

Staff Study Circle – A Report

The Staff Study Circle continued on the theme of “Conservation of Cultural Heritage” series for the academic year 2023 – 2024.

I. Designing and Constructing for Constructive Conflict in the College Professoriate – Dr Rani George

The Staff Study Circle began its programme for this academic year with a talk on Designing and constructing for constructive conflict in the College Professoriate by Dr Rani George. Encouraging open and honest dialogue could be possible when there is a culture of mutual trust and respect among the faculty. She brought out that by designing and constructing for constructive conflict, colleges can create a more vibrant and intellectually stimulating environment for all faculty members.



II. Rethinking global engagement in the post-pandemic world for sustainability - Dr. P. Wilson

The Staff Study Circle’s *Conservation of Cultural Heritage Series*, jointly organised with SKY Programme (Sharing Knowledge You’d Abroad), was held on 20th July 2023 at 12:30 PM in the Anderson Hall. Dr. P. Wilson, Principal and Secretary of Madras Christian College was the speaker and spoke on ‘Rethinking global engagement in the post-pandemic world for sustainability’.

Dr. Wilson spoke based on his recent travels to various international universities in the USA and Australia. He emphasised on the need to explore the challenges and opportunities that are ahead for the College.



MCC Research Publications
[June, July, August 2023]

Department of Chemistry

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Francis, R.R., Ebenezer, C., Solomon, R.V., Wilson, P.
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Raju, R., Raghunathan, R., Arumugam, N., Almansour, A.I., Kumar, R.S., Vivekanand, P.A., **Ebenezer, C., Solomon, R.V.**, Perumal, K.
Green Processing and Synthesis, 12(1), 20230036, **2023**,
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4. From Sink to Shelf: Organic Solvents
Simiyon, G.G., Vergheese, T.M., Nivetha, B.
Resonance, 28(5), 817- 822, **2023**,
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s12045-023-1607-3>
5. Green Synthesis of Cyclic Carbonates from Epoxides and CO₂ Using Transition Metal Substituted Polyoxometalate-PDDA Hybrid Catalysts
Jan, R., **Biji, C.A.**, Shakeela, K., Shaikh, R.R., Rao, G.R.
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<https://doi.org/10.1007/s10562-023-04392-1>
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Muralakar, P., Ravi, S., Gayathri, P., Abraham, S., Jebasingh, B., Anthony, S.P., **Ebenezer, C., Solomon, R.V.**
Journal of Fluorescence, **2023**,
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7. Investigations on 3D-structure, properties and antibacterial activity of two new curcumin derivatives
Jonathan, D.R., Dravida Thendral, E., Krishna Priya, M., Angeline Shirmila, D., Anish Fathima, A., Yuvashri, R., Usha, G.
Journal of Molecular Structure, 1292, 136063, **2023**,
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Samuvel Michael, D., Edwin, N., Solomon, R.V., Wilson, P.
Computational and Theoretical Chemistry, 1225, 114166, **2023**,
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.comptc.2023.114166>
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Jonathan, D.R., Balasubramanian, S., Manivannan, S., Ramesh, S., Irshad Ahamed, J., Afsar, N.
Journal of Molecular Structure, 1291, 135990, **2023**,
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.mol-struc.2023.135990>
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Afsar N., **Jonathan, D.R.**, Ramesh, S., Manivannan, S., Ahamed, J.I.

Polycyclic Aromatic Compounds, 2023,
<https://doi.org/10.1080/10406638.2023.2216836>

Department of Chemistry & Physics

11. Synthesis and Characterization of a New Non-Linear Optical Material: (4-Chlorophenyl)(4-Hydroxypiperidin-1-yl) Methanone

Revathi B. K., Jonathan, D.R., Sathya S., Krishna Priya M., Anish Fathima A., Yuvashri R., Usha G., *Polycyclic Aromatic Compounds*, 2023,
<https://doi.org/10.1080/10406638.2023.2232510>

Department of Physics

12. Molecular Structure, Spectroscopic, Quantum Computational, and Molecular Docking Investigations on Propyl Gallate

Eunice, E., Prasana, J.C., Muthu, S., Anuradha, A. *Polycyclic Aromatic Compounds*, 43(6), 5747- 5767, 2023,
<https://doi.org/10.1080/10406638.2022.2107688>

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Begaum, K.P., Prabhu, T., **Kaleeswaran, S.,** Kadaikunnan, S., Abbas, G., Muthu, S., Kestek, I., Ağar, A.A., Poyraz, E.B., Dege, N.
Journal of Molecular Structure, 1294, 136348, 2023,
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.molstruc.2023.136348>

Department of Botany

14. *Lepidagathis gandhii* (Barlerieae: Acanthaceae), a new species from Tamil Nadu, India **Gnanasekaran, G., King, A.F.J.,** Kasim, S.M., Arisdason, W.
Kew Bulletin, 78(2), 203-212, 2023,

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Rheedea, 33(2), 74-82, 2023,
<https://doi.org/10.22244/rheede.2023.33.02.04>

Department of Zoology

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Kaliyamoorthy, K., Chavanich, S., Kandasamy, K., **Ponnuvel, M.,** Kamlangdee, N., Taoka, Y., Viyakarn, V.
Frontiers in Marine Science, 10, 1126452, 2023,
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Department of Mathematics

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 Jansirani, N., Vijayaraghavan, N., **Dare, V.R.**

AIP Conference Proceedings, 2699, 20025, 2023,
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18. Parallel contextual array insertion-deletion P systems and array rewriting P systems with pure 2D context-free rules
 Lakshmi, M.G., Vinodhini, G.A.F., Jayasankar, S., **Thomas, D.G.**

Journal of Membrane Computing, 2023,
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s41965-023-00124-x>

19. Tetrahedral tile pasting systems
 Kalyani, T., Annadurai, S., Raman, T.T., **Thomas, D.G.**

Annals of Mathematics and Artificial Intelligence, 2023,
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s10472-023-09840-7>

Department of Microbiology

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Paul, J., **Kumar, T.S.**
Journal of Entomological Research, 47(2), 253-257, **2023**,
<https://doi.org/10.5958/0974-4576.2023.00046.4>

Department of Computer Applications

21. Analogizing the Role of IoT and Data Analytics for Smart Irrigation and Aquaculture
Joyce, G.M., **Priyadarshini, J.S.**
Lecture Notes in Networks and Systems, 615 LNNS, **2023**,
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Department of Political Science

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Freddy, H.J., Thomas, C.J.
China Report, **2023**,
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Department of Communication

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Rajamanickam, P., **Santhappan, J.M.**
AIP Conference Proceedings, 2655, 20006, **2023**,
<https://doi.org/10.1063/5.0114354>

Department of Chemistry (SFS)

24. Ecofriendly synthesis of silver nanoparticles using Radish microgreens extract and their potential photocatalytic degradation of toxic crystal violet and pyronin Y dyes and antibacterial studies
Ashkar, M.A., **Babu, A., Joseph, R.**, Kutti Rani, S., Vasimalai, N.
Inorganic Chemistry Communications, 156, 111225, **2023**,

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.inoche.2023.111225>

MCC-MRF Innovation Park

25. Design of novel pyrimidine based remdesivir analogues with dual target specificity for SARS CoV-2: A computational approach
Dinesh, T.V., **Malgija, B.**, Ponraj, M.R., Muralakar, P., Thathapudi, J.J., Kandasamy, R., Alagarmalai, J., Balakrishnan, A.B., Ramar, P.S., **James, J.V.**, Bhagavathsingh, J.
International Journal of Biological Macromolecules, 242, 124443, **2023**,
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ijbiomac.2023.124443>

DEANERY - R & D

I. Seed Money Grant – 2022-23 – Final Presentation

Principal investigators of all the fifteen projects presented their final reports on 13th June 2023, before the review committee. Dr. S. Felix, Former Vice-Chancellor, Tamil Nadu Fisheries University served as the external expert. Dr. P. Wilson, Principal, Dr. Tabitha Durai, Dean R & D, and Dr. P. Hanumantha Rao and Dr. Marilyn Augustine, Associate Deans of R&D, were present during the presentation.

The following outcomes with significant impact were achieved: one facility was created for fish culture and breeding, and for conducting skill development programmes; one monograph was created for publication; three manuscripts were submitted for publication in high impact journals, two socially-relevant projects – one for enhancing the livelihood of tribal people and another, an awareness programme to achieve waste segregation; one capacity building workshop for faculty members on transdisciplinary education and research; two content creation for copyright generation; three project proposal submissions for major grants, one teaching pedagogy curriculum design; and two prototypes developed for patent filing.



II. Seed Money Grant – 2023-24 – Screening of Applications



All the PIs and Co-PIs of the 16 submitted proposals were requested to present before the external expert for screening and short-listing of the submitted proposals. The screening was held on 22nd June 2023, and Dr. Sanjay Kumar, Professor & Head, Department of Chemistry, IIT Madras, served as the external expert. Dr. P. Wilson, Principal, Dr. Tabitha Durai, Dean R&D, and Dr. P. Hanumantha Rao and Dr. Marilyn Augustine, Associate Deans of R&D, were present during the presentation. Background of proposed research, knowledge gap, theoretical framework / research questions, methodology and expected outcomes were the criteria used for selecting the proposals.

The following are the awardees for the year 2023-24

Dr. S. Stalin, Department of Tamil (Aided); Dr. E. Iyyappan, Department of Chemistry (Aided); Dr. G. Gnanasekaran, Department of Botany; Dr. Reji J.V., Department of Botany; Mr. Tony Thomas, Department of Business Administration; and Dr. P. Persis Glory, Department of Computer Science (SFS)

III. Open House for Research Scholars

The “Open House for Research Scholars,” organized by the Deanery of Research and Development at Madras Christian College, took place on Thursday, 20th July 2023, in the S-120 Seminar Hall. The primary objective of this one-day programme was to provide a valuable platform for research scholars, both part-time and full-time, to engage in meaningful interactions with the principal.

The programme aimed to inspire and nurture a culture of research excellence within the institution, empowering scholars to make noteworthy contributions to their respective fields of study.



IV. Course on *Research and Publication Ethics*

The Deanery, Research and Development, has planned to conduct the Research and Publication Ethics Course for the Ph.D. scholars, as mandated by the UGC and University of Madras, twice in an academic year.

The first batch of students were registered and the classes were conducted between 20th July 2023 and 3rd August 2023.

The inaugural included a session on Research Methods by Dr. P. Wilson, Principal, Madras Christian College.

The course was designed for 30 hours as prescribed in the UGC Syllabus and the scholars

were to write an exam at the end of the course to secure grades. A total of 55 research scholars registered for the course. However, only 38 students who attended the course regularly and passed the assessments successfully were awarded completion certificates.

Fifteen faculty members shared their expertise with the research scholars.



The scholars considered it an enriching experience towards updating their research knowledge.



V. Inter-Institutional Visit by Voorhees College, Vellore



The II MA English students of the Voorhees College, Vellore, accompanied by their two teachers visited Madras Christian College on 28th August 2023.



They attended a workshop on Research Methodology organized by the Deanery. As part of the workshop, the students visited Miller Memorial Library and were oriented by Librarian Dr. P. Yesudoss about library resources.

Followed by this, the students had a lecture by Dr. R. Vijay Solomon on Research Publication Ethics and about predatory journals. The students considered this visit highly informative and beneficial.



II MA English Students of Voorhees College, Vellore, at the Miller Memorial Library

VI. Academic Visitors

Dr. Swaminathan Sivaram

The Deanery – Research and Development organized an interactive meeting with Padmashri Dr. Swaminathan Sivaram for the faculty members and research scholars of the science departments of the college on 8th August 2023.

Dr. Sivaram, an alumnus of the Department of Chemistry, Madras Christian College, is currently an Honorary Professor and INSA Senior Scientist at IISER, Pune. The interactive meeting was attended by the Heads, faculty members and research scholars of the Science Departments. The HoDs of the Departments of Physics (Aided), Chemistry (Aided), Botany and Zoology presented



PPTs showcasing the facilities, infrastructure, research expertise, unique activities, ongoing and completed projects and research publications.

Dr. Sivaram commended the progress of the departments, while stressing upon the value of interdisciplinary research for generation of valuable data and development of models.

He also spoke about the need to work on larger societal problems like climate change, and also on utilization of Pulicat research facility for field research contributing to highly pertinent larger societal issues. The faculty members and the research scholars benefited from the above interactive meeting.

Department of English (Aided)

TEFILAH Prayer Cell Inauguration

The Department's Prayer Cell was inaugurated on 20th July 2023 at 11 am in Selaiyur Hall. The opening prayer was done by Dr. Ann Thomas. The prayer song was sung and the welcome address was given by the Head of the Department Dr. Mekala Rajan. The Chief Guest of the event was Dr. Vasanthi Vijaykumar and she was felicitated by the Head of the Department.

Dr. David Wesley, Department Prayer Staff Advisor, introduced the chief guest of the day. This was followed by the special song sung by the choir. The Bible reading was done by Dr. David Abraham Albert.

Dr. Vasanthi Vijaykumar shared the inaugural message and she emphasized on the importance of seeking God in all the circumstances of one's life. A solo song was sung by Alan Eben from I MA which was followed by a group dance. Vote of thanks was given by the department Prayer Secretary Miracline. The meeting came to end with the closing prayer by the Associate Chaplain Rev. Chongthu.



Luminaire Lecture Series I

As part of Luminaire Lecture Series, the first special lecture was organized on 25th July 2023 with the theme, "Navigating the Corporate Labyrinth." Mr. Muralidharan, an alumnus of the Department helped organize the event. Mr. Mark Thrope and Ms Megha Sainath, alumni of the college were the resource persons. The resource persons shared their experience in the corporate sector.

The session was interactive with students getting their doubts clarified from the resource persons.

Facing an interview, carving a career path, choosing a career that one enjoys doing, and upskilling oneself were the topics covered in the interactive session. The resource persons shared their experiences on how they dealt with anxiety and how they overcame the challenges. At the end of the lectures, the students were able to learn the nuances of body language, know more about the expected behaviour in the corporate world, learn how to prepare a strong profile, and address anxiety issues associated with communication.



Book Club Inauguration

The activities of the Book Club were inaugurated on 25th July 2023 at Room A-103.

The Book Club aims to sustain and encourage already existing reading habits, explore a variety of disciplines in literary works, articulate and share impressions of a text through discussions and create a space for critical

thinking and deeper engagement with the selected works.



The Staff Coordinator Mr. Udhayaraj explained the objectives of the Book Club.

The emphasis was laid on the revamping of reading habits of students which was found to be slowly deteriorating in the contemporary world.

Students were keen on including a reading session apart from the discussions in order to build reading accountability, which resulted in the formation of a digital platform for student reviews, discussions, informal meetings for reading, etc., to indulge deeper into the world of reading.

Moreover, the idea of original works to be discussed was brought about. The proper schedule and structure of the meetings were talked through. The meeting ended with a reading of the short story, 'The Bet' by Anton Chekhov, followed by a discussion of the individual impressions and various aspects of the story.

Faculty Serving as Resource Persons

Dr. Mekala Rajan was the resource person for the invited talk on "An Introduction to Literature" organised by the Bishop Heber College, Tiruchirappalli, virtually on 2nd July 2023.

Dr. Mekala Rajan was invited as the Guest of Honour for the inauguration ceremony of The Literary Association and its Associated Clubs of Vinayaka Mission's Research Foundations on 24th August 2023.

Dr. Samuel Rufus was the resource person for the Refresher Course in English, organised by Department of English, Pondicherry University, Pudhucherry, in association with

HRDC, Pondicherry University, Forenoon Session, 29th August 2023.

Dr David Wesley directed the play readings of scenes from Indira Parthasarathy's "Ramanujar" and "Aurangzeb" in honour of the author's 94th Birthday on 10th July 2023 in MGR Janaki College. The new editions of the plays "Ramanujar" and "Aurangzeb" were launched by the Chief Guest Dr. Thamizhachi Thangapandian.

Student Achievements

Mr. Souparno Bhattacharya from I MA won "The Best Paper Award" in the Online International Conference on "An Exploration of Women Empowerment in IWE: Novel and Drama" organised by Lunar Lingua on 13th August 2023.



Ms. Jelshiya from II MA English and Ms. Jennifer Sandra, I MA English were among the eminent authors of the thickest book in the world which was recognised by the Guinness World Records.

Each of them has published around 30 poems which is included in the chapter entitled, "SCULPTURED THOUGHTS".

This happens to be their first ISBN publication and the book has been awarded the World's Thickest Book by Guinness World Records. They were felicitated by the Principal and Secretary Dr. P. Wilson in the presence of the Head of the Department, Dr. Mekala Rajan.



TheatrEyre, the theatre wing of the Department of English, Madras Christian College, was invited to perform a play and also conduct a theatre workshop in A.M. Jain College on 8th August 2023.

“I am the enemy you killed, my friend,” is a pacifist play which highlights that forgiveness is the only way to peace. The play was scripted out of scenes from two plays, namely Sophocles’ *Antigone* and Badal Sircar’s *Procession*.

The play concludes with the final lines from Wilfred Owen's poem, “Strange Meeting”.

This college production and the workshop that followed were well-received by the staff and students of A.M. Jain College, Chennai.

The cast of *I Am the Enemy You Killed, My Friend*

Shane Cristen - II MA English

Diya Susan - II MA English

Sneha Dominic - II MA English

Abhishek Rajeev - II MA English

Joanna Obed - II MA English

Harikrishnan - II MA English

Souparno Bhattacharya - I MA English

Brighty Ann Sarah - III BA English



Department of Tamil (Aided)

தமிழ்த்துறை நிகழ்வுகள்

21.06.2023 அன்று தமிழ்த்துறையில் புதிதாகச் சேர்ந்த இளங்கலை முதலாம் ஆண்டு மாணவர்களுக்கான அறிமுக வகுப்பு நடைபெற்றது. இதில் பேராசிரியர்களும் மாணவ முன்னவர்களும் தங்களை அறிமுகம் செய்து கொண்டு தமிழ்த்துறை குறித்தும் எதிர்கால செயல்பாடுகள் குறித்தும் அறிமுகம் செய்தனர்.

28.06.2023 அன்று துறைக்கான பிரதிநிதி தேர்தல் நடைபெற்றது. இதில் இளங்கலை மூன்றாம் ஆண்டு மாணவர் மகேஸ்வரி தமிழ்த்துறை பிரதிநிதியாகத் தேர்வு செய்யப்பட்டார்.

13.07.2023 அன்று தமிழ்த்துறையின் புதிதாக இணைந்துள்ள இளங்கலை முதலாம் ஆண்டு முதுகலை மாணவர்களுக்கான வரவேற்பு நிகழ்ச்சி உழிஞை-23 என்ற தலைப்பில் நடைபெற்றது.

03.08.2023 அன்று தமிழ்நாடு அரசின் மாபெரும் தமிழ்க் கனவு என்னும் நிகழ்ச்சி தமிழ்த்துறையுடன் இணைந்து ஆண்டரசன் அரங்கில் நடத்தப்பெற்றது.

“தமிழ் மரபும் பண்பாட்டுப் பரப்புரையும்” என்னும் தலைப்பில் மேனாள் தமிழ் நாடு அரசின் தலைமைச் செயலாளர் வே. இறையன்பு அவர்கள் சிறப்புரை நிகழ்த்தினார்.

நிகழ்ச்சியில் செங்கல்பட்டு மாவட்ட ஆட்சியர், தாம்பரம் மாநகராட்சி ஆணையர், சென்னைக் கிறித்தவக் கல்லூரி முதல்வர் ஆகியோர் பங்கேற்றனர். தாம்பரத்தைச் சுற்றியுள்ள கல்லூரி மாணவர்களும் கலந்து கொண்ட இந்நிகழ்ச்சி மிகச் சிறப்பாக நடைபெற்றது.

தமிழியல் ஆய்வு மன்றம்

19.07.2023 அன்று தமிழ்த்துறையின் தமிழியல் ஆய்வு மன்றத் தொடக்க விழா நடைபெற்றது கவிஞர் இந்திரன் அவர்கள் தொடக்கி வைத்து நவீன ஓவியமும் என் கவிதைகளும் எனும் தலைப்பில் உரை நிகழ்த்தினார். மன்ற நெறியாளர்: முனைவர் ஏ.பால்பிரபு சாந்தராஜ்.

29.09.2023 அன்று தமிழியல் ஆய்வு மன்றத்தின் இரண்டாவது உரை அரங்கில் புதுவைப் பல்கலைக்கழகத்தின் பேராசிரியர் முனைவர் வ. தனலட்சுமி அவர்கள் தமிழ் மொழி தொழில்நுட்பக் கருவிகள் என்னும்

தலைப்பில் உரை நிகழ்த்தினார்.

முனைவர் பட்ட வாய்மொழித்தேர்வுகள்

07.07.2023 அன்று கல்லூரி பன்னாட்டு விருந்தினர் இல்ல கருத்தரங்க அரங்கில் திரு.நா. வினோத்குமார் அவர்களின் முனைவர் பட்ட வாய்மொழி தேர்வு பழந்தமிழர் வாழ்வியலில் மலர்கள் எனும் தலைப்பில் நடைபெற்றது. புறநிலைத் தேர்வாளர் முனைவர் ஜெயபாலன், (தமிழ்த்துறை, அரசு கலைக்கல்லூரி நந்தனம்), அவர்கள் தேர்வை நடத்தினர். நெறியாளர் முனைவர் ஏ.பால் பிரபு சாந்தராஜ்.

08.09.2023 அன்று கல்லூரி பன்னாட்டு விருந்தினர் இல்ல கருத்தரங்க அரங்கில் அருட்சகோதரி சே. மேரி அவர்களுக்கு தமிழ் கிறிஸ்தவ நாடக வகைகள் என்னும் தலைப்பில் முனைவர் பட்ட வாய்மொழித் தேர்வு நடைபெற்றது. புறநிலைத் தேர்வாளர் முனைவர் ஆ. ஏகாம்பரம், (தலைவர், தமிழ் இலக்கியத் துறை, சென்னைப் பல்கலைக்கழகம்) அவர்களும் தேர்வை நடத்தினர். நெறியாளர் முனைவர் து. மேஷாக்.

19.09.2023 அன்று அறிவியல் புலக் கருத்தரங்க அரங்கில் திரு. த.மணிபாலன் அவர்களுக்கு தலித் சிறுகதை வரலாறு (1913-2015) என்னும் தலைப்பில் முனைவர் பட்ட வாய்மொழி தேர்வு நடைபெற்றது.

புறநிலைத் தேர்வாளராக முனைவர் ஆ. ஏகாம்பரம், தலைவர் தமிழ் இலக்கியத் துறை, சென்னைப் பல்கலைக்கழகம் அவர்கள் தேர்வை நடத்தினர். நெறியாளர் முனைவர் பு.ஜார்ஜ்.

வனம்

இக்கல்வியாண்டில் 07.07.2023 அன்று வெள்ளிக்கிழமை பிற்பகல் 2:30 மணிக்குத் தொடங்கப்பெற்ற வனம், தேர்வுக் காலங்கள், விடுமுறை காலங்கள் நீங்கலாக (07.07.23, 14.07.23, 28.07.23, 04.08.23, 07.08.23, 08.09.23, 22.09.23, 29.09.23.) ஒன்பது நிகழ்வுகள் நடந்துள்ளன.

ஜெபக்கூடுகை

இக்கல்வியாண்டில் தமிழ்த்துறையின் ஜெபக்கூடுகை 06.07.2023 அன்று வியாழக்கிழமை பிற்பகல் 1:30 மணிக்குத் தொடங்கப்பெற்றது, விடுமுறை காலங்கள் நீங்கலாக எல்லா வியாழக்கிழமைகளும் ஜெபக்கூடுகை நிகழ்ந்துள்ளது. பொறுப்பாசிரியர்: முனைவர் செ. மேரி.

இல்ல மன்ற நிகழ்ச்சிகள்

10.08.2023 அன்று தூய தோமையர் இல்லத்தின் பாரதி மன்றத் தொடக்க விழா நடைபெற்றது. எழுத்தாளர் திரு. ஆதவன் தீட்சண்யா அவர்கள் சிறப்புரை நிகழ்த்தினார். மன்ற நெறியாளர்: முனைவர் த. செபுலோன் பிரபுதுரை.

28.08.2023 அன்று மார்ட்டின் இல்லத்தின் ஓளவை மன்றத் தொடக்க விழா நடைபெற்றது. எழுத்தாளரும் ஊடகவியலாளருமான திருமதி. ம.ஜெயராணி அவர்கள் சிறப்புரை நிகழ்த்தினார். மன்ற நெறியாளர்: தமிழ்த்துறை தலைவர் முனைவர் ப. டேவிட் பிரபாகர்.

26.09.2023 அன்று பிஷப் ஹீபர் இல்லத்தின் வள்ளுவர் மன்றத் தொடக்க விழா நடைபெற்றது. இவ்விழாவில் திரைப்பட இயக்குநர் திரு. வினோத் ராஜ் அவர்கள் கலந்துகொண்டு சிறப்புரை நிகழ்த்தினார். மன்ற நெறியாளர் முனைவர் ந. இளங்கோ.

கல்விப் பயணங்கள்

02.09.2023 அன்று இளங்கலை முதலாமாண்டு, மூன்றாமாண்டு மாணவர்களும், அகழாய்வு களங்களாகிய பட்டரைப் பெரும்புதூர், பூண்டி அகழ்வாய்ப்பகம், வடக்குப்பட்டு ஆகிய களங்களுக்குச் சென்று அகழாய்வுக் குறித்துக் கண்டறிந்து வந்தனர்.

தமிழ்த்துறை தலைவர் முனைவர் ப. டேவிட் பிரபாகர், பேராசிரியர்கள் முனைவர் ஜெ. சுடர்விழி, முனைவர் செ. ஸ்டாலின், முனைவர் பட்ட ஆய்வாளர் திரு. கா. விக்னேஷ் ஆகியோர் உடன் சென்றனர்.

09.09.2023 அன்று தமிழ்த்துறையின் முதுகலை முதலாம் ஆண்டு, இரண்டாம் ஆண்டு மாணவர்களும் இளங்கலை இரண்டாம் ஆண்டு மாணவர்களும், அகழாய்வுக் களங்களாகிய பட்டரைப் பெரும்புதூர், பூண்டி அகழ்வாய்ப்பகம், வடக்குப்பட்டு ஆகிய களங்களுக்குச் சென்று அகழாய்வுக் குறித்து கண்டறிந்து வந்தனர். பேராசிரியர்கள் முனைவர் து.மேஷாக், முனைவர் நா.காணிக்கராஜ், முனைவர் த. செபுலோன் பிரபுதுரை, முனைவர் பட்ட ஆய்வாளர் திரு.கா.விக்னேஷ் ஆகியோர் உடன் சென்றனர்.

பேராசிரியர் பணிகள்

முனைவர் ப. டேவிட் பிரபாகர், 07, 09.07.2023 நடந்த 11-ம் உலகத் தமிழ் மாநாட்டில் தமிழ்ப்பண்பாட்டில் உலகளாவிய மாந்தநலப்பார்வை: தனிநாயகம்

அடிகளாரின் பங்களிப்பு என்னும் தலைப்பிட்ட ஆய்வுக்கட்டுரை வாசித்தார்.

21.08.2023 ஜஸ்டிஸ் பஷீர் அகமது சையீத் மகளிர் கல்லூரியின் தமிழ்த்துறை நடத்திய இலக்கிய மன்ற விழாவில் சிறப்பு விருந்தினராக அழைக்கப்பெற்று மன்றத்தைத் தொடங்கி வைத்துச் சிறப்புரை நிகழ்த்தினார்.

25.08.2023 கல்லூரியில் நடந்த இரண்டாவது பெடாஸ்- பள்ளிகளுக்கு இடையிலான கால்பந்துப் போட்டியில் இறுதி விழாவில் சிறப்பு விருந்தினராகக் கலந்து கொண்டு முனைவர் ப. டேவிட் பிரபாகர் அவர்கள் பரிசுகளை வழங்கி உரை நிகழ்த்தினார்.

23.09.2023 அன்று தாகூர் கலை மற்றும் அறிவியல் கல்லூரி நடத்திய இணைந்து நடத்தும் ஆசிரியர் திறன் மேம்பாட்டுப் பயிற்சியில் மொழிபாடம் கற்றல், கற்பித்தல் எனும் தலைப்பில் பயிற்றுநராகப் பணி நிகழ்த்தினார்.

முனைவர் பு. ஜார்ஜ் தமது முனைவர் பட்ட மாணவர்களான திரு ஜோ. ஆண்டனி-செபாஸ்டியன், திரு.கா.விக்னேஷ் முதலியோருடன் தமிழரின் வரலாற்றைக் கல்வெட்டுகள் வழி எழுதும் முயற்சியில், சான்றுகளை நேரில் சென்று பார்வையிட சில ஆண்டுகளாக தமிழ்நாட்டின் பல்வேறு பகுதிகளுக்குப் பயணம் செய்கின்றனர். அவ்வகையில் இக்கல்வியாண்டின் பயணம் செய்துள்ள வரலாற்றுச் சின்னங்கள் உள்ள பகுதிகள்:

ஜூலை மாதத்தில் முசிறி, ஐயர் மலை, புகழூர் மலை, பழநி, ஓட்டன்சத்திரம் (மதுரையில்) முத்துப்பட்டி, கீழ்க்குயில்குடி, மீனாட்சி அம்மன் கோவில், திருப்பரங்குன்றம், கீழடிஅருங்காட்சியகம், பொருந்தல், நெடுங்கூர்வரிச்சியூர், திருவாதவூர். ஆகஸ்ட் மாதத்தில் தொண்டூர், நெகனூர்-பட்டி, கீழ்நமண்டி, ஜம்பை, அம்மன் கோவில் பட்டி, அரசச்சலூர், கொடுமணல், சென்னிமலை, பில்லூர் (நீலகிரி), கோத்தகிரி, மேட்டூர், செப்டம்பர் மாதத்தில் (ஆந்திரா) பட்டிப்பேரோலு, அமராவதி, உண்டவல்லி குகைகள், விஜயவாடா, பேடவேகி, சங்கரம், போரா குகைகள், அரக்குப் பள்ளத்தாக்கு, ராஜமஹேந்திரவர்மன்.

முனைவர் ந. இளங்கோ: 07, 09.07.2023 நடந்த 11-ம் உலகத் தமிழ் மாநாட்டில் A Reinterpretation of Mythological elements and Historical Events Depicted in the Plays of Kalagar M. Karunanidhi (கலைஞர் மு. கருணாநிதி நாடகங்களில் தொன்மவரலாற்று நிகழ்வுகளின் மீதான மறுவாசிப்பு) என்னும் தலைப்பிட்ட ஆய்வுக்கட்டுரை வாசித்தார்.

முனைவர் ஏ. பால்பிரபு சாந்தராஜ்: 20.08.2023 முனைவர் ஏ. பால்பிரபு சாந்தராஜ் அவர்களின் ஆய்வு மாணவர்களும் சென்னைக் கிறித்தவக் கல்லூரி ஆய்வுப் புலமும் இணைந்து **பன்முக நோக்கில் தமிழில் ஆய்வுகள்** என்னும் பொருண்மையில் ஒரு நாள் கருத்தரங்கம் நூலக ஆய்வாளர் அரங்கில் நடத்தப்பெற்றது. தொடக்க நிகழ்வில் கல்லூரி முதல்வர், தமிழ்த்துறைத் தலைவர், மேனாள் தமிழ்த்துறைத் தலைவர் யோ. ஞான சந்திர ஜான்சன், ஆய்வுப்புல முதன்மையர் ஆகியோர் பங்கேற்றனர். நிகழ்வில் நூலின் முன்வரைவு வெளியிடப்பெற்றது. கருத்த ரங்கம் மூன்று அமர்வுகளாக நடைபெற்றது.

முனைவர் து.மேஷாக் 20.09.2023 டிரினிடி மகளிர் கல்லூரி, நாமக்கலில் நடத்திய பண்பாட்டு நோக்கில் தமிழியல் என்னும் தலைப்பில் நடத்தப்பெற்ற கருத்தரங்கில் **பொ.ஆ.சத்திய சாட்சியின் கவிதைகளில் பண்பாட்டுக்கூறுகள்** என்னும் தலைப்பில் கட்டுரை வழங்கினார். (ISBN: 9789394785458.) **முனைவர் நா. காணிக்கராஜு**, செப்.20 முதல் 27 வரை ஐந்து நாட்கள் சென்னைக் கிறித்தவக் கல்லூரி வளாகத்தில் கடவுச்சீட்டுக்கு விண்ணப்பம் செய்வதற்கான முகாம் நடத்தப்பெற்றது.

அயல்நாட்டு மாணவருக்கான முதன்மையரால் முன்னெடுக்கப்பெற்ற இம் முகாமிற்கு முனைவர் நா. காணிக்கராஜு ஒருங்கிணைப்பாளராகச் செயலாற்றினார். இம்முகாமால் ஐநூற்றுக்கும் மேற்பட்டோர் பயன்பெற்றனர்.

முனைவர் ஜெ. சுடர்விழி, சென்னை மாநிலக் கல்லூரியின் முதல் ஆண்டு தமிழ் மாணவர்களுக்குத் தமிழ் மொழியின் சிறப்புகளை அறிமுகப்படுத்தும் பொருட்டு 13. 07. 2023 அன்று உரை நிகழ்த்தினார். ஜூன் 2023 காலச்சுவடு (ISSN : 0972 -8260) இதழில் **கவிமணி கவிதைகளின் பதிப்பும் மு அருணாச்சலனாரின் பங்களிப்பும்** எனும் தலைப்பில் கட்டுரை வெளியிட்டுள்ளார். ஏப்- செப். 2023 பெயல் ISSN: 2394 -0948 இதழில் ஒரு **பண்பாட்டின் பயணம்**, 30 ஆண்டு கால ஆய்வுப் பயணம் என்று நூலை மதிப்பீடு செய்துள்ளார்.

08.09.2023 அன்று தமிழ் வளர்ச்சித் துறை சார்பாகக் கிருஷ்ணகிரி மாவட்டம், அரசு மகளிர் மேல்நிலைப்பள்ளி மாத்தூரில் நடைபெற்ற தமிழ் மன்றம் **தமிழ்க் கூடுகை** எனும் நிகழ்ச்சியில் கலந்து கொண்டு சிறப்புரை வழங்கினார். 11.09.2023 அன்று பெரி கலை மற்றும் அறிவியல் கல்லூரியில் **பாரதியார் நினைவு நாள் நிகழ்ச்சியில்** சிறப்பு விருந்தினராகப் பங்கேற்றுச் சிறப்புரை நிகழ்த்தினார்.

முனைவர் சுசாதாசிவம் 07.09.2023 அன்று அய்ய நாடார் ஜானகி அம்மாள் கல்லூரி இளநிலை தமிழ்த்துறை நடத்திய, பன்னாட்டு அளவிலான இணைய வழி நூல் வாசிப்பு முற்றம் 138 நிகழ்ச்சியில் கலந்துகொண்டு **சத்திய சோதனை மகாத்மா காந்தி** நூல் குறித்து உரை நிகழ்த்தினார்.

முனைவர் த.செபுலோன் பிரபுதுரை, 20.09.2023 டிரினிடி மகளிர் கல்லூரி, நாமக்கலில் நடத்திய பண்பாட்டு நோக்கில் தமிழியல் என்னும் தலைப்பில் நடத்தப்பெற்ற கருத்தங்கில் **ஆபிரகாம் பண்டிதர் கீர்த்தனைகளின் தனித்தன்மைகள்** என்னும் தலைப்பில் கட்டுரை வழங்கினார். ISBN: 9789394785458.

20.08.2023 முனைவர் ஏ. பால்பிரபு சாந்தராஜ் ஆய்வு மாணவர்களும் சென்னைக் கிறித்தவக் கல்லூரி ஆய்வுப் புலமும் இணைந்து **பன்முக நோக்கில் தமிழில் ஆய்வுகள்** என்னும் பொருண்மையில் நடைபெற்ற ஒரு நாள் கருத்தரங்கத்தில் இரண்டாம் அமர்வுக்குத் தலைமை ஏற்று நடத்தினார்.

முனைவர் செ. ஸ்டாலின், 14.07.2023 ஆல்வின் பொதுப்பள்ளி, சேலையூரில் நடைபெற்ற காமராசர் பிறந்தநாள் விழா மற்றும் கல்வி வளர்ச்சி நாள் நிகழ்வில் சிறப்பு விருந்தினராகப் பங்கேற்று உரை நிகழ்த்தினார்.

முனைவர் ஏ. மேரி நேசபிரியம், அறிவுச் சமூகம் அமைப்பு நடத்திய இசை பெருவெடிப்பு மாதம் நேரலை நிகழ்ச்சில் 29.06.2023 அன்று எப்பொழுதும் முப்பொழுதும் ராஜா என்னும் தலைப்பில் உரை நிகழ்த்தினார்.

புத்தொளி வகுப்புகள்

05.07.2023 முதல் 18.07.2023 வரை **பாரதியார் பல்கலைக்கழகம்** கோயம்புத்தூரில் நடத்திய புத்தொளி வகுப்பில் முனைவர் நா. காணிக்கராஜ் அவர்களும், முனைவர் சு. சதாசிவம் அவர்களும் பங்கேற்றனர். 20. 07. 2023 முதல் 02.08.2023 வரை **புதுவைப் பல்கலைக்கழகத்தில்** முனைவர் து. மேஷாக் அவர்களும் முனைவர் த.செபுலோன் பிரபுதுரை அவர்களும் பயிற்சிகளைப் பெற்றனர். 11.08.2023 முதல் 24.08.2023 வரை முனைவர் ஜெ. சுடர்விழி அவர்களும் சி. முத்துகந்தன் அவர்களும் **கேரளப் பல்கலைக்கழகம்** சென்று புத்தொளி வகுப்புகளில் பங்கேற்றனர்.

அயல்நாட்டுப் பயணங்கள்

10,11.06.2023 ஆகிய நாட்களில் **மலேசியாவில்** நடந்த தமிழ்ப் பன்னாட்டு கருத்தரங்கில் பழமொழி நானூறு உணர்த்தும்

விழுமியங்கள் தலைப்பில் முனைவர் ஏ. பால்பிரபு சாந்தராஜ் அவர்களும், குறுந்தொகை பாடல்களில் கபிலரின் உளத்தியல் அணுகுமுறை எனும் தலைப்பில் முனைவர் நா. காணிக்கராஜ் அவர்களும் பண்டைய இலக்கியங்களில் தமிழ்க் கல்வி முறை எனும் தலைப்பில் முனைவர் சுசாதாசிவம் அவர்களும் ஆய்வுக்கட்டுரைகளை வழங்கினர்.

24 - 26.09.2023 ஆகிய நாட்களில் 16-வது உலகத் தமிழ்ப் பண்பாட்டு இயக்க மாநாடு மொரிஷியஸில் நடைபெற்றது இம் மாநாட்டில் முனைவர் ஏ. பால் பிரபு சாந்தராஜ் சேரன் கவிதைகளில் அகமும் புறமும் என்ற தலைப்பிலும், முனைவர் சு. சதாசிவம் பழந்தமிழரின் பண்பாட்டு விழுமியங்கள் என்ற தலைப்பிலும் ஆய்வுக் கட்டுரைகளை வழங்கினர்.

விருது

25.09.2023 மொரிஷியஸில் நடைபெற்ற 16 வது உலகத் தமிழ்ப் பண்பாட்டு இயக்க மாநாட்டில் புதுச்சேரி பல்கலைக்கழகத்தின் துணைவேந்தர் டாக்டர் குர்மித் சிங் அவர்களிடமிருந்து 'உலகத் தமிழ் மாமணி' விருதினை முனைவர் சு. சதாசிவம் பெற்றார்.

ஆய்வுத்திட்டம்

முனைவர் செ. ஸ்டாலின், “தாம்பரம் சுற்றியுள்ள பகுதிவாழ் மக்களிடையே வேலை வாய்ப்பின்வழி, சென்னைக் கிறித்தவக் கல்லூரி ஏற்படுத்திய மேம்பாட்டை ஆவணப்படுத்தல் (ஆசிரியர் ல்லாத கடைநிலை ஊழியர்கள்)” எனும் தலைப்பில் ஆய்வு செய்ய, சென்னைக் கிறித்தவக் கல்லூரியின் ஆய்வுப்புலம் வழி வழங்கப்படும் (seed money) ரூ.1,00,000/-ஐ பெற தெரிவு செய்யப்பட்டுள்ளார்.

மாணவர் செயற்பாடுகள் மாநில, மாவட்ட அளவிலான போட்டிகள்

28.07.2023 அன்று தமிழ் வளர்ச்சித் துறையால் மாநில அளவில் நடத்தப்பட்ட கவிதை போட்டியில் இளங்கலை இரண்டாம் ஆண்டு மாணவர் மோ.ஹேதீபக் மூன்றாம் பரிசினை பெற்றார். தொகை:10,000/-.

05.07.2023 அன்று தமிழ் வளர்ச்சித் துறையால் நடத்தப்பட்ட பேச்சுப் போட்டியில் மூன்றாம் ஆண்டு இளங்கலை பயிலும் இனிதா ஸ்ரீ அவர்கள் மாவட்ட அளவில் இரண்டாம் பரிசு பெற்றுத் தொகையாக ஏழாயிரத்தையும் பெற்றார்.

07.07.2023 அன்று சென்னை மாவட்ட அளவில் தமிழ் வளர்ச்சித் துறையால்

நடத்தப்பட்ட கவிதைப்போட்டியில் இளங்கலை தமிழ் இரண்டாம் ஆண்டு பயிலும் மோ. ஹேதீபக் முதல் பரிசினைப் பெற்று தொகையாக 10,000 பெற்றார்.

17.07.2023 அன்று செங்கல்பட்டு மாவட்ட அளவில் தமிழ் வளர்ச்சித் துறையால் நடத்தப்பட்ட முத்தமிழறிஞர் கலைஞர் கருணாநிதி பிறந்த நாள் கல்லூரி மாணவர்களுக்கான பேச்சுப் போட்டியில் மாவட்ட அளவில் மூன்றாம் இடத்தை தனுஸ்ரீ பெற்றார் பரிசுத்தொகையாக இரண்டாயிரம் பெற்றார்.

20.07.2023 அன்று செங்கல்பட்டு மாவட்ட அளவில் தமிழ் வளர்ச்சித் துறையால் நடத்தப் பெற்ற கட்டுரை போட்டியில் தமிழ்த் துறை இளங்கலை மூன்றாம் ஆண்டு பயிலும் மாணவர் இரா. கோதாமணி அவர்கள் மூன்றாம் பரிசு பெற்றார்.

11. 09. 2023 அன்று சென்னைப் பாரதியார் சங்கம் நடத்திய கவிதைப் போட்டியில் இளங்கலை முதலாம் ஆண்டு மாணவர் மோயிசன் அபிஷேக் அமீர் மூன்றாவது பரிசினைப் பெற்றார்.

13.09.2023 அன்று அறிவியல் தொழில்நுட்பத் தெரிவிப்பின் திறனாய்வுப் போட்டி சானடோரியம் தேசிய சித்த மருத்துவமனை வளாகத்தில் நடைபெற்றது. இதில் தமிழ்த்துறை மாணவர்கள் பங்கேற்றனர். எம்.ஃபில் மாணவர் சுசந்தியா அவர்கள் நான்காம் பரிசும் முதுகலை இரண்டாம் ஆண்டு மாணவர் பி.கண்ணதாஸ் அவர்கள் ஐந்தாம் பரிசும் பெற்றனர்.

10.09.2023 அன்று இராமலிங்க பணிமன்றம் மைலாப்பூரில் நடத்திய மண்டல அளவிலான கவிதைப் போட்டி நடைபெற்றது. அப்போட்டியில் இளங்கலை முதலாமாண்டு செ. சௌமியா ஸ்ரீ மூன்றாம் பரிசு பெற்றார். பரிசுத் தொகையாக 2000 ரூபாய் வழங்கப்பெற்றது.

விளையாட்டுப் போட்டிகள்

16.07.2023 மாற்றுத்திறனாளிகளுக்கான கையுந்து பந்து விளையாட்டுப் போட்டியில் சென்னை அணி சார்பாக விளையாடி முதலமைச்சர் கோப்பைப் பெற்றனர். இப்போட்டில் ரா.ஈஸ்வரன் துணை அணித்தலைவராகச் செயலாற்றினார்.

28.08.2023 அன்று இலயோலா கல்லூரியிலும் 29.08.2023 நந்தனம் ஒய்.எம்.சி.ஏ கலை மற்றும் அறிவியல் கல்லூரியிலும் நடத்தபெற்ற கல்லூரிகளுக்கு இடையிலான மாற்றுத்திறனாளிகளுக்கான கையுந்து

விளையாட்டுப் போட்டியில் சென்னைக் கிறித்தவக் கல்லூரி மாணவர்கள் முதலிடம் பெற்றனர். எம் துறையைச் சேர்ந்த முதுகலை முதலாம் ஆண்டு மாணவர் ஈஸ்வரன்(அணித்தலைவர்), இளங்கலை மூன்றாம் ஆண்டு மாணவர் மகேஷ் குமார், இளங்கலை இரண்டாம் ஆண்டு மாணவர் அகிலேஷ் ஆகிய மாணவர்கள் பங்கேற்றனர்.

நூல் வெளியீடு

மூன்றாம் ஆண்டு இளங்கலை மாணவர் சு. வருண் குமார் அவர்களின் அட்சய பாத்திரம் எனும் புதினம் வெளியிடப்பட்டது (ISBN: 978-93-9382-68-0). இந்நூல் எழுதுக பதிப்பகத்தால் வெளியிடப்பட்டது.

கேளிர் இதழ்

இந்தக் கல்வியாண்டிற்கான கேளிர் இதழ்கள் நான்கு வந்துள்ளன அதன் ஆசிரியர் இளங்கலை மூன்றாம் ஆண்டு மாணவர் சு. வருண் குமார் அவருடன் இணைந்து முனைவர் பட்ட மாணவர்கள்

14.09. முதல் 21.09.2023 வரை செம்மொழி தமிழ் ஆய்வு மத்திய நிறுவனம் நடத்திய கலை மற்றும் கட்டிடக்கலை புலம் தமிழர் மரபில் கட்டடக்கலை சிற்பக்கலை ஒலியக்கலை பயிலரங்கத்தில் தமிழ் துறையின் முனைவர் பட்ட ஆய்வாளர் ஜோ. ஆண்டனி செபாஸ்டியன் பங்கேற்றார்.

ஆகஸ்ட் 2023 வெளிவந்த புதுப்புனல் ISSN: 22781641 இதழில் ஜெ.அருண் குமார் அவர்களின் கு.அழகிரிசாமி கதைகளில் சிறார்களின் காப்பு உத்திகள் எனும் தலைப்பிட்ட கட்டுரை வெளிவந்தது. ஜஸ்வரியா.ரெ புதுப்புனல் ஆய்விதழ் ISSN-2278-1641 - ஜூலை 2023 ஜங்குறுநாற்றில் நிபந்தனை எச்சம்: அமைப்பும் சூழலும் என்னும் தலைப்பில் கட்டுரை எழுதியுள்ளார், புதுப்புனல் ஆய்விதழ் ISSN-2278-1641 - ஆகஸ்டு 2023-தொல்காப்பியரின் ஒலியனியல் கொள்கை என்னும் தலைப்பில் கட்டுரை எழுதியுள்ளார்.

ஒவ்வொரு வகுப்பிற்கும் ஒரு பேராசர்களாக மாணவர்கள் இணைந்து நடத்துகின்றனர். கடந்த இதழிலிருந்து சிறந்த படைப்புக்குப் பரிசு வழங்கப்படுகிறது.

கலைக்குழு செயல்பாடுகள்

28.06.2023 அன்று தமிழ்நாடு மாநில மகளிர் ஆணையமும் தேசிய மகளிர் ஆணையமும் இணைந்து நடத்திய பெண்களுக்கான உரிமைகள் மற்றும் பெண்களுக்கு அதிகாரம் அளித்தல் தொடர்பான கருத்தரங்கில் நம் மாணவர்களின் பறை, கரகம், ஓயில், கழியல், சிலம்பம், சூம்மி கலைநிகழ்வுகள் அரசு தொற்று நோய் மருத்துவமனை, தண்டையார்பேட்டையில் நிகழ்த்தப்பெற்றது.

13.09.2023 அன்று தகவல் தொடர்புத்துறையும் ஆகிய துறைகள் இணைந்து நடத்திய ஒரு நாள் தேசிய கருத்தரங்கில் நம் மாணவர்களின் பறை, கரகம் கலை நிகழ்ச்சிகள் நிகழ்த்தப்பெற்றன 20.09.2023 அன்று 30 ஆவது தமிழ்நாடு வரலாறு மாநாட்டில் தமிழ்த் துறையின் முனைவர் பட்ட ஆய்வாளர் கா. விக்னேஷ் அவர்கள் தமிழிக் கல்வெட்டுகளில் ஸ்கர் சுகரம் ஒலியியலும் வரி வடிவமும் எனும் தலைப்பில் ஆய்வுக்கட்டுரை வாசித்தார். இந்நிகழ்ச்சி ஹோலி கிராஸ் கல்லூரி கன்னியாகுமரியில் நடைபெற்றது.



Department of Political Science

Freshers' Day

The Association of Political Science welcomed the Freshers with a variety of cultural programmes on 07th July 2023 at the MacPhail Arts Centre. The newbies of the Department donned traditional clothing representing different states, creating a vibrant display of India's rich cultural heritage. The event clearly reflected the cosmopolitan credentials of the Madras Christian College.

Inauguration of the Association of Political Science



The activities of the Association of Political Science for the academic year 2023-2024 began with the Inaugural Programme on 26th July 2023 at the Centre for Media Studies. The event traced the rich legacy of the Department through a documentary.

Dr. P. Muthukumar, Head & Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Presidency College, Chennai, inaugurated the activities of the Association.

His address on the profound purpose of life was truly inspiring. The newly elected office-bearers were introduced to the audience.

Special Lecture

On 08th August 2023, the Association of Political Science organised a special lecture on "A World View- Perspective from a Life in the Battlefield and Business," by Dr. Stanley K. Baker, Distinguished Faculty Member, LeTourneau University, Texas, USA. He addressed the audience on the importance of values such as knowledge, integrity, faith and innovation while also sharing his personal experiences from the Vietnam War and his time in South Korea.



Special Lecture

Thanksgiving Service



In Association with the Department of Social Work (Aided) and the Department of History, the Association of Political Science observed the International Indigenous Day by organising an Academic Discourse on “Understanding Manipur – Historical, Political and Social Dimensions” on 10th August 2023 at the Martin Hall Auditorium.

Dr. Ranjith Kumar, Political Analyst, Dr. R. Venkataramanujam, Head of the Department of History and Dr. Miriam Samuel, Head of the Department of Social Work (Aided), shared their perspectives on the ongoing conflict in Manipur and highlighted the significance of inclusivity and peace for our country.



The Department of Political Science held the Thanksgiving Service on 11th August 2023 at the Centre for Media Studies to reflect with gratitude the 60 years of the Department's existence. The Service was graced by the presence of Dr. Alexander Mantramurti, former Principal of the College, Dr. J. Ramesh Sundar, former Head of the Department of Political Science and faculty members and their families.



Special Lecture

On 19th August 2023, the Association of Political Science organised a special lecture on “Security Environment in the Indo-Pacific and the Role of Taiwan” by Dr. Mumin Chen, Deputy Representative, Taipei Economic and Cultural Center (TECC), India.

He shared invaluable insights on Taiwan and its geo-strategic significance, casting light on its multifaceted role in the global arena. His presentation expanded to encompass the broader Indo-Pacific region, delving into its pivotal importance and the intricate security dynamics that shape it. Dr. Richard C. L. Chen (Director-General, TECC, India) and Dr. Dennis M. S. Tsai (Director, TECC, India) also shared their views in the interactive session.

Youth Have Your Say!



The Association of Political Science organised an oratorical competition, *Youth Have Your Say!* on 28th August 2023 at the Centre for Media Studies. The students' reflections on “My Idea of Freedom” was highly commendable.

The aim of the event was to provide students with a platform to express their thoughts, insights, and perspectives on India's independence and its relevance in today's context. Participants showcased their oratorical skills while reflecting on the struggles, achievements, and values associated with the country's journey towards freedom.

Dr. Chandran D. S. Devanesen Endowment Lecture



On 31st August 2023, the Association of Political Science organised the Dr. Chandran D. S. Devanesen Endowment Lecture at the Centre for Media Studies.

Dr. Mallika Joseph, Senior Fellow, Women in Security, Conflict Management and Peace (WISCOMP) & Adjunct Professor, National Institute of Advanced Studies (NIAS), Bengaluru, delivered the lecture on “The Study of International Relations: The Future”. The lecture gave the students a deep understanding of the dynamic nature of International Relations in today's complex political landscape.

Student Achievements

Meenakshi Tamilselvam from (III BA Political Science), Madras Christian College, won the Bronze Medal in the Under-21 years Female Kumite (over 68 kg) in the 10th Shito Ryu Karate do International Championships held in Jakarta, Indonesia 2023.



Department of Economics

Freshers' Meet - ECLOURS

11th of July 2023 marked a vibrant day as the Economics department celebrated the fresher's meet **ECLOURS '23** for the academic year 2023-2024 at the McPhails Art Centre. It was enchanting to see shades of red, green, blue, and black come together, where each colour pertained to a specific batch of the Economics Department. The Glorious Red was chosen for the freshers in which they showcased their vanity with much grace.



The day started with a prayer to the God almighty. The department's faculty graced the event with their presence. The Head of the Department, Dr. V. Jacqueline Raja Bai, cordially welcomed the freshers with an enlightening inaugural speech. With that, it was time for the fun to begin.



It was followed by ice-breaking sessions of games named 'Human knots and Reverse Charades', organised by the III BA class. Fun penalties were given to the losing team to increase the cheer. The vote of thanks was delivered by the General Secretary, Kawinkumar B.

Around 220 Seed balls sponsored by **Communitree** were shared by the seniors with the freshers, creating a legacy of something that could grow so old and wise. The freshers were instructed to plant the seed ball and share a picture of it to commemorate this good deed. It was an exciting affair—a step into a new year with new hopes and possibilities for the entire Economics department.



Economics Association Inauguration

The inaugural ceremony of the economics association started at 10: 30 am in Agnes Martin Auditorium. The meeting began with a prayer by the prayer secretary of the department Ms. Annie Sharon followed by the welcome and introductory remarks by Dr. V. Jacqueline Raja Bai, Associate Professor and Head of the Department. This was followed by the official induction of the cabinet.



The following were the inducted cabinet members -

Chairperson: Mr. Logesh A

Treasurer: Ms. Srividhya Malli Suresh

General Secretary: Mr. Kawinkumar B

Department Representative: Mr. Sonu Jacob Zachariah

Dr. Sanjeev Vasudevan M.A, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Madras School of Economics gave the inaugural lecture for a span of one hour, on 'Prospects of India's Global Value Chain (GVC) participation booming economic uncertainty'.

His research includes international economics, global value chains and economic integration agreements.

The lecture was divided into three parts with defining GV Con the first section, the reasons behind changes on GVC from 2018 – 2022 and ended with India in GVC.

The presentation was thoroughly thought-provoking and insightful. The meeting ended at 12.15 pm with a vote of thanks by Mr. Logesh A. Refreshments were provided.



Department of Commerce (Aided) Freshers Meet 2023, *Novi Initium*

The eagerly awaited Freshers Meet of the Department of Commerce took place on the 11th of August 2023, at Thomas's Hall. The event was marked by the presence of two distinguished guests, Mr. John Rathan J and Ms. Devika Rani, both esteemed alumni of the institution. The Freshers Meet was a joyful occasion that brought together the newly admitted students, faculty members, and existing students.

The event began with a warm welcome extended to Mr. John Rathan J and Ms. Devika Rani, who had graciously accepted the invitation to be the Chief Guests for the event. Cultural performances and interactive games added to the merriment. Ms. Adlin Benita R. and Mr. Hemanth S. were crowned as Miss and Mr. Freshers of the event. The Freshers Meet concluded with refreshments.

The event provided an opportunity for the students to socialize and build lasting friendships. The event was a memorable one, setting the tone for the academic year ahead and promising a fulfilling and enriching college experience.

Finmark Orientation Programme

The Department of Commerce conducted an orientation programme collaborating with **Finmark**, a leading financial market training company driven by professionals. The Orientation programme was held on the 11th of July 2023 in the Chemistry Seminar Hall. The event exclusively catered to incoming undergraduate students of the Department. Hosting the programme was Mr. Glenn Roger Carr, the Founder & Director of Finmark Training.

Mr. Glenn delved into the intricate world of the capital market, emphasizing its pivotal role in today's global economy and its potential for exponential growth in the future. His presentation painted a vivid picture of the various career prospects and job opportunities awaiting the students in this dynamic field, sparking their imaginations.

The session was an intellectual journey, enriching the minds of every individual present. The engaging interactions with Mr. Glenn spurred a cascade of questions and discussions, igniting the curiosity of the young minds.

Every query was met with thoughtful responses, nurturing a deeper understanding of the stock market. In summary, the Orientation programme was a significant step toward illuminating the students about the world of the capital market.

Commerce Forum Inauguration 2023

The Department of Commerce celebrated a significant occasion on 17th July 2023, as they inaugurated the Commerce Forum with great enthusiasm. The event took place in the Anderson Hall, and was graced by the presence of esteemed Chief Guest, Ms. E. C. Srividhya, an illustrious alumna of the institution. The inauguration of the Commerce Forum was a highly anticipated event, and it drew the participation of students and faculty members from all classes of the Department.

The day began with a warm welcome extended to Mrs. E. C. Srividhya by the Head of the Department, followed by the hospitality team ushering them. The newly appointed office bearers of the Commerce Forum, were honoured with badges, signifying their commitment to leading the forum and promoting department related activities within the college.

Ms. E. C. Srividhya, in her address to the gathering, shared her insights and experiences, inspiring the students to excel in the field of commerce. To conclude this memorable event, the participants were provided with refreshments. The Commerce Forum is set to play a pivotal role in fostering academic growth and enhancing the activities of the department.



Intra-Department Sports Meet, *Invictus* 2023

The Department of Commerce hosted a spectacular Five-Day Intra Department Sports Meet, commencing on the 28th of August and culminating in a grand celebration of athleticism and camaraderie. The sprawling sports grounds of the college played host to an array of team and individual events, creating an atmosphere of spirited competition and sportsmanship.

The Sports Meet featured a diverse range of sports, catering to the varied interests and talents of the college's athletes. Cricket, football, tug of war, volleyball, basketball, khokho, and tennikoit were some of the thrilling team events that captivated the audience with their skill and enthusiasm.

Individual events such as shot put, long jump, and track events added an extra layer of excitement to the competition. Athletes showcased their prowess in these events, pushing their limits and striving for excellence.

The Sports Meet commenced with a solemn prayer, setting a tone of reverence and unity among the participants, and it concluded on the same note with a heartfelt prayer, invoking blessings and gratitude for the successful and spirited event. It was a celebration of athleticism, teamwork, and the indomitable spirit of the participants, leaving a lasting impression on all who attended.



Department of Social Work (Aided)

Capacity Building Livelihood Programme for Visually Challenged Persons

The SEWA Social Work Students Association, Department of Social Work, Madras Christian College, in collaboration with Students Education and Learning Foundation, SELF TRUST, Chennai, organized a Capacity Building Livelihood Programme for Visually Challenged Persons who come from various cities of Tamil Nadu.

This livelihood programme was held on Saturday, 1st July 2023 in the Anderson Hall, from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm.

The guest speakers for this auspicious event were - Mr. A. Rathinam (President-Students Education and Learning Foundation Trust), Dr. Miriam Samuel (Head of Department, MCCSWD), Dr. Anandha Loganathan, Dr. Vijayalakshmi Balasubramani, Mr. Arun Kumar Selvam and Dr. Gokilavani Velayudham.

This livelihood programme was one of the key programmes of the SELF Trust. It was started to support and motivate the visually challenged vendors to be independent and to raise their standard of living. It comes under the umbrella term called "HELPING PEOPLE TO HELP THEMSELVES".

In tune with this principle, the Department of Social Work, Madras Christian College stretched its professional hands to organize this event. The programme started with *Tamil thai vaazhthi* by the beneficiaries of the programme. More than 200 beneficiaries from various Districts of Tamil Nadu participated in this livelihood programme.

The SEWA Staff Advisor Dr. Sudharsan, MCCSWD, welcomed the gathering. Later the beneficiaries from the last year of this programme shared their testimonies about the benefits of this programme to raise their standard of living in society.

This programme aims to empower the visually challenged persons by supporting them. It works on the framework of offering money to the visually challenged vendors. SELF Trust will provide a material which they use to sell regularly. The trust offers material worth Rs. 2000, and with the help of the materials the vendors will make a profit and buy raw material from the money.

The Trust provided the materials like burfi, intense sticks, handkerchiefs, and toys to the visually challenged vendors. The programme ended with the vote of thanks and by providing lunch to the beneficiaries of the programme.



JONATHAN CALLAGHAN LECTURE SERIES: 1

Protection against child abuse and mandatory parent education in Taiwan

The Department of Social Work (Aided) conducted its first Jonathan Callaghan Lecture Series of the academic year on 06th July 2023. The department has been conducting lectures for the past few years to the memory of Mr. Jonathan Callaghan.



The inception of the Department of Social Work was funded by the friends of Jonathan Callaghan as a commemoration. Master of ceremony was Mr. Philip E from II MSW. The programme started with the college prayer led by Joshna X. Head of the Department, Dr. Miriam Samuel welcomed all the guests and participants to the lecture. Ms. Thimona Esther from II MSW introduced the speaker to the audience. As a token of love and honour, mementoes were presented to the chief guests by Dr. Miriam Samuel. The resource person for the first lecture was Ms. Yu-Ying Lin, Lecturer at Ching Chang Christian University. It was on the topic, "Protection against child abuse and mandatory parent education in Taiwan".

The resource person shared her insights on child protection laws and policies in Taiwan. Mr. Nigin Isaac gave closing remarks connecting the information shared by Ms. Yu-Ying Lin to child protective measures in India. Ms. Leena Sandra delivered the vote of thanks for the programme.



Johnathan Callaghan Lecture- 2 The Kaleidoscope of Social Work: Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

The Department of Social work (Aided) conducted its second Jonathan Callaghan Lecture Series of the academic year on 13th July 2023 from 12.30 - 1.30 pm at MCCSWD conference hall.

The resource person for the lecture series was Jenika Scott, International Speaker from Michigan School of Social Work. Jenika spoke about the importance of diversity in Indian society and how it relates to the existence of variation of different characteristics in a group of people: difference in our race, religion, gender, cultural background and so on. Furthermore, the speaker spoke on the difference between equality and equity, and the importance of equity in a country's development.



She also added that inclusion is not merely including people from all areas of life, but also taking care not to leave them behind in any activity or work. She talked about intersectionality which is to involve in creating an environment where all individuals feel valued, respected, and empowered to contribute their unique perspectives and talents.

She highlighted that, equity is the concept of everyone having a fair opportunity to do meaningful jobs, live honestly and contribute positively to society, or organization or their culture, and how we need to educate ourselves and educate others. Inclusive communication is a true quality of a social worker, she observed, and added that, the social work practices should be laid on the principles of diversity, equity

and inclusion. The lecture was organized and coordinated by the CD representative.

Jonathan Callaghan Lecture Series 3

The Department of Social Work (Aided) of Madras Christian College conducted the third JCLS 2023-2024 on 14th July 2023 from 12.30 - 1.30 pm in the conference hall.

The topic of the lecture was Congregational Social Work in Youth Engagement, taken by Rency Thomas George, MCCSWD alumni 2007-2009. Master of the ceremony was Mr Mohammad Rashik Fareed of 2nd MSW.

The programme started with college prayer led by Ms Biniyamol Lyju. Dr. Prince Annadurai, Associate Professor of the department welcomed the gathering.

Prof. Ninan John delivered a felicitation address to the speaker. Mr Benjamin Samuel Nessaiyan from 2nd MSW introduced the speaker to the audience. A memento was presented to the guest speaker by Mr. Selva Savari Raj J as a token of love. The speaker shared the lecture on the topic, *Congregational Social Work in Youth Engagement*. The speaker started the session by sharing his experience as a student in the Department of Social Work. Ms Joshna X gave closing remarks connecting the information from the speaker's lecture. Mr Ponnusamy P, convener for the programme delivered the vote of thanks for the programme.

Jonathan Callaghan Lecture Series – 4

The SEWA Social Work Student Association and Anti-Human Trafficking Club collaborated with the Tambaram police to raise awareness about substance abuse among college students. The programme took place on 14th July 2023, at 12:30 pm in the Department of Social Work (Aided).

The lecture was graced by esteemed guests Thiru. Jose Thangaiya (Deputy Commissioner of Police, Tambaram) and Thiru. Murugasan (Assistant Commissioner of Police, Tambaram).

The programme commenced with the college prayer, followed by a warm welcome extended to the guests by Dr. Prince Annadurai.

Dr. Annadurai discussed the prevalence of drug trafficking among college students and expressed gratitude to the guests for their presence and their role in creating awareness about substance abuse. Dr. Prince Solomon then introduced the speaker, highlighting his qualifications and achievements. A memento was presented to the chief guests by Dr. Prince Annadurai.

Thiru. Jose Thangaiya took the stage and shared his experiences in dealing with substance abuse cases.

He emphasized that many college students, especially adolescents, easily fall into the trap of drug addiction. He also divulged the smuggling techniques employed by traffickers to transport drugs and identified key locations in Tamil Nadu where drug smuggling is rampant.

Dr. Prince Annadurai welcomed the gathering, after which Mr. Padmanadan oriented the students about his vast knowledge and extensive experience in combating human trafficking. He conveyed the importance of this fight and how understanding the laws against human trafficking is crucial in curbing this global menace.

With great expertise, Mr. Padmanadan elaborated on the significant acts within the Indian Constitution and the Indian Penal Code (IPC) that are pivotal in the battle against human trafficking. His thorough explanation helped the audience comprehend the legal framework in place in order to protect the victims and prosecute the traffickers.

The interactive session fostered engagement and active participation, as students posed thought-provoking questions, enriching the discourse. Mr. Padmanadan's impactful storytelling left a lasting impression on the audience, evoking

empathy and determination to bring about change.



Adolescent Development Programme

The Adolescent Development Programme was organized by SHOUT Club, a wing of the SEWA Social Work Students' Association, Department of Social Work, in collaboration with SOS Children's Villages of India-Chennai, Tambaram on 29th July 2023 in CIRDS, MCCSWD.

The programme was inaugurated by Mr. J. Srinivasan, the Village Director- SOS. The resource persons were Mrs. Prince Solomon, Mrs. M. Thendral, Prof. Johannes Samuel, and post-graduate Social Work Students of MCC. The programme was knowledgeable and the children were more active in the session which they underwent.



The programme was about the Adolescent Development Programme for the SOS children conducted by the SHOUT Club, SEWA, and MCCSWD. The master of ceremony was Ms. Priyadharshini. The welcome address was given by Dr. Prince Solomon, who spoke about the programme and welcomed the guest Mr. J. Srinivasan, the director of SOS Children's Village, the resource persons and the children.

Mr. J. Srinivasan spoke about the adolescent development programme and how it can help the children of the present world.

The programme mainly focused on relationships, assertiveness, thinking skills, academic development, intellectual development and emotional development. Each session was conducted by a resource person.

Commemorating the UN's International Day of World's Indigenous People, an Academic Discourse On "Understanding Manipur- Historical, Political & Social Dimension."

The Academic Discourse On "Understanding Manipur- Historical, Political & Social Dimension", was jointly organized by the Department of Social Work (Aided), Department of History & Department of Political Science on 10th August 2023, in the Martin Hall Auditorium, between 11 am and 1 pm.

The guest speakers of the event were Dr. R. Venkataramanujam, Head, Department of History, Dr. S. T. Christopher, Chandran Head, Department of Political Science, and Dr. Miriam Samuel, Head, Department of Social Work. Mr. Ranjith, the guest speaker discussed the political aspects of the issue.

The welcome address was delivered by Dr. Prince Solomon Devadass. The moderator of the academic discourse was Dr. Christopher Chandran, Head, Department of Political Science. He delivered the opening remarks.

The historic perspective of the Manipur Violence was delivered by Dr. Venkataramanujam, Head, Department of History. The main objective of his speech was 'How to use knowledge to contribute to the society for a balanced thought about the Manipur Incident'.

The social perspective was highlighted by Dr. Miriam Samuel, Head, Department of Social Work (Aided). She gave the

perspective sensitizing the college community about the Manipur Issue. The political perspective of the incident was discussed by Mr. Ranjith- the guest speaker of the day. He spoke of Netaji Subash Chandra Bose's efforts for the freedom struggle and elaborated on the strategic location of Manipur for Netaji to enter India. After the detailed exploration of Manipur violence in historical, social and political aspects, Dr. S. Sudharsan, Associate Professor, Department of Social Work (Aided) initiated the reading of the Preamble of the Indian Constitution. Dr. K. Ashok, Assistant Professor, Department of History delivered the vote of thanks. He insisted that collaboration and cooperation together will lead to growth.

Field Research Projects

Dr. B Prince Solomon (Convenor, Anti-Narcotic Cell, MCC), Dr. S Sudharsan (Assistant Professor, Social Work, MCC), and Dr. P Yesudoss (Liaison Officer (Security) & Librarian, MCC) conducted a study on the prevalence and patterns of Illicit Drugs in Tambaram City Police Jurisdiction, Tamil Nadu – Multi-Stakeholder Analysis. Nearly 30 MSW students participated in this project.



On 12th July 2023, a Preparation meeting for the Study on Drug Prevalence and Patterns was conducted by Thiru. Josh Thangaiya, Deputy Commissioner of Police, Tambaram City Police



On 14th July 2023, Project Orientation for the

faculty and students of Social Work was given by Dr. A. Amalraj, IPS., Commissioner of Police, Tambaram City Police, Chennai



Key Informant Interview conducted with Guduvancherry Sub-Inspector Mr. R. Venkat Udayakumar by MSW Students

As part of the MoU signed between Tamil Nadu Urban Habitat Development Board (TNUHDB) and Madras Christian College, Dr. S Sudharsan consolidated the State Level Social Audit reports of Tamil Nadu, under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban), *Housing for All* programme.



On 13th August 2023, Tribal and Adivasi Sunday Service was conducted by the National Council of Churches in India (NCCI) and Campus Ministries, Madras Christian College. Dr. S. Sudharsan presented the contributions of the Social Work department for the Tribal Community in Tamil Nadu. Two of our II MSW students Mr. Caleb Vasanthan and Mr. Yuvan Shankar participated in the event

Field Work Initiatives

Students of the Department of Social Work (Aided) were sent to various organizations for fieldwork as a part of their curriculum. The fieldwork started on 20th June 2023, and lasted until 4th October 2023. As a part of their fieldwork, the students conducted a number of programmes in and around the organization.



On 2nd June 2023, students met the Chengalpattu District Collector and gave a letter to fasten the process of legal entitlements for an Irula girl who was a first graduate, released bonded labour from the Irular community.



On 19th July 2023, students conducted a medical camp in Sithalapakkam in collaboration with the urban Tamil Nadu Urban Habitat Development Board.

On 26th July 2023, Ms Jasmine Jenifer, II MSW & Field Work Trainee of International Justice Mission (IJM) and Mr. Yuvan Sankar II MSW & Field Work Trainee of Field action programme-Thirukazhukundram, participated in the Chengalpattu District Released Bonded

Labour Special Vigilance Committee Meeting along with the Released Bonded Laborers Association (RBLA) and IJM officers.

In this meeting, they highlighted issues and concerns related to the rehabilitation (land and livelihood) of released laborers to the District Collector Thiru. A. R. Rahul Nath I.A.S., and Labour department officials. The Collectorate agreed to initiate action through the Vidiyal Project (Cluster Livelihood Group) on this matter.

On 16th August 2023, the students of the Department of Social Work (Aided) who were placed in the Tamil Nadu Urban Habitat Development Board (TNUHDB) submitted a petition to the District Collector of Chennai with a demand to provide the new legal entitlements (Aadhaar, voter ID, family identity card) with the change of address for Perumbakkam resettlement colony households.

Department of Physics (Aided)

The Physics Society of the Department of Physics (Aided) organized a campus walk for the freshers of the department on 17th July 2023.

Dr. P. Subhashini, Staff Advisor for the Physics Society, Dr. Jacob George, Assistant Professor, & Dr. Nirmal Thyagu, Assistant Professor, joined the campus walk which started with a prayer. The cabinet members of the Physics society and volunteers from the senior classes led the relaxing walk through the woods exploring the campus from sun dial, lake, farm, solar power plant, pavilion, Miller Memorial Library etc.



The senior students spoke about the legacy of the college, its Founders, and great personalities of the institution. Dr. Beutline introduced the facilities available at the MCC-MRF Innovation Park during the visit.



The Physics Society of the Department of Physics (Aided) organized Freshers' Day on 25th July 2023 at MacPhail's Art Gallery to officially welcome the first UG and first PG students into the department. The staff advisor, Dr. P. Subhashini welcomed the gathering and Head of the Department Dr. P. Samuel Asirvatham addressed the freshers.

All teaching and non-teaching faculty of the department were introduced to the students. Senior students organized ice-breaking sessions with games centered on Physics as the theme. Freshers also exhibited their talent in curricular and co-curricular activities.

Prof. B. M. Arthur, Astro-Ephemeris club of the Department of Physics (Aided), organized an event for observing solar spectrum and mercury spectrum on 28th July 2023 as part of experiential learning for the students of II UG ID – Astrophysics.

Dr. P. Subhashini, the course teacher organized and explained the absorption and emission spectra by making students observe the Fraunhofer absorption lines of the Sun and emission lines from mercury source. Further the students also learnt the components of a reflecting type telescope practically, through a demonstration done by Mr. Dharanesh, II B.Sc Physics.

The Department of Physics organized the Anderson Hall Sunday prayer on 6th August 2023. Dr. Rajasingh Samuel, Assistant Director, MCC Boyd Business School, shared the word of God. Apart from Faculty and students, the prayer service was attended by parents and family members of students.

Prof. B. M. Arthur Astro-Ephemeris club of the Department of Physics (Aided) organized zero shadow day [ZDS] on 18th August 2023 as part of experiential learning for the students of II UG ID – Astrophysics. A few faculty members, students of Astrophysics and Physics department gathered at the quadrangle and witnessed the ZDS at 12.15 pm.

The students of the department of Physics (Aided) won the over-all rolling trophy at the inter-collegiate Physics competition "Ripples" organized by the Ethiraj College for Women, Chennai, on 18th August 2023.



Prof. B. M. Arthur Astro-Ephemeris club of the Department of Physics (Aided) organized night sky watch with the aid of telescope and binocular for the students and community of MCC on 31st August 2023 due to the occurrence of "super blue moon" on that day.



The event was organized at the quadrangle in which over 100 participants enjoyed the night sky view. The participants were also fortunate to see the planet Saturn with its rings. Dr. P. Subhashini, Associate Professor and Dr. Joseph Jeremiah, Assistant Professor, the staff advisors for the Astro club and Mr. Dharanesh, the secretary of the club organized the event.

Department of Chemistry (Aided) I. Freshers' Day

Freshers' Day of the department, was a vibrant and engaging event held at MacPhail's Arts Centre on 11th July 2023. The event aimed at introducing the freshers to the department's community, while providing them with a fun-filled and engaging experience.

Dr. E. Iyyappan, Head of the Department, extended a warm welcome to the freshers, emphasizing the department's commitment to nurturing academic excellence and holistic growth. The address set a positive and encouraging tone for the event. The stage came alive with the energetic dance performance of the second-year undergraduates. The Freshers' Day event then transitioned into a series of fun games, including a tongue-twister game, dumb charades, a talent hunt, and a special game. Students performed dances and songs,

turning the stage into a platform to showcase their talents. The engaging activities, creative performances, and enthusiastic participation reflected the spirit of unity and excitement that will undoubtedly shape the freshers' journey in the department.



(II) Inauguration of Chemical Society and Dr. S. V. Anantakrishnan Endowment Lecture

The inauguration of the Chemical Society and Dr. S. V. Anantakrishnan Endowment Lecture was held on 19th July 2023, in the Anderson Hall. In his presidential address, Dr. P. Wilson, Principal and Secretary, highlighted the positive impact of the service-learning programme conducted by the department for the children of tribal communities of Nilgiris. Dr. V. J. Philip, Former Principal, MCC, formally inaugurated the chemical society for the academic year 2023-24 and delivered the inaugural address.

The inauguration of the Chemical Society was followed by the Dr. S. V. Anantakrishnan Endowment Lecture delivered by Dr. Mahesh Pattabiraman, Professor, Department of Chemistry, University of Nebraska, Kearney, USA, on "A Personal Account of an Organic Chemist: Opportunities in Academia and Entrepreneurship". His talk mainly focused on the various stages involved in the drug discovery. Furthermore, he elaborated on his research findings and delved into the potential for entrepreneurship in the field of chemistry, sharing his journey in establishing the plant-based cosmetic line *Aruvi*. About 170 UG and PG students of the department and faculty members were benefitted by the lecture.



(III) Dr. R. Gopalan Endowment Lecture

Dr. R. Gopalan Endowment Lecture was held on 5th August 2023, in the Anderson Hall. The presidential address was delivered by Dr. P. Wilson, Principal & Secretary, MCC. He emphasized on the importance of international internships and study abroad initiatives, wherein students through global engagement will be able to rebuild and reconfigure themselves to suit the competitive environment. Dr. Ajayan Vinu, Director & Global Innovation Chair Professor for Advanced Nanomaterials, University of Newcastle, Australia delivered the endowment lecture on “Nanoporous Materials with Different Functional Elements for Energy and Environmental Applications”. He discussed how the nanomaterials can address current environmental issues such as increased CO₂ concentration and global warming, highlighting the potential of advanced nanoporous materials to generate clean energy without relying on conventional fuels. About 240 UG and PG students from the department of chemistry, physics, botany, zoology and microbiology were immensely benefitted by the interdisciplinary lecture.



(IV) Gemini Ganesan Endowment Lecture

The Gemini Ganesan Endowment Lecture (Inter-disciplinary Lecture Series) was organized by the department on 8th August 2023, at the CMS Theatre. In his presidential speech, the principal Dr. P. Wilson underlined the significance of public lectures in popularizing science among school and college students. The public lecture on “Promoting a Culture of Inquiry and Innovation: The Role of Integrative Science” was delivered by Dr. Swaminathan Sivaram, Honorary Professor Emeritus and INSA Emeritus Scientist, IISER Pune. He began his talk by reminiscing on his interactions with Gemini Ganesan during his college days at MCC as L&D Convener in St. Thomas’s Hall.

Dr. Sivaram focused on six key topics: the purpose of science education, information and knowledge, the concept of integrative science, the hierarchy of science, complexity in science, and challenges in science education. The public lecture was attended by around 180 students from the department of chemistry, physics, botany and zoology.



(V) Special Lecture

On 25th August 2023, Dr Madasamy Thangamuthu, Nottingham Research Fellow, School of Chemistry, University of Nottingham (Park campus), United Kingdom, delivered a talk on “Single Metal Atom and Nanoclusters for Electrocatalysis”. This lecture was attended by 50 M.Sc. Chemistry students. The lecture focussed on electrochemical production of hydrogen at the industrial level using single-atom catalysts which offer a desirable pathway for efficiency maximization and cost-saving. This technical session was followed by interaction of the expert with the students on various opportunities for higher studies abroad.

Department of Botany

National level Summer Internship on “Biodiversity, Taxonomy, and Application of Algae

The fifteen-days’ National level Summer Internship on “Biodiversity, Taxonomy, and Application of Algae (BTAA-23)” was successfully conducted from 22nd May 2023 to 07th June 2023. The main objectives of the internship were to promote research in Algology among UG, PG students and research scholars and to give them a sound knowledge on various strains of algae and their applications.

A total of 34 students participated from various districts of Tamil Nadu and Kerala. Dr. M. Baluswami (Former Head, Department of Botany, Madras Christian College) delivered the Inaugural address.



The internship concluded with valedictory followed by the distributions of certificates and submission of feedback by the students.



National-level Summer Internship Programme

A National-level Summer internship programme on “*Applications of DNA Barcoding in Molecular Systematics and Biogeography - hands-on wetlab training and phyloinformaticanalysis*” was conducted by the Department of Botany from 29th May to 14th June 2023.

Ten participants including faculty members, PhD scholars, and PG students participated from across India. The internship module for 15-days included both wet lab experiments on developing DNA fingerprints and dry lab analysis on phyloinformatics.





Inauguration of Community Social Service of the Department of Botany

Community Social Service of the Department of Botany was officially inaugurated by the Head of the Department Dr. E. Joyce Sudandara Priya on 12th July 2023 at the Seminar Hall in the Botany



Department. The Head of the Department spoke about the need and importance of Community Social Service. Professor Leslie Lawrence, the staff-in-charge of Community Social Service, stressed the attributes of Community Social Service and its importance. The Annual Report of Community Social Service was presented by the General Secretary Mr Sivanandhu Vijay. The Annual Financial Report was delivered by Treasurer of Community Social Service Ms. N. Anitha.

Inauguration of the Botany Society and the PG Botany Club was conducted successfully on 10th August 2023. The Chief Guest Dr. M Jayaprakashvel, Registrar i/c, AMET, delivered the **Inaugural Address** on “**Coastal Sand Dunes: A Bioprospecting perspective**” which enlightened the students. The office bearers for the academic year 2023-2024 were introduced by the Head of the Department **Dr. E. Joyce Sudandara Priya**.

The respective secretaries proposed the activities of the Botany Society and the PG Botany Club for the academic year.

Freshers' Day

The Freshers' Day was conducted successfully on Friday, 25th August 2023. The Head of the Department of Botany introduced all the teaching staff of the Department to the students. The freshers exhibited their talents exuberantly, followed by a host performance by the seniors (II UG, III UG, and II PG). Various games were conducted and the freshers participated enthusiastically. Mr. and Ms. Fresher were crowned.

Department of Zoology (Aided)

Zoological Society Inauguration

The Inauguration of the 'Zoological Society' was organised on the 5th July 2023 this year with the induction of the cabinet members for the new academic year. It was organised by the Zoological Society of the Department of Zoology.

The event was conducted at 2:15 pm in Room No. 1, Department of Zoology. The Head of the Department briefed the audience on the various activities of the Department and shared the history and memories about the Department.

The freshers were given a chance to exhibit their talents after the inauguration and they gave many performances. The programme concluded with refreshments.



Prayer Cell Inauguration

The Inauguration of the 'Department Prayer Cell' was organized for the academic year 2023-2024 along with the induction of the Prayer Secretary. The event was conducted on the 5th of July at 3:30 pm in Room No.1, Department of Zoology. Rev. Lalthanzuala Chongthu, Associate Chaplain, BHC, delivered the word of God. The Vice President briefed about the various activities of the prayer cell and encouraged the students to actively participate in them.

Freshers' Trip

Zoological Society organized Freshers' trip on 29th July 2023 at the MCC Pulicat Estuarine Biological Research Centre. The students gathered in the MCC-PEBRC and visited the Museum and the rededicated facilities. The HoD spoke about the activities going on in the facility. Students were involved in bird watching and shell collection. Games and talent shows were conducted for the freshers. The trip ended with a fellowship lunch.



NFDB - Training Programme on Creating Sustainable Livelihood for Irula Tribal Women in Pulicat

A Training Programme on "Creating Sustainable Livelihood for Irula Tribal Women in Pulicat" was conducted for three days (27th – 29th July 2023) for the Irula tribal women at MCC PEBRC, Pulicat.

This programme was coordinated by Dr. C. Joyce Priyakumari, Head, Dept. of Zoology, Dr. C. Sheeba Anitha Nesakumari Assistant Professor, Dept. of Zoology, and Dr. K. Manoj Dhanraj, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Zoology. The training programme was funded by National Fisheries Development Board, Hyderabad. The external resource persons for the training programme were Mrs. Asiya, Trainer- Palm Leaf Products, Pulicat, and Mr. Darshan, M/s. Darshan Arts, Chennai.

The internal resource persons from MCC include Dr. C. Joyce Priyakumari, Dr. C. Sheeba Anitha Nesakumari, Dr. K. Manoj Dhanraj and Dr. N. Joshua Jeyaseelan, Department of Social Work (SFS), MCC. Hands-on training on jewellery making, product development through resin art, vintage style palm leaf products and string art were given to the tribal women to create a sustainable livelihood. Information on marketing strategies was also shared which motivated the participants to develop the products taught in the training programme.



NFDB - Training Programme on Empowering Self-Help Groups in Pulicat through Skill Development Programmes

A Training programme on *Empowering Self-Help Groups in Pulicat through Skill Development Programmes* was conducted for three days (3rd – 5th August 2023) for the Women Self Help Group at MCC PEBRC, Pulicat.

This programme was coordinated by Dr. A. Anita Pearline Esther, Assistant Professor, Department of Zoology, and Mrs. Adline Jennefa Daniel, Assistant Professor, Department of Zoology.

The training programme was funded by National Fisheries Development Board, Hyderabad. The external resource persons for the training programme were Mr. Sam John, Entrepreneur, [a participant in the RRR programme] was given an opportunity to train the participants on Bee-keeping, Dr. C. Aarthi Ram, Head Operations, MCC-MRF Innovation Park, spoke on Business management and Marketing Strategies.

The internal resource persons were Dr. Ananthi Rachel Livingstone, Dr. J. Logamanya Tilak, Dr. A. Anita Pearline Esther and Mrs. Adline Jennefa Daniel, Department of Zoology, MCC. Hands-on training on Bee Keeping, preparation of Fish Value Added Products, Kitchen garden were given to the participants from the Women Self Help Group to create a sustainable livelihood. Members from Government Cooperative Society were invited to highlight on marketing strategies and Government subsidies and they were motivated to apply and establish business.



NFDB - Training Programme on Ornamental Fish Culture at MCC PEBRC, Pulicat

A Training programme on *Entrepreneurship Development and Livelihood Improvement through Ornamental Fish Culture* was conducted for three days (9th – 11th August, 2023) for the fishermen community at MCC PEBRC, Pulicat. This programme was coordinated by Dr. C. Sheeba Anitha Nesakumari, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Zoology, Dr. C. Joyce Priyakumari, Head, Dept. of Zoology and Dr. K. Manoj Dhanraj Assistant Professor, Dept. of Zoology. The training programme was funded by National Fisheries Development Board, Hyderabad. The state and central government schemes available for the fishermen community to start entrepreneurship in the ornamental fish sector were highlighted to the participants.

The external resource persons were Mr. V. K. Gangadharan, Assistant Director of Fisheries, Department of Fisheries and Fishermen Welfare, Thiruvallur District, Ponneri, and Dr. N. Thirunavukkarasu, Associate Professor, Dr. Ambedkar Government Arts College, Chennai, and the internal resource persons from MCC included Dr. C. Joyce Priyakumari, Dr. C. Sheeba Anitha Nesakumari and Dr. K. Manoj Dhanraj.

The participants were taken to the wet lab at MCC-PEBRC for demonstration. The culture, breeding and management aspects of freshwater and marine ornamental fishes were discussed. The participants were motivated to take up entrepreneurship in ornamental fish culture to improve their livelihood.



NFDB One-Day training on Backyard Aquaponics Farming

The event aimed at creating awareness on aquaponics among the young entrepreneurs and women. The campaign and the workshop were held on 14th August 2023 (9:00 am- 4:00 pm) at the Agnes Martin Auditorium, Martin Hall, Madras Christian College. The event began with registration followed by the inauguration and the sessions (1-3 lectures; 4 Hands-On Training).

The Sessions were planned to highlight the Types of Aquaponic Systems Suitable for Backyard Aquaponics Farming, Maintenance of Aquaponics System for Profitability and Designing and Fabrication Techniques followed by Hands-On Training by Dr. Ananthi Rachel Livingstone, Dr. Anulin Christudhas and Dr. K. Maheshkumar respectively as resource persons.

The workshop emphasized on the main advantages of backyard aquaponics, farming- resource efficiency, organic and chemical-free system, year-round production, space efficiency and urban applicability, diverse produce etc. Basic knowledge and effort in proper monitoring of water parameters, maintaining fish health, and managing plant growth which are essential for a successful set-up.

With the right care and attention, it can be a rewarding and productive addition to any home garden or small-scale farm. However, setting up and maintaining an aquaponics system is crucial for ensuring its long-term profitability and success. Hence the Hands-on training enabled the participants to understand the nuances of setting up a unit in the backyard.

The participation certificate was handed over to the beneficiaries by Dr. P. Wilson, the Principal & Secretary, Madras Christian College, during the Valedictory. The participants provided their feedback stating that the campaign & workshop were satisfactory, motivational and useful. They also recorded their appreciation towards the

organization of this one-day awareness programme. The event ended with the Group photograph.



NFDB - Training Programme on Seaweed cultivation and products development: An alternate livelihood option for fisher folks at MCC PEBRC, Pulicat

The three-day Skill Development Training on “Seaweed cultivation and products development - An alternate livelihood option for fisherfolks” was conducted from 23rd to 25th August 2023, at the MCC Pulicat Estuarine Biological Research Centre (MCC PEBRC).



The training programme was funded by National Fisheries Development Board,

Hyderabad. The training was inaugurated by Dr. J. Logamanya Tilak, Assistant Professor, Department of Zoology, Madras Christian College, Dr. K. Manoj Dhanraj (Coordinator 1), Assistant Professor of Zoology, Madras Christian College, and Dr. C. Sheeba Anitha Nesakumari (Coordinator 2), Assistant Professor of Zoology, Madras Christian College.

The external resource persons were Dr. S. Malathy, Assistant Professor, Department of Botany, Govt Arts College, Nandanam, and Dr. M. Sathiyathan, Assistant Professor, Department of Botany, Pachaiyappa's College, Chennai.

The internal resource persons from MCC include Dr. Ananthi Rachel Livingstone, Dr. J. Logamanya Tilak, Dr. K. Manoj Dhanraj and Dr. C. Sheeba Anitha Nesakumari.



Hands-on training on Seaweed cultivation and product development including seaweed face pack, seaweed soup and sweets from seaweed were demonstrated. Dr. C. Joyce Priyakumari, Head, Department of Zoology, distributed the training manuals and certificates to the participants in the valedictory programme.

Career Guidance Programme

Zoological Society, Department of Zoology, conducted a career guidance programme at the Department on 31st August 2023 at 2:00 pm. The resource person for the programme was Mr. Yogesh Kulal, IFS, Assistant Conservator of Forests. He spoke about the opportunities available for Zoology students in the field of Forest Service and about the UPSC exam

preparation and also shared his IFS interview experience.

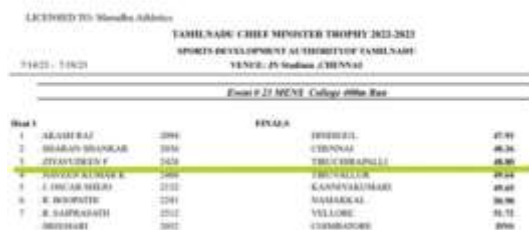
The students had an interactive session about the challenges faced in the Indian Forest Service and his journey. The programme concluded with refreshments.

Department of Physical Education (AIDED)

Madras Christian College emerged victorious in the 26th edition of the esteemed Shree Raghavendra Inter-Collegiate Basketball tournament, triumphing over Loyola College, in the finals on 17th July 2023.



Ziyavudeen F. – I M.A. History won the Bronze medal in the event 400m Run in the Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's Trophy 2022-23 held from 14th -19th July 2023.



TAMILNADU CHIEF MINISTER TROPHY 2022-2023

VENUE: JS Stadium, CHENNAI

Front # 26 MENS College 110m Hurdles 1.087 m

FINALS

Rank	NAME	SCORE	FINALS
1	G. SISHANTH RAJA	2632	CHENNAI
2	DHANUSH ADITHYAN G	2608	CHIMBATOR
3	SUDARSH S	2629	CHENGALPATTU
4	K. PAVANSHIRWAN	2624	THIRUVARUR
5	R. PRITHVIRAJESHAN	2313	RISSALANGAI
6	N. KRISHNAN	2246	NAAMAKKAL
7	B. KARAN	2467	THIRUPPUR
8	MUKESH B	2229	PERAMBALUR

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S. Robinson – II M.A. History showcased his talent at the FISU World University Games Summer in China representing Indian University in the event Triple Jump which was held from 28th July to 8th August 2023.



Jeswin Aldrin – III B.A. History got qualified for the World Athletics Championship 2023 in the event long jump held from 19th to 27th August 2023 at Hungary.



Madras Christian College emerged victorious in the 1st edition of Adopted

Volleyball Bertram Trophy on 31st August 2023 at Loyola College.



All India Inter-University medal winners

S. Ezilarasi – II B.Sc. Visual Communication was honored by the University of Madras with the medal and cash award for representing All India Inter-University in the Shooting competition held on 19th August 2023 at Chetpet, Chennai.



The following Basketball players were honored by the University of Madras with the medal and cash award for representing All India Inter-University tournaments 2022-23 on 19th August 2023 at Chetpet, Chennai.

R. Karthick – II M.A. History

E. Anantharaj – II M.A. Public Administration

S. Visvesh - II M.A. Public Administration

U. Vishnu Prasad – III B.A. Political Science

B. Soorya - II M.A. Public Administration

S. Jayakumar – I M.A. Philosophy



Department of English (SFS)

Workshop on Copyediting

On 30th June 2023, a workshop on Copyediting was conducted for the III BA English Literature and Language students.



The Resource persons for this event were, Dr. Rayson K. Alex, Associate Professor, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, BITS Pilani, Goa Campus and Dr. Rajitha Venugopal, Assistant Professor, FLAME University, Pune. Drafting the thesis statement and editing an academic paper were discussed during this workshop.

Inauguration

The Inauguration of the Department Association was held on 30th June 2023. Dr. Rayson K. Alex, Associate Professor, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, BITS Pilani, Goa Campus, was the Chief Guest. All the cabinet members took oath and received files for the academic year 2023-24.



Alumni Interaction Series Session 1

Alumni Interaction Series on Start-ups, Innovation and Placement is a programme organised by the Department of English

(SFS) exclusively for the II UG and III UG students of the department. The programme aims to establish a platform of interaction between the distinguished alumni of the department and the current students on matters relating to start-ups, innovation and placement.

The first session of the series on the topic “The Scope of Learning and Development” was held on 25th July 2023. Ms. Christina Abigail from the 2018 - 2021 batch addressed the session which focussed on the different aspects and opportunities in the field of soft-skill training and the corporate sector.



Sessions 2 and 3

The second and third sessions of the series were held on 1st August 2023 and was presided by Dr. Paul Wilson, Principal, MCC. The second session on the topic “For People with Surrealistic Dreams” was addressed by Ms. Preethi Arokiyasheelan from the 2017 - 2020 batch. The session focused on the nuances and scope of the start-up industry with special focus on the skills needed for succeeding in the industry. The third session on the topic “Academic Research” was handled by Ms. Chetana Gavani. Ms. Gavani discussed the importance of undergraduate academic writing and its impact on the students’ future academic pursuits.



Lumos Newsletter

Lumos is a student study circle of the Department of English (SFS) Association, *The Literati*. It meets once every week.

Session 1 – On Poetry 26th June 2023

In the inaugural session of Lumos for the academic year 2023-24, questions pertaining to the form of poetry, its similarities and differences with the prose form, the validity of the special privilege enjoyed by the poetic form, its sophisticated nature which often intimidates the reader, were discussed. Students also read out their own poems and space was given for a discussion on the same.



Session 2 – On Translations 4th July 2023

The Art of Translation, its importance and the nuances involved in the actual process of translation were discussed. The session closed with whether or not Artificial Intelligence would make a proficient translator.



Attendees were given one paragraph from George Orwell's *1984* and one of William Wordsworth's *Lucy Poems* which they were asked to translate into their mother tongues.

Session 3 – On Reading 14th July 2023

The importance of the habit of reading, for any student of the humanities, was emphasized.

Attendees talked about their favorite writers, book and genres and also about the memories associated with reading: a lot of personal stories were shared.

Translated versions of a Russian and a Telugu short story were sent across beforehand and a discussion happened with students talking about how they interpreted the narratives.



Session 4 – Picasso: The Man, The Modern, The Genius 1st August 2023

The cultural politics and the aesthetics of Modernism were looked at through the works of Picasso. The idea of a ‘genius’, how it is constructed and the question of beauty being objective or subjective were also discussed. Attendees were introduced to Picasso’s work and a postcolonial, feminist critique of his works followed.



Session 5 – An Introduction to Modern Philosophy: From Rationalism to Transcendental Idealism 8th August 2023

Dr. M. Vijayasathy, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Philosophy, Madras Christian College, gave a lecture on Modern Philosophy with special emphasis on Rene Descartes. This was an attempt to get specialists to engage the class with topics from across disciplines, aiming at an interdisciplinary dialogue. Since Descartes is also part of the syllabus, the attendees were able to get newer insights.



Session 6 – Why Read the Classics? Or What Makes a Classic? 11th August 2023

T. S. Eliot’s essay ‘What is a Classic?’ was criticised and looked at through another essay by J. M. Coetzee with the same title. The essays were given by our alumnus, Darun. S who now specialises in Culture Studies. He also shared his experience at Harvard where he attended a summer course. Disciplines like Comparative Literature and topics like ethics of comparison were discussed. A small excerpt from Zadie Smith’s novel *On Beauty* was also part of the suggested reading. What kind of an artform qualifies to be a ‘classic’ and how political and social factors contribute to the making of a ‘classic’ were the crux of the discussion.



Session 7 – The Politics of Caste in Mani Ratnam 28th August 2023

The politics of both identity and caste in the films of Mani Ratnam were critically evaluated. The problems in his communal representations, his advocacy of hyper-nationalism, his depiction of women, were all discussed. The ‘Nayakan type’ where a privileged hero becomes a saviour, a liberator and at the same time, a superior to the oppressed lot was talked about.

Department of Languages Hindi (SFS)

Students' Accomplishments

Paper Presentations and Best Paper Award by Students

Dinesh Chetri, BSc Computer science, II Year (SFS) and Halan Grace Joseph of BSW, I Year (SFS), both presented their papers in the inter-collegiate Hindi Seminar organized by the Hindi Dept. of DG Vaishnav College – (Shift- II), Arumbakkam, Chennai on 31st August 2023.

Dinesh Chetri, BSc Computer science, II Year (SFS) was awarded the **Best Paper Presenter** award for his paper in HINDI titled “Tulsidas: ekmahankavi” based on the given topic, “Goswamitulsidasevmunka-sahiya”. He got the first prize out of 60 participants overall who presented their papers.



Prize received by the student Dinesh Chetri in the Inter-collegiate Hindi Seminar

Department of Languages

French (SFS)

Prashanth Mukesh Kumar L, a third-year student of B.Sc. Microbiology had applied for French+Science (Scholarship) Programme and was selected for the same. The full costs of the programme and cultural activities were included in the scholarship. He attended the programme from 17th June to 8th July 2023.



The above is the Certificate of the Scholarship Programme he attended.



Department of Journalism (SFS)

On 19th June 2023, the Freshers' Induction and Campus Walk event welcomed new students to the campus, immersing them in its rich heritage. The event familiarized newcomers with the campus and its history while providing essential information on facilities and support services for a smooth college transition. Additionally, a guided campus walk was organized, offering students an up-close look at key locations and landmarks within the campus.





On 3rd July 2023, the department organized a prayer fellowship at CMS's Preview Theatre. Rev. Mary Alagu Sundari, Presbyter, T.E.L.C. Holy Cross Church, Chengalpet, delivered a powerful message, ushering in the new academic year.



On 3rd July 2023, the department inaugurated its Association - *Beacon*, marking the official appointment of the new cabinet members for the academic year 2023-2024.

Ms. Kavitha Muralidharan, an independent journalist with over 15 years of experience, honoured the occasion with her insightful words of wisdom. She highlighted the critical role of journalistic ethics and the necessity for a compassionate approach in reporting. Ms. Muralidharan underscored the importance of treating individuals with dignity and respect while upholding the core principles of responsible journalism, leaving a lasting impact on the aspiring journalists

present. Members of the department association,



The Beacon are –
Koteeswari C Student Chairperson,
Subhashree P Student General Secretary,
John Paul M Student Sports Convener,
S Pranavalakshmi Student Women's Convener,
Abigail Vanessa Simmons Student Literary and Debate Convener,
Matilda Denson Student Cultural Convener,
Godwin Samraj B Student Media Convener,
Kanishka Somadas Assistant Sports Convener,
Blessy Gloriya S Assistant Literary and Debate Convener,
Zaneta Yovela Ramachandran Assistant Cultural Convener,
Joel Wesley Assistant Media Convener,
TseringPalmo Student Finance Convener,
Kevin Nashon Student Assistant Finance Convener, and
Prerana Shankar Student Assistant Women's Convener.



On 6th July 2023, a thought-provoking event centered on Media and Information Literacy (MIL) took place, underscoring the significance of critical thinking and effective information management in today's digital era. The event had the primary objective of deepening participants' comprehension of media literacy, fact-checking

methodologies, and the responsible consumption of information.

Ms. Indu Ragunathan, Editor, Youth Story (Tamil) with 22 years' of experience based in Chennai, shared her invaluable insights regarding media biases, misinformation, and the role individuals play in advancing media literacy. Interactive discussions offered practical strategies to assess sources, identify fake news, and navigate the intricate landscape of digital media. This event acted as a catalyst in promoting MIL skills, empowering individuals to make informed decisions and confidently traverse the expansive domain of information.



On 24th & 25th July 2023, Mr. Saraa Subramaniam, Deputy Editor - Digital, Tamil Thisai, led an engaging workshop titled “*Mastering Newspaper Production*”. Mr. Subramaniam, provided valuable insights into news publication on social media platforms, including photos, videos, and online articles. He demonstrated real-world examples by showcasing various news organizations’ Facebook pages, helping students grasp effective presentation techniques for their future projects, etc. Comparing different organizations’ online news styles enhanced their understanding of diverse online publishing requirements. Students created their own Facebook pages and practiced posting articles. They also conducted a Facebook Live session, gaining first-hand experience in immediate news

reporting. The first day concluded with students tasked to create their own news pages on Facebook and publish news stories according to specific guidelines. The second day began with an evaluation of the students’ pages and their published news. Mr. Subramaniam offered constructive feedback and commended the students for successfully creating and launching their Facebook pages overnight. Throughout the workshop, students acquired valuable digital skills that will benefit them in their studies and future careers.



The Freshers’ Day celebrations held on 14th July 2023 with *The Great Gatsby* theme, transported freshers back to the roaring 1920s. The batch of 2023-2026 received a warm welcome from faculty and senior students with great enthusiasm. The day kicked off with a ramp walk, allowing freshers to showcase their impressive attire and introduce themselves. Performances, including a group dance by the second-year

students, entertained the audience. Fun games organized by senior students added to the excitement. Freshers showcased their talents in dancing, singing, and playing musical instruments. The event concluded with Mr. and Ms. Fresher announcements and badge distribution, marking a memorable beginning for the newcomers in the Department.



On 26th July 2023, Kalaighar TV conducted auditions for a television reality show. Interested students showcased their talents and competed for a chance to be featured on the show. The event was an opportunity for individuals to demonstrate their skills and vie for a coveted spot in the programme.



On 26th July 2023, the second year students of the Department of Journalism embarked on an educational visit to the MCC farm, aligning with their commitment to sustainability and environment science. The farm greeted them with its serene ambiance and lush vegetation. The students marvelled at the organic and sustainable cultivation of fruits like brinjal, guava, and mangoes, many of which were ripe and vibrant. Rows of newly planted banana and coconut trees added to the picturesque landscape.

Ornamental plants, such as bamboo, enhanced the scenery. The farm also housed livestock, including pigs, chickens, cocks, and turkeys, raised for small-scale commercial purposes. The students

discovered the opportunity for members to purchase these products at affordable prices. Noteworthy features included a solar energy system, a sewage treatment plant, and antique lamp posts, all contributing to sustainability. The solar panels provided essential electricity, while the sewage treatment plant handled wastewater from various areas of MCC.

Overall, the visit was not only informative but also inspirational, motivating students to embrace sustainability in their lives and work towards a better future.



On 7th August 2023, a Media Chat was conducted on 'Marketing and TV strategies' event featuring eminent guest speakers. Ms. Abilasha Nair, Marketing Head, Disney Star India, and Ashwin Dhariyum, Managing Director, Good News Television, shared their insights. Ms. Abilasha discussed her career and passion, shedding light on how marketing operates and its distinction from sales. She also explained the marketing cycle: defining what to market, conducting research, making modifications, and handling distribution and pricing. She distinguished between printing and visual engagement, discussed advertising trends, and emphasized the importance of data in personalization for marketers. The session was engaging and informative, leaving students with valuable takeaways about the marketing sphere and with a wealth of marketing insights.



On 9th August 2023, Lakshmi Subramanian, Senior Special Correspondent, *The Week*, conducted an enlightening session on Media and Information Literacy (MIL).

The session emphasized on the critical importance of MIL in today's information-saturated world, where discerning between credible and misleading information is paramount. Ms. Subramanian covered topics such as fact-checking, responsible information consumption, and the role of media in shaping public opinion. The students gained essential skills for navigating the digital landscape with greater awareness and discernment, equipping them to be informed and responsible consumers and creators of media content.



On 23rd August 2023, the Department of Journalism hosted an enlightening workshop on WordPress, led by Mr. Ram

Chandran, Chief Technology Officer, Webstix. Mr. Chandran commenced his talk by introducing WordPress, highlighting its status as a popular website builder and versatile software system. He emphasized how easily anyone can create their website and carve out a unique online identity for themselves through domain names.

Mr. Chandran elucidated on the multifaceted uses of websites, from publishing diverse content to promoting businesses and blogs. He underscored that WordPress powers over 60% of the industry's websites, offering both free and paid content, the latter providing extra tools for domain and website ownership and customization. Guiding students through the process, he demonstrated domain registration, website customization, crafting the "About" page, and linking to social media. Students actively engaged in creating their websites, benefiting from Mr. Chandran's patient guidance and insightful responses to their queries.

The session, overall, provided an excellent opportunity for students to grasp the art of website creation. It was an informative and interactive experience that left participants inspired to develop websites for their organizations and personal use.



On 24th August 2023, a 'Fact-checking Workshop on Climate Change' was conducted by Mrs. Sangeetha Rajeeesh, Director-Communications, MS Swaminathan Research Foundation. Ms. Rajeeesh, presented an informative session on effective fact-checking methods for climate change-related topics. To engage students, she initiated a poll, inviting them to share keywords they found confusing in the context of climate change.

This interactive activity immediately captured their attention. She encouraged students to adopt a journalistic perspective when addressing climate change issues. She also introduced various fact-checking tools, such as Google Reverse Image Search and Google Fact Check Explorer, simplifying the process for students. She shared reputable websites where students could access authentic information authored by qualified experts, facilitating their future projects. Additionally, she provided a website containing contact information for renowned climate activists, journalists, and organizations to assist students in sourcing materials for climate change stories. She showcased websites offering comprehensive research papers and PDFs on climate change, global warming, and related topics. She equipped students with valuable tools, websites, and research papers to aid them in crafting well-researched, detailed stories, making it easier to access legitimate sources for climate change projects.



On 25th August 2023, Sriram Srinivasan, the Group Digital Editor of *The Hindu* Group, conducted an enlightening session on navigating the digital media landscape for students of the Journalism Department

at Madras Christian College. The session covered a wide range of topics, including the pros and cons of digital media, insights into digital marketing, and the unique characteristics of various social media platforms. Mr. Srinivasan also delved into the strategies of tech giants like Google and Yahoo in the digital space, highlighting the importance of platform strategies.

The session further explored issues like digital plagiarism, intellectual property rights, the metaverse, streaming services, the influence of Artificial Intelligence, and the evolving landscape of data protection. Additionally, Mr. Srinivasan provided valuable insights into the culture of influencers in digital marketing and the ethical considerations of social media. In this comprehensive session, students gained a deep understanding of the digital media landscape, its complexities, and its ethical dimensions, enriching their knowledge and perspectives in journalism.



On 29th August 2023, vibrant Onam celebrations filled the air with joy and tradition. The festivities included traditional attire and floral decorations. The students donned colourful attire, and the spirit of unity and cultural heritage was at the forefront, making it a memorable Onam celebration.



On 30th August 2023, Chennai Photo Biennale hosted a captivating Cyanotype printing event. This event immersed participants in the fascinating world of alternative photographic processes. Cyanotype printing, known for its distinctive blue hues, was the focus. The students learned the art of creating prints using sunlight, chemicals, and specially coated paper or fabric. This hands-on experience allowed them to explore the creative potential of this historic photographic technique. The event not only fostered artistic expression but also contributed to the preservation of traditional photographic methods, making it valuable and highly engaging as well.



Department of Commerce (SFS)

Guest Lecture
Beyond Numbers: Skills of a Successful Management Accountant



On 22nd June 2023, the Department of Commerce (SFS) organised a Skill Development Lecture on the topic, 'The Skills of a Successful Management Accountant', by Mr. Andrew Harding, FCMA, CGMA, Chief Executive, Management Accounting, Association of International Certified Professional Accountants: UK.

Mr. Andrew started with a question, "What is accounting really like?" followed by a discussion on the dynamics of accounting and new models. Then he discussed the growth of India after COVID-19. Important skills required for a management accountant, were also discussed. The importance of the CGMA finance leadership programme and the designations for that certification were discussed.

Skill Development Training Programme

The three-day Placement Training Programme was organised by the Department of Commerce (SFS) for all the final year students from 4th July 2023 to 6th July 2023. The session was conducted by GTT FOUNDATION - BARCLAYS.

The trainers enlightened the students on how to effectively communicate, through PowerPoint presentation, activities, and team work. They also made students to participate in various activities like group discussion, interviews, team games, debate etc. They also gave opportunity to students to speak in front of the class to instill confidence in themselves. They also taught the students how to present themselves and how to behave in an interview and in the working place. A one-to-one interview for students was conducted which helped everyone to get the experience of facing an interview.



E-Commerce Forum Inauguration

E-Commerce Forum Inauguration was held on 12th July 2023 in the Anderson Hall. Mr. Jesudasan Ben Christopher, Assistant Traffic Manager, Chennai Port Authority, was the Guest of honour for the Inauguration. He was an alumnus of the Commerce Department, MCC. Then Mr. Jesudasan along with our esteemed Faculty proceeded to light the lamp. Mr. Jesudasan got nostalgic, reminiscing about his college days, and spoke about how time is the most valuable thing that one should never take for granted. He enlightened the students about how time affects every part of life on earth, regardless of who or what they are. He finished his address on a cheerful note, wishing prosperity to all. Dr. Nirmala Mohan, Head of the Department, presented badges to the incumbent members of the E-Commerce forum for the year 2023-24 followed by the Chairman's report and General Secretary's Report. The session concluded with a Vote of thanks by our Staff Advisor Dr. M. Menaka.



Freshers' Day

Freshers' Day was held on 28th July 2023 for a new batch of B. Com. and M. Com. students in the Bishop Heber Hall Football Ground. The event started with a prayer song, followed by cultural events. A Mime was performed representing the nature and atmosphere of the Madras Christian College. The Silambam performance was the highlight of the Day.



Aptitude Skill Development Training Programme

A training programme was organised by the Department of Commerce (SFS) on 18th and 19th July 2023. The session was conducted by VILITE TRAINING. The trainers discussed the topics in aptitude which are important for Bank exams, Government exams and other Entrance exams. The topics are - Simple Equation, percentage profit and loss, ratio and proportion, time and distance, time and work allegations, etc. The facilitators solved

problems on each topic which helped the students to understand the topics effectively.



Guest Lecture

On 09th August 2023, the Department of Commerce (SFS) organized a guest lecture on “Understanding The Basics Of Goods And Services Tax” By Mr. Ca Pradeep. V.



Mr. CA Pradeep. V, is a renowned professional with an impressive career spanning over a decade. As a seasoned expert, Mr. CA Pradeep has skilfully managed important aspects of their organization's operations, particularly in the areas of FTP, Refunds, and Compliances, at the esteemed Chennai branch of HNA. Mr. CA Pradeep's exceptional expertise extends beyond internal operations, and he has also been a guiding force for clients across various sectors. His insightful guidance has played a key role in assisting clients from industries such as ITES, NBFC, and Automobiles in navigating the complex landscape of GST regulations. He gave a brief note on the features of GST and the structure of Indian dual GST model. He gave a detailed explanation on the Place of supply.

Two-day Workshop

A two-day workshop on Fundamentals of Capital Markets was organised by Finmark

Trainers India Pvt. Ltd. on 23rd and 25th August 2023 for the UG students of B.Com. (SFS).



The Resource person Mr. Glenn Roger Carr engaged the students on both the days on different topics such as the different types of Financial Markets, Financial Instruments, History and Functions and Regulation of Stock Exchanges in India, Financial Statement Analysis, Internet Trading, etc. Students were also given a broad understanding of investing in shares and the technicalities involved in investing. About 37 students attended the workshop. An offline test was conducted to appraise the understanding of the students and certificates were awarded to the students.

Placement Workshop

A placement was conducted by the TECH MAHINDRA LIMITED & SMART ACADEMY on 29th August 2023. The workshop was done in such a way that many students understood the real world of LOGISTICS. The highlight of the workshop was that the realistic and practical process of logistics was brought into the limelight and each and every key point of logistics was elucidated. The importance of logistics in this developing economy was well explained by the trainer.

The session was very much interactive and students were given chances to answer the questions put forth by the trainer and the trainer gave ample opportunities for the students to ask questions regarding the topic.

The trainer also presented a PowerPoint for even better understanding and also casted a video regarding the overall operations of logistics. This was a very meaningful

workshop for the students which led them to gain knowledge about the topic in depth.

Department of Social Work (SFS)

A workshop on 'Basic First Aid' was organized for the students of II MSW on 22nd June 2023, in association with the organization ALERT. Mr. Karl Marx facilitated the session. The students gained insights on the do's and don'ts of first aid with hands-on experience.

A guest lecture on 'Employee Engagement and Employee Retention' was organised for the students of II MSW on 30th June 2023 which was facilitated by MSW alumna Ms. J. Hamsadhwani, Human Resources Business Partner, HCL Healthcare.

A Personality Development workshop was organised for the I MSW students on 3rd & 4th July 2023. The faculty of the Department of Social Work (SFS) facilitated the sessions on various concepts such as "self-discovery", "social analysis", "team building", "leadership", "conflict" and "communication", etc.

Observation Visits were arranged for the I MSW students to the following organisations –

- (1) Indian Council of Child Welfare on 5th July 2023
- (2) ARUWE on 6th July 2023
- (3) International Justice Mission on 12th July 2023
- (4) MANASU on 13th July 2023
- (5) National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with multiple disabilities (NIEPMD) on 19th July 2023
- (6) Monfort Community Development Society on 20th July 2023.

A guest lecture on "Simplified Economics" was organized for the students of II BSW on 10th July 2023, facilitated by Dr. Joshua Solomon, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics (Aided), Madras Christian College.

A guest lecture on "Social Legislations Related to Women" was organised for III BSW students on 10th July 2023, facilitated

by Mr. S. Padmanaban, Advocate, Madras High Court, [and the founder of Sarvam Trust], who was the resource person of the day.

The Inauguration of the Department Prayer Cell was organized on 11th July 2023, on the theme "Journey of Faith" led by Dr. Alban Nishanth Lalu, Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work (SFS).

A movie screening was arranged for the students of III BSW as part of the Conflict and Disaster Management course on 13th July 2023, in the Chemistry Seminar Hall.

A "Career Guidance Series" was organized for the III BSW students. Session I on 'Studying Abroad after BSW' was held on 15th July 2023 and BSW alumna Ms. Roshni Alavudeen and BSW alumna Ms. Evangeline D. Manohar, who pursued their masters abroad facilitated the session. Session II was held on 22nd July 2023 on 'Pursuing Masters in Schools of Social Work in other states' facilitated by BSW Alumnae Ms. Ann Kurian, who completed MSW at Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, Kerala; BSW alumna Ms. Divya R., who completed MSW at Christ University, Bengaluru and BSW alumna Mr. Muthuraja B, who is currently pursuing MA Rural Development and Governance at Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Hyderabad.

The Inauguration of PACE, (Professional Social Workers' Association for Competence and Excellence), and Freshers' Day were organized on 17th July 2023. During the inaugural ceremony, the office-bearers of PACE received their badges from the faculty of the department and officially began their journey as members of PACE.

The event also had some fun activities for the freshers, including the performances of the students from II BSW, III BSW, and II MSW.

A workshop on "Statistical Package for the Social Sciences" was organized for the II MSW students on 17th & 18th July 2023, in association with the Department of Statistics at Madras Christian College.

A guest lecture on “Programme Planning and Programme Development: A Tool for Successful Group Work” was organised for the students of I MSW on 31st July 2023, facilitated by Dr. Prince Solomon, Associate Professor, Department of Social Work (Aided), Madras Christian College.

A guest lecture on “Strategic Management” was organized for the II MSW students on 31st July 2023, facilitated by Mr. Chinnamuthu, Assistant Professor, Department of Commerce, Madras Christian College, who was the guest speaker of the day.

A three-day skill development lab was organized for the I MSW students from 2nd to 4th August 2023, at MacPhails. The trainers of the skill lab were BSW Alumni Mr. Manoj and Mr. Palani, who trained the students on Street theatre, Mime, puppetry, Parai dance and folk dance.

A guest lecture on “Disaster Management and Trauma” was organized for III BSW students on 3rd August 2023 which was facilitated by Dr. Prince Solomon, Associate Professor, Department of Social Work (Aided), Madras Christian College.

A guest lecture on “Mental Health” was organised for I MSW students on 5th August 2023, which was facilitated by our BSW Alumnus Mr. Bharath, Social Worker at the National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences, Bangalore.

A guest lecture on “Change Management: A Step Ahead for Organizational Effectiveness” was organised for the II MSW students on 5th August 2023 facilitated by Mr. Arun Abraham, the Head-HR of Schneider Electric Plant, Chennai.

The students of I MSW ventured on their Rural Camp – **Sangamam 2023**, titled “Nilai Maara Thadai Enna?” at Jamunamarathur in collaboration with ‘Don Bosco Development Society’ from 14th August to 18th August 2023. The campers visited the villages named Kalyanamandhai, Vellikottai, Paraireddiyur, and Kizhpazhamkottai. The rural camp included

a variety of activities, such as awareness programmes, street plays and sports days.

The “Independence Day” celebration was organized on 28th August 2023, in the Anderson Hall, on the theme of ‘Nation First, Always First’. Various on-stage and off-stage competitions were conducted for the students of the department.

An awareness programme in lieu of World Suicide Prevention Day was organized on 28th August 2023, in the Anderson Hall on the theme of ‘Creating Hope through Action’. The chief guest for the day was Mr. Jayaraj, team leader of the Chennai South Team, India Campus Crusade for Christ Ministries.

A guest lecture on “A Glimpse of Contemporary Indian Society” was organized for students of I BSW on 29th August 2023, facilitated by Mr. Samson Aruldas, Coordinator, MCC Community College, Tambaram.

A guest lecture on “Institutional Arrangements in Disaster Risk Reduction in India” was organized on 29th August 2023, for III BSW students facilitated by Dr. Muthukrishnan A., Assistant Professor, Department of Geography, Tamil Nadu Open University.

Department of Business Administration Orientation Programme

The young bunch of tycoons got to explore the different dimensions of the BBA Programme in MCC, and getting to know the enriched culture and henceforth to move towards excellence.



The Campus Walk

A Campus Walk was organised by the Department of Business Administration.



The Department of Business Administration was ranked 4th all over India by the India Today magazine on the Top 10 emerging BBA departments in India 2023.



Freshers' Day

On the first week on July 2023, **Freshers' day – "Bienvenido '23"** was organised for the young bunch of budding tycoons. They exhibited their talents to created an aura of proficient enthusiasm.



Tycoons Talk

On 10th July 2023, Mr. P. Natarajan, Founder and CEO of Puviearthcare solutions gave a speech regarding breaking through to a sustainable future and embracing a plastic free journey.



United We Win, Divided We Fall- Training Programme

On 25th of July 2023, a **leadership and team building training programme** was conducted for the students of BBA. It included games, team building and communication activities to foster those skills.



Debate

Competition among the knowledgeable is always fun to witness. On the eve of 4th August 2023, Club Debatitto of BBA conducted a fierce debate among the students regarding the ethical and unethical side of moonlighting. This was then followed by a quiz session among 4 teams, conducted by the “Quizzards of BBA” Club.



Tycoons Talk

One should always plan ahead!

The Tycoons Talk on 8th of August 2023, sowed the seeds for the same. It ignited the young minds of today towards tomorrow.

Dr. Stan Baker from Le Torneau University gave an invaluable speech about the future of leadership and management- “What will

tomorrow look like for the new graduate organisation”.



Alumni Meet '23

On 26th August 2023, the Department of Business Administration organised the first ever Alumni Meet. It was an extraordinary moment to witness Alumni from the very first batches reuniting and sharing their nostalgic bond and enduring connections.



Many alumni traveled long distances, from across many states, to be a part of this remarkable event. Their dedication and presence made this gathering a resounding success.

In addition, the current batch of BBA students performed for their Alumni and much to their surprise they were joined by Alumni themselves in Music and Dance. All these beautiful moments were followed by a delicious dinner and it was most certainly a fulfilling day to remember.

Department of Communication (SFS)

Orientation Programme

The Department of Communication at Madras Christian College warmly welcomed the incoming batch for the academic years 2023-2025 with a department orientation on the 28th of June 2023. This event introduced students to the diverse world of communication, encompassing media, journalism, public relations, and more, through engaging sessions with our dedicated faculty members. It aimed to provide essential information about the curriculum and academic expectations while fostering a sense of belonging within the department. The Department of Communication has a proud legacy of nurturing talent, and our faculty members were committed to guiding students in their pursuit of knowledge and skills.

Department of Geography, Tourism and Travel Management (SFS)

Training / Workshops

18 Students from B.Sc. Geography, Tourism and Travel Management and 7 students from B.Sc. Hospitality and Tourism attended **Fire and Safety Rescue Training** organized by Western Ghats Wildlife Conservation Trust in collaboration with Tamil Nadu Fire and Safety Rescue Service on 8th July 2023.



Landing of Chandrayaan

Students of the department witnessed the landing of Chandrayaan on 23rd July 2023, on the big screen. Some astronomical information was shared before the live telecast.



Field visit

Students of II BSc Geography, Tourism and Travel Management accompanied by three faculty visited Raindrop Boat House, Mudaliyar Kuppam on 28th July 2023. Students arranged the logistics, food and other requirement. Tourism costing, Mapping and geographic landforms by the sea action were learnt.



Freshers' Day

Freshers' Day of the Department was conducted on 1st August 2023, at Bishop Heber Hall to meet and welcome the juniors. The newest class of students to the college was entertained by the seniors.

Capacity Building and Training Programmeme on Geo-Informatics and Remote Sensing for Tamilnadu Government Officials

A Six-day Capacity Building and Training Programme on 'Geo-informatics and Remote Sensing for Smart City Planning', was conducted from 07th August to 12th August 2023, in the Computer Laboratory, Department of Geography, Tourism and Travel Management for government officials from various departments in Tamil Nadu Government viz. Asst. Commissioner, Executive Engineer, Assistant Executive Engineer, Asst. Engineer, Junior Engineer and Draftsman. A total of 26 Government Officials participated in this training programme.





The Training Programme was conducted in collaboration with STEM - Centre for Symbiosis of Technology, Environment & Management, Bangalore, and Athira Geo-Spatial Services Pvt. Ltd., Chennai. Awareness and hands-on Training for Government officials in Geoinformatics and Remote Sensing in Smart City Planning was the outcome of the programme. The students learned how to apply the latest technology for surveying.

Intra-department Sports

III B.Sc. Geography, Tourism and Travel Management and I B.Sc. Hospitality and Tourism Girls Team won the Intra-department Throw Ball (Girls) match and III B.Sc. Hospitality and Tourism won Football (Boys) match held on 8th August 2023.



Workshop

25 Students from III B.Sc. Geography, Tourism and Travel Management and four students from III B.Sc. Hospitality and Tourism participated in the workshop conducted by Association of Domestic tour operations of India (ADTOI) on “Current trends and Challenges in Travel and Tourism Domain” on 10th August 2023, with Prof. P. Velmurugan.



Awareness Event 'Important days' Programme

'Important Days' Programme is organized twice in an academic year by the department. In this event, students gather together to talk and share about the important days of select months. Conducted on 30th August 2023, this programme had 46 participants who expressed their talents through oration, storytelling, poster making, drawing and painting, creative writing, ICT presentation, poem, video editing, Art and Craft and Meme creation.



The topics for the event were World Wetlands Day, World Day of Social Justice, World Wildlife Day, World Hearing Day, International Women's Day, World Health Day, World Earth Day, World Athletic Day, World Refugee Day, International Friendship Day, Independence Day, World Photography Day, World Humanitarian Day, Mother's Day, Father's Day and International Tiger day. Dr. Sobhana Devi and Prof. Velmurugan were adjudicators for the event.

Achievements

Professor. P Velmurugan served as an Ecotourism Panelist in G20 Workstream Panel Discussion on Tourism conducted on 22nd August 2023 at the Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University on the topic, 'Towards Policymaking in Tourism', and received felicitation from Honourable Governor of Tamil Nadu Shri R N Ravi.



Kingsly Raja A, of III B.Sc. Geography, Tourism and Travel Management won first prize in the District Level CM Trophy in the Individual Sport Badminton on 24th June 2023 at Kallakurichi District, Tamil Nadu.



Anamika S Kumar of I B.Sc. Geography, Tourism and Travel Management, won the second prize in Digital Trails of Madras during Madras Day Celebrations organized by the Department of History at Stella Maris College, Chennai, on 25th August 2023. Seven Students from II & I B.Sc. Geography, Tourism and Travel Management, and five Students from III & II B.Sc. Hospitality and Tourism participated in the various other events.



Department of Mathematics (SFS)

On 4th August 2023, the Department of Mathematics (SFS) of Madras Christian College conducted the inauguration of the forum ACTUARIA '23 at CMS Theatre. The event began with a prayer and welcome address by Ms. Asha Thomas, Head of Department. Dr. J Janet Vennila, Vice Principal, SFS delivered her Presidential address giving insights into the field of mathematics. The Guest of Honour, Dr. Ramajayam Sahadevan, Former Director

and Head, Ramanujan Institute, University of Madras inaugurated the Forum and delivered his inaugural address. In his very informative address Dr. Ramajayam spoke on the Importance and Applications of Mathematics. As part of forum inauguration, he conducted an interesting open quiz session in which students participated actively. He responded to student queries and detailed the diverse openings available all around the world to Mathematics graduates in the form of higher studies, research and job opportunities. The cabinet members then took the stage and welcomed newly admitted first year students. The event concluded with a vote of thanks and the National anthem.

Department of Chemistry (SFS)

The Department of Chemistry (SFS) began the academic year events with a campus stroll for both I and II PG students on 13th July 2023. It was planned with the purpose of introducing the students to get acquainted and familiar with the place of learning. It was assisted by Ms. Pon Dharshini, Department Representative, II M.Sc along with the faculty members. The students were taken around the campus and briefed about its history, significance, and the need to keep the place clean and impressive. It was an endeavor to foster communication and strong bonds between students and faculty members.



The Department of Chemistry (SFS) hosted Freshers Day on 26th July 2023 at Margaret Hall, MCC, to provide the freshers a warm welcome in order to develop confidence and boost creativity. It was accompanied by a slew of exciting events including a ramp walk, traditional, fusion, and modern

dances, spectacular vocal performances, and magnificent decorating, all of which contributed to a heartfelt experience.



On 8th September 2023, the Department of Chemistry's (SFS) 'Khemeia Association' was inaugurated at the Seminar Hall, Chemistry Wing, MCC, by honouring the various office bearers of the department with badges. Prof. A. Gopalakrishnan, Assistant Professor, D. G. Vaishnav College, Arumbakkam, Chennai, additionally delivered a special lecture on 'Molecular spectroscopy'. The lecture shed light on the basics of spectroscopy mainly on UV, IR, and NMR, and focused especially on its application in current research.



Student Achievements

Akshay and Praveen Kumar of II M.Sc Chemistry earned first place in CHEMSET, followed by Premkumar. P, from II M.Sc Chemistry bagging the second place in CHEMMEME at the Intercollegiate Fest 'REACTIONS-2023' - CHEMSET competition held on 15th September 2023 by the Department of Chemistry, Stella Maris College. Neha. A and Rajeshwari.V

from I M.Sc Chemistry won the third prize in the Inter-collegiate Fest - Quiz Competition, Rajeshwari.V-I M.Sc Chemistry won the second prize in Intercollegiate Fest - Collage Making and Neha.A-I M.Sc Chemistry won the second prize in the Inter-collegiate Fest - Photography competition conducted by the Department of Chemistry, Women's Christian College on 19th September 2023.



Abdul Rahman A from I M.Sc Chemistry won the first prize in Time bound Narrative Exploration (Creative writing) competition followed by Sanjai. K and Eugen Kingston. X from I M.Sc Chemistry the first prize in Harvesting heritage (Vegetable Carving) in the Inter-collegiate Fest "MICROMATSURI" - conducted by the Department of Microbiology, Dwaraka Doss Goverdhan Doss Vaishnav College, Chennai, on 21st September 2023.



Neha. A, Rajeshwari.V and Shamini. G from the I M.Sc Chemistry class, won the first prize in the Inter-collegiate Fest - "Rangoli" conducted by the Department of

Commerce (SFS), Madras Christian College on 26th September 2023.



Department of Microbiology

Career Guidance

A career guidance session was organized by the department of Microbiology for the final year students on 11th June 2023. Mr. Alex Ranjith Kumar, Chief Hygiene Manager, Fairmont, Maldives, was the speaker of the event. He provided valuable insights on how to work overseas after the completion of education through an interactive session and also shared his personal experiences with the students.



Freshers' day

The Department of Microbiology celebrated its freshers' day "Realeza" on 12th June 2023, for the I UG and PG 2023 batch. The theme of the freshers' day was "Royalty Redefined". Dr. V. Mahalakshmi, the Head of the Department, delivered the welcome address brimming with words of wisdom for the freshers, encouraging them for their future journeys. The event was a vibrant mix of activities, featuring dance performances by students. Exciting games also added to the lively atmosphere, with freshers participating eagerly. The highlight

of the evening was a ramp walk organized by the seniors, culminating in the selection of the Freshie Queen and King. There was a distribution of gifts, followed by a photo session to capture these memorable moments.



Campus Walk

The Campus Walk for Freshers 2023, held on 28th July 2023 was attended by the newly joined first years of B.Sc. and M.Sc. and guided by the forum members. Its primary purpose was to familiarize new students with our campus. The event was organized by the Department Chairperson, Ms. Sundar Blessy Sarah, II M.Sc. Applied Microbiology and Department representative, Ms. Rasika of III B.Sc. Microbiology accompanied by Judah Jacob and Allwin Vinoth J, Research Scholars and overseen by Dr. J. Neena Priya, Assistant Professor of the Department of Microbiology. The walk spanned from St. Thomas's Hall to the Botany gallery, encompassing various halls and pavilions. Nearly every corner of the campus was explored from 11 am till 1 pm.



Forum Inauguration

The Department of Microbiology formally inaugurated the Student Forum 'Niche' on

1st August 2023. The inaugural event commenced with the college prayer. The welcome address was given by the President of the Forum and Head of the Department, Dr. V. Mahalakshmi. The Chief Guest, Dr. J. Jannet Vennila, Vice Principal, Self-financed Stream, Madras Christian College, spoke on her recent research in Proteomics and also about the department's progress and encouraged students to involve themselves in research-oriented activities for a better future.

The Department's newsletter 'Micromerge' was released followed by the release of the Department's Constitution, the first of its kind. This was followed by the badge distribution to the Forum cabinet by the Head of the department, Dr. V. Mahalakshmi. The pledge was initiated by Ms. Sundar Blessy Sarah, Chairperson to the Forum cabinet followed by the badge distribution to class representatives and executive members.



Alumni Talk Series - I

The Department of Microbiology took a new initiative this year to invite alumni to share their experiences and knowledge with the current students titled, "Alumni Talk Series". The first session was conducted on 23rd August 2023 organized by Dr. S. Niren Andrew, Alumni staff-in-charge. The three alumni invited for this first talk series were Mrs. Sarah, Mr. Balaji Sundararajan and Mr. Delson of 2008-2011 batch of B.Sc. Microbiology. Mr. Balaji Sundararajan, an accomplished alumnus known for his business acumen and relationship-building skills shared his experiences. Mrs. Sarah shared her insights and experiences as a lecturer at Lakeview Bible College and Seminary since 2017. Mr. Delson, an alumnus and Assistant Manager HR at FIS Global Solutions IT firm since 2015,

expressed gratitude and shared his experiences. The Alumni Talk Series - I concluded with remarks by Dr. V. Mahalakshmi, Head of the Department of Microbiology.



PG Journal Club

The PG Journal Club is an initiative by the Department of Microbiology wherein students from II M.Sc. Applied Microbiology presents research papers / review papers on the current trends in Microbiology. The inaugural session for the academic year 2023-24 was conducted on 29th August 2023. Presenters of this session were Jijo Philip Sam J. and Eva Jessica Henry of II M.Sc. Applied Microbiology.

Onam Celebrations

The Department of Microbiology celebrated Onam, the festival of togetherness on 30th August 2023. Students of all classes dressed up in traditional attire and mingled together to celebrate the festival in unison. Students were grouped into various teams for the competition. The students crafted beautiful rangoli from flowers and the team with the best rangoli emerged as victorious and were appreciated. The celebration continued with a captivating dance performance by the III BSc Microbiology students, who enthralled the audience with traditional songs and dance moves.



Staff Achievements

Dr. V. Mahalakshmi, Head and Associate professor

Was appointed as a member of the staff selection committee to interview various teaching cadres for the department of Microbiology and Biotechnology on 7th August 2023 at Bharath Institute of Higher Education and research (Deemed to be University), Selaiyur, Chennai.

Participated in a webinar on Biofabrication and Biomicrofluidics organized by MCC-MRF Innovation Park, Madras Christian College on 28th August 2023.

Dr. S. Abirami, Assistant Professor participated in a five-day online faculty development programme on “Current trends and development in Research in Biosciences” from 22nd August 2023 to 26th August 2023 organized by the department of Medical Laboratory Technology, Sathyabama Institute of Science and Technology (Deemed to be University), Chennai.

Dr. T. Sathish Kumar, Associate Professor, published a paper on “Bio-efficiency of algal mat and algal extract as a larvicide against female *Anopheles* sp. mosquito larvae” in the Journal of Entomological Research (ISSN: 0378-9519) Vol. 47, Issue 3 June 2023.

Dr. Hanumantha Rao, Associate Professor

Served as a resource person in the “Research & Publication Ethics Course” organized by the Deanery Research & Development, Madras Christian College from 20th July to 03rd August 2023.

Served as a resource person in the Webinar on “Resources for sustainability and bioenergy” organized by the Department of Life Sciences, St. Peter’s Institute of Higher Education and Research, Chennai, on 9th June 2023.

Dr. J. Neena Priya, Assistant Professor

i) Participated in a five-day online faculty development programme on “Current trends and development in Research in

Biosciences” from 22nd August 2023 to 26th August 2023 organized by the department of Medical Laboratory Technology, Sathyabama Institute of Science and Technology (Deemed to be University), Chennai.

ii) Participated in a webinar on Biofabrication and Biomicrofluidics organized by MCC-MRF Innovation Park, Madras Christian College on 28th August 2023.

Students' Achievements

Prashanth Mukesh Kumar, III B.Sc. Microbiology took part in a three-week summer programme from 19th June to 8th July 2023 in “French+Sciences and Technologies of the Sea” organized by Campus France held at Brest, France. He is one among the 17 students selected across various countries and a recipient of French + Sciences scholarship.



Prashanth Mukesh Kumar and Subarna of III B.Sc Microbiology of Madras Christian College in association with IIITDM Kancheepuram has qualified for the European Rover Challenge 2023 organized by European Space Foundation, Kielce University of Technology, City of Kielce, Poland.

Monika D, Research Scholar presented a paper on “Molecular characterisation of MDR *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* by RAPD-PCR and the efficacy of the millet protein against them’ in the ‘International Conference on Infectious Diseases and Antimicrobial Resistance’, organized by the Department of Microbiology in association with the Indian Association of Medical Microbiologists (IAMM) and co-sponsored

by DST-SERB, DBT, CSIR, New Delhi, India at Saveetha Dental College and Hospitals, Chennai on 28th and 29th July 2023

Sweetlin Jebamary, Research Scholar, presented a paper on 'Screening the genes of MDR in ESKAPE pathogens from bat guano' in the 'International Conference on Infectious Diseases and Antimicrobial Resistance' organized by the Department of Microbiology in association with the Indian Association of Medical Microbiologists (IAMM) and co-sponsored by DST-SERB, DBT, CSIR, New Delhi, India at Saveetha dental College and Hospitals, Chennai, on 28th and 29th July 2023.



Sundar Blessy Sarah, II M.Sc Applied Microbiology did an oral presentation in the 4th MICROSUMMIT - International Conference on Infectious Diseases & Antimicrobial Resistance (ICIDAR-2023) organized by the Department of Microbiology in association with the Indian Association of Medical Microbiologists (IAMM), Tamil Nadu Chapter, and co-sponsored by DST-SERB, DBT, CSIR, New Delhi, India, at Saveetha Dental College & Hospitals, Chennai, on 28th & 29th July 2023.

Sundar Blessy Sarah, II M.Sc Applied Microbiology did an oral presentation on the topic, 'Endophytic fungi extracted from 7 different medicinal plants and their antibacterial activities' in the CSIR & 'TNSCST' sponsored "1st National Conference on Biomaterials in Health Care 2023" held on 18th and 19th of August 2023 at Sree Balaji Medical College and Hospital, Chennai.



Abrahaam Nithya Pandian, I M.Sc. Applied Microbiology participated in a Phylogenetic Tree Analysis Workshop on 22nd & 23rd June 2023 at Hindustan College of Arts and Science, Kelambakkam.

Abrahaam Nithya Pandian, I M.Sc. Applied Microbiology and Butter biscuit the band, performed at Chemfest '23 on 22nd July 2023 at Chengalpeta Medical College and performed at "An Evening with Butter biscuit the band" conducted on 29th July 2023 organized by the VIT Music Club at VIT Vellore and performed at Panacea at SRM Medical College, Kattankulathur, on 31st August 2023.

Microalgal Biotechnology Laboratory

The Department of Microbiology has been working on translational research involving microalgal technologies and recently signed a mutual non-disclosure agreement with Algae Global Innovation Enterprise Pvt. Ltd. for validation and possible technology transfer of a novel microalgae cultivation system. As a recent development during the past month, the unit is working on commercialization of its non-patented technologies and implementation of the same at the pilot- and industrial-scale through industrial consultancy, and is in the process of signing MoUs. Few highlights of the research work are provided below -

Focus Areas of Research

- Algal biomass generation for biofuels and other commercial applications.
- Suspended and immobilized outdoor microalgae cultivation systems.
- CO₂ capture using microalgae cultivation systems.

- Pilot- and industrial-scale phycoremediation of domestic and industrial wastewaters.
- Microalgae-based value-added products.



Patent Filed Technologies

- Super productivity of microalgae and super CO₂ capture using novel immobilized algae reactor.
- Enhanced phycoremediation and algae biomass productivity using a novel immobilized microalgae system.
- Phycoremediation of polluted lotic (river) systems.
- Plant-based algicide for algal bloom control in natural waterbodies, and its applications in industrial cooling towers and swimming pools.

Current Research/Technologies Developed

- Activated algae system for phycoremediation.
- Integrated open suspended and immobilized systems for phycoremediation and biomass production.

Team

Dr. P. Hanumantha Rao, Mr. Judah Jacob, Mr. Allwin Vinoth, and Mr. Mukilanthan Antony.



Department of Computer Applications (BCA)

Tech Alumni Series – episode 1

The Department of Computer Applications (BCA) organized “TECH ALUMNI SERIES – EPISODE 1” at Madras Christian College in QSC 203 classroom, on 7th July 2023. The speaker was Mr. Manoj Chris, Senior Reconciliation Analyst, Standard Chartered Bank Assistant Manager, Chennai. He is a 2016-19 batch alumnus.



The aim of this programme is to welcome alumni who have significantly influenced the entrepreneurial landscape in the new domains of computer vision. They will impart to the present students who are about to enter the workforce the technical information they have acquired in their area of expertise. This enables the students to investigate novel emerging technology and prepares their minds to select the best professional route.

The speaker provided a brief overview of user experience (UX) and user interface (UI), which refer to how users interact with computer systems, software, and applications. It assists students in learning the essentials of working in this sector. In order to create captivating designs and user experiences, the students are challenged to

use user-centric design techniques and a variety of creative tools.

Prayer cell inauguration

The Department of Computer Applications (BCA) inaugurated the Prayer Cell on July 18th 2023 in the QSC 205 classroom. The Prayer Cell aims to provide a platform for individuals from diverse backgrounds to come together in prayer, fostering a sense of community, spiritual growth, and support. The inaugural event marked the beginning of a journey to cultivate a space for prayer, reflection and mutual encouragement.

The event commenced with a warm welcome and an opening Prayer by the organizing committee. They shared the vision and purpose of the Prayer Cell, emphasizing the importance of prayer in daily life and its potential to bring positive change.



Worship with action song - Soul-stirring musical performances, including hymns and spiritual songs, added a sense of devotion and inspiration to the event.



Dr. Fanny Grace, Department of Commerce (SFS), Madras Christian College,

the guest speaker, delivered the word of God on the occasion.

Anderson Hall Worship Service

The Department of Computer Applications (BCA) & the Department of Computer Science (B.Sc) jointly organized the Worship Service on 23rd July 2023 in the Anderson Hall at Madras Christian College.

The students led the praise and worship throughout the worship session and also gave a mime performance. Dr. Godwin Isaac, Physiotherapist provided the sermon, which was followed by Rev. Lalthanzuala Chongthu's benediction.

Asterican Forum Inauguration

The Department of Computer Applications (BCA) inaugurated the Asterican Forum Association in the Anderson Hall on 31st July 2023. Mr. Kingsly Thomson, Senior Human Resource Coordinator, Cognizant, was the chief guest. He delivered a speech on the subject of 'Unleashing The Leader Within'.



The speaker emphasised that every individual ready to start their personal development journey can learn leadership qualities, which are not just available to a handful of people. We can unleash our leadership potential and have a significant impact in both our professional and personal lives, he continued, by cultivating self-awareness, effective communication, growth mindset, and the capacity to inspire others. The session undoubtedly aided the students to take on the challenge and unleash the champion within them.

Freshers' '23

Every student anticipates the 'Freshers' Party', the most notable event of the college, with bated breath from the moment they are admitted. On this day, seniors and juniors finally come together to commemorate their shared membership in the college. The 2023-24 batch of students' freshmen celebration was hosted by the Department of Computer Applications (BCA) on 1st August 2023, from 3:30 PM to 6:00 PM in the Macphails Arts Centre.

The day of the freshmen was one of excitement, joy, music, fervour, laughter, and happiness. The three competitive categories for the event focused on dance, singing, and the main event, Mr. & Ms. Freshers 2023. After the students showcased their different talents on stage, the Head of the Department Mrs. D. Sathiya Priya honoured Mr. & Mrs. Freshers of the year 2023.

Digital Playground

The Department of Computer Applications (BCA) organized a seminar on "DIGITAL PLAYGROUND – EXPLORING GAME SOFTWARE TESTING" in the QSC 203 classroom on 2nd August 2023. The guest speaker was Mr. Anand Ramachandran, Co-founder, Bigfatphoenix Interactive, Chennai.



The topic of discussion was about the cognizance of gaming industry. In the last several years, the need for developers in the gaming business has surged by 50%. As the internet and web apps become more and more ingrained in our daily lives, the gaming sector has experienced explosive growth.

Working in the gaming sector could be one of the most profitable job opportunities in 2023. The seminar provided students with a deeper understanding of the gaming industry, which will undoubtedly help them choose a career route if they are interested.

Career development and higher studies

The Department of Computer Applications (BCA) organized a Seminar on "Exploring the Opportunities in Career Development and Higher Education" at Madras Christian College in QSC 203 on 18th August 2023. The guest speaker was H. Abdul Navas, Senior Manager, KC Overseas-Osprey Academy.



The speaker and the student engaged in an interactive discussion regarding the students' future aspirations for their jobs and higher education. The speaker encouraged students to consider studying abroad and provided a clear image of the opportunities available in nations such as the United States, United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand, and other European countries.

Tech talk on Cyber Security

The Department of Computer Applications (BCA) hosted a Technical Seminar on the topic of Cyber Security at Madras Christian College in QSC 203 on 30th August 2023. The chief guest was Dr. Harish Ramani,

NuRe Cyber Security Operations, 3i Infotech Limited, Chennai. The programme began with a word of prayer and around 200 second BCA students (II and III year) attended and benefited from the event.

Cyber Security is one of the fastest-growing technological areas. Because cybercrime poses risks to individuals, businesses and governments, researchers and information security specialists are constantly creating proactive techniques and tools to strengthen cybersecurity. The speaker shed some insights on the existing skill gap in the sector of Cyber Security and the employment market it will produce in the coming years. The session was undeniably an eye-opener for the participants.

Department of Computer Science (MCA)

The Guest Lectures on “MCC – Heritage & History” and “Professional Journey” was organised on 25th & 26th July 2023 as part of I MCA Orientation programme held from 24th - 27th July 2023 by the Department of Computer Science. The students of MCA Batch 2023 attended the programme in the MCA Classroom. The first lecture was delivered by Dr. B. Prince Solomon Devadass, Associate Professor, Department of Social Work, MCC, on the topic, “MCC – Heritage & History” focussing on the philosophical life of student community.



The session focused on the tradition and richness of MCC by sharing his real-life experiences in the campus. The second lecture was given by Mr. Robin Justus Raj, Staff Product Developer, BMC Software

Pvt Ltd, Chennai, Alumnus (MCA Batch 2013-16) on the topic, “Professional Journey” presenting the key success to academic excellence by elaborating the career path with systematic academic activities.



The Inauguration of the MCA Association - COSMIC was held on 31st July 2023 from 12.30 PM to 1.30 PM in the Chemistry Seminar Hall at Madras Christian College. The Chief Guest Mr. S. Parthasarathy, Delivery Director, Insurance Division, Cognizant, Chennai, Alumnus (MCA 1995-98) gave a talk about the Team work, Communication, Collaboration and Technology. The session focussed on the importance of Team building and its need that drives towards hard work and success.



The speaker shared a few nostalgic moments that he cherished in Madras Christian College which was highly inspirational and motivating for the students. The MCA association members

for the academic year 2023-24 were honoured and appraised by the Chief Guest.

The Department of Computer Science (MCA) and Department of Data Science (M.Sc) jointly organized a seminar on the topic, “Cyber Security Trends- Key Skills to success” on 30th August 2023 between 10 am and 12 noon in the Martin Hall Auditorium at Madras Christian College. The speaker of the day was Dr. Harish Ramani, Chief Executive & Technology Officer, Tevel Cyber Corps, Chennai. The session highlighted the Cyber Security essentials with theoretical skills to improve the digital and cyber diplomacy with professional performance. The speaker briefed about the diploma and certificate courses that can be taken by the interested students to respond to the ever-changing challenges presented by advancements in information and communication technology in the field of cyber security.

Department of Visual Communication (SFS)

Exhortations Viscom

On 28th June 2023, the department organized a spiritually enriching Prayer Fellowship event. The event was graced by the esteemed presence of Guest Speaker G B Jishya, who delivered an insightful and inspiring session. The faculty members and students gathered in great anticipation for a time of reflection, worship, and spiritual growth. The event began with a soul-stirring worship session led by the department's worship team. The atmosphere was filled with reverence and unity as the students lifted their voices in song and praise.



Following the worship, G B Jishya delivered a message centered around the theme of

“Finding Creativity and Purpose Through Faith”. Her talk resonated deeply with the audience, as she shared personal insights on aligning one's creative pursuits with their spiritual journey. Her message emphasized on the importance of seeking inspiration from the divine and using one's talents to serve a greater purpose.

Write It Right

The Department hosted a thought-provoking seminar titled ‘Write It Right: The Art of Publishing and Writing’ on the 30th of June 2023. The event aimed to provide students with insights into the world of publishing, writing techniques, and the nuances of effective communication in the digital age. Ms. Samyuktha Nair, a seasoned writer and publisher, Paper Lantern books, delved into the complexity of navigating the world of publishing. Her session covered topics such as manuscript submission, the role of editors, and the dynamics of traditional and self-publishing.



Mr. Simeon Samuel Dinesh, a writer, illustrator and an amazing cartoonist, conducted a session on crafting compelling content. He shared practical tips on structuring narratives, engaging the audience, and harnessing the power of language to convey ideas effectively. The informal discussions and exchange of ideas further enriched the learning experience.



RAAKATHAN- Movie Trailer Launch

On 3rd July 2023, the Department of Visual Communication in association with Marudham Productions hosted an exhilarating event, the launch of the movie trailer for 'Raakathan'. This event celebrated the immense talent and creativity of our alumni Mr. Manas Babu - Cinematographer & Mr. Sankar Ganesh - Visual Editor of this movie. The purpose of this event is to showcase the outstanding work of our alumni and provide an opportunity for students & staff to witness their creative endeavors firsthand. It was truly inspirational to current batch students to witness their alumni work.



The event was graced by the presence of the film's director, lead cast and key crew members, who shared their experience working in the film. Students had the opportunity to engage in a Q&A session with the director & crew members. The event successfully bridged the gap between aspiring filmmakers and industry professionals.



SEEDS OF FREEDOM- Documentary Screening

In association with Chennai-based *Prakriti Foundation*- an arts & culture based organisation, screened a documentary film titled *The Seeds of Vandana Shiva* on 14th July 2023. The documentary is about the remarkable life story of Gandhian eco-activist Dr. Vandana Shiva, how she stood up to the corporate Goliaths of industrial

agriculture, rose to prominence in the food justice movement, and inspired an international crusade for change. By profiling one of the greatest activists of modern times, the film looks at the epic struggle over who controls the world's food systems, and asks the question, who will prevail? After screening students also had an opportunity to discuss the documentary and selected students had an opportunity to attend a lecture by Dr. Vandana Shiva held at Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Chennai on 3rd August 2023.



INSIGHT- Department Student Forum

The department student cabinet was inaugurated on 17th July 2023. Mr. Selvaraj, Head of the department emphasised the significance of the student cabinet in building leadership, teamwork, & responsibility. He commended the college for nurturing not just academic excellence but also holistic development.

The chief guest Dr. Aarthi, the Head of Operations, MCC - MRF Innovation Park, congratulated the newly elected student cabinet and highlighted the importance of innovation in the field of media. The solemn oath-taking ceremony was led by the chief guest. The atmosphere was charged with a sense of responsibility as each student took the oath with unwavering determination.





YABDA-Freshers Fest 2023

On 19th July 2023 “YABDA Freshers Fest 2023” was conducted in St. Thomas’s Hall. The event marked a dynamic start to the academic journey of the first-year Visual Communication students, offering them a platform to showcase their creativity and engage with their peers and seniors.

Our talented emcees gave the day an energetic kickstart and various performances by the seniors had the 1st year students enthralled during the beginning of the event. Then it was time for freshers to take on and they rocked all their performances. The day was a vibrant cultural evening, where students showcased their diverse talents through dance, music performances and fun games. Finally, prizes were awarded to Mr. and Ms. Fresher, acknowledging their dedication and their efforts in dressing up as people from the middle east. At the end, students were offered delicious refreshments along with a thoughtful souvenir to create a lasting memory.



Self Defence System

VisCom Women’s Cell marked a significant milestone on the 5th of August 2023 with its grand opening ceremony. The event was graced by two esteemed guests, Mr. Donald Tyson, Chief Instructor at Arakawa Stanley, and Mr. G. Praveen Kumar. The occasion was enriched by a special session on self-defence, highlighting the importance of empowerment and safety for women.



Sensei Tyson shared his insights on the importance of self-confidence, perseverance, and personal growth. The event included a special self-defence session led by Sensei Praveen & his team. This session aimed to equip women with basic self-defence techniques, empowering them with the knowledge and skills to protect themselves in challenging situations. The hands-on demonstration and practical exercises facilitated active learning and instilled a sense of confidence among the students.



Media Chat

The Department of Viscom in association with the department of Journalism & Communication (PG) hosted a captivating and insightful event titled “Media Chat” on 7th of August 2023. Two eminent personalities in the media industry, Ms. Abilasha Anish - Marketing Head of Disney

Star India & Ashvin Dhyriam - Managing Director, Goodnews Channel shared their perspectives on marketing & TV content strategies. The event aimed to provide students with an understanding of the television industry and the strategies behind successful marketing in the dynamic world of entertainment.



ABILASHA ANISH
MANAGING DIRECTOR
STAR INDIA



ASHVIN DHYRIAM
MANAGING DIRECTOR
GOODNEWS TELEVISION

Mrs. Abilasha Anish delved into the art of strategic branding and highlighted the importance of consistent and relatable brand messaging. She shared real-world examples to underscore the significance of creating an emotional connection with the audience through effective branding.

Mr. Ashvin emphasized the role of social media and digital platforms in creating a two-way communication channel with the viewers and fans. The conversation also revolved around the curation of compelling content that resonates with diverse demographics. Ms. Abilasha shed light on how Disney Star India tailors its content to cater to various age groups and cultures, all while maintaining the core values of the brand.

Both guests highlighted the importance of staying abreast of trends and adapting marketing strategies to suit changing audience preferences and technological advancements. They also discussed content piracy, competition, and the delicate balance between creative expression and commercial success.

TALKIES - Movie Screening & Crew Discussion

The Department of Viscom in association with the Department of Journalism & Communication (PG) screened an Indian Tamil-language movie titled "YATHISAI" on 8th August 2023 at CMS theatre. This movie is a periodic fiction action adventure film written & directed by Mr. Dharani Rasendran. Yathisai is based on the 7th-

century Pandiyan prince Ranadheeran who ruled during a time when the Chola dynasty lost its power and its people were forced to live in the woods. The screening was followed by an interaction between crew members and students.



Calligraphy Workshop



The calligraphy workshop was specifically designed for first-year students, aiming to introduce them to the art of calligraphy and its relevance in visual communication. The session was conducted by Dr. Jishya on 28th August 2023 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. at the drawing studio. The workshop commenced with an introduction to calligraphy, highlighting its role in transforming written language into an artistic expression. Students gained insights into the various styles and techniques employed in calligraphic art.

Basic calligraphy techniques, including brush strokes, letter forms, and spacing, were demonstrated and practiced by the students. The hands-on approach allowed students to grasp the fundamental skills of calligraphy, improve technique, and foster a

sense of individuality in their work. Finally, each student wrote their names in a calligraphed style created by them.

ELEVATING DIGITAL MARKETING - Strategies with AI

On 28th August 2023, Dr Jishya shared her expertise and knowledge on the evolving landscape of digital marketing and leveraging AI tools for effective digital marketing. Different digital marketing strategies, including social media marketing, search engine optimization (SEO), email marketing, and content marketing, were discussed in detail. Their individual importance and integration into effective campaigns were emphasized.

Dr. Jishya presented relevant global case studies that showcased successful digital marketing campaigns, illustrating how innovative approaches can yield impressive results. She introduced Meta Media Suite, a freelance website for web development & other tools related to social media marketing. The session by Dr. Jishya provided students with a comprehensive understanding of digital marketing and its implications for contemporary media practices. The insightful presentation, coupled with interactive discussions and case studies, offered valuable insights into the ever-evolving world of digital marketing.



Department of Physical Education, Health Education and Sports (SFS)

Second Edition of Pedhas State Level Inter-School Football Tournament **Objectives of the event**

- The basic objective of the PEDHAS State Level Inter-School Football Tournament is to encourage and promote school level Football players.

- The tournament helps in identifying elite football players for admission in MCC.
- To give exposure to the department's students to gain experience in management, leadership, and football match officiating.



Tournament Review

The football tournament gives the students the motivation and self-assurance they need for organizing the tournament. After motivating the students with the need and significance of the competition, they were divided into various committees. Some students had the opportunity to officiate a few football matches.



The Second edition of PEDHAS state-level inter-school football tournament was held on 07th & 08th September 2023 at the college football ground. A total of 21 school teams participated in the football tournament which saw nearly 350 players.



An official opening ceremony was held to kick off the competition. The event began at 8.00 am on 07th September 2023. Dr.

Prince Solomon, Associate Professor, Department of Social Work, MCC, the guest of honour, declared the tournament open.

All games were played in an environment of fairness and openness. On 8th September 2023, at 5:00 pm, the valedictory ceremony began. Dr. David Prabhakar, Head of Department, Tamil, MCC, graciously consented to be the guest of honour and presented the awards.

Don Bosco HSS School, Perambur, emerged as champions and Wesley Higher Secondary School, Royepettah, were runners-up, the third and fourth place were won by Government School, Madras and Mahatma Gandhi School, Kothagiri, respectively. The event concluded with the National anthem.

Department of Psychology (SFS)

The Department of Psychology organized a special lecture on “Statistics with a Sense of Humour: Numbers can be fun” on 30th June 2023, with Dr. Rani George, Professor Albany State University, as the resource person. The session was conducted for all the students of the Department of Psychology. Dr. Rani George with her expertise in the field of statistics highlighted the basic principles of statistics and connection to certain aspects of practical life. The students were also given an opportunity to interact with the speaker and pose their queries as well.



The Department of Psychology also conducted a workshop on “Survey Research” on 5th August 2023, for the final year students of the department. Ms. Abirami V. M., PhD Research Scholar, Department of Psychology, University of Madras, Chennai, was the resource person for the workshop. The workshop included practical guidance on how to conduct a research study and focussed on the process of research.

The students learned the meaning of research at a practical level and received hands-on experience on how to conduct a research study. The students were divided into different groups and were tasked with identifying research questions, reviewing literature, setting research questions, objectives and hypotheses, choosing a research design, sampling design, method of data collection, etc. The students were also provided illustrations on how to analyze data and draw conclusions. Moreover, the students were provided guidance on how to proceed after a study is completed, such as the area of publications.



IASC

Coaching classes for students appearing for the June 2023 UGC NET examinations was conducted by the IASC on 5th June 2023. There were three sessions with participation of 23 students from various Departments of the College. This is an encouraging response considering that the classes were conducted during the vacation. The IASC MCC in association with the MCC IAS ACADEMY launched the SATELLITE PROGRAMME FOR UPSC COACHING in MCC Campus, for the benefit of Hall residents and other students of MCC. Classes would

be conducted for two days at the College Library and one day at the Chetpet Campus.

The programme was launched by Selvi. Apoorva, IAS, Principal Secretary, Tamil Nadu Housing and Urban Development on 07th August 2023 at 3:00 pm. Dr. G. J. Manohar, Director of MCC IAS ACADEMY and Dr. P. Wilson, Principal, MCC, were present. In her address, the chief Guest, Selvi. Apoorva, IAS., motivated the students and encouraged them to give their fullest to prepare and face the examination.

The principal reiterated the commitment of the College to provide a conducive environment for students to prepare for the Civil Services. The students enrolled for the programme were given the brochure and identity cards. A short video with inputs from the students and former students of IASC on why they chose this career path and the role of IASC in shaping them was also played during the programme. The webpage of the Satellite Programme within the College website was also inaugurated by a live display.

IASC MCC was involved in the popularisation of the programme and enrollment of students by visiting the Halls in person and speaking to the students. The classes are conducted between 6.30 pm and 8.30 pm for the students in an air-conditioned classroom with state-of-the-art facilities for classes both online and offline along with good reference materials. The first batch has an enrollment of 14 students preparing for the civil services.

The IASC unit organised a special lecture by Mr. Israel Jeba Singh, IAS (Retd.) on 29th August 2023 at 10:30 am in the Anderson Hall. The topic, "How to double your chances of entering the IAS" was very apt for the students as many students were in the early stages of their preparation. There was an overwhelming response with 197 student registrations. The Chief Guest opened the floor for discussions leading to a very enthusiastic Q & A session and a mock interview on the spot. The students

raised a lot of relevant questions and also clarified their doubts.

The Unit was actively involved in increasing the awareness among students and guiding them towards their goal of cracking the Civil Services with the able support of the Principal Dr. P. Wilson and the Coordinator Dr. N. Ilango.



Centre For Women's Studies

CWS began this year's activities by offering four Basic Fashion Courses through its Fashion Design Studio -

- (i) 40 hours Basics in Tailoring,
 - (ii) 32 hours Course on Aari,
 - (iii) 16 hours Course on Mehendi, and
 - (iv) 16 hours Course on Jewellery Making
- during the period 12th July 2023 to 11th August 2023.

Further, the CWS' Inauguration was graced by Swapna Sundar, Legal Strategist, Author, Ethicist on 1st August 2023. Ms. Sundar enlightened the gathering on Women and Equality in Law. The inaugural talk was followed by the distribution of certificates to students who completed the Basic Fashion Course(s) offered by the Centre for Women's Studies, Fashion Design Studio during the period March 2023-June 2023.





Apart from offering the skill-based courses and aiding economically challenged students of MCC through Manna Scheme, CWS has also been undertaking and efficiently delivering Gifts and Memento Orders to members of the staff, various departments and units in MCC at nominal rates.

Dr. Devanesen Centre For Human Resource Development

A Three-Day Faculty Development programme and Induction programme, titled, “Engaging Through Shared Vision,” was organised by the Dr. Devanesen Centre for Human Resource Development from 14th to 16th June 2023, between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm in the Seminar Hall, Chemistry Wing (S120). This session aimed to introduce the new faculty to the inspiring ethos and culture of the institution, highlight available avenues for growth & development, and showcase the best practices followed at MCC along with enhancing their skills.



In addition to the faculty development sessions, the programme also included an orientation component specifically tailored for the newly recruited staff. The Dr. Devanesen Centre for Human Resource Development demonstrated its commitment to fostering a culture of continuous learning and development. The programme

spanned over a period of three days and consisted of a variety of sessions coupled with interactive activities.

The programme structure included components such as Introduction to the Institution’s vision, mission, values, and culture, Overview of academic policies, examination procedures, assessment strategies, professional ethics, effective pedagogical practices, student-centered teaching approach, digital competencies and professional development opportunities including Research support services and grant opportunities.

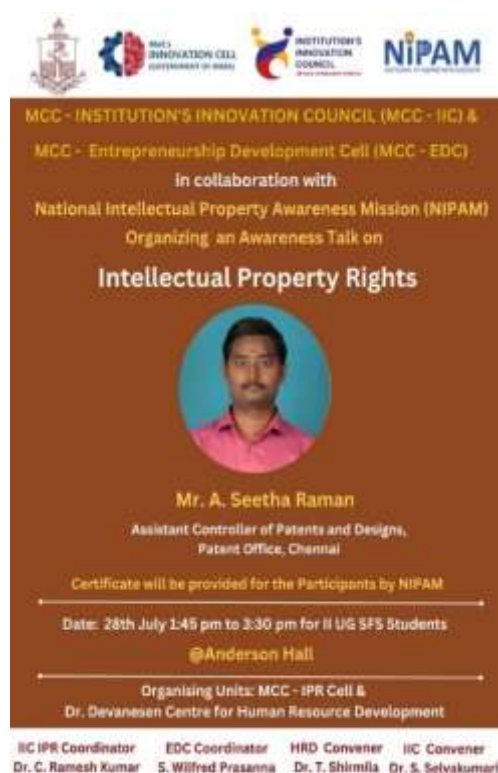
Sessions on Counselling, mentoring, Self-management, Communication, Resilience and Change Management along with Networking activities and team-building exercises enabled the participants to know themselves and each other better. The valedictory session was addressed by the Principal & Secretary Dr. Paul Wilson on the topic, “Vision Casting Road map.” He also distributed certificates to the 28 participants.

“Rethinking Global Engagement in the Post-Pandemic World for Sustenance” was organized by SKY programme (Sharing Knowledge You’d Abroad) jointly with the Staff Study Circle’s Conservation of Cultural Heritage series in the Anderson Hall.



The event was held on 20th July 2023, and featured Dr. P. Wilson, the Principal & Secretary of Madras Christian College, as the esteemed speaker. The seminar drew considerable attention and participation from faculty, with approximately 85 attendees in the audience. The Dr. Devanesen Centre for Human Resource

Development along with MCC – Institution's Innovation Council (MCC - IIC) & MCC - Entrepreneurship Development Cell (MCC - EDC), in collaboration with the National Intellectual Property Awareness Mission (NIPAM), organized an insightful Awareness Talk on Intellectual Property Rights. The event featured Mr. A. Seetha Raman, Assistant Controller of Patents and Designs from the Patent Office, Chennai, as the speaker on 28th July 2023 at Anderson Hall. The event was attended by an engaged audience of nearly 750 students of II UG SFS Students of MCC.



The Dr. Devanesen Centre for Human Resource Development along with MCC - Institution's Innovation Council (MCC - IIC) & MCC - Entrepreneurship Development Cell (MCC - EDC), in collaboration with the National Intellectual Property Awareness Mission (NIPAM), organized an insightful Awareness Talk on Intellectual Property Rights for students of the Aided stream on 9th August 2023 at Anderson Hall. The event was attended by around 600 II UG personality development students of the aided stream. Mr. Raman's expertise and engaging presentation style

ensured a fruitful interaction between the speaker and the participants.

Pulicat Community College

College reopened on 26th June 2023 with 14 female students. To start with, prayer rules and regulations of our college were given to our students along with a detailed orientation.



BSNL Broad band connection was given. Class were held regularly. Students eagerly took part in plantomy. Class work and chart project work was done. Classes continued for communicable diseases students, who gave awareness to the village people (Sattankuppam) about dengue fever. They covered more than 35 houses.



This was followed by hospital orientation was conducted at Ponneri Sai Bhavani Hospital in the presence of Dr. Aadhissha Rao.

Dr. Allen and Dr. Mohan visited our College for DMLT by Sharp Tech Courses for DMLT.



Community Visit Sattankuppam for Dengue Awareness



Hospital Visit – Sai Bhavani Hospital



MCC Tambaram Community College

MCC-TCC is offering NSDC approved certificate courses namely -

i) General Duty Assistant

ii) Computer Graphic Design and
iii) Vision Technician (started in the Academic year 2023-24)

The Previous Batch (11th) Students of General Duty Assistant and Graphic Design underwent Internship training with Industrial partners.

Admissions for the Academic year 2023-24 started in the month of May 2023 and now nearly 45 students are enrolled. New Batch inaugural and classes commenced on 12th July 2023.



The first Job placement drive for General Duty Assistant course was organized successfully on 25th July 2023 and nearly 8 Hospitals participated and offered Job placement to Tambaram, Kotagiri and Pulicat Community College candidates.



The Talent Day programme for students was conducted on 23rd August 2023 and stu-

dents exhibited their multiple talents.



BSW and MSW Social Work trainees from School of Social Work and MSW Intern trainee from Michigan University, U.S.A. undergoing concurrent field work in Community College and trained in handling case work, group work, life skills sessions and Community programmes.



Global Talent Track organization came forward to train our students on Personality development, Communication and Computing skills.

MCC Kotagiri Community College

Student strength

S. No	Course	Male	Female	Total
1	Diploma in Health Care	03	25	28
2	Diploma in Graphic Design	08	-	08
Total				36

Mrs. Roshini Unnikrishnan was appointed as a Clinical Instructor from June 2023.

A new course titled, Diploma in Graphic Design was introduced for the academic year 2023-24. National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) 1st Graduation Day for 5th Batch Diploma in General Duty Assistant course students was conducted on 9th June 2023. Principal Dr. P. Wilson was the Chief Guest and Kotagiri Panchayat President Mrs. Jayakumari and Ward Councillor Mr. John Wesley were the chief guests. Dr. N. Joshua Jayaseelan, Convener, MCC Community Colleges were also present. Totally twenty-one students graduated.

Our Principal Dr. P. Wilson, MCC, and Dr. N. Joshua Jayaseelan, Convener MCC-Community Colleges, visited Smyrna Campus, Kotagiri, for our students hostel facility on 9th June 2023. BCS, TTS IV year students (2019 – 2023) sponsored stationeries for our present students on 26th June 2023. Diploma in General Duty Assistant (GDA) one month practical training at KMF Hospital, Kotagiri, Nankem Hospital, Coonoor, VG Clinic, Kotagiri was held from 1st July to 31st 2023. Diploma in General Duty Assistant final examinations was conducted from 10th – 28th July 2023. A One-day spiritual camp for our students was organized on 15th July 2023 by Evangelical Union, Kotagiri



Tree plantation for World Earth Day was done at our Kotagiri campus on 19th July 2023.



Students of the Diploma in General Duty Assistant course participated in the One-day Job fair organized by MCC at IGH, MCC on 25th July 2023.

Mrs. Kasthuri, District Employment Officer gave an awareness on government jobs availability in Nilgiris District on 4th August 2023.



Participated in a Rally to create awareness on the Drugs and its harmful effects on 25th August 2023. It was Organized by MCC KCC. All local NGO's and School students participated.



SCM leadership camp was held from 3rd to 5th August 2023, hosted by MCC-KCC.

Mr. John Jeba Jayasingh, Assistant Professor, Department of English taught English classes through Online mode, twice a week.



Madras Christian College - Family Life Institute

1. Workshop on Entrepreneurship Banking and Financial Management for the MCC FLI MCC MRF SHG beneficiaries

A one-day workshop on "Entrepreneurship, Banking and Financial Management" was organized for the MCC FLI - MCC MRF Self Help Group members in collaboration with the MCC Center for Women Studies, and Bharatiya Yuva Shakthi Trust on 16th June 2023. The workshop was organized at the Fashion Design Studio of MCC-CWS. The resource persons were Mr. Victor, Mr. Alphonse, Ms. Sasikala, Mr. Mugilan Ravi, and Mr. Jerome from Bharatiya Yuva Shakthi Trust. The participants learned the process and procedures involved in getting entrepreneurship loans, Government schemes for entrepreneurship, banking procedures, and documents required to apply for micro-entrepreneurship loans.

The workshop was a huge success with the able guidance and support of Dr. R. Sheba Davidson, Convener, MCC Centre for Women's Studies, Dr. Aarthi, Head, Operations, MCC-MRF Innovation Park, Mr. G. Joseph Rajan, and Ms. N.N. Hemalatha.



2. MCC FLI MCC MRF SHGs received their first linkage Loan from Kancheepuram Cooperative Society Bank on 7th July 2023

On 7th July 2023 the first linkage loan of Rs. Three Lakhs was distributed to MCC FLI - MCC MRF SHG groups by the Kancheepuram Cooperative Bank Limited Selaiyur Branch. Each beneficiary received Rs.15,000/- (Fifteen thousand). A few started their micro-entrepreneurial activity. Out of the three SHGs, for Kattupura and Siragugal, linkage loans and for Thangameengal, individual loans for two members were distributed as per the needs of the SHG members. The beneficiaries expressed their gratitude to the management of MCC, the MCC-FLI and MCC-MRF Innovation Park team and Ms. Mary the Manager of St. Thomas Block, and the Magalir Thittam Government of Tamilnadu for their constant support.



3. Participation of MCC-FLI MCC-MRF SHG members in Entrepreneurs sale in Pastor's Fellowship Meet of MCC RRR on 13th July 2023

The MCC RRR team organized a Fellowship Meet for Pastors on 13th July

2023. There was a display cum sale of products made by the beneficiaries of MCC-RRR training programmes. The MCC-FLI and MCC-MRF Self Help Groups participated in the display cum sale and exhibited their products such as incense sticks, hair oil, herbal bathing powder, soaps, cleaning products, cloth bags, and wire baskets. They were encouraged by the sale of their products.



4. Ortho Screening Camp at MCC FLI in collaboration with Parvathy Hospital on 27th July 2023

An Ortho screening camp in collaboration with the Parvathy Hospital, Chrompet, was organized on 27th July 2023. Mr. V. Ramesh, Mr. Madhan Infant Raj from Parvathy Hospital, and Dr. Premalatha, MCC Campus Doctor were the chief guests for the inaugural of the camp. Nearly 70 patients benefitted from the tests conducted to find blood pressure, sugar, and bone health.



5. Participation of MCC FLI MCC MRF SHG members in Skill Training Workshop and Sale of MCC RRR on 23rd and 24th August 2023

The MCC RRR team organized a two-day skill training programme from 23rd July 2023 to 24th July 2023 on Candle making and the MCC-FLI MCC-MRF SHG members participated in this skill training programme. They learnt to make candles of different types, shapes, and colors. They were given an opportunity to exhibit their products for sale organized within the college campus.



6. MCC-FLI (Satellite Centre of MCC Community College) NSDC Course Internship, August 2023

MCC-FLI offers NSDC Courses being a satellite center of MCC Community College. As it was mandatory for the students to undergo internship the General Duty Assistant Course students were placed at Sudar Hospital with the support of Dr. Premalatha, MCC Campus Doctor and they completed their fifteen days internship in the month of August 2023. The Self-Employed Course students were divided into three groups and they completed their fifteen days internship at Coral Tailors and MCC Center for Women Studies in the month of August 2023.



7. Session on cracking NSDC Exam for NSDC Course students at Christ King Community College on 21st August 2023

A session on cracking the NSDC Course exam was organized on 21st August 2023 for the NSDC students of MCC FLI (Satellite Centre of MCC Community College).

The objective was to remove the fear of the exam. Sr. Pauline of Christ King Community College was very supportive in organizing the session at their premises. Ms. Vino, the tailoring teacher of Christ King Community College was the resource person. The students were happy to interact and learn from the students and teachers of the Christ King Community College, East Tambaram.



Staff Study Circle

The Staff Study Circle continued on the theme of “Conservation of Cultural Heritage” series for the academic year 2023 – 2024.

I. Designing and Constructing for Constructive Conflict in the College Professoriate – Dr Rani George

The Staff Study Circle began its programme for this academic year with a talk on Designing and constructing for constructive conflict in the College Professoriate by Dr Rani George. Encouraging open and honest dialogue could be possible when there is a culture of mutual trust and respect among the faculty.

She brought out that by designing and constructing for constructive conflict, colleges can create a more vibrant and intellectually stimulating environment for all faculty members.



II Rethinking global engagement in the post-pandemic world for sustainability - Dr. P. Wilson

The Staff Study Circle's *Conservation of Cultural Heritage Series*, jointly organised with SKY Programme (Sharing Knowledge You'd Abroad), was held on 20th July 2023 at 12:30 PM in the Anderson Hall. Dr. P. Wilson, Principal and Secretary of Madras Christian College was the speaker and spoke on 'Rethinking global engagement in the post-pandemic world for sustainability'. Dr. Wilson spoke based on his recent travels to various international universities in the USA and Australia. He emphasised on the need to explore the challenges and opportunities that are ahead for the College.



SSDA – Student Services for the Differently Abled

Madras Christian College is committed to fostering an inclusive and supportive environment for all the students. As part of this endeavour, the Student Service for Differently Abled (SSDA) programme for the academic year started off with a new team of staff advisors to provide essential support and assistance to students with diverse abilities.

An orientation meeting with all the students with disabilities was organised on 18th July

to build rapport with them and to collect more details about their needs and challenges. Ten volunteers assisted the staff in doing the survey.



The volunteers visited Vidya Sagar, an organisation which exclusively works for differently abled in Chennai and involved in activities like boccia, painting, carrom, chess, mime etc, on 22nd July 2023, which further reinforced the programme's commitment to fostering inclusivity and empowerment for differently-abled individuals at Madras Christian College.



A workshop on Software training was organised on 5th August 2023 to the visually challenged students of SSDA at Miller Library. Twenty students actively participated and learnt about the reading software available in our college.



Scribes were arranged for all students by SSDA for the I CA tests successfully.

Eight visually challenged students participated in the Bertram Volley ball tournament organised at Loyola College on 28th August 2023 and won the overall championship. They became the champions in the Volley ball tournament organised by YMCA on 29th August 2023 as part of National Sports day.



A workshop titled, “You are Special” was organised on 11th September 2023 at Agnes Hall auditorium for all the SSDA students. Ms Raghavi, Founder Headway foundation and Ms Aruna, Senior Revenue Inspector who were differently abled themselves gave inspiring speech to the students. Ms Gayathri from Help the Blind Foundation spoke about the career aspects.



WAMSA

Madras Christian College is an institution which functions with three guiding principles namely academic excellence, spiritual vitality and social relevance. As part of Social relevance and the growing crisis of global warming and climate change, the college is working towards waste management through Wamsa, a student body which works towards waste management in college with a vision to make MCC a zerowaste campus.

Along with placing dust bins with segregation guidelines in the campus, dustbins made of oil cans were placed in all the classrooms which were sponsored and supported by SWAWSA on 31st July 2023. WAMSA volunteers placed the dust bins made out of oil cans in 70 classrooms in the campus.





Awareness on Recycling and Upcycling waste was created among all the students by the WAMSA volunteers through classroom training sessions.

EDC

The activities of EDC started with registration of Madras Christian College as a SPOKE college with the University of Madras Hub, EDII-TN for the academic year 2023-24. This collaboration will enable us to enhance the opportunities for the students by providing better access to resources and enriching programmes organized by EDII-TN and other SPOKE colleges leading to a culture of academic synergy and growth there by promotion of Entrepreneurial Spirit among the students. The above points were also discussed in the Spoke college online review meeting on 22nd July 2023 from 10:00 am to 12:30 am. The first Entrepreneurship development cell (EDC) and Institution Innovation Council (IIC) faculty meeting for the academic year 2023-24 was conducted on 12th July 2023 between 12:30 pm and 1:45 pm as mentioned in the college calendar.



Key agenda items encompassed welcoming new faculty, refining goals for the academic year, and planning upcoming events. Responsibilities were allocated for organizing initial events, and action plan were defined for efficient execution.

MCC- EDC, IIC, IP cell, HRD units in collaboration with National intellectual property mission (NIPAM) jointly organized an awareness talk on "Intellectual property rights" on 28th July 2023 from 1.45 pm to 3.20 pm and on 09th August 2023 from 11.30 am to 1.00 pm. The talk was given by Mr. A. Seetha Raman, Assistant Controller of Patent & Design, Chennai Patent Office. More than 400 students participated for each session and certificates were provided to the participants by NIPAM.



Sustainable Campus: A Waste Minimization Project by SWAWSA

One of the main objectives of SWAWSA is to work towards building a sustainable MCC campus. In this connection, SWAWSA has undertaken a waste minimization project by converting used oil cans into dustbins with the help of our students and housekeeping staff.



A programme was conducted by SWAWSA on 31st July 2023 in the Chemistry Seminar Hall to hand over 70 dustbins to WAMSA to place them in the classrooms to avoid littering and for easy segregation of the waste.

The students from Scrub Society provided their time and energy in achieving this goal and the Housekeeping staff helped by cleaning the oil tins. Finally, Mr. Moses along with his friend from Mass Communication brought out the design through his meticulous craft.

Scrub Society

Scrub Society Inauguration

The Scrub Society Forum 2023-24 inauguration and the investiture ceremony for the Scrub Society cabinet was held on 28th August 2023. It was inaugurated by Mr. Arun Krishnamurthy, **an Indian environmental activist and** the founding director of the Environmentalist Foundation of India (EFI).



During the inauguration, a newsletter of the Scrub Society also was released which gave a glimpse of the achievements and aspirations of the Scrub Society, sparking excitement for what's to come.



The Oath Taking Ceremony by the Cabinets was followed by inspirational speeches by the Cabinet members. Then the Scrub Members took the stage with two stunning dance performances and a soulful music performance. A captivating video also was presented during the occasion showcasing ongoing and future projects.



Green Walk

The traditional 'Green Walk' of the Scrub Society was organized on 24th July 2023, with a strong turnout of enthusiastic students. Students enjoyed the guided nature walk at 6 am, and learned about the diverse flora and fauna on campus. The event also showcased MCC's commitment to sustainability inspiring students to be eco-conscious. Interactive sessions fostered engaging discussions among students, faculty, and experts.



Leadership Camp

Scrub Society conducted its Leaders' Camp for the academic year of 2023-24 on 5th August 2023. It was hosted with the purpose of providing participants with a structured environment to learn, practice,

and refine their leadership skills. Mr. Gnanamani Simiyon G, Department of Chemistry (Aided) discussed the importance of leadership, and the Scrub Society President, Mr. (Dr.) Reji J V talked about how to be a better leader and the running of Scrub as a student-led unit. The Chairperson and General Secretary shared their goals for the upcoming academic year. The leadership camp was concluded with an interactive session followed by a general body meeting.



Wildlife Conservation Club

Inauguration of the Club

On 17th July 2023, the Wildlife Conservation Club was inaugurated for the academic year 2023-2024 at the Seminar Hall, Chemistry Wing, MCC. Rev. C. Ross, College Chaplain led the prayer followed by the welcome address by Ms. Nitha Madathy, Treasurer of the club.



The President of the Club, and Principal Dr. P. Wilson, offered the presidential

address, emphasizing on the significance of wildlife and its conservation.

Mr. Ramu, waterman, MCC was recognized and acknowledged by the principal for all the services rendered by him towards the club in protecting the wildlife. The chief guest Dr. Joyce Priyakumari, Head, Department of Zoology, delivered an informative and interesting session about the campus and its beauty, as well as highlighted some of the real-time experiences she had on campus as a resident.

Dr. Mahesh Pattabiraman, Professor at the University of Nebraska in the United States, graced the occasion as the Guest of Honour and applauded the club for its efforts in animal conservation. Mr. Bryan Thompson, Chairman of the club introduced the club and its various activities to the gathering with a short presentation followed by vote of thanks by Ms. Maria Rania, Secretary of the club.



Bird Walk

Every month, the club hosts a bird walk on campus to appreciate and enjoy nature and its beauty. The bird walks were held on 4th August 2023 and 9th September 2023, led by the Resource person Prof. Balamanikandan, Department of Visual Communication.

It was a rejuvenating experience for everyone who took part, as they were able to appreciate the majesty of the dawn, fresh air, and the enthralling beauty of over thirty different types of birds among the dense greenery.

Campus Ministries

Annual Staff Retreat

The Academic Year 2023-2024 started with the Annual Staff Retreat on 11th June 2023 in the Centre for Media Studies Auditorium, Madras Christian College. Dr P. Wilson, the Principal and Secretary of the Madras Christian College was the Speaker for the Retreat. The retreat ended with Holy Communion Service followed by a fellowship lunch.



Family Sunday Service

The Family Sunday Service was held on 30th July, 2023 being the 5th Sunday of the month. Special songs were rendered by the Bishop Heber Chapel Sunday School children, the North East Christian Fellowship, the Bishop Heber Chapel Tamil Choir and the Bishop Heber Chapel English Choir. The Family Sunday Service was followed by a fellowship breakfast.



Guild Induction

On Sunday, the 6th August 2023, the Guild Induction was held in the Bishop Heber Chapel. 70 candidates were inducted to be guild members.



The newly inducted guild members were invited by the Principal for breakfast at his residence.

The Madras Christian College Resilient Rehabilitation Through Reskilling (MCC-RRR)

Trainings: The MCCRRR Skill Training Workshops were conducted on the following days:

12th July 2023 on Candle Decorating

23rd to 24th August 2023 Decorative Candle Making



The trainings were held in the Conference Room in Margaret Hall. Dr Paul C. Dass. proVision India presented the demonstrations. Around 40 participants registered for the workshops and participated. A registration fee of Rs 50 was collected from each participant. Refreshments and lunch were provided during the workshops.

Pastors' Fellowship Meet

It was conducted on 13th July 2023 in the forenoon. Around 250 pastors hailing from different places in Chennai and outside Chennai participated with enthusiasm.



Dr. Paul Wilson, the Principal and Secretary, MCC, spoke in both the sessions in Tent-Making Ministries. The meeting concluded with a fellowship lunch.

After the meeting and before lunch, a sale was organized by the MCCRRR participants. The products made by the participants were displayed and sold. There was great joy in bringing and selling the products.

MCC-RRR Sale

The participants of MCC-RRR had a sale of their products in front of the Students' Centre. Staff and students were involved in actively buying the home-made detergents, cleaning liquids/powers, honey and more products that were on display cum sale.



Bishop Heber Hall

The Bishop Heber Hall had a new batch of residents to the Hall. Over 145 students from the regular and Self-financed streams were made part of Bishop Heber Hall.

The activities of the Hall started with a prayer in the Bishop Heber Chapel on 26th June 2023, after which the Warden addressed the

residents and introduced the resident staff and the cabinet.



The freshers were introduced to the Hall system through a formal "Ice breaking Ceremony", on 4th July at the Warden's residence, usually addressed by a veteran Heberian.



This year Prof. Daniel David, Head of the Department of English SFS, spoke to the freshers and helped them understand the practices of the Hall.



The residents get acquainted with the facts of the Hall and are inducted as junior Heberians through the initiation ceremony held on 18th July 2023. Dr. Surendran Purushotaman, Heberian, Director of Continuing Education was the chief guest. The freshers had a candle light dinner.



The refurbished Gym was formally inaugurated on 10th July 2023 for the benefit of the students. The equipment in the gym were procured new and dedicated to the Hall residents.



Inter-block Literary and Debating competition named 'Silver Tongue' was held on 28th and 29th July 2023, to scout for residents who are good at L&D events.



THE FIRST General Body meeting of the cabinet was held on 4th August at the indoor theatre where the cabinet presented their first budget in front of the freshers and the seniors. The President of the cabinet spoke of the uniqueness of the cabinet and the importance of active participation in the deliberation of the General body meeting.







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