



From the Coordinator's Desk...



Welcome to the first issue of the IQAC Newsletter for the academic year 2024-25! As we begin this new chapter, we are filled with anticipation and excitement for the journey ahead. This year promises to be one of

significant growth and reflection, and there is no better way to start than by looking forward to an event that will undoubtedly shape the future of our institution, the upcoming NAAC Peer Team Visit.

The NAAC (National Assessment and Accreditation Council) Peer Team Visit is one of the most important events on our calendar this year. It will serve as a key milestone in our continued efforts to uphold and enhance the quality of education, research and student experience at St. Michael's College, Cherthala. This visit is not just an evaluation but an opportunity for us to reflect on our strengths, identify areas for growth, and align ourselves with national standards of excellence in higher education.

The NAAC Peer Team will engage with various aspects of our institution, academic and administrative processes, infrastructure, research initiatives, student support systems, and more. It will also give us a platform to showcase the hard work and dedication of our faculty, staff, and students who have collectively contributed to the college's success. Their feedback and recommendations will guide us in setting future goals and improving our systems, ensuring we remain committed to delivering high-quality education to our students.

As we prepare for this important visit, the IQAC (Internal Quality Assurance Cell) has been working diligently to ensure that every aspect of our institution reflects our commitment to academic excellence. The visit will provide an

external perspective on our quality assurance processes, helping us better understand where we stand and where we need to go next.

For our entire academic community, the NAAC Peer Team Visit represents an opportunity to celebrate our achievements and work together to strengthen our areas of focus. It is a reminder that quality is not a destination but a continuous journey of improvement and innovation.

As we move forward into this new academic year, let's embrace the challenges and opportunities that the NAAC Peer Team Visit brings. With collective effort, enthusiasm, and a shared vision, I am confident that we will emerge stronger, more focused, and even more committed to providing our students with the best possible academic experience.

I would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all the departments, clubs, and associations for their unwavering dedication and hard work in organizing and conducting a wide range of programs and activities throughout the year. Your active involvement and commitment to excellence have enriched the academic and extracurricular environment at St. Michael's College. Each event, workshop, seminar, and cultural activity has contributed to the vibrant and dynamic atmosphere that fosters holistic growth for our students. Your collective efforts not only enhance the learning experience but also help in building a sense of community within the college. I deeply appreciate your continued support and look forward to more collaborative endeavors that will shape the future of our institution. Thank you for your invaluable contributions to the success of these initiatives!

Dr. Manoj Parameswaran



Introduction to Financial Planning

The Investment Awareness Club of St. Michael's College, in collaboration with NSE, conducted an offline session titled "Introduction to Financial Planning" on Friday, 30th August 2024, at 2:00 PM in the Digital Seminar Hall. The session was led by Mr. Manoj T.N., a seasoned professional with credentials as an Ex-AGM of IDBI Bank, SEBI-certified trainer, and BFSI Sector Skills Trainer. The seminar covered various investment options and provided an overview of the securities market. It also highlighted the risks associated with the securities market and strategies to mitigate or manage these risks. Participants gained valuable insights into the features of the securities market and its investment opportunities. The session was attended by 67 students from the department.



Empowering Tomorrow's Tech Leaders Today



Care4COMS, the Department of Commerce, in collaboration with NETWORK Academy, successfully conducted a career guidance program titled "Empowering Tomorrow's Tech Leaders Today" on 29th August 2024. The program provided valuable insights into the dynamic and ever-evolving landscape of technology careers. Mr. Siddhique Ibrahim, an experienced professional in the tech industry, delivered an engaging and informative session.

National Space Day Celebration

As part of the National Space Day celebration, the Department of Physics organized a one-day Physics Lab visit titled "Walk through Physics" for non-science stream students on 8th August 2024. The event was inaugurated by the College Manager, Rev. Fr. (Dr.) Celestine Puthenpurackal, in the presence of Principal Prof. (Dr.) Sindhu S. Nair. The exhibition showcased various lab instruments and equipment, along with demonstrations of 20 experiments. A total of 143 observers participated and gained insights from the event, with B.Sc. Physics students explaining the fundamental principles behind each experiment and instrument.



In the afternoon, a quiz competition titled Luna Quiz was held at 2:30 pm in the Fenicio Digital Seminar Hall. Ten teams, each comprising two students, competed in the event. The team from the Department of English, consisting of Prithviraj U. and Prince Pradeep, secured the first prize. The second and third prizes were awarded to the team from the Department of Physics (Arya B. and Asnamol Majeed) and the team from the Department of Chemistry (Rahna Rafeeq and Krishnapriya H.), respectively.



Hortus Akshara Prayanam

Hortus Akshara Prayanam, an initiative to promote the Malayalam language and literature, was successfully organized by the Department of Malayalam on 15th October 2024. Sponsored by Malayala Manorama, the program was inaugurated by Prof. (Dr.) Sindhu S. Nair and the renowned writer Sri. K. A. Sebastian. During the event, the Malayalam alphabet 'അ' (Aha) was ceremoniously handed over by Sri. Sebastian to T. M. Binoy, Deputy Manager of Malayala Manorama Circulation. The program commenced with an energetic flash mob performance by first-year students, setting an engaging tone for the event. Albin Antony delivered a captivating portrayal of the life and works of Vayalar Ramavarma, a celebrated Malayalam poet, followed by students singing one of his iconic songs, reflecting their deep admiration for Malayalam literature. An interactive literary quiz session was also held, drawing enthusiastic participation from both students and teachers, adding to the success of the programme in celebrating and fostering a love for Malayalam language and culture.



NUFATUS - Connecting Commerce, Creating Opportunities

The Department of Commerce successfully hosted NUFATUS on Monday at 9:30 AM, under the theme "Connecting Commerce, Creating Opportunities." The event aimed to bridge academic knowledge with practical industry insights. The program commenced with a warm welcome address, setting an enthusiastic tone for the day. Dr. Sreedhar P. Nair, Head of the Department, delivered the Presidential Address, outlining the department's vision for fostering academic and professional excellence. The inauguration and inaugural address were led by Prof. (Dr.) Sindhu S. Nair, Principal of the college, who highlighted the critical role of innovation in commerce and education. A highly engaging keynote session was delivered by Mr. Devan Chandrasekhar, Co-founder of Fuselage Innovations. He provided an in-depth exploration of contemporary entrepreneurial strategies and facilitated an interactive dialogue with participants. The event concluded on a formal note with a heartfelt vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to all dignitaries and attendees. The post-lunch session featured vibrant cultural programs, showcasing the artistic talents of students and adding a celebratory dimension to the day. NUFATUS effectively created a platform for academic enrichment, collaborative dialogue, and creative expression, marking a significant milestone for the Department of Commerce.





Keralappiravi & Bhashadinam



The *Keralappiravi and Bhasha Dinam* programme, jointly coordinated by the Departments of History and Malayalam, was successfully held from October 29 to November 1, 2024. The celebrations began on October 29 with a quiz competition on Kerala history and Malayalam literature at 10:30 AM in the Library Hall, expertly conducted by Dr. Mary Reema. The competition attracted 32 participants, with Devika Anilkumar (II B.Sc. Physics) and Ajeena Rajesh (M.A. Economics) winning the first and second prizes, respectively. On Keralappiravi Day, November 1, a PowerPoint presentation competition on the theme “Marunna Keraleeya Samskaram: Paramparayum Adhunika Thayum” was held at 9:30 AM in the Fenicio Digital Seminar Hall. Donna Sebastian (III B.Sc. Zoology) and Divine Rose Sebastian (III B.Sc. Zoology) secured the first and second prizes, respectively. The official inauguration and an invited talk titled “Bhashayum Charithravum” commenced at 10:30 AM. Dr. Pratheesh P., Assistant Professor of History, delivered the welcome address, and the event was inaugurated by the College Principal, Prof. (Dr.) Sindhu S. Nair. College Manager Fr. (Dr.)



Celestine Puthenpurackal distributed certificates and cash prizes to the winners. Renowned scholar Prof. Elias Kutty Poulouse delivered an insightful talk on Kerala's history, enriching the audience's understanding of the region's cultural and linguistic heritage. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Mary Reema, Assistant Professor of Malayalam. Approximately 80 students actively participated in this vibrant event, which successfully fostered awareness and appreciation for Kerala's rich history, culture, and the Malayalam language.

Reading week



On June 18-19, 2023, Reading Week events were jointly organized by the Library and the Departments of Malayalam, English and Hindi. The programs commenced on June 18 at 1:00 pm with a Book Reading Competition held in the College Library Hall. The competition was inaugurated by Principal Prof. (Dr.) Sindhu S. Nair, who marked the occasion by reading an excerpt from the renowned book *Neermathalam Pootha Kalam*. The event was coordinated by Dr. Mary Reema, Head of the Malayalam Department, with Dr. Mary Reema and Guest Faculty Gayathri T. U. serving as judges. Nine students participated in the competition, showcasing their reading skills. Donna Sonet (II B.Sc.) and Ashik Marshal emerged as the first and second prize winners, respectively. The event successfully celebrated the joy of reading and highlighted the importance of literature in academic and personal growth.



On June 19, 2024, the Library, in collaboration with the Departments of Malayalam, English, and Hindi, organized a seminar session to commemorate *Reading Day*. The event

commenced with an introductory speech by Sri. Sam Johnson, setting the tone for the celebration. Librarian Dr. Patricia Robin delivered the welcome address, followed by the presiding address by Principal Prof. (Dr.) Sindhu S. Nair, who highlighted the transformative power of reading. Renowned Malayalam writer Sri. K.A. Sebastian delivered the keynote address, sharing profound insights on the role of reading in intellectual and cultural development. Manager Fr. (Dr.) Celestine Puthanpurakkal and Dr. Seena Kurian offered greetings, further enriching the occasion. Dr. Mary Reema concluded the program with a heartfelt vote of thanks. During the session, winners of the book reading competition held earlier were felicitated with prizes, celebrating their achievements. The seminar saw active participation from around 80 attendees, including students and faculty, making it a meaningful tribute to the joy and importance of reading.



Digital Poster Making Competition



In connection with *Basheer Orma Day*, the Department of Malayalam organized a digital poster-making competition for students. The challenge was to create an engaging poster incorporating Basheer's image, a famous quote, or excerpts from his works. Approximately 10 students from various departments participated in the competition, with their creations shared on the Malayalam Department's official Instagram account. The winners were selected by College Manager Rev. Fr. Dr. Celestin Puthanpurakkal. Tishil Joy from II B.Sc. Zoology won the first prize, showcasing exceptional creativity and a deep appreciation for Basheer's literary legacy.

Basheer Anusmaranadinam



The Department of Malayalam and *Malayalavedy* organized *Vaikkam Muhammed Basheer Anusmaranam* titled "*Immini Bhallya Basheer*" on Basheer's Remembrance Day, 5th July, at the college auditorium. The program began at 1:30 pm with a reading of Basheer's *Bhoomiyude Avakasikal* by Devikrishna. Saniya delivered a warm welcome speech, and the event was inaugurated by Principal Prof. (Dr.) Sindhu S. Nair, who shared her personal experiences of reading Basheer's works. A captivating drama based on Basheer's *Mathilukal*



was staged by Zoology students, with Neeraja playing the role of Narayani and Devine portraying Basheer. Dona and Bismitha dubbed for the characters, enhancing the drama's impact. Ashik Marshal delivered an insightful



lecture titled “*Vaayanayile Basheer*”, discussing Basheer's literary contributions. Following the lecture, a competition to memorize Basheer's writings was held, with Mariya Agnes from B.Com winning the first prize. The Principal honored her with a cash prize. Dr. D.B. Dhvajam delivered an inspiring lecture on short story writing, further enriching the event. The program concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Mary Reema, Head of the Department of Malayalam.

Publications

- Mary Reema, “*Sree Narayana Guru's Perspectives and Advaita Philosophy: A Review of Guru's Selected Works*”, *International Journal of Research and Innovation in Social Science (IJRISS)*_2024 (ISSN 2454-6186).
- Mary Reema “*Investigating Gender and Gender Identity;views of undergraduate students on Gender Roles and their Value system*” *Journal SHANLAX*, 11, 2024, (ISSN:2321-788X E-ISSN: 2582-0397).

Student Achievements

- Malayalam Short story 'Ration' written by Leyanole Sebastian, published by Mathrubhumi Journal April 2024.

Nidhishekaram

Aspiring for a meaningful observance of the Reading Week, the Book Club, in association with the language departments, organised the contest 'Nammude Nidhishekaram' on the 21st of June 2024. The aspirants were directed to visit and familiarise the books that are part of the college library collection. The contest was proposed to be a memory test wherein the students were asked to recall and list the titles and authors of as many books as they could, within a brief span of 30 mins. Neeraja B. Chandran (II BSc Zoology), Bhavana Krishna P. (II BA English) and Donna Sonnet (II BSc Zoology) bagged the first, second and third positions respectively.



Old Age Home Visit



As part of the department's constant endeavor to mould future citizens of the country who are responsible and committed to the society an Old Age Home visit was conducted on the 27th of June, 2024 at 2:30 pm. The event was conducted in association with the National Service Scheme unit of the college. Students and volunteers performed cultural programmes for the inmates of the establishment at Mayithara and also spent some quality time with them thereby getting to know more about their life at the old age home. The department also took the initiative of beginning a library in the establishment and 70 books



were donated to it as the first step towards materialising the purpose. The programme was a complete success as the participants of the event as well as the inmates and authorities of the government-run institution conveyed their heartfelt gratitude to the organisers for conducting such a memorable event.

Zoology Museum Visit

A visit to the newly renovated Zoology museum was held on the 5th of July. The fresher students of the department were introduced to the exquisite collections of flora and fauna exhibited in the museum. The second-year students of the Zoology department led the visit and also gave a detailed description of the various exhibits.



Screening of the Documentary *He Named Me Malala*

The Department of English organised the screening of the World popular documentary *He Named Me Malala* on the 10th of July, 2024. This event was organised in connection with the World Malala Day which falls on the 12th of July, 2024. The fresher students from various students took part in the screening and was inspired by the intimate portrayal of the Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Malala Yousafzai, who was targeted by the Taliban and severely wounded by a gunshot when returning home on her school bus in Pakistan's Swat Valley. Through the story, the acclaimed documentary filmmaker Davis Guggenheim shows us how Malala, her father Zia and her family are committed to fighting for education for all girls worldwide. The film gives us an inside glimpse into this extraordinary young girl's life from her close relationship with her father who inspired her love for education, to her impassioned speeches at the UN, to her everyday life with her parents and brothers.





Personality Development and Language Skills Enhancement Session

As part of the constant effort of the department to instill in students an understanding regarding necessary skillsets that are required to scale heights in a competitive world and also to mould them into responsible individuals with good personality, the Department of English conducted a Personality Development and Skills Enhancement Session on the 11th of July, 2024 at 1:30 pm. Mr. Ajith P. C., a life skills coach, soft skills and language trainer who has been associating with the British Council for the past 12 years and who is also a Master Trainer working on behalf of ASAP (Additional Skills Acquisition Programme, an initiative of the Govt. of Kerala) and Resource Person of New Initiatives of Higher Education Department of Kerala led the two hour session. Many confidence boosting, team building and language learning activities were conducted as part of the session. More than 50 students from the department took part in the event.



Career Guidance

A career guidance session was conducted on June 24, 2024, at St. Michael's College, Cherthala. The session was organized by INVISOR, a prominent career consultancy firm, in partnership with CARE4COMS (Post Graduate and Research Department of Commerce). The aim of the session was to offer students valuable insights into career planning, job market trends, and skill development. Around 60 students from the Department of Commerce participated in the session.



Innovative Accounting Techniques



A session on "Innovative Accounting Techniques" was conducted on June 20, 2024, at 2:00 PM in the Research Room (Department of Commerce, St. Michael's College, Cherthala). The event was organized by Geethus Job Training Academy and Finishing School in collaboration with CARE4COMS (Post Graduate and Research Department of Commerce). The session aimed to introduce students to modern accounting practices and the technologies influencing the field. Approximately 60 undergraduate students from the department attended the session.



ED Club Co-ordinators Meeting

The Entrepreneurship Development (ED) Club Coordinators' meeting took place on July 11, 2024, at 10:00 am in the Fenicio Digital Seminar Hall, St. Michael's College, Cherthala. Organized by the Industries Department, Government of Kerala, in collaboration with the Department of Commerce at St. Michael's College, the meeting aimed to discuss strategies and activities for the upcoming academic year to enhance entrepreneurial skills among students. Around 25 faculty coordinators from various colleges and schools across the Alleppey district attended the event. The meeting began with a welcome address by Prof. (Dr.) Sindhu S. Nair, Principal of St. Michael's College. The coordinators engaged in discussions regarding the planning and scheduling of activities for the new academic year.



PTA Meeting

The PTA meeting for S4 B.Com was held on June 24, 2024, at 2:00 pm. The meeting saw strong attendance, with 58 parents present, highlighting their dedication to their children's academic progress. The meeting began with an address by Dr. Sreedhar P. Nair, Head of the Department of Commerce, who welcomed the parents and introduced the key points on the agenda. The head of the department emphasized the significance of regular attendance and its direct impact on students' academic performance. Following the HOD's address, faculty members discussed the performance of students in the S1 and S2 examinations, presenting data on attendance and results. They stressed the need for consistent attendance to improve comprehension and academic outcomes. Several strategies were proposed to improve attendance, including more rigorous monitoring and increased involvement of parents in ensuring regular class attendance.



NSS Activities

Election Awareness Class

In connection with the 2024 election, the Nehru Yuva Kendra (NYK) hosted an election awareness session to educate students about the importance and significance of voting. The session was conducted by Shivamohan Sir, the NYK coordinator. The initiative aimed to highlight the value of engaging in the democratic process and ensuring that the voices of young people are represented in the upcoming election.



Time for Nature

On April 16, 2024, a seminar on Environmental Awareness was held at SN Trust Higher Secondary School in Cherthala. The event was a joint effort organized by Green Leaf Nature, Kottayam Nature Societies, and the Forest Department. The seminar included various activities such as bird observation sessions and informative classes on different bird species. Topics discussed included bird species at risk of extinction and those that have already become extinct. A photo exhibition was also featured, displaying photographs taken by bird watchers from the Kottayam Nature Society. Volunteers were educated on the bird species found in rural areas and the importance of providing water for birds during the summer when water sources become scarce. The awareness session offered volunteers valuable insights into environmental and bird conservation, emphasizing the urgent need to protect bird life, particularly during extreme weather conditions.



Election Awareness Flash Mob

In connection with election awareness, on April 20, 2024, the NSS Volunteers of St. Michael's College organized various programs at Mararikulam Beach under the guidance of the Nehru Yuva Kendra (NYK). The district Subcollector was the chief guest for the event. The program included a flash mob performed by our volunteers, and prizes for the activities were presented by the Sub collector.



Old Age Home Visit

On May 10, 2024, in collaboration with and under the guidance of NYKS and the SS Changemakers Foundation, the NSS unit of St. Michael's College participated in the program 'A Day with Grandparents' at the Government Old Age Home in Mayithara. The initiative aimed to enhance mental stimulation, socialization, and the overall quality of life for the elderly residents. Around 50 volunteers attended the event, which began at 10:30 a.m. The day's activities included song and dance performances by the volunteers, which the residents eagerly joined in. This interaction offered the volunteers a chance to connect with the residents, learn about their lives, and provide companionship.



TYLPS camp conducted by NYK

On May 15th and 16th, 2024, a Leadership Youth Camp was jointly organized by NYKS, SS Change makers Foundation, NSS, and Good Deeds Day at the Naipunya School of Management in Cherthala. The theme of the camp was "Leadership during Crisis." The camp was inaugurated by Minister Shri P. Prasad. A total of 25 of our volunteers participated in the camp. On the first day, the camp featured various interactive sessions, with the highlight being "Network with Leaders," where campers had the opportunity to engage with leaders from diverse sectors of society and the economy. They also received training and classes on how to be effective leaders. On the second day, various games were organized for the campers, and in an effort to reduce plastic use and promote eco-friendly behavior, paper bags were created and distributed to nearby households. The camp provided an excellent opportunity for the volunteers to develop essential leadership skills, which are crucial for personal and professional growth.



Joyful Cleaning to Protect our Health

In addition to the joy that the monsoon season brings, it also raises significant health concerns. To prevent diseases, it is crucial to maintain cleanliness in our surroundings. During this season, maintaining health becomes a challenging task. In response to the need for environmental cleanliness, the NSS volunteers of St. Michael's College organized a cleaning program. The volunteers focused on cleaning the college premises and areas where water had been clogged by plastic bottles, cans, and other debris. Cleaning during the rainy season is essential for keeping our surroundings safe and hygienic.

Quitting is also Winning-World NO Tobacco Day

On May 31, 2024, in observance of Anti-Tobacco Day, the NSS volunteers of St. Michael's College took a pledge to oppose the use of tobacco. In today's society, it is essential to raise awareness about rejecting tobacco, empowering individuals to take control of their lives and avoid dependency on tobacco. This pledge reflects our commitment to promoting a healthier, tobacco-free lifestyle.



A Sprout of Life

On June 3, 2024, a program was held in celebration of Environment Day. The chief guest for the event was our Agricultural Minister, Shri P. Prasad, who planted a tree in the college backyard. Principal Prof. (Dr.) Sindhu S. Nair and the Vice Principal, Dr. Antony Kuriakose also participated by planting saplings, with NSS volunteers present at the event. Following the sapling planting, the minister encouraged us to plant more trees and vegetables on campus to foster an eco-friendly environment.



Wheelchair Distribution

On June 3, 2024, a wheelchair distribution event was organized by NYKS and SS Changemakers, with the NSS volunteers of St. Michael's College actively participating. As the saying goes, "The best way to not feel hopeless is to get up and do something." Providing wheelchairs to those in need is akin to giving them a second chance at life, making a meaningful impact. Fifty of our volunteers were present at the event. The chief guest, C. K. Shajimohan, President of the Kerala State Cooperative Agricultural and Rural Development Bank, personally handed over the wheelchairs to the recipients and offered further assistance. This event went beyond just distributing wheelchairs; it was about restoring dignity and mobility to those who needed it most.



An Eco Friendly Transition- Paper Bag Making

On June 4th, 2024, a Paper Bag Making program was jointly organized by NYKS, SS Changemakers Foundation, and the NSS unit of St. Michael's College. Our NSS volunteers took an active role in creating paper bags. This program was a crucial step toward reducing plastic usage. It's high time to reject plastic and protect the Earth. We all share the responsibility of preventing plastic bottles from becoming the fossil fuels of the future. Through activities like paper bag making, we contribute to environmental conservation and sustainability. Adopting eco-friendly alternatives to plastic is vital for ensuring a safe and healthy planet for future generations.



World Environment Day

On June 5th, in celebration of World Environment Day, the NSS Volunteers of St. Michael's College organized several programs under the theme, "A global reminder of our responsibility to preserve, protect, and restore ecosystems." One of the key initiatives was a poster designing competition focused on the topic 'Save Environment.' This competition aimed to raise awareness about the importance of environmental conservation and encourage actions to safeguard our planet. Participants used creative expression to deliver powerful messages, emphasizing the need to preserve natural ecosystems for a sustainable future.

Buds School Visit

An event organized by NYK and SS Changemakers Foundation was held to visit and support Ardhra Buds Special School. The purpose of the visit was to encourage and inspire the students while acknowledging the efforts of the school's staff and administration. The event began with an inauguration led by Shrimathi Sherley Bhargavan, Chairperson of Cherthala Municipality, whose presence set a positive tone for the day. Ajay Kumar, Vice Chairman, delivered a heartfelt greeting, emphasizing the importance of community support for special schools like Ardhra Buds. The welcome address was given by Ajumal, who warmly welcomed the guests and highlighted the collaboration between NYK and SS Changemakers Foundation.



The presidential address was delivered by Shivamohan S., founder of SS Changemakers Foundation, who spoke about the foundation's vision and the positive impact such visits have on both the students and the community. The event concluded with a vote of thanks from



Joseph, who expressed gratitude to the dignitaries, organizers, participants, and the staff of Ardhra Buds Special School. This visit uplifted the spirits of the students and strengthened the bond between the school and the community, reflecting the commitment of NYK and SS Changemakers Foundation to fostering inclusive education and support for special needs students.

Beach Cleaning - World Ocean Day

On June 8, 2024, a beach cleaning event was held at Mararikulam Beach in Alappuzha, Kerala, in celebration of World Ocean Day. The event was a collaborative effort between Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS), SS Change Makers, and the Environmentalist Foundation of India (EFI). Volunteers from the National Service Scheme (NSS) played an active role in the event's success. The main objectives of the beach cleaning initiative were to remove litter and waste from Mararikulam Beach, creating a cleaner and safer environment for both marine life and beachgoers, to raise awareness about the harmful effects of marine pollution, and to emphasize the importance of maintaining clean coastal areas. The event also aimed to engage young volunteers and community members in environmental conservation.





The event saw enthusiastic participation from various groups, with volunteers equipped with gloves, trash bags, and other cleaning tools. The collected waste was sorted into categories for recycling and proper disposal. The event was a resounding success, highlighting the significance of collective action in addressing environmental issues and the vital role that youth and community involvement play in preserving coastal areas. Through such initiatives, we can help ensure the long-term health and beauty of our beaches and marine environments for future generations.



Nature Camp at Periyar Tiger Reserve, Thekkady

From June 15 to 17, 2024, the NSS unit of St. Michael's College, Cherthala, participated in an enriching nature camp at Periyar Tiger Reserve, Thekkady. The camp began with a biodiversity class by Ms. Sethuparvathy, where students gained valuable insights into the variety of life forms and their significance. The second day was filled with activities, including an energizing trek led by Beat Officer Mr. Monachan, followed by an informative class on tiger ecology, where students learned about tiger behavior and conservation efforts. On the final day, the students engaged in bird watching and boating, observing various wild animals and appreciating the diverse ecosystems of the reserve. The camp concluded with a visit to the beautiful Parunthumpara, leaving the students with unforgettable memories and a heightened understanding of nature.

International Yoga Day

"The rhythm of the body, melody of the mind, harmony of the soul, and symphony of life" Yoga, an ancient practice aimed at attaining physical, mental, and spiritual well-being, brings together the mind, body, and soul, promoting a healthier lifestyle and self-awareness. On June 21, 2024, observed as International Day of Yoga, the NSS volunteers of St. Michael's College organized a Yoga camp at the college, in collaboration with NYKS and SS Changemakers Foundation. The event, which began at 9 am, was inaugurated by Shri C.K. Shajimohan, President of Kerala State Cooperative Agricultural and Rural Development Bank, and Rev. Fr. Dr. Celestine Puthanpurakkal. Principal Dr. Sindhu S. Nair, along with NSS and NCC program officers, also attended the program. Yoga instructor Sangeetha guided the session, and NSS volunteers and NCC cadets actively participated throughout. A total of 100 volunteers, along with teachers, joined the session, making it a successful event. The camp concluded at 11:30 am, and volunteers were provided food and refreshments.





World Anti-Drug Day

As June 26 is observed as World Anti-Drug Day, a day recognized since December 7, 1987, to encourage action and collaboration toward a society free of drug abuse, the NSS volunteers of St. Michael's College conducted various programs starting at 12 pm. The program began with the presidential address by Principal Prof. (Dr.) Sindhu S. Nair. NSS volunteers performed a flash mob, and NCC cadets also participated alongside the volunteers. Anti-drug-themed posters were created by the volunteers, and a pledge against drug abuse was taken. The event concluded at 1 pm.



Eye Camp

On July 6, 2024, a Souchanya Eye Examination Camp was held at Rifaiya Juma Masjid, Nedumbrakad. The camp was jointly organized by the SS Changemakers Foundation and the NSS Unit of St. Michael's College. The event was graced by greetings from Municipality Opposition Leader P. Unnikrishnan, Mr. Shivamohan (Founder of SS Changemakers Foundation), Mr. B. Faisal (President of the Church Committee), Cherthala Municipality Councilor Mr. Saneesh, and Mr. Yusuf Bakwavi. The camp was conducted in association with Izara Eye Hospital, a unit of Izara Health Care Private Ltd., Kayamkulam. Seven faculties from the hospital supervised the camp, ensuring its success. The event began at 10 a.m. and lasted until 1 p.m. Residents of the locality participated in the camp, and it proved to be highly beneficial. In addition, the NSS volunteers also received eye check-ups. Refreshments were provided, and after the camp, NSS Volunteer Secretary Shri. Midhun SM Pillai delivered the vote of thanks.



Blood Donation Camp

On July 10, 2024, a blood donation camp was organized at St. Michael's College, Cherthala, in collaboration with the Lion's Club, HDFC Bank, and Amrita Hospital Kochi. The camp commenced at 10 a.m. and concluded at 1 p.m. Students from the college actively participated by donating blood, and students from the managing institute, MIMAT, also took part in the program. Blood donors were provided refreshments, and certificates of donation were given by the sponsors of the camp as a token of appreciation.



A Small Change, A Big Impact World Paper Bag Day

On July 12, 2024, in observance of World Paper Bag Day, the NSS volunteers of St. Michael's College organized a paper bag making program. The volunteers created bags using newspapers, emphasizing the importance of reducing plastic usage in light of the growing pollution and environmental concerns. The paper bags made during the event were presented to Principal Prof. (Dr.) Sindhu S. Nair, in the presence of Dr. Seena Kuriyan, NSS Program Officer.





World Population Day

On July 11, 2024, in observance of World Population Day, the NSS volunteers of St. Michael's College, Cherthala, organized a series of programs at the college. A poster designing competition was held, and a sex education class was conducted in collaboration with the Alappuzha Health Department, Alappuzha Kudumbashree Health Center, and the NSS Unit of St. Michael's College. The program was supported by several dignitaries, including Shri Nibu S. Padmam, Cherthala South Vice President, District Reproductive and Child Health Officer Dr. Parvathi, Cherthala South Gram Panchayat President Srimati Sinimol Samson, Deputy District Medical Officer Dr. Dileep Kumar S. R., College Principal Prof. Dr. Sindhu S. Nair, Shri Tony Ealassery, Dr. Jayanthi (Block Medical Officer), Dr. Seena Kuriyan (NSS Program Officer), Srimati Ramla Beevi (District Public Health Nurse), V. P. Jyoshi, and Dr. Chitra, who shared their insights. In addition, an orientation class on pregnancy health, focusing on the appropriate time and intervals to consider for the well-being of both mother and child, was conducted under the leadership of Dr. Teny George Pallippadan, Medical Officer at Kudumbashree Health Center, Cherthala South. The event concluded with a flash mob and a poster display organized by the NSS volunteers.



International Chess Day

On July 20, 2024, in observance of International Chess Day, the NSS volunteers of St. Michael's College organized an Intra Chess Competition at the college. Students from various departments participated in the competition. Akash I. G. from the 2nd-year English Department secured the first position, while Jerin John from the 2nd-year Physics Department won the second prize.



NSS unit, thousands of saplings were planted in homes and on the college campus. Minister P. Prasad served as the chief guest, and the event was presided over by Principal Prof. (Dr.) Sindhu S. Nair. Other dignitaries included Manager Rev. Fr. Celestine Puthanpuraikkal, Vice Principal Dr. Antony Kuriakos, NSS program officers Dr. Seena KuriyanKurian and Dr. Rajesh, Tourism Club coordinators K.V. Jithumon and Ajith Xavier, and volunteer secretaries S. Mithun and Devikrishna..

Sajeevam Anti-Drug Campaign

On August 23, 2024, an Anti-Drug Campaign, "Sajeevam," was conducted in association with the Alappey off roaders Club and Dreams Alappuzha. The campaign, organized by the NSS volunteers of St. Michael's College, Cherthala, included a series of flash mobs across different schools, starting from Arthunkal School. The program gained further excitement and engagement with a drifting event by the off roaders. The campaign concluded with a final flash mob in front of Jos Alukkas, where excise officers delivered insightful talks on the dangers of drug abuse. The event successfully raised awareness and garnered strong community participation.



Medical Camp



On September 1, 2024, a free medical camp was organized in collaboration with Cherthala Lions Club, Lekshmi Bharath Gas Agency, and Cherthala Green Gardens (Mathilakam) Hospital. The camp, held at the Lekshmi Bharath Gas Building in Varanadu, took place from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. The inauguration was led by Lion Rajan N. Namboothiri PMJF (District Governor) and Ln. K. B. Shinekumar. The NSS Volunteers of St. Michael's College actively participated in the event, assisting with various tasks. The camp turned out to be a successful initiative, benefiting the local community.



Teachers Day Celebration

On September 5th, 2024, in celebration of Teachers' Day, the NSS volunteers of St. Michael's College, Cherthala, honored our beloved teachers by presenting them with gifts as a token of love and appreciation. This thoughtful gesture created beautiful memories for both the teachers and students, strengthening the bond of gratitude and respect.



Sports

Inter-Department Fresher's Cricket Tournament

The inter-Department Freshers Cricket Tournament was conducted by the Department of Physical Education, during 11-12 November 2024. The Department of Physics won the championship.



Michael's Cricket League (MCL) 2024 - 25

St. Michael's College, under the auspices of the Department of Physical Education, hosted the sixth edition of the Michael's Cricket League (MCL) in honor of the late Chellappan Chettan, a former administrative staff member of the college. Sponsored by Canara Bank, the event saw the participation of cricket teams from college staff across Kerala. A total of 16 teams from various universities in Kerala competed at the St. Michael's College ground. MSM College, Kayamkulam emerged as the champion. The event was widely praised for fostering harmony and camaraderie among staff from different colleges.





Sports Achievements

Alappuzha District Athletics Championship

Sl. No.	Name	Event	Position
1	Adharsh P. S.	110 H	Gold
2	Abhinandana	5000 M Race walk	Gold
3	Sajitha Saji	3000 M	Silver
4	Naveen Sibi	400 M	Silver
5	Noel J.	High Jump	Silver
6	Pavan T. N.	Shot Put	Silver
7	Jobin K. Jose	100 M	Bronze
8	Ananthakrishnan K. R.	200 M	Bronze
9	Ananthakrishnan K. R.	4 × 100 M Relay	Bronze
10	Noel J.	4 × 100 M Relay	Bronze
11	Jobin K. Jose	4 × 100 M Relay	Bronze
12	Lijo	4 × 100 M Relay	Bronze
13	Ananthakrishnan K. R.	4 × 400 Mixed Relay	Silver
14	Lijo	4 × 400 Mixed Relay	Silver
15	Sajitha Saji	4 × 400 Mixed Relay	Silver
16	Anakha	4 × 400 Mixed Relay	Silver
17	Aalim Faizan	Triathlon	Silver
18	Irene Maria	Triathlon	Bronze
19	Irene Maria	Kids Javelin	Silver

Alappuzha District School Athletics Championship

Sl. No.	Name	Event	Position
1	Adharsh P. S.	110 H	Gold
2	Adharsh P. S.	400 H	Gold
3	Adharsh P. S.	200 H	Bronze
4	Devamadhav K. G.	400 H	Participation



State Athletics Championship

Sl. No.	Name	Event	Position
1	Sivani V. S.	800 M	Bronze
2	Sivani V. S.	1500	6 th
3	Reshma G.	200 M	4 th
4	Reshma G.	400 M	8 th
5	Adharsh P. S.	110 H	7 th
6	Adharsh P. S.	400 H	Participation
7	Aalim Faizan	Triathlon	7 th
8	Devamadhav K. G.	80 H	Participation
9	Irene Maria	Triathlon	Participation
10	Abhinandana	3000 M Race walk	Participation
11	Ananthakrishnan K. R.	200 M	Participation
12	Jobin K. Jose	100 M	Participation

Intercollegiate Athletics Championship (University of Kerala)

Sl. No.	Name	Event	Position
1	Sivani V. S.	800 M	Silver
2	Sivani V. S.	Mixed Relay	Bronze
3	Abhinandana	20 km Race walk	Bronze
4	Ananthakrishnan K. R.	Mixed Relay	Bronze
5	Arathi S.	Shot put	Bronze
6	Arathi S.	Javelin throw	Silver

Intercollegiate Shooting Championship (University of Kerala)

Sl. No.	Name	Event	Position
1	Sruthi Asokkumar	10 M Air Pital	Silver

Intercollegiate Athletics Championship (M. G. University)

Sl. No.	Name	Event	Position
1	Reshma G.	400 M	Silver
2	Reshma G.	400 H	Silver
3	Reshma G.	4 × 100 Relay	Silver





Report of NAAC Peer Team Visit: 30.09.2024 to 01.10.2024

The National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) peer team visited St. Michael's College, Cherthala, for the 3rd cycle of assessment and accreditation on September 30 and October 1, 2024. The team comprised Prof. (Dr.) Bijender Kumar Punia, former Vice Chancellor of Maharshi Dayanand University, Hisar, Haryana, as chairperson; Prof. (Dr.) Mohd Rizwan Khan, Professor of English at Aligarh Muslim University, as member coordinator; and Prof. (Dr.) Ramachandra R. K., Principal of Government College Rajahmundry, Andhra Pradesh, as a member.

On September 29, 2024, the Principal, Prof. (Dr.) Sindhu S. Nair, along with the Vice-Principal and NAAC Coordinator, Dr. Antony Kuriakose, and IQAC Coordinator, Dr. Manoj Parameswaran, welcomed the NAAC peer team members at the hotel. They held a meeting to finalize the schedule for the two-day visit.

The visit included a comprehensive evaluation of the academic, administrative, and extracurricular facets of the institution. The peer team received a guard of honor from the NCC Army Wing of St. Michael's College, followed by a formal presentation by the Principal at 9:15 a.m. The presentation outlined the history, mission, vision, core values, academic accomplishments, infrastructure, faculty expertise, and future aspirations, of the institution providing the team with a broad perspective on the operations and strategic vision of the college.

At 10:30 a.m., an interactive meeting was held with staff members, allowing the peer team to address their questions. This was followed by a session with the non-teaching staff. The NAAC team then toured various departments to assess the academic environment, teaching methods, faculty profiles, and student facilities. Departments showcased their achievements in research, academic programs, and student development. Faculty members engaged in discussions with the team, elaborating on their teaching and learning approaches. A luncheon meeting with the governing board members was arranged to discuss the long-term strategic vision and governance of the institution.

In the afternoon and evening, the peer team held discussions with key stakeholders to gain diverse perspectives on the college's performance. They met with alumni, who shared how their education at St. Michael's College shaped their personal and professional lives, emphasizing the institution's strong values, dedicated faculty, and holistic education.

The team also interacted with students from various courses and academic years, who provided feedback on the learning environment, extracurricular activities, and faculty support, expressing satisfaction with the guidance and accessibility offered by the staff. Additionally, parents shared their views, appreciating the college's emphasis on values-based education and its nurturing environment for students.

The day concluded with a vibrant cultural program featuring traditional dances, music, and other performances by the students. This showcase reflected the college's dedication to fostering cultural awareness and creativity among its students, leaving the NAAC team with a holistic impression of the commitment of the institution to excellence.

The second day of the NAAC Peer Team's visit focused on in-depth interactions with the Department of Software Development, followed by the preparation of the peer team report and the official exit meeting. The day began with a session involving the Department of Software Development, where the Peer Team



engaged in discussions and evaluated the activities of the Department. Afterward, the team dedicated their time to compiling their report, drawing on observations and feedback collected over the two days. This report encompassed evaluations of the academic standards, infrastructure, student support systems, and stakeholder perspectives of the institution.



Subsequently, the Peer Team held a formal discussion with the Principal and the IQAC Coordinator. During this meeting, the team shared their preliminary findings and offered constructive feedback on the overall performance of the institution.

The visit concluded with an official Exit Meeting. Principal Prof. (Dr.) Sindhu S. Nair delivered the welcome address, followed by a presentation of observations by Prof. (Dr.) Bijender Punia, Chairman of the NAAC Peer Team. Dr. Punia commended the college for fostering a balanced educational environment and highlighted its commitment to academic excellence, extracurricular engagement, and social responsibility. The team also shared recommendations for further improvement and expressed gratitude for the warm hospitality of the college.

The chairman handed over the Peer Team report to the Principal and IQAC Coordinator, marking the formal conclusion of the visit. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks delivered by IQAC Coordinator Dr. Manoj Parameswaran. The constructive feedback provided by the team is expected to guide the college in its ongoing pursuit of excellence and address potential areas for growth.



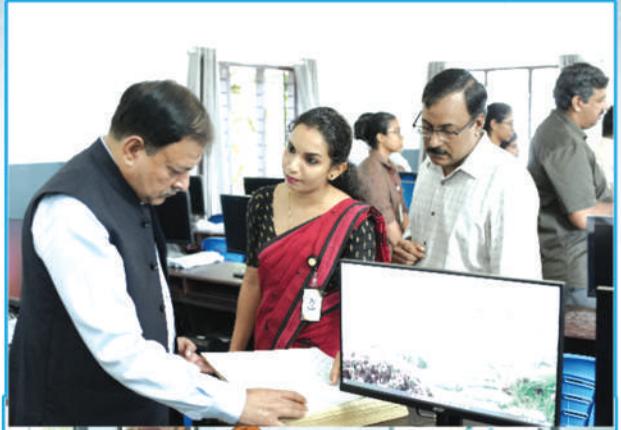
















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