

ST. THOMAS TRAINING COLLEGE
MUKKOLAKKAL, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM – 43

ANNUAL REPORT 2018-2019

“ Knowing the answers may help them in school but knowing how to question will help them for life” -Warren Berger

Unfolding the New Academic Year...

The Two Year B.Ed Degree Programme (2018-2020) commenced on 2nd July 2018 with the full strength of 50 students. It was inaugurated by Mr.Mathew John (the then Treasurer, MTCES) in the presence of Rev.Vinith Mathew (Chaplain, St.Thomas Group of Institutions). A week long Orientation Programme started off with the talk by Dr.M.S.Geetha(Former Dean, Faculty of Education, University of Kerala & Former Principal, GCTE,Tvpm) on ‘How to be Game Changers in your Professional Journey’ and by Prof.K.Jacob Mathew on ‘Start Smart to be Teachers for Tomorrow’ respectively. The sessions handled by the faculty created the courage and confidence to face the challenges of the teaching community.

Results of the Past Three Years

Year	Student strength	Students appeared	Distinction	First Class	Remarks
2015-2017	28	28	22	6	
2016-2018	50	49	38	10	<i>I-didn't appear for the IV Semester. I- couldn't clear the papers.</i>
2017-2019	48	48	42	6	

News Scan - Highlights of the Year

- ✓ The **College Union and Arts Club** was inaugurated by the Social Activist **Mr.Rahul Easwar**. Dr.Rajan Varghese, Mr. Mathew John, Rev.Vinith Mathew also were present for the occasion. It was a day of enjoyment with the mesmerizing performance of the students.
- ✓ Dr.Tej Lohit Reddy IAS (Director, Civil Supplies) was the Chief Guest for the **College Day** celebrations.
- ✓ The two days set apart for the **Literary Day** witnessed the on and off stage literary performance of the talented prospective teachers.
- ✓ The **Arts Fest**, the platform to showcase the artistic talents of the students was inaugurated by **Dr.Rajan Varghese**(Secretary, MTCES), Mr. Mathew George(Treasurer, MTCES) and Rev.Vinith Mathew(Chaplain) also were present during the occasion. The Diamond House emerged as the Winners and Ruby House secured the Runners Up Trophy.
- ✓ As customary, the College organized the **Food Festival** sumptuously titled **Cuisine Fest** with an array of delicious dishes brimming with freshness and prepared with remarkable alacrity. The fest was inaugurated by **Mr.Babykutty.P.Rajan**(Principal,STRS). The presence of Rev.Vinith Mathew & Seba Kochamma and the Principals of STHSS & STCS-Annamma teacher & Varghese Sir was a cause of happiness.
- ✓ The academic year 2018 witnessed the **Annual Athletic Meet** with a difference with the participation of both the Senior & Junior batches. Winners Trophy was bagged by Ruby House & the Runners Up Trophy by Diamond House.The event was inaugurated by **Mrs.Annamma Cherian**(Principal, STHSS).

- ✓ During the **Initiation Ceremony**, **Rev.Vinith Mathew**(Chaplain, St.Thomas Group of Institutions) instilled in students the confidence, spiritual support and blessings so as to perform their best during the Teaching Practice sessions in various Schools in and around Tvpm city.
- ✓ The One Day Trip for the seniors along with the faculty to Thripparappu,Vattakottai,& Kanyakumari was indeed a memorable one. **Field Trip** to Legislative Assembly, Kerala Museum of History & Heritage and Priyadarshini Planetarium by the junior batch students and the faculty created a close-knit bonding among each other.
- ✓ **Fresher's Day** was organized by the senior batch for an exuberant friendship with the juniors which was a spectacular display of talents by both the batches.
- ✓ The deadly deluge that has hit Kerala during August 2018, paralyzing life was empathized by the student community in the College. As a humble effort towards restoring the status of God's own country, the staff and students of the College have contributed an amount to **Chief Minister's Distress Relief Fund** through the Registrar, University of Kerala.
- ✓ **Smart classroom** an indispensable move towards digital intimacy aided the efficacy of marching ahead. This tryst with technology was jointly inaugurated by Prof.K.Jacob Mathew and Dr.V.M. Sasikumar.
- ✓ A **One Day Lecture Series** on '**Insights to Incite Learning**' was organized in the College in which Dr.Pramod Dinakar (Post Doctoral Fellow, Central University of Kerala, Kasargod) dealt with the topic 'Technological Insights' and Dr.Joju John (Asst.Prof.MarTheophilus Training College, Tvpm) on 'Transactional Analysis: A Leap to Limitless Possibilities'.
- ✓ A **Residential Community Living Camp** conducted in the College was inaugurated by **Prof.(Dr)S.V.Sudheer**(Former Director, Academic Staff College, Kariavattom)who spoke about perfecting vibes between inspiration by the teacher and aspiration of the student.Mr. Mathew John (the then Treasurer, MTCES) and Prof.K.Jacob Mathew also were present during the session. **Dr.Justin Padamadan**(Clinical Psychologist) dealt with the topic 'Tuning Teachers and Teaching for a Twinkling Tomorrow'. **Prof.(Dr)Neelakantan Sadasivan** (English Language Remediation Professional & Former Professor, University College, Tvpm)on Posed to Perform: How to Face an Interview, **Dr.Deepika Nair.B.R**(Medical Practitioner, Govt. Women & Children's Hospital,Tvpm) on Setting Standards for a Healthy Living. **Mr.Brahmanayakam Mahadevan** (Founder, Sahajeevan Special School, Kaniyapuram) on 'Energizing Classrooms as Synergizing Platforms' and **Mr.Kyoshi Vinod Kumar.V.V** on 'Self Defense:Swimming Against Testing Times-Karate'. A trip to Veli & Mall of Travancore and the dinner from outside made the day a memorable one. **Dr.V.M.Sasikumar** (National Vice President, Council for Teacher Education, South Zone) inaugurated the Valedictory Session. The presence of Mr.Mathew John was a pleasurable moment for STTC.
- ✓ **Mr.Joseph Varghese** from Overseas Training Centre, Ernakulum conducted a class to enhance the oratorical skill of prospective teachers.
- ✓ **Prof.M.A.Thiruthuva Doss**(Author & Prof.in Mathematics, Chennai) presented a demonstration class on 'Magic with Maths" of how to learn Maths in a few easy steps which was informative and interesting.He has donated few books written by him to the library.
- ✓ The Co-ordinator of CRACS-Centre for Research in Applied Cognitive Sciences, Asia's Pioneering Research and Development Organization in the Educational Sector Mr.Rajan V.S conducted a Skill Development Class for the students in the presence of Mr.Saiju Philip and Ms.Lasitha.A.
- ✓ KALVI, the Higher Education and Research Institute also conducted classes for the students.
- ✓ Multiple Choice Questions(MCQ) of all four Semesters prepared by the English Optional students have been handed over to the Librarian for future reference.

Class Magazines - Creativity @ its Zenith

The release of Class Magazines develop in the students the value of co-operation, team work, patience and leadership qualities along with their sea of imagination and skill of writing.

PETRICHOR(Latin-smell of soil) released on World Environment Day by the Natural Science Optional was purely based on the theme of the year-‘Beat the Plastic’.Video presentation, Exhibition and the Speech on the harmful effects of plastic were an eye-opener of how each individual can save the environment.

LEYENDO(Spanish-abode of creativity) by the English Optional was released in connection with the Reading Day. The quiz programme based on the exhibition organized in the classroom,slogan writing competition, the speech on the relevance and importance of reading were the highlights of the day. The Librarian of the College Ms.Elizabeth Cheriyan.C and the Best Library User till the II Semester Ms.Preetha Antony were honoured with Mementoes.

TRINETRA released on the occasion of Independence day with a tinge of tradition vs modernity even in the designing of the paper and the environment friendly pen distributed to all was a praise worthy attempt by the Social Science Optional.**ARIO IRIS-2019**, a hand written magazine was also released in connection with the Republic Day celebration.

PEGASUS was released to commemorate National Science Day by the Physical Science Optional students.The Video presentation of the relevance of Pegasus and the dark room exhibition of the Solar System attracted the attention of all.

ONZE, the journey of the eleven member team of Mathematics Optional was released on World Pie Day. **Patrinos Numericos**, a mini magazine and **Mathematics Chronicle**, a Newspaper solely related to Mathematics were also released by them.

Commemoration of the Days of Importance

In an effort to learn beyond the classroom, opening hearts and minds towards a rich blend of theory and practice, **all days of importance**—World Environment Day, Reading Day, Independence Day, Teachers’ Day, Ozone Day, Blood Donation Day, World Forest Day, World Wild Life Day, Kerala Piravi Day, Children’s Day, World Diabetes Day, Newspaper Day, Martyrs’ Day, World Heart Day, World Cancer Day, World Wetlands Day,International Organ Donor Day,World Hearing Day, World Hospitality Day, Good Samaritan Day, World Leprosy Day, World Kidney Day and International Women’s Day were conducted in the most befitting manner with the Powerpoint presentations, speeches and Exhibitions and stage performance initiated by each Optional subjects concerned.

The Athapookalam, Onapattu, Uriyadi, Onakalikkal and Onasadhya made the **Onam** celebration lively and enjoyable.

Christmas message by the Chaplain Rev.Vinith Mathew and the Tableau, Carol songs, the group dance and the gift exchange programme along with the appearance of Christmas Papa added a feel of the season.

Centre for Gandhian Studies (CGS Unit)

University of Kerala has selected our College for establishing a CGS(**Centre for Gandhian Studies**) Unit .Gandhi Jayanthi Celebrations on a different tune was a notable highlight of the year by the Social Science Optional students as they displayed the spirit of unity and oneness conveyed through

the celebration. Reinventing the patriotic spirit of yesteryears, the aspiring teachers marched round the campus. Campus cleaning and savouring the delicacy Kappa and Chutney on the same day created a sense of bonding with each other. Commemoration of the 75th Death Anniversary of Kasthurba Gandhi also was organized by them.

Making a Civic Connection

The Kerala Statistical Institute Tvpm in collaboration with Higher Education Department, Govt. of Kerala has chosen St.Thomas Training College to conduct a Pilot study regarding the Status of Teacher Education Courses in Kerala. The study was conducted by Prof.(Dr.)P.C.Jain(Former Additional Director, Department of Economics & Statistics).

Institutional Best

- **Gayathri.N.S** has qualified the **NET** (National Eligibility Test) in her subject English Language and Literature.
- Few of our students qualified **SET** (State Eligibility Test), **C-TET** (Central Teacher Eligibility Test) and **K-TET** (Kerala Teacher Eligibility Test)
- Sahayadri Natural History Society has published a book '**Prakrithiyude Pedakam**' a collection of Environmental related short stories in which the story of Athira A.R is also included. She has also received a Certificate in connection with Kamala Surrayya Memorial Story Writing Competition organized by Vanitha Sahithi, Trivandrum District Committee.
- **Alex.J.S and Sony Robin** secured the **First prize** and bagged the Ever Rolling Trophy during the Inter-Training College Quiz Competition conducted by Christ Nagar College of Teacher Education, Thiruvallom. **Prema Titus** secured the **First Prize** in the Painting Competition held at Kerala University College of Teacher Education (KUCTE) Kariavattom in connection with the National Science Day.
- In the Paper presentation competition conducted in connection with the Literary Fest 'Chris Meraki 2019' organized by Christ College, Vizhinjam, **Gayathri.N.S** bagged the **first prize**. She received a certificate and a cash prize of Rs.2000/-.
- **Sara John and Gayathri N.S** secured the **Second Prize** for the Inter Collegiate Quiz Competition on Literature with Emphasis on English and Indian Literatures held in the same college. A cash prize of Rs.2000/- was received along with the certificates.
- **Arya Krishna.L.K** secured the **Second Prize** for the Poster Making Competition organized by KUCTE, Kariavattom as part of Ozone Day Celebration.
- In the Inter-Training College **Cricket Tournament** held at BNV College of Education, Thiruvallom and at KUCTE, Kariavattom our team comprising Alex.J.S, Aravind.P, Binil.G.Edwin, Nandakishore.G, Nidhi Dev, Sony Robin and Sooraj Suresh.S.N bagged the **Runners Up Trophy**. **Sony Robin** has been adjudged as the **Best Bowler of the Match**. The same team participated at Govt.College of Teacher Education, Tvpm too.
- In the Dr. Zacharias Mar Theophilus Suffragan Metropolitan Memorial 3rd Inter Collegiate Essay Competition conducted by Titus II Teachers' College, Thiruvalla, **Athira.A.R** won the **Third Position** and a cash prize of Rs.1000/-.
- In the Inter Training College Two Day Arts Festival, Rangolsav 2019, organized by Peet Memorial Training College, Mavelikkara, more than 20 students participated from our College. Among the 42 Colleges, **Binoy Varghese** secured the **Third prize** for the Light Music Competition for which he received the certificate and trophy. Our College team proved their mettle for Fusion Dance, Mime, English Recitation, Malayalam Versification, Classical Music etc for which they put forth commendable performance and secured A and B grades respectively for the items.

Accolades for the Faculty

Dr.Vidhya.R.R(Asst.Prof.in Mathematics)has been awarded **Ph.D in Education** (Mathematical Abilities and Higher Order Thinking Skills as Correlates of Achievement in Mathematics among Higher Secondary School Students) by University of Kerala and **Dr.Helen Hepsy.R.C** (Women Empowerment in South Kerala Diocese, 1956 - 2010) has been awarded **Ph.D in History** from Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli.

Dr.Nisha Chandran(Asst.Prof.in General Education) has been adjudged as the **Dr.Vedamani Manuel Memorial Best Paper Presenter Award** during the International Seminar conducted by Peet Memorial Training College, Mavelikkara in connection with the 17th Annual Convention of Council for Teacher Education(CTE) Kerala Chapter. She received a cash prize of Rs.2000/-along with the certificate.

Dr.Nisha Chandran and **Dr.Vidhya.R.R** have been honoured with Mementoes by CTE for securing Ph.D from University of Kerala.

Dr.Anila Chacko (Principal & Asst. Prof.of English) has bagged the **Dr.N.P.Pillai Memorial Literary Award 2018** for the Literary talent in the field of education instituted by Dr.K.Sivadasan Pillai Foundation for Educational Research and Development (SPFERD) during the Commemoration Programme held at Mascot Hotel, Tvpm.

College Magazine

The College Magazine for the academic year 2016-2018 '**Golos...Voice of Camaraderie**' was released on the last day of the On-line Examination.

Wishful Reminiscence

Shades of happiness are intertwined with pangs of pain. An irreplaceable void for St.Thomas family is the demise of Mr.T.C.George (Former Treasurer, MTCES) and Mr.P.M.Abraham IAS (Former Secretary, MTCES)dedicated administrators, committed to the cause of education. The staff and students attended the funeral service, offered our floral tribute to the departed soul.

Keeping the Flame Alive

Gratefully acknowledging the exuberant partnership extended by all those who pushed their limits, who travelled an extra mile, giving us invaluable assistance in the process of moulding socially committed morally upright and intellectually accomplished teachers.

Taking this opportunity to thank the Management and the members of the Executive Committee for their sincere and whole hearted guidance and co-operation for the smooth functioning of the College.

Seeking the blessings of God Almighty to turn our journeys to fruitful outcomes.

Thank you

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2 August 2019

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