

St Philomena College, Puttur Annual Report – 2017

Honourable president of the 59th Annual Day programme Very Rev. Fr Alfred J. Pinto, Correspondent, distinguished Chief Guest, Mr Nalinkumar Kateel, Honourable Member of Parliament, D.K., Very Rev Sr Cicilia Mendonca, Provincial Superior, Bethany Provincialate, esteemed Campus Director Rev. Dr Antony Prakash Monteiro, Rev. Fr Vijay Lobo, Principal, St Philomena P.U. College, Mr Gangadhar CA, President, PTA, Mr Jaya Kumar Rai, President, Alumni Association, reverend fathers, reverend sisters, members of the Managing Committee, guests, invitees, members of the staff, and my dear students.

The importance of education in this material world and hereafter has been emphasized by the enlightened souls of the yore and the educationists of the modern era. The scriptures eulogize education by saying 'Dang aras Drawo', 'Dang Dwers: wir', 'Dang of rarg warg', etc. Modern educationists believe that education is the pivot around which civilization rotates. Higher education is believed to facilitate decision making, to help produce, adopt and adapt technology, to sustain livelihoods, to cope with shocks and so on. It can make an individual smart, intelligent, professionally qualified and skilled thereby helping him/her to be a successful person in life. An Institution of higher education is a chrysalis where students develop wings to fly into the demanding world.

With a view to empowering the youth of the region with higher education, St Philomena College was founded some six decades ago and since then the college has been striving, of course, with remarkable success to realize the vision and mission statement. In the process it has been highly rated by the national accreditation authority and the society.

The College is co-education institution, affiliated to Mangalore University, recognized by the UGC under 12(f) & 2B and accredited by the NAAC at 'A' grade in the III Cycle.

Reliving the rich legacy handed down overtime, the unique education culture developed by the Christian Missionaries and the winning ways cultivated as a habit by the students, the College has preened to celebrate its 59th Annual Day. Incidentally this celebration is a precursor to the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations waiting in the wings. For 60 long years our college has proved its useful existence by educationally empowering the society and helping the youth realize their educational and athletic dreams. We will revisit and rejoice at the wonderful achievements of young Philo members over the years by inaugurating the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations in the Academic year 2017-18.

Today I am delighted to place before you the nuggets of otherwise a goldmine of our accomplishments in the academic year 2016-17.

Management

The College is managed by The Catholic Board of Education, Mangaluru which is the top management. *Most Rev Dr Aloysius Paul D'Souza*, Bishop, Diocese of Mangaluru is the President. The local Management Committee is headed by *Very Rev Fr Alfred Pinto*, Parish Priest, Mai De Deus Church, Puttur.

Courses offered

The college has offered 6 UG programmes – BA, B.Com., B,.Sc., BBM, BCA & BSW and 6 PG programmes – MSW, M. Com, M.Sc.-Physics, Mathematics, Comp. Science and M.A.-Economics Besides, certificate courses in 'Communicative English', 'Web Technology', 'Vermi Composting', 'Kannada Language & Literature', 'Business Taxation', 'Consumer Education' and 'Yakshagana Art' are offered.

Staff

The College has 72 teaching staff members in the UG section and 28 in the PG section. The Office Staff consists of 26 members in the UG section and 5 in the PG section.

Students

The College on its rolls has 1,607 students in the UG section of whom 800 are boys and 807 are girls. In the PG section there are 336 students of whom 77 are boys and 259 are girls.

Results

The hallowed feature of our college is a sustained academic outcome realized by the students. Our students have fared exceedingly well in the examinations conducted by the University. The pass percentage recorded is

ВА	78.78%	MSW	100%
B.Com	91.95%	M.Com	100%
B.Sc.	88.33%	M.ScPhysics	96.29%
BBM	60.00%	M.ScMathematics 72.00%	
ВСА	100%	M.ScComp. Science 100%	
BSW	84.84%	M.AEconomics 100%	

The icing on the cake of juicy results is the ranks secured unfailingly year after year. In the year passed by, 3 of our proud students have strengthened the roll of honour by securing ranks. We congratulate the following on scripting a new chapter of performance.

S.N.	Name	Rank	Course
1	Durgarchana M	III	B.Com
2	Smitha K	II	M.Sc. – Maths
3	Varsha Moleyar	II	M.Sc Physics

Teacher quality enhancement initiatives

The College has striven to enhance and enrich quality teaching by undertaking active research, by attending UGC sponsored refresher courses, by participating in level international/national seminars/workshops and by organizing seminars/workshops. 9 faculty members are pursuing research for their Ph.D. degree. There is one major funded research project being pursued by Rev Dr Antony Prakash Monteiro, Chairperson, PG Studies. There are 4 minor funded research projects being pursued by the members of the faculty. Mrs Venkateshwari K.S., Dept of Political Science attended the UGC sponsored Refresher course. The college has also organized several national/state level seminars/workshops. In the reporting year faculty members have participated in about 26 state/national/ international level seminars.

Student Support

- Student Council was formed to provide a veritable forum for the students to express themselves. Rakesh Rao, III BA, Jijo Joseph, III BCA, and Fathima Shirin, III B.Com were elected respectively as President, Secretary and Joint Secretary of the Council.
- The college has provided fee concession to 400 students amounting to Rs. 6 lakh.
- The College has helped 332 students get various scholarships amounting to Rs. 40,46,692/-.
- Hostel facilities are provided to the outstation students. In men's Hostel there are 125 students and in the womens' Hostel there are 145 students.
- The UG Library has a collection of 42,453 volumes of which 1,156 were added this year and the PG Library has 7007 volumes of which 530 were added this year. The UG Library subscribes to 13 newspapers and 90 periodicals. The PG Library subscribes to 9 newspapers and 38 periodicals. The Library organized book exhibitions and conducted book review competitions for students.

Student achievement

Sports

Sports helps an individual more than in the physical aspects. It builds character, teaches and develops strategic thinking, leadership skills, goal setting and risk taking. The intuitive faculties become acute which help the youth form an integrated personality. The sports infrastructure has been optimally used by the aspirants and they have put up a great display at different levels of competitions. So much so our sports persons have bagged 22 Gold, 10 Silver and 09 Bronze medals at the Mangalore University inter-collegiate sporting championships.

- The men and women swimming teams of the college secured overall championship trophy in the MUIC Swimming Championship
- The Weightlifting Team (men) bagged the runners-up trophy at MUIC Weightlifting Championship
- The Chess Team(men) bagged bronze medal at the MUIC Chess Championship
- The Tug-of-war Team(men) bagged bronze medal at the MUIC tug-up-war championship
- The Hockey Team(men) secured runners-up trophy at D.K. District Dasara Tournament
- The Hockey Team(women) secured championship trophy at D.K. District Dasara Tournament

Vaishnav Hegde, I B.Com an international swimming athlete secured gold medal in 50mts Breast Stroke and bonze medal in 100mts Breast Stroke at the South Asian Swimming Championship, held at Colombo. He represented India at the Asian Swimming championship held at Tokyo; World School Games Swimming Championship in Turkey; Asian School Games Swimming Championship in Indonesia; secured gold medal with a meet record in 50mts Breast Stroke, silver medal in 100mts Breast Stroke at the All India Inter-varsity Swimming Championship held at Punjab University; bagged 3 silver medals at the Glenmark Senior National Championship at Ranchi, Jharkhand; secured 2 gold medals and one bronze medal at the Karnataka State Olympics held at Hubli; secured gold medal with new state meet record at the Senior State Swimming Championship at Bengaluru.

Deeksha Ramesh, I BBA secured 1 silver and 1 bronze medal at the All India Intervarsity Swimming Championship held at Punjab University; bagged 1 silver medal at Glenmark Senior National Championship at Ranchi, Jharkhand. Secured 1 bronze medal at Karnataka State Olympics held at Hubli; one bronze medal at the Senior State Swimming Championship at Bengaluru

Swedal Lobo, II B.Com, Sudeep, I BCA, Lokesh I, II BSW, Rajath Muttappa, III B.Sc., Jijo Joseph, III BCA, Harsha Kumar, III BA, Ashika A.P., II B.Sc., Namrutha Padiyar, I B.Sc., Jayantha K.C., II M.Sc.(CS) and Abhilash P,R., II M.Sc.(CS) represented Mangalore University at the inter-varsity competitions.

Co-curricular

Co-curricular activities are an integral part of educational environment. They focus on cognitive aspects and thereby help in intellectual development, competitiveness, creativity and excellence among the students. Our students have bagged 5 prizes at the national level, 18 prizes at the state level, 37 at the university/ regional level competitions.

- SCOU Brandon Antony Roche, I BCA participated in the Republic Day Parade 2017 at New Delhi
- At Economics fest conducted by St Aloysius College, Mangaluru, our students won the runners-up trophy.

Activities conducted / organized during the year

- Department of Kannada organized 'ದ್ವಂದ್ವ ಯಕ್ಷ ಗಾಯನ ', 'ಯಕ್ಷಗಾನ ತಾಳ ಮದ್ದಳ', 'ಕೆ. ಎಸ್. ನರಸಿಂಹಸ್ವಾಮಿ ಜನ್ಮ ಶತಾಬ್ದಿ', guest lecture on 'ಅಂಬಿಗರ ಚೌಡಯ್ಯನ ವಚನಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಭಕ್ತಿಯ ವಿವೇಚನೆ', 'ಕನ್ನಡವೇ ಸತ್ಯ', workshop on 'ಯಕ್ಷ ಪಠ್ಯ ಗಾಯನ', 'ಗುರಿನಿರ್ಧಾರ ಹಾಗೂ ಧನಾತ್ಮ ಕ ಪ್ರೇರಣೆ'.
- Department of Hindi organized 'Hindi Pakvada', guest lecture, elocution, quiz & essay writing competitions.
- Department of Sankrit organized guest lecture on 'Indian Astro Science'.
- Department of Botany organized guest lecture on 'Agriculture as a profession'. And organized field visits.
- Department of Zoology organized workshop on 'Vermicomposting' and field visit
- Department of Physics organized 'star gazing programme', and 'Prof. Prakash Karat endowment special lecture'
- Department of Computer Science organized 'Buddy Programme', intradepartmental IT Fest – Vision 16, guest lectures on 'Bridging Industry-Academia gap', 'New Trends in Web Technology', orientation on 'Campus Placement', 'Industry Oriented C Programming' and 'How big can you dream globally'. Organized inter-collegiate IT fest 'Pinnacle 17'
- Dept of Business Administration organized guest lecture on 'GST', 'career opportunities', 'Computer courses for Managers', 'global professional course', workshop on ICWA exam. Organised intra-departmental Fest – Srusti 16 and inter-collegiate management fest 'Facula 16'
- Dept of Commerce organized guest lectures on 'investment management', 'Computer courses for Managers', 'global professional course', 'career opportunities abroad', 'developing leaders for social change', 'stock market awareness', 'US CMA course' and education tour. Organized intradepartmental Fest – Crossroads 16 and inter-collegiate commerce fest 'AMBIORA 17'
- Department of Social Work organized a number of community oriented awareness and sensitization programmes.
- Department of Journalism organized guest lectures on 'Electronic media', 'Present status of journalism', workshop on 'Editing practices', trained the students in reporting and publishing articles in print and electronic media.
- PG Department of Maths conducted 'Student faculty programme' and quiz competitions.

- PG Department of Physics organized guest lecture on 'Joint Meterwave Radio Telescope: technological and scientific milestone in Indian science', 'Mass spectra of BC meson in relativistic quark model', conducted national workshop on 'Observational astronomy and data analysis technique', 'star gazing programme' and science model exhibition. The department organized Physics fest - Phoenix '17 and the students participated in the workshops organized by other colleges.
- PG Department of Computer Science organized 'Computer Literacy' course for the public and inter-collegiate IT Fest 'TechnoSpark 17'.
- PG Department of Economics organized guest lecture on 'Indian Economy emerging issues and pattern of development', industrial visit, panel discussion, Inter-collegiate economics fest 'ECOZENITH '17'.
- PG Department of Commerce organized state level commerce fest 'PHILOVENTURA 17', state level Paper Presentation competition and field / industry visits
- PG Department of Social Work organized guest lectures on 'Acts governing organisations', 'Libre Office Suit', 'significance of ideologies of Raja Ram Mohan Roy and M.K. Gandhi in social work practice', workshops on different themes, street plays, community camps, awareness programmes and rural surveys.
- NCC Unit
 - Consists of 76 SD boys and 32 SW girls
 - Celebrated International Yoga Day
 - $\circ~~47~\text{SD}$ and 17 SW cadets participated in CATC
 - $\circ~2~{\rm SD}$ and $2~{\rm SW}$ cadets participated in NIC
 - 7 SD cadets attended Tal Sainik Selection Camp
 - $\circ~~47~\text{SD}$ and 20 SW cadets attended Cadre Camp
 - $\circ~36~cadets$ passed 'B' certificate and 29 cadets passed 'C' certificate exams
- NSS Units
 - $\circ~$ Consist of 92 boys and 118 girls
 - Organized blood donation camp, one day camps, orientation and awareness programmes, skill development activities, community development activities and annual special camp
 - Celebrated national festivals
 - Volunteers participated in state youth festival, taluk level makkala habba & youth day celebrations

- Humanities Association organized inter-collegiate 'Tulu Folk Competition Philo Pantho'.
- Rovers & Rangers unit consisting of 32 rovers and 31 rangers, organized weekly training programmes, special training sessions, Messenger of Peace programme, trekking and environment awareness activities. Celebrated Founder's Day and national festivals.
- Suraksha Consumer Forum organized awareness programmes, training programmes, interaction sessions with government machinery, workshops on consumer awareness and PAN card & Passport mela.
- Fine Arts Association organized training sessions in art & craft and motivated the students to participate in competitions at various levels
- Indian Red Cross Unit organized workshop on 'First Aid', blood grouping and blood donation camp, industrial & old age home visits. Participated in 'National Youth Day celebrations.
- Performing Arts Association organized orientation, singing audition and cultural programmes.
- ಯಕ್ಷ ಕಲಾಕೇಂದ್ರ conducted training sessions in Yakshagana. Organised 'ಯಕ್ಷ ಪಠ್ಯ ಗಾಯನ' and 'ಯಕ್ಷಗಾನ ತಾಳಮದ್ದಳೆ'
- Science forum organized inter-collegiate science fest 'Aurora 17'.
- Eco Club organized 'Paddy Planting Programme', guest lecture on 'Environmental Protection', awareness campaigns on 'waste management' and industrial visit.
- Women Empowerment Cell organized guest lectures on 'Youth Psychology',
 'Skin Care' and planned to celebrate International Women's Day
- Divya Chethana Association has looked after the spiritual and religious needs of the students by organizing prayer sessions, retreats, holy mass and religious festivals.
- The Training and Placement Cell helped students participate in campus recruitment drives conducted by Infosys Technologies, Cognizant, Amazon, Deloitte, Nandi Toyota and Hinduja Global solutions. Organised orientation programmes by inviting resource persons from CloudE, Mysore, Global Computer Institute, Mangaluru and The Chopras Mangaluru. Conducted workshop on 'Self employment' and Coaching classes for entry into Banking service.

- Konkani Sahithya Sangha organized guest lecture on 'Konkani language and its culture'. The club members have participated in all the programmes organized by Konkani Sahithya Academy.
- The College has published 2 issues of PEARL the peer reviewed multidisciplinary Journal
- The Research Expert Committee organized a workshop on 'Data Analysis Technique for Research using SPSS'.
- PTA has extended financial support in the conduct of college activities, honoured the rank holders and provided mid-day meal to 60 deserving students. Sponsored orientation programme on 'Self employment' and coaching classes for entry into Banking service.
- Alumni Association organized training session on leadership, guest lecture on *'Make in India-science and technology based innovation'* and extended financial support in the conduct of several activities.

Conclusion

Dignitaries and friends, I have unrolled only the gilt-edged part of a variegated canvas of the campus eco system. There is much more to it than what meets the eye. As we look back from a long distance milestones of great feats prominently standout. Changing times keep throwing up new challenges. We have successfully negotiated the winding roads and are in the right frame of mind not to lose focus. We welcome every academic year not by the recollection of the past but by the responsibility for the future. In our journey we have received the blessings from the Almighty and an unqualified support from the management. The members of the staff and the student community have ensured that the ethos of St Philomena College remains unblemished. I express a debt of gratitude to every individual and Institution for making our college a centre of excellence. I wish to conclude with the ringing words of John C. Maxwell *"the greatest day in your life and mine is when we take total responsibility for our attitudes. That is the day we truly grow up"*.

Thank you and wish you a great day.

Jai Hind.

Prof. Leo Noronha Principal 03/03/2017

