



# Union Christian College Aluva Newsletter

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## From the Principal's desk

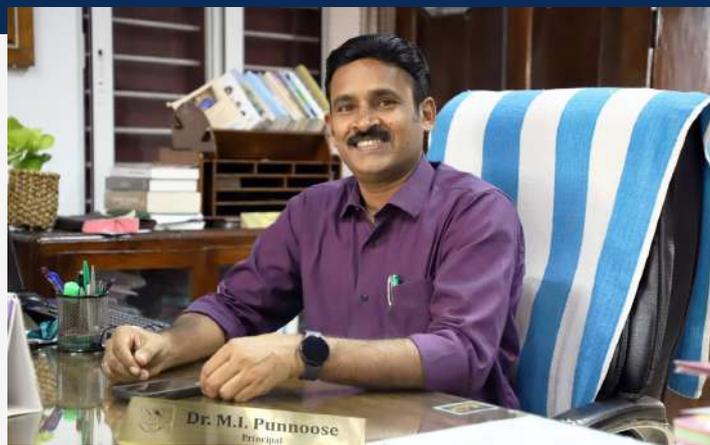
Dear friends,

Greetings from UCC!

Union Christian College is at a significant juncture this year, after the jubilations of the centenary celebrations. This is a moment for introspection and recalibration. The challenges of a new era call for a renewed commitment to the vision of our founders, while we brace ourselves for fresh ventures to influence the socio-cultural and educational map of our land. The time is ripe to pledge ourselves to the nation, to safeguard its secular and democratic fabric.

It is a matter of pride that in our pursuit of educational excellence we have improved our position in the NIRF ranking from 97th to 77th. But there is no time to bask in the newly achieved glory. There are still heights to reach and dreams to realise. One is reminded of Robert Browning's lines, "a man's reach should exceed his grasp/Or what's a heaven for?" At UCC we never cease from aspiring for excellence. In that search the college is gearing up for the 5th cycle of NAAC accreditation. I wholeheartedly appreciate the college community for diligently working towards securing the highest grade. I earnestly solicit the support of all well-wishers in this endeavour.

The Centenary Celebration in 2022 was an unforgettable experience, evincing the love of our alumni and the wider community for our institution. The week-long festivities reinvigorated us. My sincere gratitude to all who contributed to the success of this fiesta. The nostalgic November Meet this year is special as our cherished AB Block has been renovated with the generous support of the Vidwan P. G. Nair Trust.



The Vidwan P. G. Nair Block & M. L. Pankajakshi Conference Centre will be inaugurated on the 8th of November by Prof. M. K. Sanu. UCC's gratitude to Dr. M. G. Sarngadharan and family! The Thanalidam Eco-shop will be inaugurated on the 9th of November. Events galore await us. Let us travel together!

Prof. Dr. M. I. Punnoose

## OLD STUDENTS' REUNION DAY 2023

Dear Alumni,

Union Christian College invites you to the Old Students' Reunion Day on 11th of November, 2023 (Saturday)

08:30 AM

**Registration**

10:00 AM

**Public Meeting at VMH**

**Chief Guest**

**: Justice K. Vinod Chandran**

(Hon'ble Chief Justice, High Court of Patna)

**Guest of Honour :**

**Dr. M.G. Sarngadharan**

(Chairman, Vidhwan P.G. Nair Trust)

11:30 AM

**Scholarships & Alumni Awards  
Distribution and Reminiscences**

12.30 PM

**Lunch Break**

01.30 PM

**Documentary Release & Screening**

02.15 PM

**Business Meeting**

(Followed by Cultural Programmes)

## Global UCian Meet-2022



The OSA Alumni Reunion of the college on the 12th of November, 2022 was the stage for a global meet of UCians as the college celebrated its Centenary Year. The Chief guest was Shri. Thushar Gandhi (Great-Grandson of Mahatma Gandhi, Activist and Writer). The meet was inaugurated by Hon'ble Justice C. Jayachandran (Alumnus). Dr. Sosamma Iype (Padma Shri recipient and alumna) was the guest of honour. The college anthem penned by Shri. Venu V. Desom and set to tune by Mr. John P. John was performed by the college choir on the occasion. Dr. Sosamma Iype and Shri. Biji George (Addtl. S.P. of Police/Recipient of President's Police Medal) were honoured at the function. Tributes were paid to the nonagenarian alumni and retired teachers.

### Congratulations to our Alumni!



**Ms. Thasmin Shihab** won the Prof. Joseph Mundassery award instituted by the Centre for continuing Education, Govt. Of Kerala for her novel *Sumaiyya* in the children's literature category. **Dr. A.T. Biju** won the Shanthi Swaroop Bhatnagar Award 2022 for his contribution in the area of Chemical Engineering. **Prof. Dr. Dileep Kumar M.** has been appointed as the VC of Hensard University, Nigeria.

### UCian touches the Moon

The O-rings, dust covers and gaskets used in LVM 3 rocket that took Chandrayaan to the space was made at Industrial Elastomers, Edathala. Congratulations to the CEO Shri. Abdu Samad, an alumnus of UCC.



## July Meet 2023



The July Meet of the overseas Alumni chapters was conducted on 8th of July, 2023. Rev. Thomas John (Manager) presided over the meeting. Dr. Mini Alice (Dean, Administration) led the discussions on various future projects. This was followed by a panel discussion on Alumni engagements and chapters. Felicitations were offered by Mr. Cyriac George (UCCAANK), Ms. Riya Raju (UCCAANA), Mr. N.M. Pearson (Paravur Chapter), Representatives of UCCAANK and UCCANA.

## Teachers' Day 2023



The OSA and the college management jointly celebrated the Teachers' Day on the 5th of September, 2023 in honour of the retired teachers. Prof. K. Muthulekshmi (Pro-VC, SSUS, Kalady) was the chief guest of the day.



The Principal and OSA presented a memento to Justice K. Vinod Chandran, (Chief Justice, High Court of Guwahati) on the 4th of January, 2023.

## Adieu!

Union Christian College paid homage to Col. VSM Makkar (Rtd./alumnus) on the 2nd of October, 2023. Dr. Rajan Varghese (Former Principal) paid tribute to him at the condolence meeting.

# NIRF Ranking



Union Christian College secured the 77th position in the list of the best higher education institutions in the country. This is the second year that the college has consecutively figured in the list with a significant improvement from the last year's position.

## 100 years of Tagore's visit



The college celebrated the Centenary of Tagore's visit (1922) on 18th of November, 2022. Dr. K.V. Kunjikrishnan (President, State Library Council) was the chief guest.



Prof. Dr. M.I. Punnoose attended the 11th International Conference of the Colleges and Universities of the Anglican Communion (CUAC) held from the 2nd to 8th of July, 2023 at Melbourne, Australia.

## Principal's Installation

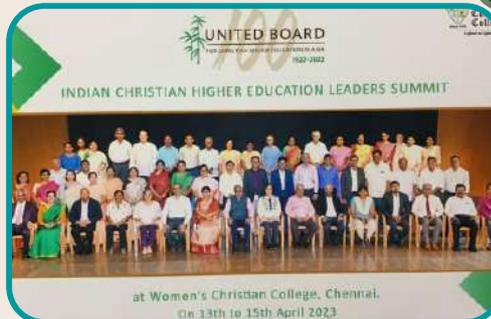
The installation service of the Principal of Union Christian College, Prof. Dr. M. I. Punnoose was held on the 27th of June, 2023 at the College Chapel. His Grace Dr. Yuhanon Mar Polycarpose blessed the ceremony with his benedictory address.



The Indian Christian Higher Education Leaders Summit organised by United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia (UBCHEA) was held at the Women's Christian College, Chennai from 13th to 15th April, 2023. Prof. Dr. M.I. Punnoose participated in the Summit.



Dr. Jenish Paul, attended the UB Fellows Programme SMU Leadership Seminar from 2nd to 5th of July, 2023 at Singapore.



## Student Exchange



Five Japanese students from the International Christian University participated in the one month long International Service Learning Programme at UCC, from 24th July to 23rd August, 2023. Two UCC students Ms. Ayushi Sabu and Ms. Uthara Menon participated in the Japan Summer Service Learning Programme hosted by International Christian University, Japan in July, 2023.

## UB Visit



A delegation from the UBCHEA comprising Angela Wai Ching Wong, Vice President for Programmes, Kevin Henderson, Director Digital Content and Programming, Lentson Amos, Consultant Assistant Director for South Asia Programmes visited Union Christian College, Aluva on 12th of April, 2023.



## College Updates

During the Centenary Year, the college undertook a massive renovation drive where the iconic buildings on the campus were spruced up. The renovation of the **Kacheri Malika** (a protected monument) which was long due was completed with the help of the Kerala State Department of Archaeology. The **T.B. Ninan Hall** was upgraded with necessary technical support to host seminars of national standards. A new **gymnasium** is functional on the campus to cater to the fitness needs of the college community. A grand staff dining area has been built in the college canteen for the guests visiting the campus. The renovation of the **AB block** with the support of Vidwan P.G. Nair Trust is nearing completion. The renovated building will be called **Vidwan P.G. Nair Block & M.L. Pankajakshi Conference Centre**.



The C.P. Andrews Basketball Stadium renovated with the aid of CSR funding from Federal Bank Ltd. was inaugurated by Shri. Raju Hormis (former AGM, Federal Bank) on 11th of November, 2022. The 44th UC College South Zone Intercollegiate Basketball Tournament was held from the 7th to 10th of March, 2023 in this arena.

Union Christian College entered the **Magic Book of Records** for building the largest concrete replica of the FIFA World Cup.

## Thanalidam



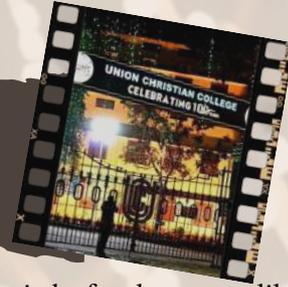
‘Thanalidam: A Ucian Haven for All’, a unique tri-faceted initiative of the college to serve the society through the following projects: 1. Ecoshop 2. Thrift shop and 3. Free Mid Day Meal was inaugurated on the 8th of May, 2023. The project was inaugurated by Smt. Sreelatha Lalu (President, Karumaloor Panchayath). The foundation stone of the Ecoshop was laid by His Grace Elias Mor Athanasius Metropolitan.

## Book Release



‘ആലുവയിലെ ജോണച്ചൻ’ the biography of Rev. Fr. T.V. John, an eminent former faculty of the Dept. of English, authored by his son Dr. Alexander John was released by Shri. M.A. Baby on the 14th of September, 2023. This was followed by a seminar on *Ecological Consciousness* by Ms. Ansu Anna John (Grand-daughter of Rev. Fr. T.V. John /Environmental Consultant).

# Centennial Vista



Union Christian College Celebrated its Centenary Year with myriad of gala events like Exhibitions by National Organisations, Departmental Exhibitions, Inter-collegiate exhibitions, Global UCian Meet, Cultural events, Consumer fair, Game zone and more.

## National Organisations

Organisations like ISRO, Indian Navy, Indian Army, Indian Air Force, Cochin Shipyard, NPOL etc attracted many curious minds to their stalls.



## Department Exhibitions

All the Departments of the College set up stalls showcasing key areas of research and knowledge.



## Cultural Events

One of the highlights of Centennial Vista was the cultural evenings with popular lectures by public intellectuals like Sunil P. Ilayidom, Balachandran Chullikad etc and cultural programmes like Chavittunadakam, Kalaripayattu, KPSC's Play, 'നിങ്ങൾ എന്നെ കമ്മ്യൂണിസ്റ്റാക്കി' cultural programmes by Swaralaya, etc.



## Consumer Fair

Consumer stalls by Royal Enfield, Elite Foods, Euro Power Wash, Hortcorp, Kudumbasree Ernakulam, INSA etc were opened for the public.



## Conclave

A Centenary Conclave on 'കേരള വികസനം-പുതുരാഷ്ട്രീയ നിലപാടുകളുടെ അനിവാര്യത' was organised on 10th of November, 2022.



## International and National Seminars/Lectures

The Department of English organised an International Lecture by Ms. Ansu Anna John (Environmental Consultant to the US Environmental Protection Agency) on *Severing the Sacred Soil-Soul Bond: How Colonial Legacies Lead to Eco-Cultural Loss* on 25th of September, 2023.



The Department of Mathematics conducted a National Seminar on *Number Theory and Discrete Mathematics* in collaboration with Kerala Mathematical Association on the 7th of March, 2023. The seminar was inaugurated by noted mathematician, Dr. Satyavolu Srinivas Rau.



The Department of Economics, jointly with CSES (Centre for Socio-Economics and Environmental Studies) and Women's Study Centre, CUSAT, organised a National Public Lecture on *Climate Change and Agriculture* by renowned agricultural economist and Professor, Dr. Madhura Swaminathan on the 20th of July, 2023.



A two-day National Symposium on *Nuclear Energy-Generation and its Applications* was organised from 23rd to 24th of February, 2023 by the Departments of Botany and BioSciences in association with Indian Nuclear Society, Mumbai and the Atomic Energy Retirees Association of Kerala under the

sponsorship of Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited and co sponsorship of Nuclear Fuel Complex, Hyderabad and the Indian Association for Radiation Protection, Mumbai. Dr. K. Madhusudhanan (VC, CUSAT) inaugurated the symposium. The keynote address was delivered by Sri M. Venkatachalam (Distinguished scientist and Executive Director, National Power Corporation India Ltd).



A National Seminar on *Indian Economy @75* was organised by the Department in collaboration with Kerala State Higher Education Council on the 24th of January, 2023. The speakers included Prof. Suresh Babu (IIT Madras), Prof. Veeramani C. (IGIDR and Director, CDS), Prof. S. Chandrasekhar (IGIDR), and Prof. Vijayabaskar (MIDS).



The V.K. Alexander Memorial National Seminar on *Therapeutic Skill Training* was jointly organised by the Department of Psychology and Athma-My Mind, My Care, Kerala, from 15th to

16th of March, 2023. The keynote address was delivered by, Dr. Bibin B. Thottam (Consultant Psychiatrist).



The Department of Botany organised a National Seminar on *Millet Cultivation and Product Preparation* on the 11th of August, 2023. Dr. C. George Thomas (Chairman, Kerala State Biodiversity Board) was the chief guest.

The MBA Department organised a National Conference on *Booming Indian Economy*, on 23rd of January, 2023. Dr. K. N. Raghavan (IRS, Executive Director of the Rubber Board) inaugurated the conference.

# Workshops



The Department of English, organised a **Theatre Workshop** under the banner of *Beck and Call: The English Theatre* on the 20th of September, 2023. Dr. Sujeesh C. K. (Assoc. Prof. of English, SSC Kalady) was the resource person for the workshop.

A workshop on Creative Writing, *POIEMA* was organised on the 30th of October, 2023. The resource person was Dr. Nithya Mariam John (Asst. Prof. of English, BCM College, Kottayam). A **Drama Therapy Workshop** by Rev. Dr. Renjan John (Consultant Counsellor) was organised in association with *Beck and Call: The English Theatre* on the 31st October, 2023.

The Department of Physics organised a National Workshop on *Materials Characterization Technique* from 22nd to 23rd of March, 2023. The main speaker was Prof. Reji Philip (Raman Research Institute, Bangalore).



The Department of Botany, in association with the Research Advisory Council of the College, organised a workshop on *Research Methodology and Publication Ethics* from 29th to 30th May, 2023. The sessions were handled by Dr. Sebastian Joseph (Rtd. Assoc. Prof, Dept. of History, UCC), Mr. Jobin Jose (Librarian, Marian College Kuttikkanam) and Dr. M. Anilkumar (Assoc. Prof and HOD, Dept. of Botany).



On the 9th of January, 2023, the Department of Computer Science organised a workshop on *Assembly Language Programming*. Mr. Cijin K. Paul (Asst. Prof. of Computer Science) was the resource person. Faculty members from various colleges under Mahatma Gandhi University participated for finalizing the lab cycle of the S4 B.Sc. Computer Science Microprocessor and Assembly Language Programming Lab.

The Department of BioSciences conducted a two day online Teachers Training Workshop on *Genome Editing* sponsored by Lady Tata Memorial Trust, Mumbai from 5th to 6th of November, 2022. The resource persons were Dr. Devashish Rath, Dr. Chitra S. Misra, Dr. Sudhir Singh, Ms. Gargi Bindal (Scientists of BARC, Mumbai).

**E-Kudumbam** On the occasion of observing International Women's Day, on 8th of March, 2023, the Department of Commerce organized a workshop on electronic marketing for members of Kudumbasree units of the neighbourhood. The session was handled by the students of the Department. An exhibition cum sale of products made by the students and Kudumbasree members was also organized.

## Workshops

The Department of Physical Education in association with Redeem Sports Foundation organized a workshop on *Women Empowerment Through Exercise* on 21st of April, 2023.



The MCA Department conducted an online hands on training workshop on "*Python Programming & Data Science Fundamentals*" for faculty, students and research scholars of other colleges from 7th to 9th of June, 2023. Ms. Veena Jose & Ms. Sherna Mohan, Associate Professors of the department led the sessions.



On 8th of March, 2023, the MBA Department in association with World Okinawa Shorin Ryu Karate Do Kyudokan

Federation of India and organised a Self-Defence workshop that provided training and skills, equipping the participants with techniques for self-protection.

## IQAC



The IQAC of the college organised a Faculty Development Programme on *The Revised Accreditation Framework: A Roadmap* 21st of January, 2023. Dr. Binu Thomas (Assoc. Prof. in Computer Science, Marian College, Kuttikkanam) led the programme. A talk on *Preparedness for NAAC Accreditation* by Prof. Dr. George K. Alex (Principal, St. Thomas College, Kozhenchery) was organised on 8th of August, 2023.

## NSS

The **Seven-day Special Camp** of National Service Scheme Unit was been conducted from 23rd to 29th December, 2022 at GHSS Vazhakulam. The camp was named **Navajeevan 2022: Lahari Mukhta Naalekaay Yuvakeralam**. The camp was inaugurated by Siraj K.M. (Vazhakulam Block Panchayat Member). In collaboration with Kochouseph Chittilapily Foundation, the NSS Unit initiated the *Snehaveedu* house construction project. The foundation stone laying ceremony of first house was on 17th of August, 2023.



In association with Women and Child Development Department, the Unit conducted an orientation programme on the 19th of August, 2023 on the topic *Gender, Justice and Equality Awareness*. The session was led by Smt. Darlin Donald (Family Counciller and Trainer). After the session a self-defence training class was also conducted by rural police officers. *UC LF Nilavu 2023-24: Sampoorna Thimira Vimukta Aluva*, a Free Eye Examination & Free Cataract Surgery Camp was conducted on 7th of September, 2023.



## Optical Lab



The new Optical Lab of the Department of Physics was inaugurated on the 2nd of November, 2022. The facility was built with the financial assistance of the DBT Star Project of the Department of Science and Technology.

## Extension Activities

As part of *Vidyakiran*, the extension activity of the Department of English, second-year MA students visited Viveka Chandrika Sabha School, Puthenvelikkara and engaged sessions on Communicative Skills and Creative Writing for higher secondary students on the 2nd of August, 2023. Three students from ICU (Japan) also joined the team.

*Raanthal*, a best practice of the Department, organised an extension activity at Champaparambu LP School for classes I-IV on 27th of September, 2023. The initiative aimed to instill environmental consciousness by raising awareness about nature and promoting the use of eco-friendly products.



The Department of Economics conducted an extension activity to study the prevalence of lifestyle diseases in Karumalloor Panchayat. The report of the study carried out was handed over on 24 May, 2023 to the Panchayat President. Another extension activity was carried out to assess the awareness of general public about various government schemes in Alangad Panchayat. The report of the study was handed over on 24 of May, 2023 to the Panchayat President.



The Department of Chemistry, was selected to conduct a programme titled *Urjakiran* with funding from Energy Management Centre, Kerala in association with Centre for Environment and Development and Karumalloor Grama Panchayat. An Energy Conservation Rally and Signature Campaign was organised on 23rd of January, 2023.

The Department conducted two Gifted Children's programmes on 25th of February, 2023 and 16th of September, 2023. Dr. Geena Joy (Asst. Prof. of Mathematics) delivered a talk on *The Mathematics Behind Data Encryption* as part of the 4th session of the Gifted Children Programme.



**Arteo-Botanique**, the Eco-shop of the Department of Botany participated in the *Onavipani*, in association with *Thanalidam* on the 24th of August, 2023.



The Department of Zoology, in association with HLL and Kadungalloor Panchayath, organised SWASTHYA, an anaemia detection programme for women of reproductive age, on the 30th of June, 2023.



The Outreach and Women Empowerment Cell of MCA Department conducted a class for senior citizens residing at Chacko Homes on the 12th and 13th of September, 2023 to familiarise them with various features available on smart phones.

On the 15th of October, 2023, the Undergraduate students of the Department of Psychology assisted Kerala Police at different venues in Aluva for collecting, compiling and documenting data of migrant population in Kerala as requested by the Police Department.

# Extension Activities

The Department of Psychology organised an interactive session with the students of Gandhi Smaraka Prarthana Skill Centre in Paravoor on the 14th of October, 2023. As a part of the programme, 1st year MSc Psychology students visited the centre and spent time with differently abled and hearing impaired students who are undergoing job training to work in hotels and retail shops.



As part of the extension programme of the Department of Physical Education, to develop and nurture young talented sports persons in Cricket, Netball and Archery, three academies were inaugurated in UCC.

The MBA Department, in collaboration with HDFC Bank and the Indian Medical Association (IMA) Cochin, organised a Blood Donation Camp on 10th of October, 2023.



The Department also hosted the *Training the Teacher Trainer*, in association with CXS Solutions, from 10th to 12th of April, 2023.

## Library - Seminar



A national seminar on *Research Integrity and Scholarly Communication* was conducted on the 25th of February, 2023 in association with the Kerala Library Association Ernakulam Region and IQAC of the college. The inaugural session was chaired by Shri. Joe Joseph (President, KLA Ernakulam Region).

## Centenary Public Lectures

Shri. Bijo John Mammen (VSM, Air Commodore, Indian Air force) delivered a talk on *Touch the Sky with Glory* on the 4th of November, 2023. Dr. A Velumani, (Creator, Thyrocare) spoke on *A Story Teller Par Excellence- on Life, Career and Business* on the 8th of December, 2022. Sri E.P. Rajagopalan lectured on *Aghyanavum Swathanthryavum* on the 20th of December, 2022. The final Lecture was on *Hormone Disorders in Young Women* by Dr. Mini G Pillai (MD, Gen. Medicine) on the 7th of March, 2023.

## Faculty Achievements



Dr. Saju Mathew  
Elected to the  
MGU Senate for  
the 3rd time



Ms. Femi Anna Thomas  
Young Polar Scientist  
Award

## Leaders' Meet 2023

The College organised a Leaders' Meet on 14th of October, 2023 at HRD Centre, Fellowship House, for the elected members of the College Union, secretaries of various clubs, department associations, hostels, and student organizations. Rev. Thomas John, and Prof. Dr. M. I. Punnoose, addressed the leaders. Shri. Sooraj Abraham (Life Skills and Soft Skills Trainer) conducted various activities aimed at enhancing the leadership skills of the students. Dr. Sunil Abraham Thomas coordinated the programme.



# Department of English

**Higher Secondary School Teacher Transformation Programme (HSSTTP) in English:** The Department, in collaboration with the Directorate of General Education and Collegiate Education, organised an HSSTTP in English from 20th to 29th of January, 2023. Through a series of workshops, lectures, and training sessions, the programme contributed to the professional development of the 39 Higher Secondary teachers who participated in the programme.



**Susan Thomas Memorial Lectures:** Two *Susan Thomas Memorial Lectures* were conducted this year. Dr. Ajay Shekhar (Assistant Professor of English, SSUS Kalady) spoke on *The Gendered Subaltern in and as Performance* at the 9th edition, which was held on the 28th of February, 2023. The 10th edition was conducted on the 15th of September, 2023. Dr. Babitha Justin (Assoc. Professor, Department of Humanities, IISST Thiruvananthapuram) delivered a lecture on *Where are all the Women?*



**International Days:** The Department observed the *International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking* on 26th of June, 2023. Shri. Baiju Poulse M. (DySP Crime Branch & Anti-Terrorist Squad, Ernakulam) was the chief guest. On *World Food Day*, 16th of October, the Department of English organised a lecture on food culture. Dr. Meenu Jose (Assistant Professor of English, Mar Ivanios College, Thiruvananthapuram) deliberated on the topic *Gastronomic Musings: Politics and Semiotics of Food*.

**Chrysalis:** The Department, in association with *Chola*, a life empowerment initiative, has started an Induction and Lifeskills Training Programme for its PG students. The first three sessions were conducted in the months of August, September and October. The third session was residential. Two more sessions will be organised during November and December, 2023. Shri. Lovewin K. Cherian (Team Leader, *Chola*) serves as the resource person.



# Department of Malayalam



**Seminar on Asan Smriti:** The Department conducted a two-day seminar on Asan Smriti in association with the Institute of Sarvavijnanakosam from 23rd to 24th of February, 2023. Prof. M.K. Sanu inaugurated the seminar. Shri. K.P. Kumaran, director of the film *Gramavrikshathile Kuyil*, based on Asan's life, was honoured during the event. Dr. Muse Mary George (Director, Institute of Sarvavijnanakosam), Prof. Dr. M.I. Punnoose (Principal), Dr. Vidhu Narayan (HoD) spoke on the occasion. Noted academicians presented seminar papers on the poetic world of Kumaran Asan.

**Folklore Day:** On 22nd of August, 2023, the Department celebrated Folklore Day jointly with Natana Kala Kendram, Thrissur and Polika, Karumalloor. On the occasion, the Department paid tribute to the memory of renowned folklore researcher Dr. C.R. Rajagopalan. Prof. E.S. Satheeshan delivered the memorial speech. Folk artists were felicitated during the event.



## PhDs Awarded

Three research scholars, supervised by Dr. Sibin M. Eapen were awarded PhDs.



Dr. Anjali P.P



Dr. Ancy Issac



Dr. Lakshmi Das



## Department of Hindi



A talk on *Professional Ethics* was organised by the Department on 19th of May, 2023, to raise awareness about professional ethics and foster ethical decision-making. Shri. Abdul Basith (Content Writer & Tutor) was the resource person for the programme.



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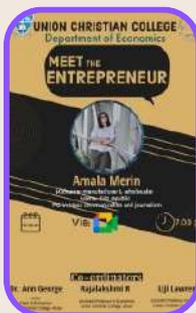
Shri. K. N. Sunil Kumar (Instructor & Mentor Block Resource Centre, Kodungallur) gave a talk on *Language Education Framework of the National Education Policy (NEP)* on the 29th of May, 2023, emphasizing the importance of language preservation and multilingualism.



The Department organised a lecture by Dr. Shalini Jose (Asst. Prof of Hindi, Bharata Mata College) on *Gender Discourse in Hindi Short Stories* on the 29th of May, 2023. The session created awareness on gender equality/equity.

## Department of Economics

**Commemorative Lecture:** Dr. Resmi P. Bhaskaran (Applied Economics and Public Policy Expert) delivered the 18th *Dr. M.V. Kurien Commemorative Lecture* on the 15th of March, 2023. She deliberated on the topic '*Moral Sentiments: Vanished Pages of Market in the Neoliberal World*'.



**Meet the Entrepreneur:** The Department organised an online session with Ms. Amala Merin, a budding entrepreneur in the field of kids clothing. Her experiences in overcoming the challenges in the field inspired the listeners to pursue their entrepreneurial aspirations.

The Department launched its 2nd value-added course *Indian Constitution and Citizen's Rights*, with the inaugural lecture on the 1st of May, 2023, delivered by Ms. Ancy Davis V. (Assistant Professor of Political Science, St. Xaviers College, Vaikom).

A session on Brain Gain led by Adhit Chandy, Anjitha Ashokan and Sreelakshmy (alumni of the Department) was arranged on the 26th of September, 2023. The focus was on capacity building and career guidance.

### Faculty as Resource Person

**Dr. Sunil Abraham Thomas** was resource person for the *Residential Orientation Camp* of the Department of Economics, St. Thomas College, Kozhenchery on 29th of September, 2023. **Dr. Geethika G.** served as resource person at the workshop on *Intellectual Property Rights* organised by Dept. of Psychology, K.E College, Mannanam, on 23rd of March, 2023.



## Department of Commerce

Shri. Shoji Joy Edison (Horticulturist, CMFRI) inaugurated the *MOOC on Organic Farming* on 25th of September, 2023. He spoke on the *Importance of Organic Farming*. A **Soft Skills Training** was conducted in association with Amity Global Business School on 15th of February, 2023. Shri. Biju Vithayathil (Director, Amity Global Business School/Adjunct Faculty, IIM, Kozhikode) served as the trainer.

**Saplings Distribution:** The *Young Roots Club* of the Department distributed 100 saplings among students of the Department, on 23rd of August, 2023.



## Department of History



Prof. Dr. P.J. Cherian delivered the **Prof. Dr. T.I. Punnen Memorial Lecture** on the 27th of March, 2023. He spoke on *The Muziris Port City (100BC-300AD) and the Indigenous Mind*. The T.I. Poonnen award for the best PG dissertation was presented to Ms. Fathima Riswana (PSMO College).



### PhD Awarded

Ms. Nisha Ann Jacob was awarded PhD under the supervision of Dr. Sebastian Joseph.



An orientation programme was organised for the first-year students of the Department on the 27th of July, 2023. Dr. Sebastian Joseph (Environmental Historian) engaged the session.



## Department of Psychology

The Department in association with BLISS and Coaching Center for Minority Youths (Govt. of Kerala) conducted a three-day training programme, *Pathway - Social Life Wellness Programme* from the 30th of January to the 1st of February, 2023. The sessions were led by Mr. Fabil Varghese (Psychologist), Adv. Charly Paul, Hajeesha Husain (VListen Mindcare Solutions), Dr. Ambika Devi, (Former faculty, SBS, MGU), Adv. T. K. Kunjumon, Dr. Razeena Padmam, (Former Director SBS, MGU).



A U3A (University of 3rd Age) Fest was conducted on the 13th of August, 2023 in association with IUCDS, MGU. More than 300 U3A members attended the programme. U3A focuses on lifelong learning and active aging. Prof. Dr. P.T. Baburaj (Dir., IUCDS/U3A, MGU) inaugurated the programme.

An interactive session on the *Need To Enhance Student Initiative in Nation Building* was conducted in association with Aster Medcity on the 29th of September, 2023. Shri. T.P. Seetharam (IFS) led the session.

**Suicide Prevention:** As part of *World Suicide Prevention Day*, the 1st PG students of the Department conducted an awareness campaign on suicide prevention on 11th of September, 2023. Adv. Litto Palathingal (Joint Sec., Maithiri Foundation Trust) engaged an awareness programme on 13th of September, 2023 in association with Jeevani Counselling Centre.



**Dr. Seena M. Mathai**, served as resource person at the FDP on *Health and Wellbeing* organised by Govt. Engineering College, Thrissur in association with the Directorate of Technical Higher Education.

## Faculty PhDs



Dr. Hanu G. Das  
(History)



Dr. Julie Ann Joseph  
(E&CM)



Dr. Femi Anna Thomas  
(Zoology)



Dr. Arjun Mohan  
(Commerce)



Dr. Asha Baby Mathews  
(English)



Dr. Akhila Narayanan  
(English)



Dr. Uma A.V  
(English)



Dr. Jyothilekshmi S.  
(BioSciences)

## Department of E&CM

A seminar on *E-Waste and its Effects on Environment* was organised on 9th of February, 2023. Shri. Dhanush B. Danes (Asst. Prof. of Zoology, UCC) served as the resource person. A Career Guidance & Soft Skills Development Programme, *The Road Ahead-Strive to Succeed*, led by Shri. Suraj Abraham (Plan @ Earth) was arranged on 7th of February, 2023 for the first-year students. A career orientation programme was organised for the third-year students from the 14th to 17th of August, 2023. Smt. Sheethal V.R. (Placement Officer, UCC) was the resource person.



## Department of Zoology

Dr. Nuncio Murukesh (Scientist- E, Ocean Atmospheric Studies, National Centre for Polar and Ocean Research, Goa) delivered a lecture on 1st of June, 2023, on *Introduction to Arctic Climate*. Dr. Murukesh elaborated on the importance of Climate Research.



An invited talk by Dr. Ravidas G. Naik (Research Scientist, National Centre for Antarctic and Ocean Research) on *Southern Ocean Phytoplanktons* was conducted on 13th of July, 2023.

Ms. Ancy C. Stoy (CMFRI, Cochin) visited the Department on 9th of February, 2023 as part of *Citizen Science Programme* and gave hands-on-training to the students to carry out measurements using Secchi Disc.



Dr. A. A. Mohamed Hatha (Director, School of Marine Sciences, CUSAT) inaugurated the Zoology Association and delivered a talk on *The Joy and Scope of Learning Biological Sciences* on the 15th of September, 2023.

## Department of Botany

**Higher Secondary School Teacher Transformation Programme (HSSTTP) in Botany:** The Department, in collaboration with the Directorate of General Education and Collegiate Education, organised an HSSTTP in Botany from 9th to 18th of December, 2023. Dr. C.M. Sreejith (Controller of Examinations, MGU) inaugurated the programme. The course was coordinated by Dr. M. Anilkumar (HoD).



### Faculty as Resource Person



Dr. M. Anil Kumar served as resource person for the workshop *Roots and Excellence: Research Methods and Scientific Reporting* organised by the Department of Botany, Sree Narayana College, Nattika on the 10th of October, 2023. He was also a resource person at a National Seminar organised by SN College, Malliankara on the 13th of March, 2023.

A handmade herbal soap making workshop was conducted by Smt. Keerthi Surendran (Alumna) as part of Add-on-Course on Plant Based Cosmetics.



Welcome to  
UCC



Dr. Femi Anna Thomas  
(Zoology)

Faculty



Dr. Shela Mary Varghese  
(History)

## Department of Mathematics

Dr. A. Sunny Kuriakose (Principal, St. Kuriakose Arts and Science College, Kuruppampady & Academic Secretary, Kerala Mathematical Association) delivered a lecture on *Mathematics & Nature* as part of the Alumni Lecture Series on 14th of February, 2023.

**Statistics Day Celebration:** The Department organised an interdepartmental statistics quiz followed by a presentation about data collection by Ms. Gargi Rajan (3rd BSc. Mathematics).

**Revisit – Interaction with Distinguished Alumni:** An interactive session was organised by the Department with one of the Distinguished Alumni, Ms. Amrutha K. H. (Research Scholar (PMRF), Department of Mathematics, IIT Kanpur) on the 14th of July, 2023. An interactive session was organized with one of the Distinguished Alumnus, Dr. Janson Antony A. (Asst. Prof. (Ad-hoc), Dept. of Mathematics, Keshav Mahavidyalaya, University of Delhi) on 11th of August, 2023.



The Mathematics Association conducted *Cipher-23 - Inter School Mathematics Quiz Competition* for Prof. K. P. Mathew Endowment Ever Rolling Trophy on 30th of September, 2023. Vinayak R. and Raghunandhan Prasad of Vidyodaya Public School, Thevakkal, won the first prize.

## Department of Physics

A webinar *Illuminating careers : Exploring Photonics and Beyond* was organised on the 9th of June, 2023 by MIT World Peace University, Pune in association with the Department of Physics. Dr. Narendra Mathakari (Assoc. Prof & Head, School of Physics, MIT-WPU) was the resource person. An **Interactive Session** for students with Sri. Harikrishnan R. (Group Head, TTDG, VSSC) was held in November, 2022 which gave students an awareness about the various space programmes of ISRO.



A hands on training programme was conducted on the 19th of May, 2023 for research students as well as teachers of nearby colleges for familiarising the Electrochemical Workstation, newly purchased under the KSCSTE SARD scheme for advanced applications. Dr. Abhilash (Dept. of Polymer Science CUSAT) led the programme.

An endowment was instituted in honour of Prof. E.I. Anila and a lecture was organised on 23rd of June, 2023. Dr. Muhammed Musthafa (Associate Professor, IISER Pune) lectured on *Electrified Interfaces: Challenges and Opportunities*.



Swathi T.S. (Research Fellow, IIT Palakkad), a distinguished alumna of the Department, gave a talk on *SYK Model: Chord Diagrams in Double Scaled Limit*. on 3rd of October, 2023 as part of the Theoretical Seminar Series of the Department.



The Department is organising a series of webinars – *Harmonics 2023* by its alumni, working in reputed organisations across the globe. As a part of it, one of the distinguished alumni, Mr. Nayeem N.E. (Lagrange Laboratoire, France) gave a talk on *Stellar Angular Diameter Estimation Using Interferometer* on 6th of March, 2023.

## Department of Chemistry

A National Seminar on *Spectroscopy and Density Functional Theory* was organised in association with Indian Society of Analytical Scientists (Kerala Chapter) on the 21st of September, 2023. The resource persons were Dr. Yousuf Kuruvath (Professor, Dept. of Applied Chemistry, CUSAT), Dr. Jayasree Elambalassery (Professor, Dept. of Applied Chemistry, CUSAT), and Dr. Sindhu Matahi (Asst. Prof., Department of Applied Chemistry, CUSAT).



Two Popular Science Lectures were organised jointly by the Departments of Chemistry, Botany, Zoology & Biosciences in association with Indian Women Scientists Association with the support of Board of Research in Nuclear Sciences (BRNS)-DAE. The first lecture on *Drugs and Biologics: Discovery and Development with Special Reference to Preclinical, Regulatory and Clinical Development* was delivered by Dr. C. N. Ramchand, (CEO, Mag Genome Technologies Pvt. Ltd., India & USA) on 14th of February, 2023. The second lecture on *What can Nanoengineered Materials Do in Modern Medicine?* was delivered by Dr. Deepthy Menon, (Professor, Amritha School of Nanosciences & Molecular Medicine) on 10th of October, 2023.

**Dr. A.M. Chacko Memorial Lecture** was conducted on the 7th of February, 2023. Dr. A. Srinivasan, (Professor, SCS, NISER-Bhubaneswar) delivered the lecture on *Metals in Medicine and Therapy*.



**Dr. Jenish Paul** gave an invited lecture on the topic *Nature- Greatest Inspiration for Innovation* in the National Science Day Celebrations 2023, organised by the Department of Chemistry, St. Peter's College, Kolenchery.

## Department of BioSciences

The Departments of BioSciences and Botany jointly organised a popular science lecture on *Advances in Millet Genomics for Food and Nutritional Security* in association with Indian Women Scientists' Association and BRNS on 7th of July, 2023. Dr. Manoj Prasad (Professor and JC Bose National fellow, National Institute of Plant Genome Research, New Delhi) delivered the talk on the subject.



As part of the Chancellor's Chair Programme organised by the Department of Biotechnology, CUSAT, Prof. Dr. George Iwama (Adjunct Professor, University of British Columbia, Canada) visited the department on 10th of February, 2023, for academic interactions and delivered a lecture on *Sustainable Food Production for Our Future*.



Department of BioSciences organized a lecture on *Significance on Genomic and Proteomic Studies in Plant Microbe Interactions* on 18th of January, 2023, in the TB Ninan Hall. Dr. N. Bharathan (Chairperson and Professor, Biology Dept., Indiana University of Pennsylvania, USA) delivered the talk on the subject.

### Faculty as Resource Person

Shri. Shyam Mohan, Shri. Vipin Thomas and Smt. Merin K. Eldo

were resource persons at Vimala College, Thrissur, Mohandas College of Engineering, Trivandrum & St. Xaviers College, Aluva respectively on various occasions.



## Department of Computer Science

The Department conducted a technical fest *Exploria 2023* on 9th of June, 2023. Events like web cloning, PC assembly and other competitions like treasure hunt, spot choreography, mobile photography and games were conducted.



## Faculty as Resource Person

Dr. Asha Das, delivered a lecture on *Automated Breast Cancer Grading Using Image Processing and Machine Learning Techniques* at the CUSAT-INID School on Medical Image Understanding on 1st of March, 2023, organised by CUSAT in association with Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU).

## Department of Physical Education

**International Accreditation Courses:** The Department, in association with the International Society for the Advancement of Kinanthropometry (ISAK), organised two levels of the International Accreditation Course in 2023. Level 1 from 20th to the 22nd of July, 2023 & Level 2 from 22nd to 24th of July, 2023. The programme was inaugurated by Dr. Mohammed Riyadh (Najath Hospital, Aluva). Level 1 of the course was also conducted in 2022 from 14th to 16th November, 2022.



The *26th Dr. A.K.Baby Memorial South India Inter Collegiate Hockey* tournament for men and women was held from 8th to 10th of March, 2023. The tournament was inaugurated by Shri. Biji George T. (Addl. Superintendent of Police, Aluva). Christ College, Irinjalakuda and Union Christian College, Aluva bagged first and second positions respectively in the Men's category. Marthoma College, Tiruvalla and UC College bagged first and second positions respectively in the Women's category. Mr. Soji T.C. (General Secretary, Hockey Kerala) distributed the prizes.



The **9th International Day of Yoga** was observed on 21st of June, 2023 in association with the NCC & NSS units of Union Christian College. The NCC Cadets of Al-Ameen College, Edathala also participated. Dr. Jeevan P.S. (Senior Medical Officer, APHC Thuravoor/Senior Faculty, Art of Living) led the session.



The **MG University Inter Collegiate Hockey Championship** was held from 16th to 18th of October, 2023 at the college. The UCC men's team emerged as champions.



## MBA

An interactive session on *Innovation & Transformation in the Modern Business World* was organised on 10th of August, 2023. Mr. Randeep Rajashekar (National Marketing Head, Luker Technologies) served as the resource person.



## Faculty as Resource Person

Ms. Janisben Bino, delivered a lecture on *Leadership for Sustainable Development*, at Chinmaya College of Arts and Science, Kochi. She was also a resource person at Presidential Business School, Nepal, where she delivered the lecture *Narrow Down Your Topic, How to Select Project Topic?*. She addressed the students of Bharatha Matha College, Aluva, and spoke on *Recent Trends in Banking*.



A *Certification Programme in Management of Financial Services*, offered by Hedge School of Applied Economics, was conducted from 21st to 24th of February, 2023.

The MCA Placement Cell arranged a talk on *Empowering Agriculture through the Integration of Computer Science* on 27th July, 2023. Dr. Santhosh Kumar M.B. (Professor, Dept. of IT, SOE, CUSAT) was the resource person.



The IIPC cell of the Department organised an interactive session on *Emerging Trends in IT* in association with TCS on 23rd February, 2023 at MCA conference hall. .

As part of observing International Women's Day, the Women Empowerment Cell of the Department organised an interactive session with Ms. Preetha G. Nair, (CEO, Brama IT Solutions) on *Women Entrepreneurship in IT Industry* on 8th of March, 2023.



An anti-drug awareness programme was organised on 22nd February, 2023. Mr.Sreehari R (Asst. Prof. & HoD, Department of Clinical Psychology, AIMS Kochi) was the resource person.

## NTS Updates

## Welcome!



Sajmi C.I.



Simon Mathew



Sanilkumar K.G.



The College cherishes the memories of Shi. Kannappan K. who passed away recently. For decades he served as Hostel Boy (Skinner)



Eldho Mathew



Anil K. John

The **Management Development Programme (MDP)** for the Non Teaching Staff was held on October 14, 2023 at Aeli Hills. Dr. P V Joseph (HR trainer) was the Resource Person. The **Family Get-Together** of the non-teaching staff took place on 13th of May 2023.



## Clubs

**The Animal Lovers' Club** of the College was inaugurated by Dr. P. S. Easa (Renowned Wildlife Biologist and Rtd. Scientist, KFRI) on the 31st of May, 2023. He delivered a talk on *Man-Wildlife Conflict: The Way Forward*.

YOU SEE UCC, the official **Photography Club** on the 23rd of Jan 2023, organised a Workshop on Camera Basics. Mr. Dipin Kumar (Fujifilm Technical Expert) was the resource person. An online photography competition was conducted by the club on the occasion of Independence Day Celebrations on the 15th of August, 2023.

An acting workshop led by Mr. Basil Pama (Theatre Artist) was conducted by the **Theatre Club** on the 4th of March, 2023. The workshop included training on enhancing verbal and non-verbal expression of ideas, improving voice projection, articulation, language fluency and persuasive speech.



16 members of the **Yuva Tourism Club**, in association with the Kandal Club, participated in the plantation programme at Kumbalangi, organised by the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, on the 31st of July, 2023. The members of the club served as volunteers in the Champions Boat League (CBL), organized by the Department of Tourism, Government of Kerala, conducted on the 16th of September, 2023 at Marine Drive, Kochi.

**Jalatharanga**, the Swimming Club of the College, was inaugurated on the 12th of April, 2023 at the TB Ninan Hall of the College. The inaugural address was given by the Principal, Prof. Dr. M.I. Punnoose and Mr. Saji Valassery (Swimming Instructor) delivered the keynote address.

The **Rotaract Club** of the College, affiliated to the Rotary Club, Cochin Central, was inaugurated on the 26th of June, 2023. Ms Jyothika serves as the president.

# Clubs



The **Nature Club** students participated in the transplanting of paddy seedlings in a two-acre paddy field at Kuravilassery in Mala Panchayath in November, 2022.

Prof. Ajay Basil Varghese, (Academician and Entrepreneur, Startup Coach, KDISC Mentor & Incubation Manager, Adi Shankara TBI, Kalady) delivered a talk on *How to Plan for Start-up and Legal & Ethical Steps* on the 14th of March, 2023 at the inauguration of the **Entrepreneurship Club**.

The **Gandhi Darshan Club** observed Martyr's Day on 30th January 2023 by offering floral tributes at the *Gandhi Maavu*. A talk on, *Gandhi Smaranakal*, was held on 8th February 2023 by Dr. K S Gracy, (Asst. Prof., Dept of History, St. Peter's College, Kolenchery). The Club associated with Probhodha Trust, Kochi, in releasing the book *The Murder of Gandhi* by Mr. P.S. Joseph on 11th of August, 2023.

The **Mizhi Club**, in association with the Kites Foundation, launched audio books for visually challenged students on the 13th of October, 2023. The **Mizhi and Symphony Clubs**, in association with the Samarthanam Trust for the differently abled organised a Job Fair on the 14th of October, 2023.

**Aashiyana** conducted a Quiz Competition in connection with 142nd Birth Anniversary Celebrations of Premchand in July, 2022. A *Doha* Recital Competition based on the Dohas of Kabirdas was organised on International Hindi Day.

The **Quiz team** of the College participated in various quiz competitions like Forestry Quiz organised by the Forest Department, Power Quiz organised by the KSEB and LIC Quiz by LIC of India and won various prizes. Quiz club members won prizes in various intercollegiate competitions organised at St. Joseph's College, Devagiri, Assumption College, Changanassery and St. Thomas College, Pala.



The **Electoral Literacy Club** was inaugurated by Mr. B. Anilkumar (Deputy Collector, Revenue Recovery, Ernakulam) on the 7th of December, 2022, followed by a Voter's Enrolment Campaign. Mr. Devassy P.G. (Deputy Tahasildar, Aluva) introduced the voter's enrollment portal to the students. The Club took part in the National Voter's Day celebrations, 2023, organized by the Electoral Registration Office, Aluva on the 25th of January, 2023. A Voters' Enrollment Campaign was organised in association with IQAC and Electoral Registration Office, Aluva on the 13th of September, 2023.



The **Anti Narcotic Club** hosted an AIDS Awareness Programme on the 14th of December, 2022, under the auspices of the Kerala State AIDS Control Society co-ordinated by the Community Health Centre of Karumalloor Panchayat. Mr. R.C. Bose (Magician and Artist) was the resource person.

The **Pain and Palliative Club** arranged an orientation programme led by Bini Manoj, (Staff Nurse, Govt. Hospital, Aluva) for student volunteers on 14th of January 2023. The programme included a training session for unit members on how to maintain physical hygiene of bedridden patients. The members of the club set up stalls periodically for the sale of products like soap, liquid wash, bathroom wash etc. prepared by paraplegia patients. A talk on Child Cancer was conducted in collaboration with Hope Child Cancer Care Foundation on 10th of October, 2023.



## Clubs

The students of **Swaralaya Music Band** secured second prize in the intercollegiate fest *Symphonia* organized by Rajagiri College, Kalamassery. As part of the World Music Day on 21st of June, 2023, the music squad of Swaralaya conducted a jamming session. The students performed a street play on 22nd of August, 2023, to show the problems faced by women and children in today's society. Swaralaya took part in the college Onam celebrations on 24th of August, 2023 and conducted a musical programme, with *Onappattu* and *Nadanpattu*. Swaralaya team secured 3rd prize in the music band competition conducted by the Kochi Metro on 31st of August, 2023. The music band bagged several prizes at *Panache 2023* organised by St. Teresa's College on 11th of October, 2023.



The **Fashion Club** of UCC has been actively participating in various events, showcasing their talent and securing notable positions.



**Kids Dale** the day care centre functions as an important support system for teachers with young children.



The stall of the **Raanthal** in the Centennial Vista attracted general public and alumni with its eco-friendly products that included cloth bags, pouches, terracotta jewellery, indoor plants and paintings.

The **Kandal Club** organised a lecture by Shri. Anandan Pokkuden on *Ecological Importance of Mangroves and its Conservation* on the 12th of April, 2023. The project *Oru Kalalayam Kandal Nattu Thudangunnu* was launched on 12th of May, 2023 by the club to promote awareness about mangroves, encourage hands-on involvement, and contribute to the restoration of degraded mangrove habitats.

**BLISS** provides counselling services to both the college community and outsiders. In association with Minority Welfare department of the state, BLISS organized a four day Premarital Counseling workshop for the final year UG and PG students. Under the guidance of BLISS final year PG students and clinical psychologists conducted assessment of cognitive functions of children at Blind school. BLISS and Psychology department celebrated World Mental Health Day by conducting a Peer Interactive session on *Demystifying Mental Illness* in each class.



**Vara Club** and **CARP** conducted a live painting exhibition on 10th of November, 2022 during the Centennial Vista. The members of the club beautified the walls of the Departments of English, Hindi, Zoology and Computer Science with their artistic expressions. Pictures were painted on the walls of the on the 26th and 28th of May, 2023. The club members adorned the walls of Prarthana Foundation at Paravur, Govt. SC Student's Nursery School, Aluva and Koonammav Boy's Home and the UC College bus stop.



The **Disaster Management Club**, in association with the Ernakulam District Disaster Management Authority prepared geo bags to construct temporary *kadal vada* at Puthenthodu beach, Kannamaly, as part of flood relief activities.

# Centres

## CPSD



Center for Peace Studies and Dialogue associated with the Department of Psychology and SCF to organise an open discussion on *Peace and Disharmony* on 11th of August, 2023. More than 80 students participated in the discussion on methods to build peace in the society.

## Guru Nithya Chair



### Fernhill Gurukula

On 14th of May, 2023, four teachers embarked on a meaningful journey to Fernhill Gurukula, Ooty, to commemorate Guru Nitya Chaitanya Yati's Samadhi Day.



## Service-Learning Centre



An add-on course in Service-Learning for first-year undergraduate students across disciplines was conducted during the academic years 2022 and 2023. A total of 32 students joined the programme. The Centre facilitates student exchange programmes with International Christian University, Japan which enables students from our college to visit ICU as part of the course. Japanese students also visit UCC. The activities of the SLC at UCC are spread across four areas such as education, women empowerment, environment and culture.

## CHPCD

The Centre for Human Potentials and Community Development (CHPCD) in association with LBS centre offers three computer courses: a) MS Office Certification. b) DTP & Malayalam Computing. c) C++ and Python for the students. CHPCD also offers an online PSC training courses for students.

## IEDC

Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development Centre organised a one day interactive session on the topic GIT & GITHUB applications and usage in software development on 12th of October, 2023. Mr. Mansoor Majeed (Managing Director, TZETIT Solutions) and Mr. Abdul Sameeu (Technical Head, TZETIT Solutions) served as resource persons. Dr. Jibin Jose Mathew (Asst. Professor, Dept. of Electronics and Computer Maintenance) delivered an awareness talk on the various activities of Kerala Startup Mission (KSUM) to promote innovation and entrepreneurial culture in educational institutions and to develop institutional mechanisms to foster techno-entrepreneurship for generation of wealth and employment.

## NCC

### 7(K) Girls Battalion, Thrissur



L/Cpl Lakshmi Sajan attended All India Thal Sainik Camp at New Delhi (19th to 30th of September, 2023) and won bronze medal in the Judging Distance and Field Signals Team Competition. CQMS Seethal Lal attended Army Attachment camp at Pangode, Trivandrum (15th to 26th of August, 2023). Cadet Meenakshi P.P. got selected to IGC RDC (26th of October to 5th of November, 2023). L/Cpl Neelima S. S. got selected to represent the Kerala Lakshadweep Directorate in the Para Basic Course at AATS, Agra from 1st to 22nd of November 2023.

The battalion conducted a dengue awareness rally and awareness class in association with Karumalloor Primary Health Centre (33 cadets).

## Holistic Activities

### SCF

On 15th of September, 2023, a memorial service was held to honour Shri K.C. Chacko alongside the inauguration of SCF activities. Rev. Renju Varghese Mathew (Principal, CSI Karunyalayam Special School) was the guest. *Thursdays in Black* is a unique SCF campaign, a global initiative aimed at raising awareness about violence. Athul Dev & Sebin Joy, representing the SCF of UCC attended the camp *Unlearning Toxic Masculinity Towards Healthy Growth* conducted by the Gender and Social Justice Desk of SCM held at Bangalore from 20th to 22nd of October, 2023.



The Annual Christmas Carol Service for the year 2022, hosted collectively by the College Choir, the ICF, the SCF and the respective hostels of the College, was held on 11th December, 2022 in the College Chapel. Fr. John K. Jacob, (Vicar, Mar Gregorios Orthodox Church), delivered the Christmas message.

## 22(K) Battalion NCC, Eloor



The 76th Independence Day was celebrated by hoisting the National Flag in the College. The 74th Republic Day was celebrated on the 26th of January, 2023.

Nine cadets participated in the Army Attachment camp held at Rajputhana Rifles, Bangalore: SUO Ashlin V., SUO K.R. Hareesh Mallan, CQMS Devarajan M.A., Sgt Yedhukrishna T. B., L/Cpl Arjun K.M., L/Cpl Gokul Krishna P.V., Cdt Harikrishnan K.A., Cdt Althuaf P.S., Cdt Anandakrishnan S., and three participated Army Attachment camp held at Maratha Light Infantry Trivandrum: UO Anugraha Mathew, Cdt. Annette Rose George, Cdt Anagha K.S., in 2023.



The cadets of Union Christian College, Aluva took part in the cleaning programme initiated by minister P. Rajiv in the Kalamassery constituency as part of the Environment Day celebrations 2023. As part of World Environment Day and Puneet Sagar Abhiyan cadets of UC College and SNM College, Maliyankara conducted a cleaning programme at Munambam beach.



### College Choir

# Holistic Activities

## Congregations

Four Congregations representing the four constituent churches are active on campus. The major highlight this year was the 111th Marthoma Students' Conference, from the 22nd to 25th of

May, 2023 hosted jointly by the Marthoma Congregation of the College and the Ernakulam Centre (MTC) at St. Joseph Pontifical Seminary, Mangalapuzha. Dr. Sunil Abraham Thomas (Asst Prof. of Economics), served as the President. The Orthodox and Jacobite congregations celebrated Holy Qurbana on different occasions.



## Sports Updates



The MGU Women's Cricket team which won the South Zone Interuniversity Tournament was felicitated by the College. Dr. Biju Thomas (Principal, Baselius College Kottayam) and Mr. Tinu Yohannan (Former Indian Cricketer) were present to congratulate the team. Ten members of the team were students of the college.



UCC received the second Best Sports Performing College Award from MGU for the academic year 2021-22.



Aleena Surendran & Gopika Gayathri Devi got selected to Kerala State Senior Women Cricket Team and Kerala U19 Women's Team respectively.



Selected to the Indian Baseball Team



Selected for World Arm Wrestling Championship



Selected as the Captain of the Kerala Junior Hockey Team.

## Santhosh Trophy



Sanilkumar K.G.

Selected to the referee panel of Santhosh Trophy

## Startup Mission

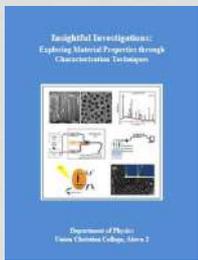


Ms. Sreeya Kudilil, M.Sc. Biotechnology, has been awarded the Kerala Startup Mission's Research Incubation Programme under the Mentorship of Dr. Jyothilekshmi S. The award was announced during the Start-up Conclave 'Huddle Global 2022' on 15th and 16th of December.

## MoUs/Linkages

1. Dept. of English (UCC) with Dept. of English (SSC, Kalady) and Marthoma Women's College, Perumbavoor (Linkages). 2. Dept. of Hindi with Ernakulam Sub Centre of Kerala Hindi Prachar Sabha. 3. Dept. of History (UCC) with Dept. of History (SSV College, Valayanchirangara). 4. Dept. of Chemistry with Indian Rubber Manufacturers Research Association. 5. Dept. of Mathematics with MathLab Research and Kerala Mathematical Association. 6. Dept. of Botany with Integrated Omics Data Center (IODC), Yenepoya (Deemed to be University). 7. Dept. of Psychology with Cottolengo Vocational Training Centre and *Athma-My Mind My Care*. 8. Dept. of CS with HKBU (Hongkong). 9. Dept. of BioSciences with Indiana University of Pennsylvania, USA. 10. Dept. of Economics and with Centre for Socio-Economic and Environment Studies, with GCDA and letter of collaboration with St. Peter's College, Kolenchery. 11. MBA with JAC Academy for Logistics and Supply Chain Management and Hedge School of Applied Economics. 12. MCA with SmartBridge Educational Services in association with IBM and Google.

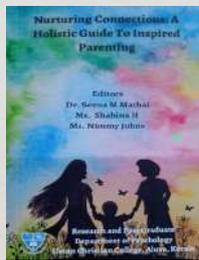
# FACULTY PUBLICATIONS



**Insightful Investigations**  
Eds: Dr. Shinoj V. K.  
Dr. Saritha K. Nair



**True to Self with Work & Life**  
Eds: Dr. Malini R.  
Dr. Marykutty P.J.



**Nurturing Connections**  
Eds: Dr. Seena M. Mathai  
Ms. Shahina H.  
Ms. Nimmy Johns



**Essential Oil Chemistry of Buzz Buttons**  
Eds: Dr. Reshmi G. R.  
Dr. Rajalakshmi R.



**Selected Studies on Metabolite Interaction**  
Eds: Dr. Manju M. George  
Dr. M. Anilkumar  
Dr. Justin R. Nayagam

## UG RANK HOLDERS

### 1st Rank



Abhinav E. K.  
B.S.M



Amala Prasad  
BT & SP



NAVANEETHA BALA  
PSYCHOLOGY



NABEELA K. J.  
BT & SP



Albert George  
E&CM

### 2nd Rank

### 3rd Rank



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