

ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE PATHANAPURAM



Annual Report 2023-2024

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Current Status of the College

An Overview

St. Stephen's College, Pathanapuram was established in 1964. The college is the fulfilment of a long-cherished desire of its founder, His Grace Mar Thoma Dionysius, Metropolitan of Niranam Diocese of the Malankara Orthodox Church. The College, affiliated to the University of Kerala, offers undergraduate programmes in Botany, Chemistry, Mathematics, Physics, Zoology, Economics, English and Commerce and postgraduate programmes in Botany, Chemistry, Mathematics, Physics and Zoology. The department of Zoology, Chemistry and Botany are recognized as Research Centres under the University of Kerala. Twelve faculty members of the college have been recognised as approved research guides under the University of Kerala, further strengthening our research capabilities. The college was re-accredited by the NAAC at B++ Grade with CGPA 2.91 in 2022.

Principal's Message

It is with immense pleasure that I present the Annual Report of St. Stephen's College, Pathanapuram, for the academic year 2023-2024. From her humble beginnings in 1964, the college has stood as a cornerstone of academic excellence in the region and worked towards the fulfilment of the vision of her founder His Grace Mar Thoma Dionysius. The Stephanian family has steadfastly nurtured generations of students, empowering them with knowledge and commitment to serve the society. This report highlights the significant achievements of our esteemed institution in various fields including academics, co-curricular activities, infrastructure development, and social outreach programs.

This year, we witnessed exceptional academic performance, with many students securing placements in reputed organisations and pursuing higher studies at prestigious universities. Beyond academics, we place a strong emphasis on holistic development. Our college provides a vibrant platform for students to explore their talents and

interests through various co-curricular activities, clubs, and associations. We are delighted to share the numerous events and initiatives undertaken by our departments and student bodies throughout the year.

I express my sincere gratitude to our dedicated faculty members, supportive staff, and hardworking students for their unwavering commitment to excellence. I also extend my appreciation to the PTA and our alumni for their continued support.

As we look ahead, we are determined to build upon our accomplishments and strive for continuous improvement. We are confident that St. Stephen's College will continue to be a beacon of academic excellence and social responsibility, shaping future generations of responsible and global citizens.

Mr. Roy John

Principal(I/C)

St. Stephen's College, Pathanapuram

Facilities

Central Library and Information System

The Central Library consists of reading space, 100 reading seats, stack section, reference section, journal section and a separate digital library. The total number of books and reference books available is 31,226. Besides electronic resources consisting of E-Books, E-Journals, Open Access Journals and Repositories, 33 journals, 8 magazines and 5 newspapers are also available in the library. The library also maintains a blog and a website. It also provides unlimited internet access. The library catalogue can be accessed through the college website. The College Library was upgraded as a digital library on 5 August 2020.

Language Lab

The college has a well-equipped language lab to assist the students in language learning. It offers an immersive and interactive language learning experience to the students and helps them to practice listening, speaking, reading and writing skills in any language.

Research Labs and Museum

The college takes immense pride in fostering a vibrant research culture across all scientific disciplines. To strengthen this vision, we have secured crucial financial support from DST-FIST and RUSA initiatives. These investments have significantly boosted our capacity by equipping the Chemistry, Zoology, and Botany laboratories with cutting-edge instruments and resources. This commitment allows our students and faculty to delve deeper into scientific exploration and contribute meaningfully to their respective fields. Currently 18 students are registered under the various research departments of the college. In addition to this, five research students from research centres outside the college are also availing our laboratory facilities.

The St. Stephen's College Zoology Museum continues to be a source of pride for the college. Housing a meticulously categorised collection of hundreds of specimens, from elephant skeletons to insects, the museum serves as a vital teaching resource for undergraduate and postgraduate zoology students. Additionally, these rare and precious specimens provide valuable research materials and contribute to a deeper understanding of evolution, exploration, and animal diversity. Considered one of the best collections in the state, the museum welcomes students from across Kerala and fulfills a significant educational role for the wider community.

Seminar Hall and Auditorium

The college has a fully air conditioned seminar hall, named after the Late Very Rev. Aprem Remban. This well equipped hall features modern audio-visual and IT facilities, accommodating over 100 attendees. Additionally, the college has two well equipped seminar halls for smaller gatherings.

The college is proud to have a spacious, well-equipped and ideally located auditorium which can house an audience of up to 1000. The auditorium has hosted programmes of academic importance as well as cultural significance in addition to competitions, inaugurations, variety entertainment programmes and festival celebrations in the academic year.

Very Rev. T. M. Samuel Remban Memorial Sports Hostel

The Kerala Sports Council Sports Hostel for Volleyball players, named after Late Very Rev. T. M. Samuel Remban (Member, Mount Tabor Diara) is attached to the college. The hostel can accommodate 21 inmates.

Recognised Research Guides of the Institution

- Dr. Biju A (Zoology)
- Dr. Sreejai R (Zoology)
- Dr. Pournami P (Zoology)
- Dr. Sujamol M S (Chemistry)
- Lt. Dr. Sunesh C D (Chemistry)
- Dr. Sheeba Alexander (Chemistry)
- Fr. Dr. Roy John (Botany)
- Dr. Shibu P. Varghese (Botany)
- Dr. Praveen Dhar T (Botany)
- Dr. Pillai Aswathy Mohan (Physics)
- Dr. Ambily C. R. (Commerce)
- Dr. Deepa T. S. (Commerce)

Scholarships

Offered by the Institution

- H.H. Moran Mar Baselios Marthoma Didymus - I Memorial Prize
- Very Rev. C. I. Geevarghese Remban Scholarship
- Prof. C.P. Krishna Pillai Endowment Scholarship
- Dr. Alexander Varghese Vaidyan Memorial Endowment Fund
- Hony. Capt. P.G. Daniel Memorial Endowment Fund
- Very Rev. C.T. Issac Remban Memorial Endowment
- Prof. M. G. Mariamma Retirement Endowment
- Endowment For Economically Backward Student
- Prof. Annie Ninan Memorial Endowment Fund
- Mar Thoma Dionysius Endowment
- Kanianthara Kudumbam Prize
- PTA Scholarship
- Botany Faculty Retirement Endowment
- Prof. Annie Ninan Memorial Scholarship
- Prof. Geetha Annie George Endowment
- Abini Viswanath Memorial Endowment
- Excellence In Commerce Award
- Prof. George Daniel Award

- Excellence In English Award
- Excellence In Economics Award
- Excellence In Mathematics Award
- Madhava Mathematics Merit Scholarship
- Prof. John C. Kurian Memorial Scholarship
- Rev. Fr. K.A. Abraham Endowment
- Dr. Baby K. Paul Memorial Endowment
- Prof. P.T. Gabriel Memorial Endowment
- George Oommen Memorial Endowment
- Prof. P. K. Thomas Vaidyan Endowment
- P.K. Parameswaran Memorial Scholarship
- Dr. C.P. Joshua Memorial Scholarship
- P.M. Oommen Memorial Scholarship

Offered by the State Government

- C. H Muhammed Koya Scholarship
- Research Award
- State merit Scholarship
- Snehapoorvam Scholarship
- University Merit scholarship
- Higher Education Scholarship
- Vidya Samunnathi Scholarship
- Building and Construction Scholarship
- Plantation Corporation
- Student Aid Fund Scholarship for UG and PG students

Offered by the Central Government

- National Scholarships for PG studies
- Indira Gandhi Single Girl Child Scholarship
- Central Sector Scholarships

Achievements

The academic year 2023-2024 has been a truly pivotal year for St. Stephen's College, marked by significant achievements and a commitment to fostering innovation. We are particularly proud to announce the elevation of the Department of Botany to a research department by the University of Kerala. The college also proudly unveiled an incubation centre, under IEDC with the aim of providing a nurturing environment for students to develop and refine their entrepreneurial ideas, fostering a culture of creativity and innovation. The college's Institution's Innovation Council (IIC) secured a prestigious 2-star ranking in its second year of establishment under MoE's Innovation Cell.

This achievement highlights our dedication to continuous improvement and maintaining the highest quality standards in education.

Student Achievements

St. Stephen's College is proud to recognize the remarkable accomplishments of both former and current students of the Stephanian family.

- Mr. Alen John, former student of Department of Physics, received the prestigious **Madam Curie fellowship** in the year 2024 .
- Mr. Akshay Kumar, Department of Zoology, secured CSIR (JRF) - UGC and DBT - JRF.
- Mr. Abhinav B. R., Department of Zoology, secured CSIR - UGC - NET.
- Ms. Athira Prasad, Department of Botany, secured CSIR - UGC - NET.
- Ms. Amrutha A., Department of Botany, successfully cleared the Staff Selection Recruitment exam and secured a placement at the Naval Base, Kochi. .
- Mr. Robin J Raj, Department of Botany, appointmentd as Livestock Officer in the Dept. of Animal Husbandry, Government of Kerala.
- In the academic year 2023-24, four graduates from the Department of Chemistry secured coveted Ph.D. positions with fellowships at prestigious Korean University ranked among the top 500 globally.
- The progression of students in the academic year 2023-24 is summarised as below:

Academic Year	Higher Studies	Placement
2023 - 24	71	15

We congratulate these students on their well-deserved success and wish them the very best in their future endeavors. This year, our students have once again demonstrated exceptional academic prowess, bringing immense pride to the college. We are particularly thrilled with the continued success of our Botany department. For two consecutive years, the department has secured University Ranks. This achievement is a testament to the dedication of our faculty and the exceptional caliber of our students.

- Ms. Chitra R (2023) secured First Rank in M.Sc. Botany
- Ms. Karthika Krishna (2024) secured Second Rank in M.Sc. Botany
- Ms. Praveena B (2024) secured Third rank in M.Sc. Botany

Our students have also participated and secured prizes in various academic and extra curricular programmes at University and inter-university levels.

- The Stephanian Volleyball team won the Kerala University Volleyball tournament.
- Muhammad Saidaly of First Year B. A. English became the title winner of the Kerala University Best Physique Championship and represented the university in the inter university championship.
- Nine students from the college were selected to Kerala University teams for various inter-university competitions.

Faculty Achievements

St. Stephen's is blessed with eminent faculty actively engaged in shaping academic discourse at the university level.

- Mr. Roy John: He serves as a member of both the Faculty of Science and the Board of Studies (Pass) in Mathematics, University of Kerala.
- Dr. Blessy John: Member, Board of Studies in English, Sree Narayana Guru Open University, Kerala.
- Dr. Biju A.: Member of Senate of University of Kerala and Member, Board of Studies in Zoology (PG), University of Kerala.
- Dr. Sreejai R: Member, Board of Studies in Aquatic Biology & Fisheries, University of Kerala.
- Fr. George Mathew: He serves on the Boards of Studies for Syriac and Hebrew at the University of Kerala and MG University, Kottayam, while also being a member of the University of Kerala's Academic Council.
- Mr. Varghese George: Member, Board of Studies in Statistics (Pass), University of Kerala.
- Mr. Sandhu John Sajan: Member, Board of Studies in Economics, Sree Narayana Guru Open University, Kerala.
- Dr. Shibu P. Varghese: Member, Board of Studies in Environmental Sciences, Kerala University, Thiruvananthapuram.
- Dr. Praveen Dhar T: Member, Board of Studies in Botany (UG) Mar Ivanios College (Autonomous), Thiruvananthapuram.
- In the academic year, Dr. Ambily C. R. and Dr. Deepa T. S. were recognised as research guides in Commerce under the University of Kerala.

- Dr. Sinu J. Varghese, Department of Zoology was honoured by the District Women and Child Development department for her outstanding contributions to the scientific field.
- The research contributions of Stephanian faculty in the academic year 2023-24 is summarised as below:

Year	Book Chapters	Proceedings	Journal Articles
2023	12	9	29
2024*	3	-	14

* till 31 March 2024.

Major Events

Inauguration of Botany Research Centre

The University of Kerala has approved the Department of Botany, St Stephen's College, Pathanapuram as a research centre in Botany. Kerala Transport Minister Sri K.B. Ganesh Kumar inaugurated the Centre on 22 March 2024. Principal, Mr. Roy John welcomed the gathering. H.G. Dr Joseph Mar Dionysius, Metropolitan of Kollam Diocese, delivered the benedictory address. Very Rev. Dr. N. J. Koshy Remban, Treasurer of Mount Tabor Diara, presided over the meeting.



Merit Day Celebration

On 22 March 2024, the college held its annual Merit Day celebration in the seminar hall. This event recognised and honored outstanding academic achievements across various disciplines. Top-performing students received awards in categories like academic excellence and extracurricular activities.

Distinguished guests, Sri. K. B. Ganesh Kumar, Minister of Transport, H.G. Dr. Joseph Mar Dionysius, Metropolitan of Kollam Diocese, Very Rev. Dr. N. J. Koshy Remban, Bursar Mount Tabore Daira and Rev. Fr. Philip Mathew, Secretary, Mount Tabor Daira, motivated students with inspiring talks, encouraging continued academic and personal growth. This annual event not only recognises past achievements but also inspires students to strive for future greatness.

Best Practice - Karuthal

St. Stephen's College, Pathanapuram in association with IQAC, inaugurated *Karuthal* on 11 July 2023. The programme was officially launched by Mr. K. B. Ganesh Kumar MLA, by handing over a cheque of ₹ 40000 to the Karuthal coordinator. The initial fund was raised by the college faculty. Karuthal is a Stephanian initiative to spread smiles and make dreams alive; to be of service to the less advantageous sections of the students and to create a sense of belonging among the students. A box is placed at the entrance of the college to drop a coin on a per diem basis. This fund is utilised to provide food for the deprived, extend loans for education purpose and arrange life saving skill development programmes in the college.



Parent Teachers Association - *HRUDAYAPOORVAM*

PTA of our college organised an orientation programme named *Hrudayapoorvam 2023* to welcome the students and parents of first year undergraduate and postgraduate programmes on 19 October 2023. The programme was inaugurated by Very. Rev. Dr. N. J. Koshy Ramban, Bursar of our college. Mr. Abhilash Mohanan, Senior News Editor, Mathrubhoomi News, delivered the keynote address. Mrs. Namitha Nizar, Consultant Psychologist led a class on mental health.

Honouring Our Distinguished Alumnus - Dr. Nizzy Mathew

The Physics Department organised a prestigious event on 7 November 2023 to honour Dr. Nizzy Mathew, a distinguished alumna, for her invaluable contribution to India's third lunar expedition,



Chandrayaan 3. Dr. Nizy Mathew shared her experiences and the challenges she encountered during her involvement in India's third lunar mission, Chandrayaan 3. She provided insights into the complexities and obstacles faced at various stages of the mission, showcasing the determination and perseverance required in such endeavours. Dr. Nizy Mathew expressed heartfelt gratitude to her teachers for their guidance and support, which played a pivotal role in her professional growth and success.



Placement Training Programme - CSR Activity

The HRDC & Placement Cell of the college, in association with IQAC, organised a three-day Placement Training in collaboration with GTT foundation, as a part of Barclays CSR activity. The section was led by Ms. K. Kalai Selvi (GTTF Trainer) from 4 to 6, January 2024.



Very Rev. Aprem Remban Memorial Talk

Very Rev. Aprem Remban memorial lecture was held on 3 December 2023. Prof. Achuthsankar S. Nair, Associate Professor, Department of Computational Biology & Bioinformatics, University of Kerala, delivered the memorial lecture.



Mar Thoma Dionysius Men's Inter Collegiate Volleyball Championship

The Department of Physical Education organised the 35th Mar Thoma Dionysius All Kerala Inter-Collegiate Volleyball Championship on 13 February 2024.



College Level Training on Four Year UG Programme

The IQAC in association with the University of Kerala organised a one day College Level Training Programme on Four Year UG Programme on 27 February 2024 in the seminar hall. Dr. Pramod N, Assistant Professor, NSS College, Nilamel and Dr. R. Prakash Chandran, Assistant Professor, MMNSS College, Kottiyam served as the resource persons.



Internal Quality Assurance Cell

1. An action plan was prepared in the month of June based on the detailed plan collected from various departments and clubs and the same was uploaded in the college website.
2. Achievement of ISO certificate as a quality indicator: IQAC has successfully submitted the requirements for ISO Certification and the college has been assessed and found in accordance with the requirements of ISO 9001:2015
3. Conduct of induction programme for the UG /PG students: IQAC has initiated the student induction programme for UG Students *Deeksharambh* from 31 July 2023 to 4 August 2023. The programme was drafted in accordance with UGC Guidelines and covered aspects like socialising, associating, governing and experiencing. Bridge courses were organised in the morning and in the afternoon Ice breaking, Awareness Sessions, Health and well being sessions were arranged.
4. One Day Workshop on OBE in collaboration with IQAC: IQAC in association with UGC-MMTTC, University of Kerala organised a one day workshop on Outcome Based Education: Active Learning Pedagogy on 16 March 2024 in Aprem Ramban Seminar Hall. Dr. George Varghese, Asst. Professor, Mount Tabor Training College, Pathanapuram served as the resource person.
5. Certificate Courses: Eight certificate courses have been initiated under the auspices of various departments by the IQAC. Department of Economics, Commerce, Mathematics English, Chemistry and Physics has conducted various certificate courses.
6. Karuthal - programme to cater to the least, lost and the last was implemented. Karuthal has been initiated as one of the best practices and will be geared up for the upcoming year. This year fund has been raised from students through contributions in the form of One Rupee per day. Karuthal fund has been used as financial aid to provide for the needs of 3 students from extremely poor financial background.
7. Conduct of regular meetings of IQAC to successfully implement the decisions of IQAC: Nine meetings of IQAC have been organised this year. The various meetings helped to chalk out

programmes of IQAC, to make decisions regarding conduct of academic activities.

8. MoU's signed: A total of 4 active MoU's have been initiated by IQAC this year. The MoU's were signed to enable improvement in the academic and student oriented activities in the college.

College Union 2023 -24

The academic year 2022-2023 at St. Stephen's College, Pathanapuram was marked by dynamic and engaging activities orchestrated by the College Union. The elected body, after a fervent election held on 5 December 2022, took charge of steering the student community towards diverse avenues of cultural, academic, and social involvement. This report encapsulates the significant events and initiatives undertaken by the College Union throughout the academic year.

- **Election and Oath Taking:** The activities started with the College Union Election on 5 December 2022, followed by a solemn Oath-Taking Ceremony on 12 December 2022, held at the college open space in front of the Physics lab.
- **Inauguration of College Union and Arts Club:** On 31 January 2023, the academic year was officially inaugurated with renowned mimicry artist Dipu Navaikkulam gracing the occasion. This event marked the formal commencement of the College Union and the Arts Club's activities.
- **Arts Festival:** A vibrant Arts Festival, *Akam*, was organized on 28 March 2023, to foster and enhance cultural activities among the student body, showcasing their artistic talents and creativity.
- **Food Fest:** Collaborating with various departments, the College Union organised a delightful Food Fest -*Ruchi Melam*, celebrating the diverse culinary skills and flavours within the college community.
- **Participation in Kerala University Union Youth festival:** Students enthusiastically participated in various cultural programs at the Kerala University Union Youth Festival held at Ambalapuzha from 5 to 9 May 2023, showcasing their talents on a broader platform.
- **Say No to ragging Campaign:** A pivotal initiative of the union was the *Say No to Ragging* campaign on 18 August 2023, advocating awareness about the severe consequences of ragging and promoting a safe and inclusive campus environment.
- **Achievement and Representation:** The College Union saw success as UUC Adam Neju secured a coveted position as a member in the Kerala University Union Executive Committee, representing the institution at a higher level.

- **Festive Celebrations and Cultural Activities:** The Union brought the campus alive during festive occasions such as Onam and Christmas, organising a multitude of cultural programs and events.
- **Display of College magazine Cover Page Nilapad:** The previewed cover page of the upcoming *Nilapad* magazine for the academic year 2022-23 presented a tantalising glimpse into the diverse and vibrant tapestry of student life within the college community.
- **Fresher's Day Party:** A warm welcome was extended to first-year students through a lively Freshers' Day Party held on 27 October 2023, setting the tone for their journey in the college.

The College Union's endeavours throughout the academic year 2022-2023 reflected a vibrant and inclusive campus life. These initiatives not only nurtured cultural diversity but also promoted leadership, creativity, and social responsibility among the student body. The dedicated efforts of the elected members and the enthusiastic participation of the students made these events and programs a resounding success, fostering a holistic educational experience at St. Stephen's College Pathanapuram.

Departmental Activities

ENGLISH

Environment Day Celebrations

The Department of English celebrated World Environment Day on 5 June 2023 with a variety of activities including an exhibition and documentary screening. The Exhibition included models and poster presentations, installations and display of eco-friendly upcycled products. A film screening was also conducted where the students watched *The Elephant Whisperers*, a documentary directed by Kartiki Gonsalvez. In the afternoon session, Dr. Jaison Jacob Varghese, Guest Faculty of the Zoology department who was a former research fellow at the Kerala Biodiversity Board, led a seminar on Biodiversity Conservation and Disaster Management.

Book Reviewing Fiesta

A Book Reviewing Fiesta in accordance with National Reading Day was conducted on 19 June 2023 via online mode. Students from various departments participated by sending their book reviewing videos. Ms. Kezia Victor of S2 English and Mr. Allan Johnson of S4 English won the prizes. Selected book reviews were uploaded on the official Instagram page of Hogwarts English Association.

Meme Making Competition

An online meme making competition was held on the theme *Attendance* among the students of the college. Students of the various departments actively participated in the event and shared their ideas and creativity humorously. Out of all the participants, Mr Lubaib Latheef from Semester 4 Physics bagged the Best Meme Prize.

Induction Programme for First Year Students

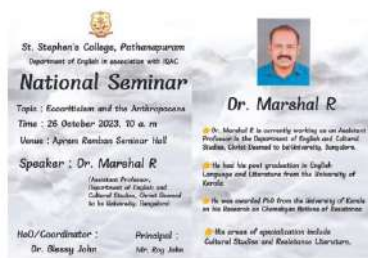
Induction classes for first year students were conducted on 7 August 2023. Sessions were handled by the teachers of the department on significance of communication skills in English, BA syllabus, learning techniques, and other aspects.

Book Talk: Book Donation and Meet The Author Event

A Book Talk and Book Donation Event was organised by the Department of English in association with the IQAC on 18 August 2023. Dr. James Mathew, renowned author and consultant cardiologist, was the chief guest. Dr. James Mathew shared his experiences on writing his latest book, *The Book of Books*, and interacted with the students. He donated a copy of the book to the department library.

Hogwarts Association Inauguration and National Seminar

The inauguration of the activities of Hogwarts, the English Association, and National Seminar on the topic *Ecocriticism and the Anthropocene* were held on 26 October 2023. Dr. Marshal R, Asst. Professor, Dept. of English and Cultural Studies, Christ deemed to be University, Bangalore, was the resource person. Hogmora, the digital magazine of the department was released at the event. Students of the department staged Cedric Mount's well known play, *Never Never Nest*.



One Day Workshop on Digital Marketing

A One-Day Workshop on Digital Marketing was conducted on 15 November 2023, in association with IPCS Global. Mr. Bipin P Raj, Branch manager, IPCS Kollam, was the resource person.

Certificate Course in Journalism

A certificate course in journalism titled *Writing for Media* was inaugurated on 28 November 2023. Mr. Salim Malik, senior reporter of 24 News was the chief guest of the day.



Job Mar Philoxenos Memorial Intercollegiate Literary Quiz

10th Job Mar Philoxenos Memorial Intercollegiate Literary Quiz was conducted as part of Quidditch 2024 Intercollegiate Literary Fest. Mr. Stephen Marydas, Asst. Professor of English, was the quiz master. Eight teams from various colleges participated in the competition.

Online Intercollegiate Literary Fest

An online Intercollegiate Literary Fest, Quidditch 2024, was held from 26 February 2024 to 04 March 2024. Competitions included Solo Singing, Poetry Writing, Short Story Writing and Photography. Students from various colleges across Kerala actively participated in the competitions.

Annual Alumni Meet

The Annual Alumni Meet of the department was conducted on 2 March 2024. Prof. Jacob Thomas, former Head of the Department, and old students and present faculty shared their memories. It was decided in the meeting to elaborate the alumni network utilising social media.

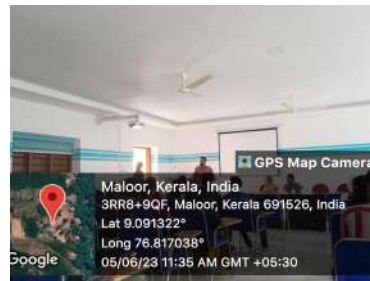
Interdepartmental Debate Competition

Interdepartmental Debate Competition on the topic *Artificial Intelligence: A Boon or A Curse ?* was conducted on 20 March 2024. Mr. Stephen Marydas, Asst. Professor of English, was the moderator. 12 students from various departments participated in the competition. Mr. Madhavanunni of S3 Physics became the best debater.

Economics

World Environment Day Celebrations

The department of Economics celebrated the World Environment Day by distributing vegetable seedlings as a part of the rural empowerment programme organised jointly by the Department and Unnath Bharat Abhiyan. The students distributed vegetable seedlings in the nearby areas of the college.



Financial Literacy Programme

A financial awareness programme was organised by the Department on 27 July 2023 for the families of Pattazhy Vadakkekara Panchayath. Students from second year B.A. Economics programme coordinated the programme. Students were trained on the various applications related to financial inclusion. They also distributed pamphlets on cyber phishing sites and processes that exist in online money transactions.



One Day Workshop on Research Methodology

A one day workshop on Research Methodology was organised by the Department of Economics on 16 October 2024. The workshop was organised with the objective to introduce the concept of research and its tools for the final year students.

Civil Service Orientation

The Department of Economics, in collaboration with CSAC, hosted a dynamic orientation programme titled *Igniting Aspirations: Empowering Students for Civil Service Success* on the 26 October 2023. The session was spearheaded by Gawthaman M., a civil service examination trainer and the founder of Indian Polity Mastery, a renowned platform for UPSC aspirants. This programme provided students with invaluable insights into the intricacies of civil service examinations, equipping them with the necessary tools and knowledge to embark on a successful journey towards civil service success.

Human Rights - Documentary Presentation

The Department of Economics, in collaboration with the Legal Forum, presented *Equity Echo*, a documentary highlighting Human Rights issues. The department organised the student-led presentation on Human Rights, on 11 December 2023. This initiative served as a unique opportunity for students to express their insights and research findings on Human Rights matters, fostering an engaging discourse within the academic community.

Blooming Opportunities: Women's Mushroom Cultivation Workshop

A training session on mushroom cultivation was held in Pattazhy Vadakkekara, Panchayat. The participants included representatives from the Grama Panchayat and Kudumbashree workers. As part of an intervention programme following a survey, training kits containing oyster mushroom seeds, polypropylene (PP) rolls, a bottle of ethanol, and paddy straw were distributed in these designated areas. There were 20 participants in the programme.

Observance of International Day of the Girl Child

The department observed the International Day of the Girl Child on 10 October 2023. The students took pledge and promised not to show any kind of gender discrimination. The day was observed in line with the decisions of UN General Assembly.

Certificate Programme

The department offered two certificate programmes for the students

1. E-Governance and Environment Jurisprudence
2. Certificate Course on Indian Constitution

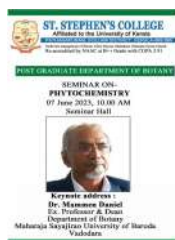
BOTANY

World Environmental Day Celebrations

The Department of Botany celebrated World Environment Day 2023. The theme for World Environment Day on 5 June 2023 focused on solutions to plastic pollution, under the campaign *Beat Plastic Pollution*. The event aimed to engage students, faculty members, and the wider community in thought-provoking discussions, educational activities, and initiatives that promote sustainable practices.

Seminar on Phytochemistry

A one-day seminar on *Phytochemistry: Exploring the Wonders of Plant Chemistry* was organised on 7 June 2023 with the aim of providing participants with insights into the fascinating world of plant compounds and their significance in various fields. The seminar brought together academicians and students interested in phytochemistry. Dr. Mammen Daniel, a distinguished phytochemist served as the resource person. The presentation provided an overview of phytochemistry, its historical development, and its contemporary applications. He emphasised the critical role of phytochemical research in drug discovery, plant physiology, and ecological interactions.



One Day Training Programme

A one day training programme was conducted for PG students on 20 October 2023 at the National Rubber Research Institute Kottayam, as a part of *Shastradarshan* organised by the NIRT, Kottayam. Students visited the Agronomy and Soil division, Genomics division, Biotechnology lab, Botany Division, Microbiology lab, Physiology division and Pathology division and learned about the various equipment used in different scientific experiments. They also observed the processing and making of latex products.

One Day Workshop

A one day workshop was conducted on the theme *Floristic Diversity of the Western Ghats- Scope for Herbal Technology Startups* on 8 November 2023. Dr. K. B. Rameshkumar, Principal Scientist,

JNTBGRI, Palode, served as the resource person.



One Day Seminar

As a part of the nature awareness programme, the department organised a one day seminar and invited talk on *Nature Conservation* in collaboration with the Kerala Forest & Wildlife department, Social Forestry Extension Unit, Kollam on 29 November 2023. The chief guest and resource person of the meeting was Mr. Dinesh S., Deputy Forest Conservator, Kollam.

One Day Seminar

Dr. Mathew Dan, Principal Scientist, JNTBGRI, Palode, delivered a lecture on *Plant Diversity: Significance* in the connection with the inauguration of Botany Research Centre on 22 March 2024.



CHEMISTRY

Environment Day Celebration

The Department of Chemistry & the NCC unit of St. Stephen's College, Pathanapuram jointly celebrated *World Environment Day* on 5 June 2023. A Poster making competition was conducted on the theme of Environment Day.

Ozone Day Celebrations

The Research and PG Department of Chemistry in association with ACT (Academy of Chemistry Teachers) celebrated the World Ozone Day 2023 on 17 October 2023. Dr. P. Nikhil Chandra (Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry, S.N College, Kollam) was the chief guest. He delivered a lecture on *Chemistry & Environment*.

Inauguration of Chemistry Association & Walk with Scholar Programme

The PG and Research Department of Chemistry organised the Chemistry Association Inauguration on 3 November 2023. Dr. Alex Joseph (Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry, Newman College, Thodupuzha) was the chief guest and he conducted the *Walk with Scholar Programme* and delivered a talk on *Chemistry – Scope and Career*.



Extension Activity- Training programme on *Suchithopadhi*

In collaboration with IQAC, IEDC and IIC, the Department of Chemistry organised a hands-on training programme *Suchithopadhi* on 22 November 2023 for the local people in Pattazhi Vadakkekara Gramapanchayath. The 19 participants were delighted by the session carried out by Dr. Manu V. (Assistant Professor of Chemistry, St. Gregorios College, Kottarakara). The raw materials for the initiative were provided by the Department of Chemistry. The training programme was conducted on detergent powder, liquid soap, floor cleaning solution and soap making. The participants were able to understand the importance of natural resources and also were able to look at a new business opportunity for themselves.



Prof. Annie Ninan Memorial Interdepartmental Quiz Competition

The Post-Graduate and Research Department of Chemistry organised Prof. Annie Ninan Memorial Inter-departmental Quiz Competition on 15 December 2023. Ms. Anna Anil George, Assistant Professor, Department of English, St. Stephen's College, Pathanapuram served as the quiz master. Eight teams from different departments participated in the competition.

Alumni Meeting

The Department of Chemistry conducted the 14th Chemistry Stephani alumni meeting on 13 January 2024. Mr. Syam Devaraj, Legal Correspondent, Reporter TV was the chief guest. We honoured Ms. Renu Thomas, Former head of the department. Former teachers, Dr. Varghese P. Daniel, Ms. Geetha Annie George and Dr. Susan Joseph also attended the function.

State - Level Workshop on Computational Chemistry and Drug Design

A state-level workshop on Computational Chemistry and Drug Design was organised by the Department of Chemistry, St. Stephen's College, Pathanapuram on 2 February 2024, in the college seminar hall. Dr. Abi T.G, Assistant Professor, Sacred Heart College (Autonomous), Thevara, Ernakulam served as the resource person. The workshop included a hands-on training session on molecular docking. The workshop was designed to explore the various Computer-Aided Drug Design (CADD) techniques and tools that are used in drug discovery.



Science Day Celebration

The PG and Research Department of Chemistry conducted National Science Day Celebration *CHEMFIESTA* on 1 March 2024. Various programmes including science talk, PowerPoint presentations, science quiz competition, and one-minute speech competition were conducted. Dr. Sunesh C. D. (Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry, St. Stephen's College, Pathanapuram) gave a theme-based talk on *Indigenous Technologies for Viksit Bharat*. Dr. Anoop M. R. (Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry, St. Stephen's College, Pathanapuram) conducted a science-based Quiz competition for students. Winners of all competitions were awarded prizes.

MATHEMATICS

Pi-Approximation Day Celebration

The Post Graduate Department of Mathematics celebrated the Pi-Approximation Day (*INS π RE* – 2023) on 31 July 2023. A mini exhibition was conducted with charts including Geometric patterns, importance of pi, Magic squares, models of Konigsberg bridge problem, Archimedian method of getting pi, Hundred year calendar, Multiplication table and Variety of angles. A Pi day quiz has been conducted for the students by the Convener, Mr. Rogin Alex George.



Mathematics Association & Meet The Scholar Lecture Series Inauguration

The Post-Graduate Department of Mathematics organised the Mathematics Association (ARYABHATTA) Inauguration on 30 October 2023. The event also included the inauguration of Meet the Scholar programme. Mr. Abhijith Ajayakumar, Senior Research Fellow (CSIR), IIST, Thiruvananthapuram delivered a lecture on different Mathematics tests and centres in India, along with the topics like Linear Algebra and Control Theory.



Meet The Scholar Lecture Series - II

The Post-Graduate Department of Mathematics in association with IQAC, conducted Meet the Scholar Lecture Series - II on 13 January 2024. Mr. Jose Mathew, Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics, Deva Matha College, Kuravilangad and Research Scholar, NIT Calicut, delivered a lecture on the topic *Research in Mathematics* via the Google meet platform.

Career Enrichment Programme

The Post-Graduate Department of Mathematics organized a program to congratulate our alumni Dr. Jayalekshmi S. for successfully completing her Ph.D. in Statistics from CUSAT on 12 February 2024. She was a 2012-2015 B.Sc. student of the Mathematics department. She is currently working as a Biostatistician at Catalyst Clinical Research, Trivandrum. The Principal congratulated Dr. Jayalekshmi S by handing over a memento. In this meeting, Dr. Jayalekshmi S shared her experiences and gave a reply speech. After the congratulatory meeting, she delivered a talk on *Data-Driven Careers : The Mathematical Edge*. She interacted with the students, discussing careers and skills needed for success in the current job market.



PHYSICS

World Space Week Celebrations

- A Trip to VSSC : As part of space week celebrations, the Department of Physics organises a trip to VSSC every year. This year it was conducted on 7 October 2023. The trip aims to provide students with an immersive educational experience in the field of space science and technology. The major highlights of the trip are visit to VSSC space museum, witnessing sounding rocket launches, and film shows on ISRO's space programmes.
- Lecture at School Programme

The World Space Week celebration's *Lecture @ School* programme conducted on 9 October 2023 aimed to educate and inspire students about the theme of World Space Week 2023, *Space and Entrepreneurship*. Dr. Guruvayurappan, a renowned Rocket Scientist from VSSC Trivandrum delivered a highly informative lecture on the theory behind rockets. He elucidated the principles of rocket propulsion, and the engineering behind spacecraft propulsion systems. He discussed career prospects in areas such as aerospace engineering, astrophysics, satellite technology, and space research, encouraging students to pursue their interests in these fields. As part of an effort to inspire students to pursue science subjects, higher secondary

school students from MTDM Higher Secondary School Maloor, our sister institution, were incorporated into the program.



Meet The Scholar Programme

The Meet the Scholar Programme organised by the Physics Department aimed to provide students with an interactive session with Dr. Nizy Mathew, a distinguished alumna honoured for her contribution to India's Chandrayaan 3 mission. The program provided students with a unique opportunity to engage with Dr. Mathew, learn from her experiences, and gain insights into the field of space exploration. The session began with an introduction of Dr. Nizy Mathew, highlighting her professional achievements and her role in India's prestigious Chandrayaan 3 mission. Students were briefed about her background and expertise in the field of space science and technology.

Inauguration of Physics Association & One Day Seminar

The formal inauguration of the Physics Association took place on November 10, 2023, featuring an invited lecture by Dr. Vaishakhan Thampi, Assistant Professor at M.G. College, Trivandrum. Dr. Vaishakhan Thampi delivered an informative and engaging talk on the topic *Science in Music*. He explored the fascinating connections between science and music, delving into the physics behind musical instruments, sound production and acoustics. Dr. Thampi elucidated how principles of physics are intertwined with the creation and perception of music, captivating the audience with his insights.

All Kerala Physics Talent Search Examination

All Kerala Physics Talent Search Examination is an annual statewide competitive test administered by APT. It is open to any student in Kerala who is in their first, second, or third year of B.Sc. Degree in Physics or in the initial three years of an integrated M.S. Program. The examination ensures a thorough evaluation of participants' knowledge and skills.

National Energy Conservation Day

In commemoration of National Energy Conservation Day, the Department of Physics, in collaboration with the Energy Conservation Club, organised a PowerPoint presentation competition on 21 December 2023. The competition aimed to encourage students to showcase their innovative ideas and solutions for energy conservation through presentations. Participants prepared presentations highlighting various aspects of energy conservation, including sustainable practices, renewable energy sources, and technological innovations.

Dr. Baby K. Paul Intercollegiate Quiz Competition

The third edition of the Dr. Baby K. Paul Memorial Intercollegiate Quiz Competition, sponsored by Dr. Achamma George, Former Principal of our college and former Faculty Member of Physics Department commenced on 28 February 2024. Dr. Brilliant Rajan efficiently hosted the event, setting the stage for an intellectually stimulating competition.



Alumni Meet - Royal Classmates of Physics

The annual meeting of the Alumni Association for the current year took place on 10 February 2023. The meeting aimed to address crucial agendas, including the election of new office bearers and discussions on other relevant matters concerning the association. Mr. P.K John, the Secretary of the Alumni Association, presented the previous year's report, highlighting key accomplishments, events, and initiatives undertaken by the association. He provided a detailed overview of the association's activities and their impact on the college community. During the meeting, meritorious students were honoured with scholarships sponsored by the alumni.

ZOOLOGY

World Environment Day Celebration

The Post-Graduate & Research Department of Zoology, St. Stephen's College, Pathanapuram organised World Environment Day Programme on 5 June 2023. The main aim of the programme was to give awareness to the students about the need and importance of conserving nature and natural resources. Ms. Vrindha G from II year M.Sc. delivered a talk on the topic *Beat Plastic Pollution*.

Orientation Programme for First Year UG Students

An orientation program was arranged in the department for UG freshers on 24 July 2023. The meeting discussed scopes and various job opportunities of the B.Sc. Zoology course.

Stephani Zoology Alumni Meet

The Department of Zoology organised Stephani Zoology Alumni meet on 18 August 2023. The alumni meet was conducted in order to reconnect with the Alumni and celebrate their success and various achievements. Students from B.Sc. Zoology 2018-21 batch attended the meet and interacted with their teachers and shared their experiences.

Wildlife Week Celebration

The PG and Research Department of Zoology, St. Stephen's College, Pathanapuram in association with IQAC organised a Quiz Competition and an Essay Competition in connection with the celebration of wild life week 2023 on 10 October 2023.

World Food Day Celebration

The PG and Research Department of Zoology St. Stephen's College, Pathanapuram in association with IQAC organised a seminar on World Food Day on 16 October 2023. The theme of the seminar was *Millets - the Nutri Cereals*. This Seminar was arranged in connection with the international year of millets declared by the UN. In line with the UN's declaration to promote millets, the Department took an initiative to raise awareness about their significance among students. The seminar aimed to encourage students to incorporate millets into their diets for a healthier lifestyle.

Kerala Piravi Celebration

The 67th Kerala Piravi Day was celebrated by the Department of Zoology, St. Stephen's College, Pathanapuram, on 1 November 2023. Ms. Karthika Raj presented a speech on the history of

Kerala. Ms. Nandana Rajendran and team sung a beautiful Kerala piravi song. Kerala special food *Ilayappam* was distributed. Ms. Malavika G. and Ms. Revathi R. S. conducted entertainment games like memory test and damsharads.

Zoology Association Inauguration, One day Seminar & Freshers' Day Programme

The Department of Zoology, St Stephen's College, Pathanapuram in association with IQAC organised the inaugural ceremony of Zoology Association on 6 November 2023. Mr. R.C. Arun, Range Forest Officer, Kulathoopuzha inaugurated the association and addressed the gathering. He highlighted the importance of our biodiversity, Eco restoration etc. He also enlightened the students about various opportunities after the degree course. He suggested planting a tree as a memory of this program and in the presence of Principal, teachers and students, the chief guest, Mr. R.C. Arun planted a tree.

World Diabetes Day Celebration 2023

The PG and Research Department of Zoology, St. Stephen's College, Pathanapuram in association with IQAC organised a seminar on World Diabetes Day on 14 November 2023. The theme of the seminar was *Diabetes*. This seminar was organised with the aim of creating awareness about the different types of Diabetes, how to prevent diabetes and the diagnosis stages of diabetes etc.

Field Visit – Neendakara, Munroe Island 2023

On 18 November 2023, the department arranged a trip to Kollam Neendakara fish harbour with the intention of collecting fishes for the M.Sc. Zoology practical needs. After fish collection, a field trip was arranged to Kollam Sambranikkodi Island to learn about the mangrove forests.

Blood Donation Camp

The Department of Zoology, St. Stephen's College, in collaboration with Mount Zion Medical College Hospital, Chayalode, Pathanamthitta, organised a blood donation camp on 28 November 2023. The event aimed to promote awareness about the importance of blood donation and to encourage voluntary blood donation among students and faculty members. Additionally, the camp aimed to educate participants about the significance of regular blood donation in sustaining the blood supply for medical emergencies.

AIDS Day Celebration

On the occasion of World AIDS Day, students from the Department of Zoology organised a comprehensive campaign aimed at raising awareness about HIV/AIDS among the student body. The campaign commenced with informative sessions conducted in various classrooms across the college campus. Through presentations, discussions, and interactive activities, students were provided with essential information about HIV/AIDS, including its transmission, prevention, treatment, and the importance of destigmatising the disease. As a symbolic gesture, a tree was planted on the college grounds to commemorate World AIDS Day. The tree serves as a lasting reminder of the ongoing fight against HIV/AIDS and symbolises hope, resilience, and solidarity in the global effort to combat the disease.

Webinar on Medical Decoding Hospital Management

A webinar on *Medical Decoding - Hospital Management* was organised jointly by the Department of Zoology and HRD Cell, St. Stephen's College, Pathanapuram, in collaboration with AVODHA Education Group on 15 January 2024. The webinar aimed to provide insights into the intricacies of managing hospitals efficiently, particularly focusing on the role of technology and data analytics in optimising healthcare services. Ms. Gopika, from AVODHA Education Group, an expert in healthcare management and technology was the resource person. Ms. Gopika commenced the session by providing an overview of hospital management, highlighting its significance in delivering quality healthcare services.

H. G. Joseph Mar Dionysius Inter-Departmental Quiz Competition

The Department of Zoology, St. Stephen's College, organised the annual H. G. Joseph Mar Dionysius Inter-Departmental Quiz Competition on 26 February 2024. The event, organised by the Department of Zoology, witnessed enthusiastic participation from students across various departments. Concluding the event, Dr. Jason Jacob Varghese, the quiz master, expressed gratitude to all participants and attendees for making the event a success.

Field Trip - Pampadumshola National Park

A field trip involving M.Sc. Zoology students of the academic year 2022 - 2024 was held on 01 March 2024. The group attended a class based on the topic *Importance of National Parks and Nature Camp* under the guidance of Forest Range Officer Mr. Arun at Vattavada Pampadumshola National Park. On 3 March, 2023 the group went trekking to the forest in Pampadumshola and learned about the different types of plants and animals in the forest. In the evening, they visited Vattavada strawberry orchard and carrot orchard and learned about its cultivation methods.

World Forest Day Celebration

On the occasion of World Forest Day, the Department of Zoology, St. Stephen's College, organised a vibrant and engaging poetry competition to raise awareness about the importance of forests and sustainable environmental practices. Participants presented their original compositions, each reflecting a unique perspective on the theme of forests and their conservation. Through vivid imagery and evocative language, the poets conveyed the beauty, diversity, and fragility of the world's forests, urging the audience to appreciate and safeguard these invaluable ecosystems.

COMMERCE

Inter Departmental Photography Competition

The Department of Commerce celebrated World Environment Day on 5 June 2023. As part of the celebration, the department conducted a Photography Competition. Besides, the students actively participated in the cleaning activity held in the campus. A rally was also conducted to make the college students aware of the impact of hazardous plastic wastes on environmental sustainability. The students also planted trees as an initiative to save the environment.

National Webinar on Mutual Funds

The Department of Commerce and IQAC, St. Stephen's College, Pathanapuram organised a webinar on *Mutual Funds* on 17 June 2023 in association with Bombay Stock Exchange. The webinar aimed at creating awareness about Mutual Funds and its functioning. The session was handled by an experienced and eminent resource person Dr. P. Karthika, Associate Professor, Management College of Business and Economics, Kebri Dehar University, Ethiopia. In the speech, she emphasised the need for a commerce student to know about the functioning of Mutual Funds.

Experience Sharing by Entrepreneur on World Entrepreneurs' Day

The Entrepreneurship Development Club in association with the Department of Commerce and IIC, organised an experience sharing programme to commemorate the World Entrepreneurs' Day. The chief guest was Ms. Athira G.K., S₄ M.Sc. Physics Student, St. Stephen's College, Pathanapuram. She is the proprietor of Shiva Food Products and is also a Skill Development Executive at ASAP.

International Quiz Competition - World Tourism Day

An International Online Quiz competition was conducted by the Tourism Club in association with the Department of Commerce and IQAC, as part of World Tourism Day celebration. Students from UAE,

Oman and other colleges participated. The event served as a platform for intellectual enrichment of students and to nurture the culture of curiosity, learning and international collaboration in the field of tourism and commerce.

Career Guidance Programme

The Department of Commerce in association with BISWAS Institute of Management studies organised a Career Guidance Programme for the final year B.Com students on 27 September 2023. Ms. Noble C Trisa, BISWAS Institute of Management of took a class on career focus of CA and CMA Programmes and the opportunities provided by their institution. The session was helpful to the students to make better decisions for their future education and career.

Library Orientation Programme

An orientation session on reading habits was organised for the first year B.Com students in our college library on 11 October 2023. The programme aimed to instil good reading habits among the students and familiarise them with the college library's resources. The session was handled by our college librarian Mr. Baiju Joy. The session highlighted the factors contributing to the decline of reading among students.

Hands-on Workshop on Brochure Making

The Department of Commerce organised a hands-on training and workshop on brochure making on 12 October 2023. The workshop was organised for enabling the students to prepare brochures, posters and PPT presentations for their academic purposes. Students of semester 1 and 5 participated in the programme. The resource person was Mrs. Shyamili, S₆, B.Com.

Craft Making Workshop

A training programme on craft making was organised by the department on 13 October 2023. The programme was conducted with the help of students from the final year class. They provided basic information and training on Mandela art, craft making and basic rules of stitching.

Quiz Competition

As part of celebrating sustainable development day 2023, a quiz competition was conducted for the first year B.Com. students on 25 October 2023. The quiz competition served as a platform to raise awareness about sustainable development and inspire a positive change among the students.

Debate on Gender Equality

A Debate on Gender Equality was conducted on 30 October 2023. Students of S3 B.Com participated in the competition. Ms. Adithya Suresh moderated the debate. The debate addressed various aspects of gender equality and concluded that gender equality can only be achieved when all genders are treated equally. Inequality is a social problem and it is very essential to come and stand together to tackle the problem.

NSDC: Career Guidance Programme

The Department of Commerce organised a seminar on the topic *How NSDC Helps to Build an Accounting Career* in the seminar hall of Commerce, on 3 November 2023. The resource person was Mr. Sreejith P.R., Career Counsellor, Finishing School, India.

Industrial Visit to Kinfra Park, Punalur

The Department of Commerce in association with Entrepreneurship Development Club, arranged an industrial visit to Kerala Industrial Infrastructure Development Corporation (KINFRA), Punalur. 40 students and two teachers visited two industries there - M/s Golden Cherry International & M/s Design IT Interiors.

Inauguration of Certificate Course, National Entrepreneurship Day Celebration & Commerce Association

The Department of Commerce organised a seminar on *Entrepreneurial Opportunities under DIC* on the occasion of National Entrepreneurship Day and also inaugurated a certificate course on Innovation & Entrepreneurship. The resource person Mr. John Mathew, Asst. District Industries Office, Pathanapuram Taluk, and also inaugurated the activities of Commerce Association 2023-24.



Seminar on *How to Get Better Job for Commerce Students in the Era of AI*

The Department of Commerce organised a seminar on the topic *How to Get Better Job for Commerce Students in the Era of AI* in association with IQAC and ICAM society on 18 January 2024. The programme focused on facilitating the career advancement of final year B.Com. Students. Mr. Maheshwar Das M., the secretary of ICAM Society, led the class.

National Tourism Day Celebration

In accordance with National Tourism Day, the Stephanian Tourism Club and Department of Commerce jointly initiated a project to create a video showcasing the prominent tourism spots in the vicinity of the college. The aim was to promote local tourism and raise awareness among the students and the community about the cultural and natural treasures nearby. The club members identified tourism spots within a 15 km radius of the college. The final video was promoted through social media platforms, to reach a wider audience. The video titled *Perceiving the Beauty of Kerala – Scenic Attractions near St.Stephen's College, Pathanapuram* gained significant attention and positive feedback from both students and the local community.

Awareness Program on Rights of Persons with Disabilities

The Department of Commerce organised an awareness programme on *Rights of Persons with Disabilities* in association with IQAC and EOC on 31 January 2024. The resource person, Adv. Jismol Kallukadavil, delivered a talk on the *Rights of Persons with Disabilities*, emphasising the need to ensure equal legal rights and capacity for people with disabilities in all aspects of life, and their right to equal recognition everywhere. She also discussed about discrimination and atrocities against persons with disabilities.

Craft Making Workshop

A craft making workshop was conducted on 6 February 2024. The purpose of the workshop was to enhance the students' skill on craft making. The training was given with the help of a student trainer.

Career and Personality Development Programme

A Career and Personality Development programme was organised by the department on 4 March 2024. The programme aimed at making the students aware of the avenues and challenges in higher education. Faculty members from Lakshya led the session.

Talent Exhibition Programme

On 12 March 2024, the Commerce Association (Commex) organised a Talent Exhibition named *ADWITIYAH*. Students from the Department of Commerce presented their talents on drawings, creative skills, reels, songs etc.



ORIENTAL LANGUAGES

പത്തനാപുരം സെൻറ് സ്റ്റീഫൻസ് കോളേജിലെ ഭാഷാ വിഭാഗത്തിന്റെ ആഭിമുഖ്യത്തിൽ 2023 നവംബർ 3 ന് മാതൃഭാഷാ ദിനവും ഭരണഭാഷ വാരാഘോഷവും ആചരിച്ചു. ഭാഷാദിന സെമിനാർ മുഖ്യപ്രഭാഷണം പത്തനാപുരം സെൻറ് സ്റ്റീഫൻസ് സ്കൂൾ മലയാള വിഭാഗം അധ്യാപകൻ ശ്രീ ലിനു ജോഷ്യാ നിർവഹിച്ചു. പട്ടാഴി വടക്കേക്കര പഞ്ചായത്ത് പ്രസിഡണ്ട് ബി പി രമാദേവി ഉദ്ഘാടനം ചെയ്തു. ഭാഷാ വിഭാഗം അധ്യക്ഷൻ ഫാ. ജോർജ്ജ് മാത്യു ആദ്യവ പ്രഭാഷണം നടത്തി. ഡോ. പി പൗർണ്ണമി, എം ജി അശ്വതി ഡോ. ബിൻസിമോൾ എന്നിവർ പ്രസംഗിച്ചു.



PHYSICAL EDUCATION

In the academic year 2023- 24, our students represented the college in various intercollegiate sports and games competitions. Seven students from the men’s volleyball team were selected for inter university championships, one student from the men’s netball team, and one student from the best physique team were selected to the Kerala University teams. This year, the college Men’s teams participated in Kerala University Intercollegiate Tournaments for volleyball, football, best physique, wrestling, netball, kabaddi and athletics. The Men’s Volleyball team defeated SN College, Chembazhanthi and secured first place. Training for various sports teams for various competitions from May 2023 to promote the interest of the students in sports.

Annual Athletic Meet

In order to find the best sports persons of our college and to ensure sports participation of all students the annual athletic meet was held on 7 March 2024. Department of Commerce became the champions. The Department of English and the Department of Economics turned out to be the first and second runners-up respectively.

Achievements In State / University Level

Sl. No.	Name Of Participant	Achievement/ Medal	Sports/ Games	Department
1	Thanseer S	South Zone Inter University Participation	Volleyball	English
2	Mithun P V	South Zone Inter University Participation	Volleyball	B.Com
3	Alwin M. Roy	South Zone Inter University Participation	Volleyball	B.Com
4	Akash J V	South Zone Inter University Participation	Volleyball	Economics
5	Adhith P S	South Zone Inter University Participation	Volleyball	English
6	Mikhael Joseph	South Zone Inter University Participation	Volleyball	Economics
7	Muhammed Mishal N	South Zone Inter University Participation	Volleyball	Economics
8	Nandhan	South Zone Inter University Participation	Netball	Zoology
9	Muhammed Saidaly	South Zone Inter University Participation	Best Physique	English

Sl. No.	Name	Tournament	Position	Game	Department
1	Midhun P V	Intercollegiate	Winner	Volleyball	Economics
2	Adith. P S	Intercollegiate	Winner	Volleyball	English
3	Sayanth Kiran	Intercollegiate	Winner	Volleyball	English
4	Sivasankaran	Intercollegiate	Winner	Volleyball	B. Com
5	Akash J V	Intercollegiate	Winner	Volleyball	Economics
6	Mikhael Joseph	Intercollegiate	Winner	Volleyball	Economics
7	Thanseer S	Intercollegiate	Winner	Volleyball	Economics
8	Alwin M Roy	Intercollegiate	Winner	Volleyball	B. Com
9	Bibin Binoy	Intercollegiate	Winner	Volleyball	B. Com
10	Sujith Saji	Intercollegiate	Winner	Volleyball	English
11	Fousan S	Intercollegiate	Winner	Volleyball	English
12	Sreakuttan	Intercollegiate	Winner	Volleyball	Economics
13	Muhammed Saidaly	Intercollegiate	Winner	Best Physique	English

Co-Curricular Activities

Research Promotion Council

Orientation Programme

Research Promotion Council organised a four day orientation programme for all First year M.Sc students. The programme was organised in the after noon sessions from 28 September 2023 to 30 September 2023. The programme was inaugurated on 28 September 2023 by Dr. Biju Dharmapalan (National Award Winner for Science and Technology Communication 2022, Ministry of Science and Technology). He gave a lecture on the topic *Critical Thinking and Critical Writing*.

On the second day (29 September 2023) the first session was handled by Dr, Biju A. (HoD, Zoology and Coordinator RPC). He gave a lecture on the topic *Recent Trends in Zoology Research* and second session was on a topic *Research Methodology* by Dr. Sreejai R. (Assistant Professor of Zoology).

On the final day of the orientation (30 September 2023) the first session was engaged by Dr. Pillai Aswathy (Assistant Professor of Physics) on a topic *Data Analysis and Interpretation* and second session on a topic *Research and Intellectual Property Rights* was led by Dr. Praveen Dhar T. (Assistant Professor of Botany). M.Sc. Students from Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Zoology and Botany were attended the programme.

HRD and Placement Cell

Placement Drive - Oxygen

The HRD and Placement Cell of the college in collaboration with the Oxygen Group organised a placement drive on 19 July 2023. About 25 students participated and 3 got selected.

Placement Drive - Sarathy

The college hosted a placement drive of Sarathy Group for third year and degree pass out students on 15 November 2023. Around 30 students participated and 15 got shortlisted.

Disha Career Guidance Programme

Kerala Youth Leadership Academy in association with IQAC and Career Guidance Cell of the college, conducted Disha Career Guidance Programme for final year students on 5 January, 2024. Around 85 students attended the session which falls under the Department of Collegiate Education, Govt. of Kerala. Mr. Goutham Kumar, MGNRF and Entrepreneur served as the resource person.



DWMS Orientation Programme by Kerala Knowledge Economy Mission

Kerala Knowledge Economy Mission (Govt. of Kerala) conducted a programme for the registration in the DWMS portal by the final year students. The resource person was Mr. Muhammed Swalih, talent curation executive. Around 60 students participated in this programme. 8 students were selected as Career Ambassadors (CA) and they helped other students for registration.

DWMS Registration by Community Ambassadors

Two Community Ambassadors Ms. Anjali Raj and Ms. Prathyusha K. P. from Pattazhy North and Pattazhy Panchayaths conducted registration in DWMS portal for second year degree students. They helped students to register in the portal and collect the DWMS IDs.

Institution's Innovation Council

The IIC of the college aims to develop an ecosystem of innovation and entrepreneurship that enables the students to conceive business ideas and convert them into profitable products for the economic growth and development of the nation. The 2023-24 academic year was a remarkable one for the Stephanian IIC marked by several milestones.

Official Recognition

This year the college IIC received its Establishment Certificate, solidifying its position as a hub for innovation on campus.

Two - star Ranking and Appreciation:

It also achieved a prestigious two-star rating in the IIC 5 and received an appreciation certificate.

Referral and Mentorship:

IIC referred four colleges (AKMAS, Punalur; MM NSS College, Kottiyam; SN College, Chengannur and SN College, Punalur) in establishing their own IICs, fostering a wider network of innovation

across the region. In the academic year, the college IIC successfully integrated three ATL (Atal Tinkering Lab) Schools (Govt. Boys Higher Secondary School, Adoor, High School for Girls, Punalur and Mannam Memorial Higher Secondary School, Vilkkudy, Kollam) as mentees. This collaboration empowers young minds to explore their creativity and develop innovative solutions from an early age.

Selection to various initiatives of MoE's IIC:

The college IIC also got selected under the Impact Lecture Scheme, further amplifying its reach and impact. Additionally, the IIC was selected as a mentee under the Mentee-Mentee Scheme, gaining valuable guidance from NIT Calicut, a premier technological institution.

Innovation Ambassadors:

Dr. Ambily C.R., Dr. Sreejai R., and Dr. Deepa T.S. were designated as Innovation Ambassadors, spearheading initiatives and promoting innovation within the college community.

Regional Meet 2024:

The IIC also actively participated in the Regional Meet held in Kochi on 16 January 2024, fostering collaboration and knowledge exchange with other institutions.

Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development Centres

The Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development Centres (IEDC) are platforms set up in Engineering, Management, Arts & Science Colleges, Medical Institutions, Polytechnics and Universities with an aim to provide students with an opportunity to experiment and innovate. Kerala Startup Mission has set up IEDCs in 425 institutions across the State which provide avenues for creative students to learn, collaborate and transform their innovative ideas into prototypes of viable products and services. In 2022, Kerala Startup Mission sanctioned an IEDC unit in our college by the order no 613/2020 dated 16.09.2023. IEDCs works as the first launch pad for a student's entrepreneurial journey and provide them with access to cutting edge technology, world-class infrastructure, high-quality mentorship, early risk capital and global exposure.

Training Session on the Young Innovators

A training session on the *Young Innovators* programme designed under the Kerala Development and Innovations Strategic Council was conducted on 8 June 2023. Ms. Chippy, District Co-Ordinator of

YIP, introduced the Young Innovators programme and detailed various aspects of student innovation. Five students from various departments attended the session.

Training Session on YIP

A training session on YIP for faculty members was conducted on 9 June 2023. Mr. Aby Varghese, Assistant Professor, Amal Jyothy College of Engineering, detailed various aspects of YIP and the need for faculty to be mentors to coordinate and motivate the students for the generation of innovative ideas.

IEDC Execom Selection

The IEDC Execom Selection 2023 was conducted on 14 September 2023. A preliminary quiz was conducted for the first round of selection, in which 32 students participated. From that, 5 were selected for interviews. The top candidates were selected via an interview on 15 September 2023.

Digital News Channel

The Digital News Channel for the IEDC of St. Stephens College, Pathanapuram, was launched on 29 September 2023.

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Startups Centre

A centre for IEDC, **IGNITE** was started at St. Stephen's College, Pathanapuram on 8 October 2023. Adv. Venugopal, HortiCorp Chairman, inaugurated the centre and spoke about the relevance of startups among students and the younger generation.

Workshop on Plant Based Product

A one day workshop was conducted in association with the inauguration of the IEDC centre Dr. Rameshkumar K. B., Principal Scientist, JNTBGRI, Palode was the resource person. He gave lots of ideas about plant based products as a startup initiation for students.

Orientation Program

A one day orientation program was conducted in association with the Department of Economics on *Innovative Research Methodology in the Knowledge Economy* on 16 October 2023. Dr. Rajesh R., Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, NSS College, Pandalam was the resource person.

Honouring Event

An honouring event was conducted on 1 February 2024 to celebrate the excellence of St. Stephen's College, Pathanapuram in YIP O.5. An awarding ceremony was also conducted to honour the selected nine member team. They shared their ideas and experiences. Ms. Chippy, YIP district coordinator, provided orientation relating to YIP O.6.

Screening for Best Ideas

A screening process was conducted to select the best ideas from the college for YIP O.6. Mr. Jikku James, Nodal Officer of IEDC, St. Thomas College, Ranni, chaired the screening committee for evaluation and provided valuable guidance for generating innovative ideas. 10 students presented their ideas. Mr Sachu S., S_4 B.Com. was the winner and received ₹ 5000 as cash prize.

IDEA Fest

Four students from our college were selected for the second round in IDEA FEST conducted by IEDC, Kerala Startup Mission.

Endowment for Best PG Dissertation

An endowment was initiated by the former Principal Prof. P. M. Koshy for the best PG dissertation. All S_4 M.Sc. students submitted their project report. It was evaluated by an external faculty who selected one from each department. ₹ 1000 was given to each of the four students as prize money.

Food Company

Ms. Athira G.K., M.Sc. S_4 student started a food company in the name of *Siva Foods* with the support of IEDC.

9th Position in YiP 5

IEDC of the college secured the 9th position in YIP 5 idea hackathon conducted by K-DISC of Kerala Startup Mission. 19 ideas were submitted by the students. Ms. Chippy, Kollam District Coordinator, presented the certificate to the college Principal on 01 February 2024.

National Cadet Corps - NCC

International Yoga Day Celebration

International Yoga day was celebrated at St. Stephen's College on 21 June 2023. A yoga meditation class for National Cadet Corps (NCC) cadets was conducted at the college auditorium on the same day at 8.am. Class was taken by the cadet CPL Gokul Krishna.

Kargil Vijay Diwas Observance

On 26 July 2023, NCC unit of Stephen's College, Pathanapuram observed Kargil Vijay Diwas. The Chief Guest, Mr. Manilal, a retired soldier involved in the Kargil war, inaugurated the programme. His inaugural address was quite inspiring and motivated patriotism among the cadets and students. As a token of respect, the principal adorned Mr. Manilal with a ponnada. After the meeting, an interdepartmental quiz competition was conducted on the topic Kargil War and the program was coordinated by Dr. Sherine Alex, Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry.

Independence Day Celebration

On 15 August 2023, the NCC unit of St. Stephen's College, Pathanapuram celebrated India's 77th Independence Day. The college principal, Mr. Roy John hoisted the national flag and delivered an inspiring Independence Day message, highlighting the sacrifices of our freedom fighters and urging everyone to work towards a united and prosperous India. The National Flag was saluted with great respect, followed by an impeccable march past by the cadets.



Lecture on Agniveer Scheme and Its Benefits

The National Cadet Corps of St. Stephen's College, Pathanapuram organised a lecture on *Agniveer Scheme and Its Benefits* on 15 September 2023. The programme was inaugurated by Col. Deepak Nambiar, Commanding Officer of 14(K) BN NCC, Pathanamthitta. The resource person was Lt. Col. Rakesh R Krishnan S. M., of 2IC 26 Madras, who was an ex NCC cadet of our college.

Gandhi Jayanthi Celebration

On the eve of Gandhi Jayanti, NCC participated in the cleanliness campaign on 1st October, 2023 between 10 am and 11 am (Ek Tareekh, Ek Ghanta). As part of the *Swachhata Hi Seva Campaign*, the cadets cleaned the college campus premises contributing to the government's initiative of cleaning vulnerable sites.

Children's Day Celebration

The NCC of St. Stephen's College, Pathanapuram celebrated Children's Day on 14 November 2023. As a part of the celebration, the cadets visited the nearby Anganwadi (Ward IX, Maloor) and spent quality time with the kids. They engaged the kids in various indoor games, sang small rhymes and danced to which the kids reciprocated well. Thereafter, sweets were distributed adding to the children's delight.

NCC Day Celebration: Swachhta Abhiyaan

The NCC of St. Stephen's College, Pathanapuram commemorated the 76th NCC Raising Day on 27 November 2023. The NCC cadets actively participated in various events, showcasing their commitment to community service. A notable highlight was the Swachhta Abhiyaan, where cadets conducted a cleanliness drive across the college campus, reinforcing the spirit of social responsibility.

Seminar On International Year Of Millets

The NCC unit of St. Stephen's College, Pathanapuram organised a seminar on International Year of Millets (IYOM 2023) on 5 December 2023. Mr. Unais A., Assistant Professor (On Contract), Department of Botany, St. Stephen's College, Pathanapuram was the resource person of the seminar. He elaborated the nutritional value of Millets and pointed out the various crops which can be taken as a substitute for regular cereals.

Republic Day Celebration

The National Cadet Corps (NCC) of St. Stephen's College, Pathanapuram celebrated India's 75th Republic day on 26 January 2024. The ANO, Lt. Dr. Sunesh C. D. welcomed the college principal, teachers and students. On this occasion, the college principal, Mr. Roy John unfurled the national flag and delivered an inspiring Republic Day message. The National Flag was saluted with great respect, followed by an impeccable march past by the cadets.

National Service Scheme - NSS

The National Service Scheme (NSS) is a Central Sector Scheme of the Government of India, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports. The sole aim of the NSS is to provide hands-on experience to young students in delivering community service. The activities conducted by National Service Scheme Unit No 32 A & B of St. Stephens College, Pathanapuram for the year 2023-2024 is as below:

World Environmental Day Celebration

The NSS unit of St. Stephen's College conducted an Essay Writing Competition in connection with the World Environmental Day on 6 June 2023.

World Blood Donor Day Celebration

The NSS unit of St. Stephen's College conducted an awareness class in connection with the World Blood Donor Day on 22 June 2023. Dr.Ranichandran L (Assistant Surgeon, Pattazhi Vadakekara) was the chief guest.

Charity

In connection with the Onam celebration of our college, the NSS volunteers donated a *Mixer Grinder* to a a deserving one.

Awareness Class

A drug awareness class was conducted on 29 September 2023 by Pathanapuram Excise Division and NSS unit of St.Stephen's College. Excise officers Mr.Muhammed Ansari and Mr.Arunkumar were the chief guests. After that, a Quiz competition was held by the Excise Department.

Kerala Piravi Programme

The NSS Unit of St Stephen's College, Pathanapuram conducted a Seminar on Kerala Piravi Day and Malayalam Language Day on 3 October 2023. The Panchayat President Ms.Ramadevi.V.P inaugurated the programme. Later, the panchayat member and alumnus of St. Stephen's College Ms. Ashwathi M.G. gave her greetings to all which was followed by a seminar presented by Mr. Linu Joshi.

Legal Awareness Class

The NSS unit of St. Stephen's College, Pathanapuram organised a Legal Awareness Class on 10 October 2023. Adv. Jismol Kallukadavil was the chief guest.

Play on Aids Awareness

The NSS unit of St. Stephen's College, Pathanapuram conducted a play about AIDS Awareness on 26 October 2023. It was organized by the Health Center, Pathanapuram and presented by the members of Kalakshethra, Pathanamthitta.



Celebration of Vigilance Awareness Day

The NSS unit of St. Stephen's College, Pathanapuram celebrated the Vigilance Awareness Day on 3 November 2023. A poster presentation programme was arranged by the volunteers.

Orientation Class

The NSS unit of St. Stephen's College, Pathanapuram organised an Orientation Class for the First Year students on 20 November 2023. Mr. Dennis John (HSST Economics) was the chief guest.

Celebration of Human Rights Day

The NSS unit of St. Stephen's College, Pathanapuram conducted a poster making competition in connection with International Human Rights day on 10 December 2023.

My Bharath Link Registration

The NSS Unit of St Stephen's College, Pathanapuram organised My Bharat link registration class on 8 January 2024. The NSS Programme Officer Dr. Sheeba K John presided over the class.

Celebration of National Youth Day

The NSS unit of St. Stephen's college, organised National Youth Day programme on 16 January 2024. As part of National Youth day, NSS unit conducted an essay writing competition about National Youth day.

Awareness Class on Gender Equality

The NSS unit of St. Stephen's College, Pathanapuram organised *Gender Relations and Self Defence* training class on 24 January 2024. The chief guest was Ms Arathy Mohan who is the founder of LAMBDA Thapas. Ms. Arathy Mohan led the training class.

Celebration of Social Justice Day

The NSS unit of St. Stephen's College, celebrated Social Justice Day on 21 February 2024 by preparing posters.

Celebration of International Women's Day

The NSS unit of St. Stephen's College, Pathanapuram conducted an essay writing competition on International Women's day on the topic on *Invest in Women : Accelerate Progress*.

Skill Development Training Programme

The NSS Unit of St. Stephen's College, Pathanapuram, conducted a skill development class on 11 March 2024. The main objective of the programme was to make students realise their skills and to teach various skills and tricks in designing arts. Dr. Sherine Alex conducted the skill development class which was well interactive and informative.

Civil Service Aspirants Club

Civil Service Orientation Programme

The college CSAC, in collaboration with IQAC and CCEK, organised an orientation program for first-year degree students in the seminar hall on 8 August 2023. The session led by Ms. Sandhya S. Nair and Mr. Karthik S. from the State Civil Service Academy. The program comprised two insightful sessions: an overview of the civil service exam and a detailed discussion on the essential topics to be covered for the examination.

Certificate Course on Indian Constitution

CSAC, in collaboration with IPM IAS Academy, conducted a certificate course centered on the Indian Constitution, aiming to encourage students to explore civil service studies more profoundly. The course adopted a hybrid approach, incorporating live online sessions and the IPM Academy Application. Notably, 44 students successfully concluded the course, showcasing their dedication to

acquire a thorough grasp of the complexities within the Indian Constitution. This achievement highlights the efficacy of the hybrid method in delivering accessible and influential learning opportunities for budding civil servants.

Igniting Aspirations: Empowering Students for Civil Service Success

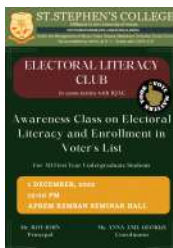
CSAC, in collaboration with the Department of Economics, hosted a dynamic Orientation Programme entitled *Igniting Aspirations: Empowering Students for Civil Service Success* on the 26 October 2023. The session was spearheaded by Mr. Gawthaman M., a civil service examination trainer and the founder of Indian Polity Mastery, a renowned platform for UPSC aspirants. This programme provided students with invaluable insights into the intricacies of civil service examinations, equipping them with the necessary tools and knowledge to embark on a successful journey towards civil service success.



Electoral Literacy Club

Awareness Class on Electoral Literacy and Enrollment in Voters' List

An awareness class on the importance of 100% polling in elections and healthy election practices and a drive for enrolment in voter's list aimed at all first year undergraduate students was conducted at the college on 1 December 2023 by Deputy Tahsildar of Pathanapuram Taluk, Sri. N. Biju, accompanied by clerks Sri. Anu Sathyan, and Sri. Binoy B. Sri. N. Biju addressed the students with an interactive video and directed all the students to enrol their names in Voters' List.



Drawing Competition and Quiz Programme

As part of National Voters' Day celebrations, drawing and quiz competitions on electoral literacy were conducted on 22 January 2024 at the Election Wing, Collectorate of Kollam. Mr. Azim Muhammad B. Nazeer (III B.A. English), Mr. Abhinand A. (III B.A. English), and Mr. Amal Suresh (III B.A. English) participated.

National Voters' Day

As part of National Voters' Day, a pledge was undertaken by the students of the college on 25 January 2024 to solemnly affirm their participation in the nation building process through 100% electoral literacy.

Energy Conservation Club

The Energy Conservation Club at St. Stephen's College, Pathanapuram strives to foster awareness and action towards sustainable energy practices among students, faculty, and the broader community. Over the past year, we have diligently pursued our mission to promote energy conservation, educate others about its importance, and implement impactful initiatives within our campus. Through our club's efforts, we aim to instil a culture of energy consciousness and responsibility among individuals, empowering them to make informed decisions and take meaningful actions towards conservation.

Energy Audits and Efficiency Measures

Collaborating with the management, energy audits were conducted for identifying areas for improvement and implementing energy-saving measures. Under the recommendation of the club, Energy-efficient lighting systems such as LED's were installed in the campus and club also promoted the use of renewable energy sources such as solar panel wherever feasible.

Student Engagement Initiatives

The club organised interactive events and competitions to actively engage students in energy conservation efforts. Also, in association with National Energy Conservation Day Celebrations, a Power Point Competition was conducted on 21 December 2023 under the auspices of the Energy conservation club and Post Graduate Department of Physics, where students showcased their innovative ideas and solutions for energy conservation through presentations. Winners were awarded for their creativity and contributions towards sustainability.



Entrepreneurship Development Club

Celebration of World Entrepreneurship Day

Every year, August 21 is celebrated as World Entrepreneurship Day to recognise the risk takers and trailblazers who transform ideas into reality. This year ED club of the college in association with the Department of Commerce and Institution's Innovation Council (IIC) conducted an experience sharing programme to celebrate the day. Ms. Athira G. K, II Year M. Sc. Physics of our college shared her journey from an ordinary student to a student entrepreneur. She is the proprietor of Shiva Food Products and is also a Skill Development Executive at ASAP.

Industrial Visit

The ED club in association with the Department of Commerce visited Kerala Industrial Infrastructure Development Corporation (KINFRA), Punalur unit. The industrial visit was aimed at helping the aspiring entrepreneurs to prepare for their future work positions by exposing them to practical challenges. A team of 40 students led by Dr. Deepa T. S and Mr. Blesson Mathew visited two industrial units working at KINFRA-M/s Golden Cherry International and M/s Design IT interiors. The students interacted with the entrepreneurs and workers there. The production processes were exhibited and explained to the team by the staff. The visit was really helpful for the students.

National Entrepreneurship Day Celebration

The ED club in association with the Department of Commerce organised a seminar on *Entrepreneurial Opportunities under DIC* in connection with the National Entrepreneurship Day. Mr. John Mathew, Assistant District Industries Office, Pathanapuram delivered the keynote address. He emphasised the role of DIC in the context of NAVA KERALA MISSION (New Kerala Mission). He encouraged students to take up risk and become a successful entrepreneur. 80 students and six faculty members participated in the programme.

One Day Workshop on Creativity to Startups

A workshop on *Creativity to Startups* was conducted by the ED Club in association with the Department of Economics and IEDC on 19 March 2024. The session was handled by Mr. Jikku James, Nodal Officer, IEDC, St. Thomas College, Ranni.

Standards Club

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), the National Standards body of India, has taken initiative in starting Standard clubs in colleges across the country. It is established with the objective of sensitising the young members of the society about the importance of standards in improving quality of life. This innovative endeavour aims to instill in young minds the paramount importance of quality, standards, and generating scientific temperament. The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) has given training to the mentors under the *Mentors Training Programme* on February 1 and 2 at Beach Resort Hotel, Kollam. The training focused on various aspects of Indian Standards, especially standard writing and standard analysis. A detailed proposal of the activities of the Standards club is prepared for submission to the BIS office (for the upcoming financial year).

Tourism Club

In the Academic year 2023 24, Tourism Club of St. Stephen's College, Pathanapuram has successfully obtained registration under the District Tourism Promotion Council (DTPC), Government of Kerala and the registration number is TC/02/1093.

Photography Competition

Tourism club of St. Stephen's College, Pathanapuram organised a captivating photography competition on 19 August 2023 centered around the theme of Landscapes. The event aimed to unleash the photographic talents of students and to cultivate their appreciation towards the environment.

Participation in the Champions Boat League 2023 Final and Presidents Trophy

On 9 December 2023, the Department of Tourism, under the Government of Kerala organised the prestigious *Champions Boat League 2023* Finals and Presidents Trophy championship at Ashtamudi backwaters, Kollam. Our institution proudly contributed to the success of this event by sending a team of dedicated student volunteers to assist in various capacities.

National Tourism Day Celebration and Inauguration of Tourism Club

The inauguration of the Tourism Club, St. Stephen's College, Pathanapuram was held on 24 January 2024. Ms. Geetha A., Administrative Officer, DTPC Kollam & Councilor IGNOU inaugurated club's activities for the year.



Gandhian Studies

The Gandhian Studies Unit of St. Stephen's College, Pathanapuram, is established with the objective of inculcating the values and philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi in her students. It aims at offering timeless principles and valuable lessons that Gandhi propagated to the students thereby equipping them to address contemporary challenges and aspirations.

Independence Day Celebration

The Gandhian Studies circle of St. Stephen's College, Pathanapuram organised an essay writing competition as part of the Indian Independence Day celebrations. The topic of the competition was *Mahatma Gandhi: The Architect of India's Freedom Struggle*.

Martyrs' Day

On January 30, the college observed Martyrs' Day commemorating Gandhi's Martyrdom. The students took an oath on ahimsa. The Unit also conducted an interdepartmental quiz competition. Mr. Vinu Varghese Kurian, Assistant Professor, Dept. of English, served as the quiz master.

Legal Forum

Equity Echo : A Documentary on Human Rights

The Department of Economics, in collaboration with the Legal Forum, has presented *Equity Echo*, a documentary highlighting Human Rights issues. The forum conducted a student-led presentation on Human Rights, on 11 December 2023. This initiative served as a unique opportunity for students

to express their insights and research findings on Human Rights matters, fostering an engaging discourse within the academic community. Participants gained an enriching session that not only promoted awareness but also encouraged a deeper understanding of the critical issues surrounding Human Rights.

Science Forum

National Science Day Celebrations

February 28 was designated as National Science Day (NSD) by the Government of India in 1987. Since then this day is celebrated throughout the country with great enthusiasm. College celebrates National Science Day on 28th February, every year commemorating the the discovery of Raman effect by Sir. C. V. Raman. This year as part of National science day celebrations each science department conducted various activities like seminars, quizzes and other competitions. Science Forum members actively participated in these programmes.

Lunar Halo

There was an interesting science phenomena visible in the night sky as a big halo appeared around the moon on 24 November night. This happens when light from the moon combines with ice crystals in the atmosphere. The science forum members observed the phenomenon and captured photos from various locations.

Unnath Bharat Abhiyan - UBA

Food Kit Distribution Programme

UBA in association with Department of Economics organised food kit distribution among the very poor families of Pattazhy Vadakkekara and Punnala Panchayath on 6 and 7 July 2023. A total of six families selected from these panchayaths based on the survey carried out under UBA during 2022 - 23 and in consultation with the representatives of the village panchayath. Selected representatives from Second and Third year B.A Economics took part in the programme.

Blooming Opportunities : Women's Mushroom Cultivation Workshop

A training session on mushroom cultivation was held in Pattazhy Vadakkekara, Panchayat on 9 October 2023. The participants included representatives from the Grama Panchayat and Kudumbashree workers. As part of an intervention programme following a survey, training kits containing

oyster mushroom seeds, polypropylene (PP) rolls, a bottle of ethanol, and paddy straw were distributed in these designated areas. There were 20 participants in the programme.



Women's Cell

Seminar on Gender Equality in Indian Constitution

The inauguration of Women's cell unit 2023 - 2024 of St. Stephen's College, Pathanapuram was held on 11 August 2023 in the college seminar hall. Adv. Sabitha Beegum, former Mayor of Kollam Corporation and member of State Food Commission inaugurated the function. Adv. Sabitha Beegum conducted a seminar on *Gender Equality in Indian Constitution*. She focused on the importance of gender sensitisation in the campus.



Legal Awareness Programme

An awareness programme on Legal Rights of Women was organised by Women cell and IQAC in association with Taluk Legal Service Committee on 6 November 2023. The chief guest Adv. Jissmol Kallukadavil gave an invited talk on the topic *Legal Rights of Women*.

Workshop on Mental Health - Counselling Session

A workshop on *Mental Health Matters- Focus on Yourself* was organized by Women's Cell Unit and IQAC on 30 November 2023. Consultant Psychologist, Ms. Namitha Nizar delivered a lecture on



Women mental health. The main objectives of the counselling session were (i) To understand various problems affecting students. (ii) To help the students to attain a positive mental health. (iii) To help the students work out a plan to solve their difficulties.



Poster Competition

The Women and Child Development Department of Kollam district conducted an online poster competition for the boys of various colleges. The topic of the poster was *My Perspectives if I am a Girl*. The participants made online posters and posted in the face book page of Mission Shakti Kollam.

Cake Fest

The Women's cell Unit, NSS and college union jointly organised a Cake Fest - 2023 on 21 December 2023. The students prepared various types of cake and exhibited in the fest. Various types of cakes including carrot cake, plum cake, ice cream, fruit salad were displayed and sold. The event was a great success which helped the students to learn team work, collaboration and creativity.

Christmas Charity

The Women's cell unit organised a Christmas charity drive for poor families in the college locality. A Christmas kit including food and commodities of worth ₹ 4393 were given to two selected families.



The kits were handed over to these families by the college Principal, Mr. Roy John, Fr. Dr. Roy John, College Governing Board Member and College Union Chairman.

Donation of Two Stitching Unit to The Women's Cell Unit

The Alumni members of B.Sc Chemistry 1999-2002 batch donated two units of Stitching machine to the Women's cell Unit of St. Stephen's College, Pathanapuram on 1 March 2024. Two stitching units of worth ₹ 10,695 each was handed over to Mr. Roy John, Principal and Fr. Dr. Roy John, College Governing Board Member by the Alumni members. The stitching unit is used for providing training on tailoring and stitching to the girl students in our college.

International Women's Day Celebration - Skill Development Training Programme

As part of the International Women's Day celebration, the Women's Cell unit of St. Stephen's College, organised a skill development training programme on dress designing, tailoring and embroidery. The trainer Ms. Arsha Deepak, fashion designer and entrepreneur, delivered two sessions in the programme. First session was an introductory one about the scope of fashion designing and embroidery. The second one was a practical session with two stitching machine, embroidery works etc.



Conclusion

The 2023-2024 academic year has been a year of remarkable achievements for St. Stephen's College. We are grateful for the tireless efforts of our faculty and staff who have nurtured the potential of our students and for the constant support and guidance from the management. We celebrate the academic excellence, extracurricular triumphs, and community engagement showcased in this report. These accomplishments are a testament to the collaborative spirit and unwavering dedication that defines our college community. As the University of Kerala is implementing the Four Year UG Programme, the Stephanian family has also completed the necessary preparations. We are equipped and are eagerly waiting to welcome the new bunch of students. As we move forward, we carry the momentum of this successful year and remain committed to providing our students with the resources and support they need to thrive.

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