

ANNUAL REPORT 2015– 2016

Distinguished guests and members of St. John's College family, St John's College was re-accredited with 'A' grade by the NAAC peer team in May 2015 and it has also been recognized with the DBT Star College status. I commend the entire Johnsian fraternity; my faculty, both teaching and non-teaching; the students, their parents and the alumni for putting in their hearts and souls for the success of the peer team visit and the star college status.

On this note, let me present before you the annual report of the academic year 2015-2016.

Reopening and Commencement of Classes

The college reopened on June 1, 2015 after the mid summer vacation. Classes for the first years commenced on July 16, 2015, the second years on September 1 and the third years on July 6, 2015.

Faculty

At present, the strength of the teaching staff in the college is seventy six, which includes seventeen guest lecturers.

Mr Mathew Zachariah, Associate Professor, Department of Statistics, retired from service on March 31, 2015. The college is indebted to him for his service, both as a dedicated teacher as well as PTA secretary for several years. Ms Mariamma Abraham, HoD and Associate Professor, Department of Commerce also retired from service; and to whom the college extends heartfelt gratitude for her commendable work.

Dr Jinu M John and Dr Arun P joined as permanent faculty in the Department of Chemistry this year; and Dr Anupriya Samuel in the Department of Zoology.

Three of our faculty got transfer to Mar Ivanios College. I take this opportunity to commend the sincerity and dedicated service of Dr George Lukose, Dr Selwin Joseyphus (Department of Chemistry) and Dr Rejitha R L (Department of Botany).

Faculty Positions

We have three recognized research guides apart from faculty in university bodies. This year, Dr George Lukose was selected staff advisor and Mr Jerry C Jacson as staff secretary, but after the transfer of Dr George Lukose to Mar Ivanios College, Dr George Thomas, Assistant Professor, Department of Commerce is the new staff advisor.

Non - Teaching Staff/ Faculty

The present strength of non – teaching faculty in the college is twenty four. Mr Mathaikutty, Office Assistant retired from service on October 20. The college acknowledges him for his relentless service.

The following non – teaching faculty joined this year.

1. Ms Biji Varghese
2. Mr C T Binoj
3. Mr Robin Babu

University Exam results

Our students brought laurels to the college in the University examinations conducted in April / May 2015.

We had six rank holders:

Susree S of BA Communicative English secured the first rank and so did Swathy S of MA Public Administration. Anupama J P and Preetha M R bagged the second rank from the PG departments of Environment Sciences and Public Administration respectively. Nikitha Suresh of M Sc Mathematics and Rahul P of MA Public Administration secured the third ranks.

The college congratulates and is proud of these achievers from the bottom of its heart.

Other achievers

Anjali Prakash and Shiv Prasad, third year students of our college were selected from the NCC to volunteer in the National Games held in New Delhi.

College Union

The college union election 2015 was held on December 4. The members of the union were sworn in on January 1, 2016. The union was inaugurated on February 8, 2016 in the Mar Gregorios Auditorium in the function Disha 2016. Popular artist Jithesji and cine artist Ambili Devi inaugurated the Union and the Arts Club respectively. I extol Mr Sibi C Babu, Returning Officer of the college union election and all other faculty members for the smooth and peaceful conduct of the election.

Sports and Games

This college gives ample space and opportunity to budding talents in sports. In the Kerala University inter collegiate cross country championship which was organized by the college, our runners came second. Our team won the half Marathon held on November 23. We have also had active participants and winners in various other sport events like Cricket, Football and Wrestling apart from an active Women's basketball team, which emerged runners up in the Kerala University Inter Collegiate Basketball Championship on September 18, 2015.

The 52nd Annual Athletic Meet was organized in the college ground on March 2, 2016.

NSS – National Service Scheme

The NSS unit of the college organized organ donation awareness and solid waste management awareness classes in selected three panchayat wards of Anchal. It also observed and celebrated Independence Day and Gandhi Jayanti. The unit under the able guidance of camp officers Ms. Ronie Thomas and Mr Sumesh S.S adopted a organized a five day camp from December 26, 2015 to January 1, 2016 at St John's School, Anchal.

NCC – National Cadet Corps

The NCC under the aegis of Dr Sooraj Kumar, Assistant Professor of the Department of English actively participated in various activities this year.

Library

St .John’s College has a digital library with a large digital archive which is quite an achievement considering the locale which it belongs to. The library has INFLIBNET connection which can be made use of to access journals and books online. Students are also provided an N-List.

Women’s Development Centre and Women’s Study Unit

The Women’s Development Centre is actively functioning under the supervision of Ms Jency Roshan F, Assistant Professor of the Department of Zoology; and so is the Women’s Study Unit under the guidance of Dr Sreeja R, Assistant Professor, Department of Physics. The Unit took up several responsibilities this year like sensitizing the women students on the good use of the napkin vending machine and the incinerator in the Women’s Development Centre, and extending their co-curricular faculties to eco-friendly activities.

Women’s Day Celebrations

I commend these teachers especially Ms Lalitha Joseph, Dr Sreeja R, and Ms Kaladevi for their conduct of the Women’s day celebration on March 3, 2016. The Women’s Day programme “Mayookham” was inaugurated by Ms Shaheeda Kamal, in the Mar Gregorios Auditorium today.

Catholic Students Movement / Jesus Youth

The Jesus youth unit of the college conducts prayer meetings on all Wednesday and Friday afternoons at St Mary’s Church, Anchal. This unit which is convened by Mr Arun M George, supported by Mr Shijo V Varghese, Ms Smitha Mary Mathew organized the Christmas celebration in the Mar Gregorios auditorium in December, 2015.

Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

The PTA is active under the PTA president Mathra Ravi. The selected executive members of PTA from the teaching faculty are Mr Mathew Zachariah, Associate Professor, Department of Statistics, Ms. Mariamma Abraham, Associate Professor and Head, Department of Commerce, Mr Sibi C.Babu, Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics and Mr Josin C. Tharian,

Assistant Professor, Department of Zoology. The PTA gives away proficiency prizes to rank holders and achievers each year.

Examinations

Dr Brilliant Rajan, Asst Professor, Department of Environmental Sciences is the coordinator of internal examinations. Internal exams for the Semester IV students were conducted from June 4 to June 11, 2015; for the Semester II students from July 8; the first CE exams for the Semester V were conducted from October 19 to October 30, and semester III from November 9 to 18, 2015. The internal exams for the first semester students were conducted from December 7. The university exams for Semester IV students commenced on June 15, and Semester III on December 3, 2015. I appreciate Dr Brilliant and his team for the smooth conduct of the internal exams.

Parents Meeting

There was a marathon parent teacher meeting of the first year, second and third year students in January 2016. I appreciate all the teachers and the parents for their whole hearted cooperation.

Seminars

I congratulate the faculty and students of the following departments for organizing seminars, and extending academic well being:

1. The department of Commerce for the two day UGC sponsored National seminar on “NBFC’s: the challenges ahead” on September 9 and 10, 2015.
2. The department of Malayalam for their UGC sponsored National seminar on September 29 and 30.
3. The department of Physics for the UGC sponsored National seminar on Perspectives of Raman Spectroscopy on October 15 and 16.
4. The department of Politics and Public Administration for their seminar on Local Bodies on December 9 & 10; and their International seminar in January.

Other Activities

1. The department of Environmental Sciences and Bhoomitrasena organised a one day seminar on “Natural Resources of Kerala: scenarios towards Sustainable Use” in the audio- visual theatre on June 4, 2015 as part of Environmental day celebrations.
2. Yoga class for NCC/ NCC in the Mar Gregorios auditorium on June 9.
3. Vayanadinam was celebrated on June 19, 2015 under the auspices of the Department of Malayalam by organizing a quiz, debate and “lend a favourite book” contest.
4. The induction cum orientation for the first year degree students and their parents was arranged in the college auditorium on July 24, 2015. Mr Syamkumar B, Cyber Expert, Kerala police spoke on “Youth and Cyber Crime.” The students and parents held lit candles together in mark of universal fraternity.
5. The first Dr APJ Memorial Lecture was delivered by Dr G Madhavan Nair, Former ISRO chairman on September 16, 2015. Several competitions were also conducted by the department of Physics as part of the lecture.
6. The popular Malayalam writer of the Aadjeevitham fame, Benyamin gave a talk on the importance of reading in the Mar Gregorios auditorium and also released the college magazine “Seasons” and the compilation of poems by Dr B Ashalekshmi “Aaravumaadam, Mezhukuthiriyum, Yesu Christhuvum” on September 18, 2015 which was also observed for vaayanakootam.
7. The Arts Fest “Sankeerthanam 2016” was organized on February 25 and 26 in the Mar Gregorios Auditorium.
8. College day was held on March 4, 2016 and it was inaugurated by the DGP Mr Vinson M Paul.

Obituary

- The college fraternity extends its heartfelt condolence to the family of Mr Mathunni, former Principal of St John’s College; who made his heavenly abode on September 8, 2015.
- The college prays and bows its head in deep reverence to Rev. Fr Philip C Pantholil, the first principal of the college, who passed away on November 16, 2015.

I wish the best of luck to all the students, especially the final years for their exams and career prospects ahead. On this note I conclude with my annual report for the year 2015-2016.

Principal

Dr Fr James Steephen Olikal.