

## ANNUAL REPORT 2017– 2018

Distinguished guests and members of St. John's College family, as Principal of a College which has contributed relentlessly to the development of Anchal, I feel honoured to present the Annual Report of the various activities in the campus during the academic year 2017 – 2018.

### Reopening and Commencement of Classes

The college reopened on the 1st of June, 2017 after the mid summer vacation. Classes for the third year students started on August 2, 2017; second years on August 16, 2017 and first years on July 10, 2017.

### Faculty

At present, the strength of the teaching staff in the college is **75**, which includes seventeen guest lecturers.

### Faculty Positions

Dr Brilliant Rajan, HoD and Assistant Professor, Department of Environmental Sciences was selected staff advisor and Mr Jerry C Jacson, HoD and Assistant Professor, Department of Botany, as staff secretary respectively. Ms Lalitha Joseph, Dr Brilliant Rajan and Ms Anu Varghese were elected members of the College Council.

### Non - Teaching Staff/ Faculty

The present strength of non – teaching faculty in the college is **23**. Mr George Office Assistant retired from service this year. The college acknowledges him for his relentless and remarkable service.

The following non – teaching faculty joined this year.

1. Rev. Sr Rabaeka Rachael V G – Librarian
2. Ms Mariya Jyothi Mathew- Lab Assistant
3. Ms Liji Mathew- Office Attendant

## University Exam results

Our students brought laurels to the college in the University examinations conducted in April / May 2017.

We had six rank holders:

- Susree S of BA English and Communicative English secured the University first position.
- In the PG department of Environment Sciences: Shimi S secured the first position, and Niveti S Mohan the second position.
- The PG department of Politics and Public Administration secured three University ranks. First, that of Silvia Thomas; second that of Unnimaya T S, and third Vandana Vishwanathan.

The college congratulates these achievers and hope that they win accolades in all future endeavours.

## College Union

The college union election 2017 was held on September 28. The members of the union were sworn in on October 9. The union was inaugurated on November 20, 2017 in the function ‘**Castro 2017**’. Ms Mercy Kutty Amma, Minister of State for Fisheries.

I extol Dr Brilliant Rajan, 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

This has been a historic year for St John’s College, with several victories for the Johnsian fraternity, including the feather in the cap, “The Champions of the Athletic Meet 2017.”

- September 15: The Mar Gregorios Memorial Ever Rolling Trophy instituted by our college for the Champions of the Inter Collegiate Johnsians PBC: Professors’ Badminton Championship was won by the team from St John’s College.

- October 11-12: Our College organized the Kerala University Inter Collegiate Cross Country Championship and St John's College were the overall champions. Six athletes qualified to the University team.
- November 17: The Sprinters from our College win the Kerala University Inter Collegiate Half- Marathon Championship.
- November 28-30: St John's College' the Champions in the Kerala University Athletic Meet organized in Thiruvananthapuram.
- December 12: Inter collegiate basketball Championship for Women: The basketball team of our college has been having a winning spree under the able guidance of Mr Jithin Jose, Physical Director and Mr Abraham Mathew. The team won the Kerala University Inter Collegiate Basketball Championship, 2017 organized at Irinjalakuda by beating St Joseph's College, Alapuzha, by a whopping 40-17 lead.
- February 7, 2018: Various game events started.
- February 16, 2018: The 54th Annual Athletic Meet was organized in the college ground.

### **NSS – National Service Scheme**

- The NSS unit of the college observed and celebrated Independence Day.
- The unit under the able guidance of camp officers, Ms. Ronie Thomas and Mr Twinkle A R took the initiative of constructing a home for a student of the college.
- The unit organized a five day camp from December 20 to December 25, 2017 at St John's College, Anchal.
- The unit took the initiative of providing palliative care to around 700 people under the Anchal Panchayath in collaboration with the Rural Health Mission.
- It also conducted a survey on Solid Waste management in 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. Several cadets were selected in pre selection camps to the Republic Day parade and Nandu Raj was selected for the Republic Day Parade, 2018.

## **ASAP**

The ASAP has been coordinated by Mr Arun M George, Assistant Professor, Department of English. There was an orientation for the first year students in the Mar Gregorios Auditorium on August 24, 2017.

## **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. Sr Rebaeka Rachael V G is the newly appointed Librarian.

## **Women's Development Centre and Women's Study Unit**

The Women's Development Centre is actively functioning under the supervision of Ms Smith a Mary Mathew. The Unit took up several responsibilities this year like organizing an awareness quiz for the girl students of the college in collaboration with the National Women's Commission on November 22, 2017.

## **Women's Day Celebrations**

I commend these teachers especially Ms Smitha Mary Mathew and Dr Anupriya Samuel for their conduct of the Women's day celebration on March 16, 2017. The Women's Day programme was inaugurated by Padmashri winner Ms Lekshmikutty Amma and Ms Aswini Satheesh, alumni of our college in the Mar Gregorios Auditorium.

## **Catholic Students Movement / Jesus Youth**

The Jesus youth unit of the college conducts prayer meetings on all Wednesday afternoons at St Mary's Church, Anchal. This unit under Fr Renji Maniparampil (Chaplain) organized an X'mas celebration in the auditorium on December 21, 2017.

## **Parent Teacher Association (PTA)**

The PTA is active under the PTA president Mathra Ravi. Mr Shijo V Varghese is the secretary of the Association and Mr Sibi C Babu, Dr Mary M Abraham, Ms Liji D and Mr Jithin Jose are the members. Proficiency prizes are given away to achievers every year from the PTA fund.

## **Old Students Association**

St John's College has an old students association ASCOSA with two chapters one at UAE and one at Thiruvananthapuram both of which are active. As a part of the Golden Jubilee celebrations of various departments, programmes were organized with the alumni playing a key role.

## **Examinations**

Internal exams for the Semester II and IV students were commenced on June 19, 2017; for the Semester V and Semester I students from November 6 and Semester III from November 8; and Semester VI from March 19 to 26, 2018.

## **Parents Meeting**

There was a parent teacher meeting of the fifth semester students on November 24, 2017; second and third year students of all departments on December 7, 2017. I appreciate all the teachers for their whole hearted cooperation.

## **Mar Gregorios Memorial Lecture, 2017**

The Mar Gregorios Memorial Lecture 2017, to commemorate the founder of our institution was delivered by His Excellency Yohannan Mar Chrisosthom.

## **HEAM Parliamentarian 2017**

December 7, 2017: A school level debate competition exclusively for the school students in XI or XII (state, CBSE, ICSE) was organized by the Department of Chemistry in association with the Indian Association for Hydrogen Energy and Advanced Materials and supported by ANERT.

### **Induction ceremony, 2017**

August 11, 2017: The induction for the freshers of St John's family and their parents was organized in the College Auditorium. There was a motivational talk by Dr Justine Padamadan, Clinical Psychologist, on the occasion.

### **Swacch Bharath Campaign**

October 6, 2017: The entire college decided to clean the premises of Anchal as a collaborative effort.

### **Golden Jubilee Memorial Ever Rolling Trophy**

Instituted by the PG Department of Mathematics, this ever rolling trophy is given to the champions of the inter collegiate quiz competition. This year the home team won.

### **Seminars/ workshops**

The college organized a number of seminars/workshops this year.

1. Workshop for teachers of the College on "Empowerment of Departments" on July 7, 2017.
2. Seminar by the Department of Politics and Public administration on August 3, 2017.
3. The Department of Commerce organized an awareness programme on GST by Mr MK Issac Kutty on August 23, 2017.
4. Two day seminar by the Department of Politics and Public Administration on March 22 and 23, 2018.
5. One day seminar on 'Creative Writing' organized by the Department of English on January 9, 2018.
6. Two day National Seminar organized by the department of Mathematics, "SAGE 2018" from February 21 to 23, 2018.
7. Stephen Hawking Memorial Lecture by the Department of Physics on March 15.

### **Other Activities**

1. June 5, 2017: World Environment Day celebrated with various departments planting saplings at various places in the campus.
2. June 6, 2017: 'Vaayanavaaram' observed by the department of Malayalam.
3. August 16: Golden Jubilee celebration inaugurated by the department of Malayalam in the AVT.
4. August 17-18: Vaayanakootam celebration inaugurated in the College Auditorium by Mr Ezhacheri Ramachandran, famous Malayalam writer.
5. August 30: Onam celebration for students.
6. August 31: Onam celebration for the faculty.
7. October 5: Essay competition as part of Gandhi Jayanti celebration.
8. October 10: Inter department quiz organized by the department of English.
9. October 11-12: Star DBT inspection Science Departments by Dr Thiru Neelakandan, Scientist, IISC Bangalore.
10. November 21: Arts Club inauguration by Mr Neeraj Madhav, Cine star.
11. March 9: College Day inaugurated by Mr Jayamohan, Cashew Director.
12. March 20-24: Navya S of II Zoology won the second position in the Inter Collegiate Youth Festival organized at SN College, Kollam.
13. March 16: College day inaugurated by Mr Krishna Kumar, SI and Alumni of the college.

I hope the coming academic year turns out to be wonderful one. On this note I conclude with my annual report for the year 2017-2018.

Principal

Dr Fr James Steephen Olikal.