

ANNUAL REPORT 2017-18

Good morning and a warm welcome to our 71st College Day celebrations. I extend warm greetings to Thiru Sunil Paliwal IAS, Principal Secretary to the Government, Higher Education Department, Government of Tamil Nadu, our chief guest on this special occasion. He has held crucial portfolios in the Government of Tamil Nadu, and is a 1993 batch Tamil Nadu Cadre IAS Officer. We thank you, Sir, for taking time off from your busy schedule to be here with us this morning.

I extend a warm welcome to Sr. Christine Antony, Superior, Sr. Susan, Secretary of the College, Dr. Sr. Helen Vincent, former Principal, Vice- Principals, Deans, faculty, members of the Governing Body, the Academic Council, administrative and support staff, retired faculty, parents, alumnae, benefactors, friends, FMM Sisters and you, my dear students.

I greet very specially on this occasion six of our faculty and staff who retire after several decades of dedicated service.

Dr. Rashida Banu, Department of Commerce, after 32 years

Dr. V. Padma, Department of English after 16 years

Mr. G. Susai Rajarathinam, Administrative Staff after 29 years

Mr. M. Murugan, Support Staff, after 32 years

Mr. S. Selvaraj, Support Staff, after 29 years

Mrs. T. Uthriya Mary, Support Staff, after 25 years

Thank you for your invaluable services to this institution. You have been a vital part of our community and have contributed in many ways to the growth of the institution. We pray that you may be blessed with happy and peaceful years in retirement.

With deep sadness I announce the passing away of beloved members of our College community. Dr. Madhu Dhawan, former Head, Department of Hindi passed away on 26 June 2017. Dr. Ms. Jatinder Singh, of the Department of Fine Arts, passed away on 19 July 2017. Dr. Hannah John, Department of Zoology, passed away suddenly, yesterday March 9.

Ms. Vasanthika, part-time research scholar, Department of Mathematics passed away on 21 January 2018. Let us pause in silence to pray for the repose of their souls. We pray that God may comfort their families while they grieve this irreparable loss.

The year has been memorable in many ways, not the least because the College community, faculty and students have achieved so much, but because every day, through our activities, interactions, plans, we reaffirm our commitment to quality and values-based education. Our team-work, unstinting efforts to improve the educational experience of our students, the empowered leadership demonstrated at every level, testify to the continual process of fulfillment of our vision and mission objectives. The many awards that have been conferred on faculty are a testimony to their dedication and devotion to duty in the field of education.

Dr. Sr. Jasintha Quadras was conferred the title “*Rajyotsava Prashasthi*” by the Kannada Rajyotsava Samithi in November 2017 for her meritorious contribution in the field of education. In January 2018, the All India Association for Christian Higher Education conferred on her the “Best Principals of India- 2017” Award at Christ University, Bangalore. She was also elected the Vice-President of AIACHE.

Sr. Susan Matheikal was awarded the "Bharat Vidya Shiromani" and "Certificate of Education Excellence" by the International Institute of Education and Management in September 2017, and “The Star of Asia” award by The International Business Council in December 2017 for her outstanding achievements and remarkable role in the field of education.

Dr. Rashida Banu, Department of Commerce received the Best Teacher Award from Lions Club International.

Dr. Nirmala Kanagaraj, Vice-Principal, Shift II received the Teaching Excellence Award—Senior by Biozone Icon Technologies in February 2018.

Dr. Agnes Rozario, Vice-Principal, Department of Commerce received the Distinguished Leader Award from the Venus International Foundation.

Dr. Mary N. L., Department of Chemistry, received the GJR award, instituted by the former heads of department.

Ms. Lora Deva Prasana, postgraduate Department of Social Work received the “Woman of Substance” Award from the Women’s Rights Organisation, Puducherry.

Dr. Mary Teresita V., Department of Chemistry, received the “Outstanding Woman in Science” from Venus International Foundation.

Dr. A. Fathima, Department of Hindi, received the Pyaari Devi Ghisaram Literary Award.

Dr. I. Lakshmi, Department of Computer Science, received the Best Faculty Award from Integrated Intelligent Research.

Ms. V. Vini Machado, Department of Tamil, received the Ilaignargalin Vazhikatti and the Gnanachudar award.

Dr. Cinthia Jude, Department of History, received the ‘National Award of Excellence’ from the Glacier Journal Research Foundation, in November.

Ms. Nandha Devi, Department of Bioinformatics attended the Summer Leadership Programme at the Trinity Western University, Toronto, Canada, in July.

Dr. Sr. Jasintha Quadras was a panelist at an international conference on "Refugees and Migrants in a Globalized World: Responsibility and Responses of Universities " in Rome where she was granted a special audience with the Pope. She has been sanctioned a three year research project by the Science & Engineering Research Board of the DST, Government of India. She was the Member Coordinator of the NAAC peer team for Assessment and Accreditation of Midnapore College (Autonomous). She conducted a one-day workshop on “Quality Sustenance in Higher Education” at Maris Stella College, Vijayawada.

Dr. A. Punitha, Department of Economics was awarded a Minor Research Project supported by Malcolm & Elizabeth Adiseshiah Trust.

Dr. Sandra Joseph, Department of Social Work was awarded a three year Project supported by IFCU. She was invited as a Visiting Professor to the Summer School at Coburg University of Applied Sciences and Arts, Germany. She was also invited as a Resource Person by Aquinas College of Higher Studies, Sri Lanka.

The undergraduate Department of Social Work was awarded a one-year United Board project titled “Community Based Care for Older Persons: Assessment and Intervention.”

Dr. Felbin C. Kennedy, Department of Mathematics & Dean of Academic Affairs, was invited as a Tutorial Sessions Speaker at the Bilateral International Conference in Japan in August 2017.

Dr. Sr. Rosy Joseph, Department of Mathematics & Controller of Examinations presented a paper at the international conference organised by the Forum of Interdisciplinary Mathematics in Japan in August.

Ms. Mary Shantha Joseph and Ms. Divya Dovina, Department of Psychology, were resource persons for a workshop on Juvenile Justice and Juvenile Psychology organised by the Department of Criminology and UNICEF.

Dr. Margaret Thomas, Department of Fine Arts, received the Session’s Best Presentation Award at an International Conference in Sri Lanka.

Dr. Lakshmi Priya Daniel, Department of Fine Arts, received the Session’s Best Presentation Award at the International Conference organised by the Research and Development Association in Goa.

Dr. Srabani Bhattacharyya, Department of Hindi, was felicitated at the Hindi International Conference in Kolkata.

Dr. Veena Gayathri, Department of Biotechnology, won the "Best Paper Award" at the national conference organised by the Hindustan College of Arts and Science. She was awarded a Certificate of Achievement for her contribution to bioscience by Biozone Research Technologies

Pvt. Ltd. She has published two book chapters through IGI Global and Nova Publishers USA and obtained a patent based on her Ph.D. work.

Dr. Vidhya S.A., Department of Zoology, received a Certificate of Appreciation for her paper presented at the International Conference at Ethiraj College.

Ms. M. Mahalakshmi, Librarian received a certificate of appreciation for contribution to the NPTEL Programme.

Dr. Aruna Sharmili S., Department of Biotechnology, has published her Doctoral thesis as a book through Lambert Academic Publishing, Germany.

Dr. Kalpana Jayaraman, Department of Zoology, Dr. Priya Mary George, Department of Social Work, and Dr. Dolly Thomas, Department of History published a book on "Folklore Culture and Heritage of Tamil Nadu- A Glimpse". This is a UB supported Project on Promotion of Folklore, Culture and Heritage of Tamil Nadu for Sustainable Development.

Dr. Shiny John Vairamon, Department of Chemistry and Dr. Sandra Joseph, Department of Social Work attended a two-day policy deliberation on “Engaging with Public Universities in India: Autonomy as an Idea and its Practice” organised by National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration in Delhi on March 8 & 9 and made a presentation on the best practices of Stella Maris College under autonomy.

The following faculty members received their doctoral degrees:

Dr. Sr. G. Francisco Nirmala fmm, Department of Physics,

Dr. Renuka Devi and Dr. R. B. Ayeswarya, Department of Commerce, Dr. Suganthi R., Department of Tamil, and Dr. S. Shrinidhi, Department of Public Relations.

Dr. Sandra Joseph, Department of Social Work, Dr. Sr. Stella Mary, Department of Economics, Dr. S. Teresa Arockiamary and Dr. S. Sarah Surya, Department of Mathematics, have been recognised as supervisors for doctoral students.

Dr. Sr. Nirmala completed the second phase of her United Board Fellowship at Tunghai University, Taiwan and attended the UB conference on Effective Leadership in Singapore in June 2017, to mark the completion of her fellowship.

Dr. Lakshmi Priya Daniel, Department of Fine Arts has been selected for the United Board Fellows Programme 2018-2019. She will spend three weeks at a top university in the US and one semester at a university in Asia.

Dr. C. L. Shilaja, Department of English has been selected to participate in the Technology-Assisted Teaching and Learning for Whole Person Education Conference in May 2018 in Hong Kong.

As part of a United Board Project “Training the Trainer on Vocational Skills –a group of faculty members visited Tunghai University, Taiwan. The visit resulted in the signing of an MoU for student and faculty exchange, internship and research possibilities.

Through the activities of the SMICMR, the College has continued to forge collaborations with international institutions. An MoU was signed with LeTourneau University, Longview, Texas, USA. This provides for faculty and student exchanges, research projects, cultural programmes and a special non-credit programme. The Research Centre undertook a new initiative to train undergraduate students in research methodology for which 86 students registered. On completion of their dissertation, they will receive two extra credits.

As part of World Tourism Day celebrations the Department of History organised the ‘Absolute Indian Travel Bazaar’ in October. Several International Tourism Boards and Airlines participated. The Bazaar received the approval of the Ministry of Tourism and was included under the ‘Paryatan Paarv’, initiative of the Government of India. The event was supported by the UB Project on the promotion of Folklore Culture and Heritage of Tamil Nadu. The Department received The Best in Tourism Education at the Tamil Nadu Tourism Awards functions.

The Department of Commerce Shift II inaugurated its Silver Jubilee this year in July 2017.

With the funds received under FIST of the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India, we have set up an Instrumentation Centre at the CRIST Lab. It was inaugurated in August 2017, by Dr. B. Chandrasekaran, Director, CSIR – CLRI, Chennai.

New technologies for improving the educational experience have changed the way we work. All library functions will soon come under RFID. The College was listed as one of the top ten users of the N-list Programme for the fourth consecutive year.

The auditorium at St. Francis Block was renovated to international standards with State-of-the-Art audio and video systems, and automated lighting control systems using wireless mesh technology.

A gym has been set up on campus, with cardio and strength building equipment installed. An exclusive Strength Room will be opened soon.

A Safe Food Festival, organised to mark the tenth year of reStore was held on campus. It showcased the benefits of eating traditional food and staying connected to the land. An organic farming initiative has been progressing on campus under the direction of Dr. Sundari Krishnamurthy, Director, SMCNC and Dr. Sathyabama, Department of Botany.

Our commitment to environmental sustenance continues to grow and the Stella Greenhouse funded by the Rotary Club of Madras East and Dr. Priscilla Jebakumari, former Vice-Principal was inaugurated in October 2017.

The Open Air Theatre was the scene of several events this year. Founder's day was held on 17 November, with a cultural feast celebrating the life and works of Blessed Mary of the Passion. The message, focusing on her legacy was delivered by Sr. Stella Balthazar of Ooty Province. Graduation Day was held on 23 September 2017. The Department of Social Work, Stella Maris College partnered with the Kailash Satyarthi Children's Foundation, Bachpan Bachao Andolan, Hand in Hand, India, and Chennai Coordinating Committee in launching the Chennai arm of Bharat Yatra 'A Nationwide Campaign for Safe Childhood - Safe India'. The Yatra was flagged

off by the Hon'ble Chief Justice of Madras High Court Ms. Indira Banerjee and the Nobel Peace Laureate 2014, Mr. Kailash Satyarthi who led the Bharat Yatra.

In commemoration of International Human Rights Day 2017 and the International Day of Persons with Disabilities 2017, the College, in collaboration with the Australian High Commission, Chennai hosted Mr. Curtis McGrath, OAM, Para Canoeist and Gold Medalist 2016 Rio Paralympics.

Ms. Gautami Tadimalla, Director, Life Again Foundation spoke on Cancer Awareness and the importance of wellness and good health.

A memorial lecture and endowment fund in memory of Dr. J. Jayalalithaa has been instituted in the College by Ms. Vijila Satyananth, MP.

We continue to have visiting delegations to our College to study the functioning of autonomy as well as to seek collaborations and networking possibilities.

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Maris Stella College (Autonomous) Vijayawada

Delegates from Sri Ramakrishna Educational Institutions)

Students' Achievements

Our student community has excelled in several areas of curricular, co-curricular and extra-curricular events. I present here outstanding students and their achievements.

Ms. Swetha Varadhan of second MSW received the Best Social Worker Award

Teresa Antony Alapatt of fourth year BVA represented India at the Typhlo and Tactus International Competition for illustrated books held at Dijon, France, and won a "Favorite Entry" award.

Swathi of second year History won the first place in the State Level Hindi poetry recitation competition.

Rushali Shivprasad of second year Economics won the second place in the All India Poetry Recitation Competition.

Celine Mary L, second B.Com, Shift II was awarded the Best Brand Manager Award at the Entrepreneurship fest organised by Anna University.

BBA students won the overall championship and the Best College Award at Quest 2018.

Anusheepa A. and Melshi Christiana G. II M.Sc. Biotechnology won the Best Model Award and Krithika A. and Rajalakshmi S. of II M.Sc. Biotechnology won the best poster award at the national conference, organised by the Department of Microbiology, Hindustan College of Arts and Science.

They won the best paper award at the International conference organised by the Department of Zoology, Ethiraj College.

Zainab Irfana of third year B.Sc. Plant Biology and Plant Biotechnology won the second prize in the Paper Presentation Competition at the National Seminar at Queen Mary's College.

Abinaya C. of second year M.Sc. Chemistry won the second prize for her paper presentation at the National Level Seminar on Modern Trends in Chemical Sciences.

Dharshini Raghavan first B.Sc. Chemistry has been selected for the NIUS, Chemistry projects (2017-19).

Mercy Johny and Sara Mathew of third year BA English and Tejaswini of first BA English have published short stories, essays, and poems both online and in print.

S. Krishna Priya of third B. Sc. Plant Biology and Plant Biotechnology published her paper in the International Journal of Industrial Engineering and Management Science.

Annapoorani K. H. of second M.Sc. Chemistry published her research work, in the Journal of Physical Chemistry.

Ms. Aishwarya, of third M.Com, Shift II presented a paper in an International Conference.

Ms. Nithya Shreen of third B.Com, Shift I did a poster presentation at an International Conference of Arts in Society, American University of Paris, France, in June.

Ms. Patricia Maria Peeris, was awarded the best out-going and performing student of the International MBA 2016-17 at the Liverpool Hope Business School, UK.

Forty-three research papers were published by the final year postgraduate students, Department of Computer Science in UGC approved journals, and three papers have been selected for publication in Scopus Indexed Journals.

Three I year postgraduate students of Chemistry are recipients of the INSA Summer Fellowship 2018.

Our students have won laurels at Parliamentary debate, MUN and oratorical events.

- Bhavana B of second BA Economics
- Swetha Raj of first BA English
- Sanjana Vijay of second Economics and Vanshika Bagdy of third BA Economics
- Karen Kashio and Vaishnavi V. of I BA Economics
- Kritajnya Raghunathan of III BA Economics and Karthika Kalyan of BSc Chemistry
- Rumaiza Fathima of III BA Economics
- Swarna Surya of third B.Sc. Chemistry, Jayashree of third B.Sc. Mathematics, Yuvika Vishal of third B.Sc. Zoology, Sarigaa Raguraman of second year B.Com, Shift II and Aswathy Mohandas of second BA English have been certified toppers in their respective NPTEL online courses.

Seminars, conferences, symposiums, and workshops have always been integral to our educational process. Several national and international conferences were organised this year.

The Department of Economics hosted an International Conference on Developmental Challenges in India on 30 and 31 January 2018.

The first international conference of the Department of Computer Science on Advancements in Computing Technologies was held on 2 and 3 February 2018.

A two day international conference titled “Circles of Creativity: Paradigms in Art and Design” was organised by the Department of Fine Arts on February 8 and 9, 2018.

The Department of Mathematics held an International Symposium on “Recent Trends in Research Practices” in July.

A one-Day International Conference on “Team Leadership: Collaboration, Management and Empowerment” in November 2017 was organised by the SMCICMR in collaboration with Trinity Western University, Canada.

Departmental activities have been many and varied.

A series of workshops on “Techniques and Applications in Mathematical Sciences was conducted by Dr. Prasun Kumar Nayak, for the faculty of the Department of Mathematics.

In collaboration with Zastra Innovations, Bengaluru, and Optibrium, Cambridge, UK, the Department of Bioinformatics hosted an international one-day workshop in October 2017.

The Department of International Studies organised and hosted an International scholar-in-residence programme. Dr. Indira P. Ravindran, Associate Professor at the School of International Relations and Public Affairs, Shanghai International Studies University and alumna of the College delivered a series of lectures on life inside China and on India-China Relations.

The EDC of the Department of Commerce, Shift II organised a State Level Entrepreneurial Summit on New Age Entrepreneurship in February 2018.

The Department of English organised Meet-the-Author sessions with Madhuri Shekar, Perumal Murugan, Priya Sarukkai Chabria and Allen Sealy.

An interactive session was also held with Ms. Nish Amarnath, author and alumna.

Workshops on a range of subject areas were conducted for the students of the Department of Fine Arts by resource persons from India and abroad. Nineteen students attended the Summer Study Programme ‘Art and Design Inspiration’ conducted in collaboration with the University of Sunderland, UK, in July 2017.

The Department of French organised an inter-collegiate workshop on French Theatre.

The Department of Commerce, Shift I conducted a one-day state level conference in entrepreneurship in collaboration with Start Up Solutions on March 3, 2018.

A workshop on formation of an NGO and advocacy on eugenics by Ms. Carmel Nisha, founder of the NGO-uyir kural, New Jersey was organised by the Department of Sociology. In collaboration with the AIESEC they organised a leadership programme that focused on the Sustainable Development Goals laid down by the UN.

The Department of Public Relations held a “Scholar-in-Residence” programme in August 2017 with Ms. Sarah D’Souza, Senior Communications Specialist, Intuit India, Bengaluru, on the topic “Ideas and Innovations in Organizational Communication.”

The Social Work Students Forum, Unnathi in association with Thozhamai, an NGO organised a programme in which the UNICEF’s ‘Global Report on Children in a Digital World’ was released by Mr. Job Zachariah, Chief of UNICEF Office for Tamil Nadu and Kerala and Ms. M. P. Nirmala, IAS, Chairperson, Tamil Nadu Commission for Protection of Child Rights.

The Department of Botany conducted a series of Go Green Intra-Departmental and Inter-Departmental Competitions on a wide variety of popular eco-related themes like Think Green, Reduce, Recycle and Reuse. The activities have been documented. Students of the Department of Zoology undertook a study of butterflies on campus and were able to document 31 species of butterflies.

Several departments offer certificate courses. Students passing the online examinations at the end of the course will receive extra credits.

Dr. Karen Kayser, Dr. Renato/La Rocca Chair of Oncology Social Work, University of Louisville, Kent School of Social Work and Ms. Cynthia Dettman, of the University of New Mexico, USA, both Fulbright Scholars are teaching courses in the Department of Social Work.

Serving the community is a crucial part of our mission and all the community-based programmes and projects we saw on campus this year are a testimony to our commitment to social justice and transformation. The Departments of Public Relations and Sociology, in collaboration with Earth Smiles, an NGO working for environmental welfare, steered a campaign called 'Re-Green Chennai' in October 2017.

The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of the College organised training programmes for faculty geared towards enhancing their skills as facilitators as well as developing new pedagogies. A three day 'Awareness-cum-Internal Audit Course on ISO 9001:2015' was organised by the IQAC, in partnership with DNV GL, a Norwegian based organisation. The Cell also organised a 'Student-centered Teaching' workshop and a 'Train the Trainers' programme with Dr. Cynthia Dettman as the resource person.

SMCDRIVE conducted an Art and Mental Health Workshop, a one-day Capacity Building programme for NGO Personnel, and a Children's day programme for children living with HIV.

Representatives from Womes Development Corporation oriented around 150 women on Self Help Group formation.

PMGDISHA sanctioned by the Government of India was inaugurated in June 2017 at the Common Service Centre at SMCEPC. The first batch of digital training began in August 2017 with a set of 20 village health nurses.

The Campus Ministry, under the leadership of Sr. Sundari fmm, organised retreats and workshops for students. An orientation session for parents of first year students was also organised.

The NSS and YRC units have many achievements to their credit. The units won the Dr. Radakrishnan Rolling Trophy for mobilising the maximum number of blood donors among the city's women's colleges for the eighth consecutive year. To commemorate World AIDS Day, the NSS and YRC unit, in collaboration with the Y. R. Gaitonde Centre for AIDS Research and Education, organised a sensitisation programme along with representatives from Denmark.

Around 80 volunteers participated in a rally on World Sight Day, to encourage eye donation. The NSS Annual rural camp with the theme “Healthy Youth for Healthy India” was organised in Thirupachur, Thiruvallur District.

Our NCC cadets have performed excellently in various areas of their involvement. Senior Cadet Captain Bhoomika R.S. was selected to be the Indian Ambassador to Nepal through the Youth Exchange Programme in February 2018.

Several of them were selected to participate in events at the national level. Here are some outstanding cadets: PPT

- Cadet Warrant Officer Betsy Theodore third year Mathematics,
- Senior Under Officer Mercy Amala Josephine M. third year Mathematics
- Naval Cadets Sameetha Reena L. second year Physics
- NCC Cadet Akshaya Department of Chemistry

We have excelled in sports and games this year as well. This academic year, our College teams secured the Winners title at Madras University’s intercollegiate tournaments in basketball, chess, table tennis and tennis. This year, 47 students from our College were selected to represent the Madras University B. Zone, 12 students were selected to represent the Madras University and 11 students were selected to represent Tamil Nadu.

Two of our students represented India. N. Arthi of second year B. Com. secured the gold medal in 100 meters in the South Asian Youth Games Golden Cup held at Phuentsholing, Bhutan.

Subi Suvetha of second year B.A. Economics secured the 16th position in the World Championship held at Nanjing, China.

Pranamy Rao of second year B.A. Sociology secured the gold medal in the Roller Skating Solo Dance category.

Janvi Rathore of second year BBA

R. Vinitha of second year B.A. Sociology

The College Tennis Team secured the Winners title at the National Level Intercollegiate Tournament organised by M.O.P. Vaishnav College. Our College Basketball team won the Winner's title at the National Level Intercollegiate Tournament organized by SSN College. At the National Level Intercollegiate Tournament organised by VIT, Chennai, our college table tennis team secured the Winners title.

The Students' Union 2017-18 took office on 15 March 2017. In addition to the annual events, the Student's Union has introduced some new initiatives: Their social theme is represented by the acronym LEAD: Learn, Empower, Appreciate, Discover. In keeping with Lead, the Union introduced Ramzan celebrations for the first time on campus. They also hosted the biggest intra-collegiate cultural event this year with the theme "Lights, Camera, Action—Behind the Scenes."

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The Pathway Programme aims to help students from the less privileged sections of society gain access to employment opportunities develop confidence, and to communicate in English. The third year Pathway students in collaboration with the career guidance cell of the College underwent a 100 hour programme organised by Mahindra Pride School off-campus on interpersonal communication and presentation skills. The trained students attended a job fair organized at JBAS College and 20 pathway students have been shortlisted for companies such as WIPRO, TCS and QUATRO. The third year Pathway students were given pre-recruitment training in group discussion, CV writing, aptitude test and interview techniques by the Career Guidance Cell.

This academic year, 122 Student Seekers and 23 Student Helpers in Shift I and 102 Student Seekers and 16 Student Helpers in Shift II were enrolled in the Language Partnership Programme, a peer-teaching programme for first year students. Seven students performed exceedingly well in their End Semester Examinations and were exempted from the programme.

Under the able guidance of Dr. Sr. Helen Vincent fmm, former Principal of the College and Director, English Language and Life Skills, 15 students enrolled for the English Language and Life Skills Certificate Course.

Scholarships

A total of 1769 students received scholarships worth 10,636,112 rupees this year.

Six-hundred students registered with the Career Guidance Cell for campus placements this academic year. Campus recruitment started in August with Deloitte, Ernst and Young, Goldman Sachs, Google, and others holding interviews. Second year undergraduate students were selected for internship programmes with them.

Manisha Jovitha III year Mathematics was awarded a scholarship to attend the Leadership Conference in Florida. Agnella Nikitha III year Mathematics was awarded a trip to attend the Senior Manager Conference in the Middle East.

As we forge ahead, we reaffirm our commitment to our vision and the continuing search for truth. We repose our trust in the Almighty who guides us every step of the way. As I conclude this report, I thank God Almighty for accompanying us through this eventful journey.

I place on record the many organisations especially the UGC, DBT and DST, Government of India, NAAC, the Department of Higher Education, Government of Tamil Nadu, the University of Madras, the United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia, and the International Federation of Catholic Universities, for their support and encouragement.

My special thanks to Sr. Leena D'Souza, Provincial, and to all my Sisters at Stella Maris Convent.

I extend my gratitude to all those who have made our achievements possible. I am immensely grateful to the Vice Principals, Deans, heads of Departments and faculty members, the Controller and Associate Controller of Examinations, the IQAC Coordinator, the NSS Programme Officers, NCC Officer, Director of Physical Education, the Librarian, Archivist, Director-SMCNC, and the Public Relations Officer. A special word of thanks to the administrative and support staff and to Sr. Hilda. I thank Sr. Veera and her team for their meticulous management of finances. My deep gratitude to the hostel wardens for their selfless service to the residents on campus. I also thank very specially the club advisors for their support and involvement in the activities of the

various clubs. A special word of thanks and congratulations to the faculty of the departments of Botany and Fine Arts who organised the College Day celebrations. I thank the CGC for their committed and dedicated services to the institution.

Thank you dear parents, benefactors and well-wishers for your interest, generosity and for your presence here this morning to participate in our celebration.

May the Star of the Sea be the beacon that guides us as we explore new horizons in the future.

Thank you and God bless!