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Dear Eldermarians,

With great joy and nostalgia, I reflect on the incredible journeys each of you embarked upon after leaving your alma mater. The impact you have made on your respective fields and communities is a testament to the values instilled in you during your time with our college.

Our College always had a pride in itself on nurturing not only academic excellence but also the development of character, leadership, and a sense of social responsibility. Witnessing the remarkable achievements of our alumni reaffirms the success of our shared mission to prepare individuals who contribute meaningfully to the world.

In this newsletter, you will find updates on the alumni activities including exciting initiatives, achievements, and future plans. It is our hope that these updates bring back fond memories and reinforce the strong connection you have with your alma mater.

Once a St. Marian, always a St. Marian—this timeless sentiment carries a profound meaning for each of us who have walked the halls of our beloved alma mater. I encourage you to stay engaged with our college. Your experiences, insights, and continued support are invaluable to the current generation of students who look up to you as role models. Whether it's through mentorship programs, guest lectures, or attending alumni events, your involvement adds tremendous value to our educational ecosystem. As we navigate through the ever-changing landscape of education, your feedback and suggestions are always welcome.

Wishing you continued success and fulfillment in all your endeavors.

Warm regards,

Dr. Sr. Beena TL

Principal

I am presenting the social activities of the Eldermarians in Thrissur which have contributed assistance to the society here. Now that the COVID 19 pandemic has abated with administration of two vaccines and a precautionary one to most people of the world, social activities in educational institutions, financial services and travelling agencies have come to the forefront. Our college St Mary's College has brought her students, staff and alumni together to create a lively atmosphere of knowledge and collaboration in Thrissur. Hence our Elder Marian Association is fully involved in social activities helping the human community in Thrissur.

In July 2023 there was a talk by Sri Abdul Kareem, an active palliative care member on 'Students initiatives in palliative care' to teach them to care for the chronically ill and disabled patients in their families and the community. It was an encouraging message to us all.

Besides, a visit to the Government Old Age Home at the end of the same month with students enlivened the inmates with dance and music, some of the inmates even got involved in singing. We contributed 25 chairs to the old age home.

Then an alumni get together was arranged on 22/08/2023. Along with this celebration, a Marian Monsoon Fest was organised to teach students to prepare health food and drinks from Jathikka. Also, nightdresses, maternity clothes and tops were exhibited in a stall. Three clocks were generously contributed to the college by the Predegree 1976 batch.

The Elder Marian Association was also involved with the Department of Botany in organising a cooking event on ragi dishes in October 2023. As everyone knows,ragi food contributes to health for all people. Santha Rajagopal, an alumnus, provided the recipe and dish preparation.

Free Tailoring classes for inmates of the Women Prison, Thrissur was also organized on 25/10/2023 with tailoring machines accessories and cloth materials being provided by the Elder Marian Association with the assistance of Mrs. Princy.

Finally, in December, the Gem of St Mary's College was selected from the student competitors by eminent judges. I could not be present as I was away on two pilgrimage trips. However, I believe that the most apt student won in the competition.

Our alumni day falls on 26/1/2024 when we the old students and the recent alumni will come together with our revered principal Dr. Sr. Namitha for a fabulous celebration of this year's college activities. So far, this year 2023 has been a great year for St Mary's College. Here's hoping for more such years to come!

Mrs Shemeela Sasikumar (Prof Ramakrishnan Shemeela) Chief Editor  
(Pre-degree batch 1972-1974)



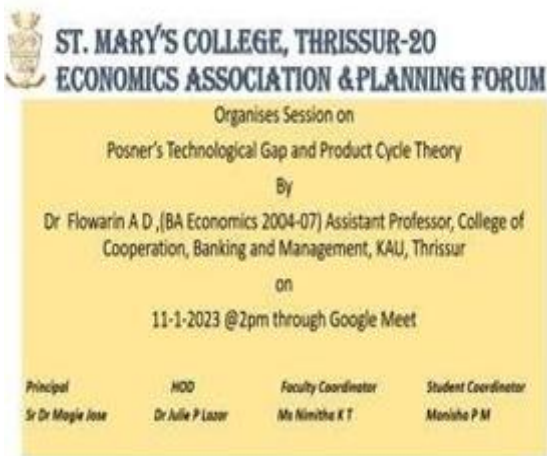
# Elder Marian Association Activities Report - 2023

## Annual Alumni Meeting on 26.01.2023



## Lecture On Posner's Technological Gap and Product Cycle Theory

Department of Economics Organised a Lecture on Posner's Technological Gap and Product Cycle Theory by Dr Flowerin A D, Assistant Professor, College of Cooperation, Banking and Management, KAU, Thrissur on 11.01.2023 at 2pm through Google Meet. The programme was viewed by students together in Smart TV and presentations were followed by online discussions.



## Session On Sri Lankan Crisis

Department of Economics organized a Lecture on Sri Lankan Crisis by Ms Anjumol Andrews, MA, BEd, SET (BA Economics 2015-18) Faculty, Sacred Heart Convent GHSS, Thrissur on 18.01.2023. The session was arranged for VI Sem BA Economics students.





## My Journey: Career Path Sharing Series by Department of Microbiology

Department of Microbiology in collaboration with the Microbiology Alumni Association initiated a program – “My Journey: Career Path Sharing Series”. It’s a joint venture to motivate and guide students of the Microbiology Department through interaction with Eminent Scientists, Academicians, Researchers, and Entrepreneurs in Microbiology and related fields. The program was officially inaugurated by Dr. Valsa A K, Associate Professor & HoD (Retd), Department of Microbiology, Sree Sankara College, Kalady, on 10th January 2023. Dr. Valsa also delivered a session on “My journey- From a student to Professor”.



## Alumnae Talks by Department of Biotechnology

Adv. Kalyani (2001-2004 BSc Batch) and Athira Vipin , West Fort institute of Paramedical science, Thrissur (2007- 2010 BSc Batch ) shared their experience in career switching on 26.01.2023.



*Make the switch : Career change success Stories*

Adv. Kalyani  
2001-2004 Batch

Athira Vipin  
2007-2010 Batch  
Faculty  
Westfort Institute Of Paramedical Sciences, Thrissur

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## Donation of Books to High Security Prison, Viyyur on 27.01.2023

Elder Marian Association contributed more than 300 books to High Security Prison, Viyyur on 27.01.2023.



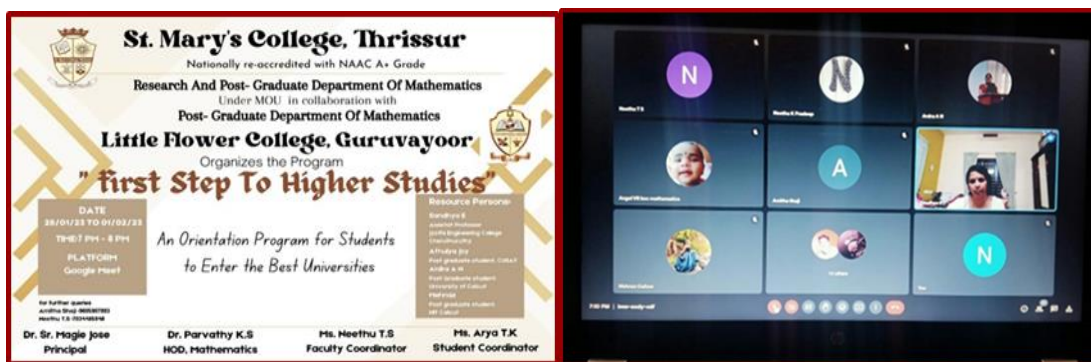
## Session on Monetary Policy and Economic Stabilization

Department of Economics organised a Lecture on Monetary Policy For Economic stabilization by Ms Supriya M, MA, BEd, Faculty, Sakthan Thampuran College, Thrissur on 31.01.2023. The session was arranged for VI Sem BA Economics students.



## An Orientation Program under MoU

The Research and Post-Graduate Department of Mathematics organized an online orientation program “First Step To Higher Studies” under MoU in collaboration with Post-Graduate Department of Mathematics, Little Flower College, Guruvayoor from 28<sup>th</sup> January to 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023 at 7.00 pm – 8.00 pm. The program aims at giving an orientation for competitive examinations like JAM, NBHM, and various entrance examinations for final year degree students. Alumna of the Department (BSc 1997-2000, MSc 2000-2022) Sandhya E, Assistant Professor, Jyothi Engineering College, Cheruthuruthy, was one among the Resource persons.



## Alumnae Talks by Department of Biotechnology

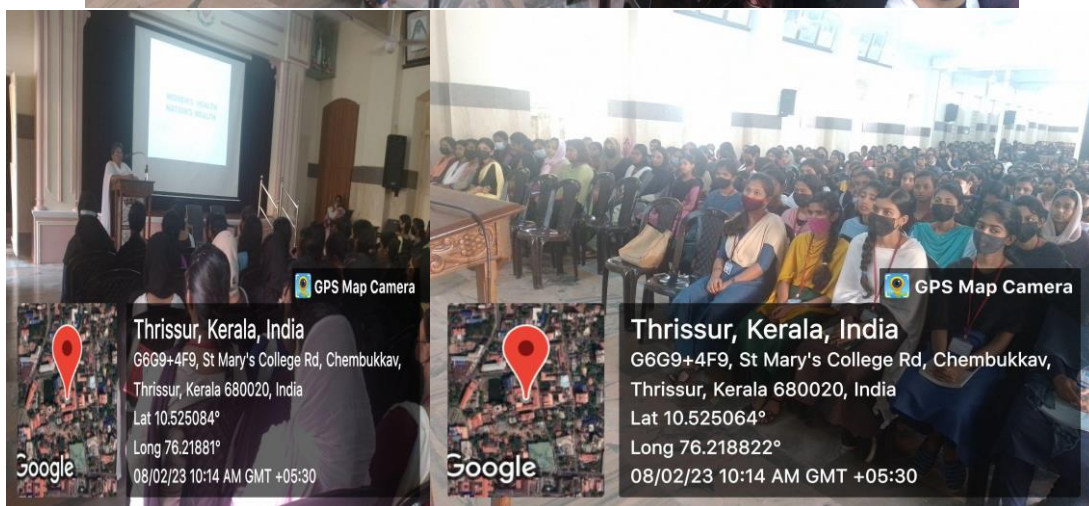
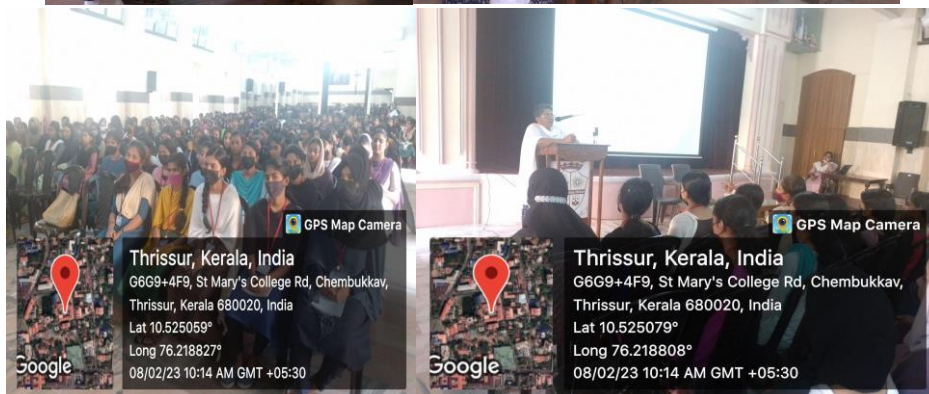
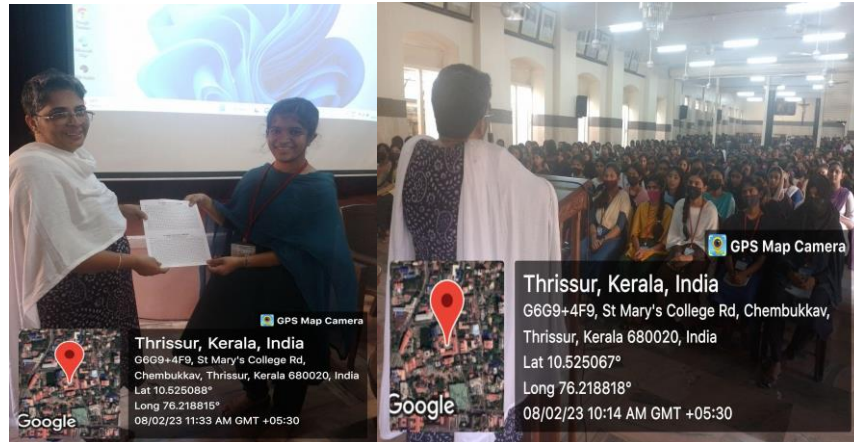
Department of Biotechnology arranged the online alumni session on 11.02.2023. Bhuvana A R, (2015-2020 BSc & MSc batch) & analyst ICCW Chennai and Sona Jacob, Mariya Joy Krishnaprabha T S (2017-2020 BSc batch) discussed specialization /internship /Career opportunities.





## Talk on Women's Health Nation's Wealth on 08.02.2023

The Elder Marian Association conducted a talk on the topic Women's Health Nation's Wealth on 08.02.2023 by Dr. Roni Ignatious for all the IDC students. The talk includes informative topics like problems facing menstrual cycles, health issues regarding the menopause, hormonal changes during puberty.



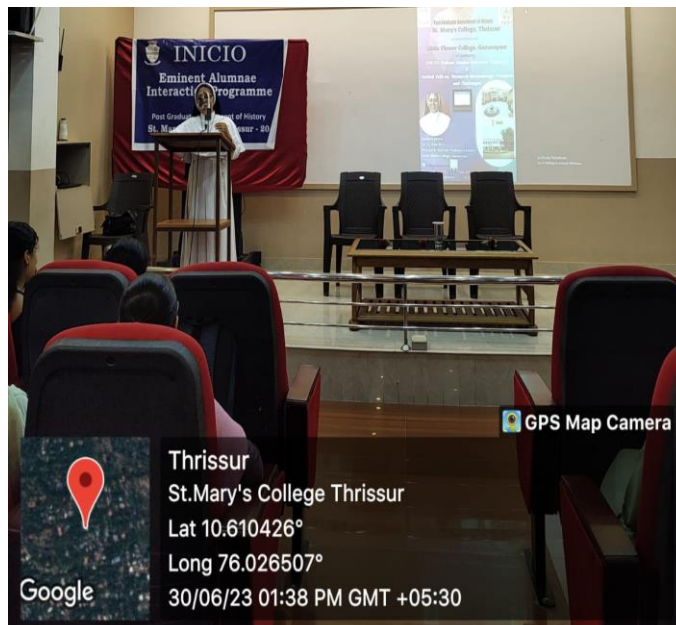
## Alumni Interaction Session by Department of History

The Department of History organized an Alumni Interaction Session on 22.02.2023. Smt Jinsy S R, Asst. Professor, Christ College, Irinjalakuda. She shared her nostalgic and exciting experiences in college.



## Prominent Alumni Interaction arranged on 30.06.2023

The Post Graduate Department of History organized Prominent Alumni Interaction (INCIO-Eminent Alumnae Interaction Programme) With Dr. Sr. Valsa M A, Principal & Associate Professor in History, L F College Guruvayoor on the topic “Research Methodology: Prospect and Challenges”





## Tailoring Class for parents and local community from 08.03.2023

The Elder Marian Association conducted a free tailoring class session for parents and local community. 25 aspirants enrolled and Ms Princy, tailoring teacher incharge provided classes. The class was 3 hours per day for 10 days. Training on stitching of saree blouses and churidar was given.




## Alumni motivation talk by Department of Commerce

The Department of Commerce conducted an alumni motivation talk on 24th March 2023 at 2.00 PM. Ms. Irene Sunny, alumni, M.Com 2020-22 batch motivated the students to have long term career goals and to work towards those goals from the student life itself.

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**PG DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**ALUMNI MOTIVATION TALK**

  
**IRENE SUNNY**  
M.COM 2020-22  
BATCH

24TH MARCH, 2023  
AT 2PM

DR. SR. MAGIE JOSE  
PRINCIPAL

MS. JINU JOSY  
HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT

RUCHI MEHTA  
FACULTY CO-ORDINATOR

MS. VISHNUPRIYA K.R  
STUDENT CO-ORDINATOR

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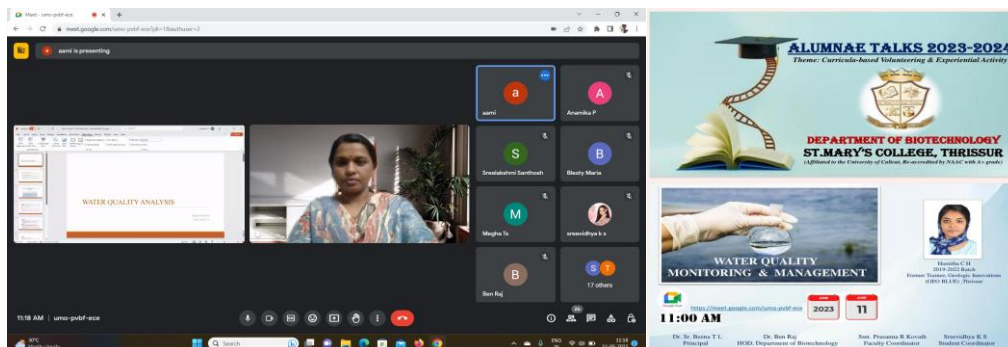
## Talk by Sri Abdul Kareem

The Elder Marian Association organised a talk by Sri. Abdul Kareem, an active palliative care member on the topic 'Students initiatives in palliative care' for the III UG English, II UG BBA and III UG Applied Biotechnology students on 27th July 2023 at 1.30 pm in Chavara Seminar Hall.



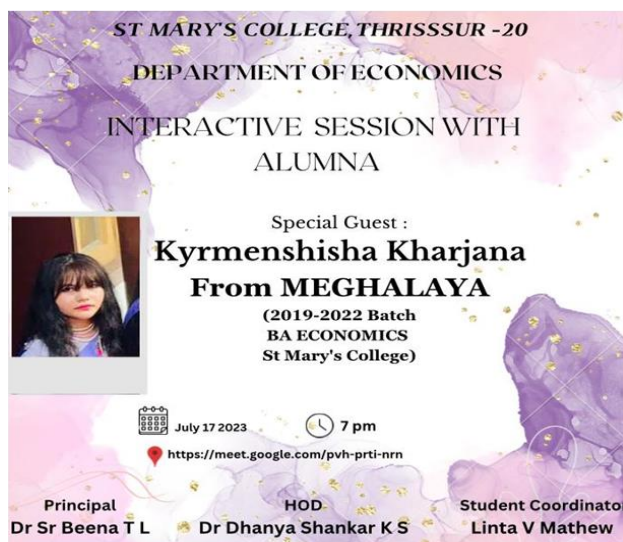
## Alumnae Talks by Department of Biotechnology

Department of Biotechnology organized an online expert talk session on concept and parameters of Water Quality Analysis for 2nd semester UG Students by Ms. Hamitha (2019-22 BSc batch), Trainee GEO BLUE, Thrissur on 11.06.2023.



## Interactive session with Alumni

Department of Economics organized an interactive session with an alumni Kyrmenhisha Kharjana from Meghalaya through google meet on 17.07.2019. She shared her experience and outlooks about education in Kerala in the session.



## A Talk on “Identify your Research Interest”

Dr. Divya M S, (2001-2004 BSc batch) Scientist-C, Department of Pathology, SCTIMST, Thiruvananthapuram delivered a talk on 29 July 2023 about identifying your Research interest, selecting project topic, how to get latest information or development in science field and selection of labs for internship and MSc projects to UG and PG final year students of Department of Biotechnology.





## Visit to Old Age home, Ramavarmapuram, Thrissur on 31.07.2023

Elder Marian Association organized a one day visit to Govt. Old Age Home at Ramavarmapuram, Thrissur on 31.07.2023 along with a few students of II BSc Microbiology. The day was well spent with the old age home inmates with dance and music. Elder Marian Association contributed 25 chairs to the old age home.



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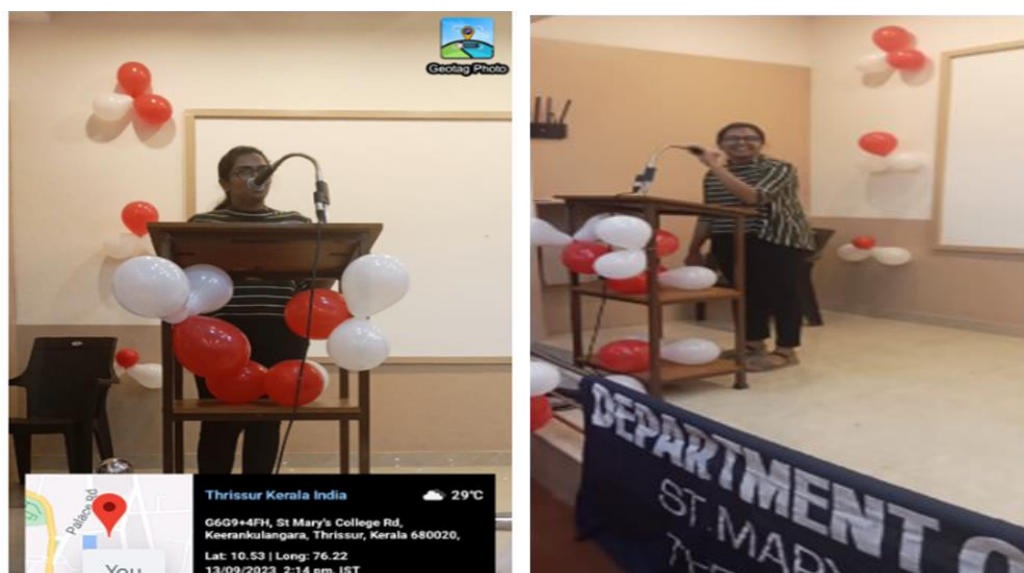
## Alumni Lecture Series by Department of English

The Department of English conducted an Alumnae Lecture titled *Navigating through Journalism: Opportunities and Career Prospects* by Ms. Anitta Jose (BA English 2017 -2020) on 08th August, 2023.



## Alumni interaction session by Department of Chemistry

The Department of chemistry organized a Alumni interaction session conducted by Anjana P, Analyst Geochem Laboratories Private Limited, Mumbai on 13.09.2023. In this session she discussed the various opportunities in the research field also discussed about analytical Chemistry and encouraged the students for research.



## Alumni Get together - Flash Back 2023

An alumni get together was arranged on 22.08.2023 during the vibrant occasion of Marian Monsoon Fest.

**Flashback- 2023**

Elder Marian Association, St Mary's College is organizing a get together 'Flashback- 2023' on 22nd August 2023 from 10.00 am at Chavara Theatre.


All the Elder Marians are joyfully invited to the event planned during the vibrant occasion of Marian Monsoon Fest. Take this opportunity to bring your friends too who were once part of St Mary's.

Let us relive the laughter, warmth and spirit of togetherness of those good old days. With the memories of the past which shaped our future, let us cherish the spirit of - "Once a Marian, always a Marian".

**Looking forward to meet you .....**

**Date : 22 August 2023**  
**Time : 10.00 am**  
**Venue : Chavara Theatre**



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Elder Marian Association  
Thrissur, Kerala 680020 | Register No: TSR/TC/112/2019





### Participation in Marian Monsoon Fest during 22.08.2023 - 23.08.2023

Elder Marian Association actively participated in the Marian Monsoon Fest. A Healthy fresh juice stall and a stall for pickle/jam preparations of Jathikka were kept. A stall was arranged with feeding nighties, tops, ordinary nighties, etc.

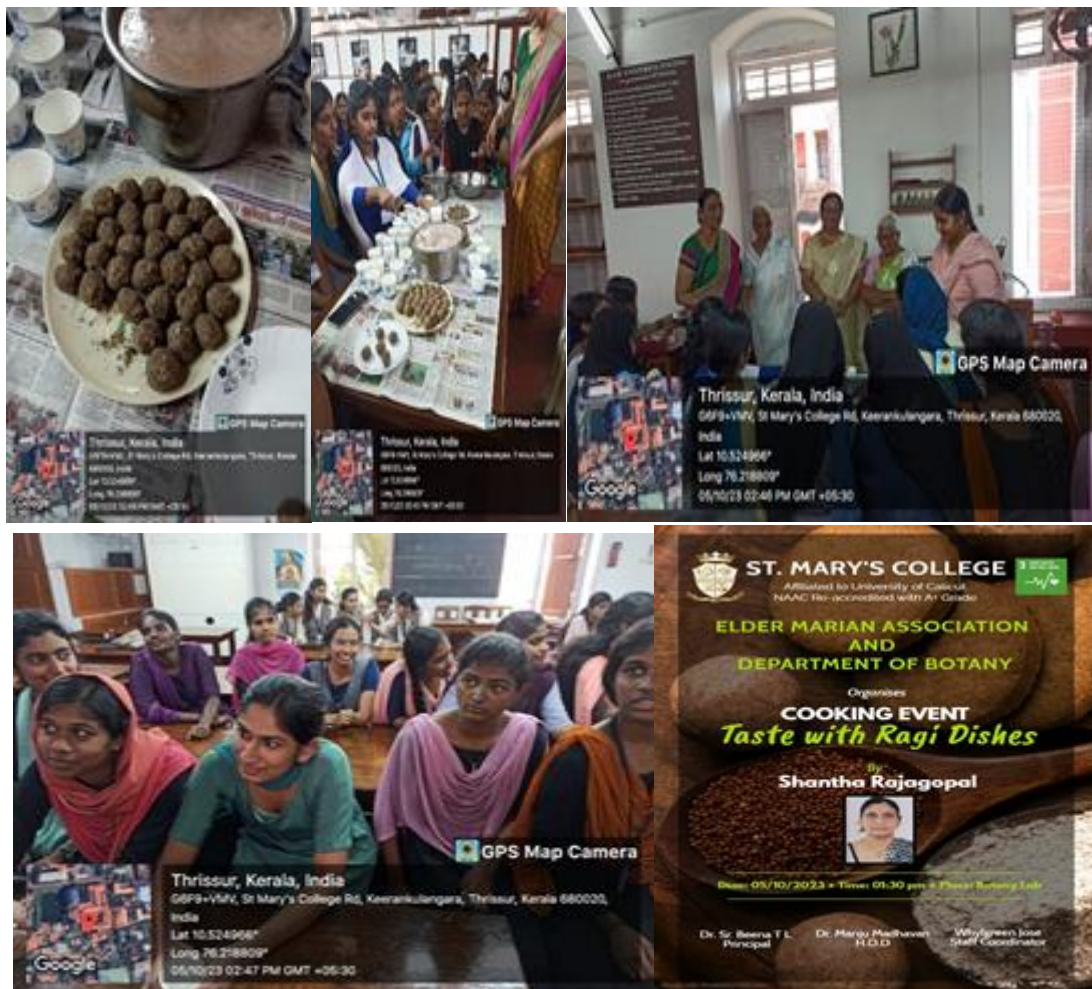
Alumni of Pre degree 1976 batch contributed 3 clocks to St. Theresa's Exam Chamber during the occasion of Marian Monsoon Fest.





## Elder Marian Association and Department of Botany organized a cooking event “Taste with Ragi Dishes” on 05.10.2023

In association with the Elder Marian Association of the college, Department of Botany organized a cooking event “Taste with Ragi Dishes” on 05.10.2023 in Botany lab at 1: 30 pm onwards. The recipe and dish preparation was prepared by Santha Rajagopal, an alumnae student of St. Mary’s College.



## Free Tailoring class for the inmates of Women Prison, Thrissur

Inauguration of Free tailoring class of 30-hour duration for the inmates of Women Prison was held on 25.10.2023 at 2.30 pm at Viyyur Prison. Accessories for Tailoring machines and cloth materials for the sessions were provided to them. The tailoring classes will be taken by Ms. Princy during October and November 2023.



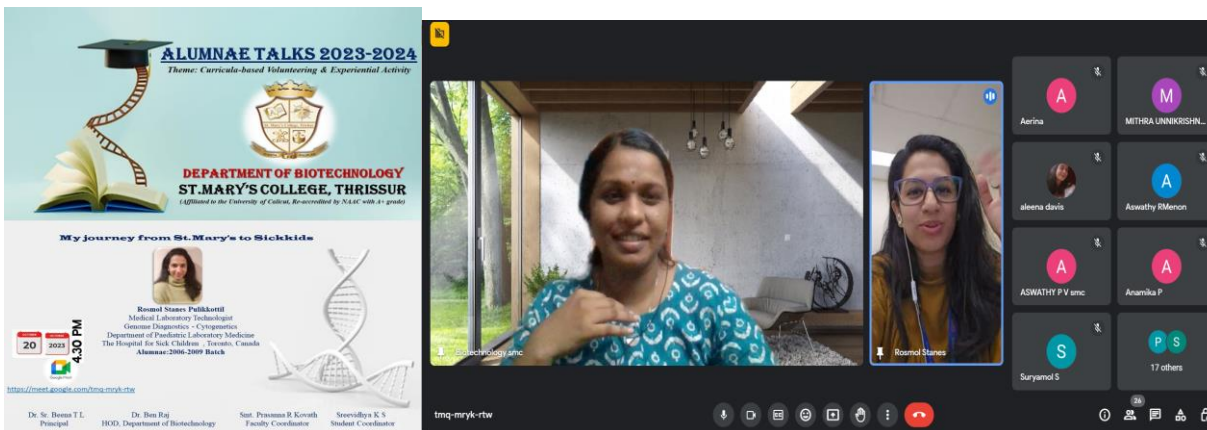
19 inmates actively participated in the tailoring class and an exhibition of the stitched items were arranged on 29.11.2023.





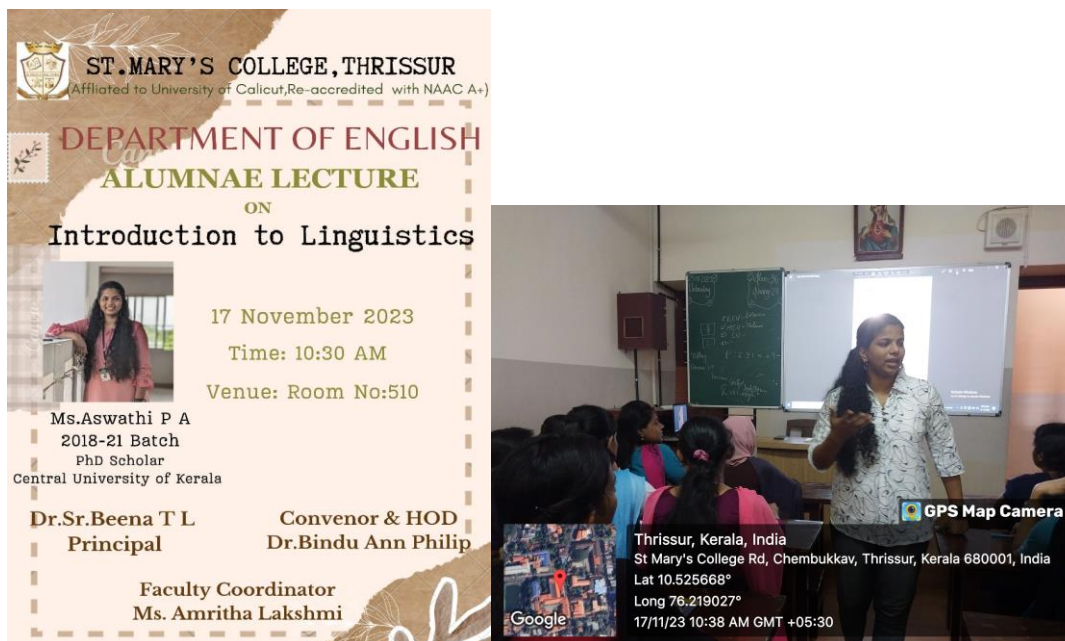
## Alumni session by Department of Biotechnology on Curricula based volunteering and experiential activity- 20.10.2023

Rosemol Stanes Pullikottil (2006-2009 BSc batch), Medical laboratory technologist Genome Diagnostics-cytogenetics, Department of Paediatric Laboratory Medicine. The Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, Canada shared her journey and experience from St Mary's college to Sick Children Hospital.



## Alumni Lecture Series by Department of English

The Department of English conducted an Alumnae Lecture titled *Introduction to Linguistics* by Ms. Aswathy P A (BA English 2018 to 2021) on 17.11.2023.





## Invited talk on The Art of Counselling –An Introduction by the Department of Psychology

On 27th November 2023, psychology association inauguration was done by Dr.Sr.Tesna George (MSc Psychology 2013-15), followed by a talk on the topic “The Art of Counselling –An Introduction”.

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**DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY**  
Association Inauguration '23 - 24

**Resource Person**

27 November 2023  
St. Chavara Seminar Hall  
10.00 am

**Dr. Sr. Tesna George**  
Assistant Director & Counselling Psychologist  
Carmel Sandi Dham Institute of Counselling  
Psychology, Thrissur

*An invited talk on*  
**'The Art of Counselling - An Introduction'**

Dr. Sr. Beena T. L.  
Principal

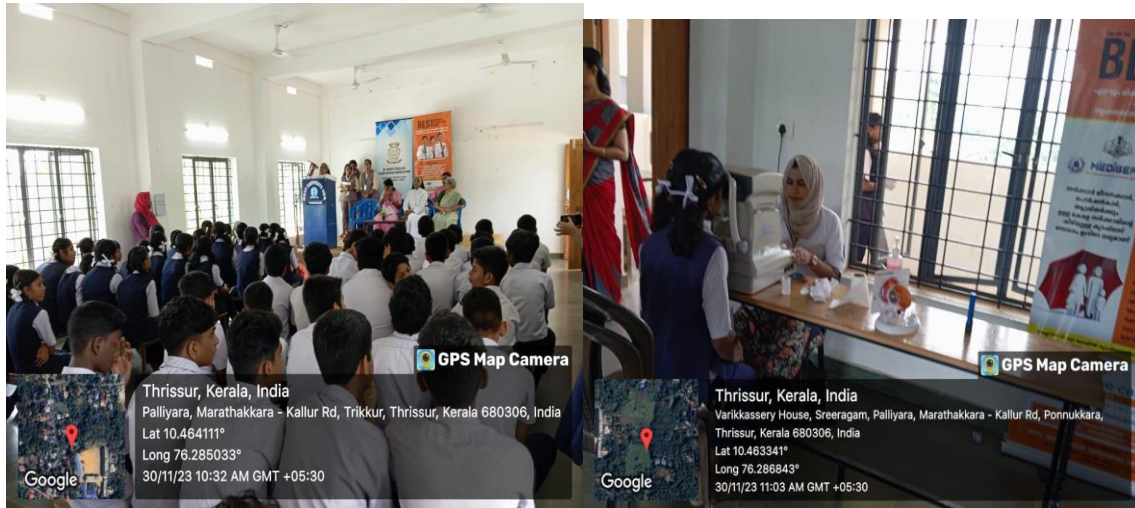
Ms. Anu Mary Kallilath  
HOD, Department of Psychology

Ms. Athulya M. Ramesh  
Ms. Smiji Mol K. J.  
Faculty Co-ordinators

Jasmine Romylat &  
Sree Lakshmi K. R.  
Student Co-ordinators

## Eye Camp in association with Departments of Microbiology and Botany, St. Mary's College, Thrissur and Vasan Eye Care Hospital, Thrissur

A free eye camp was organized at Sarvodaya Govt. High School, Thrikkur on 30.11.2023 from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm in association with Departments of Microbiology and Botany, St. Mary's College, Thrissur and Vasan Eye Care Hospital, Thrissur. The camp was well attended by school students and parents. The camp included free consultation and financial support was given to buy specs.





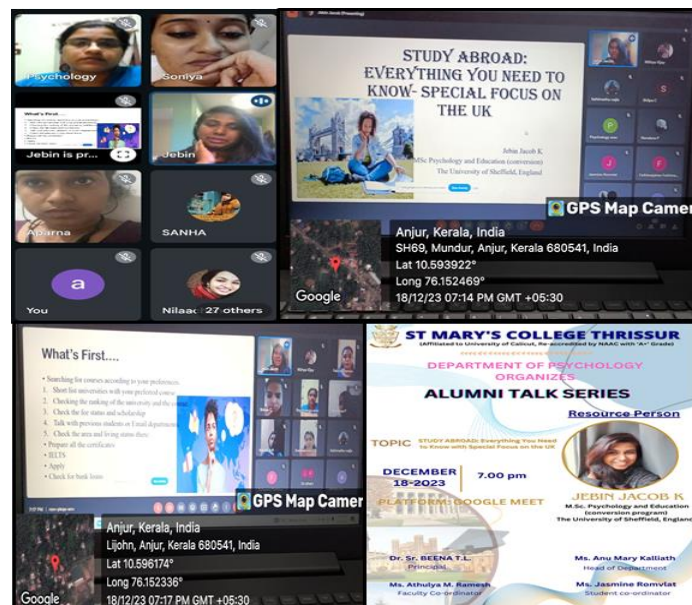
## Alumni Lecture Series by Department of English

The Department of English conducted an Alumnae Lecture titled *How to Engage with English Literature Strategically* by Ms. Jinsha Johnson (BA English 2018 - 2021) on 30.11.2023.



## Alumni Talk Series by Dept. of Psychology

On 18.12.2023, the Department of Psychology of St. Mary's College, Thrissur conducted an Alumni Talk Series on the topic, "Study Abroad: Everything you need to know with Special focus on UK" via online mode at 7:00 PM. The resource person was Ms. Jebin Jacob K, alumni of St. Mary's College, currently pursuing M.Sc Psychology and Education Convention Program at University of Sheffield, England.





## GEM of St. Mary's Competition 2023-24

GEM of St. Mary's Competition was organized by the Elder Marian Association. Off stage certificate verification and Personal interview were done on 20.12.2023 among the passing out students of UG and PG batches of our college and the 9 selected contestants were screened through the on stage round conducted on 01.12.2023. The programme was arranged in Marian Auditorium and all II and III UG and I and II PG students were the audience. The competition was judged by Dr. Sony TL, Dr. Betsy Paul C and Dr. Joyce James. GEM of St. Mary's title was won by S Gayathri, III BA English, First Runner up was Christy Rose Shajan, II PG History and Second Runner up was Arya Unnikrishnan, II PG Chemistry.







**Karthika KT (MSc Psychology 2021-22)**

## Achievements 2023-2024



**Swathija Das K V**  
**M.Sc. Psychology 2019 - 2021**  
**Qualified NET**



**Jasmine Rasheed**  
**M.Sc. Psychology 2021-2023**  
**Qualified GATE & SET**



**Ashna A. Paul**  
**M.Sc. Psychology 2021 - 2023**  
**Qualified SET**



**Anjali K.**  
**M.Sc. Psychology 2021 - 2023**  
**Qualified SET**



**Lakshmi C. K.**  
**M.Sc. Psychology 2017 - 2018**  
**M. Phil in Forensic Psychology, National**  
**Forensic Sciences University, Gujarat**



**Vaishnavi Raghuraman**  
**MSc Computer Science 2013-2015**  
**Qualified UGC NET in December 2022**





**Anjana P**  
**Botany (2020-2022)**  
**GATE**



**Sreeja AS**  
**Botany (2018-2020)**  
**GATE**



**Sarika S Nair**  
**Botany (2016-2018)**  
**NET**



**Dr. Maya Rajan Mundanattu**  
**BSc and MSc Biotechnology 2000-2005**  
**Received patent in design to OCEAN**  
**OIL CLEANUP DEVICE by The Patent**  
**Office, Government of India,**



**Dr Riya Ann Paul**  
**MSc Biotechnology 2010-2012**  
**Ph.D Biotechnology, RGCB Trivandrum**



**Anju S Mattam**  
**BSc & MSc Mathematics 2001-2006**  
**Secured PhD (Cochin University of**  
**Science and Technology)**



**Sandhya E**  
**BSc & MSc Mathematics 1997-2002**  
**Secured PhD ( Calicut University)**



**Savitha K N**  
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## **A Humanitarian Doctor to be remembered**

When my family and I reached Thrissur forty-nine years ago, after a long stay in Singapore, we found out that although there were doctors to be approached for treatment of our ailments, most of them were MBBS holders and not specialists in certain fields of medicine as nowadays most doctors are. But those doctors were well experienced in all fields of medicine because they had no other choice except to study and observe their patients to ensure their remedy and survival from the diverse maladies during those times. Further studies in India was a tough proposition for doctors then, as that would mean going abroad or to the few medical universities that provided such facilities. Most of the doctors started their practice soon after their graduation and their houseman ship.

Among them all, I felt that Dr Abdulla was one of the best. He died recently on 6/10/2021, after some years of being bedridden, at the ripe age of ninety-eight or so. He was a good and kind doctor endowed with love and affection for all his patients and treated them alike despite the difference in their financial status. I have never seen any arrogance in his attitude to his patients. He would patiently explain to them the methods used and the medicines to be taken to cure their illnesses. His medical fee had only risen to Rupees Fifty at his final stage of practice some years ago while other doctors charged exorbitant fees of a hundred rupees to a thousand rupees. According to the rise in medical qualifications, Dr Abdulla remained simple and humble to the very end of his medical practice.

Life in Thrissur was not easy for our family as we became prone to all kinds of diseases with our entry there. First, we were beset by a skin fungal condition and ringworm disease which caused intense itching all over our bodies. The first doctor recommended to us, could not help us at all. Finally, it was Dr Abdulla who saved us with his skin ointment and some tablets. Within five days the whole lot of us were completely cured of the affliction. It was after that, we realized that he had much practice in Dermatology of civil hospitals of Kerala. Although he did not specialize, he was a worthy doctor on all skin diseases. People from all over Kerala came to him as a last resort in the treatment of chronic skin diseases. My younger brother Pradeep was cured of an explosion of black warts on all his fingers by him



through the administration of homeopathic medicine and ointment. He did not despise homeopathy as most allopathy doctors do. He only tried to cure skin ailments in the most effective method possible.

From 1972 onwards, our whole family were Dr Abdulla's patients. My father had returned to Singapore three months after he had settled us in a small rented house on Korapath Lane in the middle of Thrissur. He only returned permanently to us after his retirement in November 1978. Dr Abdulla and his family lived in a large rented house on a road parallel to our lane known by the name Valikkat Road. The houses were the property of a family who owned most of the houses on both roads and either rented or sold them as they saw fit. It was a wonderful area from which we could walk to all the shops and pass through the whole Thekkinkad round of Thrissur town. Also, Dr Abdulla served as the physician for most of the families residing there. He did not mind visiting his patients at their homes if they were too weak to visit his clinic at his residence. He knew the names of all his patients and their families. All of us loved him too. A warm relationship was shared by him with most of his patients and their families.

His daughter Haseena too was a great companion and friend along with Indira and Raji when we studied for the two years of Pre-degree at St Mary's College. I remember playing badminton with them in a court the doctor had built in his compound. He used to watch us whenever he was free. But that was not frequent as he had a lot of patients at home besides his service at the Thrissur Civil Hospital. He had three other children Zahir, Yasmin and Yusuf too. His wife was a well dressed and stylish woman with who he used to go out to places that she wanted to visit. He really made time for his children, enjoying his time with them.

Two years later, our family moved to a house purchased, situated on Divan Narayana Menon Road close to the Regional Theatre and the Indoor Stadium. Still, whenever any one of us fell ill, we used to visit the doctor who kindly welcomed us warmly and treated us. All of us believed implicitly in his treatment. He also refused to take his fees from us although we tried to persuade him. It was in a special way that he treated his patients as

friends. My little sister Pameela was completely cured of a bout of filiarisis by his treatment. She was prone to get sick at the drop of a hat but cured effectively by the doctor. Once, the whole lot of us were affected by a influenza virus so we could only lie prone on our beds. Dr Abdulla visited us at home. Soon, we were on our feet, feeling fresh and energetic again. I remember him injecting me with the fourteen doses of rabies vaccine for a dog bite patiently and sympathetically each evening for a fortnight in that terrible period of fear and panic.

I was studying at the Government Engineering College so my bonds with Haseena, Indira and Raji were lessened as they were studying at the Vimala College. By 1980 or so, Dr Abdulla had built a house of his own at Patturaikal as he had retired. Now his outpatient treatment lasted the whole day. Despite the presence of more qualified doctors in Thrissur, he was considered as an authority on skin diseases while capable of diagnosing most other illnesses. Haseena had settled in USA with her husband who is a doctor and two children. I myself had completed my Engineering studies and had married Sasikumar, a faculty member of our Engineering college. I too had procured a job there too. Then the hurry-burry of our careers and family life prevented me from contacting the doctor. Yet, at sudden times of illness, we used to visit him. I remember two times when Sasikumar had to be treated by him. The first being for his urine crystallising due to lack of water replenishment during the hot summer as the amount of water intake was insufficient. The second time was the diagnosis of increase in cholesterol level so he was advised to eat less red meat like beef and mutton. From that time onwards, all of us stopped eating such meat. Even my parents-in-law were taken to him by Sasikumar for treatment of any illness. He was best in the treatment of skin problems. But still, he was no less effective in treating other illnesses. The problem we faced was that he refused any fees from us. Even Sasikumar's cousin Ramakrishnan and his family were not charged for treatment of food poisoning due to Sasikumar taking them to see Dr Abdulla as we could not think of any alternative at that time. Treatment for eyesore in 1986 which affected everyone in Sasikumar's family house was done by the doctor very effectively too. He was a master of all trades in the field of



medicine. The affection he showered us with too, built up everyone's morale to resist our illnesses. Due to the fees refusal problem, we became a little reluctant to visit him as the years went by.

By then, there were specialists for all fields of medicine in Thrissur. The situation of seeing only one doctor for all illnesses lessened. Each person started visiting specialists in the various fields of medicine. Many of us missed his caring warm attitude. But with so many personal woes that poor Dr Abdulla had to face then, as the death of his wife and younger daughter in a gruesome car accident in Dubai, his patients tried not to bother him. Haseena, her two brothers and their spouses were present with him to share in his grief. A year later, he started his practice of treating skin ailments once again. He had lost all interest in collecting fees but only strived to his work to gain some comfort and consolation. Sasikumar and I had moved to our new house at Ramavarmapuram so the chances of seeing him became rare. My parents and siblings used to visit him now and then.

Some years later, my parents died of lingering illnesses, a situation in which my siblings and I were fully involved for some years. I heard then that Dr Abdulla had become bedridden. It was a sad situation for a jolly loving doctor to face in the last few years of his life. Now, finally he has gone to his eternal resting abode. I feel relieved that God had given him solace from all the sufferings he had endured in his last days despite offering effective cure for the ailments of his patients. I pray and hope that he rests in peace.

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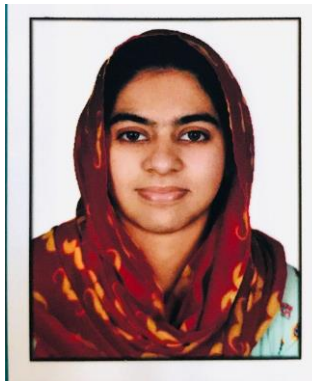
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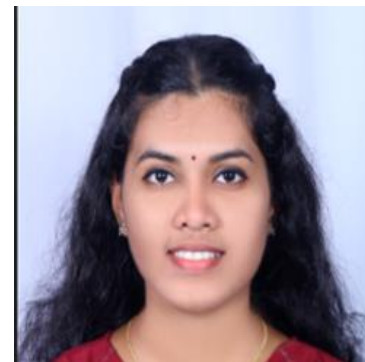
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