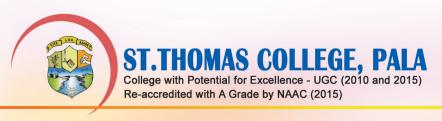
the Text for a World of Becoming: Deleuze and Nagarjuna". Prof. Anup Kumar Dhar from Ambedkar University, Delhi, handled another session on "Desire as Nirvana: From Anatman to the Anti-Oedipal in a God-less Cosmos". The philosophical base of these two thinkers was brought into the awareness and several discussions from the part of the audience enriched the conference. There were paper presentations from specialists in the field, in fact, from the school of philosophy rather than from English.

Spectator 2017 - Media Seminar

A media seminar titled 'Spectator 2017' was organised by the Department of Communicative English on 6 December 2017. The seminar was inaugurated by Dr. Joy George, Principal, at a meeting presided over by Prof. V. O. Chummar, Course Co-ordinator, Dept. of Communicative English. The chief resource person of the seminar was Sri. Jose Panachipuram, Senior Editor, Malayala Manorama, who delivered a lecture on the topic 'Journalism in Today's World'.



Dr. Joy George, Principal, inaugurates the seminar



Seminar on GST and Centre - State Relations in India



Sri. Aneish P. Rajan IRS inaugurates the seminar

Dr. P. J. Thomas Centre for Social Sciences Research of the College organised a state-level seminar on 'GST and Centre - State Relations in India' on 12 February 2018. Sri. Aneish P. Rajan IRS, Joint Commissioner, GST Central Taxes and Customs, Trivandrum, inaugurated the seminar at a meeting presided over by Dr. Joy George, Principal. Dr. Biju K. C., Asst. Professor, Dept. of Economics, presented a retrospect on the late Dr. P. J. Thomas, Economic Advisor to Government of India (1942-48) and the first Principal of

Keli 2017 - Workshop on Kathakali

The Department of Malayalam organised a workshop on *Kathakali* titled 'Keli 2017' on 3 November 2017. The chief resource persons of the workshop were the noted Kathakali artistes Sri. Kudamaloor Muraleekrishnan, Sri. Kalanilayam Muraleedharan Namboothiri and Sri. Meenadom Unnikrishnan. There was also a presentation of the Kathakali 'Poothanamoksham'.



A moment from the workshop on Kathakali

the College (1950-52). Prof. Joseph J. Mattam, HoD of Economics, welcomed the gathering and Prof. Bobby Simon, Asst. Professor, Dept. of Commerce, proposed the vote of thanks. In the first academic session that followed, Sri. Aneish P. Rajan IRS delivered the keynote address on the topic 'GST & Centre-State Financial Relations in India'. In the second academic session chaired by Dr. Stany Thomas, Asso. Professor, Dept. of Political Science, there were presentations by students on topics related to GST.

Prof. M. T. Tharian Endowment Lecture

A media seminar titled 'Spectator 2017' was organised by the DepaProf. M. T. Tharian Endowment Lecture was organised by the Department of Politics on 15 March 2018. Dr. Cyriac Thomas, Former Vice Chancellor and Member, National Commission for Minority Educational Institutions, delivered the endowment lecture on the topic 'Cultural Decline in the Contemporary Society'. He also distributed scholarships to meritorious students at the meeting presided over by Dr. Joy George, Principal.



Dr. Cyriac Thomas delivers the Prof. M. T. Thariyan Endowment Lecture

National Workshop on 'High Performance Statistical Computing Using R'



Dr. A. K. Singh, Scientist, DST, Govt. of India, inaugurates the workshop

A national workshop on 'High Performance Statistical Computing Using R' was organized by the Department of Statistics during 6-7 January 2018. The workshop was inaugurated by Dr. A. K. Singh, Scientist, Department of Science and Technology (DST), Govt. of In-

dia. There were 43 participants from various institutions. Dr. George Ostrouchov (University of Tennessee, USA), Dr. Nagaraj Neerchal (University of Maryland) and Dr. Andrew Raim (Census Bureau, USA) were the resource persons.







Dr. George Ostrouchov, Dr. Nagaraj Neerchal and Dr. Andrew Raim lead the national workshop

Workshop on Official Statistics and Opportunity in Government Sector

A one-day workshop on 'Official Statistics and Opportunity in Government Sector', sponsored by Ministry of Statistics and Program Implementation (MoSPI), Govt. of India, was organised by the Department of Statistics on 16 February 2018. Mr. Saji George I.S.S. and Mr. Vikash Kumar Dubey I.S.S were the resource persons.





Mr. Saji George ISS and Mr. V. K. Dubey ISS speaks at the workshop

Seminars Organised by the Department of Commerce

The following seminars/workshops were organised by the Department of Commerce during the current academic year:

- (1) Seminar on 'Educational Opportunities Abroad' in association with Royal Educational Group, Kottayam on 8 November 2017.
- (2) Seminar on 'GST and Orientation for CMA', in association with Academy for Future Professionals (AFP) on 11 January 2018.



Dr. Santhosh Kumar P. K. leads the workshop

(3) Workshop on 'Econometrics for Financial Research' on 27 January 2018. Resource Person: Dr. Santhosh Kumar P.K. (School of Management Studies, CUSAT).



Principal Dr. Joy George inaugurates the seminar

- (4) Seminar on 'Futures and Options' on 18 January 2018. Resource Person: Mr. Antony Joseph V.R. (Regional Head, Geojit Financial Services Ltd.).
- (5) Seminar on 'Psychological Health The Need of the Hour' on 7 February 2018. Resource Person: Fr. Mathew Mulangacherriyil OFM Cap.
- (6) Seminar on 'Entrepreneurship Development; Opportunities and Challenges' on 21 February 2018. Resource Person: Mrs. Jolly Joseph (MD, Divine Food Products, Meenachil, Pala).



Seminar by Rev. Fr. Mathew Antony Mulangacherriyil OFM Cap.



Seminar by Mrs. Jolly Joseph

(7) Seminar on 'Mobile Phone Misuse and Psychiatric Disorders' on 23 February 2018. Resource Person: Dr. (Sr.) Prasanthi (Psychiatrist, Carmel Medical Centre, Pala).



Seminar by Dr. (Sr.) Prasanthi

INVITED LECTURES DELIVERED BY EXPERTS

Department of Politics



Sri. C. R. Neelakantan

Sri. C. R. Neelakantan, well-known environmental activist, delivered an invited talk on the topic 'The Politics of Environment' on 5 June 2017.



Dr. M. S. John

Dr. M. S. John, Professor and Head, Dept. of Political Science, Central University of Kerala, Kasaragod, delivered an invited lecture on the topic 'Seventy Years of Indian Democracy: Prospects and Challenges' on 27 July 2018.

Department of Politics



Sri. Jose C. Mathew

Sri. Jose C. Mathew, tax consultant, delivered an invited talk on the topic 'GST and its Impact on Common Man' on 21 February 2018.

Department of History



Dr. C. C. Joseph

Dr. C. C. Joseph, Christ University, Bangalore, delivered an invited talk on the topic 'Developments in Annals Historiography' on 17 October 2017.

Department of Malayalam

Dr. Muhmmed Basheer (Former Professor, PSMO College, Thirurangadi) delivered an invited lecture on 'Mappilapattu' on 16 January 2018.

Department of Physics



Sri. A. V. Sathish

1. Sri. A.V. Sathish, Scientist, Kudankulam Nuclear Power Station, delivered an invited lecture on the topic 'Nuclear Energy for the Future' on 16 January 2018.



Prof. N. Shaji

2. Prof. N. Shaji, Principal, Government College, Manimalakunnu, delivered an invited lecture on the topic 'Conceptual Problems in Quantum Mechanics' on 23 February 2018.

Department of Biotechnology and Applied Microbiology



Dr. Santhosh Kumar K.

1. **Dr. Santhosh Kumar K**., NIT, Calicut, delivered an invited talk on the topic 'Algal Biome' on 5 December 2017.



Dr. Reshma Mohan

2. **Dr. Reshma Mohan**, Meenakshi Aqua Labs, Bangalore, delivered an invited talk on the topic 'The Role of Media and Other Parameters in Tissue Culture Research'.



Dr. Balamurali G. S.

3. **Dr. Balamurali G. S.**, Scientist, IISER, Trivandrum, delivered an invited lecture on the topic 'Comparative Visual Ecology of Temperate and Tropical Bees' on 12 March 2018.



Dr. Salvy Thomas

4. **Dr. Salvy Thomas**, Dept. of Botany, St. Berchmans College, Changanacherry, delivered an invited lecture on the topic 'New Environmental Challenges and Preservation of Biodiversity' on 12 March 2018.



Dr. Juna Beegum

5. **Dr. Juna Beegum**, TBGRI, Trivandrum, delivered an invited lecture on the topic 'Hepatitis C Virus and Natural Compounds. A New Approach' on 12 March 2018.



Dr. Anu Cyriac

- Dr. Anu Cyriac, ARC, Kumarakom, delivered an invited lecture on "Micro satellite markers (SSR) in Cardomom (Elettaria cardamomum)"
- 7. **Dr. Leema George**, Vellore Institute of Technolog, Vellore, delivered an invited talk on the topic 'Inflammation of Pancreas' on 15 May 2018.