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Mar Joseph Kallarangatt

Bishop of Pala

It gives me immense pleasure to learn that Mar Augusthinose College Ramapuram is bringing out a news letter showcasing the curricular, co-curricular and extra - curricular activities of the college. MAC has always been a trail blazer in higher education, having a wonderful track record. MAC today has emerged as a pre-eminent centre of learning radiating the beacon of knowledge to thousands of young minds. During the year of its silver jubilee, the College, I believe would make a quantum leap into new ventures and avenues opening up ample opportunities to the society around, more especially to the student community.

Jubilee, of course, is an occasion of jubilation and thanks giving. There are many who have toiled and moiled to raise MAC to its present status. The former Managers, Principals, Vice Principals, Bursars, teaching and non teaching staff and the members of the governing body, students past and present, have put in their own contributions to make MAC a great institute. I remember them all. What we need today are well educated, responsible and morally upright youth who will work for a just, equitable and peaceful society. May the Almighty strengthen your hands and enable you to become the agents of change and torchbearers of the future.

Mar Augusthinose College has attained a unique position among institutions of its kind by realising its motto 'lighted to enlighten', over ten thousand students have so far had their formation at tertiary level, laying the groundwork of successful career choices. Very many of them have secured valuable jobs. This institution prides itself on their achievement.

Today this college is in the splendour of silver jubilee. In the annals of this brief history, Mar Augusthinose College has been adorned with many awards of excellence. Above all, the college is justly proud of her outstanding students who won more than 80 university ranks. Year by year, the college has been adding to the store of its trophies of academic excellence.

As well as promoting academic excellence, the college attempts to achieve the integral personality development of its students. Special training and courses are regularly arranged with a view to realising this end. We may recall the words of Joseph Addison "what sculpture is to a block of marble, education is to the human soul. The philosopher, the saint, the hero, the wise and the good, or the great, very often lie hidden and concealed in a plebeian, which a proper education might have disinterred and brought to light".

Before concluding this message, at this time of silver jubilee I look back over the course of this remarkable success



Rev Dr George Varghese

Manager

story remembering former managers and principals who had done very valuable and unforgetful service for the development of the college. I extend my heartfelt greetings to our beloved principals, teachers and non-teaching staff who work hard with much enthusiasm and unity for the welfare of the college. As the jubilee draws to its close, I kneel down before Lord Jesus with thankful heart remembering this abundant and choicest blessings showered upon us. I appreciate very much the earnest endeavour of publishing this news bulletin and extend my cordial thanks to all who contributed to the task.



Dr Joy Jacob

Principal

I am very much delighted that MAC news letter is ready for its release. This news letter, the first one of its kind in the history of the college, reflects the vision and mission of the college. The events that took place in the college especially during the last quarter of 2019-20 have been well documented. The umpteen activities conducted by the various departments and associations showcase our high quality, our charity collections, blood donation and other humanitarian and social causes where our students and staff have been in the forefront. The achievements and accolades we received witness our unity, commitment and sincerity towards the holistic development of the college.

As we are in the midst of Covid -19 pandemic we are cowed down by stress and uncertainty. But we shall overcome

the present crisis through our resilience, diligence, united efforts and mutual support. The college never spares any effort to deliver the best learning opportunities. I am sure you will make the best use of this and will strive to accomplish your goals and dreams. The 21st century is yours, but beset with challenges and opportunities. Only the best will survive.

I congratulate the editorial board on their commendable job. I congratulate each and everyone involved in this work. It is a miracle of team work and commitment. I take this opportunity of extending my heartfelt gratitude to our manager Rev Dr George Varghese Njarakunnel for his guidance, support, erudition, spiritual depth and leadership.

I also gratefully remember the former principal Dr V J Joseph who devoted all his energies to making this college what it is today.

In this Jubilee year, let us pledge ourselves anew to the pursuit of excellence in academic output so as to fulfill the ambitions and dreams of our founder fathers.

Wishing you all the best.



DR V J Joseph

Former Principal

Mar Augusthinose College News Letter is getting ready for its release. This is a happy occasion for us to reflect on our duties and responsibilities, and to rededicate ourselves to our noble cause of imparting world class education to students of our college in this small town. Living in a small town has its own advantage. One such benefit is that it allows students to concentrate fully on the task of learning and growing up. The palm trees, green paddy fields, hillocks and rivulets create a conducive and salubrious atmosphere. All these help the learners to look deep into themselves and to discover and develop themselves. What is education if it does not lead to self-exploration and self-

transformation?

This is the silver-jubilee year of the college. The college which was started in 1995 in a very modest manner has grown into this stature with more than 1700 students and 115 teaching and non-teaching staff. Our accomplishments in various fields have been quite impressive. Our former students who occupy high positions in almost all walks of life speak for us. They are our pride and they continue to motivate us. At the same time, we also know that there is no room for complacency.

The college has always been blessed by the most committed and competent managers. They were all great institution builders and I gratefully remember each and everyone here. The present manager Rev. Dr. George Varghese Njarakunnel is also a great visionary. I extend my sincere thanks to our manager for his constant guidance and support.

I congratulate the editorial board on this good work. I also congratulate the students and all members of the staff, since it is the spirit of your good work that gets reflected here. I am quite confident that this publication will serve its purpose and will motivate the students to become newsmakers and shapers of destiny.

M.G. University Toppers 2020



Sneha Yohannan
1st - BBA



Unnimaya Sajeev
1st - B.Sc BT



Vidya Balachandran
2nd - BA Eng



Sangeeth Maria Shaji
3rd - B.Com



Kripa Maria Jose
4th - BCA



Joseph Mathew
4th - B.Com F&T



Veena V.
4th - B.Sc BT



Shifa Abdul Rasheed
5th - BA Eng



Parvathi K.O
5th - B.Sc BT



Suvarna Tanaji Shinde
6th - B.Sc BBBA



John Paul Roy
7th - BCA



Nidhilangelo M. M
7th - B.Sc BT



Aleena Ann Shibu
7th - BA Eng



Shivakami Nair B
8th - B.Com



Sreelakshmi Raju
8th - B.Com



Ans George
8th - B.Sc Ele.



Biya Sabu
9th - B.Sc BT



Arvind B. Nair
10th - B.Sc Ele.



One Day Seminar On Nuclear Energy

The one day seminar on “NUCLEAR ENERGY, THE NEED, THE PERCEPTION AND THE REALITY” was conducted by Electronics Association on 15th October 2019, in the conference hall. The seminar was inaugurated and led by Shri.A.V Sathish, Scientific Officer, Kudankulam, Nuclear Power Plant. It was very informative to both students and faculty. The basic emphasis of Mr.Sathish was to bring a change in the perspective of people towards nuclear power plants and its working. He gave a detailed explanation in such a way that the audience was captivated and they were fully involved in his presentation. He succeeded in bringing about a change in the view of

audience towards nuclear reactors. He explained lucidly how nuclear energy was the cheapest source of energy and a clean one. As the session progressed it got more technical containing information about different types of nuclear reactors around the world and what harmful effects a nuclear leakage can cause, intensity of natural calamity which may cause damage to nuclear reactors and its safety features. The Kudankulam nuclear reactor was explained in detail at both theoretical and visual form and he was able to highlight his point as to why Kudankulam nuclear reactor was considered as one of the safest reactors in the world.



National Science Day 2020

The National Science Day was celebrated by the Department of Electronics, on 28th February 2020 to mark the discovery of the “Raman Effect” by the Indian Physicist Sir C. V. Raman.

The students were very enthusiastic and did a flash mob on February 27th inside the campus announcing the celebration. Our PG students designed a model of Mars Rover controlled by Mobile Phone and it attracted commendable attention during the flash mob.

As part of the celebration various competitions were held for students prior to the meeting on 28th February. The competitions included poster designing on “science for nation building” and pencil drawing on “Evolution of science”. There was enthusiastic participation for every competition by the students. The winners of the competitions are as follows.

Name	Sem & Sub	Event	Prize
Martin George	2 nd / B.Sc	Pencil Drawing	1 st
Albin Joseph	4 th / M.Sc	Pencil Drawing	2 nd
Alen K. Sunny	4 th / B.Sc	Poster Designing	1 st
Meenakshi Prasad	4 th / B.Sc	Poster Designing	2 nd

On Science day, Dr. K. Vasudevan, Former Dean and Professor of Cochin University was our Chief Guest. He had been a senior member of IEEE from 1984 onwards and he is a member of the panel of expert advisers in various Government of India agencies like DRDO, UPSC, ISRO, etc.

The inaugural session started with a prayer. Ms. Arpana G welcomed the gathering. The meeting was officially inaugurated by the chief guest Dr. K Vasudevan by lighting the ceremonial lamp. Principal Dr. Joseph V. J, who delivered the presidential address, spoke of the significance of the science day celebration, scientific temper and outlook. The inaugural session was followed by a seminar on “Women in Science and their Empowerment”. It was an interactive session which was thoroughly enjoyed by the participants. Dr. Vasudevan cleared students’ doubts on topics like microwave antennas, career choices and practical steps for encouraging women to opt for Electronics as a discipline and career.

After that Mr. Anse George proposed a vote of thanks and specially thanked Dr. K Vasudevan for his innovative and fruitful lecture.

The entire event provided a platform for

the students to prove their talents, bring out their creativity and to overcome their weaknesses and face the challenges.



1st Prize - Jeff Prakash and Shon Dominic St. Augustine's HSS Ramapuram

KCS Quiz Competition Junior 2020

Mr. K.C Shanmukhan was a former member of the faculty of Electronics of our college. He was a source of inspiration to teachers as well as students. He joined KSEB in 1972. He was the chief engineer at the time of his retirement in 2002. The same year he joined Mar. Augusthinose College Ramapuram as an assistant professor. He was a treasure house of knowledge. He actively participated in all the activities of the college and was a role-model. He passed away on 30th October 2006. The department of electronics conducts a quiz competition in his name every year to honour this great teacher.

The 14th K.C SHANMUKHAN MEMORIAL QUIZ COMPETITION 2020 was held

on 9th January 2020 at 10:30 am in the college auditorium. Fourteen teams from various higher secondary schools participated. Mr. Abhilash V (Head, Dept. of Electronics, M.A College Ramapuram) was the quiz master. The competition comprised five rounds. Winners of the competition were Jeff Prakash and Shon Dominic, St. Augustine’s HSS Ramapuram, and the first runners - up were Don Sabu and Aswin Yasodharan, St. Augustine’s HSS Ramapuram. Abhimanue C R and Mathew Shaji St. Sebastian HSS Vazhithala, Rony Augustine and Anit Theresa Govt. HSS Edakkoly, came third and fourth respectively. A formal meeting was arranged after the competition. College principal Dr. Joseph V.J gave away the prizes to the winners.



Computer Science Fest – TAQNIA 20

Information Technology thrives on innovation, originality and speed. New systems and methods rapidly replace the old ones. The success stories of Bill Gates, Steve Jobs and the likes are sources of endless inspiration. In order to promote the students' innovative ideas and entrepreneurial skills, the department of Computer Science organized an intercollegiate festival, TAQNIA 20 on 15 February 2020. The festival was inaugurated by Rev. Dr. George Varghese

Njarakunnel, the manager, who in his address threw light on the importance of learning with understanding and practical knowledge. Prof. Prakash Joseph, the HOD and Mr. Siby M.J., the Association President also spoke on the occasion. They dwelt on lifelong learning, innovation and soft skills. The students' talent display received the applause of one and all. This meticulously planned and executed festival opened a new 'Window' in front of each and everyone.

Alumni Meet 2019



Mar Augusthinose College Alumni Association Meet was held on 26-12-2019 at 2.00 pm in the College auditorium. It was a grand get-together of 300 former students who renewed and strengthened their bonds with the college. Mr. Ebin Paulose, the association president welcomed the gathering. Rev. Dr. George Varghese Njarakunnel, the manager, in his presidential speech, dwelt on the immense possibilities for college development by associating with the alumni.

The Principal, Vice Principal and Bursar spoke on the academic, social and cultural significance of the meet. Several former students also spoke on the occasion by recalling their emotional and intellectual ties with the college. The new office bearers of the association were selected. Prof. Arun K Abraham, the secretary

and a member of the faculty proposed a vote of thanks. The meet ended with refreshments.

Seminar on 'Emerging trends in IT sector'



In association with Department of Computer Science, Alumni Association of Mar Augusthinose College Ramapuram conducted a seminar for first year BCA students on 17th January 2020. The session was led Computer Science Alumnus, Mr. Vishnu K.S., Senior Cloud Engineer, Adfolks, handled the topic 'Emerging trends in IT sector'. Mr. Vishnu explained the practical applications of various topics, including different courses

of Programme. It was also pointed out that the students must have a clear focus on the topic of their interest. Information about trending certificate courses and availability of tutorials are shared with the students. Mr. Shibu Kallarackal, Assistant Professor welcomed the gathering and Alumni Association Secretary Mr. Arun K. Abraham delivered vote of thanks. Assistant Professor Mrs. Rekha Claris honoured the guest.

The English association stimulates and motivates the young enterprising minds to perform challenging activities. It functions with the motive of sharpening the literary, aesthetic and communicative skills of

the students. English Association of Mar Augusthinose College Ramapuram conducts programmes to enhance the language skills and dramatic talents. Students are given a platform to nurture and exhibit their innate potentials.



#1 Ablaze 2k20

The department of English celebrated the Association day 'Ablaze 2k20' on 8th February 2020. Dr. M.S. Michael, formerly of Dept. of English, Devamatha College Kuravilangadu inaugurated the event and delivered a speech on the importance of English language in the modern world. The function was presided over by Rev. Dr. George Varghese Njarakunnel

, Manager, Mar Augusthinose College. Senior students from the department of English organised various competitions such as Spell Bee, Treasure Hunt etc. Two one-act plays were staged by II year BA English students under the guidance of Dr. T.K.Titus. The students presented multifarious cultural events with much enthusiasm.

#2 Media Visit

The Department of English conducted a media visit for final year BA English Literature and Communication Studies students to Chitranjali, one of the leading film production studios in India which is

undertaken by Government of Kerala under Kerala State Film Development Corporation. The visit was on 28th February 2020 and everyone enjoyed the state-of-the-art environment and exposure to modern techniques.

#3 Musical Night

In connection with Christmas 2019, the English department presented a half an hour Christmas programme for SH Media YouTube channel. The

musical programme 'Christmas Eve' was led by final year BA English Literature and Communication Studies students of Mar Augusthinose College.

#4 Paper Presentations

Name	Nature Of Programme	Title	Venue
Dr. Fed Mathew (Asso. Professor)	National Seminar - Sponsored by M.G. Uty.	Food Offering - Puzhukku Nercha - Cultural Subtext of Ramapuram	Nirmala College, Muvattupuzha. 15/01/2020.
Sheeba Thomas (Asst. Professor)	National Seminar	Kerala History - Congress	Mahatma Gandhi University Campus, Kottayam
Prakash Philip (M.A 1 st .Year)	National Seminar	Modernism and After : Making of Literature	Al-Azhar College of Arts & Science, Thodupuzha
Hanna Johny (M.A 1 st .Year)	National Seminar	Modernism and After : Making of Literature	Aphonsa College of Arts & Science, Pala.

#5 Orientation Programme

The English Association organized an orientation programme on Academic and Career prospects in Mass Media and Marketing Communication for the final year students. During the session Dr.K.Sai Prasad, Dean, Commits

College, Bangaluru interacted with the students and discussed the latest trends in information technology and mass media. It was held on 26 February 2020 and it motivated the students a lot.

#6 A Visit

A visit to the English department of Ettumanoorappan College was undertaken by Prof Jobin Mathew (HOD), Dr Fed Mathew and Dr T. K. Titus in February 2020 with dramatic impulses in mind. The students of the college with the assistance of the faculty staged Fyodor Dostoevsky's Crime And punishment with

remarkable expertise and talent. it was an enjoyable performance and students who acted various roles did justice to this timeless classic of Dostoevsky. It was Prof Arunkrishna, Asst. Prof, who prepared the script and directed it. To be sure, there is magic when the curtain rises in a theatre.

#7 Study Tour

For the final year English Literature and Communication Studies students of the college, the department of English organised a study

tour to Coorg and Bengaluru from 7th to 10th January 2020. The tour which was attended by almost all the students was informative and enjoyable.



#8 Staging of Two One - act Plays

“All the world’s a stage,

And all the men and women merely players”, by William Shakespeare.

Of course, the magic of the theatre is irresistible. Our students have proved that they are born actors and have the ability to entertain and enlighten the audience with their stage performance. This time, it was BA IV semester students who performed two English one act plays, “Mr. New Mathematics” and “Blank Answer Sheets” on two occasions, first in the college at English Association Meeting, and then during the Youth Quake Media Fest at St. George College, Aruvithura on Feb 14, 2020. On both occasions, the actors received plenty of applause from the audience. Their clear articulation, superb acting and confidence have been well appreciated. The guidance of Dr. T.K.Titus

in this noble venture is commendable. Our budding actors are Akhil Utup, Aarathi Nair, Athira Shoba, Aswarya S Nair, Anjana Devasiah, Arsha V S , Aswathy Jagadesh, Christina Shaji, Irene Rachal Mathew, Jeril Johnson, Jeswin Jiji, Josh Cyriac, Jude Mathew , Neenu Stanly, Sandra Shinto and Vivek Biju.

Prof. Ajit Paul and his team at St. George College deserve our special thanks for their enthusiastic support and assistance. It needs to be mentioned here that the team work of the entire class was behind this performance. Everyone played their role well. Shakespeare continues his observation on the theatre of life:

‘They have their exits and their entrances; and one man in his time plays many parts, His acts being seven ages’. (From As You Like It)



The Department of Commerce, Mar Augusthinose College, Ramapuram conducted the 23rd edition of CALIC 2020, on 1st February 2020. The event was a grand success. Eighty students from various colleges across Kerala participated in various events.

The programme started with a formal inaugural session at 10.30 am. The principal Dr. Joseph V J presided over the meeting and delivered the key note address. It was our honour to have Rev. Dr. George Varghese Njarakunnel, Vicar and Manager perform the formal inauguration. The events of the fest were Business Quiz, Best Management Team and IPL Auction. Besides, various spot events were also conducted.

The winners of various events were:
Business Quiz: CUSAT, Kochi
Best Management Team: CUSAT, Kochi
IPL Auction: St. Thomas College, Pala

The overall championship was bagged by CUSAT, Kochi. Notably the success of CALIC 2020 was due to the combined efforts of teachers and students under the leadership of Head of the Department of Commerce Sri.

Jose Joseph , Association President Jithin Robin and Association Secretary Adarsh K S. The valedictory function was over by 4.00 pm and the prizes were given away by Rev. Dr. Sebastian Naduthadam, Vice Postulator to the cause of Blessed Kunjachan, St. Augustine’s Forane Church Ramapuram. The grand fest gave a platform for students to showcase their hidden talents, innovative ideas and entrepreneurship. It was amazing to feel the synergy achieved through this festival of ideas, imagination and creativity.





Have the **courage** to **follow**
your **heart** and **intuition**.

- Steve Jobs

Goalcast

Biotechnology is particularly vital when it comes to the development of miniscule and chemical tools as many of the tools biotechnology uses exist at the cellular level. In a bid to learn more about biotechnology, we can see numerous

examples and its applications around us. It does not only include applications in fields that involve the living, but any other field where the information obtained from the biological aspect of an organism can be applied.



Inauguration of Operon 2019-20

The Association of Biotechnology "Operon" was inaugurated by our beloved manager Rev. Dr. George Varghese Njarakunnel. The Head of the Department Dr. Sajeshkumar N K and Operon President Mrs. Anju George offered felicitations on the occasion. The

departmental association THE OPERON (comes from 'opérer' "to bring about") was formed about 13 years back. Since then, the Operon has been the motive force behind all the events conducted by the Department. All the members of Biotechnology family were present on the occasion.



Excellence AWARDS

Our University Rank holders and A+ winners were honoured on the occasion of the Inauguration as they are our pride and pledge of future accomplishments.

Vismaya Manikuttan, Geethu Padmakumar, Asish Issac Mathew and Parvathy Prakash

secured top positions in the Final B.Sc Degree Examination March 2019. (comma) Vismaya holds the first position in Biotechnology. Unnimaya Sajeew and Parvathy K O who were the A+ winners in Nov 2018 exams shared the dais.





Seminar on ANTIBIOTIC ABUSE in Collaboration with ReAct Asia Programme

‘The time may come when penicillin can be bought by anyone in the shops. Then there is the danger that the ignorant man may easily underdose himself and by exposing his microbes to non-lethal quantities of the drug make them resistant.’ These are the famous words of Sir Alexander Flemming while he was honoured with Nobel Prize. One of the serious threats in medicine is the development of multi-resistant strains of bacteria impacted from

antibiotic overuse and abuse.

The Department of Biotechnology conducted an informative session on Antibiotic Abuse in collaboration with Aspic Club- ReAct Asia for Social Work department of our college on 18 sep 2019. Dr. Pradeep, representative of React Asia and Aspic Club President Mrs. Sheena John delivered informative lectures during the event. The presentation sessions were handled by Mr. Jismon Thomas and Mr. Ephrem V Thomas.



BIOWAVES- THE BIOTECHNOLOGY DAY

A Career Guidance Seminar on various areas of Biotechnology was organized for the students on BT day by exploring and compiling the various career opportunities and research options both in India as well as abroad.

It was a wonderful initiative taken by our faculty member Ms. Dona Maria John. On this occasion students had a wonderful experience fielding questions from our Quiz master Mrs. Rathi C R.



Outreach programmes by the Department of Biotechnology

A Science Expo was organized as an outreach program of our department.

We were invited to open a stall at St. Joseph's High School, Kurumannu. The stall was a wonderful world for the inquisitive

school students who had free interaction with our Post graduate students who clarified all their queries. The faculty members Dr. Sajeshkumar N K and Mr. Jiby John Mathew were at the fore front.



Hands- on Workshop on Advanced Molecular Tools

Hands – on experience in advanced and molecular tools is an added advantage for any biotechnologist. Mrs Anju George and Mr. Subin Jose with post graduate students of the department visited Pushpagiri Medical College and Research Centre and participated in a Hands- on Workshop on advanced molecular tools.

Our department always keeps a frontline in promoting our students and Faculty for various activities. Mrs Rathi C R , Devika S Kumar, Vismaya, Parvathy and other fellow students had some unique opportunities in presenting papers and for scholarly interactions with eminent scientists of various countries.

An International Conference on Alternative Medicine was organized by the department of Biochemistry at St. Thomas Collage Pala on 21st and 22nd January, 2020. Seven oral presentations and five poster presentations were successfully carried out by the faculty and students of the department.



Extension Programmes



MBTI Seminar



The MBTI seminar organised by the Department of Management Studies on 3rd January 2020 was a great success. It was an inter-collegiate seminar in which students from nearby Management Colleges participated. The seminar was inaugurated by our Manager Rev. Dr. George Varghese Njarakunnel. Dr. Fed Mathew, IQAC coordinator welcomed the gathering which was followed by an introductory speech by Mr Binu George, the HOD. Mr. Joseph Mani, a postgraduate of IIM, Ahmadabad, former Director (HR) of MRF Tyres and an author of several books and articles led the seminar.

The Myers-Brigg Type Indicator (MBTI) is a scientific and systematic way of understanding differences in people. The basic message of the MBTI is that you are a great person even if you are different from others. This knowledge boosts your self-confidence.

At the end of the seminar, Rev.Fr. Joseph Alencheril, the Vice Principal and faculty member evaluated the seminar and highlighted its relevance to the present society. He appreciated Mr. Mani's content and style of delivery.

Dr. Joseph V. J, the Principal, Mr. Shaji Augustine, Bursar, Mrs. Mary Mani, Prof. John Zacharias, Dr. Bobby John, Prof. M. K. Kurian, Mr. Siju Thomas, Dr. T. K Titus were also present. It was the team work of the department that made the success of the seminar.

Campus Placement Training Programme for BBA and MHRM Students

The Department of Management Studies and "T-Horizon" jointly organised a three-day campus placement training programme for MHRM and BBA final year students from 6th January to 9th January 2020. The programme called "A Gateway to Destination" was inaugurated by Rev. Dr. George Varghese Njarakunnel. Mr. Alex Mathew, Director,

T- Horizon imparted the training program by actively involving the students and by focusing on areas like interview and communication skills, resume writing and problem solving. Mr. Alex Mathew also conducted mock interviews for all the participants. Dr. Joseph V. J, Principal, Rev. Fr. Joseph Alencheril, Vice Principal, Mr. Shaji Augustine, Bursar and Mr. Binu George, HOD also played significant roles in the training programme which highly benefited the students.

Management Association Takes Wings



"Knowledge has to be improved, challenged, and increased constantly, or it vanishes"

-Peter Drucker, Management Guru

The inaugural function of the Management Association was a memorable and magnificent event. Rev. Dr. George Varghese Njarakunnel, our Manager inaugurated the association on 19th February 2020. He also addressed the gathering and reminded them that management education will be passing through an unprecedented transformation in the coming decade. A proper understanding of leadership traits, communication skills and team work capabilities are most essential. Vice Principal Rev. Fr. Joseph Alencheril advised students not to limit their learning process inside the four walls of their classroom. Mr. Binu George, HOD exhorted students to become lifelong learners and develop soft skills like critical thinking, teamwork, stress management and problem solving.

Allan Thomas who represented the students expressed his optimism about the possibilities of this association as a bridge between theory and practice. Mr. Sony Antony, Aerath, a young local entrepreneur, also spoke on the occasion and explained how local resources and talents can be tapped to start an enterprise. Mr. Shaji Augustine, Bursar, Prof. John Zacharias, Rev. Dr. Bobby John and Ms. Meera Elizabeth Augustine gave active support.



Disaster Management Week

Disaster management is the key to survival. Preparedness to face and manage a disaster with minimum damage and loss of lives is a basic safety measure. No society is immune to disaster and it is the paramount responsibility of every nation or community to equip its people with disaster management techniques and tools.

The international day for disaster reduction is observed on October 13 every year. In this connection, the dept of social work conducted several programs to create awareness and devise strategies. The action committee comprised Mr. Augustine Mathew, Ms. Vaishnavi Raveendran (II MSW), Ms. Abhinaya Dev and Mr. Arun Stephen (I MSW). The program included exhibition, cycle rally and awareness class. The

exhibition was inaugurated by Mr. . Mani C. Kappen M. L. A. on 17 October 20. This exhibition was the result of the students' hard work for several days. Most of the advanced techniques used for detecting natural disaster including earth quake and Tsunami were exhibited. A cycle rally was flagged off next day by Rev. Dr. George Njarakkunnel, our manager. After the rally, a public meeting was organized. The venue was Ramapuram town junction. Andrews Spencer (Scientific officer, Kerala Disaster Management Authority) Mr. Dantis Kunanickal (District Disaster Management member) spoke on the occasion. Mr. Arun Jacob (IIMSW) proposed a vote of thanks. A seminar on disaster management was also organized by our students. The joint efforts of social work department was behind the grand success of this program.



"Life is Beautiful": Personality Development Programme

The Department of social work organized a two -day personality development program for the first year PG students on 18-19 Jan 2020. The programme christened as "life is beautiful" was inaugurated by Dr. V.J. Joseph, our principal and Mr . Abhilsah Joseph, trainer and counsellor, was the resource person. He convinced the participants that a positive and can-do attitude can brighten and broaden one's outlook and can ultimately lead one to success and self-satisfaction. One's self esteem, confidence level and happiness are inherently related to a rounded personality, he noted. It is imperative to develop a healthy and beautiful mind. The program with several practical sessions was anchored by Abhinaya Dev, Christin Jose, Avani ManiRaj and Divya Devasia gave feedback about the program. Prof. Siju Thomas, HOD Welcomed the gathering while Prof Ms Bijo Wilson proposed a vote of thanks.

Women's Day Celebration

International women's day (March 8) celebrates the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for achieving gender equality. This year's women's day celebrations at Mar Augusthinose College was undertaken by the department of Social Work. The teachers and students started their work well in advance. The various posters with beautiful illustrations and catchy slogans prepared and displayed by them won the hearts of one and all. As the proverb says "A picture is worth a thousand words". The public function organized on 2 March at St. Augustine's Church Parish hall was well attended by students and staff members. The programme which started with a prayer song, was inaugurated by the well -known social activist Daya Bai. Mrs. Bijo Wilson, Asst. Prof. welcomed the gathering. Rev. Dr. George Varghese Njarakkunnel, the manger delivered the presidential address. Dr Joseph V.J, the Principal, Prof. Siju Thomas, HOD, Ms. Liyamol Benny Vice Chairperson also spoke on the occasion. The dance performance by our students added colour and beauty to the day.

Daya Bai in her talk narrated her experience as a social activist and crusader for women's empowerment at grassroots level. Her words touched the audience deeply and she also used her theatrical skills to convey her message. The college also honoured the non-teaching women staff who keep the campus and class rooms neat and tidy. All of them received gifts and mementos from the hands of Daya Bai- a great recognition of their silent and selfless service. The Winners of 'Celebrating Womanhood' photo contest and 'Letter to Mother competition', Sonia Luckose, MSc.I Biotec. And Archana Suresh MHRM I, also received their prizes from Daya Bai. Ms. Sreelaksmi Viswanathan, student co-ordinator proposed a vote of thanks. The program ended with national anthem.

"If you want something said, ask a man; if you want something done ask a woman"

- Margret Thatcher

Rural Camp

Rural camp is one of the activities of social work department which helps students to get acquainted with the rural community. The social work department organized a rural camp named Evanika 19 from 15-12-2019 to 19-12-2019 at Kozhimala, a tribal community, Kattappana, Idukki. Fifty-eight students of both first year and second year MSW course participated. The activities of the camp were applications of theoretical knowledge in social work and PRA (Participatory Rural Appraisal), awareness classes, cultural programs, medical camp, quiz competition and trekking. The camp was formally inaugurated by Raman Rajamannan, the King of Mannan tribe. Fr. Joice Kochithara, vicar St. Joseph's church, Kozhimala, Fr. Emmanuel Kizhakkethalacal, Manager, Zion Public school sawaraj, and Sari VR Sasi, Panchayath president, Kanchiyar Gramapanchayath participated in the program. Sri. Roshi Augustine MLA, Iduki, presided over the concluding function of the camp on 19-12-2019.



Free Eye Check-up Camp

A free eye checkup camp was arranged at Nayanraja community hall Balwadi at Kozhimala on 18 Dec 2020 by the social work department in association with St. John's Hospital, Kattappana. A medical team consisting of highly reputed and efficient doctors and nursing staff from St. John's Hospital led the camp. The hospital also provided the necessary equipments and medical kits. Patients diagnosed with cataract and other ailments were directed to report at the hospital for follow-up action and surgery. Free medicines and spectacles at a concessional rate of Rs.300 per piece were made available. Mr. Jose Varghese (co-ordinator) Anto Varghese, Sr. Lidiya DST (student coordinators) and Fr. Joyce Kochithara, Vicar, St. Joseph's Church, Kozhimala worked hard with others for the success of the camp.

This eye camp organized at the foothills of the Sahyadri was an eye opener for the students. They have been sensitized to the hard realities of our rural population who require support and assistance from government and non-governmental organizations and philanthropists.

The IQAC- Internal Quality Assurance Cell- of Mar Augusthinose College, Ramapuram began to function in the month of November 2019. Prof K K Jose, former Principal of St Thomas College Pala came over here and delivered an introductory lecture on 05/11/2019 along with necessary handouts. As some of the staff members were quite familiar with NAAC activities, the lecture kick started various activities like, Department meetings, thorough study of NAAC manual and brain storming sessions for long term planning. These initial activities were followed by department level awareness programmes. An IQAC committee was constituted with Dr Fed Mathew as coordinator.

The first initial lecture was richly supplemented on 27/11/20 by Dr Laly Antony, Management faculty of one of the leading institutions in Oman, with a brain storming session. She explained modern concepts like ADRI- approach, deployment, result and improvement, SMART- / strategy/specific, mechanism/manageable, achievable, reliable and time bound, G A - graduate attributes, Bloom's Taxonomy and CPW- continuous professional work sheet. The interaction and discussion empowered us to have a modern perspective on quality culture.

The formal inauguration of UGC project PARAMARSH was conducted on 02-03-2020 at St Thomas College Pala. The former Vice Chancellor of M G University, Dr Babu Sebastian inaugurated the grand event where five mentee colleges entered into the agreement and formal MOU was signed. St Thomas College, our mentor agreed to guide us in our onward march towards NAAC accreditation. Dr Sunny Kuriakose, Vice principal, Dr Sunil C Mathew, NAAC coordinator of St Thomas College Pala dealt deep on NAAC accreditation process.

Another significant NAAC one day workshop was organized on 19/03/2020 with Prof K K Jose as Resource Person. As it went into the details of NAAC evaluation process, the participants benefitted a lot so as to plan and implement relevant activities in their respective departments to enhance quality adhering strictly to NAAC criteria. Prof Prakash, Syndicate member of M G University, also addressed the gathering, sharing his rich experience as NAAC coordinator of Nattakam Govt College.

Major initiatives

- Weekly Meeting
- Departmental Meeting
- Long term planning - updation of website, modernization of library, proper installation of software, updating of vision, mission statements, monitoring of academic activities based on quality culture and systematic documentation.
- Initiatives to be recognized under 2F & 12B classes of U.G.C.

Jithu Memorial Football Tournament



Jithu Memorial Football Tournament is held every year in the college in memory of Jithu Thomas, an avid sports person and B Com student who left us for his heavenly abode in 2014. Eight teams from various college participated this time. The matches attracted a large number of football fans. The finals were played between Mar Augusthinose college and St Joseph's College Moolamattam on 5th September 2019. Mar Augusthinose won this exciting and keenly fought match. The winning MAC team consisted of George Mathew (Captain), Hari Govind (Vice -captain), Alshin Sebastian , Martin

Rajan, Jeeva Michael, Amal Mathew, Albin Benny, Gautham Kaimal, Derick Tom John, Nandhu S Rajeev, Alan k mani, Alan K Jose, Gokul Udayan, Jacob Prakash, Anadhu S Nair, Alan Binoy, Anex Roy, Nigel Thomas & manu Praveen. Rev Dr George Njarakunnel gave away the trophies and congratulated the players, organizers and the spectators. Prof Manoj C George, Prof Jobin P Mathew, Jose Mathew M A ii (Eng) and others worked hard for the success of the spectacular sports event. Our Manager lauded the Physical Education Director Prof Manoj C George for his dedicated efforts.

Annual Sports Day



The annual sports day was held on 4th January 2020. The students were divided into four groups and various competitions were held among the groups. There was an overwhelming participation by students and the sportsmanship and enthusiasm displayed

by them were commendable. The winners were given prizes and certificates and the day ended with a beautiful message from the manager regarding the importance of sports and games in building personality and inculcating an element of sportsmanship in everyday life.

College Teams participation in M G University Tournament

Our college teams participated at various M G University tournaments and won several matches. The teams' spectacular performance at various matches is very promising. The badminton team made it to semi-finals in the University Tournament. The cricket team won the first three

rounds and came very close to victory in the fourth round. The Football team and Basketball team also played at University level. C M S College Kottayam, K E College Mannanam and Pavanaatma College Murickassery hosted these events for the University.

Visit of Mr P U Thomas, Navjeevan Trust

The visit of Mr P U Thomas, the founder of Navjeevan Trust, to the college, on 17th January was like the blowing of a fresh breeze across the landscape. Everyone felt a coolness, a soft touch and an awakening in the soul. His humanitarian work in the Medical College Hospital, Kottayam and other activities for the society are well known. On his arrival, our manager Rev Dr George Varghese Njarakunnel spoke briefly about his dedicated service. Everyone was touched. There was a charity collection in the class rooms and students generously contributed. The total collection of the day from students and staff was Rs 52000. The Principal Joseph sir expressed his heart-felt joy and gratitude over this noble gesture of Mar Augusthinose College family.

Round the year blood donation

Our students are second to none in donating blood whenever a need arises. Quite frequently, the college receives requests from various nearby hospitals for blood for emergency surgeries. The Principal or the Vice Principal will then make an announcement, mentioning the required blood groups. Students promptly respond and reach the college office after taking permission from the teacher in the class room. The donors are then taken to the hospital. This healthy practice of the college has saved many a precious life. Life is precious and every step must be taken to save a life. The contribution of our students and staff in this respect is exemplary and heartwarming.

Farewell to Principal Dr. Joseph V. J

The farewell to Dr Joseph V. J, our principal was organised in the seminar hall on 31 March 2020 strictly following the COVID-19 protocol. Although the strict adherence to Covid protocol somehow reduced the gloss and fanfare of the colourful event, the emotional intensity coupled with heartfelt gratitude marked this memorable event. Rev Dr George Varghese Njarakunnel our manager, in his address spoke in glowing terms of the total dedication and commitment of Joseph sir during his twenty-four years of service, of which 19 years as the principal of the college. The college will always be grateful to his services, he noted. As an embodiment of hard work along with a spirit of sacrifice he has enriched this temple of learning. Mr K M Thomas, former vice principal, Dr Baby Joseph Arakkaparambil, secretary of management council also spoke on the occasion. They elaborated his way of working and strenuous efforts with which he has transformed the college from a meagre 350 student strength to that of 1800 students. As a man of hard work, disciplined life and meticulous attention to the minute details he carved a niche in golden letters in the annals of Mar Augusthinose College. The speakers wished him a prosperous, peaceful and meaningful

retired life. Dr Joseph in his reply expressed his heartfelt sentiments and sense of gratitude and assured the institution all possible support and assistance in the future also. As a token of deep appreciation of his meritorious service the management honoured Dr Joseph with a memento.

Arts Day - NRUTHYA

THE ARTS Day- NRUTHYA held on 7th February 2020 was a colourful and entertaining function. Mr Tini Tom, a popular cine-artist was the chief guest. Gogul Haridas, the college union chair-person presided over the function. Our manager Rev Dr George Njarakunnel, principal, Dr Joseph V J, and staff coordinator Prof Jobin Mathew were also present. Kumari Gowri V S, arts club secretary proposed a vote of thanks. It was followed by a variety entertainment and cultural programme which showcased students' multiple talents and initiatives. As a part of the arts day celebration, various competitions were held on the basis of different groups. Prizes and certificates were given away.

Silver Jubilee Memorial - Home for the Homeless

Mar Augusthinose College has fulfilled its social responsibility with positive intervention and earnest efforts. In the silver Jubilee year, the college resolved to construct two houses for the homeless. It was publically announced by Mr Abrid Shine, film director, at a function arranged in the college on 27 January 2020. Ms Neetha Pillai cine-artist, Mr Vinod Mathew and other actors who performed in the recent blockbuster movie 'Kung Fu Master' were also present. This colourful function was presided over by our Manager Rev Dr. George Varghese Njarakunnel who threw light on the social vision and commitment of the college. He also appreciated the artists for their aesthetic and social vision. The role of entertainment industry in inculcating values and cultural ethos among the youngsters was highlighted in this programme.

Research Paper - Presentation & Publication

Name	Title	Collage / Journal
Dr. Prem Jose		
Rev. Dr. Bobby		
Ms. Rethi	Food Offering- Puzhukku Nercha - Cultural Sub -text of Ramapuram.	Nirmala College Muvattupuzha, 15th Jan 2020.
Dr. Fed Mathew		
Hannah		
Prakash Philip		

Jesus Youth Annual Function- ENFUEGO

The Jesus Youth Organization of M A College arranged a one day programme under the banner ENFUEGO, in the college auditorium on 25th January 2020. Around 80 students participated. The function was inaugurated by our manager Rev Dr George Varghese Njarakunnel. The principal Dr Joseph V J, Vice principal Rev Fr Joseph Alencheril, Rev Fr Jinn C M I (Chavara Public School), Christy Rajesh, College coordinator and Rev Sr Daisy Thomas were also present.

The resource person of the day was Rev Fr Jijo Kallur (Trichur). He conducted a seminar on the topic 'God's Love'. It was an illuminating and interesting session. It was followed by an awesome musical show by the Pala Music Ministry. The sumptuous lunch which followed was relished by everyone. The programme ended at 4 pm, followed by a 45 minute adoration church. Sri.Mathew Kuriakose, Principal, St Thomas HSS Pala led the adoration. Mainly four ministries coordinated the programme.

Intercession – Abhi Subash

Mobilization – Sharon Mathew

Finance – Sharadha Shaji

General coordinator- Alan Joseph

The sub ministries were the following:- Programme Coordinator – Alka Tomy

Local arrangement- Rony Thomas

Liturgy – Jacob Mathew

A V – Ann Saneka

This one day programme was one that evoked great joy and devotion. Everyone experienced Jesus's love and calling in the bottom of their hearts. Rev Sr Daisy Thomas and Prof Shan Augustine played a significant role in motivating the young Jesus Youth members.

The Yellow Flowering Tree

Is there anyone in the college who is not gladdened by the sight of the yellow flowering tree in front of the Governador Research Centre? Almost everyone must have stood under its green –yellow canopy or passed by that way. This tree with its plentiful golden yellow flowers is nature's special gift to the college and is a silent witness to all the events and news that bloom on the campus. It has listened to a lot many colourful conversations, flowery tales and budding plans. The flowering of the genius and the blossoming of a tree may have some connection, no doubt. Pertinently, every student in the college is special and ready to bloom, and this flowering tree is an apt metaphor for the budding geniuses who are eager to burst forth and leave foot prints on the sands of time.

The Yellow Flowering Tree



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