



# BISHOP CHULAPARAMBIL MEMORIAL COLLEGE KOTTAYAM



## ANNUAL REPORT

ACADEMIC YEAR 2017-18

## **PRINCIPALS ANNUAL REPORT 2017-2018**

Honourable Chief Guest Shri. Jacob Punnoose IPS, former DGP of Kerala, Rev. Fr Alex Akkaparambil, our beloved manager, Fr Philmon Kalathra and other dignitaries, parents, teaching and non-teaching staff members and my dear students,

A very warm welcome to all of you gathered here today to celebrate the 63rd Annual Day Celebrations of our college. Bishop Chulaparambil Memorial College for women founded in 1955 by Mar Thomas Tharayil 'Bishop of Kottayam' to fulfill the long cherished dream of his predecessor Mar Alexander Chulaparambil, adheres to the motto Sapientia et Gratia, meaning "Wisdom and Grace". We long to bring about a holistic development in our students by inculcating good value and standards in them. On the sixty-third annual day celebrations we are indeed privileged to have Shri. Jacob Punnoose IPS, former DGP of Kerala, as our Chief Guest.

### **MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNING BODY OF THE COLLEGE**

The Management and Governing Body Let me pay tribute to His Grace Mar Kuriakose Kunnacherry, the late Metropolitan Archbishop of Kottayam and our former faculty member in the Department of Political Science who was elevated into Eternal glory at the beginning of this academic year. May his soul rest in peace. His Grace Mar Mathew Moolakatt, Metropolitan Archbishop of Kottayam and the Patron of our college, His Excellency Mar Joseph Pandarasseril (Proto Syncellus of the Archeparchy of Kottayam and Chairman of the Governing body, Rev. Fr Alex Akkaparambil, our -beloved Manager, Fr Philmon Kalathra, - Secretary to the Corporate Educational Agency of Colleges of the Archeparchy of Kottayam and the experienced and eminent academicians and administrators of the governing body, all have contributed much to B.C.M. on its journey to excellence. May I take this opportunity to place on record my gratitude to all the members of the governing body for their valuable advice, guidance and support for the smooth functioning of the institution.

**The academic year 2017-18, was indeed a blessed year for the institution. With the intention to continue our pursuit of excellence, the College reopened on 1st June 2017.**

### **IQAC Initiatives**

#### **1. Moodle Workshop**

ICT based education has become drastic changes in the teaching-learning- assessment procedures all over the world. Computer aided presentations is considered to be as the ICT tool by most of us. But rather than just a teaching aid, ICT has penetrated much into the education area. ICT tools has now being used for the administration, documentation, tracking, reporting, and delivery of educational courses, we need ti implement ICT based tools in our college too. For that we are planning to implement Moodle this year onwards. A training for the faculty members was organized and Mr. Jipin V Jimmy was in charge of the Training

### **Other Initiatives**

2. CO PSO workshop
3. Teaching Plan on a semester Basis
4. Computer Based Exams
5. Remote access to Library
6. Introduction of Online facility for grievance submission
7. NIRF
8. Installtion 10KW Solar power unit
9. Incentives for Research
10. ESI-EPF Implementation
11. Training on ESI and EPF for NTS
12. Service Rules by
13. Service Rules by Ansari
14. New Promotion Norms

## **TEACHING AND NON TEACHING STAFF**

The College has been functioning with 40 permanent teachers, 25 guest lecturers, 32 unaided teachers and 41 non-teaching staff. We have 16 UG programme (12 aided and 4 self financing) and 7 PG programme (two aided and five self-financing) with 1900 students. This academic year, we bid adieu to Dr Sr Betsy SVM, Principal, Prof. Susy Philip, Vice Principal and Head of the Department of Physics and Dr George Mathew, Head of the Department of Mathematics, Mr Shajimon TC, Senior Clerk, Mrs Elsamma T., Lab Assistant and to Sr Sabitha SVM, UD Typist. We remember with gratitude their untiring effort, dedication and years of selfless service. May the Lord Almighty shower all the blessings on them and we wish them peaceful and fruitful days ahead.

## **ACHIEVEMENTS OF STAFF**

1. Dr Sr Betsy SVM and Prof. Luke Leon Kurian were selected to the Board of Studies of the M.G. University in Family and Community Science and in Physical Education respectively.
2. Dr Sr Betsy SVM was the recipient of Estrellas Award 2017 instituted by the Home Science Alumni Association and the Life Time Achievement Award instituted by the Rotary Club of Trivandrum Royal.
3. The Department of Social work secured Dr M.V. Pylee Award for Educational Excellence,
4. The Department of Sociology became the Runner up for Dr Mary Cecil Memorial Award 2017 for the best UG Department of sociology in Kerala constituted by the Kerala Sociological Society.
5. Ms Nithya Mariam John of the Department of English, was awarded Ph.D. from M.G. University.
6. Dr Reeja P.S., Associate NCC Officer Of B.C.M. College has been upgraded to the Rank of Gazetted Officer.
7. Dr Ipe Varghese, Department of Social Work, has been elected as the General Secretary of Kerala Association of Professional Social Workers (KAPS)
8. Dr Annu Thomas, Department of Chemistry and Dr Elizabeth V. John, Department of Physics, secured Post-Doctoral Fellowship.

9. Asst Prof. Anju Cherian, Department of Food Science and Quality Control, is elected as member of Advisory Board, Gregorian Public School, Puthupally and PTA President of Mar Baselius School, Kottayam.

10. Ms Aleena Elizabeth Cyril, Department of Dept of Zoology, secured JRF. 11. Prof. Salini Thomas, Department of Economics, published the book "Fundamentals of Business Statistics'..

## **HEARTY CONGRAJULATIONS TO ALL THE TEACHERS**

### **TEACHERS AS RESOURCE PERSONS**

. Many of our teachers served as resource persons in different fields inside and outside India. Dr Sr Betsy was the invited guest for the KCC Annual meeting in Dubai. She also took classes in all the Emirates of UAE on Parent Child interactions. Dr Ipe Varghese, HOD, Department of Social Work, participated in an "International Capacity Building Workshop for Child Rights' Social Workers in Nepal" and presented a paper on "Child Labour in India - Situation Analysis".

A good number of our faculty have publication in International and National Journals as well as served as resource persons. 10 of our teachers were question paper setters in various universities and autonomous colleges (Dr Teena Anna Thomas, Dr Nithya Mariam John, Mrs Ponnu Liz Malieckal, Mrs Minu Alex, Mrs Ancy Cyriac, Dr Stephy Thomas, Mr Liju Alex, Dr Annu Thomas, Mrs Jaisy Joy, Mrs Priya Thomas, Dr Elizabeth Basil, Mrs Emi Mathew and Ms Dona Mary Thomas). 13 teachers attended various national and international seminars and presented their papers.

### **ORIENTATION AND REFRESHER COURSES**

Nine teachers (Dr Reeja P.S., Mr Anil Stephen, Dr Naveena J. Narithookil, Mr Liju Alex, Mrs Ancy Cyriac, Mrs Ann Jones, Dr Elizabeth Basil, Dr Elizabeth V. John and Dr Stephy Thomas participated in Orientation and Refresher programmes this year.

## **MINOR PROJECTS**

Mr Satheesh Chandran, Department of Commerce, has completed his minor research project this year. The minor research projects of Dr Sr Betsy SVM, Department of Family and Community Science, Dr Ajis Ben Mathew, Department of History and Dr Stephy Thomas. Department of Mathematics are progressing well.

## **FACULTY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES**

The management, IQAC and the teaching staff of BCM college are thoroughly aware about the need of teachers undergoing Faculty Development Programmes. If a teacher participates in an FDP programme, it would benefit him/her, the student community, the institution and in a broader sense, the society. With this idea in mind, several teachers have done FDPs during the academic year 2017-18. Teachers took part in FDP programmes organized by UGC, MHRD, RUSA etc, which included programmes like induction, orientation, refresher, winter school and summer school. Ten teachers have participated in FDPs which are of two weeks or longer duration.

## **ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE**

B.C.M. College is proud to have 20 University toppers and 33 A+ holders this year who brought laurels to the college.

### **UNIVERSITY TOPPERS**

Name of Student	Department	Position
Sr Rengitha	Sociology	I
Varsha Suresh	Zoology	II
Ayana S	Sociology	II
Eileen Joseph	English Model II	II
Richa Elsa Thomas	Food Science and Quality Control	II

Anju Mariam John	Commerce	III
Greeshma M.R.	Sociology	III
Alma Joseph	English Model II	III
Anna Mariam Raj	Family and Community Science	III
Twinkle Jose	Food Science and Quality Control	III
Aradhana Anil	Chemistry	IV
Ann Susan Matthew	Zoology	IV
Ann Mariya Kurian	Food Science and Quality Control	IV
<b>PG TOPPERS</b>		
Bene Wilson	Social Work	I
Praseetha P.S.	Child Development and Behavioural Science	I
Arathy P. Pai	Mathematics	II
Jenesshamol Antony	Child Development and Behavioural Science	II
Anna Maria Simon	English	III
Chippy R	Child Development and Behavioural Science	III
Athira Gopal	Mathematics	IV

**PASS PERCENTAGE****PROGRAMME****PERCENTAGE PASS**

B.Sc Mathematics Model I	87.18
B.Sc. Physics Model I	90.32
B.Sc. Chemistry Model I	100
B.Sc. Botany Model 1	83.33
B.Sc. Zoology Model 1	90.32
B.Sc. Family and Community Science Model 1	100
B.Sc. Food Science and Quality Control Model III	100
B.Sc. Computer Science Model III	74.29
B.A. Economics Model I	84.44
B.A. History Model I	85.71
B.A. Sociology Model I	93.55
B.A. English Language and Literature Model I	84.44
B.A. English Language and Literature Model II	90.00
B.A. English Language, Communication and Journalism Model III	100.00
B.Com. Computer Application Model I	88.64
B.Com. Finance and Taxation Model I	94.74
M.Sc. Mathematics	88.00
M.A. English (Aided)	100.00
M.A. English (S.F.)	57.14
M.Com. Finance (S.F)	64.29
M.Com. Taxation (S.F)	71.43
M.S.W	100.00



**Total Pass Percentage 88.79%**

The Department of Commerce got the highest pass percentage with 97%. Whereas the Departments of Mathematics, Food Science and Quality Control, Computer Science, English, Botany and Zoology got more than 80%, the Department of Chemistry got more than 70% and the Departments of physics and Family and Community Science secured more than 60%

**COLLEGE UNION**

The College Union members for the Academic year 2017-18 were elected on 18 August 2017 as per the University directions. The elected members are:

Chairperson :	Adheena Anil (II DC, Commerce)
Vice Chairperson:	Alphonse Maria George (II DC, Zoology)
General Secretary:	Fathima Muhammed (III DC, Chemistry)
University Union Councillors :	Sonia Kurian (III DC, Computer Science)
	Sethu Maria George (III DC, History)
Magazine Editor:	Anjana Menon R. (II DC, Computer Science)
Arts Club Secretary:	Fathima Sujamon (II DC, Botany)
PG Representative:	Shilpa Babu (I M.Com.)
III DC Representative:	Aleena Maria Tomy (FSQC)
II DC Representative :	Adona V.S. (Physics)
IDC Representative :	Sona Anna Sibi (FACS)

**The Oath Taking Ceremony was held on 29th August 2017** in the presence of Dr Sr Betsy SVM, Principal, Dr Ajis Ben Mathew, from the Department of History and Chief Returning Officer, and Dr Naveena J. Narithookil, Department of Hindi, Prof. Ancy Cyriac, Department of English, Prof. Emi Mathew, Department of Zoology and Prof. Bony Mathew, Department of Commerce, the Union advisors. The College Union 'Mayukha' and the Arts Club were inaugurated on 6th November 2017 by Smt. Lakshmi Gopalaswami, famous cine artist and popular dancer.

### **International and National Seminars/ Workshop /Lecture Series**

This year, almost every department organized academic workshops and seminars in different disciplines. 2 International seminars, 15 national seminars and 2 lecture series were conducted in the campus which provided a platform for the teachers and students to interact with subject experts and fostered research aptitude in them. The seminars are: Three days international seminar on "Ancient Songs of Syrian Christians in Kerala" organized by the Department of Malayalam, from 24th to 26th August 2017 was inaugurated by Dr Babu Sebastian, the Honourable Vice Chancellor of M.G University. 26 papers presented in the seminar disclosed the different aspects of Purathanappattukal. The Knanaya Rangakalasandhya, the exciting coconut scraping competition, pidium kozhiyum prepared by the teachers and students together for the paithrukabhajanam, all kindled a family spirit in the campus. The programme culminated with the valedictory function headed by Mar Mathew Moolakkatt, Metropolitan Archbishop of Kottayam.

### **Samanwaya:**

An international seminar on "Child Protection and Social Support Systems" was conducted by the Department of Social Work on 19th and 20th February 2018. The inaugural session was chaired by Rev. Fr Alex Akkaparambil, our manager. Smt. Shoba Koshy the Chairperson of the Child Right's Commission of Kerala inaugurated the seminar. The Plenary sessions, paperpresentations, Samanwaya Sandhya enacted by the BCM family members together with the inmates of different institutions catering to the differently abled etc. were rich in content and gave a new outlook to child protection. All the competitions were based on. the theme Child Protection and the different social support systems available. Rev. Fr Prasanth Palakkapallil addressed the valedictory function. Along with these, 17 national seminars were also organized. National Seminar on "Healthy Bakes" organized by the Department of Food

Science and Quality Control was inaugurated by Dr Christy Fernandes IAS, Chairman KSIDC and former Secretary to the President of India on 10 January 2018. Interactive session with Kerala Bakers Association and technical sessions on healthy baking were arranged. A FOODTIC Incubation Centre was also inaugurated on the day. Seminar on "Food safety and Hygiene Practices" and a lecture series "Kalavara", also was conducted by the Department of Food Science and Quality Control. Seminar on "Transforming Indian Economy: Prospects and Challenges" and "Dr Sr Karuna Lecture Series" were organized on 31 January 2018 by the Department of Commerce. National Workshop on "Practical Translation" and a Workshop on "Research Methodology and Contemporary Poets" by the Department of English, Seminars on "GST: Expectations and Challenges" and "Financial Socialization and Financial Discipline" by the Department of Economics, National Workshop on "Fundamentals of Topology," Workshop on "Math Magic" for school children and a National Conference on "Advancement in Graph Theory" on 23rd and 24th February 2018 to honour the retiring HOD Dr George Mathew by the Department of Mathematics, one day Workshop on "PHP and My SQL", Seminar on "Web Security and Ethical Hacking" by the Department of Computer Science, two days Workshop on "Magnetism" by the Department of Physics on 22 and 23rd February 2018 in association with Science Academy, one day Seminar on "Nanotechnology in HIV AIDS and Drug Delivery", one day Symposium on "Promoting Science and Mathematics" by the Department of Chemistry in collaboration with IISER, Thiruvananthapuram, a seminar on "Recent Trends in Biology" by the Department of Zoology and a Seminar on "Prayojanmoolak Hindi" by the Department of Hindi were the other Seminars and Workshops.

### **Inter Collegiate Programmes/Fests**

#### **Sr Savio Memorial Inter-Collegiate Elocution Competition:-**

The prestigious Sr Savio Memorial All Kerala Inter-Collegiate Elocution Competition was conducted by the Staff Association on 21st December 2017 in memory of Rev. Sr Savio SVM, former Principal who treasured BCM. Adoney T. John from Maharajas College, Ernakulam, Shilpa Sadasivan from BCM College, Kottayam and Ashin Paul from St Thomas College, Pala, secured the first, second and third prizes respectively. The renowned Malayalam writer Prof. M.K. Sanu delivered the Keynote Address on the occasion and distributed the prizes to the Winners.

All Kerala Inter Collegiate Sr Michael Debate Competition:-The debate competition was conducted by the Department of Sociology in honour of Rev. Sr Micheal SVM, our former principal, on 18th December 2017. St Dominic's College, Kanjirapally, St Thomas College, Pala and NSS College, Changanacherry secured the first, second and third prizes respectively. Apart from these two programmes, 12 Inter-collegiate fests were conducted by different departments, which provided platform for different co curricular & extra-curricular skills and created venue for social interactions. They are:

1. Prayaan 2k17, a fest and an intercollegiate campaign on "Commerce in Practice" by the Department of Commerce on 12th August 2018.
2. Payasampperuma 2017 by the Department of Family and Community Science on 25th August 2017.
3. Fiesta 2017 by the Department of Mathematics on 28th and 29th November 2017.
4. Celebrazione 2k18 by the Department of English on 12 and 13 January 2018..
5. Sr. Lucia Memorial Inter Collegiate Quiz Competition by the Department of Mathematics on 24th January 2018.
6. Botany Fest by the Department of Botany on 29 January 2018.
7. Sagittaria 2018 by the Department of Physics on 2 and February 2018.
8. The first media fest 'VOX POP 2018' by the Communication and Journalism students of the Department of English on 9 and 10 February 2018.
9. Techno cultural fest "Advaya 2k18" by the Department of Computer Science on 22 February 2018.
10. All Kerala Intercollegiate Elocution Competition on "Living Green" by the Department of Chemistry.
11. Sr Alphonsa Cookery Competition by the Department of Family and Community Science on 12th December 2017.
12. Madam Remany Tharayil Quiz Competition on 11th November 2017 and Prof. Suma Makil Memorial Poster Design Contest on 6 November 2017 by the Department of Chemistry.

## **Celebration of International and National Days**

The international and national days were celebrated with due importance by different Departments in a very competitive spirit. Independence Day celebrations by the previous College Union 'ANOKHI' on 14th August 2017 was much colourful and memorable. The ex service men who are the parents of our students, were honoured on the day with 'Ponnada and mementos by the Chief Guest Mr V.G. Vinod Kumar DYSP, Kottayam. Different cultural programmes and scenes from freedom struggle exhibited by the first year students showcased the "unity in diversity" of India. Kumari Amelit Philip Mani from the Department of Economics who is selected as BCM Youth lion of the year by the Department of Sociology was also honoured on the occasion. The Union in association with the Department of Botany Formed a live human flag and released the tricolour balloons in the air

## **Onam & Christmas Celebrations**

Onam and Christmas celebrations truly created a festive mood in the campus Onam celebrations started on Chingam 1" with flash mobs and Koitlapattu by the Department of Botany. Onam message was delivered by Dr Sabu D. Mathew, Assistant Professor, St. Thomas College. Pala. The Athappookkalam Malayalimanka, Keralasreeman and Tanamvali competitions made the day vibrant. Department of Zoology secured 1"prize in Athappookkalam competition. Shilpa Sadashivan of the Department of Mathematics and Jobson John of the Department of Social Work were the winners of Malayalimanka and Keralasreeman competitions respectively.

The Christmas celebrations lasted for a week. Live Christmas Crib was arranged by the Department of Economics. Several inter departmental competitions like Carol singing by the Department of History, Cupcake decoration and Christmas tree decoration with handmade items by the Department of Family and Community Science, Christmas sale by the Departments of Economics and English. Christmas tree prepared using books, which were later contributed to Juvenile Justice Home and Christmas card making competition by the Department of Botany. Star making competition by the Department of Computer Science, Santa Claus Competition by the Department of Zoology and the Christmas message

competition by the Catholic Students' Movement, etc. all transformed our campus to the mood of the season. The Christmas message by Kumari Shilpa Sadasivan of the Department of Mathematics, who got first prize in the Christmas message competition, was a unique experience. The Mathrubhoomi Daily highlighted the Christmas Celebrations in BCM through a special feature.

**Keralappiravi:** The establishment of the state of Kerala was relived with Paithrukam, an exhibition of agricultural utensils, green leafy cookery contest and Koithupattu competitions by the Departments of Malayalam and Family and Community Science in association with NSS unit on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2017.

#### **Stress Management Week Celebration:**

De stress 2k17 by the Department of Family and Community Science from 6<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> November 2017 inculcated the importance and techniques of stress management through flash mob, ribbon dance, stress quiz, street play, BP and stress checkup, awareness class, mini marathon and by in tailing De-stress Clinic in the Department. The International Day for the Elderly was made memorable by Sabhalam Sayahnam a venue organized by the Department of Social Work with Smile India & Pakalveedu. The inmates from different homes came together, sang, played and displayed their talents and had refreshment together. Sri. Muhammad She feek, SP Kottayam, inaugurated the gathering and interacted with the inmates.

#### **Literary discussion titled 'Chembakachottile Chayavattom'**

organized by the Department of Malayalam, Sallapam' the interactions with writers, critics and film makers organized by the Department of English, BCM Students Durbar initiated by the Department of Social Work, exhibition on the impact of demonetization by the Department of Economics, Dengue care programmes organized by the Department of Zoology as part of the world wild life week, one week residence stay Ektha 2018 by the Department of Family and Community Science, science exhibition for the school children by the Department of Chemistry, celebrations of Environmental day, International Yoga day,

Republic day and national Science day through a variety of programmes have made our academic year fruitful,

### **National Cadet Corps**

Though very young in the battalion, our college has a very active NCC unit with various activities. 1. Traffic duty in front of the college 2. Visit to Santhwanam during Christmas season 3. Distributing pamphlets on traffic rule awareness 4. A Short film on Swatch Bharat 5. Rally on youth day 6. Duty at General Hospital, Kottayam 7. Awareness class on drug abuse 8. Independence & Republic day parades National Service Scheme

Our volunteers and program officers are highly responsible and dedicated in upholding the principle of social commitment and in introducing innovative programmes like Snehannam-free mid-day meal project for the needy, organic farming on one and a half acres of land at Iranjal, successful completion of three day certificate program on coconut climbing in association with Kottayam Social Service Society by 20 students and driving classes associated with Maruthi Popular Auto Mobile, a variety of road safety awareness programs like rallies, documentary exhibition, etc. were organized. 'The wall of letters' was a unique program in which 2000 students and teachers of the college gave suggestions for improving the standards of motor vehicle driver to Shri. Pinarayi Vijayan. Honorable Chief Minister of Kerala. NSS also worked hard with M.G. University for the Jaivam campaign.

BCM College NSS unit is adjudged as the best NSS unit of MG University and bagged the Best Principal, Best Program Officer and Best Volunteer award for the year 2016-17 for its variety of activities. We also received the Jaiva Karshaka Samithi Award for the promotion of organic farming among students.

### **Catholic Students' Movement**

CSM caters to a variety of services for the spiritual nourishment of all the students of the College. Holy Mass on every First Friday, Morning Prayer Services, Mercy Rosary on every Tuesday and Friday, ten days' Rosary in October, Marian Quiz to commemorate Our Lady of

the Holy Rosary, etc. are all programmes to keep the campus under the wings of God Almighty. A spiritual orientation programme by Rev. Fr Jomon Kochukaniyaparambil was also organized.

### **ASAP**

Additional Skill Acquisition Programme ASAP, an innovative venture by the Government of Kerala, equips the students with sector specific skills to make them employable, The Foundation Module courses for senior and junior batches are held on every working day after regular classes. At the end of the programme students are given certificate issued by Government of Kerala and the British Council.

### **Internal Quality Assurance Cell**

IQAC, coordinated by Dr Stephy Thomas, is highly dedicated to enhance the quality of the institution and regularly it comes up with creative and innovative suggestions in our journey towards excellence. Regular updating of UGC and the TACC instructions, MOODLE training organized on 15 July 2017 for all staff members of the college, 100% IT powered examination wing with custom developed software, online platform to facilitate and bridge parents, students and teachers, separate Research & Journal clubs for science, arts and commerce streams, Board of Studies for each department to enhance academic output, semester wise academic planning and auditing are some innovations of the year. Special thanks to Dr Jose James for his valuable support and guidance.

### **Parents and Teachers' Association**

PTA is a very supportive pillar for the smooth functioning of BCM. PTA is always with us to discuss students' problems and arrange programmes for both parents and students. The executive committee meeting held on 28th July 2017 elected Dr Sr Betsy SVM as the President and Prof. Joyce Pamela as the Vice President. PTA organized the Merit day to honour the University toppers and A+ holders. Semesterwise PTA meetings were arranged to enhance the students' performance.



## **Mentoring System**

The close knit Teacher- student relationship provides the ideal platform for mentoring. Each class is in charge of a teacher to give proper guidance to the students to help them grow as better human beings. We have zero hour, half an hour period, for conducting test papers on class basis, every day to enhance academic excellence of our students.

## **Best Out-Going Student**

The Best Outgoing Student award, the most prestigious honour from BCM, is given every year to recognize and felicitate the achievements of the student in both academic and extracurricular activities. This year the award goes to Kumari Sethu Maria George from the Department of History.

## **Extension Activities/Outreach Programmes**

Our students and teachers are actively involved in programmes enhancing social responsibility and commitment. BCM OJASS with the active involvement of the Department of Social Work has undertaken many programmes to meet the needs of people and empower them to face social problems and issues.

## **BCM OJASS**

has undertaken a Child development project at Pongampalli tribal colony, Munnar in which 34 tribal students were given educational assistance and engaged in personality development programmes. A library was installed and also arranged tuition facilities for the children BCM OJASS is also a nodal organization of Childline to provide support for children in distress. Rs. 1,35,700/- has been distributed this year for the needy students for their educational and medical assistance.

## **Smart Line:**

An online counselling programme initiated by the Department of Family and Community Science to provide guidance, counselling and referral services to the people in stress. Home

for a homeless student, Blood Donation Camp by the Department of Zoology, blind walk to join hand for the welfare of the blind, marriage assistance to a blind girl Onasadhya and Christmas cakes in the General Hospital, Kottayam, contribution towards Okhi Relief purpose etc. are a few of our humble attempts to help our fellow beings.

The Department of Sociology conducted a study and handed it over to the municipal chairperson on Malampandaram tribes and the results were published in Manorama Yuva Page.

### **Programme to Enhance Environmental Consciousness**

Bhoomitrasena, the green club of our college, has initiated planting trees in our campus. Competitions to enhance ecological sustainability and a sensitization programme on climate change and disaster risk management with the support of ICCS. Other programmes which highlighted the importance of being close with nature and natural products are: Pazhamkanji Fest by the Department of History, Flavours of India by the Department of Food Science and Quality Control, Varsharagam, a collection of poems on rain by the Department of Malayalam, 'Uravakalthedi - Nadhi Padhanayathra' and Kaadarivu -3 day nature camp at Thekkady by NSS, Birds' Club by the Department of Zoology, two day programme on environmental issues by the Department of Chemistry, training programme on oyster mushroom cultivation, exhibition on wet land plants and celebration of Neerthadadinam by the Department of Botany.

### **Research Initiatives**

With fund availed from FIST and DST, the Department of Physics provided ample analysis and U.V. spectrometer facility for research scholars and students from various colleges and universities. Social Initiative Club by the Department of Sociology has organized a cultural exchange programme with the students from Liverpool, UK. Interactions with eminent academicians including Prof. Mathew Kurian, Director, Dr K.M. Raj Centre, MGU, Mr Shahul Hameed, former Head of Kerala Startup Mission, Dr A.P. Thomas, Director,

Advanced Centre of Environmental Studies, MGU, Mr. Jayaraj, film director, Dr Murali Thummarukudy, Chief of Disaster Risk Reduction UNEP Geneva, Dr Christy Fernandes, Chairman KIDC and former Secretary to the President of India, Dr A.J. Thomas, Guest Editor of Sahithya Academy, Radha Gomathy, sculptor, Tenzin Tsundue, Tibetan poet, Dr K. Anil Kumar, HOD, Department of Applied Mathematics, Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre, etc. enlightened the students and teachers.

A Knowledge Comer by the Department of Physics, IIT JAM Coaching classes and Math Forum by the Department of Mathematics. Research Forum for final year students of the Department of English, BCM Students Durbar initiated by the Department of Social Work, Health Club to assess the health status and to promote physical fitness among teachers and students by the Department of Physical Education, Akshara Puraskara Padhathi by the Department of Malayalam, a lab manual by the Department of Food Science and Quality Control, a diary of newspaper cuttings by Malayalam students and WhatsApp groups to share questions and articles on academic debates are some initiatives to fire the scientific temper in the students. BCM BEAMS

The 19 annual meeting of BCM BEAMS, the alumni association of the College, was held on October 2 2017. BCM Beams organized the lamp lighting ceremony on 26 February 2018 and the BCM Star contest on 27th February 2018. The BCM Star of the year is Mahima Mohan. Sethu Maria George and Shilpa Sadashivan are the runners-up. Nine Departments initiated individual alumni associations and alumni meet this year. A Dubai chapter of the BCM Beams also came in to being. Financial assistance has been given jointly by BCM Beams and the Dubai chapter to take up useful initiatives with in the campus.

### **Women's Cell**

Women Cell hosts several empowerment programmes. Seminar on "Growing Gracefully in the Modern World" by Dr Sisya Joseph, Associate Professor, Medical College, Kottayam and

Cancer awareness programme "CAP @ CAMPUS" were organized in collaboration with Sargakshetra.

### **Anti-harassment Cell, Anti-ragging Cell, Counselling Centre**

are active in the campus. The Career and Placement Cell arrange events where students are directed towards their areas of interest. A full-fledged library with INFLIBNET, computer lab, language lab, cooperative society, fitness centre, basketball court, coffee shop, etc. cater to the needs of the students.

### **Sports Achievements**

It was a meritorious year for BCM in sports. Kabaddi: College Kabaddi Team is the winner for the sixth consecutive time in the MG University Intercollegiate Kabaddi Championship held at CMS College on 3 November 2017. 5 students of the college, namely, Anju P. Benny, Amala Riya Roy and Veenamol K.S. (B.Com.) Meenu Kunjumon (Sociology) Shilpa Thomas (English) were selected to the University Kabaddi team. Mr Luke Leon Kurian, Asst. Professor, Department of Physical Education, was selected as the Manager to accompany the University Kabaddi team.

Amala Riya Roy and Veenamol K.S. represented Kerala State in the Junior as well as Senior level National Kabaddi Championship and also in the Federation Cup. BCM Kabaddi team became the Kottayam District Kabaddi Champions in the Junior and Senior women section.

Taekwondo: Alen Peter of the Department of Social Work secured bronze medal in 74 kg category in M.G. University Taekwondo championship.

Throwball: Our College team secured the fourth place in the M.G. University throw ball championship held at Catholicate College, Pathanamthitta. Joshlin Joy was selected to the University team.

### **Other Activities**

The students of the open course "Physical, Health and Life Skills Education" were taken for a field trip cum adventure camp at St Thomas College, Pala on 9th August 2017.

Achsah James and Minu Pious, students of the open course, won third prize in the intercollegiate quiz competition for students who opted Physical Education as the open course held at St Paul's College, Kalamassery on 19th September 2017.

Department of Physical Education has organized 'One Million Goal' campaign for promoting the Under-17 football world cup. An inter-departmental sports quiz competition was organized on the national sports day. 20 teams participated and the Department of Mathematics emerged as winners.

### **Best Association Award**

Association which offers activities which promotes and organizes curricular and co curricular talents among students is recognized with the Best Association Award on the basis of a given criteria. This year the Best Association Award goes to Commerce association. English association and Botany Association bags the second and the third positions.

Before I conclude, I place on record my sincere thanks to the Almighty for His grace and blessings. I am immensely grateful to His Grace Mar Mathew Moolakkatt, and His Excellency Mar Joseph Pandarasseril for the guidance and support offered in the affairs of the college. My sincere thanks to the Manager, Rev. Fr Alex Akkaparambil, for his constant guidance and presence in the campus. Very sincere thanks to Rev. Fr Philmon Kalathara for all his continuous support. I remember with gratitude the Vice Principal, Prof. Susy Philip, in managing all curricular and co-curricular activities of the college. I take this opportunity to express my gratitude to the Chief Guest of the day Sri. Jacob Punnoose IPS for the valuable presence here today. My sincere thanks to the university authorities, parents, members of the press, general public, our well-wishers and benefactors for the timely help rendered. I am much grateful to the teaching, non-teaching and administrative staff for the whole hearted co-operation in all the attempts to mould BCM as a centre of excellence. My sincere thanks to all the students who are being with me always.

Thank you all for your patience.

Dr Sr. Betsy SVM

Principal