



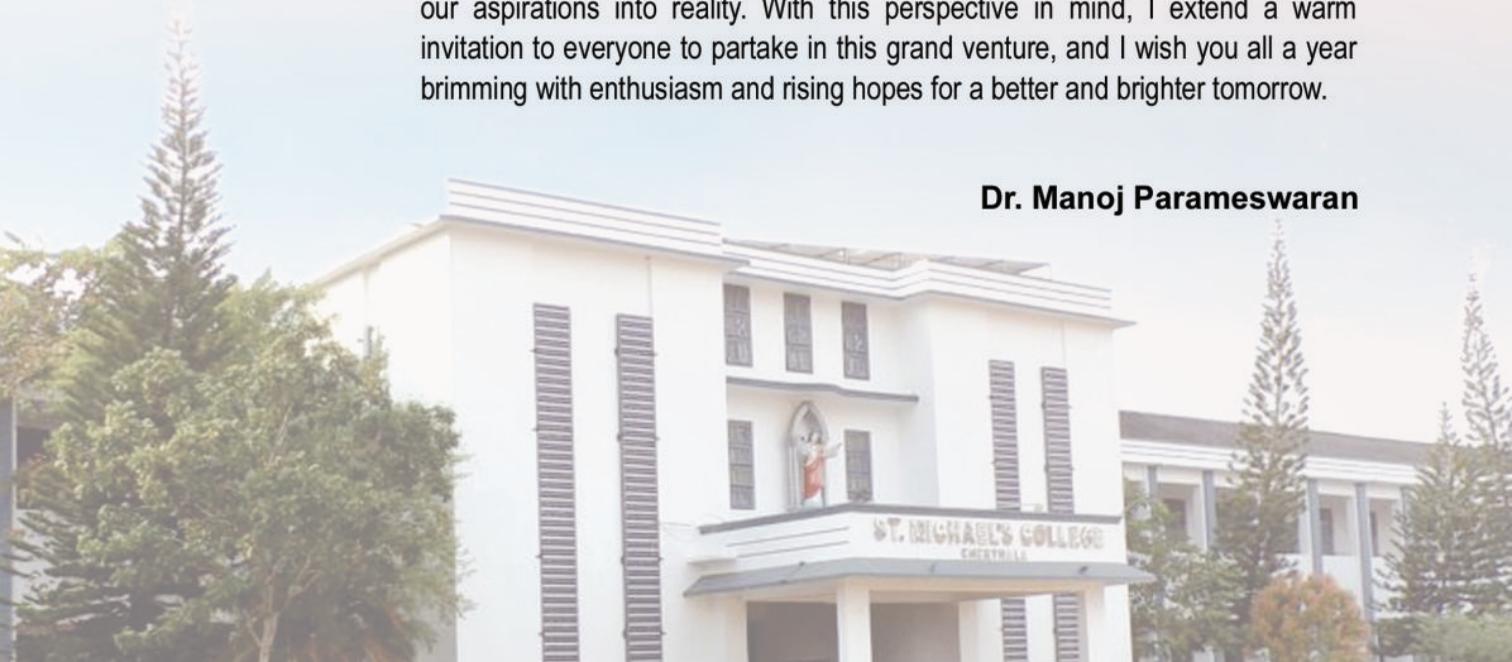
From the Coordinator's Desk...

Warm greetings from the IQAC Coordinator!

The first IQAC newsletter for the academic year 2023-24 serves as a comprehensive overview, shedding light on the multitude of events and accomplishments at St. Michael's College spanning from June to September 2023. As the IQAC Coordinator, it is with immense joy that I present this inaugural edition of the IQAC newsletter. I want to extend sincere appreciation and congratulations to my colleagues, staff, and students for their unwavering dedication in capturing the essence of the diverse activities during this period.

This period saw a plethora of events organized by various Departments, Clubs, and Committees, encompassing commemorations of regional and linguistic diversity, which have significantly enriched the college experience. Special mention goes to noteworthy induction programs like "ESPERANZA," tailored for our freshers. As we set sail towards the upcoming NAAC accreditation process, let us collectively channel our dedication and commitment towards realizing the longstanding vision of securing an A++. My heartfelt gratitude goes to the entire IQAC team for their unwavering support and sincere cooperation in transforming our aspirations into reality. With this perspective in mind, I extend a warm invitation to everyone to partake in this grand venture, and I wish you all a year brimming with enthusiasm and rising hopes for a better and brighter tomorrow.

Dr. Manoj Parameswaran



ESPERANZA 2023: Inauguration of First Year Degree Program

Newness and novelty have been intriguing and fascinating to man since the ancient times. He was eagerly running behind novel ideas in various perspectives and tried to achieve novelty in science and surprise, excitement and exuberance, cheerfulness, and joy, hope and happiness. **ESPERANZA - 2023**, an opening for our budding stars who search the sky for golden opportunities at St. Michael's College, was inaugurated on 24th July 2023. The program was organized by Career Guidance and Placement Cell of St. Michael's College. The program started at 9.15 am with registration process followed by a video presentation depicting the glimpse of St. Michael's College, through its past, present and future prospects. Inaugural function started at 10.20 am with a prayer song. Dr. Beena James, Coordinator of Career Guidance and Placement Cell welcomed the gathering. She conveyed her wishes for students in connection with the word "**ESPERANZA**" which represents 'hope' or 'expectation'. The program was presided over by Principal Prof. (Dr.) Sindhu S Nair and Ms. Aswathy Xavier was the chief guest of the day. In the presidential address, Principal explained the rules and regulations of the college and emphasized the importance of discipline. She requested the cooperation of all the students and parents for the success of the journey ahead. The program was inaugurated by Ms. Aswathy Xavier by lighting the lamp followed by Oath taking ceremony led by Principal. It underscores the responsibility of a Michaellean to abide by the rules and regulations of the institution. Mr. Joy Sebastian, Alumni, CEO of Techgentsia and Mr. P. I Harris, Vice President, PTA felicitated the gathering through sharing their experience and knowledge that was an asset for the bright future of the students. After felicitation, Chief Guest, Ms. Aswathy Xavier delivered the motivational talk. She talked about being a successful student, acquiring knowledge, to be competitive in the world and to achieve their ambition. It was followed by the benedictory address by College Manager, Fr. Nelson Thaiparambil, where he narrated and exemplified the successful journey of our alumni who made adorable remarkable achievements in their life through the effective utilization of the facilities available in the college. Refreshments were distributed to all participants present during the program. The program was concluded by extending the vote of gratitude by Ms. Aarthi Krishnan S (I BA English student). After the official ceremony, the students were led to their respective departments with tutors.



Hands on Training on Ezygo

The college employs the Ezygo app to enhance the digital teaching and learning experience. The responsibility for overseeing the app's operation has been assigned to the E-academic Monitoring Committee of the college. To provide the college faculty with the necessary skills to effectively utilize this app, the College's Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) and the e-Academic Monitoring Committee collaborated to conduct a practical training session on the Ezygo app on June 23, 2023. The training sessions were led by Mr. Rajesh, a representative from Ezygo app.

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Hands-on
Training Programme on
Ezygo

an initiative of
Internal Quality Assurance Cell
and
e-Academic Monitoring Committee
St. Michael's College, Cherthala

Date : 23/06/2023, 10.30 am to 3.30 pm
Venue : IQAC Room & Fenicio Digital Seminar Hall

Programme Schedule

IQAC Room

- 10.30am - 11.30 am - Vice Principal and HoDs
- 11.30am - 12.30 pm - Teachers Batch 1
- 01.30pm - 02.30 pm - Teachers Batch 2

Fenicio Digital Seminar Hall

- 02.30pm - 03.30 pm - HoDs and Teachers combined

Prof (Dr.) Sindhu S Nair
(Principal)

Coordinator
Dr. Tenny David

Convener
Dr. Manoj P
(IQAC Coordinator)



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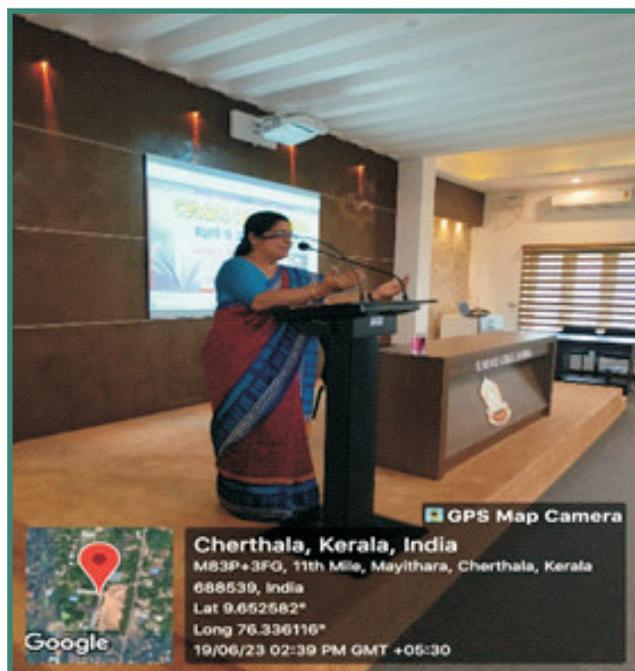
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In commemoration of P. N. Panickar, who established the Granthashala Prasthanam (Library Movement), by initiating Libraries and Reading Rooms across Kerala, 19th June, his death anniversary is observed as Reading Day. Now the state government has extended it to Vaayana vaaracharanam and Vaayanapakshacharanam. The College Library in association with the Language Departments and the Book Club, observed the Reading Week, Vaayanavaracharanam 2023 from 19-20 June 2023.

On 19th June 2023, a motivational session was rendered by Dr. Patricia Robin, College Librarian, on the topic 'E Vayana, AaVaayana' (Electronic Reading and Conventional Reading), at 1.30. pm, the venue being the Fenicio Digital Seminar Hall. The resource person



discussed the areas ranging from the pros and cons of E-Reading to the joy and cathartic experience one attains while reading a bound book. Students were attentive hearing the story of 'Oliver Twist' by the classic writer Charles Dickens, that was engagingly narrated to them. The story was abruptly cut short, and the students were advocated to read the book to know what had happened to the titular character Oliver Twist. This was done with the intention to make them read the book, and the session came to an end by 2.45 pm.

This was followed by the 'Reading Experience Sharing Contest' conducted under the auspices of the Book Club and students ensured their active participation for that as well. Leyanole Sebastian (II BCom) and Akhila M. (II BSc Zoology) won the first and second prizes respectively. The programme came to an end by 4 pm.

On 20th June 2023, was a remarkable day for the college. Speaker, Writer, Wild-Life Photographer, Martial Arts Trainer, all-in-one, an adorable personality, Shri. N.A. Naseer was the chief guest for the day. The meeting commenced at 10.30 am, with

prayer by Kumari Donna Sonnet (I BSc Zoology). Dr. Patricia Robin (Librarian) rendered a warm welcome to the gathering. Dr. Antony Kuriakose (Vice Principal) presided over and delivered the presidential address, followed by felicitations from Rev. Fr. Nelson Thaiparambil (Manager), Rev. Fr. Celestine Puthenpurackal (Associate Manager) and Dr. Vimsy Geo (HoD of English). This was followed by the proud moment of honouring the former student, Sri. Akshay K. Ashok (BA Economics) who is now an acclaimed writer in Malayalam. Dr. Mary Reema (HoD of Malayalam) made a quick tour through the books of Naseer, which was an eye-opener to an unknown world of sanctity, the forest.



Sri. N.A. Naseer spoke on "Kaadenna Pusthakam" (Forest, the Unexplored Book) and made the audience feel lost in the mesmerizing realm of the wild. He boldly deconstructed the binaries of Forest-Cities and Animal-Man and emphatically underscored the need to learn compassion and dignity from the forest culture. With the vote of thanks proposed by the Dr. Seena Kurian (HoD of Hindi) the meeting came to an end at 12.30 pm.

Nature Education Camp at Periyar Tiger Reserve: Department of Botany and National Cadet Corps

Department of Botany and National Cadet Corps of St. Michael's College, Cherthala jointly organized a Nature Education Camp in collaboration with Kerala Forests and Wildlife Department at Periyar Tiger Reserve. Camp was organized at 'Vallakkadavu' from 23-25, July 2023. 38 students participated in the camp. Dr. Teny David, Assistant Professor in Botany, Lt. Abin Albert T, Assistant Professor in Economics & NCC officer and Mrs. Zita Francis, Assistant Professor on Contract in psychology led the camp. The camp was aimed to create an environmental consciousness among students to equip them to meet the challenges of habitat destruction and climate change. The camp included classes, trekking, Museum visit, Quiz competition, Group discussions, presentations and boating. Students trekked to 'Manammutti mala' which is about 2000 m from MSL. This trekking provided the students with an insight on the importance of grassland ecosystem, its values and the need for conserving it. From the top of the mountain, students had a beautiful view on the 'Mullaperiyar' Dam. The students spotted Malabar Giant Squirrel, Wild Boar, Sambar Deer, Bonnet Macaque, Nilgiri Langur, Wild gaur, Elephants, Birds (Great Malabar Pied Hornbill, Malabar Grey hornbill, Racket Tailed Drongo, Common Hill Myna, Malabar Whistling Thrush), Butterflies (Southern Bird Wing, Blue Mormon, Paris Peacock), Moths and many medicinal & common plants.



Industrial Visit to FCI Alappuzha

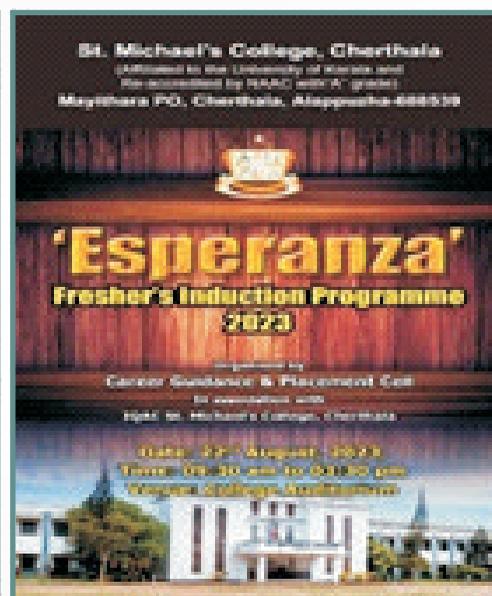


An Industrial visit was conducted on 22nd July 2023 by the students of B.Com. Finance (2022-25) of the Department of Commerce, St. Michael's College, Cherthala. The plan was to visit the FCI, Alappuzha. There were a total of 44 students accompanied by two faculty members, Miss. Crissy Nicholas and Miss. Cindrella. The main purpose of this event was to create an awareness among public about food security and supply chain management of food grains in our country. It was a very well-planned event and all the students and faculties voluntarily participated in it. The FCI officers talked about the storage and preservation of food grains mainly rice and wheat in different seasons. A team of ten officers of FCI was accompanied by the Divisional Manager. They detailed the importance of FCI in ensuring food security, inflow - outflow of

stock from their godown. A lady officer of FCI held a power point presentation about Kernal which is a protein content mixed with food grain to ensure the nutritious amount in the human body. After a refreshment offered by them the other officers also explained about the processing and supply of food grains along with details about the quality control of the food grains. They gave a live presentation in the laboratory and gave information about chemical processing of the food grains in the FCI. They took entire students and faculties to their godown. It was a very different experience for the students. After completing the session the officers provided the certificate of FCI to the students who participated in the program. At the end as a gratitude for the FCI officers the students gave the vote of thanks.

Fresher's Orientation Program

The Career Guidance and Placement Cell of St. Michael's College organized a one day orientation program for the fresher's of 2023-24 academic year on 22nd August 2023 as a continuation of the initial program ESPERANZA 2023 which was held on 24th July 2023. Dr. T. Sunilkumar, a motivational speaker and an Educational- Psychological Counselor was the chief of the program. The function was started at 9.30 am with a prayer song and the audience was welcomed by Dr. Antony Kuriakose P., Vice-Principal, St. Michael's College. Dr. T. Sunilkumar, delivered an activity oriented motivational talk (PANACEA) in the morning session. The official program was concluded by extending the vote of gratitude by Ms. Aarthy Krishnan S (I BA English student). The program was also intended to introduce the newbies to the policies, vision, mission, and various activities/clubs functioning in the campus. Afternoon session was exclusively for this purpose and it was handled by the coordinators of various activities/clubs. 197 students from various departments were participated in the program. The program was concluded by placing the vote of thanks by Dr. Beena James, Coordinator of the Career Guidance and Placement Cell.



Skill Development & Job Awareness Program for Final Year Students

A career-oriented learning is a necessity for any student. A true aware of various job opportunities at the graduate level of their studies would help them to update their academics as well as their skills. It is for this purpose that the Career Guidance and Placement Cell conducted a skill development & job awareness program for the final-year students on 08/07/2023. The program included two sessions and started at 01:30 pm in the College auditorium. The first session was led by Mrs. Lekshmi V. K Pillai, Kerala State Skill Development Mission District Officer- Alappuzha. Topic of her presentation was based on the theme "Importance of Skill Development". The second session was led handled Edwise International Company, a firm based in Kochi and with a reputation of more than 12 years of service in offering career orientation/opportunities for the students. Around 210 students participated in the event.



KAS-Public Service Club for Government Job Aspirants Program under Career Guidance and Placement Cell

The Career Guidance and Placement Cell of St. Michael's College in association with KAS Mentor, Trivandrum, launched the *second edition* of Public Service Club for Government Job Aspirants, which is a collaboration between KAS Mentor and St. Michael's College Cherthala. The club intends to give free training to government job aspirants of the campus. The collaborative activity was started in the last academic year and pursuing this year with various activities in the campus. Around 150 students from the college registered for the second edition of Public Service Club and they were given special access to the PS Club app through which online and live classes are to be attended. An MoU was signed between the two parties involved in the functioning of the club for the smooth conduct of the coaching program during last academic year. The MoU has been extended for one more year.

Onam Celebration 2023

Onam is the state festival of Kerala. It is celebrated in remembrance of the prosperous governance of the mythical King *Mahabali*. It is also the harvest festival of the state. All the communities of the state, despite of its religious, cultural, and linguistic diversity, celebrate onam as an occasion to exhibit the unity of the people.

In the academic year 2023-24, the college celebrated Onam on 23.08.2023. The celebrations started with an interdepartmental *Pookkalam* competition followed by *Onappattu* and Tug-of-war. Department of Physics, English and BBA won the first prizes respectively. *Malayali manga* and *Malayalimamman* competitions were also conducted for the students. Ms. Hima K of Department of Chemistry and Mr. Athulkrishna SA of Department of Commerce won the titles. Prize distribution ceremony was presided by the Principal Prof (Dr.) Sindhu S. Nair. The Manager Fr. Nelson Thaiparampil, Associate Manager Fr. Celestine Puthenpurackal and Vice Principal Dr. Antony Kuriakose distributed the prizes for the winners. After the competitions, department level celebrations were conducted with games and cultural programmes. The Head of the departments, Teachers and class representatives coordinated the programs. Onam feast and *Payasam* was also arranged for all the students by the respective departments. The celebration was concluded with a one-hour *Chendamelam* organized by the student representatives. The celebration was an occasion for the students to exhibit their enthusiasm, talents and unity and also an expression of the harmonious environment that exists in St. Michael's College.



Hindi Divas

On this day, alongside the Hindi Department, rest of the language departments too viz: English, Malayalam gather together to celebrate the Hindi Day. The official function started with a prayer, followed by the welcome address by Dr. Seena Kurian (Head, Department of Hindi). The college principal, Prof. (Dr.) Sindhu S. Nair presided over the function and delivered the presidential address. The chief guest of the program was Professor Dr. V. P. Muhammdkunju Methar, who is a renowned writer and translator, He is a man of greatness and success and has received numerous awards from the Government of India, the Governments of Bihar and Uttar Pradesh, and many other organizations. He is a man of wisdom who shared his experience and his valuable thoughts about the Hindi language and why he loved Hindi so much. He inaugurated the Hindi Diwas celebrations. Dr. Patricia Robin (College Librarian) and Dr. Mary Reema (Head, of Department Malayalam) offered felicitations and motivated the students to kindle in themselves love and thirst for language learning. The Programme came to closure with the proposal of vote of thanks by Dr.Vimsy Geo (Head of Department English). About 100 students participated in the program. The program was a huge success, with students actively engaging in the interactive session and the overall conduct of the event.



A Tribute to Artist Namboodiri (Commemorative Meeting and Drawing Competition)

In association with the College Library, the students of the Department of English gathered for a commemorative meeting and drawing competition, paying tribute to the late Artist Namboodiri. The students of the First Year BA English Batch formed the chosen audience for the session and this was particularly because, the students had a paper within the second semester titled, 'Art and Literary Aesthetics'. The college librarian Dr. Patricia Robin

delivered the welcome address and extended her tributes to the great artist. The key note address was delivered by Rev.Fr. Nelson Thaiparambil, College Manager and an acclaimed writer. Fr. Nelson shared with the students, his expert perspective on the style and nuances of late Namboodiri's artistic prowess. The students of the English stream, who were about to appear for the University exams, found it a very useful and beneficial session.

With the vote of thanks delivered by Dr.Vimsy Geo, (Head of the Dept. of English) the meeting came to a closure and was followed by the Drawing Competition. The entire second year BA English batch attended the session and got themselves actively involved in the interactive session. They even voiced the idea of organizing an art exhibition within the campus.



Library Tour for the Fresh Batch

Perpetuating the best practice of familiarizing the fresh batch with the library facilities and resources, the department scheduled and organized a conducted library tour for the first year students on 25th July 2023 at 10.30 am. The library tour is a joined venture organized by the Department of English and the college library for the first-year students every year. The objective of the tour is to equip the students with essential information to make the most of their academic pursuits during their time at college. The tour commenced with a warm welcome by the friendly library staff. Mr. Janeesh K. James who is the Library Assistant, took up the role of the tour guide and provided a brief overview of the library's services, rules, and regulations. The students were introduced to the librarians, who emphasized their availability to offer assistance in finding information and navigating the library's resources. The students were given a tour of the library's physical layout, which included different sections such as reference materials, periodicals, fiction and non-fiction books and study areas. The layout was well-organized, enabling easy access to various resources. The tour guide showcased the extensive collection of books, encompassing various disciplines and subjects. The students were encouraged to explore books related to their course of study as well as their personal interests. The students were briefed on the rules to maintain a conducive environment for studying. Throughout the tour, the students actively engaged with the librarian, seeking clarification on various aspects of the library. They displayed enthusiasm in exploring the library's resources and expressed gratitude for the opportunity to enhance their learning experience. The library tour proved to be an invaluable experience for the students. By acquainting themselves with the library's resources and services, the students now have a strong



foundation to support their academic pursuits. The tour aimed to foster a culture of inquiry, research, and self-directed learning, preparing the students to excel in their academic journey at St. Michael's College. Overall, the library tour was a resounding success, and the college looks forward to witnessing the positive impact it will have on the students' educational endeavours.

Sahitya Camp 2023

Kerala University Union organized a *Sahitya Camp* at Naipunya College, Cherthala from 29- 30, September 2023 to nurture the creative minds of students with a passion towards literature. Ms. Revathy M.S of Department of English and Ms. Nandana S of Department of Economics participated in the camp and secured certificates.

Two-Day International Multi disciplinary Virtual Conference on 'Artificial Intelligence: Recent Trends, Impact and Scope'

A Two-Day International Virtual Conference on 'Artificial Intelligence: Recent Trends, Impact and Scope' was organized by the department of English, in collaboration with the PG Department of English, Naipunnya School of Management, Cherthala on the 19th and 20th of August 2023.

The event commenced with an inaugural session scheduled on the first day, at 9 am. Prof. Josy Joseph, Associate Professor, Dept. of English, SB College Changanacherry delivered the keynote address that covered various relevant aspects like



the desired outcome and legacy of the conference. This was followed by an expert session on 'AI and Social Science Research: Prospects and Possibilities' by Dr. Arindam Das, Professor, Alliance University, Bangalore. The second session commenced at 12 pm and was on 'To AI or not to AI: Levelling the Playing Field in an English Language Classroom' by Dr. Anej Somaraj, Dept. of English, Christian College, Chengannur. This was followed by paper presentations and 11 presenters from various colleges within India and abroad presented their papers and answered the queries from the expert point of view. The Group A presentations were chaired by Dr. Harsha Viswanath, Assistant Professor, MSM College, Kayamkulam and Group B, by Dr. Patricia Robin, Librarian, St. Michael's College. The next invited talk commenced at 5pm and Dr. Ammu George, Research fellow, National University of Singapore spoke on "Will the Invisible Hand Become Artificial: Exploring the Risk and Potential of AI" The final session of the day was on 'Prompt Engineering for Educational Purposes: Effective Techniques for Leveraging Generative AI Tools in Higher Education' and the resource person was from Columbia University, Ms. Michelle Stabler-Havener, Research Scholar in Applied Linguistics. The proceedings of the day were concluded with an interactive session and concluding address.

Dr. Aravind Nair, Assistant Professor of English, S.H. College, Thevara had been the resource person for the morning session and the lecture was titled,

'Science Fiction in the Age of AI'. After the vibrant Q & A session, the next session started by around 12.30pm. Mr. J.S. Ananthakrishnan, Senior Research Fellow, Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit, Calicut, spoke elaborately and informatively about 'AI All the Way: An Introduction to AI Assistance on Every Stage of Research' and introduced several AI tools that would be of tremendous help during the course of research. This was followed by the second session of paper presentations in two groups, chaired respectively by Dr. Sharon D'Cunha (Assistant Professor of English, St. Joseph's College, Alleppey) and Dr. Dhanya Johnson, Assistant Professor, St. John's College, Anchal). The following expert session commenced at 5pm and Dr. Raisun Mathew, Assistant Professor of English, Chinmaya Viswa Vidyapeeth delivered an enthralling lecture on 'AI and the World, Post-Truth, Education and Society'. The final session of the event was on 'AI Tools for Research Purposes', a truly enriching lecture by Sri. Jasimudeen S., Librarian, St. Stephen's College, Uzhavoor. With a brief valedictory session, the event got wrapped up by 9 pm.

Almost 150 participants attended the various sessions and there were 23 paper presentations altogether. The conference was a quite rewarding experience for the student populace as well as the faculty when it comes to the utilization of technological aids to supplement the teaching and learning experience.



Invited Talk on "Study Abroad - Opportunities After Degree"

The "Study Abroad Opportunities after Degree" session by Johns Global was held on 4th October 2023 at St. Michael's College exclusively for final-year students pursuing BVoc & BBA. The session aimed to provide students with insights into international study opportunities and career prospects in their field.

Session Highlights:

- **Opening Remarks:** The session commenced with an introduction to Johns Global and its mission to assist students in pursuing higher education abroad.
- **Benefits of Studying Abroad:** The speaker highlighted the advantages of studying abroad, including exposure to diverse cultures, global networking, and access to top-notch educational institutions.
- **Programs for BVoc & BBA Graduates:** Johns Global discussed specialized programs available for graduates in the field of software development, tourism, logistics emphasizing the relevance of international qualifications.
- **Application Procedures:** Detailed information on application procedures, including standardized tests, transcripts, and recommendation letters, was provided.
- **Scholarships and Financial Aid:** Students were informed about scholarships and financial aid opportunities, making international education more accessible.
- **Visa Guidance:** The session covered visa application processes, documents required, and tips for successful visa interviews.
- **Alumni Success Stories:** Inspiring stories of alumni who pursued their dreams abroad were shared, motivating students to consider international education.
- **Q&A Session:** An interactive Q&A session allowed students to clarify doubts and seek personalized advice from the Johns Global team.

Key Takeaways:

- Understanding the benefits of international education for software development and Tourism, BBA graduates.
- Insights into program options and



application procedures.

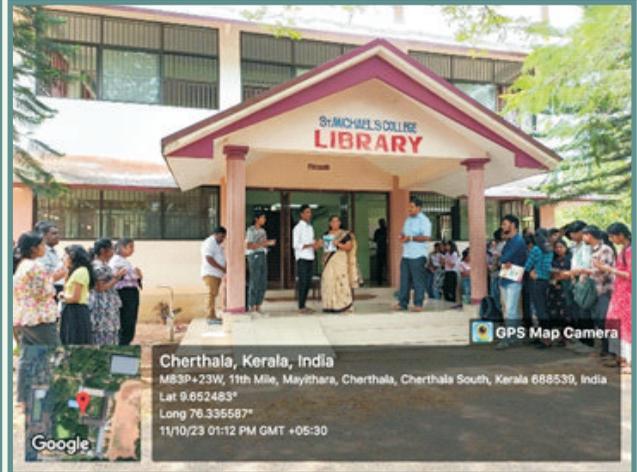
- Knowledge about available scholarships and financial aid.
- Practical guidance on the visa application process.
- Motivation through alumni success stories.

The "Study Abroad Opportunities After Degree" session by Johns Global at St. Michael's College provided valuable information and inspiration to final-year BVoc & BBA students. It equipped them with the necessary knowledge and resources to consider pursuing international education as a path to further their careers. The program ended up at 3.45 pm and around 85 students were benefited from the event.



Felicitations

St. Michael's College organized a felicitation ceremony in front of the library on 11.10.2023, at 1.00 pm to felicitate the achievement of Ms. Gowri Dev of Department of English, for her achievement in Logo competition in connection with 'Thirayilakkam' and Br. Leynole Sebastian for publishing his short story in Mathrubhumi magazine. Principal Prof.(Dr.) Sindhu S. Nair presided the meeting and distributed the Mementos in the presence of Dr. Teny David(Staff advisor), Teachers and students of various department were present for the occasion.



Seminar on “Financial Literacy” in connection with World Investor Week 2023

The Investment Awareness Club of St. Michael's College had arranged an Online Session on “Financial Literacy” on Tuesday 10th October 2023 from 1:30 PM to 3:00 PM on Zoom Platform, in

speech of Arathy Ajayakumar (Student, Dept. of Commerce, St. Michael's College) and had briefed about various investment opportunities in our daily life. The seminar was led by Resource Person Mr. Dheeraj

Khetan (Certified Financial Planner). The seminar introduced different investment avenues and overview of the Securities Market. The seminar also exhibited about the various Risk elements in investments and different ways to avoid or reduce these risks. The Session had helped the participants to learn the various features of Securities Market and awareness about its investment opportunity. 100 students

association with Post Graduate and Research Department of Commerce, St. Michael's College, Cherthala. The programme started with a welcome

from the department attended the session.

How Does NSDC Helps to Build Your Accounting Career

The Dept of Commerce of St. Michael's College had arranged an Offline Session on “How Does NSDC Helps to Build Your Accounting Career” on 6th October 2023 from 2.30 PM to 3.30 PM in association with CARE4COMS, Career guidance association of the department. The seminar was led by Resource Person Mr. Sreejith P R. Certified Career counselor FSI. The seminar introduced different opportunities provided by the government for young generations. It also provides adequate facilities to skillful persons apt for any job. The Session had helped the participants to learn about various job opportunities. Around 100 students from the department attended the session.



Career Awareness Class on Study Abroad

Student migration fosters cultural exchange, enhances global perspective and contributes to a diverse learning environment, preparing individuals for an interconnected world. Additionally, it can lead to transfer of knowledge and skills benefiting both the

host and home countries.

Career Guidance and Placement Cell in association with Can approve consultancy services organized an orientation class on 'study abroad' programs on 12th October, 2023 at 1.30 pm, St. Michael's College Auditorium for Final year degree students. Ms. Resmi, Senior education coordinator of Can approve consultancy service took the session. She provided the details of migration to different countries and the official proceedings regarding the migration. Students shared their doubts and queries which were addressed by the speaker.

Around 75 students from various departments were participated in the class. It was an interactive session.



Hybrid Aviation Training and its Benefits

The “Hybrid Aviation Training and its Benefits” session by Airportverse was held on 16th October 2023 at St. Michael's College. Hybrid aviation education, incorporating virtual reality (VR) technology, offers a cutting-edge approach to teaching for Bachelor students in the field of aviation. This report discusses the benefits of this innovative educational model provided by Airportverse, a leading provider of aviation education. Final year degree students from various departments were benefited from the class. Around 140 students were participated in the event.

Students were benefitted the following aspects:

- **Immersive Learning:** VR allows students to experience aviation scenarios in a realistic 3D environment, enhancing their understanding of complex concepts such as aircraft operation, air traffic management, and airport logistics.
- **Safety Training:** Students can practice emergency procedures and safety protocols in a risk-free virtual environment, preparing them for real-world situations.
- **Cost-Effective:** Virtual reality eliminates the need for expensive physical simulators, reducing the overall cost of aviation education.
- **Remote Learning:** Students can access aviation courses from anywhere, promoting flexibility and accessibility.
- **Skill Development:** Airportverse's hybrid approach fosters soft skills, teamwork, and decision-making in addition to technical knowledge.



- **Industry-Relevant:** This method ensures students are updated with the latest industry trends and technology.

The integration of hybrid aviation education with VR technology from Airportverse offers degree students a multifaceted approach to aviation learning, aligning them with the industry's demands and providing a dynamic and enriching educational experience.

Exhibition: Department of Chemistry



The Chemistry Department, in collaboration with the Science Club, took part in the exhibition as part of 'Thirayilakkam 2023.' This exhibition featured a captivating array of experiments showcasing the world of chemistry. It served as a dynamic and interactive event designed to educate the public on the crucial significance of carbon neutrality and the pivotal role that chemistry plays in achieving this goal. Furthermore, the exhibition highlighted sustainable energy solutions aimed at reducing our carbon footprint and ensuring a cleaner and more sustainable future. The event encompassed a wide range of interactive displays, presentations, hands-on experiences, and live demonstrations of chemical reactions, all thoughtfully crafted to make the intricate field of chemistry accessible to a diverse audience.

These hands-on experiments enabled participants to immerse themselves in the world of chemistry, deepening their understanding of the subject.

The exhibition effectively fulfilled its mission of educating and inspiring both the public and students about the importance of chemistry in addressing the central theme. It provided an outstanding opportunity to unite the community in raising awareness and comprehension of carbon neutrality and sustainable energy concepts through engaging chemistry experiments. Throughout the program, students and faculty from the Chemistry department actively participated and enjoyed the event. The exhibition program offered valuable exposure and experiences to the audience.



Invited talk on Healthcare Satrangi



The Women Cell unit at St. Michael's College, Cherthala, in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Cherthala Town, hosted a health program focusing on gynaecological concerns for female students on August 19, 2023. Dr. Prabha G. Nair, the chief consultant gynaecologist from KVM Hospital in Cherthala, delivered an extensive lecture, which was followed by an interactive discussion and a session to address doubts and questions.

Inauguration of Renovated B.Sc. Chemistry Laboratory

The re-opening of the refurbished B.Sc Chemistry laboratory took place on October 20, 2023. The inauguration was graced by the presence of His Excellency Rt. Rev. Dr. James Raphael Anaparambil, the Bishop of the Diocese of Alleppey, who offered his blessings and officially inaugurated the upgraded lab. The event was attended by several dignitaries, including the College Manager, Rev. Fr. Nelson Thaiparambil, the Principal, Prof. (Dr.) Sindhu S. Nair, the Associate Manager, Rev. Fr. (Dr.) Celestine Puthenpurackal, the Vice Principal, Dr. Antony Kuriakose, and the Head of the Department of Chemistry, Dr. P. Manoj. The ceremony also witnessed the presence of former and current faculty members from the Department of Chemistry, alumni, students, and college staff.



Poster exhibition on Women and Child Rights



The Women Cell unit at St. Michael's College organized a poster exhibition addressing the issues in Manipur as a protest against the mistreatment of women and children in the region. Students used their artistic talents to strongly denounce these acts of brutality. Through this poster exhibition, we aimed to communicate the critical message that immediate protection against such heinous actions is essential, not only for the student community but also for society at large.

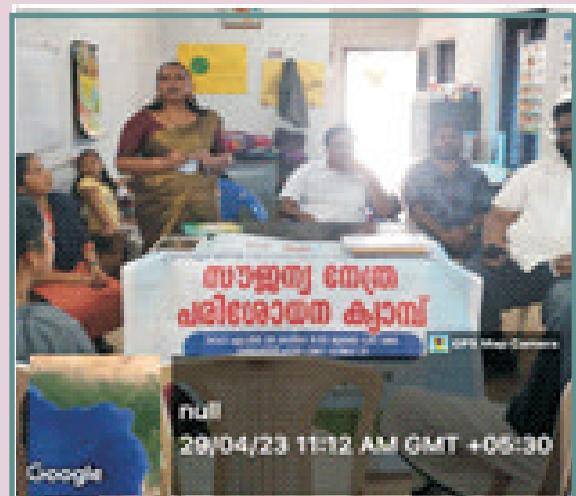
Social Justice Cell Inauguration and Seminar

St. Michael's College Cherthala and the Law and Justice Research Foundation together formed the Social Justice Cell in the College. A seminar was conducted as part of the event at the college seminar hall on 24 April 2023. The Social Justice cell was inaugurated by the Honorable Agricultural Minister, P. Prasad. The seminar was held on the topic "Constitution and social justice", by Safi Mohan, Assistant Professor of Law College, Trivandrum. Around 50 Volunteers took part in this Seminar.



Free Eye Testing Camp

In association with Nehru Yuva Kendra, Alappuzha, a free eye testing camp was held on 29th April 2023 in the Community Hall, CMC, ward 31 at 9:30 am. The camp aimed to improve the overall quality of life by restoring and enhancing vision, which can positively impact livelihood and daily activities. The camp was inaugurated by P.Unnikrishnan, the opposition leader of Cherthala Municipality. The camp was conducted under the supervision of Dr.Jyothi, Ahalya Eye Hospital Changanassery.



Old Age Home Cleaning

The NSS volunteers who are also members of the Social Justice Cell of St. Michael's College went on a cleaning drive in the nearby old age home on 5 May 2023. The volunteers cleaned the surroundings of the old age home and painted flower pots to set up a garden. They also interacted with the elderly people and finished off the cleaning by evening. The unit also decided to set up a garden named 'Elysium' in the old age home.



YuvaUtsav 2023



The Nehru Yuva Kendra of Alappuzha hosted *Yuva Utsav 2023* on 6th May 2023 at Naipunnya School of Management, Cherthala. Around 25 volunteers participated in various competitions. The NSS team of St Michael's College, Cherthala bagged the first prize in Thiruvathira and our Volunteer Joyal Francis won first prize in painting competition. Akhila secured second prize in declamation contest and Shinoy brought in third prize in mobile photography. The volunteers who participated received the participation certificate.

Snehadharam

The Social Justice Department of Alappuzha conducted "Snehadharam" in the Government Old-age Home, Mayithara. Our college was honoured at the function for its exceptional performance. The award was received by our Principal Dr. Sindhu S. Nair and Programme Officer Dr. Seena Kurian.



Karshika Mela 2023

The Karshikamela 2023 was held in St. Michael's College playground, inaugurated by the Honorable minister of Agriculture of Kerala, Mr. P. Prasad on 19th May 2023. The fest was inaugurated with a rally starting off from Mayithara to the college ground. The NSS volunteers of St. Michael's participated in the rally by dressing up as farmers and did a flash mob in traditional costumes.



Disaster Management Training

The volunteers participated in the disaster management and training program on May 26 - 28. On the first day, they were divided into six groups and given classes on the relevance of training class on disaster management. They were introduced to different types of adventure activities. On the second day, the boys were given gym classes while the girls had training in Archery, Burma bridge, Parallel rope, and ascent and descent in trails. On the last day, the boys were given practice in the above-mentioned activities while the girls were given theory classes. The training came to an end with hands-on training to use the fire extinguisher.



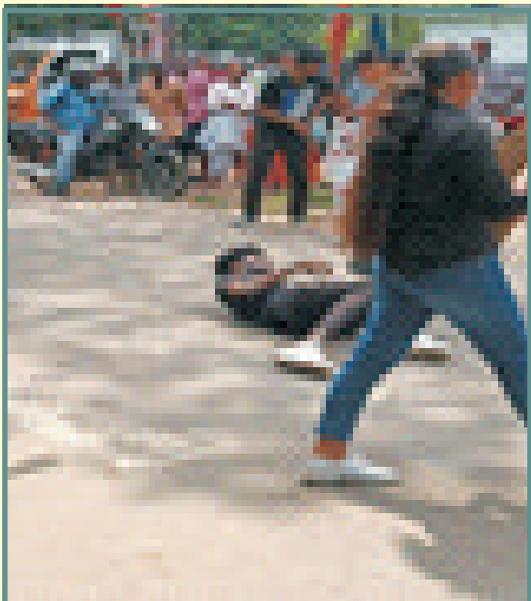
Karuthalum Kaithangum Adalat

Under the leadership of the state government, the Social Justice Department, along with volunteers from St. Michael's College, organized the Karuthalum Kaithangum Adalat on May 29, 2023. Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan inaugurated "Karuthalum Kaithangum", the taluk-level complaint redressal adalats that are to be held across the state. The objective was to ensure all the citizens received their grants and other necessary help properly. The chief guest was the honorable Minister of Agriculture of Kerala, P. Prasad. A lot of senior citizens and differently-abled citizens attended the adalat. 50 NSS volunteers organized activities like joining hands in cleaning and participating in court proceedings and provided the necessary services to differently-abled individuals and senior citizens.



World Anti-Tobacco Day

The NSS volunteers of St. Michael's College performed a flash mob in public with the message against the use of tobacco. Our programme officers Dr. Seena Kurian and Dr. Rajesh R guided the volunteers and awareness against tobacco was provided showing the images of the diseases caused by tobacco consumption.



World Environment Day

The NSS volunteers of St. Michael's College celebrated World Environment Day by planting a sapling in the college premises. This was initiated by college principal Prof. (Dr.) Sindhu S. Nair by planting a sapling and thereafter giving a message about the importance of protecting the environment.



World Ocean Day

On World Ocean Day, the NSS volunteers of St. Michael's College Cherthala conducted a cleaning campaign on the nearby sea coast. The volunteers cleaned the beach and surroundings as part of the day's celebration.



World Day against Child Labor (12 June 2023)

The NSS unit of St. Michael's College hosted the celebrations on 12 June 2023 by taking a pledge against the hazards of child labour. The volunteers also made posters against child labour. The message was given by program officer Dr. Seena Kurian.



Father's Day

On Father's Day (18 June 2023), the NSS unit of St. Michael's College conducted a selfie contest. The volunteers were asked to share a selfie of them with their father on the official WhatsApp group. Later they were also asked to write a letter to their father expressing their affection for him



World Blood Donor Day

On World Blood Donor Day (14 June 2023) the volunteers along with our programme officer Dr. Seena Kurian went to the Government Medical College, Vandanam and donated blood. The volunteers received the certificates and our programme officer received a memento from the Department of Transfusion Medicine and Immuno-hematology, Government Medical College Vandanam



National Reading Day

National Reading Day is celebrated on June 19 in India to honour Puthuvayil Narayana Panicker, popularly known as P. N. Panicker. On this day, the NSS volunteers of St. Michael's College collected books for school kids to set up a library in the Town L. P. School



ACCOK Food Donation

On 20 June 2023, the NSS volunteers took the initiative to donate food. The volunteers were asked to bring food packets from their homes to be placed in the ACCOK food almshouse in Cherthala. ACCOK organisation arranges food and those who need it can directly access the food.

Pride Month Rally

The NSS unit of St. Michael's College arranged a pride rally with the LGBTQ flag and other quotes being sung by the volunteers. A session on LGBTQIA+ was conducted by a senior volunteer. The principal Prof. (Dr.) Sindhu S. Nair and programme officer Dr. Rajesh R. addressed the volunteers.

Marari Beach Cleaning

The NSS volunteers in cooperation with the Environmentalist Foundation of India (EFI) conducted a cleaning drive in Marari beach, Alappuzha on 1st July 2023. The cleaning drive started with the EFI volunteers speaking about environmental degradation.

International Plastic bag free day

On the occasion of International Plastic Bag Free Day, 3rd July 2023 the volunteers were given a class on the crafting of paper bags. Volunteers were instructed to

International Yoga Day

The NSS unit of St. Michael's College, in association with AMAI (Ayurveda Medical Association of India), celebrated International Yoga Day in a beneficial way on June 21, 2023. The program was attended by Dr. Jayaraj, Medical Officer of Govt. Ayurveda Hospitals Aror, Dr. Venkitesh, Dr. Arathy Krishnan, and Dr. Roshan Babu.



make paper bags and those were distributed to the nearby shops. The programme was presided over by programme officer Dr. Seena Kurian and it was concluded with a talk on "The Demerits of Plastics".

Awareness on Indian Constitution

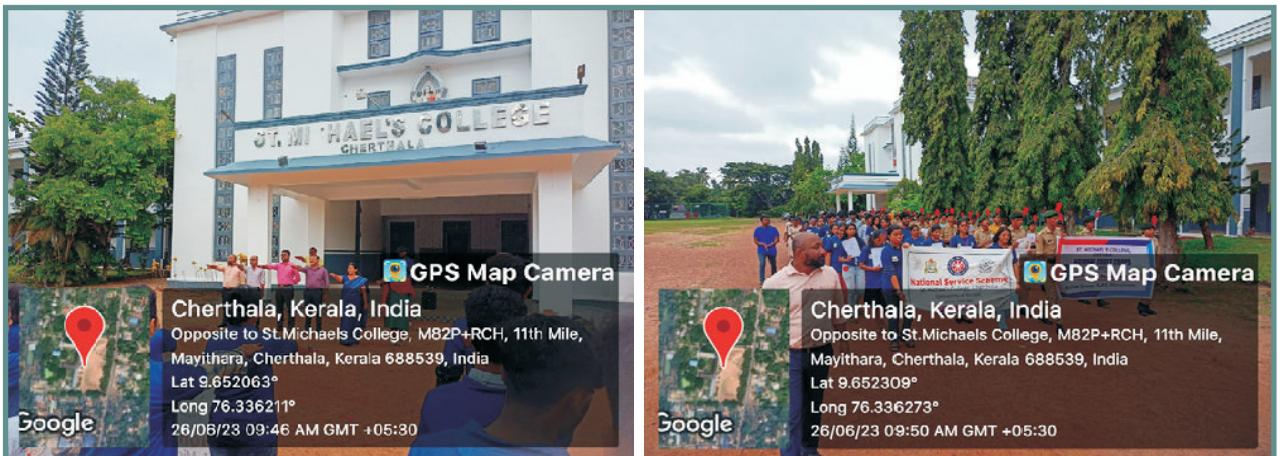
A district level awareness programme was conducted by the Department of History of the University of Kerala on 4th July 2023. Two volunteers participated and received their certificates.

National Fish Farmer's Day

On July 10 2023, as a part of National Fish Farming Day, the NSS unit of St. Michael's College celebrated this day by ranching fish seeds in the college pond. The College Principal Prof. (Dr.) Sindhu S. Nair, College Manager, Rev. Fr. Nelson Thaiparambil, and program officer Dr. Seena Kurian ranched those baby fish.

International Day against Drug Abuse & Illicit Trafficking

The International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, or World Drug Day, is marked on 26 June every year to strengthen action and cooperation in achieving a world free of drug abuse. The aim of this year's campaign was to raise awareness about the importance of treating people who use drugs with respect and empathy; providing evidence-based, voluntary services for all; offering alternatives to punishment; prioritizing prevention; and leading with compassion. The campaign also aimed to combat stigma and discrimination against people who use drugs by promoting language and attitudes that are respectful and non-judgmental. The NSS unit along the NCC unit of St. Michael's College arranged a rally against drug abuse. The principal Dr Sindhu S Nair spoke about the ill effects of drug abuse. A pledge was also taken to raise awareness among the students. The programme officers Dr Seena Kurian, Dr Rajesh R along with a few of the teachers guided the students.



World Population Day

World Population Day (11.07.2023) was commemorated by the volunteers by conducting a debate in the topic "Is the rising population rate good or bad?". The volunteers actively participated in the debate. The debate helped the volunteers understand that the growing population will be deprived of essentials including oxygen and water.



Marigold Cultivation

The volunteers kickstarted the marigold cultivation on 11 July 2023. The volunteers with great efforts ploughed the field, made out dividends and planted the marigold saplings. The venture was inaugurated by the College Manager Rev. Fr. Nelson Thaiparambil.



Hiroshima Day and Nagasaki Day

On August 6, 2023, the NSS volunteers observed this day by offering prayers for global harmony and solidarity. Their primary goal was to create a significant number of Sadako birds. Sixty volunteers came together, learned how to craft Sadako birds, and successfully produced a total of 100. Subsequently, these dedicated volunteers meticulously created the Sadako birds and suspended them from the branches of trees within the college premises.



Kargil Vijay Diwas

On this day, 26 July 2023 the volunteers were given the task of making the Indian flags before independence.

APJ Abdul Kalam Memorial Day

On July 27, 2023, the NSS division of St. Michael's College paid tribute to the 8th anniversary of the passing of APJ Abdul Kalam through a symbolic gesture of presenting flowers to images of Kalam. The college principal, Prof. (Dr.) Sindhu S. Nair, along with the manager, Rev. Fr. Nelson Thaiparambil, and the NSS program officers, Dr. Seena Kurian and Dr. Rajesh R, delivered speeches as part of the event.

Blood Donation Camp

To mark World Blood Donor Day on August 8, 2023, the college hosted a blood donation drive. The Red Ribbon Club of the NSS unit took charge of organizing the event, with Dr. Ajmeen Khan and the nursing staff from Government Medical College, Vandanam, providing their valuable services during the blood donation campaign.



Independence Day

The Independence Day celebration was jointly organized by the NSS unit and the NCC unit. The formal proceedings commenced with Lt. Abin Albert T. delivering the welcome address, followed by a presidential speech by the college principal, Prof. (Dr.) Sindhu S. Nair. The flag-raising ceremony was led by the college principal, and this was followed by a parade by the NCC unit. Among the distinguished attendees were the college manager, Rev. Fr. Nelson Thaiparambil, along with the program officers, Dr. Seena Kurian and Dr. Rajesh R. Faculty and staff members were in attendance throughout the event, and the NSS volunteers performed a patriotic song. Sweets were distributed to the assembled audience in celebration of Independence Day, and a vote of thanks was extended by one of the NSS volunteers.



Meri Maati Mera Desh

The 'Meri Maati Mera Desh' campaign represents the grand finale of the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.' It serves as a tribute to the courageous individuals, both men and women, who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation. In honor of this, on 15 August 2023, Principal Prof. (Dr.) Sindhu S. Nair, along with program officers Dr. Seena Kurian and Dr. Rajesh R., joined 50 NSS volunteers in taking a symbolic oath while holding a handful of soil, reaffirming their commitment to the five vital life forces.



A Clean Sweep

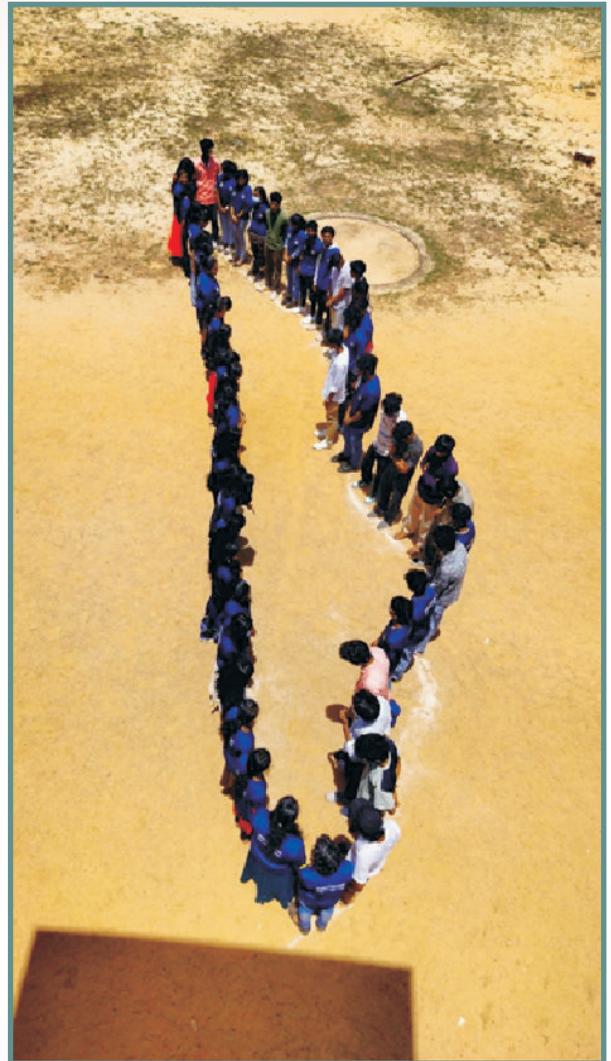
To promote a sustainable, eco-friendly environment, on August 16, 2023, NSS volunteers collaborated with NYK Alappuzha to plant tree saplings within and in the vicinity of the college premises. The saplings were generously supplied by NYK Alappuzha. The inaugural ceremony was led by the college principal, Prof. (Dr.) Sindhu S. Nair, who delivered an important message about the importance of conserving nature. College manager, Rev. Fr. Nelson Thaiparambil, and various faculty members also actively participated in planting the saplings.



Malayalam New Year

On August 17, St. Michael's College came alive with the vibrant colors of Kerala's rich cultural heritage, thanks to a stunning celebration organized by NSS volunteers to commemorate the Kerala New Year. The highlight of the event was a breathtaking formation of Kerala's map, symbolizing the unity and enthusiasm of the participants. The meticulously choreographed and synchronized movements of the 65 NSS volunteers brought the geographical outline of Kerala to life, instilling a deep sense of pride and togetherness in the spectators.

The cultural performances were a captivating display of Kerala's cultural opulence, featuring mesmerizing renditions of Thiruvathira that left the audience mesmerized. The event was a tremendous success, not only in honoring Kerala's cultural diversity but also in fostering a strong sense of unity and pride among all those in attendance. It served as a fitting tribute to the vibrant spirit of the state, and sincere gratitude is extended to the dedicated volunteers who contributed to its success. Anticipation is now building for future celebrations that will continue to promote and celebrate Kerala's cultural heritage. The program was exceptionally well-received.



World Photography Day

On August 19th, the NSS unit at St. Michael's College marked World Photography Day in a remarkable fashion to assess the artistic talents of the college's students. The event organizers orchestrated a photography contest with the goal of inspiring students to submit a single photo related to the theme "life." Approximately 25 students took part in the event and submitted captivating photographs that captured the essence of the theme. Shinoy Joseph Sabu from the Zoology Department secured the first position, while Abhijith from the Commerce department earned the second place.

Paayasamaela

On August 21, 2023, the St. Michael's College, Cherthala, National Service Scheme (NSS) volunteers hosted a food festival named 'Paayasamaela' at the NSS office located on the college campus. This initiative served as a charity fundraiser, with the admirable objective of assisting a friend in dire need to reconstruct their damaged residence. The NSS volunteers joined forces to provide support in the reconstruction of their friend's home.



Teacher's day Celebrations

On Teacher's Day (September 5), the NSS division at St. Michael's College Cherthala expressed their appreciation for their teachers by presenting them with a heartfelt greeting card and chocolates

First Aid Day

To commemorate First Aid Day on September 9, 2023, the NSS volunteers at St. Michael's College launched an initiative to provide a first aid kit to the Physical Education Department. The aim was to encourage safety and offer prompt medical aid to athletes and sports enthusiasts during sporting events and training sessions.



World Suicide Prevention Day

On September 10, 2023, the St. Michael's College Cherthala, National Service Scheme volunteers united to observe Suicide Prevention Week. This event was orchestrated with the goal of increasing awareness regarding the significance of mental health and suicide prevention through a variety of initiatives and activities. On September 12, 2023, a session titled 'Suicide Prevention' took place at 2 pm in the college auditorium, featuring the esteemed mental health expert Asumtha Livin, a counseling psychology consultant psychologist. During the session, she shared her experiences

and insights on suicide prevention, emphasizing the importance of early intervention and emotional support.



NSS DAY

In India, National Service Scheme (NSS) Day is commemorated every year on September 24th. It serves as an occasion to honor and encourage the ideals of volunteering and community service. On September 24, the NSS division at St. Michael's College marked National Service Scheme Day by orchestrating a range of events. The celebration commenced with a rally, uniting 50 NSS volunteers. Following the rally, the volunteers convened for a tree-planting initiative, contributing to the preservation of local biodiversity and environmental conservation efforts.



Kanal Campaign Fest

Under the guidance of the District Women and Child Development Department, as part of the Mission Shakti project, a series of activities were organized at St. Michael's College, Cherthala. These activities encompassed self-defense training, empowerment workshops, and discussions focusing on gender sensitivity. The primary objective was to empower the younger generation on socially relevant subjects. The event was presided over by Prof. (Dr.) Sindhu S. Nair, who serves as the college's principal. The inauguration was conducted by Maya Lakshmi, the Program Officer of the Alappuzha District ICDS Cell. The Women Cell Sub-inspectors of Police, including Sulekha Prasad, Asha P. A., Deepa K. D., and others, led the classes. Mission Shakti District Coordinator Sijoy Thomas and gender specialists, including Athira Gopi, Lijo Joseph, Sanjeev Kumar, and Ashwathi Vishwanath, played a prominent role in steering the program.

