



AUXILIUM COLLEGE (Autonomous)

(Accredited by NAAC with A+ Grade with a CGPA of 3.55 out of 4 in the 3rd cycle)
Gandhi Nagar, Vellore – 6.

COLLEGE DAY REPORT

2017 – 2018

Most esteemed and distinguished Chief Guests of the Day, Dr. Nihal Thomas, Associate Director, Christian Medical College, Vellore and Dr. Anna B. Pulimood, Principal, Christian Medical College, Vellore, Rev. Sr. Amalorpavam, Secretary, Auxilium College, Rev. Sr. Alice K.T., Controller of Examinations, the Vice-Principals Dr. (Sr). Jayashanthi R. and Dr.(Sr). Mary Sheila Susairaj, Dr. (Sr). Elizabeth Sebastian, Head, Department of Mathematics (Shift II) and Ms. Caroline. C. Associate Professor and Head Department of Commerce, our retiring faculty members, Ms. Arul Marie J., our retiring Office Assistant, Distinguished Deans and Heads of the Departments, teaching and non-teaching staff, parents, friends, invitees, well-wishers, media personnel, past pupils and my dearest students, on behalf of the college I extend a warm welcome to all of you to the College day Celebration. I deem it an honour to present the College Day Report of Auxilium College for the academic year 2017-18.

The college founded in the year 1954 by a great visionary Mother Cesira Galena, is an institution consistently striving to cater to the higher educational needs of young women, focussed on their holistic formation and integral development. Auxilium is committed to impart knowledge through well-updated syllabi and virtue through value-based education to our students. By educating the students the college, realizes the vision of its Founders to produce integrally-formed young women, who will be agents of social transformation.

A Feather in our Hat

The academic year 2017-18 blessed Auxilium College with a crowning glory, as our Past pupil Ms. Ilakiya (B.A. English 2009-12) successfully passed the Civil Service Examination (IAS) as a topper in the Main Exams. Her visit to the college was a moment of inspiration to all our students.

Inauguration of the College Union

The inauguration of the College Union marked the beginning of the academic year 2017 -18 with the blessings and best wishes invoked at the Inaugural Mass celebrated by Dr. (Fr).

Praveen Peter, Vice-Principal, Sacred Heart College, Thirupattur. Dr. Samuel N.J. David, Head, Training, Development and Management Studies, Christian Medical College, Vellore and Mr. Kulandei Francis, Magsaysay Awardee and Founder-President of the Integrated Village Development Project presided over the Inauguration of the College Union and the Investiture Ceremony of Shift I and Shift II respectively. The office-bearers of the college union sworn in their commitment and leadership to the effective conduct of all the curricular, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities.

Development and Infrastructure

The Management initiated and effectively carried over the upgradation of the infrastructural and technological facilities of the college. The New Diamond Jubilee Memorial Library is fully equipped with digitized facilities for the access of advanced reference resources, security arrangements and computers for the faculty members, research scholars and students. All the books in the library have been tagged with the Radio Frequency Identification RFID, to ensure the fair and effective use of library resources. Thanks to Dr.(Sr.) Jayaceli, Head, Dept. of Tamil and Ms. Arogiamary, Librarian and the Supportive staff of the Library for successfully executing the digitization of the library books.

The New Fitness Centre with Sports Science Backup funded by the UGC has materialised the dream of Auxilium College to produce healthy young women for the society.

The two-wheeler parking space has been expanded and the construction of additional restrooms for students is underway. Ramps were constructed at all the buildings in the campus for the benefit of the differently-abled students

IVDP

I gratefully acknowledge the benevolence of Mr. Kulandei Francis, Magsaysay Awardee and Founder-President of the Integrated Village Development Project; he has contributed Rs. 11.75 Lakhs towards IVDP Koslay Memorial Scholarship for deserving students for the academic year 2017-18. Auxilium whole-heartedly thanks Mr. Kulandei Francis for his philanthropic vision and overwhelming magnanimity.

Expanding Horizons

The College has instituted an undergraduate programme, BBA (Hospital Administration), in collaboration with Christian Medical College Hospital, Vellore. Auxilium College and CMC are

both committed to serve the underprivileged and needy. The two renowned institutions are joining hands with the establishment of the Undergraduate programme in Hospital Administration. This novel enterprise will produce employable women candidates who will be efficient managers in Healthcare.

M.Phil and Ph.D. in Management studies has been granted affiliation this academic year.

International Collaboration

India - Sri Lanka Youth Exchange Programme

In collaboration with Audacious Dreams Foundation, 37 students from Auxilium College accompanied by Dr. (Ms). Mary Agnes A, Associate Professor, Department of Zoology and Dr. (Ms). Kalaiselvi R. H., Assistant Professor, Head i/c, Department of English, 'B' Section participated in the India-Sri Lanka Youth Exchange Programme 2017. The nine-day programme was a milestone in promoting Global Understanding for Sustainable Development. The visit of the team to the Sri Lankan Youth Parliament was the highlight of the programme besides many other memorable events.

Collaboration with Commonwealth Youth Council

This academic year Auxilium College was selected as the Centre for Excellence by the Commonwealth Youth Council, the youth-wing of the Commonwealth of Nations. To mark the event, a one-day Capacity Building Programme on International Opportunities for Academicians and Young Professionals was organised in collaboration with the Commonwealth Youth Council and Audacious Dreams Foundation. The **“Road to Commonwealth Summit 2018”** was inaugurated by **Mr. Kishva Ambigapathy**, Chairperson, Commonwealth Youth Council, UK. **Mr. Dhanesh Basil**, Director, Youth Affairs, Royal Commonwealth Society, Malaysia, Advisory Member, British High Commission, Malaysia and **Mr. Dinesh Gajendran**, Catalyst and Executive Director, Audacious Dreams Foundation, presided over the event.

India-Malaysia Youth Exchange Programme

The India-Malaysia Youth Exchange programme was initiated this academic year to strengthen bilateral foreign relations among members of the Commonwealth of Nations, Asian Union and G15. Our students accompanied by Dr. Auxilia Antony, Head, Department of Commerce, Shift II visited Malaysia for a week-long programme on cultural exchange.

Youth Fest

Mr. Winfred Michael Raj, Guinness World Record Champion in solving Rubik's Cube puzzle while cycling, was invited as the Chief Guest for the Youth Fest Program. His success story with a lot of stumbling blocks was an eye-opener and inspirational to our students.

Green Corner

In order to encourage healthy eating habits among students, the college established "Green Corner" a special eatery that serves organic, traditional snacks and drinks. The eatery is an enterprise of "Suvai" a Self-Help Group from Kavasampattu, an adopted village of the NSS Unit of Auxilium College.

Results

The results of the examinations held this academic year testify the efforts of the Management, Staff and Students. The pass percentage in the Semester Examinations in various disciplines held in April 2017 is as follows:

Undergraduate Courses

S.NO.	CLASS	% OF PASS
1.	B.A. History	72.34
2.	B.A. English - A	94.03
3.	B.A. English - B	90.17
4.	B.A. English - C	78.33
5.	B.Sc. Mathematics - Shift-I	97.10
6.	B.Sc. Mathematics - Shift-II	86.36
7.	B.Sc. Chemistry	60.42
8.	B.Sc. Zoology	97.78
9.	B.Sc. Physics	91.30
10.	B.Sc. Biochemistry	72.09
11.	B.Sc. Computer Science	98.00
12.	B.Sc. Microbiology	94.87
13.	B.Sc. Visual Com.	83.33
14.	B.Com. Shift-I	80.30

15.	B.Com. Shift-II	90.37
16.	B.B.A.	95.45
17.	B.C.A - Shift I	58.33
18.	B.C.A. - Shift II	97.96

Post graduate Courses

S.NO.	CLASS	% OF PASS
1.	M.A. English	97.56
2.	M.Sc. Mathematics	81.08
3.	M.Sc. Chemistry	83.33
4.	M.Sc. Zoology	100.0
5.	M.Sc. Physics	100.0
6.	M.Sc. Comp. Science	94.44
7.	M.Sc. Electronic Media	100.0
8.	M.Com.	86.67
9.	M.B.A.	80.95
10.	M.S.W.	100.0

M.Phil. Courses

S.NO.	CLASS	% OF PASS
1.	M.Phil. English	100.0
2.	M. Phil. Mathematics	100.0
3.	M. Phil. Chemistry	100.0
4.	M.Phil. Zoology	100.0
5.	M. Phil. Comp. Science	100.0
6.	M. Phil. Commerce	100.0

Faculty

The college is committed to quality and excellence in imparting higher education, therefore, the Members of the Faculty hone their teaching skills and research aptitude by attending seminars, conferences, workshops, orientation and refresher courses, and publishing research papers in reputed journals.

Research and Consultancy

Auxilium College explored different areas of research and consultancy this academic year. Dr. (Ms.) Sugantha Kumari, Assistant Professor of Chemistry, completed a Major Research Project worth Rs.25 lakhs 98 thousand, funded by the DST Fast Track Project under the scheme, Young Women Scientist award.

Dr. (Sr.) Jayaceli, Dr. Kumari and Dr. Preetha, from the Department of Tamil, Dr. Mary Agnes, and Dr. Uma Chandra Meera from the Department of Zoology, Dr. Beulah Suresh and Dr. Renuka Devi, from the Department of Business Administration and Dr. Meenakshi, from the Department of Commerce, were conferred Guideship to supervise Doctoral Research. Dr. Amutha Arockiamary, Dr. Kalaiselvi and Ms. Devanayagi Assistant Professors of English were conferred M.Phil. Guideship this year.

Dr. J. Papeetha, Assistant Professor of Tamil, Dr. K. Aruna, Dr. Anitha Alice and Dr. Vijaiitha Christy, Assistant Professors of Commerce, Dr. Sujatha, Assistant Professor of Mathematics, Dr. Mary Gabriel I. and Dr. Hilda Prince Annie, Assistant Professors of English, Dr. Sofia, Assistant Professor of Sociology received their doctorate this academic year

Ms. Kanimozhi K.B. and Ms. Gowthamaselvi E., Assistant Professors of Tamil, Sr. Amala Valarmathy, and Ms. Geetha, Assistant Professors of English, Ms. Sangeetha Rani R., Assistant Professor of Chemistry and Ms. Ganga, Assistant Professor of History have submitted and will be defending their Doctoral theses in the coming year

Dr. (Sr.) Regina Mary, Assistant Professor of Zoology delivered a talk on “ Food Functionalization and preservative activity of bioactive colourant prodigiosin” at the 14th World Congress on Toxicology and Pharmacology held in Singapore.

Publications

The academic world is ruled by the dictum - ‘publish or perish’. Auxilium College strives to enhance knowledge, skill and research by publishing books and research articles . The Members of the faculty have published 109 research papers in reputed, peer-reviewed journals. Dr. (Ms.) Sugantha Kumari, Assistant Professor of Chemistry has published a book titled *Polysaccharide Nanosystems as Scaffolds for Tissue Engineering*. The Members of the

English Faculty have designed a text book for the Foundation Course in English titled *Darts*, published by Bloomsbury. Dr. Preetha, Assistant Professor of Tamil, published a book titled *Agananootril Malargal Pesum Maruthuva Mozhi*.

Formative Programmes

Various formative programmes were organized for the Faculty Members to enhance their skills in teaching and tone-up their interaction with students. A three-day Orientation Programme on the *Salesian Methods of Education* was held for the junior members of the faculty with Rev. (Fr.) Mani Lazar, Salesian Province Youth Director, Chennai, as the Resource Person, Dr. D. Jeyakar Chellaraj, Former Principal, Bishop Heber College, Trichy, gave an Orientation Programme on, *Teaching that Transforms*.

Certificate Courses

The college offers the following inter-disciplinary and career-oriented UGC-funded certificate courses.

The Human Resource Management & Development Certificate Course offered by the Department of Commerce (Shift I) is a bi-semester programme. About 28 students went on an Industrial visit to Twilight Software, Pudhucherry. Mecno Valves Engineer, Vellore and Uday Woods Interior, Vellore conducted recruitment for the students.

Certificate Course in Human Rights and Values in Education offered by the Department of History, coordinated by Sr. Sumathi, Head, Department of History, educates students in human rights by arranging visits to social welfare agencies, engaged in safeguarding human rights. Quiz competitions based on current affairs in India and world, people and persons, and general knowledge are conducted regularly.

The Department of English offers a **Certificate Course in Communication Skills in English** sponsored by the Thiruvalluvar University, to help students improve their skills in communicative English. The course is coordinated by Dr. Venum Cecilia, Head, Dept. of English.

The Department of Zoology, offers a **Certificate Course in Medical Laboratory Techniques** coordinated by Dr. J.S. Arockia Mary, Associate Prof. of Zoology. 76 students were enrolled

for the course this academic year.

Certificate Course in Rural Handicraft offered by the Department of History imparts the skills required for self-employability and trains students in embroidery, tailoring, jewel and toy making,

Certificate Course in MS-Office, offered by the Department of Computer Science and Computer Applications trains students in the basic computer skills.

Centre for ICAI, CA, RRB, LIC, CAT and TNPSC Coaching

The College is a recognized coaching centre under the Institute of Cost Accountants of India, with Dr. (Sr.) Sheila Susairaj, Vice-Principal (Shift II) as the Co-ordinator for IAS, LIC, Railways, ICAI, CAT, TIME Organization, P.O Banks, CA (Group I and II), IIBF exams. Dr. (Ms.) Auxilia Antony coordinates the TNPSC coaching classes.

Centre for UGC-NET, UGC-CSIR NET and SET Coaching

The College is also a recognized centre for coaching classes for UGC-NET, UGC-CSIR and SET Exams with Dr. V. Suganthakumari, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Chemistry as the coordinator. 202 students have been enrolled and benefited by the classes in General Paper. NET/SET Paper-I has been included in the curriculum for PG students in the third semester. 9 candidates have cleared the SET exams this year.

Sports and Games

Sports and Games maintain a positive and fresh outlook towards life improving both physical and mental health of our students. The first years were given 40 hours of physical fitness program in the beginning of the year. The intramural tournaments in Volleyball, Basketball, Football, Handball, Hockey, Cricket, Ball Badminton, Shuttle Badminton, Table Tennis, Chess and Athletic events were conducted for the students. The Annual Sports Meet was held on 12th August, 2017. The chief guest was Mrs.Vanitha, DIG (Deputy Inspector General, Vellore Range). T.Vidhya of II year B.Sc. Physics represented the south zone in the All India Football League Tournament held at the Lakshmi Bai National University of Physical Education (LNIPE), Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh and she was a member of the winning team at the National level. V.Deepika of II B.Sc Chemistry participated in the Inter-University Athletics Meet held at Acharya Nagarjuna University, Andhra Pradesh.

The sports ground of Auxilium College was lent for many sports activities conducted by various organisations throughout the year. Auxilium College was given the opportunity by the Regional Director, Collegiate Education to host the Intercollegiate Hockey and Shuttle Badminton Tournaments as part of the centenary celebrations of the birth of the Former Chief Minister Dr. M.G.R. The Auxilium Volley Ball, Shuttle Badminton and Basket Ball teams won the match. Auxilium College Shuttle Badminton and Hockey teams participated in the state level tournaments organised by the Directorate of Collegiate Education, Chennai.

In the Chief Minister trophy tournaments conducted at the District Level by the Sports Development Authority of Tamilnadu (SDAT), Auxilium Shuttle Badminton and Basketball teams performed excellently and 17 of our students received a cash award of Rs.1000 each.

At the National level Cricket tournaments 2017-2018 conducted by the BCCI, G.Manju, of II M.S.W represented Tamil Nadu in the National Ranji Trophy tournaments T20 and One-day tournaments. Her performance was extraordinarily good and was appreciated by the Cricket lovers very much; she had taken a number of wickets with ease and her batting style was very elegant as commented by one and all. At present she is away at Vijayawada, playing for Tamilnadu. K.Nadhini of III BBA represented the Tamil Nadu State Cricket under19 held at Vijayawada.

At the International Athletics Meet organised by VIT University, G.Manju secured the first place in 400 metres and 800 metres running and shot put. S.Monica Florence of I BCA secured the second place in 100 metres, 200 metres and 400 metres running. A group of 5 students participated in Basketball, 2 in Hockey, 2 in Football and 2 in Athletics held at the State level Chief Minister Trophy tournaments held in Thiruvannamalai, Trichy, Dindigul and Chennai respectively. Hearty congratulations to the winners, participants and the very energetic Directresses of Physical Education Dr. D. Mary Reethammal and Ms.Thennilavu.

Auxilium Research Cell

Auxilium Research Cell organized a Seminar on 'Cyber Crime and Female Victimization'. Dr Ranit Oomman Abraham, Asst. Professor, School of Excellence in Law, Dr.Ambedkar Law University, Chennai, Dr. Michael Valan and Dr. Sowmya, Assistant Professors, Department of Criminology and Police Administration, from D.G. Vaishnav College, Chennai were the resource persons. A workshop and video conference on *Challenges and Opportunities for*

Women Researchers was organized to mark the International Women's Day. Prof. Datin Dr. Norizan Abdul Razak, Director, Tun Fatimah Hashim Women Leadership Centre, Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, University of Kabangsaan, Malaysia and a team of students and research scholars from Malaysia interacted with our PG students and Research Scholars on various aspects of women and research, interdisciplinary studies and the role of technology in research. Later Dr. Meenakshi, Assistant Professor, VIT University, gave a talk on the hardships faced by women researchers.

Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC)

The **Internal Quality Assurance Cell** organised a workshop on '*Rules and Responsibilities of Non-Teaching Staff in the Development of the College*' for the Non-Teaching Staff. Rev. Dr. C.M. Varghese, Rector and Principal, Don Bosco College, Dharmapuri and Mr. Ganesan M.Sc., Accounts Officer, Joint Directorate of College Education (JDCE), Vellore facilitated the workshop. IQAC successfully conducted the Academic Audit and Administrative Audit. An "Open Student Form" was initiated successfully, to ensure the representation and participation of the students in the planning and execution of the academic activities of the college. The Annual Quality Assurance Report (AQAR) was prepared and submitted to the NAAC. The members of the Auxilium Students' Quality Cell to create awareness among students on gender abuse, usury, child abuse, role of students in the family and effects of selfie addiction, through street plays and skits during common assemblies and were actively involved in ensuring quality by taking part in instructional, motivational and review meetings, data entry and digitizing the library resource materials, maintaining discipline in and out of the class rooms, maintaining the cleanliness of the campus during break time and taking measures for the students to acquire good communicative skills in English. The ASQC members organized a poster competition on the topic "Importance of traffic rules and Road safety".

Association Activities

The English Association commenced with the inauguration of English Literary Association, Theatre and Journalism Clubs. The Chief Guest, Ms. Illakiya Victoria, IAS (Past pupil of Auxilium) interacted with the students giving useful tips and suggestions on preparing for Civil Services Exams. The Inter-Departmental Theatre Fest organised by the department showcased the theatrical skills of the students. The Department of English 'B' Section in Shift

I and the Department of Business Administration in Shift II secured the first place and Ms. Arul Selvi of I English 'B' Section, Shift I and Amritha Varshini of III B.Com., Shift II won the Best Actress Award. The Department coordinated the Ebec Business English Course certified by Cambridge University; around 70 students were enrolled for the course and the examinations will be conducted in May 2018. An inter-collegiate competition 'Auxilium Lit-fete' was organised to mark the Triple celebrations of the Diamond Jubilee of the Undergraduate course, the Vicennial of the Postgraduate Course and Decennial of Research studies in English. The Jubilee year of the department was marked by a workshop for teachers on *Communication through Storytelling and Fairytale Therapy* facilitated by Dr. Eric Miller, Director, World Storytelling Institute, Chennai. Teachers and Research Scholars from various schools and Colleges participated in the workshop.

The department of English conducted competitions in Literary Pageant, Depiction and Enactment of Literary Scenes, Poetry Recitation and Spelling Bee. The students of the department took part in the competitions held by the Shakespeare Institute of English Studies; Aadila Faraaz, of III B.A. English 'B' and Ramya of III B.Sc. Chemistry won the Silver and Bronze medals respectively. The department of English was awarded a trophy for excellent performance in the Talent Examinations conducted by the Shakespeare Institute.

The Tamil Association : The activities of the Ma.Vedanayagar Tamil Mandram, was inaugurated by Mr. Prabakaran, Reporter, Dinakaran Daily News Paper. He spoke on '*Medai Petchu Amaipumurai*'. Speech Competition was held on the topic '*Putthagangaley Gnyanathin Vergal*'. The Tamil Association conducted essay and poetry-writing competitions to commemorate the birth centenary of *Makkal Thilagam* M.G.Ramachandaran. Drawing and drama competitions were conducted in order to showcase the talents of the students. A Dance Competition on the theme '*Mozhi Inam*' was conducted. As part of the Muthamizh Vizha Celebrations, *Nedumpayanam* – a Drama by Dr. K. Parthibaraja, Asst. Prof., of Tamil, Sacred Heart College, Tirupatthur and *Matru Nadaga Iyakkam* was staged. Poetry recitation competition on Bharathiyar Kavithaigal was conducted. To commemorate the 86th Birthday of Dr.Abdul Kalam essay competitions were conducted on the topic 'I am Kalam – Making India a developed Country'.

The Hindi Association conducted an Inter-Departmental Patriotic Song competition to nurture the spirit of patriotism and to mark the celebration of the Hindi Diwas. A Guest Lecture was organized on the topic *Computer Mein Hindi Ka Prayog* (Hindi in Computers).

The Resource person was Dr. K. Jayalakshmi, Assistant Professor, School of Science and Languages, VIT University, Vellore.

The History Association commemorated the Vellore Sepoy Mutiny on 10th July, highlighting the freedom struggle and its importance. Independence Day celebration was observed, as a gesture of inculcating the spirit of oneness and national integration. To mark the 75th year of the Quit India Movement, a resource talk by Ms. Sachu Kumari, Past pupil and Headmistress of Government School Asnampet, Vellore, was organised on the topic, *Rise of Nationalism among Indians and the Role of Freedom Fighters*. As part of the extension activities, the staff and students visited the After Care Home and Aathma Shanthi Old Age Home. Dr. (Ms). Kavitha, Assistant Professor of History, and Ms. Manimegalai, Asst. Prof. of Tamil, and 4 students from the History Department, were part of the discovery team led by Mr. Chandramoorthy, Former Deputy Director of Archaeology, Govt. of Tamil Nadu that discovered a bas-relief sculpture of *Jyeshtha Devi*.

The Mathematics Association commenced with an inaugural lecture on *Secure Schemes for Secret Sharing using Convertible Matrix* delivered by Dr. P. Muralikrishna, Assistant Professor of Mathematics, Muthurangam Government Arts College, Vellore. Dr. (Sr.) Elizabeth Sebastian, Head of the Department, Shift II, delivered Resource lectures in Voorhees College, Vellore, and a Workshop in Mornese, Yercaud. The students took part in various district level cultural events and won prizes. Inauguration of the Maths Association Shift II commenced with a lecture on *Career Opportunities in Mathematics* by Dr. Adhityan, Assistant Professor of Mathematics, SRM University, Chennai. The association conducted various co-curricular activities like Aptitude test, Drawing competition, Essay competition and Cross-word puzzle. The PG students of Mathematics went on an educational tour to the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), Thiruvananthapuram, they visited the planetarium and learnt about aircrafts, satellites and the space.

The Chemistry Association was inaugurated with a resource talk on *Aromaticity* by Dr.K. Subramani, Associate Professor, Department of Chemistry, Islamiah College, Vaniyambadi. Dr. S. Ezhil Christudoss, Former Principal and Head, Department of Chemistry, Voorhees College, Vellore, delivered a resource lecture on *Carbon Foot Prints* which highlighted the causes and steps to be taken for the prevention of global warming. To mark

the diamond jubilee celebration of the Department of Chemistry a National conference was conducted on 'Recent Research in Chemical Sciences' and a debate for the Students of the member colleges of RUSAC. Dr. S. Ulaganayaki Palani, Principal, Annai Veilankanni's College for Women, Saidapet, Chennai was the Moderator of the debate.

The Zoology Association A two-day National Conference on *Conserve and Coexist* was organised to mark the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations of the department. In response to the appeal of His Holiness Pope Francis, the World Day of the Poor was observed by distributing stationery supplies to the inmates of Litter Flower Home. The department of Zoology organized the following Endowment lectures :

- Sr. Maria Fino Endowment lecture on *Animal Diversity* by Dr. Veni, DKM College, Vellore.
- Sr. Cleofe Fassa Endowment Lecture on "Database and Basic Analysis in Bioinformatics" by Dr. Charles Jacob Harrys Kishore, Postdoctoral Scientist, Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Centre, Miami School of Medicine, Miami, USA.
- Sr. Regina Colombo Endowment Lecture on "DNA Finger Printing and its Applications" by Dr. Asha Devi Associate Professor, School of Bioscience Genetics and School of Biosciences, VIT University, Vellore.
- Sr. Antoinette Aloysius Endowment Lecture on "Recent Advances in Animal Biotechnology and Biomedical Nanotechnology" by Dr. Rajesh Kumar, Research Scientist, School of Bioscience and Technology, VIT University, Vellore.
- Sr. Ethelvina Endowment Lecture for PG Students by Dr. Jayanthi Abraham, Professor, Microbial Biotechnology lab, School of Biosciences and Technology SBST, VIT University on "The Colourful world of Microbes – Pigment Extraction"

The Commerce Association conducted a six-day Seminar on Consumer Rights and Responsibilities and Right to Information Act for the II year students. Ms. Usha Bernadette Mary G, Asso. Professor and Ms. Sangeetha S. Asst. Professor and Co-ordinator Consumer Club attended a meeting held on the Consumer Rights Day at the District Collectorate, Sathuvachari, Vellore, presided over by the District Collector of Vellore, Thiru S.A. Raman. The Commerce Association, Shift II had a very dynamic start as the association activities were inaugurated by the District Collector of Vellore, Mr. Raman. A Minor Project proposed by the department of Commerce Shift II was sanctioned by the National Science and Technology Entrepreneurship Development Board, Ahmadabad, Gujarat. The final year

students went on industrial visits to Naidu Hall and the leather factories around Vellore District. 35 students from B.Com (Banking and Insurance) in collaboration with Vellore Institute of Commerce conducted an awareness programme on digital banking for the natives of Karpalayam (Senur) and Karasamangalam villages.

The Social Work Association organised an awareness programme, *Uyirkural* (The Voice of Life), on female infanticide, animated by Ms. Karmal Nisha, Social Worker from the United States of America. A workshop on Basic Skill Development was organised for all the students; Dr. Guru Nagarajan, a senior social worker from the rehabilitation institute of CMC, Vellore and a professional expert provided theoretical inputs to the students on community organisation. Ms. Adhirai, I MSW, gave an awareness programme on personal hygiene for students from the 7th grade to the 12th grade in the Government Higher Secondary School, Ammoor. All the 1st year Social Work students visited Venkatapuram in Palamathi hills to practise Participatory Rural Appraisal method to learn their methodology in social research. All the II year Social Work students carried out their internship in industries, hospitals and non-governmental organisations.

The Business Administration Association commenced the academic year with an orientation programme and a resource talk by Fr. Abraham Mohan on Developing Personal skills. The Business Administration Association was inaugurated and presided over by Dr. Jayaprakash, Academic Trainer, VIT University. A workshop on Lifestyle Management was conducted as part of the MoU signed with the Academy of Prison and Correctional Administration (APCA). Business Quiz, Paper Presentations and Best Manager Competitions were conducted as part of the association activities. Students from II MBA participated in a conference on GST held at VIT University in collaboration with the Daily Newspaper The Hindu. Mr. Gerald Victor, Mrs. Latha, Joint Secretary of Central Tax, Mr. Prakash C, Secretary, Customs and Central Tax and Mr. Kumar, Superintendent were the Chief Guests. A guest lecture on the topic *Global Talent and Management in Digital Era* was delivered by Mrs. Freeda Gnanaselvam, Associate Professor of Management Studies, University of Gondar, Ethiopia. A training programme was hosted by Mr. Sabu, Member of the Security Exchange Board of India (SEBI), on various security and investment measures for successful business and the measures taken by SEBI to protect the investors. The staff and students of Business Administration went on an educational trip to New Delhi and visited the Indian Parliament,

Stephen Hospital and AIMS Hospital, New Delhi. International Women's Day was celebrated by the department on a grand scale in collaboration with the Rotary club, Vellore. An Awareness programme on Breast and Cervical Cancer, facilitated by Dr. Selvamani, Head, Department of Radiology, CMCH, was followed by a breast cancer awareness camp and medical screening, organised by Christian Medical College, Vellore. Around 600 women participated and benefited from the event. Mind Ocean Soft Company, Chennai, conducted campus interview and 19 students were shortlisted for various domains.

The Biochemistry Association was inaugurated by Dr. Victoria Job, Former Head, Department of Biochemistry, CMC, Vellore; she gave a lecture on *Recent Trends in Clinical Biochemistry*.

The Microbiology Association organised an inaugural lecture on *Bioremediation and Myco Remediation* by Dr. Jayanthi Abraham, Senior Professor, School of Biosciences and Technology, VIT University. A one-day National Seminar was organized in association with the Department of Biochemistry on 13th September 2017. Eminent resource persons like Dr. Venkaeswaran, Head, Department of Food Microbiology and Fermentation Technology, CFTRI-Mysore, Dr. Joy Sarojini Michael, Head Department of Clinical Microbiology, Dr. Eapen, Medical Superintendent, Christian Medical College, Vellore, Dr. Saravanan, Assistant Professor of Marine Pharmacology, Chettinad Academy of Research and Education, Kelambakkam, Kanchipuram and Dr. Zhejiang, University of China shared their expertise and skills with the participants.

The Physics Association was inaugurated by Dr. S.A. Martin Britto Dhas, Assistant Professor of Physics, Sacred Heart College, Tirupattur. He gave a lecture on *Analytical Instrumentation*. The students presented their research articles. Ms. Shalini, Assistant Professor of Physics attended Science Academia lecture on *Emerging Trends in Physics*. Ten PG students accompanied by two staff members, participated in the 90th birthday anniversary celebration

M.K. Vainu Bappu held in Vainu Bappu Observatory, Kavalur. 103 students from various colleges in and around Vellore actively participated in the Intercollegiate Seminar on "Nanotechnology and its Applications".

The Computer Science and Computer Application Association was inaugurated with a

talk by Ms. Jayashri, Senior Software Programmer, Spiro Solutions, on *Big Data Analytics*. A National Seminar on *Current Innovation in Computer Technology* was inaugurated by Mr. Narendra G, Head Training and Research, ICT Academy Tamil Nadu. Mr. Umashanker D., Co-Founder, Trumatics Software Labs, Chennai and Mr. Chandar Subramanian, Senior Software Engineer, Flatirons Jouve Solutions India Pvt. Ltd., Chennai, were the resource persons of the programme. Marketing, Quiz, Paper presentations, Web Designing, Cyber Blabber were some of the activities conducted for the students. Mr. Akbar Khan A. Software Automation Test Engineer from IMS Health Care, Vellore facilitated a State Level Workshop on *Software Testing Tool - Selenium*.

The Communication Media Association conducted an Art Workshop. Mr. Balaji Balasubramaniyan, Artist, Dot Imagine Drawing Institute, inaugurated the association activities and spoke on the key concepts of 2d, 3d and 4d drawings. The Department conducted a competition in fruits and vegetable-carving. The final year students rendered their extension service as teaching assistants in Auxilium Primary School. The students participated in the Media Fest – An Intercollegiate Festival conducted by the School of Media and Communication, Shri Shankarlal Sundarbai Shasun Jain College for Women, Chennai. Students rendered their service to the inmates of Nambikai Illam on the World Day for the Poor. An inter-departmental competition on Face painting based on the theme “FANTASY” was conducted. The photograph competition Photo Expo’17 was organized. The judge Mr. Balaji, Proprietor of Balaji studio, spoke to the students on various types of photographic techniques.

The National Service Scheme

The NSS unit of the college organized and monitored a special drive to enroll New Young Voters in the College. Honorable District Collector of Vellore Mr. S. A. Raman inaugurated the enrollment process. 271 students were enrolled in the voters list. 30 NSS Volunteers participated in the sapling plantation programme held at Thiruvalluvar University. Dr. G. Murugan, Vice-Chancellor, presided over the event. As part of the Dengue awareness campaign Nilavembu Kudineer was served to the college students and general public. The

Annual NSS Special Camp was held at Jawadhi Hills from 4.11.2017 to 10.11.2017. Ms. Keerthana, NSS Volunteer participated in the State Republic Day Parade. An input session on Red Moon and Solar Eclipse was organized in collaboration with the Tamil Nadu Science Forum (TNSF). Dr. Saravanan, Assistant Professor of Commerce, Dr. Ambedkar Government Arts College, Chennai, Dr. Thenmozichelvi, Vice President, TNSF, gave a power point presentation on Eclipse and the Blue Moon. R. Velmurugan, Joint Secretary, TNSF and Senthamizh Selvan, State treasurer, TNSF were present at the occasion.

The National Cadet Corps participated in a National Integration camp held at Periyar Maniammai University, Vallam, Tanjore. NCC cadet Sgt. Vishali, Cpl P.Sreswedha and Cpl. Uma Maheshwari participated in the National Integration Camp held at St. James Engineering College at Naavalkaadu, Kanyakumari. Sgt. Lucksha Jelina, Sgt. Johnsi Rani and L.Cpl Rubasha took part in the camp. NCC cadet V. Deepika participated in the Chief Minister's trophy 2017, held at Nethaji Stadium, Chennai. She won the II prize in Javelin Throw. 31 NCC cadets of Auxilium college unit took part in the Combined Annual Training Camp which was held at Ethiraj College, Egmore, Chennai. Sgt. Gayathri .V of III BCA was selected as Best Cadet. She participated in the Republic Day Camp held at New Delhi and gave guard of honour to the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi during the Rally. She also gave a Barathanatiam Dance Performance on the Republic day celebration. 9 Cadets participated in the Madras Republic Day selection camp in Kelambakkam, VIT Chennai. Our Associate NCC officer Dr. Lt. Anitha Alice E. was detailed for Madras Republic Day Camp.

AICUF students of Auxilium College underwent a training programme on the old rich culture of Tamil Nadu under Dr. Parthiba Raja, Professor Dept. of Tamil and his research scholars Ms. Rupa and Mr. Raja Sekar. The AICUF volunteers took part in the International Camp in Bangalore and National and State level Camps held in Chennai, Trichy, Tirupathur, Tiruvarur and Tanjore on Team building, Leadership Training Programme, Alternative Theatre Performance Training Programme and Preparation for the reception of the Sacraments in Michel Puram, Thiurvannamalai. A Candle Light Peace March was animated by Dr. (Sr.) Regina Mary to inculcate peace and harmony in the hearts of people and to pray for the victims of war and religious persecution in South Sudan, Congo and Syria.

The Career Guidance and Placement Cell provided assistance and guidance for the

students to build their skills for employability and personality development through seminars, orientation and training programmes. All the final year undergraduate students were given an orientation programme by Mr. Rajesh Thomas, Professional Soft Skill trainer from C2C Chennai. Career Guidance and Placement Cell is associated with IDBI FEDERAL, T.I.M.E, IAC, Drona Educational Trust, Freedom Concept School, AGS Health, Sky Reach, Mind Ocean Soft Consultancy. The Cell also conducted campus interviews for all the Final Year students. Around 676 students participated in the placement programme and 230 students got selected in many concerns. Many CBSE schools from all over Tamil Nadu conducted campus interviews in the college.

Kanali Women's Cell follows the motto, Empower Women to Enlighten Humanity. To mark the International Women's Day, a week-long celebration was held with various activities on the UNO theme **Time is Now: Rural and Urban activists transforming women's lives.** Mama Margaret award was instituted by Kanali Women's Cell to acknowledge the service of rural women rendered to the society particularly for children and women. This year the award was given to Mrs. Arokia Mary K. from Arakkonam who initiated consistent income-generating programmes for women through micro-credit and also extends a helping hand in government projects that promote women empowerment.

The Youth Red Cross Club conducted a cancer awareness programme to the Youth Red Cross volunteers. Dr. Obed John from the Department of Community Medicine, CMCH gave a lecture on Cancer prevention. The members had an opportunity to visit "Karunalaya", a home for orphans. The YRC wing of Shift II was inaugurated by Dr. C. Indernath, Secretary, IRCS. An Eye Camp was organized in association with CMC Shell, about 105 beneficiaries attended the camp and 27 were diagnosed with cataract and free surgeries were done.

The VIDES adopted Thriumani and Senur as the adopted villages for rendering service to the children who are studying in the Government Schools around the village. 30 volunteers rendered service to the natives of Melpadi village, Vallimalai.

The Rangers

With Service as their ultimate motto **the Rangers** worked throughout the year. The Ranger Leaders, Dr.(Sr.) Jaya Shanthi, Vice-Principal and Dr. (Mrs.) Sabarmathi Assistant Professor

of Mathematics co-ordinated programmes to produce active and energetic Rangers. A Two-day orientation programme was arranged for the members on “The Roles and Responsibilities of Rangers”. A three-day service camp at Michaelpuram village, Thiruvannamalai District was organized to render service and conduct awareness programmes to the natives. With the spirit of appreciating and safeguarding the environment for future generations, the Rangers went on an adventure camping with the Rover Leaders of Southern Railways, Chennai and Katpadi Region, in natural surroundings of Ketty, Ooty. 42 Rangers assisted in the Pulse Polio Immunization campaign organised by the Vellore City Municipal Corporation on 28th January and 11th March 2018. The Christmas, New Year and Pongal celebrations were organized for the natives of the five villages adopted villages in T.K Puram in collaboration with Bro. Lucas, Director of Don Bosco Rural Centre and Don Bosco Youth Center. 26 Rangers of Auxilium College along with Mr.Mathimaran’s Rovers team, Bharathidasan Scout and Kasthuribai Guide group and a medical team from the Government Hospital, Adukkamparai organised a blood donation camp. Auxilium Rangers donated blood.

The Karate Club trained its members on defence and offence techniques for personal safety and to develop a well-balanced mind and body.

The Debators’ Club conducted a debate on the topic *Indraiya Maanavarkalukku Thevai Kandipa, Kavanipa?*

The Enviro Club conducted a cookery competition using green vegetables. Dr. Sukumar, from Coimbatore conducted a demonstration for making herbal cosmetics like face powder and soap.

The Rotract Club conducted an Eye Screening camp in collaboration with Agarwals Eye Hospital, Vellore, for the staff and students. 120 members of the Rotract club rendered voluntary service at the Pulse Polio Immunization Camp conducted in and around Vellore on 28th January 2018.

The IT Club conducted a Marketing event on common computer devices. The members of the club presented papers and posters, displaying their knowledge and technical skills. A

model- making competition was conducted on the Topic “How Social Media Works”.

The Media Club Ms.Dhanalakshmi attended a seminar on Media Education animated by Fr. Maria Antony SDB, Principal Sacred Heart College who spoke on the impact and influence of media among youth and common people as it affects them physically, psychologically and emotionally.

The Journalism Club encourages and empowers those who are creatively inclined. The members of the club write poems and articles for the College magazine and the Journal, “Sibylline”. The club also conducts the interview for best reader award every year.

Red Ribbon Club (RRC)

The **RRC** volunteers participated in the International Youth Day celebration organized by the RRC unit of Thiruvalluvar University. The RRC and NSS units observed the World AIDS Day by creating awareness on the prevention and control of HIV. The Volunteers donated 10 units of blood.

The Small Savings Club earned 126 depositors who saved Rs.1,92,000 for this academic year, and the same was transferred to Recurring Deposit Account for the benefit of the depositors.

The Citizen Consumer Club organised input sessions and competitions on topics like online trading, food adulteration, misleading advertisements and cashless economy.

The Theatre Club identified students with skills in acting and trained its members, to stage plays on Christmas celebration, Gratitude Day and College Day.

The **Health and Fine Arts Club** was inaugurated by Mrs. Sonia Gopinath, M.Com., B.Ed., M.Phil. classical dance teacher from La Reina International School, Vellore. She gave a lecture on the *Importance of Dance for a Healthy Life*. The club also conducted various activities like painting, jewellery-making, nail art, food without fire, mehendi competition and pencil art

The **Women Entrepreneur Development Cell** organised an Orientation Programme on Entrepreneurship animated by Prof. Anil Kumar, Acharya Business School, Bangalore. To motivate young and rural women entrepreneurs to start their own business the Women Entrepreneur Development Cell organised an exhibition and fair for many Self Help groups

from Vellore, featuring the sale of various handmade and organic products. The Vellore District Collector Mr. S.A. Raman, I.A.S inaugurated the exhibition and the keynote address was delivered by Mr. Gopi, Assistant Project Officer, Self Help Group (SHG), Vellore. Mr. Elango, Public Relations Officer, Vellore graced the occasion. A three-day “Entrepreneurship Awareness Camp” and an Industrial visit to Aavin Parlour, Sathuvachari, Vellore, was organised for the members.

The seed of knowledge and virtue was sown in the soil of Auxilium 63 years ago. Today the college is a luscious pasture for young women who aspire to take a leap across boundaries, and rewrite the past of women into a glorious record of progress, empowerment and enlightenment. Auxilium owes its genesis, growth and success to many generous people, or friends, benefactors and parents.

On behalf of the Management, Teaching and Non-teaching staff and the students, I take this opportunity to offer special thanks to the retiring staff.

I owe my sincere thanks to Mrs. Caroline, Head, Department of Commerce for her service to Auxilium and the student community. My thanks are due to the family members of Mrs. Caroline, for their support and love.

I am grateful to the service of Dr. (Sr.) Elizabeth Sebastian for her service to the college and young people. She was actively involved in Research and Extension activities as the coordinator of groups and movements, and set new standards and goals for excellence. I sincerely thank the family members of Sr. Elizabeth for committing her to the vocation of service.

I am glad and overwhelmed with gratitude to acknowledge the service rendered by our Office Assistant, Ms. Arul Marie, for her dedication, commitment and hard work during her 42 years of service in Auxilium. My thanks are due to the family of Arul Akka, for their support and love.

As I myself am retiring from service this year, I take this blessed moment to thank my Lord, who has been guiding every step of my life and for blessing me with this wonderful religious mission.

Auxilium, my Alma mater is the prime factor in determining my individuality, nurturing my identity and motivating my true self to turn my dreams of service into a reality. I associate

my youthful formation with this great institution and take this opportunity to thank all the former secretaries and principals for their encouragement, my senior faculty who shaped my career, all my fellow sisters for their friendly, loving care and concern and for accompanying me in my spiritual journey. My profound gratitude and thanks to all my present colleagues for their unflinching support and energy that helped me to perform my duty as Vice Principal and Principal.

I am nothing without the department of Zoology, the abode of my learning and teaching. I place my very sincere thanks to all the former Heads, faculty, the present staff and students of the department for standing by me to fulfil my duty as an educator.

A very sincere thanks to all the non teaching staff and the boys who help us in administration and maintenance of the College. I recognise and appreciate their co-operation in the conduct of the College activities effectively.

I owe my love and prayers to all the hostellers who have been wonderful children, giving me the joy of working for them.

I thank my parents for allowing me to choose my vocation, my sisters and brother for backing me up in the matters of concern and my relatives for their love and encouragement.

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“People who change after change will survive, People who change with the change will succeed, People who cause the change will lead”

I wish and pray that Auxilium College causes the change and lead our students to a brighter world. May God and Mother Mary Bless the family of Auxilium with many more laurels and glory. May this Temple of Knowledge and Virtue continue to shine in the path of love and wisdom.

Thank You !