

# Stella Maris College celebrates 75 years; alumni join in

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**Chennai:** Stella Maris College on Saturday commemorated its 75th jubilee year with one of its largest alumni meets in recent years. The event saw eminent alumni sharing their experiences at the historic institution and the values they went on to imbibe later in life and at work.

The event was attended by Chitra Mahesh, trustee of Mahesh Memorial Trust that runs a hospital for children afflicted with cancer; Hema Ravichandar, well-known strategic HR advisor; Merlia Shaukath, founder and CEO of Madhi Foundation that works towards children's education, and Thejo Menon, contemporary artist and curator.

"I passed out of the sociology class of 1977 and found myself determined to impact the lives of people positively. That led me to foray into journalism, which at that time, was male-dominated," Chitra said. "I began writing about the arts and in that, discovered how unifying it could be," she said.

Hema, who has served as senior VP and Global Head of Human Resources for Infosys, spoke about 'creative collabo-



**REMINISCING:** The panellists during the event

ration' and the importance of coaching young women with potential. "It is crucial to systematically incorporate the coaching of individual women who are facing male-dominated workplaces," she said.

Merlia Shaukath spoke about how her training at the institution gave her the heart and the head required to solve complex social problems. "My education here made me realise that it was possible to do good by doing well, even in the development sector," she said.

Artist Thejo Menon highlighted how she had over the years, learned to become compassionate and giving in her art work, as well as create value in the teaching of fine arts among students.

Principal Sr. Rosy Joseph said it was heart-warming to see an attendance of this scale in a long time.

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