

Principal's College Day Report 2015-2016
Saturday 02 April 2016

Salutation

The most revered Bishop-President of the College Governing Council Rev Dr. M. Joseph, Distinguished Chief Guest and alumnus of the College Dr Mariappan Periyasamy, alumni of the college, present and past faculty and staff members, members of the Press, parents and students, ladies and gentlemen, a pleasant evening to all of you.

Welcome

Rev Dr. M. Joseph is the Bishop of Madurai Ramnad Diocese and President of the College Governing Council. Since he is an academic himself, he evinces a keen interest in the development of the college. He readily offers wise counselling to the officers of the College on all important administrative and academic matters. In spite of his busy schedule, he could spare valuable time to be us now. A warm welcome to you, Ayya. May I now request to honour our revered Bishop with ponnadai?

Distinguished alumnus **Dr Mariappan Periyasamy** is the senior most Professor and former Dean, School of Chemistry at the University of Hyderabad which has been declared by the UGC as one of the nine universities with potentials for excellence. He is a Bhatnagar awardee and a recipient of JC Bose National Fellowship. He has solved within a few days all the problems that the University faced for several years. I believe that it was possible for him due to rich campus experiences that he acquired here on our campus when he was a student. He did his BSc and MSc Chemistry at the American College during ----- . In spite of the volatile situation that prevails on the campus of the University of Hyderabad even now, our alumnus could choose to be with his alma mater this evening. The College is grateful to him for acceptance to propose the toast to the college, to deliver the 135th College Day Address and to distribute the prizes to the winners and achievers. On behalf of the Management, I welcome you, Sir. May I request to honour the chief guest with a ponnadai?

I take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to parents, alumni, present and past faculty members and staff, well-wishers and friends of the college, friends of the Press, and of course, my dear students.

Introduction

By the grace of God, guidance of the Governing Council, and cooperation of all other stakeholders, the administration could successfully take the college forward one more year in its endless journey toward dissemination of quality education to the needy and the poor, unserved and the underserved. We need to count all the blessings that the College received

during the current academic year. Also, we ought to remind ourselves of all challenges that the College faces from inside and outside.

The academic year 2015-16 is highly rewarding for all those who worked hard for upholding the public image of college. It has won many laurels to its credit. Since the time is short, I am presenting only a synoptic summary of the report that runs pages. I assure you that the full report with the achievements of individuals will be included in the College Magazine. I am planning to share with you now the most important highlights.

NAAC Re-accreditation

The first and foremost achievement is the successful completion of the second cycle NAAC Re-accreditation on 25, 26, and 27 of February 2016. The College had been patiently waiting for the Peer Team Visit since it submitted the SSR in March 2015. As part of preparation to receive the Peer Team, the administration undertook several visits to the academic departments and support services offices. Initially, Internal Peer Team consisting of Dr. K. Gnanasekar, IQAC Coordinator, Dr. G.C. Abraham, Vice Principal, Mr. Jesupaul Thangaraj, Controller of Examinations, Mr. N. Thirupathi Rajan, Head of MCA Department, Dr. Dorothy Shiela of Chemistry Department visited the departments from 16 November 2015 to 20 November 2015. The College received the intimation on 4 January 2016 from the NAAC Secretariat, Bangalore about the Peer Team Visit. Mock Visit Team consisting of Dr. Nirmala Jeyaraj, former Principal of Lady Doak College and Dr. Marcus Boominathan, former Principal of Bishop Heber College, Trichy visited all the departments, hostels, offices, and support services departments on 15 and 16 February 2016. Finally, the Second Internal Peer Team consisting of the Principal, Vice Principal, Bursar, NAAC Coordinator, and IQAC Coordinator visited the departments and verified records and claims on 18 and 19 February 2016.

The NAAC Peer Team headed by Prof P. Ramaiah, former Vice Chancellor of Dr Ambedhkar Open University with Dr. Sunita Kumbhat from Jodhpur as Member-Coordinator and Dr. Deepak Karkun from Chattisgarh as member studied all the dimensions of quality measures undertaken by the College from 2010-2015 for enhancing quality education. I would like to stress here the fact that the College volunteered for the second cycle of re-accreditation after fifteen years. The faculty members willingly and happily finished this mammoth task. The Standing Committee appointed the Executive Council of the NAAC approved the recommendations of the Peer Team in its meeting held on Thursday 17 March 2016 and uploaded the result on its website on Friday 18 March 2016. Yes, the College is now nationally shining with **Grade A and CGPA of 3.46 on a four point scale**. It is one of

the ten colleges nationally and five colleges within Tamil Nadu to enjoy this status in the second cycle. Every member of the College Community is proud of this achievement. Kudos to everyone, particularly to student community whose conduct and talents were much appreciated by the Peer Team.

Faculty Retreat

This year's annual faculty retreat was held at Kumarakom between 12 and 15 June 2015 with Principal Dr M. Davamani Christober and Principal of CSI J.A. Nursing College Dr C. Jothi Sophia as speakers. About 200 members of the faculty and their family members attended it.

Non-Teaching Staff Retreat

The annual non-teaching staff retreat was conducted at Goa from 23 to 26 October 2015 by Vice Principal Dr. G.C. Abraham and Chaplain Dr. S. Joseph Wellington. Almost all the members of the non-teaching staff participated in the retreat.

Functionalization of the Satellite Campus

After several years of establishment, the Satellite Campus at Chatrapatti became functional at the beginning of this new academic year with the first faculty meeting held on 16 June 2015. The Bishop-President formally inaugurated the functionalization of the campus by presiding over the Orientation Programme on 6 July 2015 for the freshmen who joined the courses at the campus. In addition to the shifting of MBA programme after upgrading the department into a school called "American School of Business Administration," BBA, B.Com and B.Com (CA) were started.

New Admissions & Orientation Programmes

The College scaled a new height this year in terms of student admissions to various programmes at the undergraduate, postgraduate, and diploma levels. A total of **2396** students were admitted to the various programmes. 709 undergraduate students in aided programmes, 1035 UG students in self-financed programmes, 199 PG students in aided programmes, 128 PG students in self financed programmes, 76 MPhil Scholars, 90 Diploma Course students in Community College, and 159 students in programmes offered at the Satellite Campus were admitted. Orientation programmes were conducted to the PG & MPhil freshmen on 30 June for PG & MPhil and to the UG freshmen on 1 July. A total of **1200 parents** attended the Parents Meet after the orientation programmes on three days.

New Courses

In response to societal demands and suggestions from parents, BSc Chemistry, MA English, M.Sc. Physics, BSc Information Technology and M.Sc Environmental Science were

introduced this year in the Main Campus. The UGC permitted the American College Community College to offer the third diploma course in Food Processing and Preservation from this academic year.

New Faculty Appointments

With a view to not allowing even a single class unmet due to the non-approval of teaching positions in the government and in view of the new courses of study introduced in the college under self-financing system, the following faculty appointments were made through the usual newspaper advertisements and interviews in the various departments:

Tamil

1. Mr. R. Shankar
2. Mr. M. Christopher

French

3. Mr. A. Chinnadurai Pandian

Hindi

4. Ms. Kannammal Devi

English (SF)

5. Ms. D. Preethi Johnita Esther
6. Mr. K. Samuel Joseph
7. Mr. J. Moses
8. Mr. J. Jeano
9. Mr. A. Vignesh Kumar
10. Ms. J. Priya Carol
11. Dr. S. Stanley Mohandoss Stephen (Visiting Professor)
12. Dr. G. Dominic Savio (Visiting Professor)

Economics

13. Ms. Angel

Physics (SF)

14. Ms. W. Hannah Blessy

BBA

15. T.S. Priya Darshini
16. Mr. A. Sathiya Prabhu

BCA

17. Ms. A. Annathangam
18. Ms. M. Hosanna

Chemistry (SF)

19. Mr. C. Joseph Kirubaharan

20. Mr. C. Immanuel David

Commerce (CA)

21. Ms. T. Gnana Gowsalya

22. Ms. G. Dhivya

23. Ms. S. Revathi

Commerce (IT)

24. Ms. S. Taj Sulthana

Commerce (SF)

25. Ms. Sherin Fathima

26. Ms. A. Jessie Golda

27. Mr. G. Manuel Guna Raja (Satellite campus)

Computer Science

28. Ms. B. Angel

29. Ms. G.P. Priya Pon Malar

30. Ms. K.K. Aparna

Mathematics (SF)

31. Ms. S. Gadilya

32. Ms. Loyala Foresith Spencer

33. Ms. S. Christy Deva Suba

Microbiology and Immunology

34. Ms. Ramya

Master of Social Work

35. Rev. Dr. W. Samuel Soundarapandian

36. Ms. S. R. Arumai Samarpana

Appointments in Regular Vacancies

Due to the continuous effort and pressure of the administration, the college was fortunate enough to get all the post sanctioned as on 31 May 2014. The following Assistant Professors were appointed against regular vacancies:

Tamil

1. Dr. S. Balakrishnan

English

2. Mr. Thomas K. Varghese
3. Ms. Priya Carol
4. Ms. T. Anita Caroline

Maths

5. Dr. B. Johnson

Chemistry

6. Dr Y. Brightson Arul Jacob

Economics

7. Dr. Selvakumar
8. Dr. Vanitha

French

9. Mr. Chinnadurai Pandian

Appointment of Non-Teaching Staff in Regular Vacancies

The government of Tamil Nadu sanctioned ten non-teaching staff positions of different categories after a decade. The following management staff members were shifted to the government vacancies:

1. Mr A. Stephan James as Junior Assistant
2. Mr. S. Abraham Deivanayagam as Junior Assistant
3. Mr. C. Selvam as Laboratory Assistant
4. Mr. I.P. Rajkumar Julian as Laboratory Assistant
5. Mr. J.P. Edward John as Laboratory Assistant
6. Mr. V. Balanarayanan as Record Clerk
7. Mr. R. Prabakaran as Record Clerk
8. Mr. A. Ravikumaran as Office Assistant
9. Mr. S. Sahayaraj as Office Assistant
10. Mr. J.D. Raja Victor Mansingh as Office Assistant

Appointment of Warden

Dr T. Fredrick Rajkumar, Assistant Professor of Zoology took over as Warden of Zumbro Hall from Mr. V.P.Sagimaynonathan

Establishment & Inauguration of Jones Examination Hall

The newly built Examination Hall with the state-of-the-art facility that has been named after the missionary Jones was formally inaugurated on Saturday 31 October 2015 by

General Secretary of AIACHE Dr Daniel Ezhil Arasu in the presence of the officers of the diocese of Madurai Ramnad.

Turning of the First Sod

In an effort to provide more infrastructure facilities to promote the whole person education, the administration has initiated the following building projects with the turning-of-the-sod ceremonies performed at different times during the present academic year:

1. Bishop-President blessed and turned the first sod for the Ladies Hostel Annexure being built at the cost of 75 lakhs of which 60 lakhs funded by the UGC and 15 lakhs by the Management
2. Bishop-President in the presence of the Governing Council members turned the first sod for the Indoor Auditorium and Gymnasium being built at the cost of Rs.1.98 crores of which Rs.1.70 crores from the UGC grants.
3. In the presence of our senior G.C member Mr. C. Fernandes Rathinaraja and Rev. David Jebaraj, the member of Religious Life and Works and PC Chairman of the CSI Cathedral turned the first sod for New Classrooms Building in front of the College Canteen and the Washburn Hall on Saturday 31 October 2015.

Re-naming the Buildings

As per the decision taken in the previous Governing Council meeting held on 21 May 2015, the following buildings have been named after missionaries:

1. Jivana Jyoti Building as Dr Richard P. Riesz Block
2. New Building as Dr Paul L Love Block
3. Ladies Hostel as Noyes Garden

Principal's Meeting with the Board of Trustees in the US

Principal Dr M. Davamani Christober along with Bursar Dr Helen Ratna Monica attended the Board of Trustees meeting in New York at the invitation of the Board on 24 November 2015. They made a PowerPoint presentation about the recent progress and the future plans and visions of the College. They also met the President of Concordia College, New York and discussed the prospects of the American College students joining the academic programmes there in the coming academic year and also attended a meeting with the Director of Oberlin Shansi by invitation and explored the possibilities of new directions for inter-institutional collaborations.

Foreign Visits of the Faculty

I am happy to share with you the good news that our relationship with United Board has been revived and strengthened. As a result,

1. Mr. V.P. Sagimaynonathan has been selected as a Research Fellow under a UBCHEA sponsorship and he is right now research programme in the Philippines.
2. Dr. J. John Sekar, Dean of Academic Policies & Administration visited Hong Kong at the invitation of UBCHEA from 11 to 15 November 2015 for an international conference on “Massification of Higher Education in Asia.”

100th Year of Celebrations of Daniel Poor Memorial Library

The College celebrated the 100th year of Daniel Poor Library from 1 to 5 February 2016. In commemoration of this historic event, a Book Fair, a National Seminar, a Workshop, and Museum were organized. The Book Fair was inaugurated by the Joint Director of Collegiate Education, Madurai Region. Bishop-President Rev. Dr. M. Joseph, United Board Representative Dr. V.M. Spurgeon, and Member of the Board of Trustees Mr. David Dix and his wife Dr. Janet Dix participated in the celebrations. While Mr David Dix unveiled the plaque near the Daniel Poor Memorial Library, our Bishop released the commemorative stamp.

Infrastructure Expansion

In tune with changing needs in higher education, the college administration expanded the college infrastructure as follows:

1. The Computer Lab on the main campus has been refurbished and expanded from 60 to 200 computers
2. English language software has been installed in the 30 systems in the Maths department computer lab and it benefits all the first year undergrad students to improve their oral communication skills that are taught part of the course “Conversational Skills”
3. A Language Resource Centre was inaugurated on 29 September 2015 at Flint House that houses the undergraduate department of English (both aided and SF). A state-of-the-art facility where students who intend to apply for Concordia College are trained for IELTS exam. Students who opt for life skills courses such as Spoken English, English for Journalism and Mass Communication, Film Appreciation, Business English, and major PG courses like Structure of Modern English, English Language Teaching benefit it a lot.
4. Wifi capacity has been increased from 2 Mbps to 10 Mbps so that students can directly search for e-materials online round the clock.
5. All Residential Halls are provided internet cafes with broad band landline connections.

6. Entire Campus Automation has been achieved through an MOU with TCS signed on 30 November 2015. Offices of the Principal, Vice Principal, Bursar, Controller of Examinations, Data Centre, Academic Departments, and Hostels have been interlinked. Students can have access to their academic performance, attendance, and fees details online. In fact, they pay fees online.
7. Roof Top Solar Power Plant on Grid System that generates 100 KW power has been installed on Library Building, Binghamton Building, and New Building. This will reduce 25.71 tons of CO₂ per year. The power generated during summer will be exported to the TANGEDCO grid through net metering. In this connection, the College signed an MOU with Empire Photovoltaic Systems.
8. FIST sponsored lab at Jiva Jyothi was inaugurated on 17 November 2015.

MoUs

As part of the college's effort to establish education-industry-research links, the administration signed memorandum of understanding with CFTRI, Mysore on 4 September 2015 to start MSc Food Sciences and with Rhein Bruck on 31 October 2015 and with Sysfore Technologies, Bangalore on 20 February 2016. An MOU was also signed with Ginling College, Nanjing Normal University, China on 1st March 2016. The College also signed an MOU with National Stock Exchange (NSE) on 23 July 2015 to provide certification to Commerce, BBA, & Economics students.

Foreign Visitors to the College

The College receives visitors overseas every year and this semester the following visitors were received at the college:

1. President of Colleges and Universities of Anglican Communion (CUAC) Rev Canon James G Callaway visited the College on 10 July 2015 and apprised the faculty of the forthcoming Triennial Conference in Chennai in 2017.
2. Rev Dr Mary Blaufass, Member, Board of Trustees of the Endowment Fund of the American College, New York visited the campus along with her husband and two children on 16 July.
3. Mr Julian Smith, a noted architect and former Oberlin Rep spent visited the College from 15 March to 19 March and undertook a massive whole site plan with a view to constructing buildings in the future for different purposes. He also re-designed the blueprint for the construction of men's hostel and the chapel at present and women's hostel and other building in the future.

National Conferences

- A One Day National Seminar on Recent Trends in Energy Technologies was organized by Department of Physics (SF) & Department of Applied Science on 14 August 2015.
- DBT Sponsored National Conference on Community Microbial Consortia & the Human Holobiont-Implications of Yet-Uncultural Microorganisms in Systemic Health, Disease, & Personalized Medicine” was organized by the Department of Immunology and Microbiology on 7 and 8 December 2015.
- Department of Botany organized a three day “Hands on Training Programme on Mushroom Cultivation Technology” from 5 to 7 December 2015.
- A Two Day Workshop on Short Film and Documentary Making was organized on 29 and 30 July 2015 by the Department of Visual Communication.
- Department of Computer Applications organized a two day national workshop on Python Programming on 22 and 23 January 2016.
- Postgraduate and Research Department of Zoology organized a one day national Academies’ Lecture Workshop on Recent Trends in Biological Sciences on 21 January 2016. It was co-sponsored by Indian Academy of Sciences, Bangalore, Indian National Science Academy, New Delhi, and the National Academy of Sciences, Allahabad.

Institution of Endowment Funds

Dr. R. Velmurugan, an alumnus and a former faculty member in Tamil Department and presently working as Professor at National Institute of Education, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore donated one lakh to institute an endowment on 14 December 2015. Prof C. David Jeyaraj has contributed a sum of four lakhs for the institution of prizes to be given to Chemistry students. Bursar Dr Helen Ratna Monica has given two lakhs to institute scholarships in the name of her grandfather Prof A.G. Solomon to the best student library user and her father Prof S.A.R. Jeyarajan to the best faculty library user.

Science Exhibition

The annual Science Exhibition was organised by the departments of Maths, Physics, Chemistry, Botany, Zoology, and Microbiology from 14 to 16 October 2015. It was inaugurated by Dr. K. Muthuchelian, former Vice Chancellor of Periyar University, Salem on 14 October 2015. More than 6000 school children visited the stalls and labs.

Community College Graduation Day

The American College Community College conducted the first ever Graduation Day in the whole of the country for its graduating diploma candidates on 17 March 2016. Mr Julian Smith, a member of the Board of Trustees of the American College Endowment Fund delivered the Graduation Day Address. Rev. Fr Dr. S. Xavier Alphonse, father of community colleges in India and Province Coordinator for Higher Education, Tamil Nadu Jesuits offered felicitations. 46 diploma candidates in Medical Lab Technology and Aqua Culture received their diplomas.

Annual Sports Day and Tournaments

- 135th Annual Sports Day was conducted on 12 August 2015 and Mr Jagadeesan, President, Tamil Nadu Chamber of Commerce was the chief guest.
- 22nd State level inter-collegiate Flood light volley ball tournament for Thiru N. Muthiah Ambalam Memorial Trophy was held on 6 August 2015. Mr S.R. Prabhakaran, Film Director was the guest of honour and Mr K. Pugazhenth, Inspector of Police and alumnus of Economics department distributed the prizes and the shield.
- The third state level inter-collegiate hockey tournament for Bishop Dr. A. Christopher Asir Memorial Trophy was held on 12 March 2016. Dr. V.V. Venkataraman, Member, Convenor's Committee and Principal of Raju's College, Rajapalayam was the chief guest.

Flag Hoisting and Christmas Celebrations at the Satellite Campus

For the first time in the history of the College, national flag was hoisted both in the Main Campus and in the Satellite Campus on Independence Day and Republic Day. Similarly, the first Christmas Celebration was organized in the Satellite Campus by its hundred odd students. Many senior faculty members felt that it was the most memorable Christmas celebration in their life. Friends, you are going to witness an exclusive performance by the Satellite Campus students during cultural's shortly.

Study Centre for Indian Literature in English and Translation (SCILET)

- 27th volume of its annual poetry journal Kavya Bharathi was published in memory of Paul Linder Love
- Organized a "Meet the Author" programme on 5 August 2015. Jerry Pinto was the guest writer

- Conducted its annual workshop in Creative Writing at Kodikanal from 5 to 9 August 2015 and four students from different departments were chosen for the workshop.
- On 27 & 28 January 2016 a Storytelling / Narration Workshop in connection with the Centenary celebration of Daniel Poor Memorial Library was organized. The Workshop Leader was Dr. Eric Miller, Director of the World Storytelling Institute, Chennai
- On 5 February 2016, Dr. Mini Krishnan gave a talk on “Libraries, Languages and Learning” also as part of the Centenary Celebrations of Daniel Poor Memorial Library.

Student Enrichment Programmes

- Mr. Hussaini, an alumnus and a noted TV personality delivered a day long motivational talk to students of both aided and self-financed streams on 10 August 2015
- New Voters Awareness Programme was held on 25 February 2016.
- An interaction with National Legal Rights Protection Council was organized on 19 September 2015.
- Student representatives were sent to New Delhi to participate in the national conference on National Integration on
- It sensitized student community on the need to protect the environment by observing ‘NO Vehicle Day’ on 16 September 2015 as part of Ozone Day Celebrations
- Pon Mazhai Pozhuthu—a cultural evening—was organized in the open air on 22 September 2015.
- In Collaboration with Neyveli Lignite Corporation & NLC Tamil Nadu Power Limited, Tuticorin, the College organized a special lecture programme under Vigilance Awareness Week on 27 October 2015.
- On 30 March 2015, Messrs Thirumavelan, Journalist from Junior Vikatan, Mr. Bharathi Krishnakumar, Writer, Rohini Ramdoss, IAS, and Veera Rhagava Rao, IAS spoke on “Nam Viral Nam Kural” jointly organized by Indian Election Commission and Junior Vikatan
- Kanithamil Peravai, a state government programme, was inaugurated to help the students to get involved in computers through Tamil.

- The college dispensary is effectively functioning for 12 hours in a day that is from 8 am to 8 pm. Doctor visits twice a day.

Students Study Abroad Programmes

- Mr Jefferson of II BSc Chemistry and Mr Ajay Guru of Zoology have been selected for Concordia College, USA
- Mr Allwin Mages Raj of III BSc Zoology spent one semester from April to June 2015 at Hildesheim University, Germany
- Ms V. Ajitha of MPhil English is currently at Hildesheim University, Germany and she will spend one full semester up to August 2016.

Faculty International Trip (FIT 2016)

In an effort to provide international exposure to its faculty members, the Administration has just started the novel idea of tour abroad programme. During Pongal holidays in January 2016, thirty faculty members visited Kandy and Colombo in Sri Lanka.

Doctoral Degrees Acquired by Faculty Members

The following faculty members were awarded the Doctor of Philosophy degree by University this year:

1. Dr. P. Johnson of Tamil
2. Dr. S. Balakrishnan of Tamil
3. Dr. A. Vigneshkumar of English
4. Dr. R. Ebenezer of Chemistry
5. Dr. C. Joseph Kirubakaran of Chemistry

Refresher Courses

The College always believes in continuous professional development through in-service programmes. The following faculty members attended the UGC sponsored refresher courses this year:

1. Dr. P. Velladurai of Zoology from 27.11.2015 to 17.12.2015
2. Mr. S. Stalin Kumar of Maths from 25.11.2015 to 12.12.2015
3. Mr. K. Ravi of English from 01.07.2015 to 21.07.2015
4. Dr. R. Prabakar Vedamanickam of Tamil from 27.10.2015 to 06.11.2015 & 03.03.2016 to 23.03.2016
5. Dr. S. Jemima Balaselvi Juliana of Chemistry from 11.03.2016 to 31.03.2016
6. Dr. D. Stephen of Botany from 11.03.2016 to 31.03.2016

Student Christian Movement

SCM had its office-bearers installed on 28 August 2015. Rev. P. Edwin Yesuraj, Deputy Chairman, Diocese of Madurai-Ramnad delivered the message. It organized a special talk on 10 October 2015 on the theme “Never Fails” addressed by Dr. A. Arjunan from MTN College and Dr Jyothy Sophia, Principal of CSI Nursing College, Madurai. It was an edifying experience to students. It also conducted “Jingle and Mingle” a Christmas Carol service on 15 December 2015.

Reports from Academic Department

The strength of the college lies in the academic achievement and innovations at the department level. Friends, I will present to you a very brief report of the departments and the details will be given in the College Magazine.

Tamil

“Kani Tamil Peravai’ (Forum for Tamil Computing) was inaugurated on 20 January 2016 with a view to encouraging the use of Tamil in computing. The State Coordinator Mr M. Thamizhparthi inaugurated the forum. Dr. Somasundaram was the resource person Dr. Sarojini presented a paper in a national conference. Dr. Govindaraju published a book. Mrs. Sengol Mary, Dr. Hendry Julius, and Dr. Boomiselvam published article in journals. Dr. Balakrishnan, Dr. Johnson, Mr. Stanley, and Mr. Shankar presented and published papers. Dr. S. Balakrishnan has been awarded “Thirukural Aravial Aaivaringar” by the Centre for World Thirukkural, Chennai on 2 March 2016. The department also organized three guest lectures by Rev. Fr Jegath Gasper Raj, Dr. N. Jayaprakash, and Mr Gokul Vanan.

Hindi

The department of Hindi organized a Guest lecture on Communicative Hindi and Functional Hindi on 18 March 2016. Dr. Safamma, Mrs. Kannammal Devi presented research papers and published articles.

French

French Literary Association organized a one day youth exchange programme on 15 March 2016 on the theme “Teaching French as a Foreign Language.” Mr. Chinnadurai Pandian and Mrs. Vijaya attended seminars, conferences and delivered invited talks . All second year BA French students attended a one day seminar at Madurai Kamaraj University on 27 October 2015.

English

Pegasus 2016 was celebrated on 4 March 2016 with 260 participants from 13 colleges across the state. Mr. Micheal Jerald IRS, Deputy Commissioner of Income Tax, Madurai was the chief guest of the Valedictory function. The ELA staged the play “Mouse Trap” by Agatha Christie directed by Mr A. Dinakar from 9 to 12 March 2016. Flintonians secured the overall trophy in four of five intercollegiate competitions. The department published two more in-house textbooks for General English students of the college. Postgraduate department of English conducted an intercollegiate workshop on Communication for Placement on 14 March 2016, organized a talk on 16 October 2015 in honour of Dr Paul Linder Love. It also organized a musical adaptation of Shakespeare’s Taming of the Shrew on 30 & 31 March 2016. Members of the department published 16 research articles, delivered 16 invited talks, attended 10 Boards of studies Meetings, chaired 10 technical sessions, presented 23 research papers at conferences. Dr. J. John Sekar was awarded Dr JK Best Paper Awarded and was selected as Subject expert in English for recruitment of Assistant Professors by the Jammu and Kashmir Public Service Commission in January 2016.

English (SF)

Iheieto John of I MA English has published a book titled **Cry Aloud** and Onyeuche Godson presented and won the best paper award for his paper “Today’s Science Fiction is Tomorrow’s Science” in a State Level Students’ Seminar conducted by Thiagarajar College on 26 September 2016. Mr. J. Jeano cleared NET twice consecutively during this academic year. Mr J. Jehoson Jiresh presented a research article in an international conference in Dubai from 13 to 15 November 2015. Its faculty members have published 4 research articles, presented 4 research papers, and delivered invited lectures.

Mathematics

AXIOMATICA 2016 was celebrated on 30 March 2016. The department organized NET/SET coaching classes in October and November 2015. Students visited Government of India run HIV Affected Children’s Rehabilitation Centre on 18 Dec. 2015. Several students attended conferences, workshops, and competitions and won several prizes and cups. The department organized two special lectures for the benefit of students. Dr. D. Kannan from the University of Georgia and Dr. Udhyabaskaran, former RJDCE of Madurai Region were the resource persons. Its faculty members have published 10 research articles, presented 2 research papers, attended 2 conferences and one refresher course, and delivered one invited talk. Dr M. Davamani Christoher presented a paper titled “Note on Extended Bi topological Ultra Spaces” in an International Conference on Topology held at the University of Messina, Italy.

Physics

Dr. Robson Benjamin, Dr. Gnanasekar, Dr. Richard, Dr. Israel, Mr. David Jebaraj, Ms. Anziline, Dr. Rajkumar, and Mr. Rajesh Faculty members of Physics have published research articles and presented papers in national conferences and Mrs. Beaula Ruby published 3 research articles in international conferences.

Physics (SF)

The department organized two guest lectures that aimed at motivating students with the spirit of scientific research. Dr. Sathiyarayanan, Scientific Officer from Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Mumbai spoke on “Aspects of INO” and Dr. Jonathan, Head, Rose Hulman Institute of Technology on “Laser Speckle.” Students of 05 PHS batch supported financially two of our current students for their education. Mrs. Sujannah published 2 research papers in international conference and Mr. Moorthy attended a workshop and Dr. Daphine published 2 research papers in the national conference.

Chemistry

Chem-Glaze 2016 was conducted on 5 March 2016. J. Prince Samuel (13CHE41) bagged second prize and 10,000 cash award in state level quiz competition organized by RL Institute of Management Studies held on 8 March 2016. While UG students participated in several intercollegiate cultural competitions and won awards, MSc and MPhil students presented research papers in conferences. Dr. T.K. Ganesan published 3 articles, Dr. Jemima, Mrs. Kirthika Rani, Mr. Karthick Kumar, Mr. Mr. Brightson, Mr. Joseph Kirubaharan published research papers and Mr. Sevam and Mr. Karthik Kumar participated in national workshops.

Botany

The department of Botany organized eight invited lectures delivered by eminent scientists and alumni. It organized a botanical excursion to Kodaikannal hills to imbibe and practice the vision of department “To explore and not to exploit the plant world.” Student colloquium was a regular feature of the PG department. Plascia 2016 was held on 14 March 2016. Mr. Winfred Thomas has been selected by the Ministry of Environment and Forest as a resource person for National Green Corps (NGC) to train more than 650 School Coordinators to revitalize 557 Eco-Clubs in 7 districts of South Tamil Nadu. Dr. G.C. Abraham has established the shade house for endangered and threatened species. Dr. Anburaj Daniel Barnabas an international conference and supervised a FULBRIGHT scholar. Dr. Vijayan served as an examiner in the TNPSE board and attended a UB programme. Dr. Sanjay and Dr. Ebenezer have published research articles in international conference. Mrs. Shameem

Banu has published 3 research papers in national seminars and attended a workshop. Mrs. Esther Rani, Mrs. Guna Sundarai have attended national workshops.

Zoology

The department of Zoology organized a sponsored a lecture workshop and it has organized four guest lectures for students. Dr. Navaneethakanan, Dr. Joseph Thatheyus, Mrs. Joy Sharmila, Dr. Raghuram, and Dr. Sivaruban have published research articles in national conference. Dr. Velladurai attended Refresher Course. Mr. M. Rajesh and students identified 26 species of birds during several 'bird count' programmes conducted in the campus. Some of them delivered invited lectures.

Economics

Dr. R. Albert Christopher Dhas was chosen for the Best Teacher in Economics' Award for the year 2016-17 from Malcolm & Elizabeth Adiseshiah Trust, Chennai. He also has published research articles in national conferences. Dr S Jeyarani was chosen as an Excellent Paper Presenter at an international conference in Thailand in May 2015. Its faculty members have published 15 research articles, presented 4 research papers, delivered 4 invited talks, and participated in 5 conferences.

MCA

Department of MCA organized a one day seminar on Computer Game Development on 27 February 2016 and the resource person was Mr. Senthil Kumar, CEO of First Seed. Mr. Frank Reuban Jebaraj has published research article in a National Seminar. Mrs. Monica Sushil Cynthia has presented papers in international conference.

Department of Immunology and Microbiology

Microfiesta 2016 is a state level intercollegiate meet and it was conducted on 15 March 2016 with 205 participants from colleges. It also arranged three guest lectures for students. Mr. Andrew Pradeep, Mrs. Stella, and Mr. Immanuel Suresh have presented papers in the international seminars. Its faculty members have four publications and presentations at conferences to their credit. They have delivered two invited talks. Several of their students have participated in cultural and conferences.

Department of Bio-Chemistry

The department of Bio-Chemistry organized a two day workshop on Food Technology on 15 & 16 September 2015. It also organized an industrial visit to the Centre for Marine Fisheries and Research Institute (CMFRI), Cochin on 26 September 2015. The association of the department released the first Newsletter "The Splash" on 15 December

2015 and the second news letter on 29 March 2016. Two research papers have been presented and published.

Business Administration

The department of Business Administration celebrated ‘Tycoons’ on 7 March 2016. 150 students from various colleges participated in the cultural fest and exhibited their skills and talents. It also organized an industrial visit to Karnataka soap factory at Bangalore to get a practical exposure on the management concepts for our students. Their students emerged champion in competitions conducted in 5 colleges. Mr. Bala Jeshurun, Mr. Ramdiwakar, Mr. Sathiya Prabhu have attended and published research articles in national conferences.

Department of Social Work

The Department of Social Work rendered service in the crisis of natural disaster at Cuddalore. Team of faculty and students took special care on the traumatized population and distributed the relief materials. The relief activity was on 13 & 14 December 2015. The Mega Medical Camp was organized in collaboration with CSI Christian Mission Hospital, at the Satellite Campus on 15 December 2015. Students participated in Indian Student Parliament, Barathiya Chatra Sansad activity conducted by Maharashtra Institute of Technology at Pune from 27 to 31 January 2016.

Department of Commerce (SF)

The Department conducted guest lectures on various topics like “Aptitude Exam and Bank Exam Training”, “Interview skills” “Group Discussion” “Right to Information Act.” Students regularly visited industries for gaining practical knowledge. Mrs. Mary Sophia Chitra, Mrs. Sherin Fathima, have published papers in National seminars. Mrs. Antony Mary Vinothini, Mr. Nixon Jesuraj, Mrs. Mangayakarasi published papers in the international conferences.

Department of Commerce (CA)

Special talks were arranged on topics like Multi media and Web Designing, Aptitude Exam and Bank Exam Training, Right to Information Act, Interview Skills, Baroda Pioneer MF IAP Program, G& PI, Synergy- People’s Skills. Students participated in a number of intercollegiate cultural competitions. Mrs. Kanakavalli, Ms. Suganya, and Mrs. Keren Judi have published papers in the national conferences. Ten research articles were published in national and international journals and the faculty attended international conferences. Ms. V. Suganya has been certified as a critic writer by the UNESCO Club, Bijapur.

Department of Commerce (IT)

The department of Commerce (IT) organized three guest lectures on themes like 'Leadership' 'Animation' and GTD. Industrial visit to Madurai Aavin Dairy Farm was organized on 6 February 2016. Students participated in cultural events in a number of institutions and bagged awards. Two research papers were presented in national conferences by the faculty.

Department of Computer Science

BYTES 2k16 was conducted on 11 March 2016. The department organized a seminar on Java Technologies on 17 Sep 2015. Students presented papers at intercollegiate seminars. Faculty members presented four research papers in national conferences. Mr. John Jeya Kamaraj conducted ICTACT. Mr. Mohan presented paper in national seminar and Mrs. Girija attended a national seminar.

Department of Computer Applications (BCA)

Department of Computer Applications organized a one day national workshop and a seminar on E Learning. Mr Vijay Anand from the University of Texas was the resource person. Mrs. Ann Ramola Jeyanthi, Mr. Martin Porus, Mrs. Suganya, and Ms. Hosanna published research articles in national and international journals. Students won awards and prizes in cultural competitions.

Department of Information and Technology

In spite of the fact that it is the youngest department with the first year students alone, students have participated in academic seminars. Mr. Frank Reuban Jebaraj and Mrs. Christy Jeeva Ratna Devi presented and published research articles they also participated faculty development programme.

Department of Visual Communication

The department of Vis Com invited Mr. Sivakumar, Assistant Professor, L.V Prasad Institute, Chennai, Vanmathi, Editor of Pavaiyar Malar, and Mr. Yathartha Rajan to the department. Students visited Lens Academy for documentary screening, participated in the International Film Festival, Chennai from 6 to 13 January 2016, "Image Today Expo" at Chennai Trade Centre from 22 July to 27 July 2015. Second year students worked in promotional activities and event management in A.R. Rahman Concert Nenje Ezhu that took place in Madurai on 1 January 2016. Mrs. Mohana, and Dr. Shylaja Faculty published research articles in national journals. Mr. Shanmuga Velayutham attended a national workshop.

Postgraduate Department of Business Administration

MBA Department organized three entrepreneurship awareness Camps (EAC) for I & II MBA students funded by EDI & NSTED – DST – NIMAT – 2015-16. It conducted Pre-Placement Training Programme for the final year MBA students. It conducted a one day workshop “Mind Leadership” by Globe fist. It organized 7 industrial visits to various productive industries. It also organized 10 seminars handled by various industrial and management experts for the welfare of the students to enhance their practical knowledge.

Ten students of our II MBA students were participated in a Two Week Market Place Analysis conducted by Colgate Palmolive Ltd. 30 students of our I MBA students were participated and presented Papers in the International Conference on Digitization of Library conducted by the college. Dr. S. Raju, Mrs. C. Reena Elizabeth and Mr A.P. Arul Jeevaraj have received national awards from NFED. Faculty members have published three research articles and presented four papers in national conferences.

Service Departments

There are five service departments in the College that offer courses under Part IV and Part V.

Department of Physical Education

The department of Physical Education has produced 35 University Blues this year. It bagged the overall champions in Madurai Kamaraj Athletic Meet for the third time and won Mu Va Cup second time.

- Volley Ball Team won Lion Dr. K.Rathinam Trophy, Dindigal and Cash Award of 12000/ and again Dr. T.S. Soundram Volley ball Trophy, GRI University, with Cash award of 7000/.
- The Hockey Team won PSN hockey trophy conducted at the PSN Engineering College, Tirunelveli.with Cash Award of Rs.10000/ and Evangeline Memorial National level hockey tournament conducted by Karunya University with Cash Award of 15000/. It also won Hajee Kaja Mohideen hockey tournament at Jamal Mohamed College, Trichy with Cash Award of 3000/. Again, it bagged Bishop Dr. Christopher Asir Tournament Trophy with Cash Award of Rs.15000/-
- It is either winners or runners-up in Badminton, Chess, Handball, Football, Basket Ball, Kho Kho, Ball Badminton, and Khabbadi at the Zonal level in Madurai Kamaraj University.

- Names of the University Blues

N. Vinoth bagged the first prize in the Tamilnadu State Level Shooting competition.

Department of National Service Scheme

NSS organized four blood donation camps and donated 1013 units of blood to the Blood Bank, Govt Rajaji Hospital, Madurai and successfully completed the seven days special camp in the adopted villages. Dr.S.C.B.Samuel Anbu Selvan received Best Blood Donation Camp Organiser Award from the District administration on 25 October 2015.

NSS Unit-4 constructed two additional class rooms at the cost of Rs.14.10 Lakhs under Tamilnadu Government Self Sufficiency Scheme in the adopted village at Vellayampatti Government Higher Secondary School, Vellayampatti. The classrooms were inaugurated by Dr.Davamani Christofer, Principal and Mr.Samuel Chelliah, NSS Regional Director, Chennai on 22 February 2016.

Dr. S.C.B. Samuel Anbu Selvan represented Madurai Kamaraj University and attended National Integration Camp at Bangalore from 4 December 2015 to 10 December 2015 and won Best Traditional Award for the camp, 2015.

National Cadet Corps (Army)

The National Cadet Corps (Army) has witnessed yet another year of excellence and achievements this year.

- Senior Under Officer R. Pandi Velavan of III year B.Sc Mathematics attended All India Advance Leadership Camp (ALC) at Agra in August 2015.
- Cadet. B. Ragupathi of II year B.A Tamil attended Basic Mountaineering Course at Nehru Institute of Mountaineering at Uttarkashi , Uttarkhand in October 2015.
- Company Sergeant Major M. Pasumpon Pandi of III year B.A Economics and Sergeant P. Arun Kumar of III year B.Sc Physics attended All India Trekking Camp at Gaya , Bihar in December 2015.
- Cadet. M. Vignesh of II year B.Sc Botany and Cadet. P.Bala Murugan of II year B.A Economics attended RDC - IGC.
- Cadet. M.Surjith Kanna of II year B.A RPS attended NCC National Games - IGC.

- Cadet Under Officer P.Anbalagan of III year B.Sc Mathematics joined the Indian Army this Academic year.

NCC (Navy)

- Senior cadet captain D. Mageswaran (13 CHE 21) was selected for the Youth Exchange Programme and he travelled to Malaysia, Thailand, Vietnam, and Bangladesh in an Indian Navy Ship along with 12 other cadets from other parts of the country.
- Y. Viswanath (14 PHY 66) and S. Devasenapathy (14 MAT 16) participated in the All India Nausainik camp held at Karwar

Service Learning Programme

Service Learning Programme registered 777 students in the five courses that were offered to students this year. Student volunteers were given practical orientation on managing solid waste in the college. Four villages have been adopted and successfully organized awareness camps on socio economic, health, nutritional and village ecology. Students effectively shared the academic resources of the college with village schools. Value based knowledge was inculcated in students during their visit to various orphanages.

Student Services Committee

SSC is a student forum where each student of the college gets space to discover and bring out their hidden talents. Its motto is “Serve College to serve yourself.” It helped the administration during admission by maintaining “May I help you?” counter to offer counselling to the aspirants from 26 April June to 16 June 2015. It organized Freshmen’s Orientation from 1 to 3 July 2015. It also organized Photo Sessions for Identity Cards for the freshmen on 20 and 21 July 2015. It coordinated Flood Relief Camp at Cuddalore on 13 December 2015. It organized 8 student seminars and arranged five cultural events on occasions like NAAC Peer Team visit. It trained and sent students to 14 cultural competitions conducted across the state.

A two-day workshop was organised by Frank Reuban Jebaraj in collaboration with ICTACT in our college premises on Mr. Frank Reuban Jebaraj, Mr. John Jeya Kamaraj, Mrs. Christy Jeeva Ratna Devi, and Mr. Britto Alex attended the ICTACT workshop.

Retirements

After a long dedicated service to the college the following faculty members and non-teaching staff are retiring this year:

1. Mr S. Suriyakumar, Head of PG Zoology Department

2. Dr. A. Silas Ebenezer, Head of UG Zoology Department
3. Dr. J. Karunyal, Associate Professor of Botany and Warden of Women's Hostel
4. Mr. V.S. Bright, Assistant Professor of Mathematics

Non-Teaching Staff

5. Mr. I. Murugesan
6. Mr. Durai Pandi
7. Mr. Kulandaisamy

Deaths

I am extremely sorry to share with you the untimely death of three students during this academic year.

1. G. Prabhakaran (14 BCH 29) passed away on 26 June 2015
2. G. Ebenezer Britto (13 Com 18) got killed in an accident on 8 September 2015
3. K.Kamala Manikandan (15 BBA 32) died on 9 September 2015.

I have sad news to share from the faculty and their families as well.

4. Dr. P. Kumarasamy of Zoology department died on 12 August 2015.
5. Our Bursar's father and former Professor S.A.R. Jeyarajan passed away on 7 December at the age of 76
6. Our Vice Principal's mother Mrs. Mercy Mary Manohari passed away on 22 May 2015 at the age of 83
7. Visiting Professor Dr. G. Dominic Savio's father Mr. K.A. Gnana Pragasam died on 12 September 2015 at the age of 91.
8. Mother of Mr. M. Rajesh of Zoology Mrs. Prema passed away on 9 July 2015 at the age of 77.

May the Lord who comforts all mankind be with all these families!

Plans for the Next Academic Year

The College is planning to start MSc Food Science, MPhil Mathematics, and MPhil in Business Administration in the coming academic year. It is also planning to apply to the UGC for the College with Potentials for Excellence status as recommend by the NAAC Peer Team. A Men's hostel and the chapel are also in the pipeline for the Satellite Campus.

Conclusion

The future is more important than the past that is over and than the present that is fast passing out now. Moreover, the future is where all potential lies. The American College believes that the past is its foundation, bedrock that allows its present to be strong so that we can dream big for the future. The college is never stationary because is always marching

ahead breaking all barriers and challenges. It is the missionary spirit that hovers over the college inspires us for constant renovation and timely innovation periodically. God's guidance and grace is always there for the College through benevolent acts and patronage of parents, students, alumni, faculty, staff, public, bureaucrats, and well-wishers. When God is with us, who can be against the college? Friends, I conclude this year's report with a fond hope that I will come back to you one year from now with a new report of greater achievements than what we have achieved this year.

Good Bye!

May God bless you!