

Principal's Report 2017-'18

Esteemed Manager of the institution Rev. Fr. Scaria Ethirett CMI, Chief Guest of the day, Chairman of the College Union and President of the meeting, Mr. Renjith E.R., College Union Advisor Dr. Shaiju Francis, Office bearers of the College Union, distinguished guests, parents, members of FOSSA, dear colleagues and my beloved students,

With great pleasure let me present before you the annual report of the important activities, events and meritorious achievements during the academic year 2016-2017. St. Joseph's Training College is marching forward with its mission of grooming teachers for the next generation. I take this opportunity to place on record my sincere gratitude to all my predecessors who were instrumental to raise this institution to the present state of excellence. I thank God Almighty for having given me the opportunity to present this report.

The 59th College Day was celebrated on 9th November 2016. On that occasion Hon. MLA Sri. P. C. George delivered the valedictory message. Fr. Joby Thomas, College Union Chairman, presided the meeting. Dr. Varghese K. Cheriyan, Principal, presented the Principal's Report of the academic year 2015-16 highlighting the major achievements of the institution.

Management

The College is owned by the St. Joseph Monastery, Mannanam. Rev. Fr. Scaria Ethirette CMI took charge as the new manager of the college on 5th May 2017. Fr. Scaria Ethirett is a humble man of vision, goodwill and insight. I sincerely wish him all success in his endeavors. Also I express my heartfelt thanks to Fr. Sebastian Chamathara CMI, our former manager for his valuable service to this college.

Teaching Faculty and Administrative staff

At present, we have 12 regular members in the teaching staff and 14 regular members in the non-teaching staff for B.Ed. and five regular faculty for M.Ed.

Achievements of Teaching Faculty

- Dr. Varghese K. Cheriyan was nominated as the Member, Academic Council and Faculty of Education, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam.
- Dr. Varghese K. Cheriyan was selected as the Adjudicator, Dravidian University, Kuppam.
- Dr. Varghese K. Cheriyan was selected as the Co-guide, Annamalai University.
- Dr. Ronu Thomas took doctoral degree in Education from Mahatma Gandhi University. Congratulations to Dr. Ronu Thomas.

Diamond Jubilee Year

The Diamond Jubilee Celebrations of the institution was held on 11-03-2017. His Beatitude Moran Mor Baselios Cardinal Cleemis, Major Archbishop of Syro-Malankara Catholic Church, Thiruvananthapuram delivered the inaugural address. Rev. Fr. Cyriac Madathil CMI, Provincial presided over the function. Rev. Fr. Sebastian Chamathara, Manager addressed the gathering. Adv. Mons Joseph MLA inaugurated an Add-on course in 'Theatre Arts' and instituted St. Chavara Endowment for 'The Promising Young Teacher'. It was a proud moment for all the stake holders of the institution. With a huge participation of students, faculty, former staff, alumni and community members the event was a great success.

Student strength

The academic activities for B.Ed. of the year 2016-'18 were formally inaugurated by Rev. Fr. Sebastian Chamathara, Manager of the college on 25th July 2016. We have been maintaining a student strength of 50 each for B.Ed. programme 2016-18 and 2017-'19 batch, satisfying the norms prescribed by the NCTE. At present we have a total of 48 students - 10 students in English, 11 students in Mathematics, 5 students in Natural Science, 13 students in the Physical Science and 9 students in the Social Science in 2016-18 batch and a total of 50 students - 10 students in English, 10 students in Mathematics, 11 students in Natural Science, 10 students in the Physical Science and 9 students in the Social Science in 2017-'19 batch. We have 6 students in four subjects for the two year M.Ed. programme of 2016-'18 batch and 2 students in the 2017-'19 batch. The orientation programme on curricular and co-curricular activities of the college for the two year B.Ed. batch of 2016-'18 was held from 26th July 2016 to 29th July 2016.

I am indeed happy to state that our students were very co-operative and they actively participated in all the activities of the college. I appreciate their responsible behavior throughout the academic year.

Students' Council

The election for the Students' Council was held on 8th September 2016 and the College Union was formed under the chairmanship of Fr. Joby Thomas CMI. The Office Bearers of the College Union were the following.

Union Chairman:	Renjith E.R.
Vice-chairperson:	Jisha Mathew
General Secretary:	Abhijith George
Councillor to University Union	Alvin James
Editor of the College Magazine	Boban Joseph
Arts Club Secretary	Chandhini Sukumaran
Lady Representatives	(1) Reshma James (2) Anagha Paul
Second year Representative	Jibeesh George

The Oath taking ceremony was held on 31st October, 2016. The College Union activities were inaugurated by Sri. P.C. George MLA, on 9th November, 2016. I sincerely thank the office bearers of the college union and leaders of various clubs for their

praiseworthy services to the college and the leadership quality they have expressed in organizing various events.

Student Achievements

I am happy to mention some of the creditable achievements of our students, during this academic year.

Akhil V. Tom and Joby Thomas of 2016-'18 batch won the Runners-up trophy in the 9th Principal's Trophy Inter B.Ed. Shuttle Badminton Tournament held at Titus II Teachers Training College, Thiruvalla on 3rd November 2016.

Tinto Tom of 2015-17 batch won the individual championship in the 10th Inter-training collegiate athletic meet held on 7th January 2017.

Model Schools

St. Ephrem's Higher Secondary School, St. Joseph's U.P. School and K.E. English Medium School serve as our model schools. We are grateful to the principals and staff of these schools for their sincere co-operation, moral support and timely help in making our teacher education programmes effective and successful.

Practice Teaching

An integral part of our curriculum is the practice teaching session for six weeks which provides the students with firsthand experience in the classroom situation. School induction for 2016-18 B.Ed. batch for a period of 4 weeks began on 16-01-2017. Students were sent to 10 schools for their practice teaching from 20-06-2017 for a period of 16 weeks. I sincerely thank the heads and staff of the institutions for the help they have rendered for the successful conduct of Practice Teaching. The list of the practice teaching schools is given below.

- 1 St. Ephrem's Higher Secondary School, Mannanam.
- 2 K.E. English Medium HSS, Mannanam
- 3 St. Philomina's Girls High School, Villoonni
- 4 Holy Family High School, Parampuzha
- 5 St. George's Vocational HSS, Kaipuzha
- 6 S.K.V. Higher Secondary School, Neendoor.
- 7 St. Thomas High School, Kallara
- 8 Emmanuel HSS, Kothanalloor
- 9 St. Mary's Girls High School, Athirampuzha
10. St. Aloysius' H.S.S., Athirampuzha
11. CMS High School, Kottayam

University Practical Examination

University Practical Examination for students of 2015-'17 batch was held on 25th October, 2016. Dr. S.L. Pradeep Kumar, Associate Professor, NSS Training College, Changanachery was the chairperson for the examination. The Board of Practical Examination of M.G. University expressed their satisfaction in the conduct as well as the performance of students in practical and viva-voce examinations.

Examination Results

We had good results in the previous academic year. Out of the 48 students (2015-17 batch) who appeared for the B.Ed. exam, 10 got A+, 22 got A, 13 got B and 3 got C. Miss. Annet T. Catherine secured the highest GPA among the students. Out of the 35 students of the 2014-15 M.Ed. batch, 6 got A, 22 got B+ and 7 got B. Hearty congratulations to all of them.

Co-curricular Activities

With a view to enhance the participation of students in the co-curricular activities, various clubs were formed in the beginning of the academic year itself. The various club activities of academic year 2016-17 were inaugurated by Dr. Sheena Shukkur, Hon. Pro. Vice Chancellor, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam on 19th August, 2016. Representatives of different clubs were chosen from each optional class. A variety of activities were organized under the auspices of the various clubs functioning in the college, viz, Cultural Club, Spiritual Animation Cell, Women's Cell, Film and Documentation Club and Social Extension Club. A detailed report of the various club activities will be presented by the General Secretary of the college union in his report. The club activities for the academic year 2017-18 were inaugurated by Mr. Sebin S. Kottaram, International motivational speaker on 9th August 2017.

Workshop on Theatre Arts

A Workshop on Theatre Arts titled 'The Pedagogic Theatre' was held from 14-03-2017 to 15-03-2017. Rev. Fr. Saji Parakadavil CMI, Vice-prior, St. Joseph Monastery, Mannanam inaugurated the event. Sri. Mangal Das and Mr. Varghese Paul were the resource persons.

Personality Development of Student-teachers

The integrated development of an individual is effected by imparting knowledge and skills and by moulding his personality by the teacher. Hence, teacher personality becomes crucial in the education and development of children.

In order to transform our student teachers as mature, integrated and resourceful persons, programmes like self introduction, thought for the day, general assembly on Wednesdays, class-wise cultural activities, debates, seminars, study tours, community visits, celebration of festivals and events, observation of national days and events, arts day, sports, games and extension activities were organized in the college.

Sports Day

The 59th Annual Sports Meet was held at K.E. School Ground on October 18th 2016. Rev. Fr. Luka Chavara CMI, Principal, St. Ephrem's HSS Mannanam inaugurated the Meet. Students grouped into four houses namely, Blue, White, Green and Red, participated in the

various sports and games events with true sportsman spirit. Blue house got the Overall championship. Tinto Tom and Akhil V. Tom shared the individual championship among men. Aimy Jose and Athira Rajan shared the individual championship among women.

Inter- Training Collegiate Athletic Meet

10th Inter-Training Collegiate Athletic meet was conducted on 7th January 2017 at Nehru Stadium, Kottayam with an active participation of 25 training colleges. Dr. Sheena Shukkor, Hon. Pro Vice-chancellor, Mahatma Gandhi University inaugurated the meet. Sri. Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan MLA and Dr. P.R. Sona, Municipal Chairperson, Kottayam distributed the trophies and prizes to the winners. Mahatma Gandhi University College won the Overall Championship and Titus II Teachers Training College, Thiruvalla won the Runners-up. Tinto Tom of 2015-17 batch was the individual champion in the men category.

Arts Fest

The Cultural Club of the college organized the Arts Fest on 06-03-2017 with competitions in various arts and literary events. The students grouped in to various houses actively participated in the class-wise competitions and 'Nila' (English and Mathematics) won the championship. Ms. Sneha Mathew and Ms. Dhanya Zacharia shared the title of 'Kalathilakom' and Mr. Harilal T.S. was declared as the 'Kalaprathibha'. Ms. Neethu Mary Markose won the title of 'Sargaprathibha' for the literary competitions.

Upanayana and Samavarthana

Upanayana ceremony of the batch 2016-18 was held on 25th July 2016. College Manager Rev. Fr. Sebastian Chamathara inaugurated the function. In this ceremony, the principal received the lighted candle from the manager and shared the light with faculty members and students. A send off function was arranged by the 2016-18 batch students to 2015-17 batch students on 20th March 2017. 'Samavarthana' Ceremony of 2015-'17 batch was held on 3rd April 2017 in the college auditorium.

Upanayana ceremony of the batch 2017-19 was held on 27th July 2017. Rev.Fr. Scaria Ethirett CMI, the new Manager of the College, inaugurated the function. The orientation programme for the new batch was from 28th July 2017 to 2nd August 2017.

Value Education

As we are conscious of the significance of moral and spiritual growth of our students, we have arranged special programmes to promote the spiritual development of our students. Students are also required to prepare value education lesson plans and take value education classes during their practice teaching period. Inter religious prayers are organized as part of morning assembly. A secular prayer room is furnished for solitary prayers for all our students irrespective of their religion.

Social Extension Activities

The vision of the institution is 'to nurture teachers who are globally competent, who shall promote democratic and spiritual values to create a just and humane society'. In keeping with its vision, the teacher education process in the institution is never complete without its social extension activities. The programmes, conducted games and distributed sweets for the

inmates. Social Extension Cell of the college took initiative to provide opportunities for students of the institutions to experience selfless social service. On 9th September 2016, students visited the centres as two groups. The English, Physical Science and Natural Science students visited Abhaya Bhavan, Neendoor. The Social Science, Mathematics and M.Ed. students visited Anugraha Special School, Kottakkapuram. Together they raised a fund which was donated to the institutions they visited. They also engaged in some services there, staged entertainment

Onam Celebration

Onam Celebration was held on 8th September 2016. Adv. Anil Kumar, Chairman, Kottayam Urban Development Bank, was the chief guest of the day. The meeting was followed by various competitions- 'Malayali Manka', 'Kerala Sreeman' and cultural programmes organized by cultural club. After a handful of games and other spirited competitions, a sumptuous 'Onasadhya' was shared by all. The onam celebration of the year 2017 was held on 30th August 2017. Fr. Thomas Choolapparambil CMI, Principal, St. Ephrem's HSS, Mannanam delivered onam message. The formal meeting was followed by cultural programmes and 'Onasadya'.

Christmas Celebration

Christmas was celebrated on 21st December 2016. Sri. Jose Thomas, Film Director delivered the Christmas message. Christmas papa, Christmas carols, stars, cribs and cakes all invoked the jubilation of the festive season.

Community Living Camp

To be in communion with community life, a 'community living camp' titled "Learning to Be" was held from 5th to 10th October, 2016 at Archana Women's Centre, Ettumanoor for the 2015-'17 batch students. Dr. Shaiju Francis was the Co-ordinator of the camp. It successfully ensured a sweet taste of community life among its members. Tinto Tom won the Best Camper Award.

Study Tour

The purpose of study tour is to provide a platform for the student teachers to learn and get acquainted with the process of organizing/conducting a study tour. A study tour to Goa was held from 30th January to 3rd February 2017 for 2015-'17 batch B.Ed. students. It was a wonderful experience for the students and staff involved.

Computer Education

In view of the significance of ICT in modern education, all the students in the college are given computer education. Free access to Internet through broadband is made available to students. The faculty members and M.Ed. students were given ID and passwords for searching through N-List of INFLIBNET. The College installed optical fiber cable connection through NMEICT project for uninterrupted net connectivity.

Spiritual Animation Cell

Under the auspices of the Spiritual Animation Cell inter religious readings from holy books were held as part of the college assembly. Inter religious prayer meetings were also regularly held during noon break.

Debate and Oratory Club

The Debate Club in the college functions with the aim of developing critical and reflective thinking in the students. With this aim on alternate Thursdays, the club organized debates, on topics of current social relevance and every week selected one student as the best debater. The club ensured the active participation of students from all optional subjects in the debates. Debate club organized an Extempore speech on the theme 'Women Empowerment' on 24th August 2017.

Nature Club

Nature club continued with its projects like vermiculture, herbal garden, and vegetable garden. It also took efforts for campus beautification.

Women's Cell

Women's cell of the college organized a talk on "Cyber Ethics" on 10th November 2016. Ms. Mahima Mary Mathews, Asst. Professor, St. Theresa's College, Ernakulum was the resource person. She provided valuable information regarding the hidden dangers in the cyber world. The talk was organised by the Debate and Oratory of the college.

Film and Documentation Cell

On 15-12-2016 B.Ed. students of 2015-'17 batch organized a film festival. Various movies of their interest were screened by the film club.

SUPW

The SUPW activities of the college involved various activities like embroidery, book making and campus cleaning. They understood the merit of group work and the dignity of labour through the activities. As part of SUPW activities, students engage themselves in a campus cleaning programme on 11th August 2016 highlighting the importance of group work and cooperation.

Guidance Cell

In order to help our students to solve their personal and educational problems, the college offers guidance and mentoring service. Fr. Leju Thekkekkalam CMI is serving as the Councilor. I sincerely thank him for his valuable services.

Placement Service

In order to help our out-going students to find job opportunities, in schools in and outside Kerala, a placement cell functions in our college. Students can register their names with the cell and get information regarding job opportunities. Many of our students got appointment in various schools across the country through the placement cell.

Observation of Important Days and Events

- In connection with the 75th anniversary of Quit India Movement, a rally was conducted through Mannanam junction on 9th August, 2016.
- Independence Day was celebrated on 15th August 2016.
- Teachers Day was celebrated on 05th September 2016. Students took initiative to handle classes (both optional and general classes) in the forenoon session. A formal meeting was held in the afternoon where faculty shared their teaching experiences. Prof. Ignatius John, former faculty of our institution was honoured in the Gurupooja organized by the students.
- Gandhi Jayanthi was observed on 2nd October 2016 and a cleaning programme was organized on 3rd October with the theme “Clean Outside the Campus”.
- 60th birthday of Kerala State was celebrated on 1st November 2016.
- In connection with the birth Anniversary of Abdul Kalam Azad, the college union organized a programme on 11th November 2016 to recollect the contributions of Moulana Azad to Indian history.
- The Constitutional Day was observed on 26th November, 2016 in the college auditorium. The students themselves organized the activities. The principal gave a message followed by a quiz competition organized by the students of Social Science batch.
- National Mathematics day was celebrated on 22nd December 2016 to commemorate the birth anniversary of Indian mathematician Srinivasa Ramanujan. The programme was followed by a Mathematics Quiz programme organized by Mathematics optional students.
- National Youth Day was celebrated in the college on 12th January 2017 on the day of the social reformer, philosopher and great thinker Swami Vivekananda's birth anniversary. The Natural Science optional students organized a quiz programme.
- Valentine’s Day was celebrated on 14th February 2017 with different competitions.
- National Science Day sponsored by KSCSTE was observed as a full day programme on 28th February 2017 organised by science club of the college. Dr. Jose Thomas, Principal, Govt. Medical college, Kottayam delivered a talk on ‘Childhood disabilities’. Dr. Mahesh Mohan, Assistant Professor, School of Environmental Sciences, Mahatma Gandhi University delivered a talk on ‘Polar Research’ on the day. It was followed by thematic presentation on ‘Differently Abled Children’ and collage competition.
- World Environmental Day was observed on 5th June 2017. The nature club of the college led the programme. Principal Dr. Varghese K. Cheriyan distributed saplings to students. Teachers and students planted saplings around the campus.
- Independence Day was observed on 14th August 2017 under the leadership of social science optional students. Patriotic song competition and a PowerPoint presentation were organized in connection with the observation.

College Hostel

Boys are accommodated in the St. Joseph's hostel attached to the college and girls are accommodated in Pope John hostel, Suvidhya hostel and in Holy Family hostel. I express my sincere gratitude to the wardens of these hostels for their concern for our students and wholehearted co-operation.

Parent Teacher Association

The General Body Meeting of the PTA (2016-'18 batch) was convened on 25th July 2016. Mr. John S. Kusumalayam was elected as the President and Mrs. Elamma Thomas, as the Vice-president of the PTA. The General Body Meeting of the PTA (2017-'19 batch) was convened on 27th July 2017. Mr. M.M. Mathew was elected as the President and Mrs. Salamma Paul, as the Vice-president of the PTA. The schedule of B.Ed. course during the current academic year was discussed in the meeting.

Jubilarians' Day

Every year since our Golden Jubilee in 2007, we have specially invited and honoured our students who celebrate the golden and silver jubilee as the alumni of this college. On 10th December 2016, students of the 1966-67 batch were invited as golden jubilarians and students of the 1991-92 batch were invited as the silver jubilarians. FOSSA executive meeting was also conducted on that day and Mr. James Kurian was elected as President and Dr. Rosamma Philip as Vice-president. This year, on March 4th 2017, the students of the 1967-68 batch were invited as golden jubilarians and students of the 1992-93 batch were invited as the silver jubilarians. Former teaching and administrative staff members also graced the occasion with much joy and care in their hearts. All the jubilarians were gifted with mementoes. The institution lent its ears to the aged wisdom of its golden jubilarians and to the multitudinal experiences of the silver jubilarians who are its flag bearers in myriad walks of life. The gathering came to an end with a sumptuous meal.

Alumni Day

The annual meet of FOSSA for the year 2016 and Jubilarians Day was jointly held on 10th December 2016. Former staff and students met and revived their old memories on the day. They also shared experiences and provided suggestions for future. It was a heartwarming experience for the institution. The meet came to an end with a grand dinner.

Bon Voyage

A Bon Voyage ceremony was organized on 22nd November 2016 for Fr. Dr. Sibichen K.K. on his leaving to South Africa for a period of two years. Prayers for his health and success of his ventures were offered during the event.

Congratulatory Meeting

A congratulatory meeting was organized by the college union on 11th January 2017 to congratulate Dr. Ronu Thomas, Assistant Professor, St. Joseph's Training College who had been honored with Ph.D. from Mahatma Gandhi University. The winners of Inter- Training Collegiate Athletic Meet were also congratulated on the occasion.

Diamond Jubilee Awards

Fr. Santhosh Mathew is conferred the title 'The Promising Young Teacher' of the graduating batch 2016-17 of St. Joseph's Training College, Mannanam.

Ms. Dhanya Zacharias has won the title 'Best Performer of the Year' of the graduating batch 2016-17 of St. Joseph's Training College, Mannanam.

Scholarships and Endowments

The college has instituted several endowments and scholarships to motivate our students for better performance and to cherish the loving memories of our former staff and well wishers.

The following students are the recipients of scholarships this year.

1. Ms. Annet T. Catherine has won the 'FOSSA' Scholarship by securing the highest Grade Point Average in the B.Ed. Degree Examinations of April 2017 from among the students of this College.
2. Ms. Dhanya Zacharias has won the 'Prof. T.K. Thomas Endowment prize' by securing the highest GPA in the B.Ed. Degree Examination of April 2017 from among the English students of this college.
3. Ms. Jil George has won the Prof. V. T. Mathew Endowment for securing the highest GPA in B.Ed. Degree Practical Examinations of April 2017 from among the students of this college.
4. Ms. Ashmy K. Thankachan has won the 'Dr. T. T. Joseph Memorial scholarship' by securing the highest GPA in the B.Ed. Degree Examination of April 2017 from among the Physical Science students of this College.
5. Ms. Annet T. Catherine has won the 'Prof. C. K. Thomas Endowment prize' by securing the highest GPA in the B.Ed. Degree Examination of April 2017 from among the Mathematics students of this College.
6. Ms. Ranju Raju has won the 'Fr. Joseph James Endowment prize' by securing the highest GPA in the B.Ed. Degree Examination of April 2017 from among the Natural Science students of this College.
7. Ms. Anjana Prakash has won the 'Prof. M.A. Alexander Endowment prize' by securing the highest GPA in the B.Ed. Degree Examination of April 2017 from among the Social Science students of this college.
8. Ms. Chinnu M. Baby and Annet T. Catherine has shared the 'Fr. Thomas Kalarickal Endowment prize' by securing the highest GPA in Psychology in the B.Ed. Degree Examination of April 2017 from among the students of this college.
9. Ms. Ajeena Philip has won the Fr. Joseph James Endowment prize' for the best lesson plan in value education during the academic year 2015-2017.

CONCLUSION

Before I conclude my report, I thank God Almighty for all the blessings he has showered on me, on this institution and on all our endeavors during the academic year

through the intercession of our heavenly patron St. Joseph and of Saint Kuriakose Elias Chavara.

Management is doing things right and leadership is doing the right things. We are most happy to have Rev. Fr. Scaria Ethirett as our new manager. Thank you father for being our manager and leader.

In this occasion, I wholeheartedly commemorate the service and guidance we received from our former manager Rev. Fr. Sebastian Chamathara CMI.

I place on record my gratitude to Fr. Dr. Thomas P.J, Administrator of the college for his moral support, valuable suggestions and timely help for the efficient functioning of this college. I extend my profound gratitude to my colleagues of the B.Ed. and M.Ed. courses for the full support rendered to me all along. I express my heartfelt thanks to the administrative staff of this college for their decorum and sincerity in carrying out the administrative work. I deeply appreciate and put on record my sincere thanks to the former students and PTA members whose cooperation and good will were ever at our disposal.

My loving students of B.Ed. and M.Ed., I acknowledge with gratitude your sincere and wholehearted co-operation for each and every event throughout the year. I am sure the young teachers who graduate and leave the portals of this Alma mater will scale great heights and commemorate the elegance of this institution. I wish you all success in the coming examinations and in your future life.

Once again thanking you all, let me conclude this report,

Dr. Varghese K. Cheriyan

Principal