

Principal's College Annual Day Report

20 March 2015

Salutation

Respected Chief Guest of this year's College Day function, Sahitya Academi Awardee Shri R.N. Joe D'Cruz, Mr Manohar Devadoss, a distinguished multi-faceted alumnus of 1957 batch, artist and writer, Vice Principal, Bursar, esteemed present and past faculty members, alumni of the College, friends of the college, parents, dear students, friends from the Press, and ladies and gentlemen!

Good evening to every one of you!

I thank God for giving me this opportunity to invite you all to the 134th college day function. It is the most important day in the life of everyone who stays connected with this great institution.

Welcome

It is our great fortune that we have Shri R.N. Joe D'Cruz as our Chief Guest this evening. He and I were fellow scholars at St Joseph's College, Trichy in late 1980s. Mr Joe is a leading Tamil writer and a documentary film director and won the Sahitya Award for his novel **KORKAI** in 2013. He published a poetry collection called **PULAMBAZHAKAL** in 2004. His works are based on the history of fisher folks of Tamil Nadu. Korkai is a well-researched historical novel. On behalf of the College administration, all stakeholders, and on my own behalf, I welcome you, Sir.

Mr Manohar Devadoss is a distinguished alumnus of our college. He belongs to the 1957 batch. He is fondly known as 'Mano.' He is a son of the soil. He was born and raised in Madurai. He had a happy boyhood in Madurai with flair for art. Most of his works are based on his own life. His **Greenwell Years** (1997) deals with his boyhood days in Madurai while **Dreams, Seasons, and Promises** (2002) & **A Poem to Courage** deal with his adult life. Mr Mano is young at heart and always radiates positive energy. He is specially known for his intricate pen-and-ink line sketches of various buildings and monuments. He is with us today to propose the toast to the College. On all our behalf, I extend a warm welcome to you, Sir.

I also extend a warm welcome to alumni, parents, friends and guests of the College, former and present faculty members, non-teaching staff, the media friends, and student friends to this 134th annual day function.

Memories are always special. It is the time for all the stakeholders of the College to remember the times we were happy, the times we were low, and the times we were proud.

Our College does not believe in counting the minutes, the hours, days, weeks and months, but counting memories. Most memories are remarkable, but all memories cannot be recalled now. Time is short. Therefore, friends, let me present to you a very brief account of happenings that we all experienced during the academic year 2014-15.

Faculty Retreat

The academic year 2014-15 began with the faculty meeting on Friday 13 June 2014 and it was followed by the Faculty Retreat at Munnar up to Sunday 14 June 2014. The retreat leader was the chaplain of Madras Christian College Dr. Spurgeon.

An exclusive retreat for the non-teaching and administrative staff members was organized at Kochi from Thursday 25 to Saturday 28 September 2014. Principal, Bursar, and Chaplain addressed them during the retreat. 120 members participated.

College reopening

All classes for the seniors started with special worship at 8:45 a.m. with Day Order 1 on Wednesday 18 June 2014. In line with the tradition of the college, the principal delivered a short sermon.

New Admissions

The admissions to the first year courses both in UG and PG programmes reached a new height in terms of the total number of applicants and the number of students admitted. 10,817 applicants tried, but only 2,097 secured admissions. On the whole, **one out of every five applicants** was fortunate enough to get admitted in the course of his or her choice in the college. This is the highest in the history of the College. Similarly, the College set a new record of one thousand and seventy parents who attended the Parents-teachers Meet soon after Orientation on Thursday 3 July 2014.

Governing Council Appointments

The Governing Council made the following appointments

Dr. J. John Sekar as Coordinator of Research Centre in English

Dr. J. Paul Jayakar as Coordinator of BA English SF

Dr. Anburaj Daniel Barnabas as PG Head of Botany department

Mr. D. Winfred Thomas as UG Head of Botany Dept

Dr. C.M. Jeyachandra as Coordinator of Research Centre in Zoology

Dr. J. Justin Manohar as Coordinator of Commerce with IT Dept

Faculty Appointments

The following members were appointed under management category to the various departments after the due process of selection. This has earned the college an unenviable position of **NOT** cancelling even a single class for want of teachers right from the beginning of the academic year.

English

1. Mr Joseph E. Ahiman Benitez
2. Mr. A. Brano Jebin
3. Ms. J. Sunitha Evany

Chemistry

4. Mr. Y. Brightson Arul Jacob
5. Mrs. B. Kathereen

Mathematics

6. Mrs. Vinithmala

Commerce

7. Ms. M. Akila Fletcher
8. Mr. A Samuel Raj
9. Mr. S. Anthony Rahul Golden

Economics

10. Dr. M. Sheela
11. Dr. S. Vanitha

Religion, Philosophy, & Sociology (RPS)

12. Mr. W. Prince Ernest

Master of Business Administration (MBA)

13. Mrs. Tephilla Vasantham

Computer Science

14. Mr Julian Sathyadason

Bachelor of Business Administration

15. Mr. Ram Diwakar

Master of Social Work

16. Ms Aswini Veronica Sampath

Visual Communication

17. Mr Gnana D. Hans
18. Mr. Nagendran

Salary Revision for Management Faculty and Staff

The salaries of management teaching and non-teaching staff were revised with effect from 1 July 2014. The revision was effected after eight years.

New Courses of Study

To meet the challenges of meeting the societal demands and to render social justice to the first generation students who would like to opt for employment assuring degree programmes, the College started four new degree programmes in B.Com (IT), BA English (SF), BA French, and BA Hindi. To increase the intake in the present courses that were in demand, additional sections were started in BSc Computer Science, BCA, and BBA.

Infrastructure development

Continuing the institutional commitment to provide more and better infrastructure facilities to the internal stakeholders of the College, the administration implemented the following schemes:

1. Three additional classroom and a staffroom have been built on the second floor of Stoffer Hall
2. An Examination Hall has been built on the third floor of the Centenary Hall
3. The main road on the campus between the Women's Hostel to the Canteen through the Main Hall has been laid with Paver Blocks in an effort to provide dust-free movement on the campus
4. Smart classrooms have been created for all the 10 aided departments in the first phase of providing ICT facilities to all the departments
5. Two more new restrooms have been built: one near the New Building and the other behind the Flint House
6. Sixty four CCTV cameras have been fixed at vantage points and they are linked to the Principal's Chamber, the office of the Bursar and the office of the COE.
7. Efforts are being taken for online payment so that students can pay their fees hassle-free.

Athikalai Thuthivelai 2014

One of the latest additions to the college campus ethos is the early morning praising and prayers under the rubric 'Athikalai Thuthivelai' that we began to conduct between 4 and 6 am on the first Saturday at the beginning of the semester. This year, while the Bishop Amma brought the God's message on 12 July, the CSI Cathedral Presbyter Rev. David Jebaraj spoke on 29 November 2014.

Rt. Rev. Dr. G. Devakadasham was the guest of honour for this year's Carols on 21 December 2014.

Inauguration of Community College

The UGC-funded American College Community College was inaugurated at the Satellite Campus on 16th October 2014. The UGC has sanctioned two diploma courses in Aqua Culture and Medical Lab Technology. It was inaugurated by the Most Rev. Dr. Deivasirvatham, Moderator – CSI in the presence of CSI- SYNOD General Secretary Devasagayam and our Bishop – President Rev. Dr. M. Joseph

Annual Convocation

The Graduation Day was held on Saturday 14 March 2015. Dr R.W. Alexander Jesudasan, Principal of Madras Christian College delivered the Convocation Address. Eight hundred and forty five graduates attended the function.

Faculty Visits to Foreign Countries

Dr. M. Davamani Christofer, Principal & Secretary visited Thailand in October 2014 and Malaysia in November 2014 for presentation of research papers at international conferences.

Dr. G.C. Abraham, Vice Principal, visited Philippines along with two students for an international conference and Service-Learning Programme (SLP) on “Disaster Reponses, Community Resilience and the Role of Asian Universities” at Central Philippine University from June 28 to July 11, 2014.

Bursar Dr. Monica attended a conference at Malaysia in November 2014.

Dr Karunyal, Dean for Academic Policies and Administration visited Singapore and Malaysia from 28 to 31 May 2014 to present papers at the International Conferences.

Dr S. Raju, Director of MBA attended a one month programme on Advanced Leadership organized by the Haggai Institute, Hawaii in the US in October-November 2014. Along with ten students, he also visited four Malaysian industries under the banner of “Global Industrial Visit” and a one day workshop on “Opportunities in Logistics Management in Asia Pacific Region” organized by the Straits Academy of Malaysia in May 2014.

NAAC Re-accreditation

As I promised in my 133rd Annual Report, the College successfully sent the Letter of Intent for reaccreditation and the same was accepted by the NAAC Secretariat, Bangalore in October 2014. The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) was revamped in line with the new norms of NAAC with members identified from both industry and alumni. Friends, I am happy to announce that the College sent the Self Study Report on Saturday 7 March 2015 and the same was posted on the College Website on Monday 9 March 2015 for public scrutiny.

It was made possible with the cooperation and help of students, non-teaching staff, administrative staff, administrative and academic officers of the college, heads and coordinators of the departments, and the entire faculty. More than half the faculty were directly involved in the preparation of the Report as members of seven committees.

Visitors to the College

The College administration received a number of distinguished visitors for the various functions and meetings in the College. Some of them are Dr Gopalakrishna Gandhi, former Governor of West Bengal, Justice K. Chandru, Justice Jeyachandran, Justice Raja, Justice Rajeswaran, Mr Uthaya Chandran IAS, Mr, Subramanian, IAS, Dr. G. Srinivas, Joint Secretary-UGC-SERO, Rajiakodi, Dean, College Development Council of Madurai Kamaraj University, Mr Shilesh Kumar Yadav, IPS, Commissioner of Police, Mr Samant Rohan Rajendra, IPS, Deputy Commissioner of Police (L&O), the most right reverend Dr. G. Dyvasirvadam, Moderator, CSI, Rev. Dr. D.R. Sadananda, General Secretary, CSI Synod, the Rt Rev. Dr. Prasada Rao, and Bishop of Rayalseema Diocese, Mr. Ricky Chen, Vice President of united Board and Ms. Teydy Loo, Program director visited our campus.

Funds from the UGC and DST

The college was lagging behind in settling the accounts for all the grants received during the X and XI plan periods. I am happy to share with you that due to the untiring efforts of Principal, our Bursar Dr J. Helen Ratna Monica and her team of dedicated employees, X Plan accounts and XI Plan accounts were successfully and satisfactorily settled. Friends, such efforts have paid dividends. The UGC has sanctioned a sum of Rs.4,36,18,840 for the purposes of Plan Block Grants, Community College, Women's Hostel Extension, Indoor Sports Auditorium, Multipurpose Gymnasium and research projects. This is the highest amount the College ever received.

The College secured the SC, ST, BC and MBC scholarships for eight hundred and twenty seven students to the tune of Rs.28,36,306 this year.

Awards and Projects

The Principal was honoured with the Best Mathematics Teacher Award for 2014-15 by the International Multidisciplinary Research Foundation.

Dr M. Davamani Christober was elected as an Executive Member of AIACHE at the Trinial Conference at Bangalore.

Dr. Davamani Christober, NSS Convener Dr.Samuel Anbuselvan, Programme Officer Mr Jacob Ponraj and 7 Volunteers were honoured with "Regular Blood Donor" Award by Tamilnadu State Blood Transfusion Council & Tamilnadu State Aids Control Society.

Dr Paul Mary Deborah was awarded Rs.3.85 lakhs for a UGC Minor Project on Investigation of Gaseous Pollutant in Madurai Urban Atmosphere Environment and its Validation to Gaussian Dispersion.

Dr Stephen Inbanathan was awarded the UGC travel grants to participate in the International Magnetics Conference held at the International Congress Center, Germany from 4 to 8 May 2014. He was also awarded Rupees 12.6 lakhs for a project on “Simulation Studies for Iron Calorimeter Detector (ICAL) at the India Based Neutrino Observatory (INO) by Board of Research in Nuclear Sciences, and Department of Atomic Energy.

Dr. Israel of Physics department received Rs.12 lakhs for a UGC project on “Quantifying Electrostatic Interaction in Pharmaceutical Solid Systems Using Charge Density Route.”

Dr. K. Karthick Kumar of Chemistry department was awarded Rs.26 lakhs for a Major project by the Department of Science and Technology and Science & Engineering Research Board, Delhi. He was also recognized with Young Scientist Award by these institutions.

Mr Balakrishnan of Tamil Department was awarded Rs.2 laks for a UGC minor project on A Sociological Perspective of Children Folk Games in Madurai District.

Mr Haribabu of Tamil department was awarded Rs.2.5 lakhs for a minor UGC project on “Fertility Rituals: Collection and Recording.”

Mr. S. Anthony Rahul Golden of Commerce Department received Rs.40,000 for a UGC research project on “Perception of Students and Teachers on E-Learning in Arts and Science Colleges with Special Reference to Southern States.

Dr. S. Raju, Ms. C. Reena Elizabeth, and Mr A.P. Arul Jeevaraj received Awards from National Foundation for entrepreneurship (NFED), Delhi.

NSS Convener Dr. Samuel Anbuselvan received the State level best programme officer award for the year 2012-2013.

Dr. S. Stephen Inbanathan has been honoured with membership in the organizing committee of National Symposium on Particles, Detectors, and Instrumentation from 27 to 31st March 2015 by Tata Institute of Fundamental Research.

Orientation and Refresher Courses

17 of our newly appointed faculty members are attending orientation program at Madurai Kamaraj university from 3rd march 2015 onwards.

Mr.V. S. Bright attended Refresher course from 3 to 23 February 2015 at Madurai Kamaraj University.

Dr. S. Stephen Inbanathan and Ms. Beulah Ruby Kamalam attended refreshers course on “Recent trends in Physics” organized by Academic Staff College, MKU from 3 to 23rd Feb 2015.

Conferences/Workshops/Exhibitions/Conducted

The College hosted an international conference on Women Empowerment from 5 to 7 March 2015 in collaboration with IMRF. Three hundred delegates from across the country and the globe participated and presented research papers.

The IQAC of the College conducted a workshop for students on Quality Circle in Education on 16 July 2014.

The IQAC and Madurai Productivity Council jointly organized a Panel Discussion on the Union Budget 2014-15 on 21 July 2014.

The department of Tamil in collaboration with Kalachuvadu and Kadavu conducted a two day National conference on 23 & 24 August 2014 on Thamizhil Puthaga Panpadu.

A four day Science Exhibition was conducted jointly by the departments of Maths, Physics, Chemistry, Botany, Zoology, Bio-Chemistry and Microbiology from 6 to 10 September 2014.

The College in collaboration with the Indian Society of Criminology-Madurai Branch and Madurai City Police arranged a special talk on Role of Youth in Crime Prevention on 23 September 2014.

The department of Biochemistry conducted a one day workshop on Adolescent Health on 17 October 2014.

The department of Business Administration conducted the 2nd National Seminar on Productivity Enhancement Strategies on 10th October 2014.

The department of Hindi conducted a one day National Workshop on Teaching Techniques and Scope of Hindi on 26th November 2014.

The College hosted Training Programme on Counselling and Psychological Services for College Teachers on Psycho-Educational Skills organized by the District Administration and Manasa Madurai in Nov 2014. College teachers belonging to 60 colleges that come under the jurisdiction of Madurai Region of Collegiate Education attended the sessions.

The College in collaboration with Indian Institute of Public Administration, Madurai Local Branch conducted a symposium on Pre-Budget (Union Budget) Thoughts on 22nd January 2015.

Alumni of Department of Chemistry organized a one day symposium on 7th Recent Trends in Chemistry on 27 February 2015.

Publications

The department of English published two in-house textbooks prepared by its head Dr J. John Sekar for General English students. The titles are Conversational Skills and Reading & Writing Skills.

Dr U. Balasubramainian of Tamil Department published two books on Kavimani Desiyavinayagam Pillai and Sollilagnamum and Samuga Uravugalum.

Dr. Boomiselvam of Tamil Department published a book titled “Patharasa Olikalin Thanmai.”

Forty four faculty members belonging to different departments have published one hundred and fifteen research articles in national and international journals and proceedings of the conferences.

Presentation of Research Articles and Invited Talks

Seventy eight faculty members belonging to different departments have presented one hundred and fifty seven research papers in the various national and international conferences. Some of them have acted as chairpersons of technical sessions. Twenty three professors have delivered fifty five invited talks in their areas of specialization.

Meetings, Workshops, and Conferences Attended

Eight senior professors from the various departments attended the Boards of Studies meetings in different autonomous colleges. Thirty one teachers attended fifty three workshops, seminars, and conferences.

The details of publication, presentation, and participation are too lengthy and too numerous to mention here. It is therefore decided to include them all in the College Magazine that will be released before June 2015.

Notes from Departments

English

Department of English staged Shakespeare’s **Romeo and Juliet** from 23 February to 28 February 2015 and it was directed by Mr N. Elango. Postgraduate department organized a workshop on “The Speech’ for its students conducted by Dr. Francis Jarman, University of Hildesheim, from 1 to 5 September 2014. Pegasus was celebrated on Friday 13 February 2015 with 201 participants from 16 colleges from across the State. Nine postgraduate students and four MPhil scholars presented research papers at an International Conference on English Language Teaching at VIT-Vellore in January 2015.

French

Amerench, an inter-collegiate cultural festival was conducted on Saturday 7 March 2015.

Mathematics

Mr B. Johnson of Mathematics department was conferred PhD by Madurai Kamaraj University. Analgioca has been replaced by AXIOMATICA that was celebrated on 4th March 2015. Eight students won several prizes in inter-collegiate competitions while two students participated in a workshop at the Tamil Nadu Central University. 1988 MAT series students instituted an endowment in memory of Mr Joseph Rajapandian to provide scholarship for undergraduate Mathematics students.

Physics

In collaboration with Breakthrough Science Society-Tamil Nadu Chapter, the undergraduate department of Physics organized **National Science Day** on 26th February 2015. Sixty students from city colleges participated while ten students made oral presentation on impact science and its discovery and their role in nation building. Quiz, elocution, essay writing and collage making were conducted.

The department organized a series of high quality talks on “Carbon-based Nanostructures: Beauty, Form, and Function” by Dr Chacko Jacob, Senior Professor from IIT-Kharagpur on 19th March 2015.

PHOBOS, an inter college competitions among UG physics students was organized on 3rd March, 2015. 144 participants from 11 colleges in and around Madurai participated. Several students of the department won prizes in the inter-collegiate competitions held at NIT-Trichy.

The self-financed department of Physics organized an alumni get-together on 14 March 2015 and fifty old students attended.

Zoology

The Undergraduate Department of Zoology celebrated International Darwin Day on 12th February 2015 and conducted Drawing Competition that highlighted Darwin’s contribution to Biology.

Dr. K. Navaneethakannan prepared the course materials on Immunology and Immunological Techniques and was a course reviewer for Diploma in Forensic Biology and PG Diploma in Environmental molecular Diagnostics of Madurai Kamaraj University.

Ms Joy Sharmila submitted 4 species of butterfly’s gene sequence in Genbank. The data is available in EMBL Europe and DNA data bank Japan. She is also a co-author of the book titled **Butterflies of Alagar Hills**.

Mr. Rajesh conducted a number of awareness camps in educational institutions on environment and he has several articles published in the leading English and Tamil dailies.

Economics

Two of Dr. C. Muthuraja's research candidates were awarded PhD by Madurai Kamaraj University. S Hanu Shankar of II BA won Malcolm Adiseshiah Award in elocution competition organized by Arul Anandar College.

Commerce (aided)

In commemoration of the 25th year of celebrations of the Postgraduate Department of Commerce, a magazine named "COMCAR" and an address book is being released.

Mr. Justin Manohar chaired session at National Seminar on E-Banking held at Lady Doak college, Madurai.

M.Phil scholars participated in various panel discussions, workshops, and presented papers in seminars in various colleges.

Undergraduate students participated and won prizes in various competitions held at Holy Cross College and Jamal Mohammed College, Bishop Heber College, St. Josephs and Hall Mark Business School Trichy, VHNS College, Virudhunagar, RL Institute, Madurai, St. Xavier's College, Palayamkottai, and MEPCO Engineering College, Sivakasi.

Religion, Philosophy and Sociology

The department organized three invited lectures by old students who are well-placed in society on different topics to motivate the current students and to have a dialogue between them. Messrs Sundar Kali, Karthik Lakshman, and R. Kumaran interacted with students.

BBA

The department organized the intercollegiate cultural competition called Tycoon on with 160 participants from 16 colleges in and around the city. To provide practical exposure to management, the students were taken to a three day Industrial visit to TATA Tea at Munnar. Career development programmes on "time management" and "stress management" were conducted exclusively for the final year students.

Commerce with Computer Application

The department organized four guest lectures on topics of contemporary relevance for students. 22 Students won I prizes in 13 competitions that include one overall shield.

Commerce with Information Technology

Three papers were presented in conferences by students and students participated in 9 competitive events and won prize in one.

Computer Science

The department organized three student seminars on SAP, Career Opportunities and Open Source in September, December 2014 and January 2015 respectively. It also organized BYTES 2k15 on 25th February 2015.

BCA

Department's annual cultural festival "Hover 2K15" was conducted with the theme of 'Smarter Education System.'

Biochemistry

Final year students visited the research lab, production unit of AVN Ayurveda Formulations and gained knowledge on various instruments of R&D lab and the processes involved in the production unit. They also visited AVN Arogya Ayurvedic Hospital on 11th August 2014. Forty five students visited Central Food Technology Research Institute, Mysore on 26th September 2014 during the field trip. First year and second year students visited Hatsun Agro Products Ltd and Anatomy Museum at the Madurai Medical College respectively.

BIOCHEMICA'15 was organized on 3rd March 2015 and students from seven colleges participated in the inter-collegiate cultural.

Visual Communication

Five days workshop on Television production was conducted by Mr. C. Manikandan D.F.T Assistant Professor and Filmmaker from July 7th to 11th 2014.

Three days workshop on Photography as a visual Language was conducted by Mr. L. Selvaprakash Chief Photographer, Time Out Magazine, Bangalore from August 18th to 20th 2014.

Thirteen students attended the International Film Festival at Kambam organized by the Tamizhaga Murpokku Eluthhalargal Sangam from August 9th to 13th 2014.

Students participated in "Karisal Thiraivizha" organized by Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli from 2 to 4 February 2015.

MBA

The department organized 10 seminars, 7 industrial visits, one Neurolinguistic programme, and two Entrepreneurship awareness Camps. It achieved a remarkable progress in placing 70% of their students in the right job.

MCA

Mr. Sathish Rajagopalan from Sydney, Mr Aravind, Senior IAM consultant at Open Windows, Sydney, Mr Franklin Pravin consultant at Insynchro, Malaysia, Mr Saravanan

Shivaji, Project Leader, TCS Kerala, and Paul Sundar Singh, Vice President of ACCENTURE, Chennai are all distinguished alumni of the department who helped the students by way of talks and workshops during the current academic year.

MSW

Opportunities were created on and off campus to equip students with the much needed sensitivity and the reflex for active engagement in understanding self and society. Faculty shared the responsibility of taking students on weekly field trips, institutional visits and interaction with NGO's; trained the students on judicious interactions in correcting the social evils rampant in the civil society. The department organized **Self and Social Skills for Strategic Intervention in Community Outreach** – a workshop cum rural camp conducted at CESC, Kadavur and Sathuragiri Kanagam at Virudhunagar District.

Daniel Poor Library

One thousand and thirty nine books (1039), thirty nine (39) journals, thirty two (32) magazines were added to the library during the academic year 2014-15. Inlibnet on-line E-Resources is provided to our faculty members from June 2014 onwards. These resources include more than 97000 e-books and 6000 e-journals. Seven additional materials were added for the use of visually challenged users.

42,931 users used the library during this academic year. 14,402 books transactions were made in the form of Issue, Return and Renewal of books. Six orientation programmes were conducted for the newly enrolled UG & PG students. Career Development Cell was opened and 17 students were registered as members and are given facilities to prepare for competitive exams like UPSC and TNPSC. Internet browsing centre is open to the users free of cost from August 2014. e-group mailing service introduced to faculty members. The opening of the library was advanced to 8.00 a.m. instead of 9.00 a.m. for the benefit of the users from June 2014.

Department of Physical Education

21st Thiru N. Muthiah Ambalam Memorial Volley Ball State-level tournament was conducted in the second week of August 2014 with the participation of twenty two teams.

The second Bishop Dr. A. Christopher Asir Memorial State-level Hockey tournament was conducted in February 2015 with ten participating teams.

This year 26 players represented Madurai Kamaraj University in the Inter University tournaments and the College won the Mu.Va. Cup for the maximum number of university blues contributed to the university after a gap of twenty years.

The college volley ball team was the winners in the Madurai Agri university Golden Jubilee state level inter collegiate volley ball tournament, the Madurai District volley ball league match, and the MK University 'A' Zone Volley tournament.

The College hockey team was the winners in the MK university Champion Colleges hockey tournament, the state level PSN Hockey trophy conducted by the PSN Engineering College, Tirunelveli, continuously for the second time, the Evangeline Memorial National level hockey tournament conducted by Karunya University, Coimbatore, and the second state level Bishop Dr. A. Christopher Asir Hockey tournament conducted by The American College. The team has received Rs. 45,000 as cash award in the open tournaments.

The football team won the MK University 'A' Zone football tournament.

The basketball team and the kabaddi team were runners-up in the MK University 'A' Zone basket ball and kabaddi tournaments.

The handball team won the MK University 'A' Zone and the Excel cup.

The badminton team won the MK University 'A' Zone Badminton tournament. It was the runners-up in the MK university Champion Colleges Badminton tournament.

The College won the MK university Champion Colleges Chess tournament.

The ball badminton team was the runners-up in the MK University 'A' Zone Ball Badminton tournament

The College was the Champion in the MK University Inter-Zone Athletic Meet for the consecutive year.

Placement

The academic year 2014-15 is very successful in placement support, particularly for MCA and MBA departments. Almost 100 per cent of the final year MCAs got the Project placement at Sysfore Technologies, Bangalore, Rhein brucke IT Consulting Pvt Ltd, Hinduja Tech Ltd, Gritsys and Ramco Chennai and all are likely to be absorbed in the respective companies.

3 MBA students became entrepreneurs, 2 got placed in **Saudi Lighting Company. SAUDI ARABIA and GATES ENGINEERING AND SERVICES Pvt. Ltd., SINGAPORE** and 17 students are placed in several MNCs and other leading institutions in India. Some of them are UAE Exchange, Bluray Dental Products, Win Med Products, Winways Computers, Aishwarya Silks, Blue Chips Pvt Ltd, Lue Chips Pvt Ltd, VST Motors, Bluray Dental Products, Reliance Fresh Retail, TVS Infotech, The Hindu, Arokya (HR Division), HDFC Life, Yamaha and Shawsun Pharma.

Three MSc Microbiology students got placed in MEDICOS, Hyderabad.

Students Service Committee

Our Students participated in various inter-collegiate programs and brought laurels to the college. The following are the organizations where our college teams won the prizes: Peniel Rural College of Education, Madurai Collectorate, Tamilnadu Government Forestry Department, Tamilnadu Agricultural University, Tamilnadu Theological Seminary, Alagappa Institute of Management, Ulaga Tamil Amaippu, and Hindustan College.

Jivana Jyoti

The Orientation program for Jivana Jyoti students was held on 12th Sep. 2014. Faculty members from English taught Communication skills, from Social work taught Personality Development, from Business Administration taught Front Office Management, Messrs Sundar and Rajesh taught Yoga.

Various Companies and Industries visited our campus and interviewed our students for placement on 9th January 2015. Computer Center continued its support to various academic programs of the college.

Service Learning Programme

The District administration and the Joint Director of Collegiate Education of Madurai Region asked the educational institutions to create awareness among people about Dengue fever and about the preventive measures taken to contain the spread of Dengue fever. In response to this request, the Service Learning Programme (SLP) of the American College conducted a Dengue Awareness Programme on the 19th of February 2015 near the college Belfry. The Corporation Commissioner Mr. Kathiravan I.A.S is the Guest of Honour and he appreciated the work done by the SLP of the College. Students of SLP staged a **street play** in Vaigai Colony to create awareness and on the measures to be taken to prevent Dengue fever.

Rotaract Club

Installation of office bearers was held on 18th Oct 2014. It organized

- an awareness campaign on “Green Rally – Clean Madurai” and submitted a memorandum to the collector to clean Madurai City on 1st Dec 2014.
- Christmas celebration in the juvenile home and in the Deep Orphanage home on 21st and 23rd Dec 2014.
- workshop on Stress Management” in the College on 11th Feb 2015.
- Rotary Youth Leadership Awards-2015” in the College on 12th Feb 2015.
- an awareness campaign on “No Smoking Day” along with the Top Kids on 13 March

2015. Monthly Bulletin “ The American College Rotaract Tweets” was released by the Commissioner of Police

- panel discussion on Union Budget 2014-15 on 18th March 2015

Green Club

Soil Day was celebrated on 5th December 2014 with Dr. J. Ebenazer who delivered a special talk on “Soil the Hot Plate of the Earth.” Around 100 students attended the talk.

Ozone Day was celebrated on 16th September 2014. Dr. G.C. Abraham delivered a special talk on Nature’s Sunscreen.

Campus Bird Count Day was celebrated on 13th February 2015. Twenty five Club members were involved in this activity and counted 400 hundred birds of 25 types: Spotted owl forest wagtail, Trango, Jungle Bobler, Shikra Eagle, Dove, Myna, Parakeets, Asian Kuil.

A Survey on House Sparrow in and around Madurai was done to mark the house sparrow which falls on 20th March 2015.

Ladies Club

A special meeting of Ladies Club was held on 6th February 2015 to discuss the modalities of expanding the personal and social space in life. It organized a one day trip to Thekkadi on 14th February 2015. The Club organized a display-cum-sale of Silk Sarees on 10th October 2014. Women Forum provided logistics to the conduct of the International Conference on Women Empowerment from 5th to 7th March 2015.

NSS

Our NSS volunteers were very active this year as was in the past. They organized 4 blood donation camps and donated 923 units of blood to the Blood Bank, Govt Rajaji Hospital, Madurai and successfully completed the seven days special camp in the adopted villages of 7 Units.

NSS units of the College were honoured with Special Motivation Award for Blood Donation by Tamilnadu State Blood Transfusion council & Tamilnadu State Aids Control Society and Best Institutional Award by Youth Red Cross.

NSS Volunteer Ms Anitha selected and commendably participated in the National Republic Day Parade Camp at New Delhi, representing Tamilnadu NSS team.

Programme Officers attended a number of seminars and conferences. Student volunteers received a number of awards for their meritorious and outstanding work.

NCC Army

The National Cadet Corps witnessed yet another year of excellence and achievements during this academic year. Cadet T. Balachandar of II year B.Sc Botany attended All India Thal Sainik Camp (TSC- 2014) at HQ NCC, New Delhi in September 2014. Cadet P. Nagendiran of II year B.A Economics and Cadet J. Abraham Willingdon of II year B.Sc Chemistry attended Army Attachment Camp (AAC) at Officers Training Academy (OTA) Chennai in September 2014. Cadet P. Anbalagan of II year B.Sc Mathematics attended NATIONAL GAMES -2014 at HQ DG NCC, NEW DELHI in October 2014. Cadet N. Manoj Kumar of II year B.Sc Zoology attended Advance Leadership Camp (ALC) in January 2015.

Besides, the Army wing conducted a number of awareness programmes on various issues such as SSB Training Capsule, Anti drug rally in July, 2014, Book Walk in August 2014, Rain Water Harvesting in November 2014 and Anti-Alcohol Rally in January 2015.

NCC Navy

The year 2014-15 again saw the familiar trend in the achievements by our NCC NAVY cadets at the national level competition and camps. Cadet D. Maheshwaran of II Year Chemistry was nominated as the cadet from Tamil Nadu Pondicherry and Andaman Nicobar Directorate for the Best cadet competition in the Republic Day Camp held at New Delhi and he was awarded gold medal in the Inter group competition held at Chennai. G. Vishnuwardhan of II Year Physics was part of the Tamil Nadu Pondicherry and Andaman Nicobar Directorate contingent in the Republic Day Camp held at New Delhi and he was part of the contingent that gave All India guard of honor to our President. R. Dhanasekaran of II Year Botany was part of the Tamil Nadu Pondicherry and Andaman Nicobar Directorate contingent in the Republic Day Camp held at New Delhi and he secured Gold medal in sailing ship model competition. Manoj Kumar of II Year Botany and Anbarasan of II Year RPS participated in the All India Nausainik camp held Vizagapatnam and won the All India Championship. J. Sahaya Lawrence of II Year English and S. Karthik of II year Commerce were chosen by our Madurai NCC Group for undergoing leadership training in the All India Leadership Camp held at Tuticorin.

Religious Life and Works Committee

In addition to the usual programmes, the following were special in the present academic year. United Carols was conducted on 30th November 2014. New Sound System at the chapel was dedicated on 21 December 2014. A one day student retreat was held at the Satellite Campus on 21st February 2015. A forty member strong SCM Cabinet was installed

on 20th December 2014. C. Sathish Kumar of II M.Com and D. Sam Deva Kumar of III B.A English Literature participated in the ‘Three days national workshop’ at Bangalore from 6th to 8th March 2015. J. Thompson Jones of III B.Com (CA) and R. Ashok Kumar of II B.A English participated in the Two day regional workshop on “Youth in Politics” at Nagercoil on 7 and 8th March 2015.

Deaths

I am sorry to share with you the untimely death of two of our students who lost their lives in two different accidents. They are K. Kousik Ram of I BA English on 16th January 2015 and P. Ajith of II Year Maths on 9th December 2014. Mr. C. Ayya Durai, former Lab Assistant passed away on 8th April 2014.

Plans for the Future

Memories remind us that nothing lasts for ever. Memories are the key not to the past, but to the future. We need to continue our journey toward a better future of millions of unknown students who will eventually become members of the ever-expanding college family. Friends, I assure you that I will come back to you this day next year with news about more work, more laurels, more plans. Our next goal post is the status of College for Excellence, but it is our due now. May I conclude this year’s report with the words of Shakespeare?

“It is not in the stars to hold our destiny, but in ourselves.”

God Bless!