

Chapel Mission

A Candle Light service was organised for the students of aided stream on 11.04.2019 at Vedasiromani Auditorium. Dr. S. John Kennady Vethanathan, the Principal, was the president and welcomed the gathering. Mr. I. Athanraj, Director, Ilamthazhir Iyakkam, Chennai, was the chief guest and shared the word of God. Mrs. Kanimozhi Celina, the Chaplain, proposed vote of thanks. All the third year students took part and received the blessing of Lord Jesus Christ.



A Candle Light service was organised for the students of unaided stream on 12.04.2019 at Vedasiromani Auditorium. Rev. J. Selvaraj, Department of Counselling, Tirunelveli Diocese, was the chief guest and delivered word of God to the students. Dr. S. John Kennady Vethanathan, the Principal, was the president and welcomed the gathering.

Environmental Club

Environmental Club of our college organised an Environmental Awareness programme on 12.03.2019 at the Audio

Visual Hall. Dr. B. Felix Francy, Assistant Professor, Department of Commerce was the chief guest and delivered a talk on the current environmental issues. Dr. S. John Kennady Vethanathan, the Principal, was the president and felicitated the programme.



Nature Club

An environmental awareness programme "Say No to Plastics" was conducted by the Nature Club on 02.04.2019 at the Audio Visual Hall. Dr. S. John Kennady Vethanathan, the Principal, was the president and delivered presidential address. Dr. A. Selwyn Samuel, formerly Head, Department of Botany, St. Johns College, was the chief guest and delivered a talk on environmental issues made by the usage of plastic.

NCC

30 NCC cadets with Lt. Dr. T.K. Stanley David, ANO, NCC participated in a CATC Camp held at St. John's school, Palayamkottai from 20.05.2019 to 29.05.2019.

Other Activities

An awareness programme on voting was conducted in our campus by Citizens Consumer Club on 15.03.2019. Mr. Muthusamy, the City Secretary, welcomed the gathering. Dr. S. John Kennady Vethanathan, the Principal, gave the presidential address. Mr. Vengadasalam, the Treasurer and Dr. Ganapathy, a poet gave awareness talk.

The Department of Youth Welfare organised a seminar on "Indian Democracy" at the auditorium on 28.03.2019. Mr. Karu, Palaniappan, a film director, was the resource person of the day. He spoke on "The Significance of Voting Rights and Choosing Right Leaders". 350 students attended this seminar and got benefited.

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Newsletter

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Department of English

Many of our students participated in 'Art Beat,' an Inter collegiate cultural competition held at St. Xavier's College, Palayamkottai. They performed well and got the overall runner up shield.

Department of English (SF)

The I BA, II BA and I MA students arranged a farewell to the outgoing students on 05.04.2019 at Vedasiromani Auditorium. Dr. S. John Kennady Vethanathan, the Principal, was the president and felicitated the programme. The staff choir sang the prayer song. Students shared their unforgettable experiences and got excited.

Four of our students namely Golda, Jane, Pavithra and Sona Jenifer received university ranks and cash award of Rs.5000/- each.

A Parents Teachers Meeting was arranged on 18.03.2019 at 4.30 pm. Dr. S. John Kennady Vethanathan, the Principal, presided over the function.

06.04.2019 A Motivational programme on soft skill and on employability skills for the students was conducted by Mr. Manova, CEO, FragghenAcademy, Tirunelveli on 06.04.2019.

Department of Economics

Department of Economics conducted an alumni meet of their Department on 10.03.2019 at Vedasiromani Auditorium. Many alumni attended the programme and shared their old memories about the college and department. The arrival of the pioneers of the department added more beauty to the programme.

As an extension activity, the department with Nature club conducted an awareness programme on Environmental Issues on 12.03.2019 at Muthalai Kulam of Karanthaneri Panchayat. Dr. A. Selwyn Samuel, formerly Head, Department of Botany, S. John's College was the chief guest and talked how to maintain a clean environment and answered the questions of the villagers. Dr. Stalin Kamaraj honoured the village youth with shawl. The students staged a skit of general awareness. The people from in and around the village participated and got benefited.

Department of Economics conducted the valedictory of the Association on 30.03.2019 at Vedasiromani Auditorium. Dr. M. Chelladurai, the Head, Department of Economics, Amabai Arts College, Ambasamudram, was the chief guest. He delivered a special lecture on "Modern Economics and conducted a quiz on the same topic. The students found it to be very useful. Dr. S. John Kennady Vethanathan, the Principal, was the president and felicitated the programme. Mr. J. David Gnanaraj, the Head, Department of Economics, welcomed the gathering. Mr. B. Robert Jeyapaul Ponraj, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics and Coordinator of the programme proposed vote of thanks.



Department of Commerce

Department of Commerce conducted "Competitive Exam Awareness Programme" on 20.03.2019 at Vedasiromani Auditorium. Dr. S. John Kennedy Vethanathan, the Principal, was the president. Mr. V. Antony Patturaj, Managing Director, Cooperative Union, Toothukudi District, was the chief guest and gave an awareness talk on the various opportunities available to the students especially to the Commerce students.

The Department of Commerce organised an Alumni Association meeting on 24.04.2019 at 11.00 a.m. in our college Auditorium. Around 50 Alumni participated. Dr. S. Daniel David Annaraj, the Head, Department of Commerce, welcomed the gathering and Dr. S. John Kennedy Vethanathan, the Principal, St. John's College, delivered the Presidential Address. The Alumni Association was formed with ten Executive Members. Dr. P. Abraham, Assistant Professor, Department of Commerce, was unanimously elected as the Secretary of the Alumni association of Commerce department. The Retired Staff members Dr. R. Kingsley Earnest, Dr. I. Jeya Sundarsingh and Dr. P. Maraikumar attended the meeting. Dr. P. Abraham proposed vote of thanks.



Department of Commerce (B)

On 07.03.2019, the Department conducted an Awareness Programme titled "MBA EXPO CUM AWARENESS PROGRAM" and Mr. R. Bragadeeshwar was the speaker and who delivered a talk on various topics such as, how to choose a B-School? Entrance Examinations for MBA. New Streams in MBA.

Development of social and cultural values has profound effect in shaping the attitude of students towards humanity in every possible sphere of life. To instill such philanthropic spirit, the role of educational institutions is of prime importance in making them realize their responsibility towards the society. In the same vein, our department has taken an initiative by marking a special day as "Good Samaritans' Day" and adopting the village Gandhi Nagar in Kundankulam, Tirunelveli district during the academic year 2018-19. We paid a visit to the village on 02.03.2019 as a group of 15 members, of which two were faculty members, who accompanied the interested students.

The importance of cleanliness to lead a healthy life was taught to the working class of the village with some case studies emphasizing primarily on the ill-effects of tobacco and alcohol abuse. Moreover, the women of the village were insisted to take up handicraft works in spare time to enhance the family income. The children were motivated with moral stories that focus on self-discipline to impart ethical values. The senior members of the village were given basic instructions to read in Tamil language and were introduced to the programme 'Muthiyor Kalvi' that is run by the government. The young members of the village were educated about using the internet effectively to get to know the world around them and ultimately for the betterment in studies. We also pointed out the vulnerabilities that arise out frequently in social networking media mainly basing our discussions on cyber security.

The faculty members talked to the public about the adverse effects of polythene bags on the environment suggesting the possible alternatives. To highlight the importance of trees for the well-being of the environment, our students along with the help of localities planted sapling which they have brought from their home.

Department of Mathematics

Mathematics Association meeting was conducted on 19.03.2019. Dr. R. Kanthiah Alias Deepak, Assistant Professor, Department of Business Administration, GVN College, was the chief guest of this meeting. He talked on 'MOOC -A dramatic change in Learning Modules.' Dr. G. Jeyakumar, the Head, Department of Mathematics, delivered the welcome address. Dr. A. Alwyn Asir, the Convener of the programme gave an introductory talk about the topic. Dr. S. John Kennedy Vethanathan, the Principal, shared a felicitation with the gathering. Dr. G. S. Grace Prema, introduced the chief guest. Dr. B. Jawahar Samuel, the Vice Principal, honoured the chief guest with a Shawl.

The programme comprised of three Sessions. The First Session was handled by Dr. R. Kanthiah Alias Deepak. He highlighted the importance of MOOC and encouraged the students to enroll the online courses through MOOC. He motivated the students towards e-learning. In the second session, a quiz competition was conducted for the students. Four groups of students participated in the quiz. Logical Mathematics questions were asked. The students of III B. Sc. secured the first prize. The students of I M. Sc. secured the second prize. The students II B. Sc. secured the third prize. In the third session, Dr. G. S. Grace Prema delivered a speech about the great Mathematician Dr. Shakuntala Devi. Finally G.Princess, a Ph. D scholar delivered vote of thanks.

Department of Physics

Valedictory function of Physics Association was conducted on 01.04.2019 at Vedasiromani Auditorium. Prof. Thoathathi, formerly Professor of Physics, St. Johns College, was the chief guest.

The first and second year students organised a farewell party to the third year students on 08.04.2019. Dr. S. John Kennedy Vethanathan, the Principal, was the president and interacted with students. There were many games and interactive sessions to encourage the students to talk.



Department of Zoology

Department of Zoology organised an "International Seminar on Emerging Trends of Life Sciences" on 18.03.2019 at Audio Visual Hall. Dr. Arunakaran, formerly Head, Department of Endocrinology, University of Madras, Chennai and Dr. Venkatesh Nagarajan Radha, School of Biological Sciences, Monash University, Australia, were the chief guests. Dr. S. John Kennedy Vethanathan, the Principal, was the president and felicitated the programme. Dr. P. Augustus Robince, Assistant Professor, Department of Zoology and Dr. D.P.P. Doss were the Organising Secretaries. Dr. B. Jawahar Samuel, the Head, Department of Zoology was the Convener and welcomed the gathering.



Department of Electronics

The first and second year students organised a farewell party to the third year students on 10.04.2019 in presence of Dr. I. Jeya Sundarsingh, the Director, Un aided courses. Dr. S. John Kennedy, Principal, was the president and interacted with students.



Library Activities

A seminar was organised by the Library on "Importance of Thamirabarani River and Tirunelveli" on 05.04.2019. Dr. S. John Kennedy Vethanathan, the Principal, was the president of the programme. Mr. Muthalankurichi Kamarasu, a leading writer, was the chief guest and talked on the historical, cultural and social importance of Thamirabarani River.



Internal Quality Assurance Cell

IQAC of our college conducted a programme on MOOCs on 19.03.2019 at Vedasiromani Auditorium. Dr. S. John Kennedy Vethanathan, the Principal, was the president and felicitated the programme. Dr. R. Kanthiah alias Deepak, Assistant Professor, Department of Business Administration, GVN College, Kovilpatti, was the chief guest and introduced the MOOCs to the students in an interactive session.

On behalf of IQAC a seminar entitled "Importance of IPR for Research Scholars" was conducted on 30.03.2019. Dr. S. Silas Sargunam, the Head, Department of Management Studies, Anna University Regional Campus, Tirunelveli, was the chief guest and talked on the importance of IPR for the present day research.

A meeting for all the teaching staff members regarding the development of documents for NAAC was organised on 23.03.2019. Dr. S. John Kennedy Vethanathan, the Principal, was the president and welcomed the gathering. Dr. A. Syed Mohamed, Associate Professor, Department of Chemistry, Sadakathullah Appa College, Palayamkottai, was the chief guest of the programme. He talked about the basic information regarding NAAC and clarified the doubts of the staff members. Dr. A. Arul Gnanam, Coordinator, IQAC, delivered the vote of thanks.



Department of Commerce

Department of Commerce (B) (Unaided) with Youth Red Cross organised a "Village Adoption Campaign" at Annavarathanallur on 25.08.2018. Around 40 students and staff members started the campaign after the inauguration by Dr. RanjithPrabhu, Nellai Lashik Eye Care Centre. An oral presentation was given regarding cleanliness and regular eye checkups. A free eye test programme which more than 150 villagers took part and got their eyes tested. The students went every house personally and told the people about the need of cleanliness. Dr. R. NithyaAgnes, YRC Coordinator and Dr. Janis Bibiyana, Head, Department of Commerce (B) were in charge of this programme.

A competition was conducted by the MUTA on 25.08.2018 at the seminar hall. The third zone of MUTA conducted the competition for students from various institutions. The competition like essay writing, quiz, elocution and verse writing were organised. Many of our teaching staff members acted as judges.

E-Learning cell of our college coordinated a lecture on "Utilization of E-Learning Technology" at Seminar Hall on 28.08.2018. Dr. Arul Asir, Coordinator, welcomed the participants. Dr. P. Balasubramanian, Deputy Librarian, M.S. University, Tirunelveli was the chief guest and focused on the platform e-learning facilities and contents to the students in his speech. Dr. B. Jawahar Samuel, Vice Principal, felicitated the programme. President of the programme was Dr. S. John Kennedy, Principal.



Entrepreneurship Cell of our college in collaboration with the Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India, New Delhi, conducted a three day "Entrepreneurship Awareness Camp" from 11.08.2018 at the Audio Visual room. The Secretary was the president and the Principal inaugurated the programme. Dr. B. Jawahar Samuel, Vice Principal, and Dr. I. Jeya Sunder Singh, Director, Self-financed courses, felicitated the programme. On the first day, Dr. D. Lionel Raj, MD, Agarwal Eye Hospital delivered a special address Mr. O. Murugesh, Deputy Director and General Manager, District Industrial Centre, Palayamkottai, Dr. T. Vijaya Kumar, Soft Skill Trainer, Loyola Institute of Science and Echnology, Nagercoil, Dr. V. Darling Selvi, Associate Professor, Rani Anna Government College for Women, Gandhi Nager, Tirunelveli and Mr. Dalton, Managing Director, Meenakshi Honda, Palayamkottai, talked to the audience on various topics on the second day. A factory visit was arranged on the third day. All the participants visited Noval Carbons India Private Limited, Gangaikondan. Dr. Janis Bibiyana, Coordinator, Entrepreneurship Cell, coordinated this programme. An amount of Rs. 20,000 had been sanctioned towards the conduct of this programme by EDII. 110 students from the departments of B.C.A and B.Sc. Electronics participated in this programme and were benefitted.

On behalf of the Youth Welfare Department, a competition was conducted at the Vedasiromani Auditorium with the backdrop of the 7151 Independence Day on 13.08.2018. Many students participated in the competition and the teaching staff from various departments of our college acted as judges. On the same day, the Principal had a meeting with the Vice Chancellor of M.S. University at the University campus.

A camp for NSS girl students was conducted from 21.08.2018 to 27.08.2018 at Araikulam. NSS students stayed at the village and helped the village in restoring cleanliness and created awareness about the necessity of cleanliness.

A special programme was conducted to encourage the meritorious SSLC students of the Government to honour those Government school which produced hundred percent result. An education development competition was held on 24.08.2018 at the Vedasiromani Hall. Mr. S. Arul Jeeva, Planning Organiser, First Generation, welcomed the gathering. Adv. M. Britto presided over the meeting. Special speeches were made by Mr. S. Ramasubramanian, Deputy Collector, Dr. S. Senthilvel Murugan, Chief Education Officer, Tirunelveli District and Principal. Adv. M.S.S. George Kosal, Secretary and Correspondent, St. John's College, Mr. K.M.A. Nizam, Mr. D. Thanaraj, Mr. Chinnadurai, District Education Officer, Tirunelveli, Mr. G. Jeyaraj, District Education Officer, Cheramahadevi, Mr. P. Natarajan, District Education Officer, Vallioor and A. Gnana Sundari, Branch Manager, Indian Bank, KTC Nagar felicitated the prize winners.

An eye camp was conducted by the YRC in association with Dr. Agarwal Eye Hospital, Tirunelveli on 24.08.2018 at the students retiring room. Many students and staff members got benefitted. On the same day governing board meeting was held at our campus in the evening.

On 28.08.2018 a programme was conducted by the officials of Passport Office in the evening. Information related to issue of passport and fair use it was discussed. The officer promised the students to issue passports for them free of cost.



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IQAC Newsletter

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The Beginning of the Journey

The purpose of the IQAC newsletter is to create an opportunity for the students and the teachers to know the various events conducted by the departments of St. Johns College. It is with the belief, that this newsletter will enable the creation of a close-knit community within the college, the IQAC Newsletter was ideated. In this era of technology and information, a newsletter of a college should aim at documenting the information of events and campus news for the better understanding of a student who might chance upon this newsletter. Abiding by this ideology, the IQAC newsletter has tried to document the events organized by the various departments with splendid success.

With each passing year, the wall of St. Johns College becomes not a year older but a year wiser. And so, with the motive to become wiser and better, the classes for the academic year 2018-2019 were started off on 18th June.

A communion service was conducted by Rev. A.H. Billy, Pastorate Chairman, Military Lines at our college chapel. Classes for the first year UG were started on 25.06.2018. On the day of inauguration, the newcomers of the college were

welcomed by the Heads of the departments and were introduced to the various cells and programmes offered by the college, by its respective coordinators. The Department of English conducted an orientation programme from 26.06.2018 to 29.6.2018 to offer an avenue for enhancing the communication skills of the students to make it easier for them to adapt to the college atmosphere. The PG courses had their classes started on 09.07.2018.



Renovations and Inaugurations



The renovated block of History Departments was opened for usage with Mr. M.S.S. George Kosal, Secretary, declaring it open on 04.07.2018. Prof. G. Andrews, Head, Department of History welcomed the gathering after which Dr. John Kennedy Vethanathan, Principal, talked to the students of History department about the

fair use of the block and college life. Dr. B. Jawahar Samuel, Vice Principal and Dr. J. Devaraj Selvakumar, Bursar, felicitated the programme.

On the same day, the newly renovated laboratory block of Physics Department was opened by Mr. M.S.S. George Kosal, Secretary. Dr. S. Daniel Sweetlin, Head, Department of Physics, welcomed the gathering.



The Basket Ball ground was opened on 02.08.2018 by Mr. M.S.S. George Kosal, Secretary. The inaugural match witnessed fierce competition between Bell School students and Rani Anna Government College for Women students.

Campus News

Prof. Arul Asir, Assistant Professor of Physics, was awarded Ph.D. on 26.06.2018 by Manonmaniam Sundaranar University.)

An orientation programme was organised by the college for the young staff members of the college on 14.07.2018. Dr. Beneson Thilagar Christadoss, Associate Professor of English started the programme with the opening prayer. The Principal welcomed the young staff and introduced the chief guest Prof. T. Karunaharan, former Vice Principal and Head, Department of English., St. John 's College. Prof. T. Karunaharan enlightened the young staff with information regarding ethics and duties of teaching community.

A staff retreat was organised by the college for both teaching and non-teaching staff at Rock Hall, Courtallam, on 27.07.2018. Around 150 members of the staff participated in what was referred to as an enlightening experience.

Students faced their first round of internal tests starting on 30.07.2018.

The Principal conducted a quiz competition at Bishop Sergeant Ground on 04.08.2018 at 5.00 pm.

The Independence Day was celebrated at our college campus on 15.08.2018. The Secretary was the chief guest and delivered the presidential address. A march past was organized by the N.C.C. corps. The presidents of the function hoisted the Indian National flag. The Secretary gave away the prizes to the winners of the competitions conducted on 13.08.2018.

The Principal had the honour of being invited as the chief guest for the 6th graduation day at Pushpalatha British International School, Palayamkottai on 17.08.2018. The Principal spoke on the importance of education to the students. II year P.G. students of English Department (Self-financed) arranged a welcome party to the I year PG students at seminar hall on 18.08.2018.



An alumni meeting for the former NCC students was conducted by the current NCC batch on 07.07.2018. Dr.T.K. Stantley David, NCC officer, welcomed the gathering. Dr. B. Jawahar Samuel, Vice Principal, delivered the presidential address. Dr. J. Devaraj Selvakumar, Bursar, and Capt. D. Andrews, Head, Department of History and Former NCC Officer, felicitated the function. Mr. B. Uthaya Kumar, Additional Superintendent of police, Tirunelveli, was the chief guest. He shared his experience of his college NCC life and talked about the necessity of unity and discipline. Swr V. Maharajan, Indian Army, NCC an alumnus, proposed the vote of thanks. More than forty former NCC cadets took part in that programme.

Department of English



UG. Students of English Department arranged a welcome party for their first year students on 18.07.2018 at the Vedasiromani Auditorium. The Principal was the president and felicitated the programme. Dr. R. Jeyasundara Raj, Head, Department of English delivered a special address to the freshers. The 2nd year P.G. students of English department organised a welcome party for the first year PG students on 23.07.2018 at the seminar hall.

An academic interactive Programme was conducted by the faculty of English on 3.08.2018, with two visiting professors from the Lincoln University. A discussion on classical and modern literature was delved upon and the programme advanced new strategies of enunciations into comprehending the classical and modern literatures. The students were exposed into understanding literature as a cognitive poetics.

A seminar on Caldwell was conducted on 21.08.2018 at the research centre of English Department. Rev. Peter Devadoss lit the candle as a symbolic method of inauguration and Rev. Giftson Johndoss welcomed the gathering. Rev. Peter Devadoss and Mr.Bala Prajabathi delivered special speeches on the contribution of Caldwell to the Tamil language.

Department of English, having Dr.B. Beneson Thilagar Christadoss, Associate Professor of English, as the coordinator, inaugurated an environment-oriented club namely 'Gaya Club' on 25.08.2018 at the C.O.C Lab, Department of English. Dr. Selwyn Samuel, former principal in-charge, St. John's College, was the chief guest and talked on the need of the environmental consciousness in the students. The Principal presided over the programme.



Department of Mathematics



Department of Mathematics students conducted a welcome party to the freshers on 26.07.2018 at the seminar hall. Dr. Jeyakumar was the president and addressed students.

Department of Mathematics (Self-Financed) had its Inaugural Meeting of the year on 23.08.2018 at the Vedasiromani Auditorium.

Department of Economics

Department of Economics conducted the inaugural Association meeting on 07.08.2018. Dr. S. John Kennady Vethanathan, Principal, was the president and delivered presidential address. Dr. B. Jawahar Samuel, Vice Principal, felicitated the programme.



Department of Zoology

Department of Zoology had its inaugural Association Meeting on 28.08.2018 at seminar hall. A. Karthika, III B. Sc Zoology, delivered the welcome address. Mr. M.S.S. George Kosal, Secretary and Correspondent, inaugurated the programme with a speech. Dr. B. Jawahar Samuel, Head, Department of Zoology and Vice Principal, introduced the chief guest Dr. Elangovan



Chellappa, M.S. Ortho, Professor, Orthopaedic Surgeon and Writer, Paiyampkottai. The chief guest gave a wonderful speech on Neuroplasticity. V. Ramalakshmi, I M.Sc Zoology, proposed vote of thanks.

Department of History

Department of History conducted the inaugural Association Meeting on 29.08.2018 at Vedasiromani Auditorium. Mr. M.S.S. George Kosal, Secretary and Correspondent, was the president, Dr. R. Peter Perinba Raja, the Principal, C.S.I. Jayaraj Annapackiam College, Nallur, delivered the inaugural address Dr. S. John Kennady, the Principal, and Dr. Jawahar Samuel, the Vice Principal felicitated the function.





ENGLISH LITERARY ASSOCIATION

The Department of English conducted its inaugural Literary Association on 30.08.2018 at the Vedasiromani Auditorium. Dr. R. Jeya Sundararaj, the Head, Department of English, welcomed the gathering and honoured the chief guest. Dr. S. John Kennedy Vethanathan, the Principal, was the president and felicitated the programme. Dr. P.T. Selvi Kohila, Assistant Professor, Department of English, V.O. Chidambaram College, Thoothukudi, was the chief guest and delivered a lecture on the importance of Literature and Reading. Mr. U. Kethrapal, Assistant Professor, Department of English, was the coordinator of the programme. Many students from the department exhibited their talents on stage.



Department of English organised a "One Day National Level Multidisciplinary Workshop on Research Ethics: New Directions" on 31.08.2018. Dr. R. Jeya Sundararaj, the Head, Department of English, welcomed the gathering. Dr. J. Duresh, the Head, Department of English, Scott Christian College, Nagercoil was the Chief Guest for the inaugural session. He delivered his inaugural address focusing on the "Need for Genuine Research." Dr. B. Beneson Thilagar Christadoss, Associate Professor, Department of English, introduced the theme of the workshop. He also introduced the Resource Person, Dr. Laura, Associate Professor, Department of English, Bharadhisadan University, Thiruchirappalli. In the morning session, Dr. Laura talked on the title "How to do research" and answered the questions of the participants. Dr. A. Rathina Prabhu, Assistant Professor, Department of English, introduced the Resource Person of the afternoon session Dr. William Dharmaraja, the Head, Department of Education, Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli. Many research scholars and students from various colleges participated in the programme.

Literary Association of the Department of English organised an intercollegiate literary competition, "JOLITFEST 2018" on 25.09.2018. Students of various colleges from Kanyakumari, Tirunelveli, Thoothukudi and Virudhunagar took part in the competitions. 10 events took place namely Verse Singing, Rangoli, Quiz, Essay Writing, Verse Writing, Eloquence, Drama, Tableau, Literary Dance and Painting. Mr. U. Kethrapal, Assistant Professor, Department of English, was the coordinator of the programme. Overall championship was won by ST Hindu College, Nagercoil and St. Mary's College, Thoothukudi, won the second prize. Dr. R. Jeyasundara Raj, the Head, Department of English, welcomed the gathering. Mr. K. Muthukaruppan M.P. and Mrs. Vijila Sathyananth were the chief guests of the valedictory function.



On 05.09.2018, the Youth Welfare Department of our college arranged a reception for the teachers in view of 'Teacher's Day'.

DEDICATION OF SCIENCE RESEARCH CENTRE

The Science Research Centre, which was built from the MP Fund, was inaugurated on 26th of September 2018 by our District Collector Tmt. Shilpa Prabhakar Satish, IAS. The inaugural function was presided over by Thiru. S. Muthukaruppan, the Hon'ble Member of the Parliament (Rajya Sabha).



Thiru. D. Vethanayagam, Rev. A. H.L. Billy gave the felicitation address. Dr. S. John Kennedy, the Principal and Mr. M.S.S. George Kosal, the Secretary and Correspondent welcomed the gathering.

A quiz programme took place on behalf of the Department of Physics on 29.08.2018. Dr. M. Daniel Sweetlin, the Head, Department of Physics, welcomed the gathering. Dr. S. John Kennedy Vethanathan, the Principal, was the president. A group of students from the department was in charge of conducting the quiz. J. Kavitha, I B.Sc., V. Veni, II B.Sc., R. Princy, III B.Sc., were the winners and J. Nelshya, I B.Sc., N. Vijayalakshmi, II B.Sc., S. Rajeswari, III B.Sc., secured the second place. A project demo was given by the Electronics Club. Mr. Rajesh talked about the placement opportunities. Ms. K. Karpagavalli, II B.Sc., proposed vote of thanks. Dr. J. Devaraj Selvakumar, the Bursar, distributed the prizes.

The Postgraduate and Research Department of Chemistry conducted the inaugural Chemistry Association on 31.08.2018 at the Audio Visual room. Dr. S. John Kennedy Vethanathan, the Principal was the president and delivered the inaugural address. Dr. V. Rama, Associate Professor and the Head, Department of Chemistry, Sarah Tucker College, Perumalpuram, was the chief guest. She delivered a lecture on "Insights of Green chemistry." Dr. I. Jeya Sundersingh, the Director, Self Financed course, felicitated the programme.

PG DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY

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NEWSLETTER



ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE PALAYAMKOTTAI



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From the Secretary...

It is an endeavour to throw light on the events which have helped the students in growing intellectually. It is an emissary of goodwill of the IQAC to promote, motivate and activate all academic and extracurricular activities to reach the peak of excellence. Let this Newsletter be the source of inspiration and information to all. I convey my hearty wishes to the Editorial Board.

The Department of History conducted the inaugural Association Meeting on 29.08.2018 at Vedasiromani Auditorium. Mr. M.S.S. George Kosal, Secretary, was the president. Dr. R. Peter Perinba Raja, the Principal, C.S.I.Jayaraj Annappackiam College, Nallur, delivered the inaugural address. Dr. S. John Kennedy Vethanathan, the Principal, and Dr. Jawahar Samuel, the Vice Principal, felicitated the function. Dr. J. Barnabas Jacob, Assistant Professor, Department of History was the Coordinator of the programme.



Dr. G. Andrews, HOD of History Dept. welcoming the gathering.



From the Principal...

It gives me immense pleasure to see our college bubbling with many activities which may help the students and staff members to develop their academic, co-curricular and extraordinary endeavours. This Newsletter focuses to cover all the events that have taken place at our college premises. Highlighting such events will give the participants and non participants of such events more of motivational factor. I appreciate the Editorial Board members for their efforts in bringing out this Newsletter successfully.



E-Learning Cell of our college coordinated a lecture on "Utilization of E-Learning Technology" at the Seminar Hall on 28.08.2018. Dr. Arul Asir, the Coordinator, welcomed the participants. Dr. P. Balasubramanian, Deputy Librarian, M.S. University, Tirunelveli was the chief guest and focused on the platform of e-learning facilities and contents to the students in his speech. Dr. B. Jawahar Samuel, Vice Principal, felicitated the programme. President of the programme was Dr. S. John Kennedy Vethanathan, the Principal. Many students participated and got benefitted.



Nationwide India Post Payments Bank Launch by Honourable Prime Minister Narendra Modi was lively relayed at Vedasiromani Auditorium on 01.09.2018 having Ms. Vijila Sathyananth, MP, Rajya Sabha, as the chief guest in the presence of Mr. S. Muthukaruppan, MP, Rajya Sabha. Mr. T.P.M. Mohideen Khan, MLA, Palayamkottai Constituency, and Ms. Shilpa Prabhakar Satish, District Collector, Tirunelveli were present. Mr. Santhakumar, Senior Superintendent of Post Offices, welcomed the gathering. Around 3.15 p.m. the launch of IPPB by Honourable Prime Minister was displayed through video conferencing. A special cover was released by Mr. R. Santhanakumar and received by Ms. Vijila Sathyananth. Vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. M.T. Vijai, Senior Manager, India Post Payments Bank, Palayamkottai, Tirunelveli Division.



Few staff members of our college visited 'Anbin Illam' and provided the children with the full day meal on 26.09.2018.

Students faced their second round of internal tests starting from 03.09.2018.

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS

The Post Graduate & Research Department of Commerce and Entry into Service Cell of St. John's College jointly organized a One-Day International Conference, Middleden '18 on **September 5, 2018** at the Vedasironmani Auditorium on the title, "**Perspectives of Global Human Resource**". Dr. D. Rajan, Professor and Head, Department of Business Administration, Blue Crest University College, Accra, Ghana, West Africa, was the chief guest of the event and he illuminated the minds of the audience with his inspiring speech. Dr. S. John Kennedy, the Principal gave the Presidential Address. Mr. M.S.S. George Kosal, Secretary and Correspondent, Dr. B. Jawahar Samuel, Vice Principal, Dr. I. Jayasundarsingh, Director (SF), gave the felicitation address. Dr. C. Thilakam, Dean of Arts, M.S. University gave the Inaugural address. It was proceeded by paper presentation.



The Department of Mathematics conducted an association meeting on 20.09.2018. Dr. G. Jeyakumar, the Head, Department of Mathematics, welcomed the gathering. Dr. S. John Kennedy, the Principal, presided over the meeting and delivered the presidential address. Dr. B. Jawahar Samuel, the Vice Principal, honoured the chief guests. Dr. G. S. Grace Prema introduced the chief guest. In the first session Dr. R. Murugesan, the Head, Department of Mathematics (SF), St. John's College, spoke on "Divine Ratio". Dr. Jessica Selwyn, the Head, Department of English (SF), St. John's College gave an inspiring talk on "COUNT AND COUNT ON" in the second session. Dr. A. Alwyn Asir, the Convener of the meeting, expressed the words of gratitude. Students were benefitted through the programme.



The Department of Zoology had its inaugural Association Meeting on 28.08.2018 at seminar hall. A. Karthika, III B. Sc Zoology, delivered the welcome address. Mr. M.S.S. George Kosal, Secretary and Correspondent, inaugurated the programme with a speech. Dr. B. Jawahar Samuel, the Head, Department of Zoology and Vice Principal, introduced the chief guest, Dr. Elangovan Chellappa, M.S. Ortho, Professor, Orthopaedic Surgeon and Writer, Palayamkottai. The chief guest gave a wonderful speech on "Neuroplasticity". V. Ramalakshmi, I.M.Sc Zoology, proposed the vote of thanks.



Chemistry association of this academic year (2018 - 2019) was inaugurated on 06.09.2018, Thursday in Vedasironmani auditorium. The staff and students of the department gathered with great enthusiasm. The choir decorated the gathering with a prayer song, which was effectively trained by Prof. D. Jim Livingstan. Dr. P. Muthu Selvam, Head of the department welcome the gathering. He honoured the chief guest by a memento and introduced the chief guest. The meeting was presided by the Principal, Dr. S. John Kennedy. He threw a speech of ignition among the students about Indian electoral process. The chief guest of this meeting was Mr. R. Athi Narayanan, M.Com, Tahsildar, Town Settlement, Puliangudi, Tirunelveli District. He impressed the students by giving a clear statistical report on the Indian Electoral process and the importance of students role in it, Dr. B. Jawahar Samuel, Vice - Principal, felicitated the gathering. Since the students were motivated, they asked various questions to the chief guest and got clarified. This session showed the fulfillment of the day's gathering. A student, S. Kapil of III B.Sc chemistry responded to students, S. Abinaya of I B.Sc chemistry responded to him. Finally the meeting closed with the vote of thanks given by Prof. S. Hilda Mabel, Staff Advisor.



DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY



The Department of Botany had its inaugural Association Meeting for this academic year on 30.08.2018. Dr. Abraham Muthukumar, the Head, Department

of Botany welcomed the gathering. Dr. S. John Kennedy, the Principal, was the president of the programme and delivered the presidential address. Dr. V. Irudayaraj (Scientist), Associate Professor, Department of Botany, St. Xavier's College, Palayamkottai, was the chief guest of the programme. He delivered a special lecture on "Significance of Pteridophytes in the Ecosystems." Mr. S. Paul David Selson, Assistant Professor, Department of Botany, was the Coordinator of the programme.

On 28.08.2018 a programme was conducted by the officials of Passport Office in the evening. Information related to issue of passport and fair use was discussed. The officer promised the students to issue passports for them free of cost.

On 03.09.2018, the Department of Commerce B (unaided) organised an association meeting. Pro. Lubna from Holy Cross College, Trichy rendered valuable lecture on 'Person to Personality or Personality to Person'. III year students from all the departments participated and highly enlightened.



An intercollegiate state level music competition was conducted as JOMUZERT on 29.09.2018 at Vedasironmani Auditorium. Choirs from Nesamoni Memorial College, Marthanadam, American College, Madurai, Sarah Tucker College, Tirunelveli, Women's Christian College, Nagercovil, St. John's College of Education, Tirunelveli and our college participated in the competition. Dr. Thomas Thangaraj was the chief guest and gave away the prizes to the winners with the chief guest address. Cash prizes of Rs. 10,000, 7,000 and 5,000 were given to The American College, Madurai, Nesamoni Memorial College, Marthanadam and Women's Christian College, Nagercovil respectively. Four special prizes of judges' choice were also given. Mr. R. Heiz Dawson, Assistant Professor, Department of English was the coordinator of the programme, Dr. S. John Kennedy Vethanathan, the Principal, was the president of the programme.



The Youth Red Cross of the college organized a programme on "Legal Assistance Available to Public" on 27 September 2018 at the Vedhasironmani Auditorium. Thiru K. Rajasekar, B. Com., B.L., Principal District Judge, and Thiru. T. V. Hemananda Kumar B.A., L.L.B., Principal Sub Judge, from District Legal Services Authority, Tirunelveli were the chief guests and interacted with the students.

YOUTH RED CROSS

SPORTS

Being trained by Dr. Andrew Chandrakumar, the Director, Physical Education, girls football team of our college participated in the Intercollegiate Football Tournament conducted by the Department of Physical Education, Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli on 22.09.2018 and brought laurels to the institution with the runners' trophy.



ENVIRONMENTAL CELL

On 19.09.2018, Environmental Cell of our college organised "Beat Plastic Pollution: An Awareness Programme" at Vedasironmani Auditorium. Dr. Juliet Vanitharani was the chief guest of the day and delivered the chief guest address. She talked about the importance of avoiding plastic in our day-to-day life. Dr. S. John Kennedy, the Principal, was the president. Dr. Ezhilmathi Sophia, Associate Professor, Department of Zoology and Mr. Paul David Selson, Assistant Professor, Department of Botany were the coordinators of this programme. Students were benefitted from the programme.



A rally was conducted by YRC in collaboration with the Corporation of Tirunelveli City to make awareness about the Dengue fever on 20.09.2018. Many of our students participated and made awareness about the Dengue fever to the public with slogans related to it. Mrs. Nithya Agnes, Coordinator, YRC, was in charge of the Programme.



Dr. Ezhilmathi Sohia, Associate Professor, Department of Zoology, and Mr. J. Jebaraj Kingsly Zechariah, Assistant Professor, Department of English, participated in "Help at Hand - Strengthening Faculty in Counselling Techniques to Facilitate Gen Z" organised at St. Christopher's College, Vepery, sponsored by 'United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia' from 13.10.2018 to 20.10.2018. The resource persons were from 'Person to Person', an institute for christian counselling. The participants felt the programme to be very useful in counselling the students.

Our NCC cadets participated in a two day rally organised by the Department of Food and Safety, Government of Tamilnadu with the 5 TN (BN), NCC on 22.10.2018 and 23.10.2018. On the first day the NCC cadets of our college started from Tirunelveli Collector's Office and ended at Francis Xavier College of Engineering by walk with the slogans related to food management and habits. Ms Shilpa Prabakar Satish, the District Collector, Tirunelveli, inaugurated the rally. On the second day the NCC cadets demonstrated a cycle rally from Tirunelveli to Kovilpatti having the same agenda.

