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International Yoga Day

Marian College extended its warm support to a healthy life through Yoga on June 21st 2016, the International Yoga Day. The NSS unit of the college organized a three hour yoga session at 10 in the morning. Rev. Fr. Ruban J. Thannickal inaugurated the session in the presence of Vice Principal Dr. Jojo K. Joseph, Director of Extension Services, Fr. Robin Pendanam. In his inaugural address, the Manager stressed the importance of Yoga in today's hectic life. Yogacharya Satheesh Kumar S instructed the students and taught them the basics of involving oneself in Yoga. Warm up exercises followed by Surya namaskar, Pranayama and Meditative relaxation were performed by the students. Over 100 students from various departments across the college participated in the programme.

Inauguration of Women Cell Activities

The inauguration of the activities of the Women Cell was held on the 24th of June in the College Auditorium. The Chief Guest of the day, Ms. S.Udayamma (Circle Inspector, Women Cell, Idukki Dt.), enlightened the students on the importance of women's safety. Rev. Fr. Ruban J. Thannickal, highlighted the efforts that the College has taken to ensure women's safety.



Rev. Fr. Ruban J Thannickal inaugurating the programme in the presence of Dr. Jojo K. Joseph and Fr. Robin Pendanam



Yogacharya Satheesh Kumar S instructing the students



Women Cell Circle Inspector, Ms.S Udayamma inaugurating the Women Cell activities for 2016-17

Marian Women Cell has been instituted to provide a conducive environment for girls and women to empower and facilitate their participation and success in higher education and to ensure their freedom, safety and security. For more information on the Women Cell contact: 9048500010 or visit womencell.mariancollege.org



BISHOP'S MESSAGE

I am happy to learn that the Department of English at Marian College Kuttikkanam is bringing out 'Marian Lantern', a quarterly newsletter that features all the happenings on Marian campus along with literary articles by students and faculty. In the light of the newly granted autonomy which gives more academic freedom to the departments, I hope Marian will have, in the coming days, a host of inventive programmes and activities worthy to find their place in 'Marian Lantern'. I wish this newsletter takes off with a flourish and becomes a rich archive for anyone who likes to study the progress of Marian in the postautonomy years.

May God Almighty shower his blessings upon this venture and all the other programmes of the department in the pipeline.

*His Excellency Mar Mathew Arackal
Bishop of Kanjirappally*

Sketching for a fresh start: MAAP 2016

The overall architecture for the course should be for the kind of students that is our intake.

The Marian Annual Academic Planning (MAAP) of the new academic year took place on 26th and 27th of April in the Conference Hall. MAAP sessions are conducted with an idea of orienting the entire teaching community towards the new year and for the planning of events and programmes for the new academic year. This year as we are moving to Autonomous state, we had a special MAAP meeting where we had Dr N Jayasankaran (former VC of Kanchi University), a Management expert, and administrator who is the apt person for guiding us through the process and initial stages of autonomy. On the first day we had formal meeting where the Chief Guest was introduced to all of us. The presence and deliberations of our dear manager Fr Ruban J Thannickal and Principal Fr Roy Abraham all through the two days gave a new dimension to many things.

Dr Jayasankaran applauded the vibrancy in Marian and said that autonomy is absolute freedom in designing pedagogy, syllabus, GA etc. He went on to explain the purpose of university / college and when we develop a program, the overall architecture for the course/curriculum should be for the kind of students that is our intake. It should be students centric, and one that opens up more opportunity in/for the higher education. When we design a program it should be based on quality enhancement and quality enrichment in mind. The meetings on the second day was mostly based on Board of Studies, exam manual and discussion of syllabus prepared by various departments.



From the Manager's Desk



It gives me immense pleasure and added enthusiasm to look forward to with optimism when I learn that Marian College Kuttikkanam is coming out with a Bi-Monthly under the able leadership of BA Com-

municative English Department. Yes, it is the right move in the context of autonomy for Marian, because the Department is offering both for the students and the faculty a big opportunity to express their ideas in writing to the whole campus and to the community outside. It is big opportunity to learn by doing. Once we put things in black and white, we get better clarity. There shall be many more such good initiatives from other departments as well.

The Communicative English Department has a rich tradition of coming out with innovative practices in the campus. So I wish all the best for the good initiative, and congratulate all of them. I thank very sincerely everyone who contributed to the success of the Bi-monthly. May God Almighty shower His choicest blessings on all who work for the success of this project.

Rev. Fr. Ruban J Thannickal
Manager

"When Men and Mountains Meet"



Great things happen 'when men and mountains meet.'

Marian having its existence on the Western Ghats is proud of its envious history of unparalleled growth. The College has become au-

tonomous in 20 years of its existence. Twice conferred with CPE status by UGC, NAAC reaccredited in the third cycle with 3.52 CGPA and A grade. I only wanted to say along with the Psalmist "Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever." Marian is a happening campus with very high student engagement. There are large number of events like extension lectures, personal effectiveness trainings, adventure camps, cultural shows, intra & inter collegiate competitions and more. These activities inspire our students to understand 'real life' issues and contribute positively as informed citizens in the present and future. This newsletter is the result of joint work of students and faculty of the department of BA Communicative English. I thank them for their effort and congratulate them for this splendid edition. Special appreciation to Rev. Sr. Dr Flower FCC for her leadership and initiative.

Rev. Dr. Roy Abraham P
Principal

'Brexit' and its Implications for India

Brexit means "Britain" and "Exit." It is the nickname given for Britain's exit from the European Union. There was a referendum held on June 23, 2016 asking voters: "Should the United Kingdom remain a member of the European Union or leave the European Union?" 52% voted to leave the EU and 48% wanted to remain in the EU. Those who won the referendum argued that leaving EU was necessary to protect the country's identity, its culture, independence and its place in the world. The Eurozone crisis added to their resentment.

Those who liked to 'remain' in the EU argued that the economic gains by remaining in EU are far more compelling than the factors like immigration, culture, Identity and independence etc.

The referendum also saw the deep class divide in Britain with those with less money and education supporting leaving whereas rich and resourceful voting to remain in the EU.

In the current context the Eurozone crisis actually triggered the 'Brexit'. The economic and the refugee crisis in Europe made it worse. These were the main reasons for 'Brexit'.

Implications for India

The short term implication of 'Brexit' would be on the Indian stock exchange due to the volatility in the pound. It's making Indian stock exchange jittery and this has

increased the risks for Indian businesses.

There is concern among Indian investors of the negative impact of the British exit from the EU. India invests more in the UK than in the rest of Europe combined. India has emerged as the UK's third largest FDI investor.

The 'Brexit' is also going to hamper India's access to European markets. Hundreds of Indian firms that have base in the UK had continued border-free access to the rest of Europe. Now with 'Brexit' there will be less attractive-

ness of going to UK and this may have a bearing on future investment decisions of Indian companies. So on the positive side 'Brexit' would help India more. It may also lead to greater investments by the British companies into India. UK's outgoing Prime Minister David Cameron hailed India as an "important partner". His views sum up what 'Brexit' means and its implications for India.

*-Allen George
Faculty, MMH*

SOULMATE

When you walked past me
When you stood beside me
When you were next to me
I never had anything to say.

I wished we could talk
Or may be just a walk
But I didn't know you
And still had nothing to say.

I kept looking at you
Wondering if it would annoy you
I hoped you would notice me
Yet I had nothing to say.

Now that you are away
Far beyond my sight, my way
I wish we could meet
Because now, I have so much to say.

*- Nizam Mohammed
2nd BBA*

An Introduction to CHILDLINE

CHILDLINE is a 24 hours free emergency outreach service for children in need of care and protection in India. This project is supported by the Union Ministry of Women and Child Development and linking state governments, NGOs and Corporate sector. phone number that hope for lions of d ren India.



Any Child or concerned adult can dial 1098, the toll-free number to access the service. It not only respond to the emergency needs of children but also link them to services for their long-term care and rehabilitation. Marian College Kuttikkanam has been identified as the CHILDLINE nodal agency to carry out the activity of child protection and child rights in Idukki district from August 2011. As a nodal organization in CHILDLINE, Marian College Kuttikkanam having its networking, co-ordination and research skills contributes to the CHILDLINE service.



Information, Formation and Transformation: Journey to Autonomy

Marian college was founded in the year 1995 under the visionary leadership of His excellency Mar Mathew Vattakuzhy and Mar Mathew Arackal. Since its inception the core focus areas of Marian revolved around the motto, 'Information, Formation and Transformation'. The institution is owned and managed by the Catholic Diocese of Kanjirappally through the Peermade Development Society. Marian started with just three undergraduate programs and at present the college offers 18 programs, including doctoral programs in Social Work and Commerce. The excellence and potential of Marian was accompanied by a quick and stable growth. As a recognition to this relentless effort and commitment, Marian College has now been granted autonomous status by the central government and University Grants Commission.

Marian College started off its pursuit for academic excellence on 11th of August 1995 with 180 students, 9 teachers and 17 administrative staff members. The Marian Community has progressed as a family and is collectively being addressed as 'Marianites'. Marian received a permanent affiliation from the university after four years of functioning in 1999 and became

one of India's youngest accredited colleges in 2003. The college was reaccredited with A grade and CGPA 3.52/4 by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) in 2014. The college won the prestigious status of the College with Potential for Excellence (CPE) from University Grants Commission (UGC) in 2009 and College with Potential for Excellence (CPE) phase II in 2014. Throughout the journey, Marianites have made remarkable advances to evolve existing practices in the academic discipline and continued to keep the social commitment intact. Initiatives like the Marian Health Clinic, Nodal agency of Childline in campus, Women's cell and Sports Authority of India extension centre continue to function and transform the academic and social environment in Kuttikkanam and Idukkidistrict at large. A decade of committed attention shown by Marian College in enhancing the academic systems and culture at the higher education level is recognized as we turn autonomous this academic year. Marian is all set to tackle challenges and create new and updated avenues for Marianites to prepare them for the best in life.

*-Arjun Padmakumar
Faculty, Department of English*

Moses Trophy for Marian College NSS

Marian College Kuttikkanam Autonomous has bagged accolades for society oriented programmes under its leadership from M.G University. Awards include the Best NSS Unit under the University, Best Principal, Best Program Officer and Best Volunteers for the academic year 2015-2016. Marian also got the Moses Award for society centric programs done under the banner of NSS. Rev.Dr. Roy Abraham won the best Principal Award and Dr.Jobi Babu was selected as the Best Program Officer. Ms. Jeena Elsa John of 3rd BCA and Mr.Christo Sebastian of 3rd BA Economics were selected Best N.S.S volunteers in the university.



Rev. Dr. Roy P Abraham

Dr. Jobi babu



Jeena Elsa John

Christo Sebastian

Marian family congratulates the entire N.S.S unit for the wonderful achievement. We also acknowledge the services of Ms. Lumy Joseph (Co-programme officer), Ms. Athiramol T.V, Mr.Binu (Basketball coach) and Mr. Sibi Jacob who relentlessly helped the program officer in all the ventures.

Kalarivilakku

Tribute to Kavalam Narayana Panicker

Kavalam Narayana Panicker, the playwright, lyricist and poet will forever be remembered as the man who was crucial in Kerala's regional theatre movement. From the 60s, the lawyer-turned-dramatist along with theatre exponents C N Sreekandan Nair, G Sankara Pillai and himself propagated indigenous theatre using Kerala's folk traditions. The legend, who was elemental in keeping Kerala's folk theatre tradition alive, has written over 26 plays. He has carved out a niche for himself in the evolution of a regional theatre movement, which is one of the major components constituting the national theatre in modern

India. In a career spanning over four decades, Shri Panikkar has given a new lease of life for the age-old Sanskrit drama tradition on one hand and on the other, he identified the interrelations between the evolved art forms and folk arts, successfully creating a fusion that has fascinated the contemporary audience since then. He has worked along with Kalidas Akademi, Madhya Pradesh to stage Bhasa's Sanskrit play,



Dhootavakyam'. Later, at the National School of Drama, he produced and directed plays in Sanskrit and Hindi for the students, overcoming the language barriers through creating a 'theatre language.

-Clariss Annie John, Faculty,
Department of English

A SEAGULL AND A FISTFUL OF SAND

As she looked at him, her heart went out to him. The waves were thrashing the shores violently when Sharon tried to locate the morning sun. But the sun was curtained behind Luca, who was standing still, and all she could make out of the sun was the scarlet glow lining his silhouette.

"There isn't much hope," the doctor had said. "His father's mutated gene has been passed on to Luca." John and Sharon's marriage eight years ago had severed their ties with both families and that was why they moved north to Canada when they thought of making a family together. It was pure sunshine and music in the first two years of marriage until John was diagnosed with cancer. Sharon was expecting their baby when this news paralysed the young couple. Nevertheless, they fought the battle together but cancer took John's life leaving Sharon literally devastated and six-month old Luca fatherless.

Being a single parent, raising a child and making

both ends meet was a herculean task. But Sharon drew her inspiration to live from Luca's smiling face. He was her universe, her solace to recover from the past trauma. Considering the turn of events in her life, even a severe dose of pessimism would not have made her think that the cancer that whisked John away would return to fight with her over Luca.

"Mom, look over here!" Luca called. Deep in thought, Sharon hadn't realized her eyes welling up with tears. She pushed back her tears and looked in his direction. He was now chasing and throwing sand at the sea gulls that sat on the sandcastle he had built. "Mom, all I need is a seagull to play with. Just a seagull to make me happy. Nothing else." Luca said. "And a bit of sand." He added, throwing the sand in his baby fists at the gulls. Sharon smiled. "Yea, nothing big, right? A seagull and a fistful of sand to bring you joy! Okay, I can promise you that." She said walking over to him. "And you are going to be all right." She whispered into his ears. The sun was now above his head and his hair shone in the golden rays.

-Hanna Susan Lee, III BACE



Chris Maria Jose, II BACE

*For the
Legends
who will
live forever
in our hearts.*



Neeraja Rajan BACE



Renju Abraham, BACE



Renju Abraham, BACE



Tony Mathew, BACE

Surprise! Surprise!

*As I entered the Heaven's door,
I was baffled, bewildered and mystified,
Neither by the celestial splendour,
Nor by the lights or the wondrous décor!*

*It was the folks inside of Heaven
Who made me sputter and gasp . . .
The thieves, the liars, the sinners,
The alcoholics and the horrible trash!*

*Wasn't that the kid from Grade Seven
Who swiped my lunch fairly often?
Wasn't next to him my old neighbour
Of whom nobody said anything in favour?*

*And there was Juliana of colourful past!
Didn't she wink at every man who passed?
With plenty of lipstick and vivid mascara,
She sat among angels, looking sedately sweet!*

*There was Robert, the crook, who I always thought
Was rotting away in hell,
Now sitting pretty on cloud nine,
And looking incredibly well!*

*I then nudged Jesus, "What's the deal?
I would love to hear your take.
How did all those sinners get up here?
God must've made a mistake!*

*And why is everyone so quiet?
So sombre? give me a clue!"
"Hush, child," he said, "they are all in shock,
For no one thought they'd be seeing you!"*

*-Sr. Flower Kommattam
Coordinator, Department of English*

Marian to tie up with

Baekseok

Public relations is of utmost significance in any organization. The work of a PRO is critical in knitting together academic and administrative disciplines in a college like Marian. Here is Marian Lantern in conversation with Mrs. Aparna Fredjeev, the PRO of Marian College.

Please describe your experience as a Marianite.

When I first came to know about Marian College, Kuttikkanam I was sceptical about moving to a new, distant and exotic place because it required a decision to move out of the comforts of being in a city I grew in. It did take a while for us to settle down but now I am very happy being included and becoming a part of the Marian family.

How important would be the role of a public relations officer in an institution like ours?

As a growing educational institution, we need to maintain a very positive role with the community, the media and with the public in general. Image-building exercises like updating the website, production of academic journals and magazines and publicity tools will definitely help in making effective contributions to Marian's growth and in realizing our dream of becoming a university in the near future.

Could you please brief us about your experience in Baekseok University?

I made a visit to Baekseok University, South Korea for a conference on Christian Higher Education. During our interactions, I was informed of the possibility of a MoU. After consultation with principal, I signed a Memorandum of Consideration (MoC) on behalf of Marian College. The MoC sug-

gests that Marian College is interested in having a MoU with



Baekseok and vice versa and needs to be sealed.

How would this new endeavour benefit the students and faculty of Marian in future?

The MoC indicates possibilities of student exchange, faculty exchange and exchange of academic information useful for teaching and learning.

The Korean University offers courses on Tourism, English, Computers, Commerce and Social Work. Once we have the MoU, we can promote student and faculty exchange and also gain valuable

insights into their curriculum, pedagogy, examinations and other academic matters. In the coming years, I see a strong relationship between Marian and Baekseok resulting in academic ventures if we move things in the right direction.

Any similar initiatives and associations which are in the pipeline?

At present, we are in touch with Baekseok University to strengthen the relationship by converting the MoC into a MoU and with the foresight of the Manager, Principal and other senior staff in the college together with the interest of the students who would like to explore their prospects globally, we would be able to harvest on the possibilities and opportunities as and when we see one.

-Sunu Rose and Justin Philip

Congratulations

Dr. Jobi Babu (Department of Social Work) has been awarded PhD in Social Work for the topic 'SOCIAL DETERMINANTS AND INTERVENTIONS ON THE REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH OF TRIBAL WOMEN IN WAYANAD DISTRICT, KERALA' from Gandhigram Rural Institute (Deemed University, Tamil Nadu).

