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The Founder

Servant of God Archbishop Geevarghese Mar Ivanios

Archbishop, Geevarghese Mar Ivanios, Servant of God is held in deep reverence for his deep devotion to God and man. He is a blessed soul who has inspired thousands through his life of prayer, charismatic personality, broad vision, ascetic ministry, and untiring efforts for peace and human well-being.

Mar Ivanios was born in Mavelikara in Kerala on 21 September, 1882. He was ordained Deacon on 9 January, 1900. He took his MA Degree from Madras Christian College in 1907. This won him the familiar appellation, M.A. Achen, as he was the first to acquire this academic distinction among the clergy from the Malankara Orthodox fold. Soon he was appointed Principal of M. D. Seminary High School, Kottayam where he had been a student. On 15 September, 1908 he was ordained Priest.

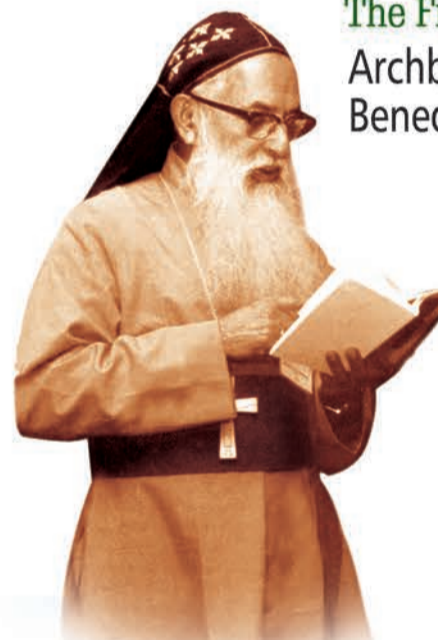
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The First Principal

Archbishop Benedict Mar Gregorios

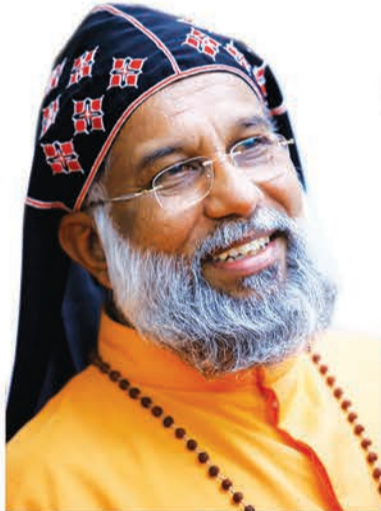
"From today onwards your sorrows will be mine, your needs mine and your happiness mine. I have great compassion for the poor. I was a poor man who had suffered the pangs of hunger. I promise that I will spend the rest of my life for the betterment of the unfortunate..." these words epitomise the life of His Grace Benedict Mar



Gregorios. His was a benevolent life immortalised by time having left inefaceable footprints of goodness and compassion on the sands of eternity.

His Grace Most Rev. Benedict Mar Gregorios was the second Metropolitan Archbishop of Trivandrum and served for more than four decades, heading the Malankara Syrian Catholic Church, till the day of his demise on 10th October 1994.

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The Patron

His Beatitude Baselios Cardinal Cleemis Catholicos

Major Archbishop of Trivandrum

Cocooning his flock in the warmth of his lived love for humanity, Cardinal Cleemis is the epitome of the timeless essence of God's love. He cherishes the ideal of a democratic and secular but spiritual society where everyone lives together in harmony with equal opportunities embracing the patrimony of diversity. A renowned scholar, erudite orator, diligent educationist and true humanist, he has emerged as a remarkable icon of secularism and a champion advocate of the underprivileged... indeed a messenger from God... transcending the narrow divides of the world.

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During the period 1913-1919 he occupied, on invitation, the coveted Chairs of Professor of Economics and Syriac in Serampore University College, Calcutta. In recognition of his scholarship, he was appointed the Chairman of the Board of Studies for Eastern Languages at the University for a long spell. His commitment to the cause of women's education is evidenced by the provision he gained at Diocesan College, Calcutta to admit girls students from Kerala. On 15 August, 1919 he founded the Bethany Ashram imbibing the Indian spiritual traditions and the monastic spirituality of St. Basil. On 1 May, 1925 he was consecrated Bishop.

As entrusted by the Synod of the Malankara Church held at Mavelikara in 1926 he took the initiative for the Communion of the Malankara Church with the Universal Catholic Church. But the Synod backtracked from the decision later. Responding positively to the call of the Holy Spirit, Mar Ivanios, with his followers, came into Communion with the Universal Catholic Church on 20 September, 1930. Mar Ivanios is rightly revered as the Prophet of Unity. Being the head of the Malankara Catholic Church and the Archbishop of Trivandrum, he shifted his headquarters to Trivandrum in 1932.

Archbishop Mar Ivanios, whom G. K. Chesterton referred to as a ,heroic figure, and a ,unique priest from the East,, spoke at various foreign Universities and Centres, and commanded great respect among scholars in Europe, America, and Australia. In 1947 the University of San Francisco conferred on him the Honorary Doctorate L. L. D. The Chancellor of the University described him as an, unqualified patriot, renowned scholar, Eastern visionary, Christian philosopher.

In his pastoral ministry he made remarkable contributions to the various aspects of human life. Convinced of the fact that the empowering of people is possible only through education, he established several educational institutions including Mar Ivanios College. In his letter to the Pro-Vice-Chancellor of Travancore University in 1945, he expressed his desire to establish a college which would offer ,courses different from the conventional ones which our present-day colleges usually offer, and thus ,open up new paths in offering such courses., It was also envisaged that the college will provide ,all the avenues for co-curricular activities., This clearly reveals his futuristic vision on higher education.

Being aware that socio-economic well being is indispensable for leading a worthy life, he initiated various programmes for the uplift of the people. His care and concern for them transcended the barriers of religion, caste, creed, and socio-economic status. On 15 July 1953 he was called to eternal rest.

Thousands of people hail him as a Saint. On 15 July, 2007 the Holy Episcopal Synod of the Malankara Catholic Church declared him Servant of God as part of the cause of Canonization.

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He was a person loved and honoured by all, irrespective of caste or creed. With his charisma and dynamism he involved himself in almost all the developmental activities of the state. He gave a new dimension to spirituality by recognizing the role of action in human life. His religious plurality was acclaimed and honoured by religious leaders across the nation. His contribution to the fields of Education, Agriculture, Rural Development, Housing, Economics and Culture has been very significant and acclaimed as commendable on the part of a Religious Head.

Born in 1916 at Kalloppa in Thiruvalla, T.E. Vargheese joined the Bethany Ashram, receiving the name Benedict,

symbolic of the renunciation of his household life to embrace spiritual life in priesthood.. In 1952, he was elected Bishop and was ordained Remban in the Archbishop's House Chapel on 27 December 1952. He was consecrated as bishop in January 29, 1953, by the Holy hands of Archbishop Mar Ivanios, and he received the name Benedict Mar Gregorios. He was made Auxiliary Bishop of the Archieparchy of Trivandrum. After the demise of Archbishop Mar Ivanios, he became the second metropolitan archbishop of the Syro-Malankara Catholic Church in 1955 He was the president of Kerala Bishop's Conference and the Catholic Bishop Conference of India. He travelled extensively across the world. Besides his interesting Education and Agriculture, he showed a keen interest in Labour, Industry, Housing, Social Services, Religious Harmony, Ecumenism, Environment Problems and Media. As an Economist he did a great deal in precept and practice to spread modern ideas from the common people. After 41 years of Episcopal ministry Archbishop Benedict Mar Gregorios died on 10 October 1994. His body is entombed in St. Mary's Cathedral, Pattom, Trivandrum.

The thousands of people who have reaped the benefit of the Schools and Colleges started by Benedict Mar Gregorios are living witnesses to the vision of this great educationalist. He was the first Principal of Mar Ivanios College and remained its Patron for four decades. Archbishop Mar Gregorios paved the way to establish Mar Theophilos Training College, Trivandrum and Mar Gregorios College of Arts and Science, Chennai. St. John's College, Anchal, a first grade arts and science college in Kollam district was established by Mar Gregorios. St. John's College Anchal became the nerve centre of the total development of a remote rural village into a fast developing township. He was instrumental on establishing the Sarvodaya group of schools upon the Bethany Hills. The name 'Sarvodaya' is a signature of his vision of an educational system which transcended caste creed and religion, where education was imparted to all without discrimination. The Malankara Social Service Society, The Cheshire Home and the Pirappancode Leprosy Hospital are manifestations of his compassionate heart. He left his indelible marks in the social and religious psyche of India.

The life and ideals of Archbishop Mar Gregorios is a witness and an inspiration to all who have responded to the call of God. His was a yogic journey of selfless dedication, ecumenical interaction and unstinting faith, radiating a spirituality blended with humanity, striving for economic justice, all the while focusing on ecological balance and advocating education as the sustaining platform that could well be the prayerful mantra for the turbulent times. He has become an intercessor and icon for all ages.

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With a dynamism and vibrancy that defies his age, he has endeared himself to the masses irrespective of caste creed or religion imbued with a personal charisma suffused with divine grace and sensitive wisdom. The story of his life is one of compassion, spiritual will power and simplicity rooted in love and truth. His soothing but clear and firm words have brought sanity during turbulent times. His interventions in the Social fabric of the State and country at large has been one of solidarity with the people and the State, especially in the lives of those on the fringes of society, thus making a difference in their lives. His social, political, economic and ecological insights were expressed with respect and kindness irrespective of gender caste, nationality, race or religion. There are any

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number of initiatives undertaken and executed by the Cardinal which sends across timeless messages of care and concern.

As an educationalist the Cardinal has a rare vision and foresight who always welcomes the most modern changes in the field of education and wholeheartedly implements new ideas through institutions under the Major Archdiocese. There are hundreds of Institutions big and small under him which is aimed at producing intellectually trained, morally upright and socially conscious citizens of India.

Hailing from the traditional Pakalomattom-Powathikunnel family, Issac Thottunkal, was born to T. M. Mathew Thottunkal and Annama on 15 June, 1959, at Mukkoor, Mallappally, a small village close to Pathanthitta His active involvement with the church started at the tender age of 10 when he became the altar boy of St. Joseph Parish. There started a blessed spiritual journey into priesthood embracing Christ's life and reflecting his love.

His rise in the hierarchy of the Church was meteoric as is evidenced from the positions he held. After completing his philosophical studies and a year of regency, he was sent to the Papal Seminary, Pune for his theological studies. On 22 March 1986, he was ordained a deacon by His Excellency the Most Rev. Valerian D'Souza, the Bishop of Pune. In March 1986 he graduated in theology from the Pontifical Atheneum, Pune. On 11 June 1986, His Excellency the Most Rev. Dr. Cyril Mar Baselios ordained him a priest for the Diocese of Bathery.

Fr. Isaac Thottunkal was then sent to Dharmaram College, Bangalore to do Masters in Theology. While doing his Masters, he served as the Vicar of the Malankara Catholic faithful in Bangalore and contributed much to the founding of the flourishing Malankara Catholic Missions in Bangalore. Having successfully completed his Masters in Theology in 1988, Fr. Isaac Thottunkal returned to Bathery and served as the Rector of the St. Thomas Minor Seminary and the Parish Priest of the St. Thomas Cathedral in Bathery. Then he was sent to Rome to do Doctorate in Theology. In 1997, he completed his Doctorate in Ecumenical Theology from the University of St. Thomas Aquinas, Rome. In 1998 he was appointed Vicar General of the Diocese of Bathery. Monsignor Isaac Thottunkal was appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Trivandrum and Apostolic Visitor to North America and Europe on 18 June 2001 by Pope John Paul II. He was ordained a Remban on 2 August

2001 at St. Thomas Cathedral, Bathery by Most Rev. Dr. Cyril Mar Baselios, Metropolitan Archbishop of Trivandrum. He was ordained a Bishop on 15 August 2001 at Thirumoolapuram, Tiruvalla by His Grace the Most Rev. Dr. Cyril Mar Baselios. He assumed the name Isaac Mar Cleemis (St. Clement of Alexandria). He served as the Apostolic Visitor to the Malankara Catholic faithful in North America and Europe for two years.

On 11 September 2003, His Excellency Isaac Mar Cleemis was appointed Bishop of the Diocese of Tiruvalla and he was installed in office on 2 October 2003 at St. Johns' Cathedral, Tiruvalla. In February 2006, the Bishops of India elected him Vice President of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of India (CBCI).

On 15 May 2006, when the Diocese of Tiruvalla was raised to the status of Archdiocese and the Metropolitan Province of Tiruvalla was erected, His Excellency Isaac Mar Cleemis was appointed the Metropolitan Archbishop by His Beatitude Moran Mar Cyril Baselios Catholicos. On 10 June 2006 he was installed as the Metropolitan Archbishop of Tiruvalla at St. John's Cathedral, Tiruvalla.

The See of the Major Archbishop-Catholicos in Trivandrum fell vacant following the demise of His Beatitude Moran Mor Cyril Baselios Catholicos on 18 January 2007. The Holy Episcopal Synod of Syro-Malankara Catholic Church convoked on 8 February 2007 elected the Most Rev. Isaac Mar Cleemis as the new Major Archbishop-Catholicos. On 10 February 2007, His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI confirmed the election of Mar Cleemis as the Father and Head of the Malankara Catholic Church. As part of the Malankara/Antiochian tradition, Mar Cleemis assumed the name Baselios Cleemis. He was enthroned Major Archbishop-Catholicos of the Syro- Malankara Catholic Church and the Major Archbishop of Trivandrum on 5 March 2007 at St. Mary's Cathedral, Trivandrum. His heavenly Patron's Day is on 1st January.

Moran Mor Baselios Cleemis Catholicos, was appointed Cardinal by His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI on 24 October 2012 and created him the new Cardinal of the Universal Church and was named Cardinal Priest of San Gregorio VII, in the Consistory held on 24 November 2012. His Beatitude Moran Mor Baselios Cardinal Cleemis is the first Cardinal of the Syro-Malankara Catholic Church and the youngest of the universal Church at the time of his appointment as Cardinal.

Letter from the Editor

Lock down shuts down ordinary life... Empty benches and classrooms stare at you with a resounding silence... The foreboding silence of dark times assail every walk of life. What are these times that we are destined to be going through... Dear ones pass quietly out of reach... The angst of lives lost due to the digital divide cast shadows on the invisible faces behind the computer screen. Rudely shoved into a digital world, children sit passive unable to fathom the intensity of what they are losing out on life... Will the sighs of desolation and tears of agony of those our children ever reach us through the walls of the google classroom? Will we ever regain that paradise when we can look them in the eye and understand the myriad emotions that reflect in their faces. The need of the hour then is to navigate around the coronavirus...the new normal has been set into place...sanitisers, masks, gloves and social distancing have taken the warmth out of relationships...hugs and smiles and handshakes have become

nostalgic memories... But this invisible virus couldn't bog our spirits down... Life has to go on and it did...in newer ways and maybe at a lesser pace...

It is in the backdrop of this new normal that we bring out this issue of our newsletter VERITAS... We will not let darkness take away the humour and hope from the humanity in us...This too will pass and 'tomorrow my dear is another day,'



Dr. Shirley Stewart
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Patron's Message



Mar Ivanios College (Autonomous), founded by Servant of God Mar Ivanios in 1949, stands as the beacon light of knowledge of the Malankara Syrian Catholic Church, at Mar Ivanios Vidyanagar, Nalanchira, Trivandrum illuminating the educational vision of the Major Archdiocese of Trivandrum. Mar Ivanios College, is dedicated to excellence in teaching, learning, and research, and to developing leaders who make a difference globally.

Standing in Platinum Jubilee splendour, the College stands tall having brought forth and bringing forth thousands of luminaries, such as the former Vice President of the World Bank, numerous Ministers, Cabinet Secretaries, Ambassadors, Civil Servants, IT doyens, Teachers, Poets, Writers, Artistes, Politicians etc.. the College is undoubtedly vibrant academically carving its own unique space. Getting a seat in this reputed college is the dream of many students. This college stands apart in the league of many good educational institutions across the country as is evidenced by its NIRF ranking within the first fifty Colleges of India. It symbolizes the unflinching and resolute commitment of great visionaries for bringing about socio-economic transformation of the common masses.

With a staunch vision and mission, the education imparted has been meticulous. This found fruition in the Autonomous status conferred on the College in 2014 by the UGC. An Autonomous College is the cynosure of all eyes and has to be the seat of wisdom with its prime focus on Academic Quality enabling and empowering the student to grow in terms of an integral growth gaining them global employability.

Academic research should become the order of the day helping to solve problems that abound incessantly. When students believe they can get smarter, they understand that hard work and team work should be encouraged wherein extra time and effort would lead to higher achievements. Let our aim be to mould a powerful open-minded, thinking group of people who can operate very effectively in the dynamic complexity of modern times. All these should be done without taking your focus off from the vision and mission of the founder to produce intellectually trained, morally upright young men and women.. That would lead to all aspects of autonomy in education and definitely Mar Ivanios College has the potential to do that...especially amidst the horrors of the pandemic.

"AND YES ...THAT TRUTH SHALL LIBERATE YOU"

May God Bless You All !

From Principal's Office



Dr. Georgee K. I.
Principal, Mar Ivanios College

It is with a great sense of fulfillment that we present this issue of VERITAS which is our official newsletter, especially as we go through the dark days of the Covid Pandemic. This is proposed to be a Quarterly newsletter which will showcase the activities of the College and present it to our various stakeholders keeping in view our long heritage and legacy.

Mar Ivanios College owes its existence to the far-sighted vision of the Servant of God Mar Ivanios. It is the flagship of the Malankara Syrian Catholic Church and is the proud Alma Mater to generations of Administrators, Politicians, Bishops, Cultural artistes, Media persons and also men who make a difference to the quality in life of the State of Kerala. Over the last seventy years of its existence the College was built upon the sacrifice of men of God and educators who painstakingly and meticulously catered to its overall development. Today Mar Ivanios College stands as the pioneering educational Institution in the state being accredited for the fourth cycle by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council with an A plus Grade and an NIRF ranking of the Ministry of Human Resources acquiring a rank within the first fifty Colleges of the country. In academic and co-curricular activities, we have been acclaimed for our high research presence. We have also been hailed as one of the top institutions in our curricular and co-curricular activities as our students continue to top the sports, literary and cultural arena. Innovative technological initiatives have made our students and teachers techno savvy enabling learning and teaching through G suites and LMS platforms. Our College has the goodwill of the cross section of the Intellectual, Political and Cultural elite of Kerala and the Malayalee diaspora.

I wish the Editorial Board all success for the continued publication of the newsletter.

Fr. Bursar Speaks



Rev. Fr. Joshua Kochuvilayil
Bursar, Mar Ivanios College

Towering over the verdant Mar Ivanios Vidya Nagar is the signature of a visionary's sacred dream. Founded in the model of Santiniketan on 1 August 1949 by Servant of God His Grace Archbishop Mar Ivanios of revered memory, Mar Ivanios has maintained its reputation as a centre of excellence in the academic, cultural and social life of our land. Veritas vos liberabit - Truth Shall Liberate You ... True to this motto I am happy that we are bringing out a newsletter VERITAS

which will chronicle the journey of our Institution towards moulding generations. Today 71 years later, it is the pinnacle of the Malankara Syrian Catholic Church and adorns pride of position in the Mar Ivanios Vidyanagar educational complex. Affiliated to the University of Kerala under the patronage of His Beatitude Baselios Cardinal Cleemis Catholicos, the Major Archbishop of the Malankara Major Archiepiscopal Catholic Church, the college has been leaving its indelible footprints on the sands of time.

I wish the Editorial Board all the best and wish that this newsletter will add a brighter hue to the fabric of Mar Ivanios College during the dark times of the pandemic.

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Dr. Rajan Varughese
Member Secretary, The Kerala State Higher Education Council, Thiruvananthapuram

NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY AND SUB-NATIONAL ISSUES IN HIGHER EDUCATION

The Union cabinet finally approved the National Education Policy on July 29, 2020, after a gap of thirty-four years of announcing the last National Policy on Education (1986). Almost all the proposals, in the 2019 draft National Education Policy, have been approved by the Union Government

with minor modifications. Since education falls in the Concurrent List of the Constitution of India, democratic aspirations of the sub national units in the federation should be given its due importance both at the policy formulation and implementation stages for optimizing the social benefits of public policy. The policy indicates sweeping reforms of the entire education system especially in the higher education system. They, among other things, include institutional restructuring, growth of GER, curriculum restructuring, financing of education, technology in education, National Research Foundation etc. Problems of higher education of Kerala need special attention in the overall context of the NEP 2020. Changes to this large system must be done in consultation with those who are at the centre of this process of knowledge production, namely State government, universities, teachers and students. Following are some of the issues related to NEP that has to be discussed in the special context of Kerala.

a. Devolution of Funds from the Centre to States

The achievements in Higher Education in Kerala are severely undermined by the rapidly escalating unmet demand for higher education, unwieldy expansion of the self-financing sector, and the weakening of the university system. To achieve the target of 50 % GER in higher education, as envisaged in the NEP 2020, larger devolution of funds from the Centre in the higher education sector is necessary for a state like Kerala. The present capital fund distribution formula of 60:40 in the case of RUSA between the Centre and the States may be suitably modified to meet the growing demand for higher education and for reaching the target of 50% GER.

b. Establishment of Multidisciplinary Institutions

The current expansion of higher education in the southern states has been largely in the private sector, and the bulk of it has been restricted to professional courses ranging from engineering and medicine to relatively new vocational programmes. The setting up of National Higher Education Regulatory Authority

(NHERA) is offered as the one step solution for all the problems of uneven quality in higher education. But the real challenge is to nurture and strengthen our universities without destroying their diversity by forcing them into a straight jacket standardized normative frame. To ensure quality and access and to quench the growing demand for higher education, more Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) of national importance in teaching and research of multidisciplinary in nature have to be established in states like Kerala by the Central Government, where there is comparatively less central investment in terms of the national average.

c. Public Agencies of Assessment & Accreditation – SAAC Model of Kerala

Ranking of universities at the global level has gained prominence in the last decade partly due to the emergence of the knowledge



economy, massification of the higher education system and growing importance of universities in the field of research.

National and international rankings obscure the state specific commendable achievements and social commitments of state universities and HEIs in the realm of equity and distributive justice which may not always be quantifiable. Courses cannot be evaluated merely on the basis of the number of students enrolled since it defies the mission of education. Research ranking systems, which focus on citation indexes, or lab-industry interfaces, cannot be applied to social sciences and hard sciences alike.

Based on UGC regulations 2012 and 2018 calling for mandatory assessment of higher education institutions and recognising of state level public agencies for assessment and accreditation, Kerala State Higher Education Council established the state level assessment and accreditation centre (SAAC). It has developed state specific criteria of assessment for evaluating the performance of HEIs in the state. State level public agencies of Assessment and Accreditation rooted on qualitative state specific criteria of assessment should be recognised as alternative to NAAC assessment in the state. The pioneering

effort of KSHEC in establishing the State Assessment and Accreditation Centre (SAAC) of Kerala under the Kerala State Higher Education Council deserves support and recognition.

d. National Research Foundation-Fund Socially Productive Research

The suggestion to establish NRF with an annual grant of Rs. 20000 cr for promotion of research, which in current prices is .01 % of GDP of the country, offers wider avenues of research for students and institution of higher learning in the country. This is a departure from the earlier policy of delinking research institutions and universities which adversely affected research in universities especially in state universities in the country. This may increase the existing low R&D –GDP ratio in the country and can pave way towards the creation of larger intellectual wealth, provided that funds are expended on socially productive areas. Adequate representation should be given to academics from all disciplines and regions in the country in the Governing Board of the NRF.

e. Ensure Greater Access in Higher Education to the Marginalized Sections

Dismantling of the affiliating system cannot be justified simply on the ground that it exists only in India. The change envisaged in this regard, should put in place effective mechanism to ensure greater access to all marginalized sections in the society especially the rural poor and the SC/ST sections in the states as the affiliating system in spite of its systemic weaknesses had increased GER in the country. This calls for larger public investment in higher education to the often targeted level of 6% of GDP. The proposal to give degree granting powers to colleges definitely calls for further deliberations with state governments as most of the colleges are in the state universities and if taken causally it can create academic chaos in the country.

f. Incentivise States that Successfully Implemented UGC POA

As per the UGC Plan Of Action (POA), Universities in Kerala introduced several reforms including examination reforms, democratisation of the student admission and curriculum reforms. The Choice Based Credit-Semester system (CBCSS) and grading by providing for maximum diversity in course content, learning strategies and testing methods, with the active participation of students and teachers is the best example in this regard. Now University Level Quality Standardisation and Teacher Training Programmes are being initiated in the state universities in Kerala to improve the quality of UG programmes based on Outcome Based Education (OBE). These include internationally accepted academic protocol which Universities the world over maintain. They are a) Graduate Attributes, b) Academic Programme Outcomes and c) Course Outcomes There is need for developing a system at the central level for incentivising universities and states which have successfully implemented UGC directives in the realm of academic, administrative and examination reforms.

g. Problems of Ph.D Research in the State Universities

The decision to disallow retired faculty to act as research supervisors taken at the national level by the UGC has adversely affected research in the state universities in Kerala .In Kerala the teachers superannuate at the age of 60 in universities and at 56 in affiliated colleges. This has compounded

the problem compared to the national situation where teachers retire at the age of 65 and above. The UGC in PhD Regulation (2016) should be amended in the larger interest of research in the state.

CONCLUSION:

A progressive perspective on higher education today should address the concerns of expansion, excellence and equity, in the overall context of the country as a whole and the specific context of the State of Kerala in particular, Kerala has made substantial progress in education during the last two centuries. With universal literacy, near total retention at school level and GER of 37 percent of the relevant age group in higher education, Kerala is far ahead of most other states in the country in terms of access to education at all levels. The NEP if implemented without taking into account the special problems of Kerala, it may undermine the social achievements of Kerala in the realm of Higher Education.

HIGHER EDUCATION AFTER COVID -19

Teachers and students have both now hands-on experience of online mode This is sure to enhance online educational activity and create a surge in the use of MOOCs and also launch of MOOCs. On the other hand, I am sure that the academic community has already realized the luxury of a simple classroom where the teachers and students are together with a simple black board and chalk. At least for some time after the Covid vanishes, we will keep relishing the good old classrooms and thereafter may take it for granted and look forward to 'smart' technological classrooms.

Another effect I foresee is that Seminars and even conferences will not receive generous fundings anywhere. Lock down period has shown how zero-budget and high impact webinars are possible. After Covid-19, webinars will stay on. It will at least be an optional feature in physical seminars.

On student life arena, will colleges close due to student clashes anymore? I don't think they will. Until student unrest is resolved, they can be active in online mode. Alumni meetings will be easy to hold, but will miss the great warmth of seeing each other in person, but will surely see more participants.



Prof Achuthsankar S. Nair
Head of the Dept.
Dept of Computational Biology
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Graduation Ceremony at Mar Ivanios College

Let your Dreams touch the stars ...



The first ever graduation day in the 71 year legacy of Mar Ivanios College was held on 8th of October 2020 to felicitate the UG and PG graduates. The meeting started at 10.30 am through zoom platform with the prayer song by Ms Drishya S Kumar of III DC Chemistry. Dr K I Georgee, principal of the college welcomed the distinguished guests. Presidential Address was delivered by His Beatitude Basileos Cardinal Cleemis, patron of the college. This was followed by the felicitation by Sri. K.Jayakumar IAS, Director, IMG and president of AMICOS where he told that the education they got in the college is a dress rehearsal for a life that is theirs to lead. The key note address was delivered by Prof. Debashish Chatterjee a renowned scholar, erudite orator and motivational educationist who is well known for his leadership classes. This was followed by an interactive session led by Dr Gigi Thomas, Dean of Studies wherein the audience participated. The official meeting came to an end with the

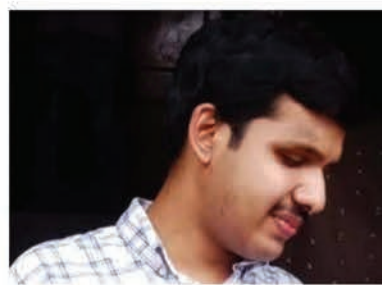


Debashis Chatterjee
Director
Indian Institute of Management, Kozhikode

vote of thanks. The official meeting was followed by the felicitation meeting where the principal of the college felicitated the rank holders of the academic year. As a response to the felicitation Ms Reshma S Sanil of II year MA English addressed the gathering. The names of top scorers and rank holders were announced in the meeting. The meeting came to an end with the vote of thanks by Dr Jijimon K. Thomas, IQAC coordinator and Head of the Department of Physics.

Bethany Hill top is very close to their hearts: Civil Service Toppers from Mar Ivanios College

It was a proud moment for Mar Ivanios College, when Mr Gokul S and Ms Safna Nazarudeen made it into the civil services. The Career and Placement Cell of the College in association with AMICOS organized a felicitation meeting for Mr Gokul S and Ms Safna Nazarudeen, top rank holders in UPSC 2019 examinations, on 18th August (Tuesday) from 3:00-3:45 pm through online mode. His Beatitude Basileos Cardinal Cleemis Catholicos presided over the meeting. The webinar series



"Ivanios had been my second home for five odd years; it is an emotion; a feeling; an experience; a non-tangential something, a slice of which you carry with you, whatever you are and wherever you go. Here's hoping that the new generations of fresh feet walking those hallowed halls continue to take part of that divinity." Mr. Gokul



of Career Orientation Talks by eminent alumni was inaugurated by Shri K. Jayakumar IAS (Director IMG and AMICOS President). Dr Shirley Stewart, Head of the department of English felicitated Mr Gokul S and Ms Anju Mary George, Head of the department of Economics felicitated Ms Safna Nazarudeen. The meeting was followed by a Civil Service Orientation Talk for students by Ms Safna Nazarudeen.

"Ivanios is home. My college had a major role in shaping my thoughts, dreams and aspirations and the three years i spent there had moulded me into the person I am today. I am so thankful to my dear teachers and friends for being there always, even after graduating from there. Ivanios, you are my proud alma mater." Ms. Safna Nazarudeen

Ek Bharat Shreshta Bharat at MIC: Crossing the borders

Ek Bharat Shreshta Bharat programme aims to enhance inter-action and promote mutual understanding between people of different states/UTs and to promote cultural connect in the areas of language learning, Culture, traditions, music, tourism and cuisine, sports and sharing best practices etc. The Inauguration of Ek Bharat Shreshta Bharat club of Mar Ivanios College was held on 3rd February, 2020 in the Mar Gregorios Hall. The Club was inaugurated by the Principal Dr. Georgee K. I in the presence of the Vice Principal Dr. Oommachan K, Rev. Fr. Vincy Varghese, faculty members and the members of the EBSB club. The program started with a Himachali prayer song. After the inaugural function, the students showcased various cultural programs based on the culture and tradition of Himachal Pradesh.



Dr. Georgee K. I., Principal Mar Ivanios College
Officially launching the activities of EBSB Club

The Ek Bharat Shreshta Bharat Club of Mar Ivanios College conducted a **movie screening** on 18th February of 2020. A well known Himachali movie, **Saanjh** was selected for the same, in which a total of 33 members took active participation. **Saanjh** is a 2017 Indian Himachali language drama film, directed by Ajay Saklani. In view of Mathrubasha divas celebration- on 20 February 2020, a book exhibition was initiated by EBSB club of Mar Ivanios College, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, with an objective to educate the students on the culture of Himachal Pradesh.

An online Independence Day Celebration was arranged on August 15, with EBSB club members of Wazir Ram Singh College, Dehri, Himachal Pradesh. A total of 33 participants including students and faculties of both Mar Ivanios College and Wazir Ram Singh College participated in the event. Speeches commemorating the Independence day was one the prime events among the cultural programmes arranged by the students of both the institutions. Patriotic themes formed the main thematic thread for the programmes scheduled for the day. A talk on the harvest festival of Kerala, Onam was delivered

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by Dr. Shirley Stewart, Head of the Department of English to the students of both the esteemed institutions. The students of Mar Ivanios college entertained the students and faculty of WRS college, Dehri, Himachal Pradesh with a captivating performance of traditional dance forms and songs related with the Onam festival of Kerala.

EBSB club of Mar Ivanios College (Autonomous), Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala jointly celebrated the National Unity Day on October 31, 2020 with EBSB clubs of Wazir Ram Singh College,



Kangra, Himachal Pradesh and Farook College, Kozhikode, Kerala to commemorate the 145th birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. The event was hosted by EBSB club of Mar Ivanios College, in which faculty and students from these three institutes actively participated. The Presidential address was delivered by Rev. Fr. Vincy Varghese (EBSB coordinator) of Mar Ivanios College and the Keynote address by Dr. George K.I, Principal of Mar Ivanios College. This was followed by cultural activities based on the theme of national integration by the students from the three institutions.

Prioritising Service

NSS unit of Mar Ivanios college, Trivandrum organized over 30 programmes over the last academic year. The Golden Jubilee Celebrations of NSS began on October 1, 2019 with a housing project- an initiative for providing home for the poor and culminated on 10th January, 2020 with a Noon Meal Programme at General Hospital. A similar



Laying the foundation stone for a house at Venganoor

venture was carried out at Medical College, Trivandrum on 7th December, 2019. A novel award viz 'Acharya' was instituted for the best student teacher on January 2020. A Corona Awareness Programme was also conducted on February 2020. The above are only some of the highlights among the many noteworthy programmes conducted by the NSS over the course of the year.

On the wings of patriotism

NCC Air, Army and Navy wings of the college conducted regular parades in the college. Parvathi R Nair SUO of Air wing NCC participated in the highest-level camp of NCC viz, the prestigious Youth Exchange Programme at Singapore on November 2019. Cadet Vinayak S. Pillai and Cadet Aloysius T. J of NCC Air wing of Mar Ivanios College participated in



Dr. George K. I, Principal, Mar Ivanios College, addressing the cadets

the Republic Day camp at New Delhi during January, 2020. Cadet Anandhu S. Gopal and Cadet Akhil A. from college attended All India Vayu Sainik Camp which is the highest-level National camp of NCC Air wing held at Jodhpur, Rajasthan during October 2019. This year, four Cadets from NCC Air Wing passed B certificate examination and five cadets passed C certificate examination.

MIC goes into the mentoring league

PARAMARSH is a scheme begun by the UGC for 'Mentoring NAAC Accreditation Aspirant Institutions to Promote Quality Assurance in Higher Education'. An Inauguration cum Orientation Seminar for the Institutional Representatives from mentee colleges was held at Mar Ivanios College (Autonomous) on 7th February 2020. 19 Members including Principal/IQAC Coordinator/Senior Faculty from (i) Mother



Inauguration of Paramarsh scheme at Mar Ivanios College.

Theresa College, Nellikad (ii) Mar Ivanios College of Arts & Science, Mavelikara (iii) Mar Ivanios College for Advanced Studies (MICFAST), Mallappally (iv) Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore Arts & Science College, Mathil, Payyannur (v) Mar Thoma College of Science and Technology, Ayur (vi) St. Xavier College, Jalukie, Nagaland and (vii) Mar Gregorios College of Law, Nalanchira participated in the seminar. Dr. Rajan Varughese, Member Secretary, KSHEC delivered the inaugural talk. Dr. Gabriel Simon Thattil, IQAC Director University of Kerala, Dr. George Varghese, Former Director, KSCSTE and Dr. George Mathew, former IQAC Coordinator, Mar Ivanios College, were the resource persons.

Online Workshop on NAAC Criteria: UGC Paramarsh team from Mar Ivanios College (Autonomous) under the leadership of Fr. Dr. Gigi Thomas and Dr. Jijimon K Thomas conducted an Online Workshop on NAAC Criteria for Mar Ivanios College of Arts & Science, Kallumala, Mavelikara on 12th June 2020, Mar Gregorios College of Law on 15th June 2020, St Xavier College Jalukie, Nagaland on 19th June 2020, Mar Ivanios College for Advanced Studies, Chengaroor, Mallappally on 22nd June 2020

Online Lecture: UGC-Paramarsh team from Mar Ivanios College (Autonomous) organized an Online Guest Lecture on the first Criteria, viz Curricular Aspects. Representatives and IQAC Coordinators from all the Seven Mentee Colleges participated, who come under the Paramarsh scheme took part in the lecture conducted on 17th June 2020 from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm. Dr. Gabriel Simon Thattil, IQAC Director, University of Kerala was the chief resource person for the meeting that had 45 participants. **Online lecture** on 'Introduction to Online Courses' for the faculty members from all the Seven Mentee Colleges was held from 02:30 pm to 04:00 pm on 3rd July 2020. Dr. John Jacob, Assistant Professor, Mar Ivanios College (Autonomous) was the chief resource person for the meeting that had 110 participants.

Virtual FDP: A 7- day Virtual Faculty Development Program for 64 Participants from the Seven Mentee Colleges titled 'Instructional Design Using Agile Addie' with the support of ICT Academy of Kerala from 5th to 12th August 2020.

Hats off to Sejin, Sreekala and Aparna

Sejin Mathew, 2nd Economics was part of the Indian basketball team for the South Asian Federation (SAF) basketball tournament that won SAF Basketball Championship in Nepal; and he also represented the country in different international basketball championships. He represented the Kerala state senior basketball team and also the Kerala university basketball team basketball championship 2019-20.



Sejin Mathew
IInd Economics

Sreekala R, 2nd Economics, selected as the best sports person of the current academic year, was part of the Indian 3 on 3 basketball team for the **South Asian Federation (SAF)** tournament that won gold medal in that championship in Nepal. She was also the captain of Kerala state junior basketball girls' team which won the National Junior women basketball championship in Patna, Bihar and member of Kerala team for **Khelo India Basketball Championship** which won first place. She was also the member of Kerala senior women basketball team for National basketball championship that secured runners up position and also represented Kerala university women basketball team 2019-20.



Sreekala R.
IPnd Economics

Aparna Roy, 1st B.Com represented the Indian athletic team for SAF games and won the silver medal in 100 m hurdles. She was the winner of 100 M Hurdles in **Khelo India** youth athletic competition and 3rd prize in **All India inter university athletic meet 2019-20**. She was the gold medalist in 100m hurdles in Junior National as well as Junior Federation Athletic Competitions.



Aparna Roy
1st B.Com

Re locating the margins: MIC Engaged in women empowerment

The official inauguration of the women's cell of Mar Ivanios College was conducted on 22/07/2019 at college auditorium by Dr.Sharmila Mary Joseph IAS (Principal secretary AYUSH). The welcome speech was delivered by Deepamol Thomas (Convenor Women's cell) and Principal in charge Dr.K.Oommachan delivered the presidential address. Bursar Fr.Joshua Kochuvilayil felicitated the function. Krishna who was titled as university Kala Thilakom for the year 2018-19 and R.Sreekala, member Indian basketball team were honoured with cash awards. Susan Kurien delivered the vote of thanks. The function was followed by cultural programmes. A stitching training class for girls was organised. Its inauguration was held on August 1, 2019, at Ivanios college tailoring centre. Fabric Painting Class- A one day workshop on Liquid Design on Fabric in association with Fevicryl private Ltd was organized on 21/08/2019. 40 students of our college received training and started designing their dresses.

Women's cell and women's study unit of Mar Ivanios College organised a **walkathon** in connection with the International women's day on 5/3/2020 at 10.30 a.m. After the Principal's message, eminent Malayalam poet and essayist Ms Rose Mary flagged off the walkathon. 300 girls and women's cell members participated in the walkathon. Girls covered 2km long main



Dr. Sharmila Mary Joseph IAS, Officially inaugurating the women's cell activities at Mar Ivanios College



Ms. Divya Iyer IAS, inaugurating the Cancer Research Foundation activities at Mar Ivanios College organized by Womens cell.

road and returned to the college. Ms. Rose Mary delivered a motivational speech at the college auditorium.

Cancer Care Research Foundation, Mar Ivanios College Women's cell and RCC Tvm jointly organised a Cancer Awareness seminar on 14-8-2019 at Mar Ivanios College which was inaugurated by Ms. Divya Iyer IAS. Prof. Rajagopal Pillai (CCRF chairman) offered felicitations. Dr. M. C. Kalavathy (Asst.Prof.RCC, TVM) led the awareness programme. All the lady teachers and all the lady students participated in the programme.

Guiding a way to find a livelihood

Recruitment drive: The Career and Placement Cell organized campus selection by MRF Tyres to the posts of production supervisor, plant supervisor and quality assurance supervisor on February 21, 2020. It comprised a Pre placement talk and initial screening test. 58 students from different colleges registered for the same.

NTA-UGC-NET Paper-1 coaching: NTA-UGC-NET Paper-1 coaching (10 modules/ 60 hours) was organized for the students of Arts & Commerce PG departments. Mr Denis Jose, Apple B UGC NET JRF Academy Pala, was the resource person. There were 45 students (29 from our college and 16 from other colleges and university departments).

Seminars and workshops: KAS Mentor, a leading institute in Kerala for KAS preparation conducted a seminar for final year degree students on cracking competitive exams on 26 February 2020. It gave an insight into the various state & central government exams including UPSC, SSC & PSC. The cell, in association with IDP Education India Pvt Ltd, conducted a counselling session on 27 February, 2020 for the students seeking overseas education in recognized institutions in Australia, UK, Canada, New Zealand and Ireland. The session gave proper guidance regarding study destinations, financial requirements and scholarships. The cell organized a One day Placement Training workshop 'Job Essentials ' led by Phoenix Career mentors ,Ernakulam on 29 February 2020 for the final year graduate & post graduate students.



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Lecture on Mass Spectrometry: Department of Biotechnology organized a webinar on Basic principles and Fundamental Applications of mass spectrometry which was held on 28th October (conducted in loving memory of Dr Thomson Kuruvilla, former HOD, Dept of Biotechnology) by Dr. BINI RAMACHANDRAN, Postdoctoral Research Associate, studying Food Allergy Research and Under Resource Program conducted by the University of Nebraska-LINCOLN, NE. They organized a 3-day Webinar on cracking Entrance exams viz 'A Journey through Entrance exams in Life Sciences' was held on the 4th, 5th and 6th of August 2020. Sessions were conducted by Ms. Janaki Nair, JNU, New Delhi; Arya Suresh, University of Hyderabad, Aswathy BJ, IISER, Trivandrum.

Department of Biotechnology organized another International Webinar series on Techniques and Tools in Biotechnology, an initiative named 'BIOTRAC: Explore Biotechniques'.

World Food day, 2020 celebration: As part of 'World Food day 2020 celebration', a webinar on the topic 'Fast food culture and the need for lifestyle changes' was organized by the Department of Botany, Mar Ivanios College, on 16th October 2020. Dr Suresh Kumar, General Secretary CISSA (Centre for Innovation in Science and Social Activities) was the resource person.

Workshop on Open Source Programs for Scientific Applications: A two-day workshop was organized by the Department of Chemistry on 7-8 February, 2020. Dr. Krishna

Mohan GP, Assistant Professor, Mar Baselios College of Engineering and Technology, Thiruvananthapuram was the resource person for this workshop. The Workshop covered topics on computational chemistry with GAMESS (General Atomic and Molecular Electronic Structure System) which is a well-known open-source Quantum Chemistry program used in molecular modeling. The workshop was inaugurated by Dr. Suma K.K, Additional Director of Collegiate Education, Thiruvananthapuram.



Scientific Symphoria- Webinar Series: The PG and Research Department of chemistry conducted an International Webinar Series entitled Scientific Symphoria during the Covid lockdown. Six lectures were given by eminent personalities from different parts of the world. The Webinar series was inaugurated by the Principal, Dr. Georgee K.I on 30th May 2020 followed by a lecture by Dr. Vasudevan Biju, (Director, Promotion of International Alliance & Professor of Chemistry, RIES, Hokkaido University, Japan) on the topic: 'Semiconductor Nanocrystals: The promises and challenges in the Nanoworld'. The second lecture was delivered by Dr. Deepalekshmi Ponnamma (Research Associate, Centre for Advanced Materials, Qatar University, Qatar) on the topic- 'Polymer Nano Composites and their Applications' on 22nd July 2020. Dr. K.B. Rameshkumar (Senior Scientist, KSCSTE-JNTBGRI) gave a talk on the topic- 'Diversity of phytochemicals and their role in COVID-19 management' on 25th August 2020. The 4th lecture was delivered on 23rd September 2020 by Dr. C Subramaniam (Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry, IIT, Bombay) on the topic: 'Nanocarbons: From Forest to Flowers'. On 30th October 2020, Dr. B. Sabulal, (Principal Scientist & Head, Phytochemistry and Phytopharmacology Division, JNTBGRI, Palode, Trivandrum) gave the 5th lecture on the topic: 'Chemical Ecology: The Language of Nature.' The 6th lecture in this series was on the topic entitled 'Quantum Dots for in vitro and in vivo applications' by Dr. Binil Kandapallil, Materials Process and physics Engineer, Chemical Technology Division, Boeing Research and Technology, South Carolina, USA on 28th November 2020.

Short Term Online Course: The PG and Research Department of Chemistry, Mar Ivanios College and the Department of Chemistry, All Saints College jointly organized a Short Term Online Course on Instrumental Techniques in Chemical Analysis from 1st -6th October 2020. The aim of the course was to give the final year UG and PG chemistry students of all academic institutions an opportunity to understand the basic principles involved in various instrumental techniques. Various topics in this area were discussed by experts from R&D labs (NIIST) and academic institutions including IISER, IIST, NIT and Universities.

Junior Mentorship Programme (ORIENTATION ON CA COURSE): On October 29, 2020, at 4:00 pm, an Orientation Class on CA Course was conducted for the students of First Semester B.Com Accounts and Audit by two senior students -Alja Sebastian and Sandeep K of S4 B.Com (A&A). The class focused on giving a general information regarding CA course, procedure for course registration, fee structure details, exam pattern and other relevant information.

Road Map for Success: As part of Freshers Week, on 6th November, 2020 in association with the Department of Commerce (Aided) organized an orientation programme for the newly admitted B.Com students of the 2020-2023 batch. The heads of the Commerce Departments (aided and self-financing) took the initiative for organizing the programme. The resource person was Dr. S Kevin (Former Pro-vice Chancellor, University of Kerala) who is an eminent academician in the field of commerce. The talk was mainly focused on "HOW TO BECOME GOOD LEARNERS THROUGH PROPER MOTIVATION AND TIME MANAGEMENT". During the session students were given an awareness about effective learning principles and techniques and also discussed strategies for attaining success in life.

"Seizing the Opportunities in the Stock Market- Stratagems and Setbacks": National Webinar was organized by the Department of Commerce on 19th June 2020 from 10.30 A.M. to 12 P.M. Dr. Gabriel Simon Thatil, Professor of the Department of Commerce, School of Business Management and Legal Studies, University of Kerala and the IQAC Coordinator of the University of Kerala was the resource person. Dr. Arun Lawrence was the Coordinator and Dr. Daisy Samuel and Mr. Nandu S.S. were the co-ordinator. In association with the ED Club of the college, a National Webinar on "COVID 19: A Catalyst for Innovation and Entrepreneurship" was organized by the Department of commerce on July 20 at 10.30 a.m. Mr. Arun J.S, Nodal Officer IEDC, Mentor YIP, KIDSC and Assistant Professor, Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering, Mar Baselios College of Engineering and Technology, Trivandrum was the resource Person. Dr. Sarin Thomas was the coordinator and Dr. Mamitha J.S. and Ms. Kavitha Gopan were the co-ordinators. A Webinar on "Emerging Trends in Academic Publishing and Research Methodology" was conducted for research scholars and faculty of the department on 13th August 2020 from 3 P.M. to 4 P.M. Dr. Beenamole T, Librarian of the College was the resource person. Lt. Dr. Regina Sibi Cleetus was the Coordinator of the programme. A webinar on "Know your Opportunities in Commerce Professions" was conducted by the Department in association with Logic School of Management for degree students on October 12th, 2020 at 5 P.M. Mr. Hari Krishnan, Educational Consultant was the resource person of the programme. Majority of the undergraduate students actively participated in the programme. A webinar on "Importance of Digital Skills" was conducted for the students of the college by the department in association with ICFAI Business School on 13th October 2020 from 2.30 P.M. to 3.30 P.M. Prof. Raghavendra Rao of IBS Bangalore was the resource person. Lt. Dr. Regina Sibi Cleetus and Dr. Arun Lawrence were the coordinators of the programme.

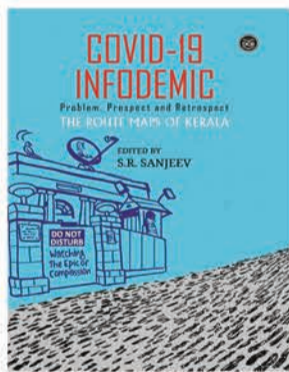
Webinar on Re-contextualising Gender: The three-day International Webinar on *Re-contextualising Gender* organised by the Dept. of English was a big success. The resource persons for the webinar were, for Day 1, Dr. Anitha Singh, Professor, Banaras Hindu University. On Day 2 Dr. N Rama Devi Murru, Professor, of The English and Foreign Languages University, Hyderabad and Dr. Bincy Abdul Samad, Teaching Instructor, Bowling Green State University, Ohio, USA for Day 3. The Webinar of this sort was the first conducted by any department of the

college and the first by any English department in the country. Dr.Dhanya Johnson, was the convener of the webinar and Dr.Anto A Paul and Dr Ganesh S were the co-conveners.

Webinar on Hindi Literature and Contemporary Discourses: Department of Hindi, Mar Ivanios College, Thiruvananthapuram and PTM Govt. College Perinthalmanna jointly organized an International Webinar on the topic 'Hindi Literature and Contemporary Discourses' on 9th and 10th July 2020. Renowned Hindi litterateur Chitra Mudugal inaugurated the Webinar. The resource persons for the Webinar were Dr. Ved Raman Pandey (ICCR chair), Dr. S THankamoni Amma (Former Hindi Professor and Dean Kerala University), Prijith P.K (President Queerithym LGBTIQ community), Dr. Kiran Watti (Assistant Professor in Hindi Raja Bhoj Govt. College Raisen Madhya Pradesh). 891 participants registered and participated in the webinar through Google Meet and Youtube live streaming.

Media Practices during COVID-19: Fake news and lack of information from authentic sources have posed immense challenge to Media Practices during COVID times. Malayalam news channels amidst their stiff competition refrained from reporting unverified information and gallantly stuck to media ethics and therefore was successful in presenting better journalism during the pandemic period. This was the collective voice of Media Editors of leading Malayalam TV news channels expressed in the webinar hosted by the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication on 26th August 2020. M.G. Radhakrishnan (Editor in Chief of Asianet News), R.Sreekandan Nair (Managing Director of Flowers TV and 24 News), Johny Lukose (News Director, Manorama News) and N.P.Chandrashekharan (Director of News & Current Affairs at Malayalam Communications) were participated in the web conference. The Webinar was titled '*Deenakala the Madhyamareethikal*'. It was coordinated by Ms.Deepamol Thomas and moderated by Dr.S.R.Sanjeev.

'COVIDian' Conversations by JMC: 'If you don't read the stuff out there about the pandemic, you are uninformed, but if you read it all, you are misinformed'. This was the take away for Dr. Shashi Tharoor, who received the first copy of the book 'COVID-19 Infodemic: Problem, Prospect and Retrospect, The Route Maps of Kerala'. Infodemic is a rapid spread of mis/disinformation through all available means, particularly the cyberspace, that was masqueraded a truth and authentic information. This bizarre phenomenon has caused long-standing problems and divisions in society in the form of distrust and ostracism. Smt. K.K.Shylaja, Minister for Health and Social Justice, who released the book had articulated the significance of studies that pertain to the social implications of COVID-In the online book release function, Dr.George K.I., Principal, Dr.N.Muhammadali, Chairman, Board of Studies (Journalism) and the editor of the book Dr. S.R.Sanjeev participated. Dr. George K.I., Principal of the college observed, 'During this pandemic, we have learnt that accurate and timely information can save many lives all over the world. At this time, I believe, the circulation of unverified information that has gone 'viral', has created unnecessary phobia in human conscience. Thus, what we need to combat the 'infodemic' in the middle of this pandemic is nothing but authentic and timely information. This book is a right step in this direction'. The Department of Journalism and Mass Communication of Mar Ivanios College hosted the event.



Webinar on Mathematical Modelling: An international webinar series on "Advances in Mathematical Modelling of Infectious Diseases" was organized by the Department on 6th and 7th of August 2020. Renowned professors Dr Raju. K. George (IIST Thiruvananthapuram), Dr Prashant Kumar Srivastava (IIT Patna) gave invaluable lectures during the webinar. About 200 faculty and research scholars participated in the webinar from various states of India and abroad. Ms Tiji Thomas was the Organizing Secretary for the webinar.

International Webinar on Advances in Functional Materials: International Webinar on "Advances in Functional Materials" was coordinated by the Department of Physics on 26-28 June, 2020. The topics of the webinar were- Smart Sustainability: Renewable Materials, Big Data, Circular Economy Nexus by Prof. Dr. Rajan Jose, Faculty of Industrial Sciences and Technology University, Malaysia Pahang. Semiconductor Photocatalysis: Advances and Applications by Dr. Vinod Kumar Etacheri, Group Head Electrochemistry and Nanomaterials Group, Madrid Institute of Advanced Studies (IMDEA), Spain. Microwave Materials and their Applications by Dr. Murali K P, Faculty of Department of Mechanical Engineering, National Institute of Technology (NITC) Calicut, India.

Webinar on Astronomy and Astrophysics: The lecture was delivered by Prof. Annapurni Subramaniam, Director, Indian Institute of Astrophysics, Bangalore on 25-07-2020.

Opportunities and Challenges of Tourism post Covid Era: Department of Tourism was able to conduct an International Webinar on 'OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES OF TOURISM POST COVID ERA' on 11th July 2020. Dr. Bipithalal Balakrishnan Nair, Assistant Professor, Sol International Hospitality Management, Woosong University South Korea was the resource person for the seminar. Certificates were issued to the participants. Mr. Manasse Benny was the coordinator of the seminar. As the third semester PG students found it difficult to do their dissertation due to the COVID pandemic, department arranged a seminar on 'Possibilities of doing research in online mode'. The seminar was conducted on 26th August 2020 by Dr. Raju G (Women's College, Thiruvananthapuram).

Understanding the working of the Immune system to fight against cancer: PG and Research Department of Zoology, Mar Ivanios College organized an International Webinar series on Tumour Immunology and micro environment from 4th Nov 2020 onwards. The field of immunotherapy is one of the most promising in cancer research studies today. Utilizing the body's immune system to fight cancer is often safer and better tolerated than traditional cancer treatments such as chemotherapy and radiation. Study and understanding of the immune system's response to cancer have increased exponentially over the past several years, and this has given rise to many breakthrough cancer treatments. Dr. Kamila Naxerova, Harvard Medical School, Boston, USA shared her thoughts and deliberations on the topic of the evolutionary history of metastatic cancer. Dr. Sebastian Klien, University of Koln, Germany discussed micro environmental cues in cancer. Dr. Dan Duda, Harvard Medical School Boston spoke on how we could improve the efficacy of immune therapy in cancer patients. Dr. Tai Hato, Saitama Medical Center, Japan in his capacity explained the role of VEGF/VEGFR 2 as a modulator of anti-tumor immunity. Dr. Georgio Seano, Institute of Curie research center, Japan has discussed the importance of targeting vessel co-option and mechanical stress in brain tumors.



Dan Duda Ph.D., Professor, Harvard Medical School, Boston USA

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NIRF Rankings 2020 has been announced and we are at the 48th position in the country in the category of colleges. We are happy that for the consecutive third year we are among the top 50 colleges in the country. In the area of Research we are far ahead of other colleges as in previous years. (June, 2020)

RESULTS AT A GLANCE

The English Department secured a 100% pass for both UG (2017-20) and PG (2018-20) batches. The 2nd and 3rd rank for B.A English Literature were from the UG (Regular) batch. There were 22 students with A grade, 23 with B grade and 4 with C grade. Reshma Sanil is the topper in the PG batch. All students of the PG batch have first class, 18 students with above 80%, 7 with above 70% and 1 above 60%.

The UG (2017-20) pass percentage for Economics Department was 66.15% The following students secured top positions- Anu Maria Anil (BA, 1st position), Chaithnya Ajay (BA, 2nd position) and Abhirami S. Mahesh (BA, 3rd position).

The UG (2017-20) and PG (2018-20) pass percentages for Chemistry Department were 67.44% and 86.67% respectively. The following students secured top positions- Keerthi Krishnan B. (BSc, 1st position), Drisya R. Kumar (BSc, 2nd position), Linsu Sara Abraham (BSc, 3rd position), Sabna Ameen (MSc, 1st position), Daria Das (MSc, 2nd position) and Sooraj M.S. (MSc, 3rd position).

The UG (2017-20) and PG (2018-20) pass percentages for Physics Department were 68.75% and 69.23% respectively. The following students secured top positions- Chandni B. (BSc, 1st position), Arathy C. B. (BSc, 2nd position), Mubeena Nazar (BSc, 3rd position), Sujitha A. S. (MSc, 1st position), Nikhil D. (MSc, 2nd position) and Sreyas M. S. (MSc, 3rd position)

The UG (2017-20) pass percentage for Journalism, MASS Communication & Video Production & Video Production Department was 75% The following students secured top positions- Devikajayan J. (BA, 1st position), Gopika U.M. (BA, 2nd position) and Thapasya Ashok (BA, 3rd position).

The UG (2017-20) pass percentage for Botany Department was 66.67% The following students secured top positions- Kavya Sagar (BSc, 1st position), Pooja L.N. (BSc, 2nd position) and Bhageerath A.L. (BSc, 3rd position).

The UG (2017-20) pass percentage for Botany and Biotechnology Department was 75% The following students secured top positions- Goutham Nidhi (BSc, 1st position), Nooba Joy (BSc, 2nd position) and Anaswara R.V. (BSc, 3rd position).

The UG (2017-20) and PG (2018-20) pass percentages for Commerce Department were 70.83% and 56.7% (SF) and 95.24% respectively. The following students secured top positions- Ann Mary Roy (BCom, 1st position), Aparna P. Krishnan (BCom, 2nd position), G. S. Sreelekshmi (BCom, 3rd position), Seena Mary Mathew (MCom, 1st position), Alka S. Nair (MCom, 2nd position), Ann Susan Thomas and Treesa Mary Reji (MCom, 3rd position).

The UG (2017-20) and PG (2018-20) pass percentages for Mathematics Department were 76.36% and 85 % respectively. The following students secured top positions- Keerthana Anil

and Persis Ponnachan (BSc, 1st position), Amal R. (BSc, 2nd position), Gowri B. (BSc, 3rd position), Sherin Monachan (MSc, 1st position), Feba Raichal Jacob (MSc, 2nd position) and Linta Eldos (MSc, 3rd position).

The UG (2017-20) and PG (2018-20) pass percentages for Zoology Department were 64.29% and 100% respectively. The following students secured top positions- Sneha Nair (BSc, 1st position), Akhila Babu B. (BSc, 2nd position), Abhirami D. S. (BSc, 3rd position), Vyshnavi N. Sarma (MSc, 1st position), Biji B. (MSc, 2nd position) and Ancy S. Anil (MSc, 3rd position)

The UG (2017-20) pass percentage for Software Development Department was 61.36% The following students secured top positions- Jibin A. R. (BVoc, 1st position), Gayathri Satheesh (BVoc, 2nd position) and Ayswarya S. M. (BVoc, 3rd position).

The UG (2017-20) pass percentage for Tourism & Hospitality Management Department was 31.71% The following students secured top positions- Anooja Jacob (BVoc, 1st position), Neethu Ravi (BVoc, 2nd position) and Sandra Rex (BVoc, 3rd position).

The PG (2018-20) pass percentage for Tourism & Travel Management Department was 100% The following students secured top positions- Anakha A. (1st position), Varsha B. (2nd position) and Anjali Menon A. J. (3rd position).

The PG (2018-20) pass percentage for Malayalam with Media Studies Department was 100%. The following students secured top positions- Revathy A. (1st position), Princy N.P. (2nd position) and Aswathy V. A. (3rd position).

MEET OUR CHAMPIONS

Kerala University Inter-Collegiate Over all Athletic Champions 2019-20

Kerala University Inter-Collegiate Athletics Men Champions 2019-20

Kerala University Inter-Collegiate Net Ball women Champions 2019-20

Kerala University Inter-Collegiate Cross Country men champions 2019-20

Kerala University Inter-Collegiate Cricket Men Champions 2019-20

Kerala University Inter-Collegiate Basketball Men Champions 2019-20

Kerala University Inter-Collegiate Basketball Women Champions 2019-20

Kerala University Inter-Collegiate Men Tennis Winners 2019-20

Kerala University Inter-Collegiate Men Shuttle Badminton Winner 2019-20

Kerala University Inter-Collegiate Cross Country women individual champion 2019- 20

Kerala University Inter-Collegiate Athletics Women Runners 2019-20

Kerala University intercollegiate Chess Men Runners up 2019-20

Kerala University Inter-Collegiate Net Ball men Second runners up 2019-20

Kerala University Inter-Collegiate Women Shuttle Badminton Second Runners up 2019-20

Kerala University Inter-Collegiate Table Tennis Men Second Runners up 2019-20

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FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

Dr. Sam Solomon, Associate Professor, Department of Physics, has been selected as Professor, Department of Opto Electronics, University of Kerala.

Dr. Hubert Joe, Associate Professor, Department of Physics, has been selected as Associate Professor, Department of Physics, University of Kerala.

Ms. Mamitha J.S., Assistant Professor, Department of Commerce has been awarded PhD by the University of Kerala for her research work titled "Financial Sector Reforms and Its Impact on the Banking Sector". Our sincerest felicitations and appreciation to Dr. Mamitha J. S. (June, 2020)

Ms. Susan Kurian, Assistant Professor, Department of Zoology has been awarded PhD by the University of Kerala for her research work titled "Evaluation of antioxidant, antimicrobial and hepatoprotective activities of plants, *Alysicarpus aginalis* var. *nummularifolius* (DC.) Miq. and *Artocarpus heterophyllus* Lam., used in traditional medicines". (June, 2020)

Dr. Anto A Paul, Assistant Professor, was a resource person at a webinar, at Santhom Arts and Science College(Aided) and spoke on the topic Deconstructing the Nature/Culture Binary in the post-Covid Era. Dr Dhanya Johnson, Assistant Professor, was the resource person at the webinar on "Recent Trends in Literature and Culture" organized by Sree Sankara Vidyapeetom College, Nagaroor. Dr. Shirley Stewart, Head of the Department of English was a resource person at the induction programme organized by KTCT college of Arts and Science, University of Kerala.

Dr. Shirley Stewart and Dr. Divya Johnson have been granted recognition as Research Supervisors in English in the University of Kerala.

Dr. Jijimon K Thomas was an invited speaker at the National Webinar on "Nanoscale Science" organized by the Department of Physics, Mother Theresa College, Thiruvananthapuram on 01-10-2020.

NEW INITIATIVE

Ivano Financial Consultancy is an initiative of the Department of Commerce which aims at providing consultancy services to stakeholders from within and outside the college in investment on financial securities, financial statement analysis, income tax services, family budgeting programmes, financial education, training programs, educational event management, company's research programmes and surveys was inaugurated on 15th October 2020 at 11 A.M. by Msgr. Dr. Mathew Manakarakavil (Corepiscopa, Chief Vicar General, Major Archdiocese, Trivandrum), Secretary MSC Colleges. Through this initiative the department aims at bridging the gap between the theory and practice of Commerce. Dr. Ratheesh R and Dr. Arun Lawrence are acting as the coordinators of Ivano Financial Consultancy.

CERTIFICATE COURSES

The Department of Mathematics continues to run two certificate courses of study during this academic year: Certificates Courses in Quantitative Techniques and Statistical Methods are the certificate course run by the department Dr Linda J.P. and Dr Jill K Mathew are respectively the course coordinators. About 100 students are participating in these courses.

The career and placement cell in association with the Computer Science and English (SF) departments started two new certificate courses :a)Certificate course in MS office,

Photoshop and Adobe Indesign for final year degree students. b)Certificate course in Personality Development and soft skill training with special focus on Employability skills

A Certificate Course in Phytochemistry organized and conducted by the PG & Research Department of Chemistry, Mar Ivanios College is specially designed to provide familiarize students of various techniques involved in Phytochemistry and its applications. This course primarily aims to develop an understanding of natural resources in the surrounding and to get an in-depth knowledge in the area of their interest. The course has a structured syllabus including both theory and practical sessions. The course is coordinated by Dr. Sonia Mol Joseph and co-coordinated by Dr. Sony George and Dr. Rabin Rajan. Subject experts conducted lectures and field/industrial visits were organized to invite the active participation of the students throughout the course period. This academic year, 41 final year students from various science streams were enrolled.

The department of English started a certificate course in English for Effective Communication for the sixth semester students. 36 hours of this course has been completed by holding evening classes scheduled between 5pm and 6pm.

The Online Certificate Course of the Department on Financial Accounting was inaugurated by Dr. George K.I. the Principal of the College who is also the Senior Faculty of the Department of Commerce on August 24th, 2020 at 3 P.M. The introductory talk was delivered by Dr. Zajo Joseph, an eminent academician and research guide who retired from service as the Head of the Post Graduate Department of Commerce, St. Xavier's College, Thumba.

Department of Physics started the online courses offered by Coursera to the students FREE under the scheme 'Coursera for Campus' on April, 2020. Certificate course in Astronomy and Astrophysics was inaugurated by Prof. Dr. George Varghese, Former Director of Research Calicut University, Former Director, KSCSTE on 28-08-2020.

NEW COURSES

A new aided PG programme of study in MSc Statistics with specialization in Data Analytics was sanctioned to the college by the Government of Kerala in the interest of the college management with effect from 2020 admissions. With this programme the student strength in the department of Mathematics rose to about 185 UG students, 57 PG students and 20 PhD students. There are currently 7 approved Research Guides attached to the department.

New UG course: A New Programme BSc Physics with Machine Learning with a total of 30 seats was sanctioned on November 2020.

ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES

Chemistry Association: An invited lecture on 'NMR spectroscopy' was arranged for the UG and PG students on 19-08-2019 at Mar Gregorios Hall. The session was taken by Dr. Vinesh Vijayan, Assistant Professor, Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Thiruvananthapuram. The Chemistry association organized a Poster competition on 04-March-2020 for students of Science stream on the topic COVID19.

English Association: Activities of the Association of the English Department, Litgala were conducted online. Rhetorics- an online intercollegiate debate competition was





conducted on 08/08/2020 and 09/08/2020. The competition was conducted via Google Meet. Danny Heric Pereira (University College) and Anubhav PS (SN College of Advanced Studies) were the first prize winners. The second prize went to Arundhati Krishna and Ashik Ali (SCT College of Engineering). Aparna Nambi (University College) was adjudged the Best Speaker. **A VIRTUAL LIBERATION: 'RHETORICS'** -When the world was shut down by the lethal virus, we were all in chaos. Time flew out as never before. Boredom and laziness became a boon and not a vice. The entire world was under lockdown. We were gifted with time, a golden time to bring out the best in us. Overcoming the impediments, the Association of English, LITGALA, tried to bring out the

eminent spokesperson into the spotlight. A debate competition *RHETORICS* was held from 08/10/2020 to 09/10/2020 on the virtual platform, Google Meet. A total of 18 teams from various colleges participated. Active participation of all the debaters made it a massive success. The tug of war between the speakers came to an end by Danny Heric Pereira of University College, Palayam and Anubhav P S of SN College of Engineering triumphing over others by winning a cash prize of Rs 1500/- . Arundhati Krishna and Ashik Ali of SCT College of Engineering secured the second position with a cash prize of Rs 1000/-. Aparna Nambi of University College, Palayam was selected as the Best Speaker.

ONAM CELEBRATION- AUGUST 2020

Amidst the pandemic situation of Covid- 19, the Department of Commerce (SF) celebrated Onam -2020 through online mode with a variety of events like Athapookalam competition, Onapattu and online games.

On September 2nd, 2020 a virtual onam celebration via google meet platform was conducted with the active involvement of faculty members and students. The meeting began with an onam message from Dr. Zajo Joseph, Head of the Department, followed by an interactive and entertaining sessions by students and faculty members.

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Following teachers were transferred from St. John's College Anchal as Assistant Professors.



Dr. Suma Bhai K.C.
(Department of Physics),
March, 2020



Mr. Twinkle A.R.
(Department of Physics)
March, 2020



Mr. Sumesh S.S.
(Dept. of Mathematics),
November, 2020



Dr. K. Oommachen
Vice Principal and Associate Professor and Head, Dept. of Political Science



Dr. N. Vipinchandran
Associate Professor and Head, Dept. of French



Dr. K. K. Marykutty
Associate Professor and Head, Dept. of Hindi.



Dr. Annie Abraham
Associate Professor and Head, Dept. of Mathematics.



Dr. P.I. Paul
Associate Professor,
Department of Zoology
(30.04.2020)



Dr. Jessy Thomas
Associate Professor and Head, Department of Economics



Dr. James T. Joseph
Controller of Examinations and Associate Professor,
Department of Chemistry



Dr. George Lukose
Associate Professor;
Department of Chemistry

OBITUARY



Prof. Abraham V. V.
former faculty member & HoD (1952 - 1985) of the Department of Physics Mar Ivanios College, was called to eternal rest on 06-04-2020



Dr. Laji Varghese
former student and subject expert (Alumni), Board of Studies was called to eternal rest on 14-11-2020.



Mar Ivanios College owes its existence to the far-sighted vision of the Servant of God Archbishop Mar Ivanios of Trivandrum. Started in June 1949 as a College affiliated to the erstwhile University of Travancore, it stands affiliated to the University of Kerala since 1957. The College offers Degree Courses in Economics, English, Commerce, Journalism and Mass Communication, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Botany, Zoology and Biotechnology, BVoc programmes in Tourism and Hospitality Management and Software Developments and Post-Graduate Programmes in English, Malayalam (with Media Studies), Commerce, Tourism Management, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry and Zoology. Two new courses Analytical Economics and Statistics UG courses have been introduced this year. In its endeavour to achieve excellence in academics, the Institution has established Research Centres attached to the Departments of English, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Zoology and Commerce. The College Library is fully automated and there is a computer centre with all reprographic facilities available. Mar Ivanios College is the first Institution in the University of Kerala to receive accreditation from the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), and also to be re-assessed and re-accredited with 'A' Grade by NAAC. The College has been re-assessed by the NAAC Peer team as part of the Fourth Cycle of re-accreditation process with A grade. It is the first Private College affiliated to the University of Kerala to receive the status of CPE (College with Potential for Excellence) from the UGC. **It has been conferred with Autonomy status by the UGC from June 2014.**

Another golden feather has been added to the cap of Mar Ivanios College Trivandrum when it acquired a position within the first 50 ranks in the All India NIRF ranking of the Ministry of Human Resources.

The College has been acclaimed for its high research presence which is as high as all India sixth position, student teacher ratio, extra curricular activities, graduation outcome etc. The College has been hailed as the pioneering educational Institution in the State with its students topping the Sports, literary and Cultural events of the State. Mar Ivanios College is the winner of the Inter University Basketball Tournament. University Youth festival winners for the last decade. The much acclaimed IVANOFEST is touted as the best inter collegiate fest in the state with more than 75 colleges from across the State taking part in the event.

Towering over the Mar Ivanios Vidya Nagar on the verdant Bethany Hills in the Northern outskirts of Trivandrum, the capital city of 'God's own country' Kerala, Mar Ivanios College, is the true embodiment of a visionary's sacred dream. Founded in the model of Santiniketan on 1 August 1949 by Servant of God His Grace Archbishop Mar Ivanios of revered memory has maintained its reputation as a centre of excellence in the academic, cultural and social life of our land. Veritas vos liberabit- Truth Shall Liberate You- is the motto of the institution in its journey towards moulding generations.. Today 68 years later, it is the flagship of the Malankara Syrian Catholic Church and adorns pride of position in the Mar Ivanios Vidyanagar educational complex which has facility for education from kindergarten to post-doctoral studies. It is affiliated to the University of Kerala and runs under the patronage of His Beatitude Baselios Cardinal Cleemis Catholicos, the Major Archbishop of Trivandrum. The present Principal of Mar Ivanios College is Dr. George K I .

From its modest beginnings with 145 students, Mar Ivanios College has grown exponentially in terms of courses offered and the intake of students. Currently there are 2308 students on its rolls for its First Degree (UG), Post-Graduate and PhD programmes. There are currently ten aided FDP programmes in Arts, Science and Commerce- Economics, English, Commerce, Mass Communication & Video Production, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Botany, Zoology and Botany & Biotechnology along with two self-financing FDP programmes in English and Commerce. There are also two Bachelor of Vocation (BVoc) programmes under DeenDayal Upadhyaya Knowledge Acquisition and Upgradation of Skilled Human Abilities and Livelihood (DDU-KAUSHAL) Kendra, in Software Development and Tourism & Hospitality Management There are eight PG courses in Arts, Science, Commerce and Tourism, one M.Phil programme in Malayalam (approved in 2016 but not started). The two B.Voc Programmes, the two self-financing UG programmes in English and Commerce, and M.A in Malayalam with Media Studies are the new started after attaining autonomous status. In its endeavour to achieve excellence in academic pursuit, the Institution has established six Research Centres attached to the Departments of English, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Zoology, and Commerce. The College has also been awarded the Life Science Strengthening Programme by the Department of Biotechnology of the Government of India under the scheme of Star Colleges. PARAMARSH

The College has ten add-on, skill-oriented certificate and diploma courses. It has been one of the best performing Business English (Vantage) Certificate test centres of Cambridge University. It has one of the best-run FLAIR (Fostering Linkages in Academic Innovation and Research) programmes, initiative of the, Govt of Kerala, winning accolades for its performance in Additional Skills Acquisition Programme (ASAP), Walk with Scholar (WWS) and Scholar Support Programmes (SSP).

The staff strength is currently 117 with 80 permanent staff and 37 Guest Lecturers. Among the permanent staff 57.5% are PhD holders and 75% are either UGC or CSIR NET qualified. Four of the teachers were awarded UGC Post-Doctoral Fellowships and two were awarded foreign Post Doctoral Fellowships (one from Harvard Medical School and one from the University of Texas)

Innovative strategies like MOOCs for assignments, online MCQs, open book tests, are used to evaluate students. MOODLE LMS platform is used for conducting classes and exams. Pandemic has made the students and teachers techno savvy enabling them to take classes through G suits.

The college has a great track record in games and athletics with our players donning national and international caps and winning national and international accolades. Our students have been romping home champions at the University Youth festivals with an overall performance in Arts, theatre, literary and sports events. The social and patriotic temperament of our students are chiselled and polished by their enrolment in the NSS and the three wings of the NCC. Empowerment programmes for Women, Dalits and Financially backward students ensure social justice.

Mar Ivanios College has been able to leave its indelible signature in the media, administration and socio-political-cultural-spiritual scenario of the State. From the vice president of the World bank to media personnel to bishops to judges to cine artistes and playback singers to MLA's and MP's and Ministers to Civil servants to academicians and sports persons Mar Ivanios can boast of a galaxy of eminent alumni who lend a brilliant hue to the fabric of Ivanios. It has the goodwill of Keralites, the intellectual, cultural and political elite, and of the Malayalee diaspora worldwide.



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