

ANNUAL REPORT 2016– 2017

Distinguished guests and members of the Johnsian fraternity; the bygone academic year had a platter of activities with students and the faculty of the college giving in their best to make this beacon tower of light shine to its utmost glory. Let me take this opportunity to present the Annual Report of the various activities of St John's College during the academic year 2016 – 2017.

Reopening and Commencement of Classes

The college reopened on the **1st of June, 2016** after the mid summer vacation with the third year and second year classes also commencing on the same day. The **first year students** joined on **July 4, 2016**.

Faculty

At present, the strength of the teaching staff in the college is 76, which includes twenty-six guest lecturers.

Mr Benedict PA, Head and Associate Professor, Department of English, retired from service on March 31, 2016; after long 33 years of service. The college is indebted to him for his commendable and extremely dedicated service.

New Faculty

- Mr Sajan P Thomas joined as permanent faculty in the Department of Politics and Public Administration this year.
 - Dr Minimol S joined as permanent faculty in the Department of Statistics.
- Hope both of them have a wonderful and fruitful career ahead.

Faculty Positions

Mr Sibi C Babu was selected staff advisor and Mr Jerry C Jacson continued as staff secretary. Dr George Thomas, Head and Associate Professor, Department of Commerce was elected as the

management Representative. Mr Sibi C Babu, Mr Arun M George and Ms Lalitha Joseph were elected members of the College Council.

I also congratulate Dr Dilip, Assistant Professor, the Department of Mathematics for being recognized as a Research Guide by the University of Kerala.

The faculty of this institution constitutes the blood and bones of higher education, and this could be why we were blessed with the DST-FIST approval of One Crore Ten Lakh Rupees for the science departments. I thank and commend Dr Thomas Mathew and other faculty for the sincere efforts in making this dream comes true.

Non - Teaching Staff/ Faculty

The present strength of non – teaching faculty in the college is 24. Three of them, Mr G Raju, Lab Assistant, Mr T D Joseph, Herbarium keeper and Mr Raju M, Botany lab assistant, retired from service this year. The college acknowledges them for their relentless and remarkable service.

I use this occasion to welcome Mr Robin Babu to our fraternity.

Felicitation for Advocate K Raju

Advocate K Raju, alumni of St John’s College has made the college and the entire Anchal locality proud by being elected as the Minister for Forests, Animal Husbandry and Zoos. He was felicitated by the Johnsian fraternity on June 25 in the Mar Gregorios Auditorium in a public function.

Excelsior 2017

Excelsior 2017, was convened by the PTA of St John’s college, on March 28, 2017 to felicitate the degree and post graduate rank holders of 2017.

Our students brought laurels to the college in the University examinations conducted in April / May 2016. We had six rank holders:

Susree S of BA English and Communicative English secured the University first rank. In the PG department of Environment Sciences: Harsha Mohan secured the I Rank, and Asna Nujum II

Rank. The PG department of Politics and Public Administration secured three University ranks. First, that of Sufitha P, second that of Reji B R and third Subina Mol S.

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

Other achievers

- **Ajin V S** of II Physics made the college proud and honoured by participating in the Republic Day parade held in Delhi.
- **Chinchu S Titus** of I Economics won the district level Malayalam essay and elocution competitions organized by the Assistant Registrar Office, Punalur.

College Union

The college union election 2016 was held on December 9. The union was inaugurated on February 23, 2016 in the function 'Sakheya 2016'. Ms Jayageetha, film lyricist and member of the Kerala Samskriti Bhavan inaugurated the function.

I extol Mr Sibi C Babu, Staff Advisor and Returning Officer of the college union election and all other faculty members for the smooth and peaceful conduct of the election.

Sports and Games

- St John's College had a remarkable year concerning the Physical Education department. In the Kerala University **Inter-Collegiate half marathion event** conducted at Cherthala on decemeber 2, 2016, Chandu C S of II MA Public Administration won in the Men's event and Chippy of I MA Public Administration secured the second position n the Women's event.
- The **Women's Basketball team** of our college has been winning hearts and innumerable laurels the past few years. This year our **team beat the defending champions**, the team from St Joseph's College, Alapuzha at the Inter Collegiate Basketball Championship organized at St Gregorios College on December 2, 2016.
- Our college also hosted the Kerala University Inter Collegiate **Kho Kho competition** for women on January 21st, 2017. The team from Women's College, Vazhuthacaud won the tournament.

- The Physical Director, Mr Jithin Jose, left no stone unturned in organizing sports events. There was a **badminton event among the faculty members** on January 31, 2017.
- Muhammed Aslam of third BA English and Communicative English won the second position in the Kerala University **Inter Collegiate Wrestling Competition** held on February 16, 2017.
- The **52nd Annual Athletic Meet** was organized in the college ground on March 1, 2017.

NSS – National Service Scheme

The NSS unit of the college organized a blood donation camp in August. It also observed and celebrated Gandhi Jayanthi. The unit under the able guidance of programme officers Mr A R Twinkle and Ms Ronnie Thomas plan to build a house for a poor student of the college; with financial support from the faculty members and the Management. The unit organized a five day camp in December 2016 at St John's College, Anchal.

NCC – National Cadet Corps

The NCC under the aegis of Dr Sooraj Kumar, Assistant Professor, 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 id which helps them to access these books and journals easily.

Women's Development Centre and Women's Study Unit

- The Women's Development Centre is actively functioning under the supervision of Dr Sreeja, Assistant Professor, Department of Physics and so is the Women's Study Unit under the guidance of Dr Preetha SS, Assistant Professor, Department of Botany. 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.

- The programmes of the Women’s Study Unit were inaugurated on November 16, 2016 under the tag “**Deepthi- A Ray of Hope**”. The function which was inaugurated by Rev. Sr Ancelet D M, Gynecologist at St Joseph’s Hospital and Palliative Care Unit; in the Mar Gregorios Auditorium, was attended by all the women students and faculty of our college. Sr Ancelet took a class on “The Identity of Women.”
- The Women’s Study Unit also organized a **Yoga session** for all the women students and faculty in the afternoon of February 17, 2017; in the Mar Gregorios Auditorium.

Women’s Day Celebrations

I commend these teachers especially Dr Preetha, Ms Bainy George, Ms Remya Krishnan and Ms S Anuja for their conduct of the Women’s day celebration on March 9, 2016. The Women’s Day programme was inaugurated by Ms Rajasree Warriar, popular cinestar; and Ms Renju Suresh, Anchal Panchayath President.

Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

The PTA is active under the PTA president Mathra Ravi. Rev Fr G Johnson Puthuvellil, Head and Associate Professor, Department of Malayalam is the secretary. The PTA gives away proficiency prizes to rank holders and achievers each year. PTA meetings were also held in January for the students and parents of the college.

NAAC – National Assessment and Accreditation Council

The IQAC team members with the convenor Dr Sooraj Kumar has been sending IQAR every year. I appreciate the team under him for their sincere efforts.

Examinations

Mr Jerry C Jacson, Assistant Professor and Head of the Department of Botany was appointed controller of University examinations in the college and Dr Brilliant Rajan, Assistant Professor, Department of Environmental Sciences, as the coordinator of internal examinations. The Semester V university exam commenced on November 29, 2016; Semester II from August 3 to August 16; Semester I and III in January 2017. The internal exams for the Semester I students

were conducted in December 2016; for the Semester III students from November 29 to December 1. Semester VI CE exams started on March 15 and ended on March 22.

Parents Meeting

There was a marathon parent teacher meeting of the first year and second year students in January 2017; the third year students of all departments on January 6, 2017. I appreciate all the teachers for their whole hearted cooperation.

WWS/SSP

Walk with the scholar and the Student Support Programme which gives impetus to bright and weak students respectively; is functioning well under the able guidance of Ms Ronnie Thomas and Mr Twinkle A R. A workshop was organized from March 13-15, 2016 in the college with trainers from various institutions taking classes for the members of the programme.

Seminars/ workshops

The college organized a number of seminars this year.

1. The department of Environmental Sciences and Bhoomitrasena organised one day seminar on Ozone Day in the Audio Visual theatre on October 7, 2016.
2. The Department of Chemistry organized a UGC sponsored two day national seminar on “Advances in the Frontier Areas of Chemical Sciences (NSAFC-2016)”, from November 9 to November 10, 2016.
3. There was an invited talk by retired Prof. K Rajeev, about STAR DBT on February 21, 2017.
4. There was a one day seminar on February 20, 2017 in the Audio Visual Theatre by the Department of Environmental Sciences.
5. There was an invited talk by the **Anchal Police Department** as a part of the **Anti-Narcotic Cell** in the Mar Gregorios Auditorium on February 22, 2017.
6. There was a Seminar on “Spectroscopy” by the Department of Mathematics **on March 6**.
7. A one day workshop was organized by the department of English in the Audio Visual Theatre by Dr Kalyani Vallath of Vallath TES on **March 14, 2017**.

Other Activities

1. Environmental day was celebrated and observed by the Department of Environmental Sciences on **June 9, 2016**.
2. There was a workshop for teachers from **June 18-19, 2016**.
3. There was an orientation for the students of the Add-On Course convened by the Department of English on **September 7**.
4. An orientation for Civil Service aspirants was given by Mr R Vijayan in the Audio Visual Theatre in the afternoon of **September 22, 2016**.
5. Federal Bank in collaboration with Mathrubhumi daily organized an inter collegiate debate on “**Trolls in Social Media**”, on October 5, 2016 in the Mar Gregorios auditorium.
6. The **Mar Gregorios Memorial Lecture** was delivered on October 14, 2016.
7. Ozone day was celebrated in college with activities.
8. Vayanavaaram was celebrated from November 1-7, 2016, under the auspices of the Department of Malayalam.
9. The **induction cum orientation ceremony** for the first year degree students and their parents was arranged in the college auditorium on **August 19, 2016**. **Dr Thomas Kutty Panachikal**, the chief guest, briefed the parents and the students on the occasion. The students held candles together in mark of universal fraternity.
10. The college celebrated the 69th Independence Day on **August 15**.
11. Teacher’s Day was observed in the third hour of **September 5, 2016** in various departments.
12. Onam was celebrated by all departments on **September 9, 2016**. A payasam mela was organized by the department of English.
13. NSS volunteers celebrated **November 1, Kerala Piravi** with an exhibition in the seminar hall.
14. World wetland Day celebrated by the Department of Environmental Sciences in the second week of February 2017.
15. Arts’ Day was celebrated from **March 2 to March 3, 2017**. It was inaugurated by Tovino Thomas and the crew of ‘Oru Mexican Apaaratha’. Several inter-house competitions were conducted prior to the Arts Day in February, like elocutions, debates, short story writing etc.

16. The St John's team won the Inter Collegiate Mathematics Quiz Competition organized by the Department of Mathematics on **March 7, 2017**.
17. College day, Sakheya 2017 held on **March 10, 2017** was inaugurated by Ms Chinth Jerome, Chairperson of the Kerala State Youth Commission.
18. The Zoology Association was inaugurated on March 13, 2017.

I hope the coming academic year turns out to be wonderful one. On this note I conclude with my annual report for the year 2016-2017.

Principal

Dr Fr James Steephen Olikal.