

## Principal's College Day Report 2017-2018

Saturday 24 March 2018

### Salutation

The most revered Bishop-President of the College Governing Council Rt. Rev. Dr. M. Joseph, Distinguished Chief Guest Justice Dr. S. Vimala, distinguished alumnus Mr. Hani Babu Vincent (85 BOT 07 & 88 PGB 08) who is going to propose the toast, distinguished alumnus Mr. Anis (92 TAM 02) who is going to offer felicitations, Vice Principal Dr. G.C. Abraham, Bursar Dr. J. Helen Ratna Monica, 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

**Rt. 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 with us now. A warm welcome to you, Ayya.

**Honourable Justice Dr. S. Vimala** is a Madras High Court Judge has achieved the status of being the first in many areas of her profession. She was the first judge of the Mahila Court, Chennai. She was honoured with an award of the Best State Government Office 2005 for keeping the Trichy District Court Complex clean and green. Again, she was the first ever woman Director of the State Judicial Academy in the whole of the country. She introduced computer-aided teaching in the Academy way back in 2006. Her book *“Whether Winning a Case Means Success in Life?”* was published by Tamil Nadu State Commission for Women. She became the Registrar General of High Court, Madras in 2010 and elevated as the Honourable Justice of the Bench of the Madras High Court. She ensured the grand success of the inaugural of 150<sup>th</sup> year of celebrations of the High Court, Madras. She has delivered special talks at National Judicial Academy at Bhopal, Delhi, Bangalore, Police Training Academy at Chennai, and at Madurai Kamaraj University, Annamalai University, Madras University, and Dr Ambedkar Law University. It is our fortune that Justice Dr. S. Vimala is with us, in the midst.

**Dr. Hani Babu Vincent** is a distinguished alumnus of the American College. He did his Bachelors and Masters in Botany from 1985 to 1990. He did MTech in Biotechnology at Anna University. He did his Ph.D in Dublin. He is the proprietor of **Hana Medical Supplies LLC in Dubai and Scientific Chemical Technologies Inc in the USA**. He has 27 years of business experience. He has received International Economic and Business Awards. He has traveled more than 55 countries around the world to identify the new products and bring them to the UAE market. His wife is heading an Indian school in Dubai. His eldest son is a PhD in Nano Engineering in Albany State University and his younger son is a bachelor in Nano Engineering. On behalf of the college, I welcome you, Mr. Hani Babu.

**Mr. Anis** is a distinguished alumnus. He did his BA Tamil in our college. He went on to Pondicherry Central University for his MA and MPhil in Drama and Theatre Arts. He is now pursuing his PhD in Film and Theatre Studies at TNOU. Mr. Anis is a multi-talented personality: he is an actor, dramatist, script writer, production designer, director, teacher, and playwright. He has directed the feature film **“Thirumanam Enum Nikkah”** in 2014. Mr. Anis is a proud student of actor Naser. The college warmly welcomes you Mr. Anis!

## **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. At this moment, I would like to express my gratitude to all great men and women in the past who rendered tireless and dedicated service to make the American College what it is today.

The academic year 2017-18 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. In fact, I am privileged to present the 137<sup>th</sup> Annual Report of the American College.

## Re-opening and Orientation

The College reopened after the summer vacation on Friday 16 June 2017. Orientation was held for postgraduate students of both aided and self-financed streams on 23 June 2017, for undergraduate aided students on 28 June 2017, for undergraduate self-financed students on 29 June 2017, and for Satellite campus students on 30 June 2017. Orientation for MBA and MCA freshmen was held on 11 August 2017. Orientation for community college students was held on 8 August 2017.

## Admissions

Parental preference for and public trust in the College reached a new height in admissions this academic year. **The number of students admitted under general stream is 3035 and 136 in Community College.**

## New Courses

With a view to meeting the societal demands, the college introduced **BSc in Food Science, BSc Physical Education & BSc Psychology** in Main Campus, and **BA English** at the Satellite campus this year. Madurai Kamaraj University has granted affiliation to all these courses.

## Faculty Appointments

The following were appointed as Assistant Professors in regular vacancies:

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| 1. Dr. A. Amutha              | Mathematics              |
| 2. Ms. A. Vinith Mala         | Mathematics              |
| 3. Dr. Sivaruban Thambiratnam | Zoology                  |
| 4. Mr. K.J. Dhananjeyan       | Zoology                  |
| 5. Dr. P. Dailiah Roopha      | Zoology                  |
| 6. Ms. J. Stella Mary         | Zoology                  |
| 7. Ms. J. Nithya Kamalam      | Botany                   |
| 8. Dr. M. Sheela              | Economics                |
| 9. Dr. R. Jasmine             | Economics in FDP vacancy |

54 Lecturers were appointed in the management vacancies in various departments:

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| 1. Mrs. S. Megala    | Tamil |
| 2. Mr. A. Rajan      | Tamil |
| 3. Mr. C. Melvinraja | Tamil |

4. Ms. A. Leema Juliet	Tamil
5. Mr. A. Guhanandan	Hindi
6. Ms. N.M.S. Jeyanthi	Hindi
7. Ms. T.L. Vijaya	Hindi
8. Ms. T. Blesslyn Esther Roopavathy	English
9. Ms. S. Daffny Orangemary	English
10. Mr. Damien Patric	English
11. Ms. Kayal Anthony	English
12. Ms. R. Daphne Jennifer	Mathematics
13. Ms. G.K. Cynthia Megdhaline	Mathematics
14. Dr. A. Deborah Gnana Selvam	Microbiology
15. Ms. P. Margaret Sangeetha	Microbiology
16. Ms. D. Ramya	Microbiology
17. Ms. J. Shirly Angelin	Microbiology
18. Ms. R. Medona Mary	Biochemistry
19. Ms. Sreya Johnson	Food Science
20. Ms. Poornima Jeyasekaran	Food Science
21. Dr. A. Surendran	Food Science
22. Ms. C. Venisda Jonab Rani	Food Science
23. Ms. C. Angelin Monica	Food Science
24. Ms. M. Darathy Kanmani	BBA
25. Ms. M. Sally	Commerce
26. Ms. C. Joselyn Nithya	Commerce
27. Mrs. S. Renugudevi	Commerce
28. Mr. S. Saravanan	Commerce
29. Ms. G. Tracy Carol	Economics
30. Mr. M. Yesurajan	Economics
31. Dr. R. Murugan	Economics
32. Ms. P.M. Ezhil Meena	Psychology
33. Ms. R. Kayalvizhi	Psychology
34. Mr. D. Durai Manohardoss Prabakaran	Physics
35. Ms. W. Daphane Sharon	Physics
36. Ms. S. Sharmila Ruth Ebenezer	Physics
37. Ms. R. Agitha Sharon	BCA

38. Ms. R. Catherine Junia	Computer Science
39. Ms. A. Ruby	BIT
40. Ms. R. Ruth Belina	BIT
41. Ms. A. Jeba Jenitta	Chemistry
42. Ms. M. Ahila Devi	Chemistry
43. Dr. Maria Antony Raj	MSW
44. Dr. H. Lourduraj	RPS
45. Ms. S. Sharon Ranjini	Viscom

### **Satellite Campus**

46. Mr. S. Kiruba Johnson	English
47. Ms. R. Jennifer	Tamil
48. Ms. D. Sweetlin Princess	BBA
49. Ms. R. Jasmine Sugirthabai	MBA
50. Ms. R. Faridha	Commerce
51. Ms. C. Jameslyn Vithya	Commerce
52. Ms. K. Bagavathi	Commerce
53. Ms. N. Bairavi	Commerce
54. Mr. R. Immanuel	Mathematics

### **Faculty Development Programmes**

The college always encourages the faculty members to update themselves in their chosen fields of specialization and therefore the following faculty members attended refresher courses and orientation programmes at Madurai Kamaraj University:

1. Mrs. M. Sengolmary of Tamil
2. Dr. M. Rajendra Pandian & Mr. C. Joel Gnanadoss Timothy of English
3. Ms. T. Anandaselvam and Ms. D. Lourdu Immaculate of Mathematics
4. Dr. D. Stephen of Botany
5. Dr. P. Velladurai of Zoology
6. Dr. G. Kannabiran and Dr. S. Jeyarani of Economics
7. Dr. N. Vasantha Kumar, Librarian

### **Award of Ph.D to the Faculty Members**

The following faculty members have been awarded Ph.D by Madurai Kamaraj University:

1. Dr. M. Davamani Christofer, Second Ph.D in Mathematics
2. Dr. T. Augustus Julian Lazmey in Social Work (Gandhi Gram University)

3. Dr. S. Stalin Kumar in Mathematics
4. Dr. H. Lourduraj in RPS
5. Dr. Stalin Rajangam in Tamil
6. Dr. P. Sujana in Physics
7. Dr. A. Hilary Joseph in Commerce
8. Dr. M. Vathanaruba in Chemistry
9. Dr. B. Kirthika Rani in Chemistry
10. Dr. R. Jeyapandi in Biochemistry
11. Dr. K. Kannan in MBA

### **United Board Fellows Program**

**Dr. S.C.B. Samuel Anbu Selvan**, Assistant Professor in Commerce was selected under UB Fellows Program for leadership development program. After induction program at Harvard University, US, he was at **Soochow University, Taipei, Taiwan** as part of Asia Placement to learn challenges and issues in higher education.

### **Awards and Appointments**

1. **Principal & Secretary Dr. M. Davamani Christober** along with **Dr. S.C.B. Samuel Anbu Selvan** received the President's Award on 21 December 2017 from His Excellency President of the Republic of India on behalf of the entire college community. It was given in recognition of the service rendered to society through National Service Scheme by way of donating the maximum number of units of blood by the student community to the poor patients in government hospitals, through village adoption schemes, and through Service Learning Programs. It is noteworthy to mention here that the American College is the only college in Tamil Nadu to be honoured with the President's Award and it is the first time in the 136-year-old history of the college. It was widely recognized in the national media here.
2. The district Collector honoured the Principal with an Appreciation Award on the occasion of 69<sup>th</sup> Republic Day Celebrations for the achievement that the College has made to the district.
3. All India Association for Christian Higher Education (AIACHE) conferred on Principal **Dr. M. Davamani Christober the Best Principal Award for 2017** during the Triennial Conference held in Bangalore on 30 January 2018. He is the first principal from the American College to be honoured in its history.

4. Dr. M. Davamani Christober, Principal & Secretary, has also been unanimously elected the **Vice President of AIACHE** in its Bangalore Meeting in January 2018.
5. **Dr. S. Paul Mary Deborrah**, Associate Professor & Coordinator of Department of Physics (SF) has been appointed as the **Controller of Examinations of Mother Teresa Women's University, Kodaikanal**.
6. Dr. U. Balasubramanian of Tamil Department was appointed as Head & Professor in the department of **Lexicography in Tamil University, Tanjore**.
7. NSS Programme Officer **Dr. S.C.B. Samuel Anbu Selvan** received the National Young Leaders Program Award from Madurai Kamaraj University on 30 August 2017.

### Visitors to the College

1. **Dr. Chad M. Bauman**, member, Board of Trustees of the American College Endowment fund, USA visited our College on 13 July 2017.
2. **Rev. Dr. Lee Ill Ho** from South Korea representing Kor-Ind Mission visited the college on 25 August 2017.
3. Chairman **Dr. Prince Kumar** from Edex Org from New Zealand and **Dr. Ruth Susannah** from St. Clair's College of Applied Arts and Technology, Canada visited the college and explored the possibilities for an MoU with our college.
4. His Excellency **TAN SRI DATO Professor Joseph Adaikalam**, Founder & Executive Chairman of Binary University, Malaysia visited the College on 7 November 2017.

### MOUs with International Institutions and Organizations

1. An MoU was signed with **SAP** on 2 February 2017 and M.Com and BBA students would benefit.
2. An MoU was signed with **Binary University, Malaysia** on 2 January 2018.
3. An MoU was signed with **St. Clair's College of Applied Arts and Technology, Canada** on 1 March 2018.

### Campus Infrastructure

The Administration is spending from its resources on the increasing the infrastructure to provide better learning facilities and conducive ambience for students. The following are the new additions:

#### 1. **Amphitheatre Extension**

The College Amphitheatre that was dedicated by the Bishop-President on Saturday 1 October 2016 has been extended now to accommodate more spectators.

## 2. **Ground & First Floors of the Saunders Hall**

In an effort to create new classrooms to meet the ever growing student strength in the existing courses and the demand for new courses of study, the ground floor of the Saunders Hall was dedicated by the **Bishop-President Rt. Rev. Dr. M. Joseph** on 27 May 2017. Department of Visual Communications and the Department of Food Sciences have been housed in it. The first floor was dedicated on 13 February 2018. Undergraduate Department of Commerce that offers B.Com (additional section), B.Com with specialization in Computer Applications, and Information Technology, and Postgraduate Department of Commerce that offers M.Com and MPhil are housed on the first floor.

## 3. **Telfer Mook Hall**

The ground floor of the men's hostel named Telfer Mook Hall on the Satellite Campus was dedicated on Thursday 13 July 2017 by our Bishop-President in the presence of **Dr. Chad M. Bauman**, Member, Board of Trustees of the American College Endowment Fund, **USA** who extended the financial support. The construction of the first floor is in progress now.

## 4. **Chemistry Classroom**

To meet the infrastructural needs of the self-financed department of Chemistry that offers B.Sc Chemistry, a new classroom has been built on the first floor of Jivana Jyothi Extension Building.

## 5. **Tissue Culture Laboratory**

In view of the structural adjustment between the departments of Botany and Zoology in utilizing the existing space in the Binghampton Hall, a new Tissue Culture Lab has been built for research in Botany Department.

## 6. **Food Science Laboratory**

Since the Department of Food Science is a postgraduate department now, it required separate laboratory facilities. Hence, the administration has built an exclusive lab for the use of Food Science Department.

## 7. **Installation of Solar Lamp at the Satellite Campus**

To conserve energy and to tap natural energy resources, solar lamps have been installed in the Satellite Campus. Now street lamps are connected to the solar panels installed. It is to be noted that most of the street lights on the Main Campus are already connected to solar panels.



### 8. Charles A Ryerson Gate of the Satellite Campus

An aesthetically-designed entrance has been built at the satellite campus and it was dedicated by the **Bishop-President Rt. Rev. Dr. M. Joseph**.

### 9. “Psalms” an Audio-Video Recording Studio

The American College has the distinction of establishing an audio-video recording theatre first time among the arts and science colleges in the whole of the state of Tamil Nadu. It is named **“Psalms”**. It has been a long-felt need of not only the department of Visual Communications but also of the College as an academic community. It was dedicated by a distinguished alumnus and Padmashri awardee **Mr. Vivek**.

### Grants

The College received a total of **Rs.1,16,44,906** (One Crore Sixteen Lakh, forty-four thousand and nine hundred and six rupees from UGC for minor and major research projects, special grant for women’s hostel, from DST-Fist, DST-Inspire for science projects, and from DBT for Star College scheme. The college has received from UBCHEA the second instalment of USD 6500 for the digitization of rare books and manuscripts collection of the Centennial DPM Library and USD 6400 for participation in Community Life through SLP.

#### UGC Account Grant Details for the year 2017 to 2018

S. No	Type of Project	Nature of Grant	Name of the Projector Investigator	Sanctioned Amount	Amount of Grant Received	Project Period
1	Indian Council	Indian Council - Workshop	Dr. K.Navaneetha kannan	43,906.00	43,906.00	2017-2018
2	UGC - Minor	Functional Performance and prospects of small business enterprises	Dr. R.Albert Christoher dhas	1,50,000.00	1,02,500.00	2017-2018
3	UGC - Minor	Economic appraisal on atmospheric pollution - health of urban residents and medical disbursements	Mr.J. Jebaraj	1,20,000.00	90,000.00	2017-2018
4	UGC - Minor	Dynamic nuclear polarization of 2h substituted nitroxyl spin probes used in overhauser	Mr. D. David Jebaraj	2,00,000.00	1,35,000.00	2017-2018
5	UGC - Minor	Analysis of structural - mechanical and corrosion properties	Dr. P. Richard Rajkumar	3,30,000.00	2,70,000.00	2017-2018

		of zinc/zinc oxide thin films- sputter deposited on steel substrates for anti-corrosion applications				
6	UGC - Minor	Automation of KIPP's double monochromator using universal test and measurement class interface	Dr. A. Robson Benjamin	2,40,000.00	2,27,500.00	2017-2018
7	DST - SREB - YSS	Synthetic Explorations with baylis hilman addcuts: asymmetric synthetics of Cyclopentenoids - (3rd instalment Grant Released)	Dr. Kathick Kumar	25,21,000.00	3,00,000.00	2017-2018
8	Special Grant - Major	Women's hostel - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Instalment	The American college	60,00,000.00	30,00,000.00	2017-2018
9	Minor	Investigations on social media and their impacts on personal - social and academic domines of urban based student community	Dr. T.Shylaja	1,50,000.00	1,20,000.00	2017-2018
10	Science Academic lecturer	Work Shop	Dr. K.Naveetha kannan	-	1,16,250.00	2017-2018
11	DST- WOS	Ministry of science & Technology Department of science & Technology - SR/ wos - A/PM - 1036/2015 (G) - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Instalment	Ms. Brindha Department of physics	18,90,000.00	3,50,000.00	2017-2018
10	DST - Inspire Science Internship Grant	DST - Inspire Science Internship Grant	Dr. K.Naveetha kannan		8,00,000.00	2017-2018
11	Indian Council	Indian council pf philosophical research	Dr. Arul Arasu Israel		10,000.00	2017-2018
12	DST - FIST	DST -FIST Grant	The American College		39,00,000.00	2017-2018
13	UGC -SERO	Financial Assistance to Autonomous Colleges	The American College		20,00,000.00	2017-2018
		<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1,16,44,906.00</b>	<b>1,14,65,156.00</b>	

We have received Rs. 1,00,000/- in memory of Mr. K. Kowshikram (14 ENG 40), an UG English major student, from his parents, Rs. 50,000/- from Prof. Ramrajasekar, Director, CFTRI as endowment for student's scholarship. Also, we received Rs. 36,000/- from Dr. D. Grahrajendran, the former Head, Department of Commerce, The American College to establish academic prize in commerce department.

### **Convocation 2017 & 2018**

The Graduation Ceremony 2017 was held on Saturday 16 September 2017. Honourable Vice Chancellor of Madurai Kamaraj University **Dr. P.P. Chellathurai** delivered the Graduation Day Address. 726 graduates received their degrees. Convocation 2018 is to be held on 7 April 2018. His Excellency **TAN SRI DATO Professor Joseph Adaikalam**, Founder & Executive Chairman of **Binary University, Malaysia** delivers the convocation address. 886 graduates are expected to receive their diplomas.

### **Conference, Symposium, Workshop**

1. The American College organized a two Day International Conference on ***“Emerging Trends in Multidisciplinary Research”*** at Singapore from 27 to 29 in association with Singapore Tamil Teachers' Association. 116 research papers were presented. It is the first international conference conducted by the college outside the country.
2. Research Department of English in collaboration with L Ordine Nuovo Publication, New Delhi conducted a one-day International Conference on ***“English Language, Literature and Linguistics”*** on 26 July 2017 with two resource persons from Nanyang Technological University, Singapore. I am happy to share with you that 611 research papers were presented and they have already been published in 20 volumes in Bodhi, an international Journal approved by the UGC.
3. Department of Religion, Philosophy and Sociology organized ***“National Level Human Rights Defenders Training Program”*** in association with BIRDS and IARF on 19 and 20 September 2017.
4. National Conference on ***“Modern Mathematics & its Applications”*** was conducted on 22 and 23 January 2018 and 50 research scholars participated.
5. MIM Department organized a National Conference on ***“Impacts of Pollution on Health and Restoration of Quality Environment Through Biotechnology Applications”*** in association with the department of Zoology on 2 & 3 February 2018.

6. Department of Commerce conducted a National conference on *“Prospects of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises in Indian Scenario”* on 16 February 2018 and 242 research papers were presented.
7. Department of Psychology organized a one-day National workshop on *“Mental Health of Young Adults”* on 9 October 2017.

### **Department Functions**

A majority of academic departments conducted intercollegiate cultural competitions under their brand names. They attracted huge participation from colleges across the state. Friends, the American College is the first college to conceptualize and organized department level culturals from the early 1980s. Some of them are

1. **Pegasus** of English
2. **Commas** of Commerce
3. **Tycoons** of Business Administration
4. **Chem Glaze** of Chemistry
5. **Phobos** of Physics
6. **Axiomatica** of Maths
7. **Rephiso** of RPS
8. **Biopulse** of Biochemistry
9. **OIKOS** of Economics
10. **Gen5** of IT
11. **Conscientia** of Psychology
12. **Zoofest** of Zoology
13. **BYTES** of Computer Science
14. **Fit Fest** of Food Science
15. **ARC Fest** of SSC

### **Reports from Departments**

Departments are the strengths of the college, because it is where student spend their time learning, interacting with one another and with the faculty members, and shaping their academic and professional destiny. Hence, friends, let me very briefly report on the academic activities of the departments.

### **Department of Tamil**

Dr. J. Sarojini, Dr. J. Evangeline Manoharan, Dr. R. Prabhakar Vedamanickam, Dr. B. Henry Julius, Dr. A. Boomiselvam, Dr. N. Govindharajan, Dr. J. Prince, Dr. M. Balakrishnan, Dr. B. Aribabu, Dr. R. Stalin, Mr. S. Stanley, Mr. R. Shankar and Mr. A. Rajan have presented 21 research papers, published 15 articles, delivered 11 talks, conducted 1 workshop, and published 3 books. **Dr. Stalin** was honoured with **SPARROW Literary Award 2017** at Mumbai.

### **Department of French**

Mr. A. Chinnadurai Pandian, Ms. B. Vijaya, Ms. A. Mathalaimani Asaikani and Ms. A. Josephine Dheena participated in conferences, presented papers, and published articles in journals. All students had an opportunity to attend a workshop on **“French Cuisine”** at Fatima College. The department also organized special talks on the environment.

### **Department of Hindi**

The department celebrated **“Hindi Day”** on 15.09.2017. Its faculty members Dr. A. Saframma, Ms. B. Kannammal Devi, and Mrs. T. L. Vijaya have presented 7 research papers in national conferences, published 2 articles, delivered 3 talks, and attended workshops and conferences. Dr. A. Saframma, the Head, attended 4 BOS meetings in various colleges as university nominee and subject expert.

### **Department of English**

The department organized a series of special lectures with national and international speakers on the various themes. As part of CBCS course on **“Human Rights and Literature”**, students had interactions with Toda and Irula tribal populations at Kotagiri from 24 to 26 August 2017. Research department has conducted 9 PhD viva voce during the current academic year. The English Literary Association organized the staging of the play Hamlet for a week with Mr. N. Elango as Director and a nearly 100 students of the departments working as crew. Nearly 4000 school and college students watched the performance. Dr. J. Paul Jayakar was appointed as Material Developer of Communicative English for Higher Secondary by the State Council of Educational Research and Training, Chennai in 2017. Mr. N. Elango, Dr. J. John Sekar, Dr. M. Lawrence, Dr. J. Paul Jayakar, Mr. A. Dinakar, Mr. Daniel Ruberarj, Ms. J. Jeyasheela, Mr. J. Jehoson Jiresh and Ms. T. Blesslyn Esther Roopavathy have acted as resource persons and technical chairpersons in National and International conferences and presented 31 research papers in conferences and published 18 articles. Dr. J. John Sekar was awarded the best paper award by Symbiosis, Pune in February 2018 for the third time.

Mr. K. Ravi was appointed as a Centre Inspector of ISC Examinations 2018 for Madurai Region by ISC Board, New Delhi.

### **Department of Physics**

A Multi-Disciplinary Research seminar was organized in November 2017. Intra-departmental competitions were organized on the occasion of National Science Day. Students attended intercollegiate seminars and workshops in institutions across the state. **Ms. S. Vani Priyadharshini has qualified in the SET examination.** Dr. K. Gnanasekar, Dr. P. Sujana, Dr. D. Rachel Malini, Mr. L. Bruno Chandra Sekar, Dr. R. Daphine, Ms. S. Ruby, Mr. K. Moorthy and Dr. T. R. K. Priya Darzini participated, presented and published papers. UG & PG students participated and won the overall rolling shield in the Inter-Collegiate Competitions conducted at Bharathidasan University, CECRI, and NIT. Mr. L. Bruno Chandra Sekar received Best Young Scientist -2018 Award from **GRABS** Educational Charitable Trust, Chennai.

### **Department of Chemistry**

The 1978 batch of undergraduate students met at the department on 24 November 2017 and shared their experiences with the present faculty and students. Dr. T.K. Ganesan, Dr. K. John Adaikalasamy, Dr. J. Helen Ratna Monica, Dr. C.D. Sheela, Dr. M. Vatharuba, Dr. B. Kirthika Rani, Dr. S. Jemima Balaselvi and Dr. Y. Brightson Arul Jacob have published 12 research articles and presented 8 research papers in national and international conferences. Two scholars have been awarded PhD. Faculty members have attended workshops and acted as resource persons in conferences. The 01 batch of PG students organized **“Recent Trends in Chemistry”** on 18 January 2018 for the benefit of MSc students and MPhil scholars.

### **Department of Mathematics**

The department of Mathematics has been upgraded as Research Department following the University Inspection Commission on 2 March 2018. Mr. A. Chellaram Malaravan, Mrs. D. Lourdu Immaculate, Mrs. D. Anandha Selvam and Mrs. R. Daphne Jenifer participated National and International conferences and workshops. While postgraduate students attended a number of conferences and workshops across the country, undergraduate students have participated in the subject-related competitions conducted in colleges across the state and won several prizes.

### **Department of Botany**

Dr. S. Rajkumar Immanuel won the Best Paper Award in International conference conducted in Germany. J. Ebenezer Immanuel, Mrs. Gunasundari and Ms. Nithya Kamalam, and Dr. Sanjay presented papers in conferences and published articles in leading journals. An *“Intercollegiate Entrepreneurship Awareness Camp”* was organized in collaboration with Centre for Entrepreneurship Development, Tamil Nadu and it was sponsored by Ministry of Science & Technology. 186 students from various city colleges had participated.

### **Department of Zoology**

The department organized *“Innovation in science pursuit for inspired research (INSPIRE) Science Internship Camp”* for 150 School students (XI STD level) from 07 February to 11 February 2018 at the American College, Madurai. The camp was sponsored by DST, New Delhi. It also organised a couple of workshops on Bee keeping training and Sericulture. Dr. K. Navaneethakannan, Dr. A. Joseph Thatheyus, Dr. E. Joy Sharmila, Dr. P. Velladurai, Dr. T. Frederick Rajkumar, Mr. M. Rajesh, Mr. A. David Antony Raj, Dr. T. Angeline, Dr. Sivaruban Thambiratnam, Dr. K. J. Dhananjeyan, Dr. P. Dailiah Roopha, Mrs. J. Stella Mary, Dr. H. Raghuram, and Mrs. B. Jenita Sathyia Priya presented 19 research papers and published 15 articles. Almost all of them have attended conferences and workshops and some of them acted as resource persons.

### **Department of Economics**

Workshops, sensitization programmes, special talks, and interactive sessions were organized for the benefit of students and scholars. Dr. C. Muthuraja, Dr. R. Albert Christopher Dhas, Dr. S. Jeyarani, Dr. J. Jebaraj, Dr. T. Selvakumar participated and presented papers in conferences, acted as resource persons for seminars and workshops. Four research articles have been published. Dr. C. Muthuraja has been elected as Executive member in Indian Society of Criminology, Indian Economic Association, and Indian Society of Labour Economics.

### **Department of Commerce**

All the faculty members in the department have contributed book chapters with ISBN and research articles in the journal with ISSN. They also presented papers in both national and international conferences. The Department organised weekly meetings and guest lectures for PG and UG students on various topics by inviting both Internal and external resource persons. Industrial visits were organized for PG students in Tamil Nadu and Kerala. Students participated in national seminars and cultural competitions conducted in premier institutions

and bagged awards and prizes. The Departments of Commerce and Commerce with Computer Application at Satellite Campus organized three guest lectures and four awareness programmes for students. An intra-departmental talent hunt to bring out the hidden and undiscovered talents of commerce students was also conducted. Its faculty members Dr. A. Hilary Joseph, Mr. Richard, Mr. Manuel, Ms. Faridha and Ms. Bagavathi presented papers and published articles, participated in conferences both in India and abroad.

### **Department of Religion, Philosophy and Sociology**

The department organized three periodical seminars sponsored by "**Indian Council for Philosophical Research**", New Delhi. Rev. Dr. Arul Arasu Israel, Dr. P. Arullappan, Dr. P.M. Anurama, Dr. M. A. Shahul Hameed, Mr. W. Prince Ernest, and Dr. H. Lourduraj organized conferences, presented research papers, delivered talks and keynote addresses, and participated in conferences and workshops. Students attended conferences and workshops in Bangalore and Madurai.

### **Department of Computer Science, Computer Applications and Information Technology**

1. Computer Science Department organized a series of workshops on Project Development Lab to provide hands-on experience to students. **Mr. K. Britto Alex has cleared his SET 2017**. Mrs. M. Girija, Mrs. R. Prabha, Mr. C. Mohan, Mr. C.B. Sudhersun and Mr. K. Britto Alex presented papers, published articles, and attended national workshops and conferences. Students attended several technical events and symposia.
2. The Department of Information and Technology organized a one-day seminar on Ideology of Startups. Students underwent internship at **NASSCOM, Bangalore**. They also attended Our students also participated in various workshops on Global Game Jam, Hackathon, Open web challenge, Web Development, Entrepreneurship, Digital Cloud, Cyber Crime, Big Data and to guide the Tenser flow & Firebase. Some of them attended one day seminars in premier institutions like Bannari Amman Institute of Technology. Ms. A. Ruby participated in a Faculty Development Program on "*Architecting on AWS*" was organized by ICTACT. J. Frank Ruban Jebaraj published a paper in International Journal of Computational Engineering Research (IJCER)
3. Mrs. S. Annathangam, Ms. R. Agitha Sharon, Mrs. M. Hosanna, Ms. J. Caroline and Mrs. G. Pauline Pershyl of BCA department presented research papers in an international conference. The department conducted workshops for students and



students were given opportunities for internships. They also participated and won a number of prizes in intercollegiate cultural and seminars.

4. MCA department received international visitors **Dr. R. Devadoss Pandian from North Central College, Naperville, USA, Dr. Paul Ezhilchelvan from Newcastle University, and Mr. Sathish Rajagopalan from Sydney** and they addressed both students and faculty of the MCA department. Students found internships in leading companies in the country. Ms. A. Ann Ramola Jeyanthi, Mr. J. Frank Reuban Jebaraj and Ms. T.Suganya presented research papers in conferences.

### **Department of Business Administration**

1. Dr. S. Raju, Director of MBA published a book titled ***“Business Research Methods”*** and two articles in international journals. M. Vignesh, Dr. K. Kannan, Mr. Jackson Gunaraj, and Ms. Jasmine Sugirthabai have published 12 research articles and presented 8 papers in conferences. Students were taken to industrial visits. Honeywell Company, Catholic Syrian Bank, HDB Financial Services, and Kotak Life Insurance conducted placement drives for the various positions.
2. Mr. P.F.E. Divakaran, Ms. C. Catherine, Mr. A. Sathya Prabhu, and Ms. D. Sweetlin Princess of BBA Department at Satellite Campus presented one paper each in national and international conferences. Students participated in intercollegiate quiz programmes, culturals and managements events in colleges within Tamil Nadu.

### **Department of Bio-Chemistry**

The department organized a One-day workshop on ***“Food Technology”*** on 12 September 2016, a One Day Symposium on ***“Mental Health & Physical Fitness”*** on 12 February 2018, a One Day Hands on ***“First Aid Training Program”*** in association with St. John Ambulance, India on 21 March 2018, a visit to the Regional Forensic Laboratory, the AVN Ayurveda Formulations, and to the Aavin Dairy, Madurai to provide hands-on experience to students. Dr. R Jeyapandi was awarded Best Faculty on PEARL Foundation for Educational Excellence Awards to Higher Education in India 2017 and he was also awarded Best Faculty – Official Spotlight Certificate at Noida. Mr. C. Caleb Johnson, Dr. R. Jeyapandi, Mrs. J. Renuka, and Mrs. R. Medona presented papers in international conferences and UGC sponsored national seminars, and published articles in journals. Students participated in intercollegiate cultural competitions and have won overall championships in a few colleges.

### **Department of Immunology and Microbiology**

Dr. K. Navaneethakannan, Mr. M. Andrew Pradeep, Mr. J. Immanuel Suresh, and Ms. D. Ramya participated and presented papers in international conferences and have publication of their research articles to their credit. Nearly 100 hundred students attended various national and international conferences in the state. Faculty members acted as resource persons in seminars.

### **Department of Social Work**

The department organized a sensitization programme on ***“Protection of Human Rights under the Indian Constitution”*** in August 2017. A special lecture on ***“Social Inclusion of Transgender Gender in Holistic National Growth”*** was also organised. A one-day workshop on ***“Research Methodology”*** was also conducted in January 2018. An Awareness Program on ***“HIV/AIDS & Tuberculosis”*** was conducted at the Satellite Campus collaborating RUSS Foundation. Dr. T. Augustus Julian Lazmey, Mrs. Sunitha Evelyne Christy, Mrs. R Rohini, Mrs. S. Ashwhini Veronica, and Dr. M. Maria Antony Raj presented 6 papers in national and international conferences, published 3 articles, participated workshops and training programmes.

### **Department of Visual Communication**

A photography exhibition was organized to celebrate **World Photography Day** in August 2017 with **Mr. Selvam Ramasamy** as the chief guest. More than 300 drawings were exhibited in the Art Exhibition organized in February 2018. **Actress Ms. Ashika, Director Mr. Anis and Mad Painting Artist Mr. Vijayakanth** interacted with students during the current academic year. The Film Division from Mumbai in collaboration with the Department screened International awarded films for the benefit of the students in March 2018. Dr. T. Shylaja presented four research papers in conferences and published four articles. Mrs. Shanmuga @Mohana has one publication to her credit.

### **Department of Psychology**

As part of World Mental Health Day 2017 celebrations, a national workshop on ***“Mental Health of Young Adults”*** was conducted in order to create awareness among students and public towards psychological well being. Students visited **NIMHANS**, Bangalore and Mysore. As we have 1<sup>st</sup> year UG students alone in B.Sc Psychology, they have organised ***“Conscientia 2018”*** – an intercollegiate cultural competition in a grand manner.

## **Department of Food Science**

Seven postgraduate students were awarded summer internship program at CFTRI, Mysore and five postgraduate students were given opportunities to carry out research project at IICPT, Tanjore. Special talks and workshops were also conducted. Mrs. Ameena Beebi, Mrs. Poornima Jeyasekaran, Ms. C. Angeline Monica, Ms. C. Venisda Jonab Rani, and Dr. A. Surendran participated 13 conferences, presented 11 papers, and published one article. Students participated in a number of cultural activities and student seminars. Also, they have organized an inter-collegiate program named ***"FIT-FEST"***.

## **Department of Physical Education**

The 137<sup>th</sup> Annual Sports Meet was conducted on Tuesday 29 August 2017 and Thiru Mahesh Aggarwal, IPS, Inspector General of Police/Commissioner of Police, Madurai City was the Guest of Honour. The department has made remarkable achievements in the field of sports and games this year. I received 11 page report from the department, but I cannot present it here for want of time. ***"24<sup>th</sup> State level Thiru N. Muthiah Ambalam Memorial Volley Ball tournament"*** and ***"5<sup>th</sup> Bishop. Dr. A. Christopher Asir Memorial Hockey tournament"*** were conducted. R. Sanjai Kumar, P. Nivas, and B. Laxman represented in the 32<sup>nd</sup> Tamilnadu State Junior Ball Badminton Tournament 2017. V. Pavithra and N. Shanmuga Priya got the fourth place in Junior Nationals Kabaddi Championship Federation cup 2017-18. P. Yuvaraj represented in Junior Nationals Hockey Championship 2017-18. There were 42 university blues in various games. Our students have emerged winners in most of the games at the zonal level of Madurai Kamaraj University.

**Mr. C. Sam George Sajan** of III B.A English of the American College emerged as the II best shooter in the country. He set a new record in Junior Indian squad held at New Delhi in Jan 2018 in 3 position rifle event. He represented India in the ongoing **ISSF world Cup held at Sydney, Australia** between 19 and 29 March 2018, qualified for finals and qualified sixth in the world.

**Mr. S. V. Sarvesh Swaroop Shankar**, student of Diploma in Food processing of the American College, was recognized by the sports authority of India & National Rifle Association for the Junior Indian Shooting team.

He won **Gold in Kumar Surender Singh meet in 2017, Gold in Master's meet in 2017 & won Gold in Team events for consecutive 5 years in 2013,2014,2015,2016 & 2017.**

He won **bronze medal in ISSF Junior World Cup 2016 held at Qabala, Azerbaijan.** That was the **first international medal for Tamil Nadu in Shooting.**

## Department of Applied Science

A one-day workshop on Aurdino was conducted in September 2017. It is an open-source electronic prototyping platform which enables students to create interactive electronic objects. It also arranged Sky watch program for public to view Super blue and blood moon on 31 Jan 2018.

## Daniel Poor Memorial Library

Friends, library is the most central learning place in our campus. Daniel Poor Library is kept open from 8 am to 7 pm for students of both streams. I am happy to share with that the number of books added to the stack this year is **2,131** and journals and magazines is **49**. Inlibnet on-line E-Resource is provided to our faculty members. These resources include more than **31,35,000** e-books and **6,000+** e-journals. For the access of these resources, user name and password were provided to all the faculty members. **51** MPhil and PhD theses have been added this year. Students and faculty members have used the library **48,361** times and a total of **8,499** books transactions were made in the form of Issue, Return and Renewal of books. **6** students were engaged in the library under 'earn-while-learn scheme. **39** orientation programmes were conducted by the Library for the UG, PG students and Research Scholars. Internet browsing centre is open to the users at free of cost and **2,426** students used during this academic year. Dr. Chad M. Bauman, Professor of Religion, Butler University, Indianapolis, Indiana, USA visited the Daniel Poor Memorial Library on 13 July 2017. Our library received UBCHEA project grant from the United Boards for 3 years from July 2016 to June 2019. The name of the project is ***"Digitization of Rare Books and Manuscripts Collection of the Centennial Daniel Poor Memorial Library"***. **1244** Books have been scanned up to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2018. Librarian Dr. N. Vasanthakumar received a Special Achievement Award from Education Expo TV, Noida on 28 January 2018.

## SCILET

**Manu Joseph** was the leader of this year's annual creative writing workshop in Kodaikanal. Around 400 students from the city college attended the ***"Meet the Author"*** programme. 24<sup>th</sup> volume of ***Kavithalaya*** was published. The Paul Linder Love Endowment lecture ***"Where Is the Mind without Fear?"*** was delivered by **Dr. Sashi Kumar** and 600 students and faculty members attended it. SCILET received as many as 10 international visitors this year. It facilitated Summer Study Abroad for Mr. Josiah Immanuel (April to July 2017) in Hildesheim University, Germany.

## Community College

155 students joined the diploma courses in Aqua Culture, Medical Lab Technology, and Food Processing under the UGC sponsored Community College. Special talks and internships were arranged for all students.

## IQAC

The IQAC organized a special talk on *“Quality Higher Education in Changing Times”* by **Dr. K. Koodalingam**, Joint Director of Collegiate Education, Madurai Region and around 100 faculty members from city colleges attended it on Teachers Day. In collaboration with NLC, it also conducted inter-collegiate competitions on *“My Vision--Corruption Free India”* in October 2017. Special talks were arranged under Nobel Day 2017 for PG and MPhil scholars. Resource persons highlighted the achievements of the Nobel Laureates of 2017.

## National Service Scheme

Our NSS volunteers donated 1431 units of blood to the Blood Bank of Government Rajaji Hospital, Madurai this year. Dr. S. Balakrishnan, NSS Convener, was selected as the contingent leader for NSS Volunteer team from Madurai Kamaraj University for participating in the 22<sup>nd</sup> National Youth festival at Noida in January 2018. Mr. A. Sathiya Prabhu and Mr. J. Loyala Foresith Spencer, Programme Officers attended a Seven Day ETI - Orientation Programme held at Avinashilingam University, Coimbatore. Programme Officers Mr. A. Nixon Jesuraj and Mrs. P. Mangaiyarkarasi, attended a Three-day TOT on Entrepreneurship Awareness for NSS Programme officers organized by Department of Youth Welfare Studies, School of Youth empowerment, Madurai Kamaraj University. M. Vignesh (15 BBA 83) participated in the NSS Republic Day Parade Camp, New Delhi this year. M. Maharaja (16 TAM 21) and K. Ajith Kumar (17 DFP 13) participated as Camp Organizer in the State Republic Day Parade Camp held at Chennai in January. S. Senthil Kumar (15 ECE 39) and S. Maruthu Pandiyan (15 BBA 99) participated 22<sup>nd</sup> National Youth Festival 2018 at Noida.

## NCC (Army)

Coy Commander **Lt. Dr. J. Prince** successfully completed Pre-commission course held at Officer Training Academy in Kamptee in 2017. **Cadet M. Rajesh Kumar** of II BA Tamil participated in the Republic day parade and in Prime Minister Rally Cultural Program 2018 in New Delhi. **Cadet J. Ebin Johnson** of II BSc Physics represented the Tamil Nadu, Pondicherry & Andaman Nicobar Directorate in All Indian Thal Sainik Camp -2017 at New Delhi. Under Officer **K. Arun** of III Physics, Company Sargeant Major **S. Arun David Raj** of III Physics participated in the Army Attachment Camp -2017 at Secunderabad. **Lance**

**Corporal T. Harwin** of III English participated in the National Integration Camp held at Mangalore. **Cadet V. Saktheeshwaran** of II BA and **Cadet S. Singaraj** of II RPS attended the Republic Parade in Chennai. Besides these individual achievements and accomplishments, the NCC Army Unit of our college organized a number of rallies and awareness programs on various social themes and issues.

### **NCC (Navy)**

Cadets L. Aadhi Manoj of II B.Sc Zoology, M. Sundara Pandi of II BA Tamil and R. Jijender Kumar of II Maths attended RD Parade in Chennai this year. A.C.P. Prasanth of III B.Sc Botany and P. Prem Kumar of III BA Tamil underwent Scuba Diving Training in Chennai.

### **Service Learning Programme**

Service Learning Programme registered 690 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. Awareness was created among students on the importance and ecological issues of the river Vaigai, socio-economic, health and nutrition aspects of the community who lives on the river basin. Four villages have been adopted and successfully organized awareness camps on socio economic, health, nutritional and village ecology. **“Dengue Awareness Camp”** was conducted in August 2017. **“Nilavembukashyam”** was administered to about 5000 students. **“National Deworming Day”** was observed on 26 February 2018. More than 5000 students were administered *Albendazole* Tablets. 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.

### **Placement Cell**

MCA and MBA students participated in the recruitment drive by Deloitte Consulting and Surya Informatics. The Placement cell has successfully initiated free placement training and placement programme for students in collaboration with Redington Foundation. Thirty-five students have registered and are undergoing training before placement. The campus placement drive for students of both UG and PG are still under progress.

### **Rotaract Club**

The College Rotaract Club organized Blood Donation Camp in June 2017 and donated 130 units of blood. More than 150 students participated in the one day workshop on **“Fly high to the Sky”**.

## **Student Services Committee**

SSC is a student forum where each student of the American college will get a platform to exhibit and bring out their hidden talents. **SUN Network (AdityaTV)** compiled the talents of our college youth, showcasing their talents on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2018 to telecast in their program **“College.com”**. The program was telecasted on Aditya TV channel on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2018. It guided students to participate in intercollegiate cultural competitions in 22 institutions. The cultural team of our college participated in all the events of the MK University youth festival and secured 18 prizes and won the best college award out of 18 colleges in Zone A.

## **Women’s Forum**

Women Forum organised a special awareness programme on **“Physiological and Psychological well being”** to the women students and staff our college this month. On the occasion of Women’s International Day, two themes were focused; 1) A Complete Women; 2) Time for Transformation of Women’s Life. Women faculty retreat was held in Vagamon.

## **Soropti Club**

The newly constituted Soropti Youth Club was inaugurated in September 2017 and eighty students have joined it. To initiate the club activity, members visited Inba Illam, an old age home. Arts and crafts workshop was conducted in January 2018. It provided an opportunity for members to learn the basics of painting, handicrafts, sketching, fabric and painting.

## **Retirements**

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

1. Dr. M.G. Rethan, Associate Professor in Sociology
2. Mr. C.A. Pradeep, Associate Professor in Chemistry
3. Dr. R. Vijayan, Associate Professor in Botany
4. Mr. Jeyakodi Balan Premkumar, Associate Professor in Maths
5. Mr. M. Jeyakumar, Associate Professor in Maths
6. Mr. Jesupaul Thangaraj, Associate Professor in Maths
7. Mr. W. Chester Manuel, Physical Education Director
8. Ms. B. Vijaya, Lecturer in French
9. Mr. A. Sekar, Assistant in Zoology
10. Mr. Susaimanickam of Washburn Hall
11. Mr. Alagar of Dudley Hall
12. Mr. Narayanan of Dudley Hall
13. Mr. Arul of Dudley Hall

## Deaths

I am extremely sad to share with you a few deaths that happened in the college family. Mr. T. Kulanthaisamy, retired watchman of Zumbro Hall passed away at the age of 65. Mr. R. Murugesan, a retired special grade lab assistant in the department of Chemistry passed away at the age of 67. Mr K. Atheeswaran, Lecturer in the department of Commerce at Satellite campus and Mr. V. John, a final year BA English student lost their lives in road accidents.

## Plans for the Future

Ladies and Gentlemen, I would like to end my report with plans for the immediate future. As a result of MOUs signed recently with institutions in Malaysia and Canada, the College is planning to start a **Binary University MBA at the weekends**. Students are expected to do the entire course of study at the American College but they would move to Binary University, Malaysia for the completion of the 12 Module and viva voce. Similarly, students who would like to join **St Clair's College of Applied Arts and Technology, Windsor, Ontario, Canada** will spend first semester at the American College doing the St Clair's curriculum and they would move to Canada for the completion of semesters 2, 3 and 4. The college would organize classes for the clearance of **IELTS**.

## Conclusion

*“The task which has been set before us is not above our strength, its pangs and toils are not beyond our endurance. As long as we have faith in our cause and unconquerable will to win, victory will not be denied us”*. These are the optimistic words of Winston Churchill. As we all know, the institution cannot afford to rest for ever on the laurels won. On the other hand, it ought to have vision and dreams for the continuous journey. Yes, we have. We hope to continue the journey with the guidance of God and cooperation of parents, well-wishers, present and former professors, alumni, staff, and students.

*Education is the passport to the future,  
for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today.*

*The past cannot be changed.*

*The future is yet in your power.*

*My dear students, AIM FOR THE STARS*

*And may be, you will reach the sky.*

I will meet you in March 2019 with yet another annual report of achievements and accomplishments.

God Bless!