

SACRED HEART COLLEGE, THEVARA

PRINCIPAL'S ANNUAL REPORT 2009-2010

Distinguished guest of honour, Rev. Dr. Jose Panthaplamthottiyil CMI, Prior General; the President of the meeting Rev. Fr. Poulouse Kidangen CMI, our manager; Sri. Antony P.D. PTA vice-president; Dr. Sibi Zacharias, Staff secretary; Dr. V.S. Sebastian, Staff representative; Mr. A.J. Joseph, Mr. Mathew Sherin C.L., College Union Chairman; guests, members of the faculty, members of the administrative staff and my dear students.

Introduction

I am extremely happy to present before you the 65th annual report of the college. It was again a year of manifold achievements for the institution and I am filled with a profound sense of gratitude to our Lord, Jesus whose hands are perpetually raised over us in benediction. I take this opportunity to fondly recall the vision of our founders, Rev. Fr. John Berchmans CMI and Rev. Fr. Francis Sales CMI and the contribution of our former Managers, Principals, staff and students for the present status of this centre of higher education.

A decade of accolades

Since the academic year 1998-99 when the college bagged the R. Sankar Award for the best special grade college in the state, it was accolades all the way. Five star accreditation in 2001, CPE status in 2003 and re-accreditation at the A+ Level in 2007 have not left any space for complacency in this highly competitive arena of higher learning. This realization has spurred us in shaping employable individuals who are intellectually competent, spiritually mature and morally upright.

The yearly additions on the college roll of honour put a lot of pressure on the management and the faculty. With the much needed central government grants under various heads, we have made giant strides this year too providing infrastructural facilities worth lakhs of rupees. The Zoology, Chemistry and Botany Departments enjoy FIST assistance from the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India. In the last six years, the various research centres of the college have produced 20 Ph.Ds. We have also signed MoUs with Spectrometry Division- Washington University, USA, National Centre for Mass Spectrometry, ICT, Hyderabad and the British Council to name a few. We extended our whole hearted support to the newly introduced semester system (CBCSS) by the MG University.

The Year of the Green

The academic year 2009-10 will go into the pages of our history as the Year of the Green not merely for our attempt to paint the campus in that colour but for the philosophy and the message that we pass on to our students and the society. Taking inspiration from the Primrose Nature Club, a concerted effort at campus beautification started in the 1990's when the verandas were decked with hundreds of potted plants. Since then we have bagged many awards including the coveted National Environmental Awareness Award for 2008. This year we have tried to convince over young minds that there is a

space for the princely horses, the exotic emus, the saline, brackish and fresh water fishes in our liberal campus. The newly installed solar cum wind generator and the video conferencing facility to be installed will go a long way in spreading the message of concern for nature. I can confidently say that we brought action in to the platitude 'go green' and we have renamed it "Grow Green".

Highlights of the year 2009-10

- * The successful implementation of Choice based Semester system for our I degree students.
- * October 1, was observed as Founders Day and we paid homage to Rev. Fr. Sales on his 25th death anniversary.
- * Rev. Dr. Gilson of the Economics Department was appointed Principal of St. Joseph's College, Moolamattom.
- * Mr. Kishen K. Warriar (a rank holder in the 2009 B.Com Examination) brought laurels to the State with a I rank in the CA examination 2009.
- * Ms. Shradda Vinodkutty of III BA Economics caught national attention by joining the Indian delegation to the South Asian Federation Economics Students Meet at Dhakha, where she presented a paper on Micro-finance.
- * For the sixth time in a row the Hindi Department bagged the Hindi Prachara Sabha Trophy for maximum participation in Hindi Pretest examination for the students of MG University.
- * Dr. Georgekutty Joseph attended 17th American Conference on Crystal Growth at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, US. He also presented three papers.
- * The department of Botany gets FIST approval and it is supported by the Department of Science and Technology, Govt. of India.
- * Dr. P.A. Sebastian has been selected National Collaborator for Spider Studies. He has been awarded a project worth Rs. 35 Lakh by the ministry of Environment.
- * P.O. Cadet Venketakrishna visited Mauritius, Seashells as part of an NCC delegation.
- * Grow Green Campaign launched, the message taken to other campuses as well.
- * A hybrid generator that harnesses solar and wind energy with a capacity of 2300 watts installed.
- * Waste management taken up in a systematic manner. Plastic & Paper waste recycled and the biodegradable refuse is converted into compost in a nature friendly manner. The message is being taken home by staff and students.
- * Radio Frequency ID Cards distributed to all students for use at the college gate between 10 to 4, the library and the computer lab.
- * Horse riding and yachting training introduced.
- * 600 meter walk lane made and Health Club renovated.
- * Aquarium and fish ponds put up for the eyes and the mind.
- * Staff and students can now avail the service of a college bus.
- * Tenders are being scrutinized for multi-point video conferencing facility.(4+1)
- * The proposed women's hostel is awaiting clearance from authorities. The UGC has sanctioned Rs. 80 lakhs.

- * College bagged the first prize for the Institution Garden for the sixth time by the district horticulture authorities.
- * A team of Japanese students will visit the college from 19th to 25th February to attend classes on Kerala Economy, Education, Social & Political system.
- * Another novel venture would be the publication of Student Achievers Profile at the end of the academic year.

College Community

With 1600 students from backward, urban, and semi-urban backgrounds on the rolls, and with a handful of non-malayalee students in most classes, we have a vibrant campus. Six of our Departments are recognized research centres for PhD under the MG University. With 17 ranks, the University results have made us proud this year too.

The College has on its faculty 67 regular and 45 guest lecturers; 31 of the regular faculty are PhDs and 40 have M.Phil. We have 50 members on the establishment staff who are known for their commitment. Mr. A.J. Joseph, U.D. Store keeper, is retiring after 29 years of service. He was always duty conscious; with his simplicity and obliging nature he won the hearts of his colleagues. I wish him a happy retired life. The College Community deeply mourns the untimely passing away of Mr. Aneesh Sadanandan, II BSc Botany. Prof. P.K. Kurien, Prof. Viswanathan Mallaiya, Prof. K.J. Joseph, Prof. K.E. Antony and Mr. Andrias, who once served the college with distinction passed away this year- our condolences to the bereaved families. May their souls rest in peace.

Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

The PTA and the Student's Welfare Trust meet every 2nd Wednesday. PTA provided scholarship worth Rs. 38,700 for students. It also provided educational & medical aid of Rs. 17,000 for the deserving students. It provides merit cum means scholarship and cash prizes to the rank holders, NET qualifiers, winners in cultural and sports activities and students who represent the University, State or Country.

Department of English

The retention of Prof. Jose Abraham and the return of Dr. C.S. Francis were solid reasons for joy at the outset. A good part of the excitement was taken away with the temporary exit of Rev. Sr. O.J. Rosily who was selected Provincial Superior of her congregation. Much of the attention of the Department was focused on the successful implementation of the revised syllabi that came along with semesterisation. The Department gratefully acknowledges the special interest shown by our Principal for the smooth conduct of the external viva examination for 427 students. A media seminar was organized by the Department in association with MOP Vaishnav College, Chennai. The seminar was attended by students from all the city colleges. Rev. Fr. George Koyikkara endowment lecture is to be held on 18 February. The Rev.Dr.Dan Thottakara memorial lecture and the 13th National Seminar in memory of Rev. Dr. Dan Thottakara are commitments to be realized before the end of the term.

Department of Oriental Languages

The Department of Oriental Languages plays a pivotal role in planning and implementing the various cultural activities of the college. Some of the most active clubs and associations such as Literary Club, AICUF and Media Activities are organized by Prof. K.G. Narayanan, Dr. K.K. Paulose and Prof. Mathew Jose. We retained the trophy awarded by the Hindi Prachar Sabha for the maximum participation among MG University Colleges. "Mind Matters" is a novel programme initiated by Prof. Mathew Jose.

Department of Economics

Basking in the Golden Jubilee glory of the PG section the Economics Department began the first Rev.Fr.Zacharias Payikat endowment national seminar on Climate Change which was inaugurated by Mr.R.K.Sethi, Director (Climate Change), Ministry of environment and Forests, New Delhi on February 4th 2010. Prof.M.K.Prasad, noted environmentalist and Dr.E.Vivekanandan, Principal scientist CMFRI, Kochi were the key resource persons.

The department has continued its Village adoption scheme JANAPARVAM to enhance the quality of life and integrated development of poor people in Maradu Panchayath. Lectures were given on Logistics, on Union Budget-2009 by Prof.P.J Johney, European Business Competition Procedures by Mr.Stephan Yang, Currency Derivatives by Prof.Rex Alherst and Environment and the Economy by Prof.IndiraDevi. Rev.Fr.Gilson John became Principal of St..Joseph's College, Moolamatom. Ms. Nandini R. Nair got the I rank in BA Economics, and she is to get the best all rounder Gold medal instituted by the Corporation Bank. Another achiever Ms. Shradha Vinodkutty who presented a paper in an International Seminar, at Dhaka, Bangladesh. The Department will organize an International Seminar on 24th February, Dr. Saito Chinchiro, Dean, Faculty of International Welfare Department, Nihan Fukushi University, Japan will be the chief resource person and the topic will be 'Indo-Japanese Socio-Economic Dynamics in the Changing World Order'.

Department of Sociology

The activities of the Sociology Association was inaugurated by D.M. Devaraj, Project Officer Corporation of Cochin Three institutional visits were arranged to develop social awareness. 22 students and 2 teachers attended the 36th All Kerala Sociological Conference at Loyola College, Trivandrum. The manuscript magazine named "Renaissance" was released on 18th November 2009. The I rank in BA Sociology went to Abraham V. Eapen.

Department of Commerce

The activities of the commerce association was inaugurated by Mr. S.P. Kamath (Vice President of the Amalgum Group of Companies). BCom students secured 5 out of the first 10 ranks in the university exam. The department also got the first three ranks for the MCom examination. The 4th Prof. George Chakola Memorial Award Day felicitated the

rank holders and Kishen K. Warriar. Dr. Mathew Jose and Prof. T.P. Thomas have initiated the Entrepreneurship Development Club which is popular among the students. The rank tally went up with the publication of PG results when the Department bagged the first three ranks.

Department of Mathematics

The two day workshop for setting question papers for the undergraduate programme in Mathematics in the Choice based credit & semester system was held on 13th & 14th August 2009. The “Alumni” meeting was held on 15th August 2009. A regional quiz programme on statistics in association with the old student’s forum of department of statistics CUSAT was held on 22nd January 2010. Basic Mathematics Learning Programme (BMLP) was conducted for the students of other disciplines.. The “Zero day” celebration will be conducted on 20th February 2010.

Department of Physics

The Physics Dept. has been very active this year. Mr. Alex Shinu Scaria rejoined the Department. The Academy of Physics teachers (APT) and the department jointly felicitated Dr. Godfrey Luis the Pro-vice chancellor of CUSAT. A photopanel exhibition on ‘Astrophysics’ and a class on ‘The Universe’ was taken by Prof. P.S. Sobhan. Balasubramanian P.N. –II BSc won the first prize in the state level talent search examination conducted by APT. The department won the ever rolling trophy for the best physics department, instituted by APT. N. Sethulakshmi, Haritha H. and Manju Varghese got the 1st, 2nd and 3rd ranks, in MSc Physics exam 2009. An International Symposium on Nano Technology is planned to be held on 22nd February. Dr. Thomas Thundath with more than 50 patents and our former student will be the chief guest.

Department of Chemistry

Two day-long Prof. K.V. Thomas Endowment National Seminar on “Modern Trends in Chemistry, will be held on 5-6 March 2010. Dr. G. Madhavan Nair former Chairman, ISRO has consented to inaugurate the seminar while Prof. K.V. Thomas Minister of State for Agriculture and Civil Supplies will be Guest of honour. Prof. K.D. Narayanan and Prof. Nalin Pant of IIT, Delhi will deliver invited lectures. Dr. Mahesh, Asst. Professor, IISER, Trivandrum inaugurated the activities of the chemistry association. The former student’s Meet CHEM-ALUMNI was held on 27th December 2009. Chemifest-the annual festival of the department will be held on 18th February 2010. A ‘Merit evening’ is proposed to be held on 6th March to honour the Rank holders and UGC-CSIR NET winners of the year.

Department of Botany

The Department of Botany is celebrating the 25th year of the PG section. The activities of the Botany association was formally inaugurated on 8th October 2009 by Mr. N. Vijayan, CEO, V.F.P.C.K., Kakkanad. On 4th of November 2009, in association with V. F. P. C. K. Botany Department organized a vegetable seed distribution programme to motivate our students as well as the general public with farming habits. The department conducted an invited lecture by Dr. Prof. P. V. Madhusoodhanan, HoD of Botany, Calicut University, in

connection with the silver jubilee celebrations. Fr. Aquinas CMI Inter Collegiate Botany Quiz competition was conducted on 15th January 2010. Botany association conducted the Flora fest - The cultural and Educational meet of the Department - on 15th January 2010. The Botany Department has been recognized by Department of Science and Technology, Govt. of India, under FIST programme. An amount of 27 lakhs as the first installment out of Rs. 35 lakhs has been released for the improvement of infrastructure of the Department. Ms. Soumya Murali and Nisha M. C. secured First and Third Ranks in M. G. University Examinations in M Sc. Botany. Congratulations to the rank holders. Alumni Association was held on 13th February.

Department of Zoology

Mr. Sidharth Jayakumar, Ms. Mary Jinu, Mr. Vineethkumar T. V. brought glitter to the department by winning the first rank (BSc), 2nd and 3rd ranks, (M.Sc.) respectively. Dr. John Joseph was nominated to the Board of studies of Zoology, Mahatma Gandhi University. Dr. Philip Mathew of the department was awarded with Post Doctoral Fellowship of UGC. Dr. P. A. Sebastian has been nominated as the principal investigating officer in the project for the study of the taxonomy of spiders by the Zoological Survey of India. Dr. Sudhikumar A. V. research scholar of the Department was awarded with the Encyclopedia of Life (EOL) – Rubenstein Fellowship of Smithsonian Institute, Washington, USA for the study of Spiders of the Western Ghats. The manuscript magazine 'kainos' was released on that occasion of the Association inauguration. Department organized a two day hands on training on Biotechnology Protocols. DNA isolation and quantification, PCR amplification of DNA, DNA band analysis by Gel Electrophoresis were the protocols introduced to the post graduate students.

Department of Physical Education

Physical education is a significant component of holistic education, with tangible value-addition to the stakeholders' well being. On the strength of our tremendous sporting credentials potential sportsmen and sponsors gravitate towards us helping us create an enviable track record in sports. With vibrant Basketball culture from its inception, the college has proved its distinction in many other games. The conduct of Fr Bartholomew Memorial tournaments for the last 64 years without a break is an eloquent testimonial to the abiding sporting dedication of our College. This year 14 men and 6 women teams participated in the M.G. University inter-collegiate championships. Out of that the college emerged as **Winners** in four disciplines, **Runners up** in two and **Third** in two. 32 students represented the M.G. University and the Kerala state in various games, and four students represented India. More than 75 students are eligible for the sports grace mark and 6 students got jobs through sports quota in KSEB, Food Corporation of India, Customs and Paramilitary forces this year. The Volleyball men team were the runners of Fr.Bartholomew Tournament and Old Students cup, Christ, Irinjalakuda. The department organizes various tournaments in the city. Mrs.Mercy Kuttan Academy for Athletics and Cricket Academy of Kerala work in association with the department. Yachting Training, Horse riding practice are managed by the department. Takevando demonstration by Korean students was arranged for our students.

Department of Aquaculture

In the final Semester Examination Miss. Soumya V.S., Miss. Remya, K. and Miss. Dhanya, V.K. secured I, II and III Rank respectively. Visits were arranged to Govt. Net Making Factory, Eranakulam, Fishing Village, Nayarambalam, and Research Vessel, FORV Sagar Sampada. Dr. V.C. George acted as Subject Matter Specialist for CUSAT and was appointed a member of the Committee for design and construction of Multipurpose Oceanographic and Fisheries Research Vessel for Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute, Kochi. Dr. Prabhakaran, M.P. was awarded Research Associateship by Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, New Delhi. The Staff and Students participated in the AQUA SHOW conducted by the Dept. of Fisheries, Govt. of Kerala.

Department of B.Com Computer Applications

The association was inaugurated by Mrs. Maida Mathew, Manager Federal Bank. A seminar on Career opportunity was organized by the department for the second and third year B.Com Computer application students

Department of Computer Science

The CASA (Computer Applications Students Association) was inaugurated by Mr. Arafat Aboobeker. Mr. Sumesh, Faculty, Cochin CAD Center conducted a seminar on Multimedia & Animation. Seminar on Software Testing & Training was conducted by Mr Anil Kumar & Mr. R Suresh Babu (Managers, Business Development, STC Technologies Pvt. Ltd. The department hosted COLOSSEUM 2010, an Inter collegiate IT Fest. Mrs. Ajay Alwa, National Head of NIIT inaugurated the function and presented paper on 'Infrastructure Management System'. Students organized different events like Gaming Zone, Coding and Debugging, IT Quiz & Word Hunt. Five students were selected by Wipro. Remedial classes are given to slow learners. Resmimol K has secured 2nd Rank with 96.3% marks in the BSc examinations.

Library

The Computerized General Library of the college has a collection of 77875 books and it subscribes to 129 Journals & Periodicals. The general library has a spacious reference section with a collection of over 10,308 books for reference.

College Union

The election of the College Union was held on 25th September 2009. The following students were elected as the office bearers. Chairman-Mathew Sherin C.L., Vice Chairperson-Emily Jo Mark, Gen. Secretary- Nafas K.N. Arts Club Secretary- Sidharth Bharath, Magazine Editor-Muhammed Ibrahim, UUC- Rekhil M.K and Rahul Raj and Lady Representatives; Elizabeth and Raiba. The College Union was formally inaugurated by Film Actress Meera Nandhan and it was followed by a Ganamela by Cochin Millenium Singers. The Arts club was inaugurated by the Music Director Alex Paul and Star Singer

winner Vivekananthan. The Union co-operated with the authorities in conducting various cultural programs in the college. With the active support of the college union, Sacred Heart stood 4th in the MG University. The prize winners of the MG University Youth festival are

Shalini Menon	-	Folk dance (III Prize), Bharathanatyam (A grade), Kuchipudi (A grade),
Sen Janson	-	Ottamthullal (I Prize), Bharathanatyam (II Prize)
Nandini Balachandran-		Light Music (I Prize)
B. Lakshmi	-	Classical Music (I Prize)
Abraham Jose	-	English essay writing (I Prize)
Group Song Eastern-		II Prize
Oppana	-	III Prize
Sidharth Bharath	-	Light Music (A grade)
Sarin Chacko	-	Kathaprasangam (A grade)
Jose Mathew	-	Western percussion (A grade)
Sreelakshmi Sreekumar		Bharathanatyam (A grade)
Susan Margret	-	Vocal Solo (A grade)

The union conducted a film festival on 29th & 30th January 2010.

NCC Army Wing

The NCC activities of the year 2009-10 were inaugurated by the Deputy Commissioner of Excise of Ernakulam District Mr. Mohanan on 1st August 2009. Sergeant Abraham Jose and Cadet Manoj C H won the first Prize and Cdt Ajay Sunil and Cdt Deepu K Uthaman bagged third prize in the Quiz Competition conducted by Government Polytechnic Kalamassery. CQMS Jobin V Joseph attended the Special National Integration Camp held at Kohima, Nagaland.

NCC Naval Wing

NCC Naval wing began its activities in the 2nd week of August, enrolling 50 cadets under the guidance of Lt Siby Mathew. Cadet Venkita Krishnan was selected to attend naval cruise onboard INS Krishna to visit 3 countries Mauritius, Seashells and Colombo. P O Cadet Abin lenus selected to represent the Kerala & Lakshadweep Directorate at Nau Sainik Camp at Vizag. He bagged gold medal in boat pulling and parade competition at the National level during the above camp, the social service programme PARADIGM was inaugurated by Group Commander Ernakulam group Capt (IN) S K Bathra. As a part of it the cadets spent one day at old age home at Thevera.

National Service Scheme (NSS)

The College has 3 units with an enrolment of 345 students. 6 volunteers attended inter collegiate camps held at different colleges. Volunteer secretaries attended the volunteer secretaries training camp conducted by MG University. One mini camp and another Nature study camp were conducted during the year. Talk on Cancer care by Dr. Gangadharan, was arranged in the college under the auspices of NSS. 10 day

camping programme was conducted during Onam holidays at Govt. High School, Vennala.

Career Guidance Centre

The Centre caters to the career needs of students. 17 periodicals dealing exclusively on career matters are made available to the students. The centre prepares students to face career-oriented examinations with confidence, and prepares them to face interviews and to take part in group discussions. The high light of the year was a training programme on interview techniques C.V. writing and group discussion by Sri. B.S. Warriar, well known career consultant and career journalist.

AICUF

AICUF organized different camps on various subjects. The AICUF DAY was held in September. Arun T.C. attended the National Camp held at Pune, on Uplift of Dalit communities. AICUF organized a show by the Elexier Rock Band. It gave the lead in the observance of communal harmony, AIDS day, World Human Rights Day. S.H. Unit visited Abhaya Bhavan, Kodanad. A tea stall was run in connection with Heartifest 2010.

Women's Cell

The activities of the women's cell of our college began with a demonstration on glass painting, Fabric designing and colour combinations by Mrs. Vasantha Kumar from fevicol. It was followed by a one day workshop on glass painting on 10th October 2009. Through out the year, the counseling sessions on Thursdays were co-ordinated by women's cell.

Jesus Youth

Fr. Jobi of the Botany Department is in charge of Jesus Youth. In October rosary devotion was promoted in a big way. Jesus youth members conducted an adoration in the monastery Chapel. Students and staff of the college participated.

Music Club

The Music club had a fantastic run in the year 2009-10. The members of the club did the college proud by winning many prizes in the MG University Youth festival and other intercollegiate fetes and competitions. Our talented members regaled the audiences during the Heartifest 2010 with fascinating music. Our team also won the inter collegiate fest conducted by FISAT. Kudos to all our musical talents, especially the likes of B. Lakshmi who is passing out this year.

Dance Club

The performance of the Dance club in the academic year 2009-10 was outstanding and exceptional. The members of the club brought laurels to the college in the MG University Youth Festival and other dance competitions Our college team won I prize for the dance competition conducted by Rajagiri College in connection with the IT Festival. The members of the club put their heart and soul in making our heartifest a feast for our

hearts. Our dancers have contributed their effort in making every event in this academic year, a memorable one.

Drama Club

The drama club of the college found renewed vigour this year with more organized efforts to hone the talents of the students. The college skit and mime teams participated in the university festival and was well-appreciated by the audience. The team won the hearts of the audience with its satire on contemporary social reality in Kerala in the Heartifest.

Speakers Forum

Former convenor, Prof. K.C. Abraham lit the lamp for the formal inauguration of the forum on 10th July. The former secretary of Speakers forum Nandini R. Nair was accorded felicitations for the 1st rank in BA Economics. Meetings were held once a week and several current topics were discussed. The 13th literary pentathlon Sargapadham 2009 was successfully conducted on 30th September and 1st October 2009. Sri. Vaisakhan, Dr. Rosy Thampi, Dr. A.G. Oleena spoke on the symposium topic 'Sthree Ezhuthumpol', Assumption College, Changanassery bagged the everrolling trophy. The Inter departmental fest Hrudya Sarga Sangamam was jointly conducted by the forum with the college union and literary club members from 9th to 11th December. The department of English was declared the winners. 'Suaada' the 3rd edition of the interdepartmental debate competition was held on 20th January 2010 on the topic 'Does 21st Century belong to India'. The department of Sociology emerged as the winners.

Heartifest

Heartifest 2010, the 18th annual cultural festival of the College was held on 16th January 2010. PTA Vice-President Mr. Antony P.D addressed the gathering. Staff secretary Dr. sibi Zacharias delivered the vote of thanks. It turned out to be a treat for every one.

Civil Service Study Circle (CSSC)

The Civil Service Study Circle provides guidance to students who are interested in a career in civil service. A library functions in the Economics Department wing for assisting students who appear for Civil Service Examination. Mr. T.K. Jose IAS inaugurated CSSC on 14th October 2009. In addition to usual training sessions twice every week, they were taken for tribal visits. Though it started only a year ago, the study circle is going very strong.

Primrose Nature Club

Primrose Nature Club organized and conducted many nature awareness and conservation programmes this year in collaboration with various organizations in the college. The activities of Primrose Nature Club started on 5th June, World Environment Day. The highlight of the day was planting saplings of different species in our college premises. On 18th July, 2009 the club conducted a seminar on Energy conservation. A classroom beautification contest was held for all the classes. In connection with onam

celebrations, a Floral Carpet competition was conducted. Winners were awarded cash prizes. The World Ozone Day and World Wildlife week were observed in the college. This year's activities were formally concluded in the valedictory meeting held on 15th February 2010. Dr. B S Corrie, Chief Conservator of Forest, Trivandrum was the chief guest.

Tourism Club

Tourism club of S.H. College Thevara endeavors to promote the interest of youth in Tourism, environmental protection and social welfare activities. The club organized a seminar on 'Traffic issues in the Cochin city' on 16th July 2009. Tourism club together with the Physical Education Department organized Onam celebrations. They conducted a socio-economic survey at Vazhachal under the supervision of the Staff Coordinator and other teachers. Tourism club together with the Nature club of the college launched the *Grow Green Project*. The slogan of the project is to 'Plant Trees and fight Global warming'. A documentary on Global warming was shown in the college. On 20th November 2009 students from the club under the leadership of the Principal and staff members planted about two hundred trees in the Medical Trust Campus at *Irumpanam*. A total of more than one thousand trees were so far planted by students and staff members of the college under this project. Tourism club members visited cheruthony, Idukki Dam and conducted a trekking trip from *Patham mile* through the forests to the Catchment area, of the Idukki Dam.

Literary Club

The Literary Club managed by the Malayalam faculty started the activities for the year 2009-10 with the club's inauguration on 16th June 2009 by the famous journalist Leela Menon. The club organized a meeting to commemorate the life of Kamala Suraiya. The club was on the forefront in the organization of activities like Sargapadham and Hridya Sarga Sangamam.

Youth Red Cross Society

Youth Red Cross (YRC) of the college organized various programmes like blood identification programmes for all first year students. The Youth Red Cross and NSS of our college observed world elderly day on 1st October 2009, Posters and Photos of old age home visits of various clubs were exhibited. The society helps in blood donation to the people who approaches.

DIET (College Canteen)

Despite the inflation in market price of commodities we have managed to provide hygiene and quality food at affordable price. We provide out door catering to meet the needs of various seminars and workshops conducted in our college. The canteen

provides free meals to a few of our deserving students. It also gives employment to 15 persons.

Campus Recruitment and Placement Cell

In spite of the global recessionary trends still affecting the corporate sector, the placement cell succeeded in bringing Google.com, Wipro technologies, Aditya trading solutions Pvt. Ltd. SBL Infotech and Radio-me (Dubai). In addition, OPI Global and Infosys technologies will be recruiting students in the last week of February 2010. At the instance of the placement cell, M/s Tam Kam Peng, Global Head of Learning partnerships, Chartered Institute of Management Accountants(CIMA) London, visited the college, held discussions for making our college CIMA's examination centre in Kerala. At the initiative of the placement cell, eighteen students from the college took part at the UK education exhibition 2009 as volunteers and seven students from various classes participated in a 3 day residential programme on leadership and personality development, organized by the Rotary club of Fort Kochi.

Student Counseling Centre

Student Counseling Services have been available during the academic year 2009-10. Mrs. Shirley Tharakan, consultant Psychologist also gave classes to the students on Thursdays.

Co-Operative Society

The College co-operative society completed 33 years of service. This year 45 students availed the benefit of "Vidyarthi Kshemanithi" a project to empower the economically weak students.

Conclusion

Before I wrap up, let me thank the Manager, members of the staff and students for their whole hearted co-operation during the year. I raise my heart in humble gratitude to the Hallowed Heart of Jesus who turned the year golden in the mercy of His means. I humbly dedicate this statement of our activities to the happy memory of our founder Rev. Fr. Francis Sales, whose 25th death anniversary we are observing this year.

I thank our guest of honour Rev. Dr. Jose Panthaplamthottiyil CMI, our Prior General, for having graced this occasion with his inspiring presence.

Now as I present this report I thank you all once again.

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16/02/2010

Fr. A.J. Saviance
Principal