



# Union Christian College

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### From the Principal's desk

It is with immense joy that we release the second edition of the quarterly newsletter in connection with our centennial. I take the privilege to congratulate all who worked behind its successful release, especially our two dynamic youngsters Ms. Sheethal V.R, Placement Officer and Mr. Jithin J Varghese, PRO. It's indeed a joy to release this edition as a memoir cum newsletter of Union Christian College.

In the memoir, the reminiscences on the initial years of our college by Dr. V. I. Mathan sir, son of our founding father Dr. V. M. Ittyerah sir, is a feast for all of us. We can also enjoy reading the reflections of H.G. Dr. Anthimos Matthew Metropolitan, Dr. Thomas Mathew, Mr. Balachandran Chullicad, Ms. Jemeela Devan and Mr. Lal Paul , our beloved alumni.

The newsletter includes the achievements of our students in the period after the release of the previous newsletter on 8 th June 2021 and the variety of programmes conducted in the college during this time.

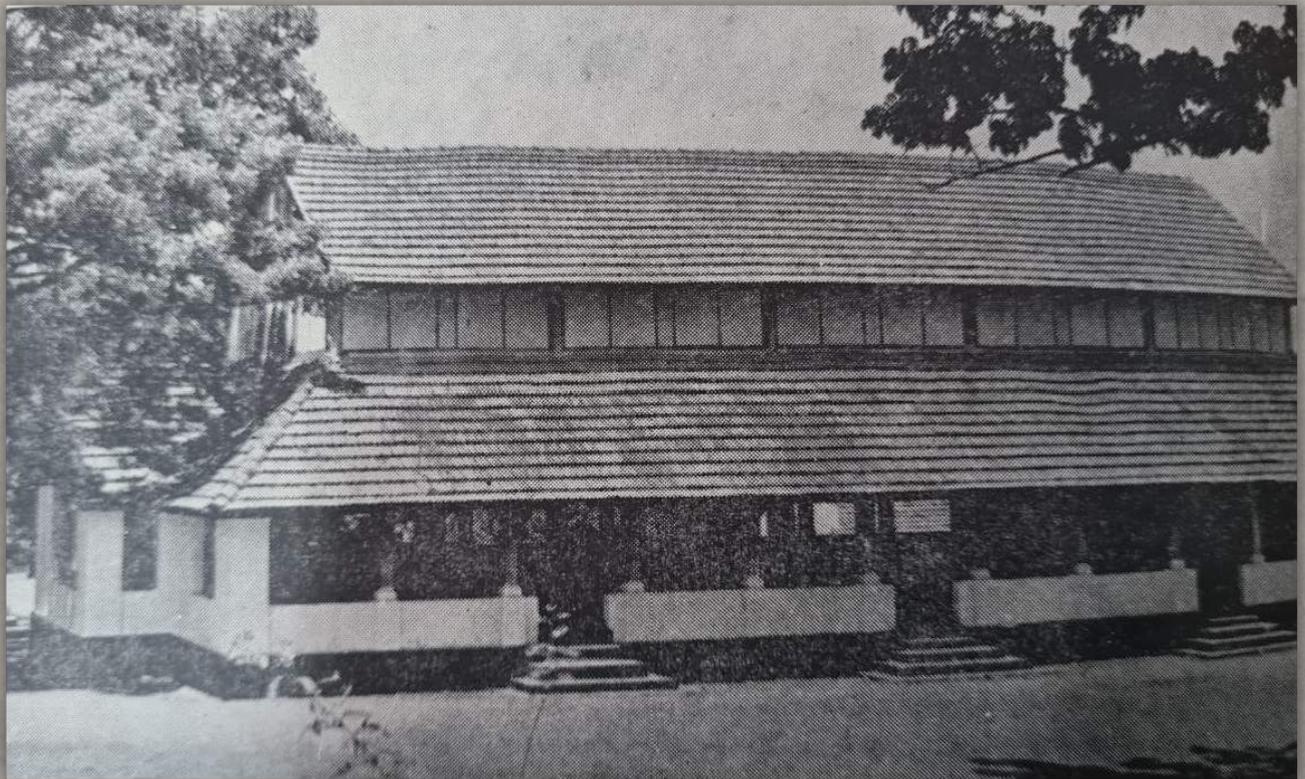
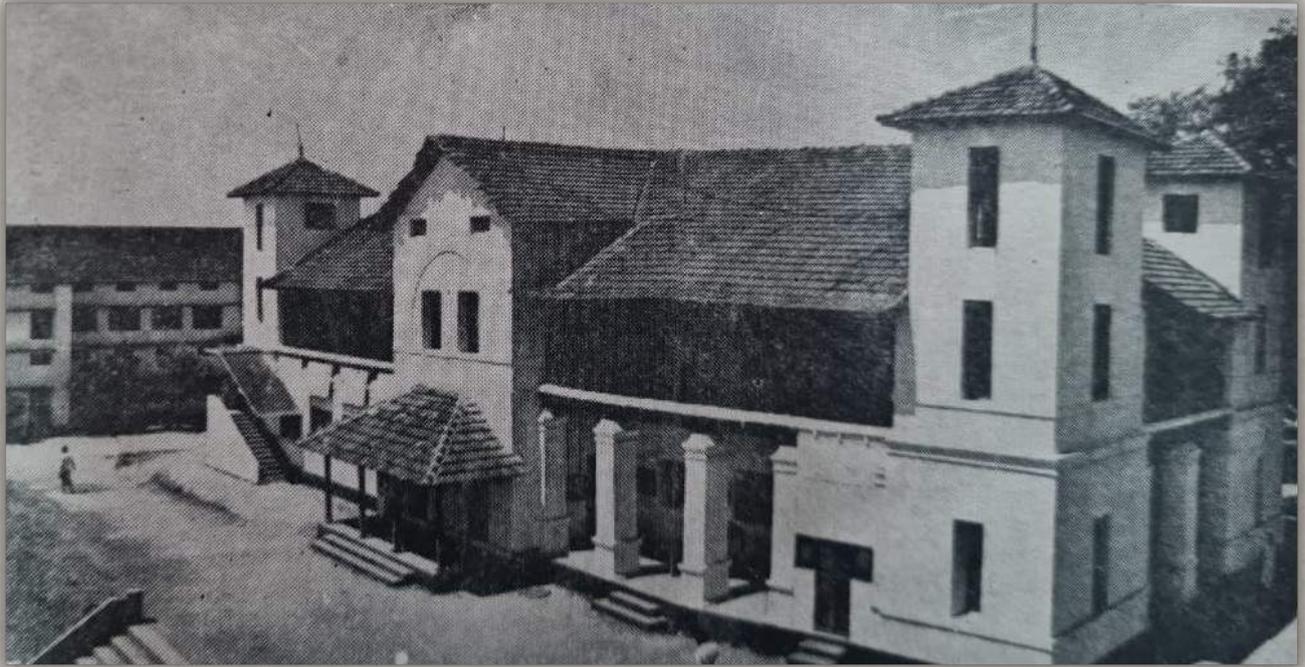
In this pandemic situation, we couldn't do many things we had planned in connection with our centennial year. But being an academic community called to spread light and hope around, we are trying to keep our little lamp shining. May it shed light on the path of those who are groping in darkness. We have to always keep in mind that as a privileged group, it is our responsibility to pass on the light from one generation to another, in a society where darkness of corruption and moral and spiritual degradation tend to engulf the tiny rays of light. We are called to uphold righteousness, truth and integrity- paying respect to the Law Giver and to work with compassion and faithfulness. Only then the generations of students will be benefitted through our service.

In the 100 years journey of our college, many who have passed through her portals have discovered the meaning of their lives, many have been blessed with sweet and nostalgic memories but is that enough? Is our focus correct now? Our nation has celebrated the 75th Independence day on 15 th Aug 2021. As citizens of a free country, we are free. But are we really free in a society where corruption and discrimination exist, innocent are crucified and influential are reigning as emperors? Being Academicians, called to nurture a generation of moral, spiritual and intellectual excellence, let us be free from any lusts that may destroy our spiritual and moral ethics. Let's work hard, use our potentials to the fullest and be thankful and faithful! We are free but let our freedom be used judiciously and wisely without any falsehood in our aims and strivings. May our college, society, nation and each of us personally rise up to uphold the highest ethical, moral and spiritual standards true freedom inspires us to embrace. May the Lord Almighty shower His grace upon our college in this centenary year, that all who pass through her portals be blessed to be a blessing for others!

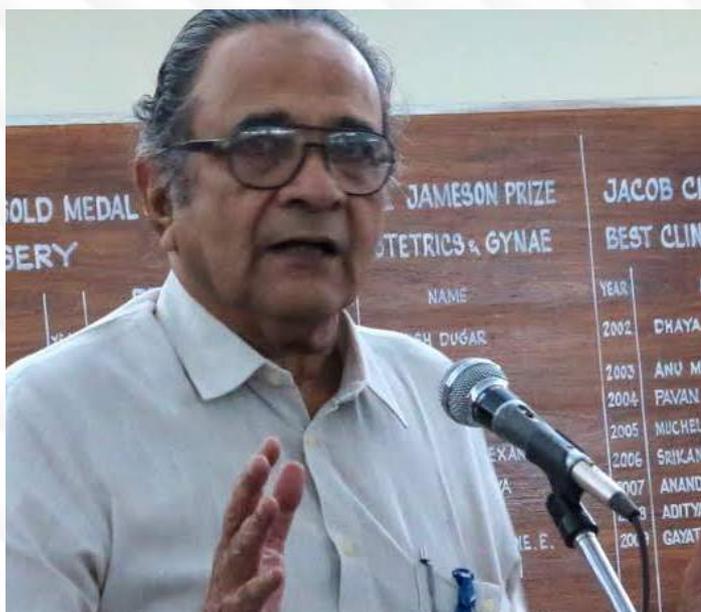


**Dr. Rachel Reena Philip**  
Principal, Union Christian College

**UNION CHRISTIAN COLLEGE:  
'DECADES BACK...'**



# FLASHBACK: AN INTERVIEW WITH DR. V.I.MATHAN



Dr. V.I.Mathan is the son of our founding father Dr. V.M.Ittyerah. Vadakenadayil Ittyerah Mathan earned his MBBS and obtained MD in general medicine and a Ph.D. in Epidemiology from Madras University through the Christian Medical College, Vellore. He was trained in Gastroenterology at the Boston University with Professor Bob Donaldson and established the Department of Gastrointestinal Sciences at the Christian Medical College, Vellore on his return in 1972. He was also the Medical Superintendent (1989–94) and Director (1994–97) with significant administrative contributions.

Dr. V.I. Mathan was the head of the infectious disease department in an honorary capacity at ICMR. Until the pandemic broke out, he occupied that position. He is the recipient of various awards and honors.

**Q. Can you please elaborate on the relationship between Prof. V.M.Ittyerah, Prof. K.C.Chacko, Prof C.P.Matthew, and Prof. A.M.Varki? How did they complement and sustain each other in their pursuit of a common dream of founding a college?**

The vision to have a Christian Residential College in the then Travancore was the driving force that United Profs K.C.Chacko, A.M.Varki, C.P,Matthew, and V.M.Ittyerah. They were not Professors when they got this vision but young Lecturers who were working at the Madras Christian College. Their commitment to Christ and to develop the College as their witness to him was how they sustained in this difficult pursuit.

**Q. We have heard that simplicity was a way of life on the campus then. How did your father, Prof Ittyerah practice it in his personal and professional life?**

My father was always dressed very simply in a white Juba and Dhotie. He led a very simple life leaving for College by 8 in the morning and coming back in the evening only after the games period was over. All the years he was in Alwaye he took the Scripture Class for the Junior Intermediate (First Year). For this and for each of his lectures he would prepare seriously even in his final year and make lecture notes fresh. I cannot remember him going for a movie and he would come for the Dramatic presentations in College only to ensure discipline. He was very regular in his morning and evening devotions and would spend about an hour in the early morning with reading the Bible and prayer every day.

**Q. Can you please share some of your memories of days spent on this campus?**

I had a wonderful childhood. I was good at studies and also a very good Basketball player. Our house was next to the Basketball Court and when I was in the XII th , I would play Basketball with the college students. As I was very tall (6.1”) I fit in immediately. When I joined the College, I became an official member of the team as they already knew what I could do.

My wife, Minnie Mariam Thomas, now Minnie Mathan, was my classmate in the College. I decided at first glance that she would be my wife, but did not speak to her for two years! In those days the girls would gather outside the Ladies Waiting Room next to the Physics Laboratory and teachers would remain in the class until all the women had left, so there were no opportunities to start a conversation. We trained together at Vellore after an all –India competitive selection, graduated and got married. She is a distinguished pathologist and an internationally acknowledged electron microscopist in Gastroenterology.

**Q. We would appreciate you sharing a few memories of residential life and student -teacher relationships on the campus.**

The relationship between the students and teachers was very close. My parents would invite groups of students for after dinner cake and coffee parties from the Holland Hostel in such a way that all the students would have come at least once a year to our house.. They were particularly caring for any student who was sick. My Father would visit all students who reported sick and make sure that they had medical attention and regular food. Parents were always welcomed when they came to visit their wards and made to feel at home.

**Q. What was the dress-code for students and teachers during those days? Are there any specific individuals who stand out in your memory in terms of their attire?**

There was no formal dress code. Most boys wore Dhotie and Shirt. It was only towards the end of the senior intermediate class (1954–55) that wearing Trousers became more common.

**Q.What were the popular pastime of students ? Did they have any extra -curricular activites or clubs that they could join?**

Classes were from 8.30 to 4.30 with an hour off for lunch. Games were compulsory. The majority of the students were day scholars by 1953 and usually did not take part in the games as many of them had to travel long distances.

**Q. Was your choice of profession influenced by the values and experiences of your parents?**

Yes, very much so. In 1947, when I was ten years old, my mother, who taught at the Mahilalayam School had to go to Vellore for a hysterectomy. I was in the Preparatory class or the Fifth form and was left under the charge of the headmistress while my parents went to Vellore. On their return, they could not stop talking about Dr. Scudder, the founder of Vellore and how well they had been looked after by the doctors and staff there. I made up my mind then that I wanted to be a doctor trained at Vellore. At the age of seventeen and a half, I went straight from Alwaye to Vellore where I spent the next forty-two and a half years of my life, until I retired at the age of sixty.

**Q. What was Ittyerah sir like as a parent?**

My father was a strict disciplinarian, who believed in the adage ‘spare the rod and spoil the child’. I was very naughty as a child and was the leader of a gang of kids on the campus, so I had a fair share of disciplining! But I believe that it made me who I am today. It was understood that whatever I did, in no way was I to make him ashamed. My parents were very loving, but they made it clear that I would receive no special privileges. Though my college fees could have been paid by directly cutting it from my father’s salary, my father wanted me to stand in line with the other students and pay the fees.

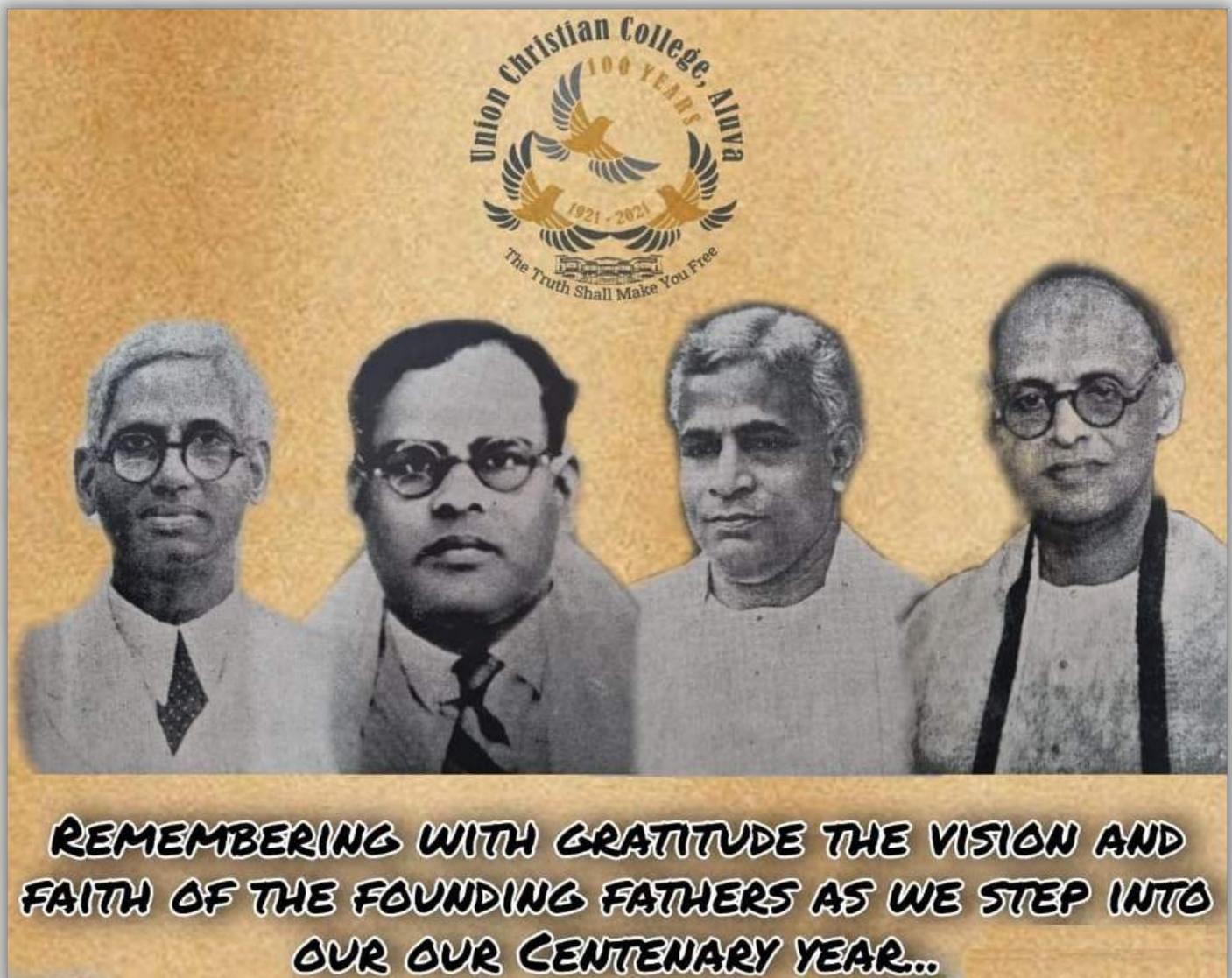
I studied at St. Mary's English School which was in the heart of the town and my day would begin by getting up early and walking three miles to get there. Fortunately, as I was good at studies, I won a government scholarship that covered the expenses of my school fees and textbooks. The pay in the College was quite meager in those days and my annual scholarship was more than my father's monthly earnings. We did not have luxuries but we did enjoy two annual holidays- once to our parent's native places in Kottayam and Mavelikkara and the other, a visit to my mother's brother in the Nilgiris for two or three weeks.

**Q. In what ways have you maintained ties with the college after you left the campus?**

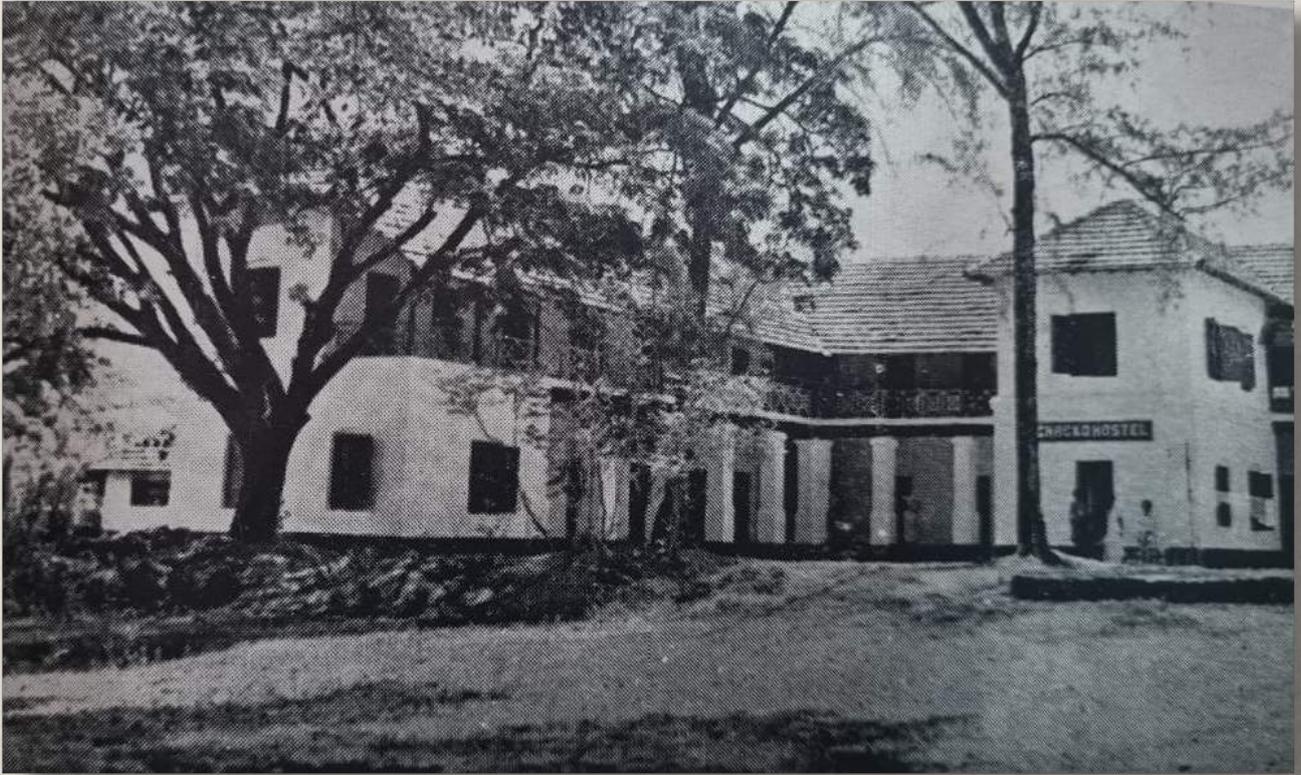
I have visited the campus several times and the college invited me a few years ago to give a lecture.

Excerpts from the interview with Dr. VI Mathan by Ms. Rekha Nair, Head of the English Department, Union Christian College, Aluva.

Reference: <https://www.insaindia.res.in/detail.php?id=N90-1052>



# UNION CHRISTIAN COLLEGE: 'DECADES BACK...'



## 'GOING BACK TO THE ROOTS...'

**H.G. DR. ANTHIMOS MATTHEWS, METROPOLITAN  
ANGAMALY DIOCESE - MUVATTUPUZHA REGION  
PATRIARCHAL VICAR FOR UNITED KINGDOM & IRELAND**



'going back to the roots...', I consider my UCC life so significant, for the reason that it's not necessarily related to learning only, but a soul searching voyage. We would be pursuing an academic degree, however, alongside everyone in this phase sees through a beautiful lens – a lens through which we can see images of ourselves in different arenas of life, having beautiful friendships, having core perspectives about future and looking forward to the real life ahead. Going on, we come across our talents, 'profits and deficits' and later come to the realization 'what I have achieved all through this voyage'. The flow of thoughts that kept running in my heart – yeh my UCC life was quite amazing.

My college UCC has its own very motto (from the Bible) "The truth shall make you free" (John 8:32), the visit of Mahatma Gandhi and other distinguished guests, scholarly teachers, renowned personalities who were the alumni, and a beautiful campus. I started my college life in the 90s starting with Pre-degree and ended up in Masters. All through these years, I profit a lot – my convictions, attitudes, and perspectives were got shape during those years. Still afresh in my memories my great teachers, namely a few Prof. A.P. Mathew, Prof. Rajan Varghese, Prof. Sunny Kuriakose and so on. "The teachers are the best textbooks" said Mahatma Gandhi. "Mother, Father, and Teachers are gods" – a great proverb in the Indian culture. Of course, this pandemic showed us 'how important our teachers are' in designing our generations.

A German proverb says, "Familie zu haben bedeutet Reich zu sein" which means 'to have family means to be rich'. College is just another family and one cannot give up his/her classmates, for they become the family members. I was so lucky to have brilliant and genuine classmates, from whom I learned a lot. This time, I remember with gratitude their friendship, always appreciated my talent in music that which gave impetus to bring Christian Devotional Albums. In nutshell, my life as a whole is influenced and guided by the values which I have internalized from UCC. I am so thankful for UCC for the providence, values, and above all the great teachers for their awe-inspiring words and meticulous thoughts.

God bless Union Christian College.

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THE NON TEACHING STAFF WHEN THEY BADE FAREWELL TO Prof. V. M. ITTYERAH

*Sitting R to L* Mrs. Ittyerah, Mr. T. B. Ninan, Mr. Ittyerah.

*Standing R to L 1st Row:* Joseph, Mammad, John, Ayyappan, Mestri Narayanan, Makkar, P. M. John, Ousephchetan, Charan, Chathan, Chakkan

*2nd Row:* Joseph, Watcher Narayanan, Padmanabhan, P. M. Thomas, Kunjan, Raman, Abdu, Mohamed, Kurien, Ravunny, Kunjoonju, Ayyappan.



# A TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE

## DR. THOMAS MATHEW



I am embarking on this trip down memory lane of my U C C days with great joy. I was at U C College as a resident student from 1959–1963. I can't speak for all, but for me and for many others including four of my siblings, hearts and minds often yearn for those wonderful years at Union Christian College, Aluva. I know UCC will always remain in memory as 'A Shining City on a Hill'.

To write just about one memorable experience or incident will not do justice to my four years of unforgettable and rewarding experience and life.

I remember the dedicated teachers who cared, friends who cared and shared and some friends who dared to test the limit of college and hostel rules.

Life was, in general, joyful with laughter and carefree days. Even the mundane happenings, ordinary days, and disappointments have become sweet or bittersweet in my memory. I remember a few tears, secret crushes, and a few broken hearts. There were occasional silly arguments and fights, but mostly the residential life in the idyllic setting of a bygone era was a happy one.

It is impossible to give a complete picture of my U C C experience as it has woven its way into all aspects of my life and the person I have become. After pre-university, I continued my studies for three more years as an undergraduate student majoring in Chemistry. Our professors were very inspiring and dedicated. Dr. A.M. Chacko and Dr. M.V. Kurian were my wardens at Holland Hostel. I was fortunate to be a student of the renowned Mathematics teacher Prof. Venkataraman. Rev. C. John Bell taught us English. During my first two years, Prof. T. B. Thomas was our principal. He was followed by Dr. P.M. Mathai. They belonged to a select group of teachers whose knowledge, dedication, and noble ideals inspired thousands of students who studied there. Prof. Kuttipuzha, our Malayalam Professor was a living legend. There were many other eminent professors and lecturers during my time. Prof. C. T. Benjamin, Prof. O.M. Mathen, and Prof. A.K. Baby are just a few other names that come to mind. My nostalgic memories of U C C would be totally incomplete without mentioning the incomparable and larger-than-life personality of Andrews sir. He was our physical director. He knew every student and made it a point to know their families.

My memories go back to the football tour he organized during the Christmas vacation of 1960. We played against several teams, of which some of the notable ones were Madras Christian College, Loyola college and Vellore Christian Medical College.

We visited Prof. Venkataraman who was retired and was residing in Madras at that time. We were very happy to play against Vellore Medical College team which was captained by Dr. Jacob (Thampan) son of the Prof. K. Jacob. Thampan was a role model for the youngsters and was very popular.

## A TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE

The memorable days and events are many and varied. There were the college day celebrations, hostel days, social service league and planning forum celebrations, sports events, intercollegiate tournaments. SCM, SCF, and visits of prominent speakers and leaders. I believe today, as my beloved parents did then, that UCC is a special place with a unique vision. I am thankful and blessed to have been part of such a community then and now.

More than half a century has passed since I left U C College. I am in the USA with my family since 1971. I know those memorable days are gone and the times are different now. To look back for a while is to refresh your heart and mind so that we can look forward with hope and strength for the future. The memories of those times at UCC are safe with me and will never be forgotten.

Thomas Mathew  
Maryland, U S A  
Student 1959-1963  
( Pre-University and Bsc ( Chemistry)

### ഗാന്ധിജി യു.സി. കോളേജിൽ

മഹാത്മാഗാന്ധിയുടെ 1925-ലെ കേരളസന്ദർശനവേളയിൽ ഗാന്ധിജിയെ സ്വീകരിക്കാനുള്ള അപൂർവ്വഭാഗ്യം നമ്മുടെ കോളേജിനു ലഭിച്ചു. അന്നു ഗാന്ധിജി നട്ട തൈമാവ് ഇന്നും ഒരു സ്മാരകമെന്ന പേരിൽ കോളേജു വളപ്പിൽ നിലകൊള്ളുന്നു. ഗാന്ധിജിയുടെ സന്ദർശന വാർത്ത 1925 മാർച്ച് 19-ലെ മലയാള മനോരമ പുതം റിപ്പോർട്ടു ചെയ്തിരുന്നു. ആ പത്രമാണിത്. റിപ്പോർട്ടിൽ നിന്ന്:

#### യൂണിയൻ കോളേജ്

...അനന്തരം സന്ദർശകസംഘം മോട്ടോർകാറിൽ ആലുവായ്ക്കു പുറപ്പെട്ടു. യൂണിയൻ കോളേജിലേ വിദ്യാർത്ഥികളോടു മഹാത്മജി ചെയ്ത പ്രസംഗത്തിൽ, കോളേജിനു തിരഞ്ഞെടുത്ത സ്ഥലത്തിന്റെ ഔചിത്യത്തേക്കുറിച്ചു ശ്ലാഘിക്കുകയുണ്ടായി. മാനസികപരിഷ്കാരത്തേ ഉപജീവനമാർഗമായി കരുതുന്നുവെങ്കിൽ അപ്രകാരമുള്ള വിദ്യാഭ്യാസപ്രസ്ഥാനം ദോഷദൂഷിതവും മാർഗദ്രഷ്ടവും ആണെന്നും മനശ്ശരീരങ്ങളുടെ ഐക്യത്തിൽ നിന്നു മാത്രമേ യഥാർത്ഥ മന:പരിഷ്കാരം ഉൽഭവമാകുന്നുവെന്നും, നൂൽച്ചക്രത്തിന്റെയും ഖദറിന്റെയും കാര്യത്തിൽ അവരുടെ പ്രശാന്തഗംഭീരമായ നിഷ്പക്ഷനിലയെപ്പറ്റി തനിക്ക് അശേഷം തൃപ്തിയില്ലെന്നും, ഇന്ത്യാക്കാരുടെ ദാരിദ്ര്യമോചനത്തിനു ഖദർ പര്യാപ്തമാണെന്നും വിശ്വസിക്കുന്ന പക്ഷം ആപാദചൂഡം ഖദർ ധരിക്കുന്നതിന് അവർ ഒരുങ്ങേണ്ടതാണെന്നും അദ്ദേഹം ഉപദേശിച്ചു.

#### തൈമാവു നട്ടു

തന്റെ സന്ദർശനത്തിന്റെ സ്മാരകമായി മഹാത്മജി കോളേജു വളപ്പിൽ ഒരു തൈമാവു നട്ടുകയുണ്ടായി. കുറേക്കഴിഞ്ഞ് ആലുവാനഗരസഭയുടെ ഒരു മംഗളപത്രവും സ്വീകരിച്ചു....

# ഒരു കവിയരങ്ങിന്റെ ഓർമ്മ

## ബാലചന്ദ്രൻ ചുള്ളിക്കാട്



യൂസി കോളേജിനെക്കുറിച്ചുപറയുമ്പോൾ ആദ്യം മനസ്സിൽ വരുന്നത് ഒരു കവിയരങ്ങിന്റെ ഓർമ്മയാണ്.

1977. ഭാരതത്തിൽ അടിയന്തിരാവസ്ഥ പിൻവലിച്ച് തെരഞ്ഞെടുപ്പ് നടക്കുകയും ഇന്ദിരാഗാന്ധിയും കോൺഗ്രസും തോറ്റ് ജനതാപാർട്ടി അധികാരത്തിൽ വരികയും ചെയ്ത സന്ദർഭം.

യൂ സി കോളേജ് യൂണിയൻ സംഘടിപ്പിച്ച കവിയരങ്ങാണ്.

സുഗതകുമാരി, അയ്യപ്പപ്പണിക്കർ, കടമ്മനിട്ട രാമകൃഷ്ണൻ. സച്ചിദാനന്ദൻ തുടങ്ങിയവരാണ് കവിത വായിക്കുന്നത്. അതോടൊപ്പം അടിയന്തിരാവസ്ഥയ്ക്കെതിരെ കവിതയെഴുതിയതിന് ജയിൽവാസം അനുഭവിക്കേണ്ടി വന്ന പുരോഗമന കവി കൃഷ്ണൻകുട്ടിയും.

വിദ്യാർത്ഥികൾക്കിടയിൽ അടിയന്തിരാവസ്ഥാ വിരോധം ആളിക്കത്തിനിൽക്കുന്ന കാലമാണ്. സഖാവ് കൃഷ്ണൻകുട്ടിയെയും അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്റെ കവിതയെയും ഹർഷാഭവത്തോടെയാണ് വിദ്യാർത്ഥിസമൂഹം ആദരിച്ചത്.

കോൺഗ്രസ് അനുഭാവിയായിരുന്ന സുഗതകുമാരിയെ വിദ്യാർത്ഥിയായിരുന്ന കവി വേണു.വി.ദേശം പരോക്ഷമായി വിമർശിച്ചത് ടീച്ചറെ ഞെട്ടിച്ചില്ലെങ്കിലും ചൊടിപ്പിച്ചു. ഇന്ദിരാഗാന്ധിയോടുള്ള തന്റെ സ്നേഹം മറച്ചു വയ്ക്കാത്ത ഒരു കവിത (സിംഹം) ടീച്ചർ വാശിയോടെ ചൊല്ലി.

അടിയന്തിരാവസ്ഥയിലെ അഭിപ്രായസ്വാതന്ത്ര്യനിരോധത്തിനെതിരെ എഴുതിയ നാവുമരം എന്ന എന്ന ശക്തമായ കവിതയാണ് സച്ചിദാനന്ദൻ ചൊല്ലിയത്. അയ്യപ്പപ്പണിക്കർ ഇന്ദിരാഗാന്ധിയുടെ ഏകാധിപത്യത്തെ പരിഹസിക്കുന്ന കടുക്ക എന്ന കവിത അടക്കമുള്ള കാർട്ടൂൺ കവിതകൾ ചൊല്ലി ചിരിയും ചിന്തയും ഉണർത്തി.

ഒടുവിൽ കടമ്മനിട്ട രാമകൃഷ്ണൻ അടിയന്തിരാവസ്ഥ കാലത്ത് എഴുതിയ ശാന്ത എന്ന കവിത ചൊല്ലി.

അതൊരു സംഭവമായിരുന്നു.

സദസ്സിനെയാകെ പ്രകമ്പനം കൊള്ളിച്ച അനുഭവം കിടിലം എന്ന വാക്കിന്റെ അർത്ഥം എന്തെന്ന് സദസ്സ് അനുഭവിച്ച നിമിഷങ്ങൾ.എന്തായിരുന്നു അടിയന്തിരാവസ്ഥ എന്നും എന്താണ് ഇന്ത്യൻ ജനത സഹിച്ചത് എന്നും ആ കവിത ഞങ്ങളെ അനുഭവിപ്പിച്ചു. ആധുനിക മലയാള കവിതയുടെ കരുത്തും കാന്തിയും ശ്രോതാക്കളുടെ ഓരോ പരമാണുവിലും രേഖപ്പെടുത്തിയ നിമിഷങ്ങൾ.

പാതാളപ്പടവുകൾ കയറി, പറയറയും താളംതുളളി പറയപ്പട പാടിവരുന്നത് കടമ്മനിട്ടയുടെ ഗംഭീരമായ ദ്രാവിഡനാദത്തിൽ നേരിൽക്കണ്ട ആ നിമിഷങ്ങളുടെ കിടിലം നാലുപതിറ്റാണ്ടുകൾ കഴിഞ്ഞു പോയിട്ടും ഇപ്പോഴും ഉള്ളിൽ അവശേഷിക്കുന്നു.

# MEMORIES.....



# BLESSINGS FROM MY ALMA MATER

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The two letters – U C – bring to mind unending memories. Flame of the forest that flank the entrance, extends a red-carpet welcome in April-May. The winding paths leading to varied structures – old and new, some with arches and creaking wooden stairs, host different departments. The small courtyard in front of the office-room boasts of a mango tree planted decades ago by Gandhiji. In these tough times when all values seem to erode, its dwarfed branches and sparse leaves struggle, as though to uphold the principles of the Mahatma!

Our HOD, beloved Nambiar Sir who signed his name with a beautiful calligraphic flourish, would wave his hands leading many a Shakespearian character into our class – Falstaff, King Henry, Macbeth, Prospero and many more. Astounding clarity and measured precision in the use of a language from distant shores, and immense warmth and care in maintaining the rapport with his students even after they have bid adieu to the college.

In Valsala teacher – BV, as we affectionately called her, I evinced such passion for literature that she merged with her characters to present the very best. In such moments – the indecision in Hamlet, the tormenting doubt in Othello and the excruciating pain in Desdemona were all fully reflected on her face – an unforgettable image of a unique teacher, unknowingly moulding a teacher within me.

Phonemes, vowels, and diphthongs – the domain where Gabriel Sir (GDG) reigned supreme! I remember how at times the diphthongs or plosives, or fricatives would lead the otherwise silent class into peals of laughter.

On certain afternoons when even the leaves of the Mahogany trees stood still, casting shadows beside the chapel, we sat spellbound listening to Latha teacher's dreamy voice guiding us to Charles Lamb or to Chesterton's "Awful truths which brown paper art reveals.....that white is a colour.....and not a mere absence of colour.....virtue is not an absence of vices.....it is a vivid and separate thing like pain or a particular smell.....".

Geevarghese Sir, so lively with his engaging smile, sparkling eyes and inseparable shoulder bag, dealt with the serious task of Literary Criticism. Sad to say, much of which has faded from my memory except his reference to Christ – that the miracle was not the multiplication of the loaves of bread and fish, but in bringing out the innate goodness of sharing in those who had gathered at Bethsida near Galilee.

How can one forget P J Joseph Sir who ushered in Lucifer, Beelzebub, and Satan into our classroom, when Paradise was lost to them. KR Joseph Sir's deep voice reciting lines from John Donne or Romeo and Juliet and his parting words at our farewell – "Dreams come true for those who wake up." The melodious voice of Marcus Chriselda Teacher transported us to the tragic world of Shelly's Cenci while Chacko Sir (PMC) often reminded us that 'marks make you remarkable'!

The crowded General Language classes were fun time for many while Varghese John Sir tried his best to portray Shylock's greed and Portia's wisdom that exalts the virtue of mercy. On dull afternoons, pages from Arnold Toynbee had me struggling to keep my eyes open but it was years later that I gauged the real lesson – the patience and perseverance of a devoted teacher – as was demonstrated by Mathew C Abraham Sir. Once, while a serious lecture was going on, the doors of the gallery class were flung open and to our utter disbelief, we saw Birnam Woods enter our classroom; a group of boys skilfully concealed behind the large branches! The Professor was rendered speechless at this prank, while the students laughed in glee!

I yearn for those days when we could tip-toe into the vast library where infinite souls rest, their thoughts and ideas imprinted on yellowing pages, leather bound. I yearn for those innocent days when one could be mesmerized by the lines from the Eve of St. Agnes I yearn to believe – "Hope is the thing with feathers that perches in the soul and sings the tune....and never stops at all." But somewhere an invisible Raven says "Nevermore...nevermore!!"

Memories surge, sometimes they overlap. Some are sepia tinted; edges tattered like autumn leaves but still beloved. As I wind up, I fold my hands in gratitude for all the blessings received from my Alma Mater.

# യൂ സി ഒരോർമ്മ

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1986-ൽ കണക്ക് ഐശ്ചിക വിഷയമായി ബിരുധാനന്തര ബിരുദം എടുത്ത് ആലുവ യൂണിയൻ ക്രിസ്ത്യൻ കോളേജിൽ നിന്ന് പടിയിറങ്ങുമ്പോൾ ഒരു പിടി നല്ല സുഹൃത്തുക്കളും നല്ല ഓർമ്മകളും കൈമുതലായി ഉണ്ടായിരുന്നു. കോളേജും വീടും ഒരു വഴിയുടെ രണ്ടു വശത്തും ആയ കാരണം സ്കൂളിൽ പഠിക്കുമ്പോൾ മുതൽ ഞാൻ കോളേജിലെ എല്ലാ പരിപാടികളും വീക്ഷിക്കുവാൻ വരുമായിരുന്നു. ഞങ്ങൾ നാട്ടുകാരുടെ കൂടെ ഉത്സവമായിരുന്ന മനോരമ ട്രോഫി ബാസ്കറ്റ്ബോൾ ടൂർണമെന്റ് ചെറുപ്പം മുതലേ കണ്ടു കണ്ടു ഒരു ബാസ്കറ്റ്ബോൾ താരം ആകാൻ കൊതിച്ചു. ബാസ്കറ്റ് ബോളിൽ ഉള്ള ഹരം കാരണം സ്കൂൾ വിട്ടാൽ കാപ്പി പോലും കുടിക്കാതെ നേരെ യൂ സിയുടെ കോർട്ടിലേക്ക് ഓടും.

അങ്ങിനെ ഞാൻ ഒരു ബാസ്കറ്റ്ബോൾ പ്ലെയർ ആയി. പിന്നീട് യൂ. സിയിൽ പഠിച്ച ഏഴു വർഷവും എനിക്ക് കോളേജ് ടീമിൽ കളിക്കാനുള്ള ഭാഗ്യം ഉണ്ടായി. ഒരു കൊല്ലം കോളേജ് ക്യാമ്പ്റ്റനും ആകുവാനും കഴിഞ്ഞു. ആ വർഷം M.G. യൂണിവേഴ്സിറ്റി റണ്ണേഴ്സ് ആയി. വർഷങ്ങൾക്ക് ശേഷം അതെക്കിലും ആവാൻ കഴിഞ്ഞു എന്നുള്ളതായിരുന്നു അതിന്റെ പ്രത്യേകത. കോട്ടയം മാനാനം കോളേജിൽ വെച്ച് നടന്ന ഫൈനൽ മത്സരം രാവിലെ ആയിരുന്നു. തലേന്ന് അവിടെ ക്ലാസ് റൂമിൽ കിടന്നതും രാവിലെ താഴത്തെ കടയിൽ നിന്ന് പുട്ടും കടലയും കഴിച്ചതൊക്കെ വളരെ രസകരം ആയിരുന്നു. പുട്ടും കടലയും വയറ്റിൽ ഇരുന്നു പ്രവർത്തിച്ച് അന്ന് ഞങ്ങൾക്ക് ആർക്കും നേരെ ചൊവ്വേ കളിക്കാനും കൂടി കഴിഞ്ഞില്ല.

കോളേജിൽ പഠിക്കുന്നതിനു മുൻപ് കോളേജ് സ്റ്റേജിൽ കേറാൻ ഉള്ള ഭാഗ്യം എനിക്ക് ഉണ്ടായി. മലയാള ചലച്ചിത്ര രംഗത്തെ ഹാസ്യനടൻ ആയിരുന്ന സൈനുദീൻ ആയിരുന്നു ഞങ്ങൾക്ക് ഈ അവസരം തന്നത്.

അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്റെ “ഗുരുവും ശിഷ്യരും” എന്ന ഹാസ്യ നാടകത്തിൽ ഞാനും ഒരു ശിഷ്യൻ ആയിരുന്നു. റിഹേർസൽ ക്യാമ്പിലും സ്റ്റേജിലും അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്റെ തമാശ കേട്ട് ചിരി അടക്കാൻ ഞങ്ങൾ നന്നേ പാട് പെട്ടു. അന്നത്തെ പല ഫലിതങ്ങളും ഇന്നും പല ഹാസ്യനടന്മാർ ഉപയോഗിക്കുന്നു. പിന്നീട് പ്ലാറ്റിനം ജൂബിലിക്ക് അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്റെ കൂടെ ഒരിക്കൽ കൂടി സ്റ്റേജ് പങ്കിടാൻ സാധിച്ചത് ഒരു വലിയ അനുഗ്രഹം ആയി എനിക്ക് തോന്നുന്നു. അദ്ദേഹം അന്ന് പാടിയ “യാഹൂ” എന്ന ഗാനത്തിന് ഞാൻ ഡ്രംസ് വായിച്ചതു ഒരിക്കലും മറക്കില്ല. യൂണിവേഴ്സിറ്റി തലത്തിൽ പല കലാമത്സരങ്ങളിലും പങ്കെടുക്കുവാൻ എനിക്ക് സാധിച്ചിരുന്നു. ഒരു നാടക മത്സരത്തിന് തിരുവനന്തപുരത്തു ഡ്രംസ് ചുമന്നു നടന്നതൊക്കെ ഇപ്പോഴും ഓർക്കുന്നു. കൊച്ചി സർവകലാശാല നടത്തിയിരുന്ന ടാലന്റ് ടൈം ഇന്റർ കോളേജിയേറ്റ് മത്സരത്തിൽ തുടർച്ചയായി മൂന്ന് വർഷം വെസ്റ്റേൺ മ്യൂസിക്സിൽ ഫസ്റ്റ് പ്രൈസ് കിട്ടിയത് അഭിമാനത്തോടെ ഓർക്കുന്നു. ആ സമയങ്ങളിൽ കൊച്ചിയിലെ മികച്ച ഗാനമേള ട്രൂപ്പുകളിൽ ഡ്രംസ് വായിക്കാൻ അവസരം ലഭിച്ചു.

## യൂ സി ഒരോർമ്മ

മാധവൻകുട്ടി സാറിനോടുള്ള അമിതമായ ആരാധന മൂലം ഞങ്ങൾ “മാധവീയം” എന്ന പേരിൽ ഒരു സമ്മേളനം നടത്തി സാറിനെ ആദരിക്കാൻ പ്ലാൻ ചെയ്തെങ്കിലും സാർ അതിനു സമ്മതിച്ചില്ല. പിന്നീട് അത് “യൂസി എന്റെ സ്നേഹതീരം” എന്ന് മാറ്റുകയും സാർ ഉൾപ്പെടെ 75 വയസ്സ് തികഞ്ഞ മറ്റു അധ്യാപകരെയും ആ സമ്മേളനത്തിൽ ആദരിക്കുകയും ചെയ്തു. യൂ സി കോളേജിന്റെ ചരിത്രത്തിൽ ഇടം പിടിക്കാൻ ഈ മഹാ സമ്മേളനത്തിന് സാധിച്ചത് ഒരു വലിയ നേട്ടം ആയിരുന്നു.

1970കളിൽ uc കോളേജിലെ കലാകായിക രംഗത്ത് മികവ് കാണിച്ച പൂർവ്വിക വിദ്യാർത്ഥികളെ ചേർത്ത് കൊണ്ട് seventees@ucc എന്ന സംഘടന രൂപീകരിച്ചപ്പോൾ അതിൽ ഒരു ഭാരവാഹി ആവാൻ കഴിഞ്ഞതിൽ ഏറെ സന്തോഷിക്കുന്നു. അന്തരിച്ച സിനിമ നടൻ സത്താറും, സിനിമ നടൻമാരായ കലാഭവൻ റഹ്മാൻ, ജിജു ചാക്കോ തുടങ്ങിയവർ ഉൾപ്പെടുന്ന ഈ സംഘടനാ യൂ സി കോളേജിന്റെ കലാരംഗത്തു ഇപ്പോഴും മികച്ച സംഭാവനകൾ നൽകി കൊണ്ടിരിക്കുന്നു.

കോളേജിൽ നിന്ന് പോന്നതിനു ശേഷവും കോളേജിന്റെ പല കാര്യങ്ങളിലും എനിക്ക് ഭാഗമാകുവാൻ കഴിഞ്ഞിട്ടുണ്ട്. കോളേജിൽ fiber optic cable lay ചെയ്യുന്ന പ്രോജെക്ടിൽ ഒരു technical consultant ആവാൻ സാധിച്ചതിൽ എനിക്ക് വളരെ ഏറെ സന്തോഷവും അതിലുപരി എനിക്ക് കിട്ടിയ ഒരു വലിയ അംഗീകാരവും ആയിരുന്നു. നൂറാം വർഷത്തിന്റെ നിറവിൽ നിൽക്കുന്ന യൂ സി കോളേജിലെ എല്ലാ സംരംഭങ്ങൾക്കും എന്റെ എല്ലാ പിൻതുണയും സഹകരണവും ഞാൻ വാഗ്ദാനം ചെയ്യുന്നു. സ്നേഹാദരങ്ങളോടെ

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## Thanksgiving service

Union Christian College conducted an online thanksgiving service on June 8th, 2021 as part of its centenary celebrations. Dr. Theodosius Marthoma Metropolitan delivered the message. He pointed out that the college, which stands tall in the field of higher education in modern times by adhering to the views of the founding fathers, should go ahead with it and shine a light on future generations.

The service was streamed online via UCCMedia, the official YouTube channel of the college.



## July Meet 2021

July Meet 2021, the online alumni meeting was conducted on 10th July 2021. Alumni from 12 countries shared their thoughts, memories and wishes. The July meet was conducted this year as a result of the wholehearted efforts of the UCCAAK, the Kuwait chapter alumni association of the college. We thank the UCCAAK members and all those who participated and made this event a success. The event was streamed online via the official YouTube Channel of Union Christian College – UCCMedia

## SPORTS

The Physical Education Department of the Union Christian college has made us proud with their splendid performance in various championships.

### **Roll ball Championship.**

The women's team emerged champions in the MG university Roll ball championship defeating Assumption college by a score of 3-1. The men's team secured runners up position in the men's category.

### **Softball Championship.**

UC College men's softball team secured third position in the MG University Men's soft ball championship.

### **Fencing Tournament.**

The MG university Women's team secured second position in the MG university Women's fencing championship while the Men's team secured 5th position.

### **Cricket Tournament.**

Union Christian Women's team defeated Marthoma college Perumbavoor by 58 runs to lift the MG University Women's cricket championship.

### **Roller Sports and Roller Hockey**

UC College Women's teams emerged champions in Roller Sports and Roller Hockey championships while Men's team secured 3rd position



Roll Ball Women's team



Soft ball Men's team



Women's Cricket team

Congratulations to the team members and the Physical Education Department

# AWARDS/ACHIEVEMENTS

## Hockey Tournament.

UC College Men's and Women's teams emerged champions in the MG University Hockey 5's Championships in their respective categories.



Roll Ball Men's Team



Women's Roller Sports Team



Women's Roller Hockey Team



Men's Hockey Team



Women's Hockey Team



UCC Fencing Team

# AWARDS/ACHIEVEMENTS

## Football Tournament

UC College Women's team secured the second position in the MG University Football tournament.

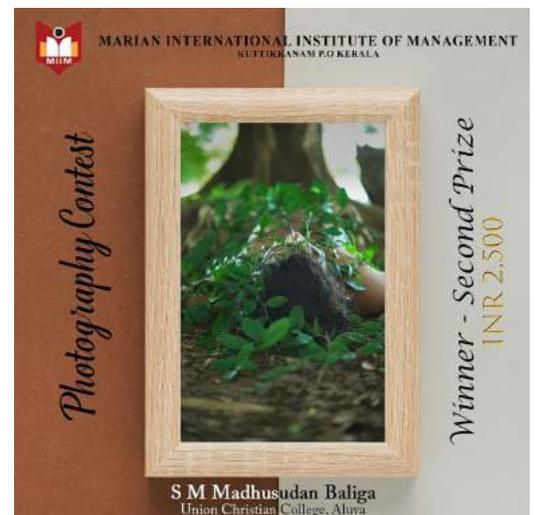


## PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST WINNER



SM Madhusudan Baliga, from the MBA department won the second prize in the Photography Contest conducted by the Marian International Institute of Management, Kuttikkanam. The award consist of a cash prize of 2500 Rs.

Congratulations Madhusudnan for the acievement.



## PROJECT PROPOSAL CONTEST WINNERS



Sreeya Jayaram and Aswathy Labi from the Bio Sciences department won the First and Third prizes respectively in the Project Proposal contest - "IDEATE", conducted by the department of Biotechnology, SB College Chaganassery.

Congratulations Sreeya and Aswathy for the achievement.



# INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS 2021

The 75th Independence day was celebrated in the college with great elan. The celebrations got underway with the ceremonial parade led by SUO Pallavi A Rao and flag hoisting. Principal, Dr. Rachel Reena Philip delivered the message which was followed by medal distribution to outstanding cadets. SUO Pallavi A Rao, SUO Ananthakrishnan A I, JUO Sreya K Raj, JUO Gayatri K Reghu, CSM Thejas K.V. received special recognition for their exemplary performance. 40 NCC cadets of the two subunits, teaching and non teaching staff and former cadets participated in the parade. SUO Ananthakrishnan A I and Nino Baby, Caretaker Officer(SW) accompanied the Principal during the ceremony.



## MCA VIRTUAL LIBRARY

School of Computer Applications' Virtual Library is an innovative and attractive idea from the MCA Library, created by Dr. Smitha C Elayadom, (Librarian) as an alternative service during the pandemic period. The Virtual Library offers a better user experience through its enriching services and 24/7 access to multiple resources through a single platform.



By clicking on the images on the virtual shelf, the users can get the link to read/download books and access other resources including Thesis, Journal articles, Newspaper, Magazines, and the like. Many useful websites for practicing aptitude online, online learning platforms, 'virtual lab', and information on internship providers are also incorporated into this Virtual Library. Resources can be accessed anywhere, anytime, and on the mobile too and it is useful for the students and the faculty alike.

## WEBINAR - 'COVID & POST COVID'

Union Christian College in Association with VPS Lakeshore Hospital Kochi conducted a Covid awareness online session. The session was lead by Dr. Antony Paul Chethupuzha(Senior Consultant, Gastroenterology) and Dr. Joesph K Joseph(Consultant, General Medicine). The session is organized for the parents of our students and our faculty.

Date: 4th June 2021, 7.30 pm

## WEBINAR - 'HOW TO STARTUP YOUR BUSINESS'

Department of Electronics and Computer Maintenance, UC College, Aluva in association with Department of Renewable Energy, St. Alberts College, Ernakulam conducted a webinar on "HOW TO STARTUP YOUR BUSINESS"

Date: 2nd June 2021, Tuesday

Time: 11.00 am

Speaker : Mr. Arun P M, Asst. Vice President of Engineering and Data Science, Tranzmeo, Kerala

## WEBINAR - 'GANDHIYUM SATHYAVUM SAMAKALIKA LOKAVUM'

Gandhidarshan club, NCC, NSS units of Union Christian College in association with the Sevagram Ashram prathista, Wardha & Prabodha trust cochin conducted a webinar on the topic Gandhiyum Sathyavum Samakalika Lokavum.

Date: June 8th 2021, 7.30 PM

## SYMBIOSIS CAPACITY BUILDING LECTURE SERIES

Department of Economics, Union Christian College organized Symbiosis - Capacity Building lecture series on 12th June 2021, 5.00 PM.

Ms Krishna Sasidharan lead the session on Civil Service Examination - Tips and Methods.

## WEBINAR ON IP COMMERCIALIZATION

The Departments of Zoology & Biosciences conducted a Webinar lecture series 2020-21 on "IP Commercialization"

Resource Person: Ankita Susan Mathew

Senior Brand Protection Specialist, NAVEE, FRANCE

Date and Time:

Saturday, 12th June 2021, 10.30 am (IST)

## WEBINAR ON ENVIRONMENT DAY CELEBRATIONS

Nature Club of UCC is conducted a webinar on the topic "കേരളത്തിലെ മാതൃന പരിസ്ഥിതിയും പരമ്പരാഗത സമൂഹങ്ങളുടെ പ്രതിസന്ധികളും" as a part of World Environment Day Celebrations.

Date: June 5th 2021, 6.30PM

## INTER DEPARTMENTAL ONLINE QUIZ COMPETITION

The Biosciences Department conducted an inter departmental online quiz to commemorate World Environment Day on June 5, 2021.

## WEBINAR - 'FRAGILE EARTH'

The Post Graduate & Research Department of Chemistry, Union Christian College, Aluva conducted a Webinar in connection with the World Environment Day on 07 June, 2021.

Time: 09:30 - 10:30 am

Speaker: Jerly K. J.

(Educator, artist, writer, environmentalist, social activist)

## WEBINAR ON BACHELOR OF SPORTS MANAGEMENT

The Department of Physical Education is conducted a Webinar on Bachelor of Sports Management on 7th June 2021 at 7.00 pm.

## WORKSHOP ON NO-CODE WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT

School of Computer Applications, Union Christian College, Aluva organized a workshop on NO-CODE WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT

Resource Person : Mr. Dileep MB

Co Founder, One Team Solution

Date: June 10, 2021 (Thursday)

Time: 11.00 a.m

## WEBINAR - 'CURRENT TRENDS IN EMBEDDED SYSTEMS'

Department of Electronics and Computer Maintenance organized a webinar on "CURRENT TRENDS IN EMBEDDED SYSTEMS"

Date : 11th June 2021, Friday

Time : 10.30 am

Speaker : Mr. Neju Nelson

## WEBINAR ON 'TRANS INCLUSIVE SOCIETY'

The Department of Commerce conducted a webinar on "TRANS INCLUSIVE SOCIETY". discussing the Government policies for the upliftment and empowerment of transgenders.

The session was led by Ms. Syama S Prabha, Project Officer at Transgender Cell.

Date : 11-06-2021

Time : 10am to 11am

## WEBINAR - INTERNATIONAL DAY OF YOGA 2021

Department of Physical Education in association with National Cadet Corps and IQAC is organized a Webinar in connection with International day of Yoga.

Topic : Yogic Techniques to deal with Post COVID challenges on Physical and Mental Health

Speaker: Dr Rashmi Kalkura K

Date : 21-06-2021

Time : 10am

## WEBINAR – CAREERS IN ARCHAEOLOGY

Department of History conducted a webinar on the topic: Careers in archaeology on 14th June 2021 at 4.00 PM.

Speaker: Dr. VINURAJ B, ASSISTANT ARCHAEOLOGIST, TRISSUR CIRCLE, ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF INDIA

## WEBINAR - 'IS NUCLEAR ENERGY IS AN ANSWER FOR CLIMATE CHANGE?'

Nature Club U.C.C, organized its second webinar on 'Is Nuclear Energy is an answer for Climate change?'

Speaker: Mr. S. P. Udayakumar, writer and anti-nuclear activist from Tamil Nadu, India.

Date: 19-06-2021

Time: 4.00 pm

## QUIZ COMPETITION - 'VAYANADINAM'

Swaralaya samskarika Vedi, Union Christian college conducted a Quiz competition in connection with Vayanadinam.

Date: 20-06-2021

Time: 7.30pm

## INTER DEPARTMENTAL QUIZ COMPETITION

The Department of Physical Education organized an interdepartmental Quiz competition in connection with the International Olympic day.

Date: 23-06-2021

Time: 10.00 am

## PAPERBACK 3 – BOOK DISCUSSION FORUM

The Department of Economics, Union Christian college Aluva conducted its book discussion forum, Paperback III.

Date: 24-06-2021 & 25-06-2021.

Time 5-6 pm

Sessions were led by Athulya Manoj, Michelle Lillian, Irine Mariam Mani, Simi Johnson & Keerthana Mohan.

## POSTER MAKING AND DOCUMENTARY MAKING COMPETITIONS.

The department of Physical Education organized a poster making and documentary making competitions in connection with the International Yoga Day celebrations. Theme: Yoga and its significance.

## READING DAY CELEBRATIONS - AASHIYANA CLUB

Aashiyana club of Hindi department, Union Christian College Aluva conducted letter writing competition, Book Review Presentation and Elocution competitions in connection with the reading day celebrations 2021.

## WEBINAR – READ TO GROW

English Association, Department of English, Union Christian college conducted a webinar on the topic 'Read to Grow'.

Date: 19-06-2021

Time: 6.00 pm

## OBSERVANCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST DRUG ABUSE AND ILLICIT TRAFFICKING.

Anti Narcotic club, IQAC and the department of Zoology jointly observed the international day against drug abuse and illicit trafficking. A talk was organized on the topic 'sharing Facts on Drugs, Save Lives.

Speaker: Mr V.T Job

Date: 26-06-2021

Time: 10.00 am

## TALK - CHEMICAL FREE FARMING

Department of Commerce, in association with the Nature club conducted a talk on Chemical Free Farming.

Resource Person: Mr Paul K George

Date: 04-07-2021

Time: 10 am

## POSTER MAKING COMPETITION

Swaralaya samskarika Vedi, Union Christian college conducted a poster making competition in connection with the International Day against Drug Abuse and illicit trafficking. Theme: Society

## INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY 2021 !!!

SCHOOL OF COMPUTER APPLICATIONS, UNION CHRISTIAN COLLEGE, ALUVA, in Association with ART OF LIVING celebrated INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY 2021 !!! The Immunity Enhancement Program Sessions were conducted by Smt.Vijayakumari and Smt.Preetha Thampan,,Yoga Trainers, Art of Living.

Date : 21.06.21 to 23.06.21

Time : 9 am to 9.45 am

## READING WEEK CELEBRATIONS

Department of Hindi, Aashiyana club and IQAC jointly organized a talk in connection with the reading week celebrations.

Speaker: Mr Abdul Basith, Ex UCian.

Date:03-07-2021

Time: 10-11.30 am

## WEBINAR – FUNDAMENTALS OF PEACE BUILDING

Centre for Peace Building and Dialogue, UCC conducted a Webinar on Fundamentals of Peace Building.

Topic: 'Making Peace: Youths at Crossroads'

Speaker: Rev Dr John Prasad

Date:03-7-2021

Time: 11 am

## HARMONICS 2021

Department of Physics, Union Christian College Aluva organized the first webinar from the series 'Harmonics 2021'.

Topic: A Glimpse of Ionospheric and space physics.

Resource person: Dr Vrinda Mukundan

Date: 30-07-2021.

Time: 3.00 pm

## POPULATION DYNAMICS AND POLICIES: UNDERSTANDING CHINA'S NEW POPULATION POLICY.

The Department of Economics organized a talk on Population dynamics and policies: Understanding China's New Population policy.

Speaker: Mr Danny Geevarghese

Date: 12th July 2021

Time: 9.45 am (IST)

## DR. A.K BABY MEMORIAL LECTURE 2021

The Department of History, Union Christian College conducted a Lecture on the topic Approaches of Higher Education: An analysis based on Experiences in Aluva Union Christian College

Resource person: Prof P.K Michael Tharakan

Date: 14-08-2021

Time:10.30am

## വായനവാചാരം

The department of Malayalam, UCC conducted വായനവാചാരം on 21st June 2021. Principal Dr Rachel Reena Philip inaugurated the event in which Mr. K P Krishnadas delivered the message.

## NASHA MukT BHARAT ABHIYAAN

As part of Nasha MukT Bharat Abhiyaan, Anti-Narcotic campaign led by National Service Scheme, National Cadet Corps and Anti-narcotics Club of Union Christian College Aluva, the following sessions were conducted

Talk 1:

Topic: Addiction

Resource Person:

Bibin George

Date: 17 July 2021

Time: 5:00pm

Talk 2:

Topic: Nalla Sheelungal - Online

Vidyabhyasa Kalathu.

Resource Person:Dr Sheena G Soman

Date: 18 July 2021

Time: 2.30pm

Talk 3:

Topic: Yes to Life, No to Drugs

Resource Person: Mr. Bins George

Date: 24 July 2021

Time:10.30am

## WEBINAR ON -

### "നമ്മളൊരു വിത്ത് പെറുക്കി"

The Nature Club of Union Christian College conducted a Webinar on the topic 'നമ്മളൊരു വിത്ത് പെറുക്കി'

Resource person: Manoj Kumar

Edavanakkad

Date: 31-07-2021

Time:10.30am

## WEBINAR - LIFE SCIENCE, BIOSCIENCE & BIOTECHNOLOGY - A PLETHORA OF OPPORTUNITIES

The Departments of Zoology & Biosciences Conducted a Popular Science Webinar Lecture on the topic, Life Science, Bioscience & Biotechnology - A Plethora of Opportunities.

Resource Person: Dr. Uma

Subramanian Unni

Date:07-08-2021

Time: 10:30 am

## WEBINAR - 'ENGINEERING MICROBIOME FOR HUMAN GUT AND PLANT ROOT HEALTH'

The Departments of Zoology & Biosciences conducted a Popular Science Webinar Lecture on the topic 'Engineering Microbiome for Human Gut and Plant Root Health'.

Resource Person: Dr. Hameeda Bee Associate Professor of Microbiology, Osmania University, Hyderabad.

On Saturday August 14,10:30 am

## CONGRATULATIONS TO MR. NIXON JOSEPH

Our Distinguished Alumnus, Mr Nixon Joseph, Ex COO, SBI Foundation has been selected to the illustrious jury panel at TheCSRUniverse COVID Response Impact awards 2021 to find the best COVID related initiatives which made significant contributions to emerging social needs amidst the COVID pandemic.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO MR. TONY DEVASSY

St. Paul's Joliet Parish Church in the United States has presented the Partnership Award to the Loaves & Fishes Care and Share, an organization that organizes charitable activities internationally. Presidents Tony Devassy(our distinguished alumnus) and his wife Elsy Devassy received the award.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO ADV. ASHOK M CHERIAN

Hearty congratulations to our distinguished alumnus Adv. Ashok M. Cherian, who is appointed as the Additional Advocate General by the Kerala state. It's a proud moment for UCC. He was an Economics student at Union Christian College and was the founder president of seventees@ucc group.

## PROF.P.J.JOSEPH



PROF. P J JOSEPH, FORMER PROFESSOR, DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH, LEFT FOR HIS HEAVENLY ABODE ON 14-07-21.

Prof. P.J.Joseph, with his unassuming gentle demeanor and thundering voice in classrooms and stages, left an unequivocal impression on his students. Being the socially committed person that he was, he got involved wholeheartedly in varied community outreach programs to nurture nature and society. Though his activities extended beyond the confines of the college, UC College was always his first love. As a dedicated teacher, author, speaker, and inspiring influence, PJJ sir left an indelible impact on his students, friends and society at large. He valued and respected relationships and painstakingly maintained them. We pay tearful tributes to the veteran teacher and philanthropist. May his soul rest in peace.

- Prof. Sulatha Annie Thomas

## DR.P.M.CHACKO

If teaching is an instinctual art, Dr.P.M. Chacko had it in abundance, to hold his students spellbound. The fine texture of his bass voice with its perfect modulation rendered listening to him a pleasure. The gentleness of his character and the goodness of his spirit permeated the air around himself. He was loved and respected by all, as he practised in life what he believed in, as a true Christian. UC College community joins multitudes of his students and friends who cherished PMC's enriching associations with them and his pleasant camaraderie, to pay our respectful tributes to this veteran teacher and humane scholar. No words can express the irreparable loss and void that he leaves behind. May his soul rest in peace.

-Prof. Sulatha Annie Thomas



PROF.DR.P.M.CHACKO, FORMER PROFESSOR, DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH, LEFT FOR HIS HEAVENLY ABODE ON 25-07-21 AT 4.25 AM AT LISIE HOSPITAL, ERNAKULAM.

## REV PROF K.C MATHEW



REV. K. C. MATHEW, WHO SERVED THE COLLEGE AS MANAGER WITH DISTINCTION FOR TWO TERMS, PASSED AWAY AT 7 AM ON 23-07-2021. THE COLLEGE MOURNS WITH THE FAMILY AND REMEMBER HIS LIFE AND WITNESS WITH THANKSGIVING.

Rev. K. C. Mathew – A Distinguished Alumnus of UCC

Rev. K. C. Mathew, one of the distinguished alumni of our College and the Manager of the College for two terms, from 1993 to 2001, passed away on 23 July 2021. He was the Founder Principal of Bishop Moore College, Mavelikara. The Union Christian College along with the Central Kerala Diocesan Youth Movement of the Church of South India, played a crucial role in shaping his social convictions, educational goals, and the spirituality undergirding his role as a pastor.

He neither wore his Christianity on his sleeve nor did he make a show of his identity as a pastor. Rather, he let that define his role as an administrator who wielded authority with much humility and love. Irrespective of religious differences, he made it a point to visit the homes of faculty who either went through bereavement or had faced some other adversity and say a prayer of consolation.

The Platinum Jubilee Celebrations and the first NAAC accreditation process speak of his ability to harness the human potential in each of the faculty and use it for the development of the College. Till he became extremely sick, those faculty who had associated with him could expect a phone call from him on their birthdays. The College cherishes his life and witness and bids adieu to one of its devoted alumnus.

– Rev Thomas John, Manager UCC

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