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About Marian Alumni Association

Marian has great alumni strength spread across the globe with several chapters in Australia, Kuwait, UAE, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, USA, Canada, India etc. As part of the college's silver jubilee celebrations and to advocate togetherness and the commitment to our Alma Mater we organized "Marian Diaries 2018" a Mega Alumni Reunion at the Marian College Campus on 28th and 29th of April 2018. The event was aimed at bringing back memories of the golden days we spent in the college, nurturing our camaraderie along with planning and propagating the greater purposes of the association, including academic, socio-economic, and CSR initiatives.

About Marian College Kuttikkanam (Autonomous)

Marian College Kuttikkanam (Autonomous) was founded in 1995 and is affiliated to the Mahatma Gandhi University. It is owned and managed by the Catholic Diocese of Kanjirappally through the Peer-made Development Society. Marian has a unique and enviable history that it gained autonomy in a span of 20 years. Marian started with just three undergraduate programs and at present, the college offers 20 programmes, including doctoral programs in Social Work and Commerce. Marian was the youngest accredited college in India in 2003 and at present the college is re-accredited 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 2014.

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Marian College is happy because our beloved Alumni are releasing a monthly magazine, named 'Marian Diaries'. Surely, it is a new initiative to relish the memories of our good days in Alma Mater. This magazine is a network to reach each other and express our talents.

I appreciate the alumni association, who are behind for this new venture. I hope this "Marian Diaries" will help us to develop our association stronger and vibrant. I wish you all the best.

I surrender all of you to the Blessed Heart of our Heavenly Patron Mother Mary.

May Almighty God Bless you all.

Fr James Kozhimala
Manager
Marian College Kuttikkanam
(Autonomous)



My dear members of our alumni

I am extremely happy to learn that Marian Alumni Association is bringing out a publication in connection with its Annual General Body Meeting to be held on 24th October 2020. I heartily welcome the endeavor and congratulate all the members of alumni for this achievement. As you know, Marian has completed 25 years of her fruitful existence and is celebrating her silver jubilee. However, Covid 19 resulted in the cancellation of the mega alumni meet on Marian Campus instead we have decided join together on 24 October 2020 online. Due to the pandemic, most of the programs planned in connection with the jubilee are also conducted online. It adds to our joy that; the MAA Executive Committee is bringing out its first publication even in such a difficult time.

Marian Alumni Association (MAA) definitely acts as a link between our Alma Mater, Marian and provides a platform for interaction between the alumni, present students and the Marian faculty. Let me happily acknowledge that all the proud members of the MAA have contributed a lot to establish a very high recognition for Marian amidst numerous higher education institutions in India. Now I look for greater contributions through your richer experience, talents and energies for strengthening the Marian and her cause.

I am very happy to tell you that Marian management has provided an office space for MAA on the campus and I look forward to work along with my former students (Marianites still) to foster and strengthen the close relationship between the members, all its chapters and thus aim to promote a sustained sense of belongingness.

I wish all success to the publication and look forward to associate with MAA in all its constructive ventures in future too.

Cordially

Dr Fr Roy Abraham P
Principal
Marian College Kuttikkanam (Autonomous)

Dear Friends,

Marian Alumni Association (MAA) is always our privilege and pride. I am blessed to be at the helm of this prestigious association at its infant stage to upbringing and unite all our alumni. Our Alma Mater has completed its 25 years of fecund service..



It is high time that we started growing exponentially in an international standard.

Earning a degree requires a substantial commitment of time and money, and students deserve support from a strong network of peers and mentors, comprising both past and present students. Most of the colleges encourage students to participate in networking events, and encourage its alumni to continue giving back to their alma mater.

Students attending colleges with built-in professional networks can focus their energy on coursework, incorporating mixers, guest speaker engagements, and volunteer opportunities through their alumni association, as time allows. The colleges with the strongest alumni networks often tailor career-building programs to students approaching graduation, ramping up networking opportunities and peer support to provide a seamless transition from college to the professional world.

Marian Alumni Association started its operations on 21-August 2008 as a charitable society and got registered under the Travancore Cochin Literary, Scientific and Charitable Societies Registration Act 1955.

We intend to build our nostalgic memories of our alma mater by building many chapters across the globe and connect everyone. We have already streamlined many activities. Many online activities for us like MAATS, Online Magazine, Supporting the needy etc are already on or in off take.

We have already created various wings like Alumni Welfare Growth & Expansion, Social & Community Welfare Services, Career & Professional Development, Alumni Database Management, Alumni Business Forum & Online Magazine to concentrate in many areas for the development of our association and college.

My sincere and humble request to all alumni is to take part in whatever ways possible for you to build our community one strong set of Marianites across the globe.

Thank you
Binoy Mathew
President
Marian Alumni Association
BBA 1997-2000 Batch



“Marian Diaries”, reflections of our tryst with our “Alma mater” Marian College Kuttikkanam (Autonomous) is on the anvil. Marian Alumni Association is in the process of bringing out this nostalgic magazine recreating the glorious past which is deeply embedded in our hearts. The student age is over and most of us are professionals in various spheres of life. Please come out, penning down your sweet memories, thoughts and various activities undertaken in that student age. We can also enliven our literary activities through this magazine. Let us give all support, good wishes and make our Marian Diaries a grand one.

Jyothi Jose
Secretary

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BBA (2008-2011)

12TH ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING

12 th Annual General Body meeting of Marian Alumni Association (MAA) was held online at 7 pm on 24 th Oct, 2020 in Zoom Platform. 200 alumni across the globe attended the meeting.

Function was presided by Mr. Binoy Mathew, President- MAA. His Excellency Mar Jose Pulickal, Bishop of Kanjirappally unveiled the logo of Marian Alumni Association. Rev Fr. James Kozhimala - Patron of MAA and Rev. Dr Roy Abraham P - Chairman of MAA felicitated the gathering. Activity Report for the year 2019-20 was presented by Ms. Jyothi Jose - Secretary MAA and Financial report was presented by Mr. Sebin Sebastian-Treasurer. Swearing in Ceremony of newly selected executive members was done during the function. Vice Presidents of various activity wings presented the future plans of MAA for the area they represent. Mr. Geomon Antony - Alumni Liaison Officer was introduced during the function and he assured his support to all the activities of MAA. Official meeting concluded at 8.30 pm with words of thanks from Dr. Sabu Augustin- MAA executive member.

ANNUAL REPORT OF MARIAN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION FOR THE YEAR 2019-20.

We have great pleasure in placing before you a report on the activities of Marian Alumni Association for the year 2019-20.

Marian Alumni Association was registered in the year 2008 as a charitable society under the Travancore, Cochin Literary, Scientific and Charitable Societies Registration Act of 1955. The prime objective of the association is to connect its members in an enthusiastic and positive manner, to develop healthy relationships, to support each other in needs, to bring business collaboration and to offer employment opportunities. The Principal of the college is the chairman and it is managed through the executive committee elected by the annual general body of the association. All Marianites after the completion of their studies in Marian are the members of Marian Alumni Association.

11th Annual General Body Meeting of Marian Alumni association was held on Aug 4, 2019 at Conference Hall of Marian College Kuttikkanam (Autonomous). Alumni from different continents participated in the Alumni gathering - Marian Diaries – 2019 presided over by Marian Alumni Association Chairman - Principal Rev. Dr Roy Abraham P. Report of the previous year and statement of accounts were presented and adopted by the general body. Office Bearers for next tenure was elected during the general body meeting.

Following members were elected as executive committee members for the year 2019-20.

- President – Mr. Binoy Mathew
- Vice President – Mrs. Melby Joseph
- Secretary - Mr. Jijo Thomas
- Treasurer – Mr. Sebin Sebastian

Executive Members :

- Adv. Nelson Joseph
- Mrs .Asmin Baker.

Mega Alumni Meet – Marian Diaries - 2020.

The Mega Alumni meet of Jubilee year was planned to be conducted on August 2, 2020. Dr. Ann Baby was appointed as the Convenor of the programme. But due to the Covid 19 situation, the programme was cancelled. The executive committee as per the 'new normal' the meeting held on Sep 12, 2020 finalised to conduct the Annual General Body meeting online on Oct 24, 2020 7 PM IST on Zoom platform.

Major Activities during the Year. Executive committee meetings were conducted online on various dates and following decisions were taken and executed.

1. Social Service Activity.

Marian Alumni association is committed to support the social needs of our surrounding community. As part of Social Welfare activities, the association had initiated a fund collection among the alumni for supporting house construction during the month of August and September 2019. The association was able to raise a fund of Rs. 2,24,521 which was used to support the construction of a house at Murinjapuzha. First disbursement of Rs. 1.2 lakhs was already made and the construction is in progress.

2. Marian Alumni Association Talent Show.

We Marianites have a family concept. To continue the rich heritage, the Alumni association started the online talent show – 'MAATS' this year to showcase the talents of the members and their family. A dedicated committee for talent show is functioning under the Coordination of Dr. Sabu Augustine, Mr. Harish KP as the Programme Convenor and Ms. Teena Varghese as the Joint Convenor. Recorded videos of various performance are collected and live telecasted on dedicated time through the official Facebook page and YouTube channel of our college by Studio Marian, the own Studio of our college. The first Episode of MAATS was aired on August 15, 7 PM in Facebook and YouTube. We were able to successfully telecast 4 episodes with variety of programmes and encouraging feedbacks. Executive committee held on August 28 decided to invite sponsorship and advertisements from the alumni community as a first step to cover the expenditure related to

editing and transmission. Third Episode was sponsored by Ahalia Foundation UAE & India and 4th Episode was sponsored by Malabar Constructions. Sponsors for coming episodes are also identified.

3. Expansion of Executive Committee

To facilitate the effective functioning and growth of Marian Alumni association, executive committee identified the dedicated subcommittees headed by various Vice Presidents. New Vice Presidents and more members were added to the core executive committee. Mr. Jijo Thomas resigned from the Secretary post due to personal commitments. Executive committee meeting held on September 12th, 2020 accepted the resignation and President suggested Ms. Jyothi Jose to Secretary Post. Swearing in ceremony of newly selected members was done in the meeting.

Following are the various subcommittees and Vice Presidents of each wing.

- *Secretary – Ms. Jyothi Jose.*
- *Vice President - Alumni Welfare- Growth and Development – Mr. Harish KP*
- *Vice President - Social and Community Service - Mr. Emil Chandy*
- *Vice President - Career and professional development -Mr. Mathew A Mathew*
- *Vice President - Marian Business Forum - Mr. Merril Mathew*
- *Vice President – Alumni Database management - Mr. VivekVenugopal*
- *Alumni Online Magazine Editor – Mr. Jelit Mathews Joseph*
- *Executive Members newly added:*
Mr. Juby C Baby
Mrs. Parvathi Pons
Mr. Dawn Jose
Mr. Ben S Mukkattil
Mrs. Ponny G. George
Ms.Ammu Sara Abraham

4. Alumni Database Collection

Connecting with all alumnis and building an alumni database with the accurate information was one of the major task taken by association this year. Alumni database management team headed by Mr. Vivek Venugopal has identified representatives known as Torchbearers from all batches in Marian since its inception. A whatsapp group named 'TorchBeares-MAA Database' is maintained for the easy mode of communication. Alumnis can enter their basic information in the Google form shared by the Torch-Bearers in their respective class group. Data collected is stored in the data infrastructure of Marian College Kuttikkanam(Autonomous) under the direct responsibility of the college and MAA executive committee. 62% of alumni already filled the form. Details of data collection and further plans will be shared by Mr. Vivek Venugopal, Vice President of Alumni Database Management.

5. Alumni Liaison Officer and Dedicated Room in college campus for Alumni Association.

Governing body of the college has approved the request of new office space for Alumni association in campus and the room near College Chapel in the academic Block is assigned as the Marian Alumni Association office. Mr. Geomon Antony, an alumnus of BBA department took charge as the Liaison Officer for Alumni. Alumni Liaison officer will be the first contact person for all alumnis of the college.

6. Alumni Logo Competition.

Having a dedicated logo for Marian Alumni Association was another item in the agenda. Innovative and vibrant entries were invited from Alumnis as individual or group works. Mr. Jelit Mathews Joseph and team were in charge of the competition and logo for Marian Alumni Association is finalised considering the design and theme received as part of the competition. The logo submitted by Mr. Nithin Mohan of BCA 2013-16 batch is selected.

7. Online Alumni Magazine – Marian Diaries.

Marian Alumni Association decided to publish an online magazine – Marian Diaries. The prototype of magazine was released by Mr. Jelit Mathews Joseph

who is in charge of the online magazine.

8. Social Media pages and group.

Following are the Social media pages maintained by Alumnis for the communications.

- Marian Alumni Association – Official Facebook page of Alumni Association, Active Whatsapp Groups.
- Torchbearers- MAA database – Group of Representatives from each class for supporting the data collection& Communication link with Alumni.
- MAA Exe. Committee – Executive Committee Group.
- MAATS – Talent Show by MAA - Members of MAATS team.
- Marian Flood Relief - Group formed for the purpose of flood relief collection.
- Marian Alumni Teachers – Group of Alumni teaching in Marian currently.
- BatchReps@Marian Diaries –Group created in 2018 for Marian Diaries.
- Marian Business Forum- For the benefit of the Alumni Business Owners to connect
- Chapter Groups- Dubai, Bangalore, Pune, Kuwait, Australia, UK & Chennai

Gratitude

We express our sincere thanks and obligation to our Association Patron and College Manager Rev. Fr James Kozhimala for his esteemed support being given to us. Executive committee also wishes to place on record its sincere appreciation of the patronage and support of Association Chairman and Principal Rev. Dr Roy Abraham P. We also place our sincere thanks to our dear teachers, administrative staff and students for their support and encouragement. Finally, our sincere thanks to all the alumni for their wholehearted support for the development of the association.

Jyothi Jose
Secretary.

An Office & an Officer for Marian Alumni Association

The Association has set an office on the Campus along with a full time office staff to support all services required by the alumni.



Mr. Geomon Antony, an alumnus of BBA department is in charge of the office. Office-in-Charge is the primary contact point for any services required by the alumni in college or nearby.

Mr. Geomon Antony

LOCKDOWN IN THE HEART OF INDIA

- Anju Jayan

It all started with the daily routine of the milkman, Govind **bhaiya** yelling, “*dudh lelo*”, I could hear the chatter of the **didis** getting milk from Govind **bhaiya** and enquiring about the atmosphere in the **bazaar**!

(Govind **bhaiya** is the newsman for the village. As he goes from **gali** to **gali**, village to village, he is deemed to be the right person to ask about anything happening currently in the world).

Today since it was his first house, he couldn't provide much gossip to the **didis**.

Later came the vegetable **tela** guy, the other source. Our neighbour, **Uncleji** came out in a hurry and asked, “*bike jaane de rehe hai kya?*” **Telawala** replied, “*nahi bhaiya dande maar rahe udhar bazaar ki taraf.*”

(**Uncleji**, *by the way*, is one of the spokes-people of the village who is respected, provides advice, gathers information, does analysis in his own way and predicts future. Uncleji is a helper in the **panchayat**, one of the other reason why he is popular).

So our uncleji comes forwards and says loudly, “*ab bahar jana sahi nahin hai sab ghar par raho main pata karke ata hun.*” Now there is a silence among the villagers as all await for his arrival from the **bazaar** after the troll.

The villagers and the oldest people gather around the oldest mango tree and starts to discuss, “*katayi ka kya hoga Lalaramji? kisan toh nipat gaye, mandi bhi band ho gayi hai.*”, I slowly join the conversation by coming out and sitting in the **varanda** among other **didis**, all of a sudden one among the eldest looks at me says, “*kyu beta phone mein kuch aya kya ki kya horaha hai?*” I replied politely with a calm and composed voice, “*dada jyada kuch likh kar toh nehi*

aya hai, dekhte hai , kuch aye toh batate hai.”

Meanwhile the minds of the farmers among the villagers' race at full speed, “*katayi (harvesting) kaise hoga? stock karke kaha rekhenge? makan kaise banega agar majdur nehi ah paye toh? paisa kaise nikaalenge? Apan toh gareeb kisan hai! Apn kya karenge? Apne ko kya curfew!*” While **Dada** to other people, “*apn sarpanch se puchte hai kya hona hai? lagao phone!*”

Meanwhile the **didis** to me (being young and educated), “*ye curfew me ya hota hai? Corona kya hai ? beta apn toh acche sabji fal khate hai apno ko kaise hoga ye bimaari? Shahar me toh ho raha hai, Idar kaise ayega? Ab par jo sarkar bolenge bo toh sunna padega, apne liye hi toh bol rahe!*”

Me, “*ha didi apni bhalayi ke liye hai ghar baitneko bol rahe, accha hoga agar sab ghar baitenge toh dimari nehi ayegi. Aur ye jo coronono hai vo ek virus hai jo logon se hath milane se, unke chheek se ya phir paas sampark hone se failthi hai.*

Didi looking at me, “*Ab gav ki mahila beta ghar me hi rehti hai, ab kahan jayegi? Katayi ke liye toh nikalna hi padega jo bhi ho.*”

Me (in a concerned tone), “*Didi par coronono jaldi failta hai kya pata jo log aa rahe dusre jagah se katayi le liye unko nahi ho? Kaise pata chalega?*

Didi (trying to make me understand), “*arreh beta par gaon me ye sab nahi chalta apn ko toh kaise bhi katayi karwani padhegi nehi toh fasal kharab ho jayegi!! Phir toh jyada nuksan hai. Abhi ghar betneka samy thodina hai, khet me jao fasal kaato bas! Itne mahino bhar ki mehant kon pani me fek dega beta?*”

Dada after call with **sarpanch**, “*sarpanch saab ne bola ki sab band hai, mandi bhi band hogayi, be bole ki be bhi kuch nahi kar sakte!*” **Dada** facing me, “*beta kab shuru hoga sab vapis see?*”

Me (in a regretful way), “*nahi pata dada,*



sunne ko aya hai ki kitne mareez honge jab tak yeh lockdown khatam hota hai uske upar hai!! Abhi toh kuch bol nehi sakte dada."

Dada (in a worried tone), *"Beta phir sab dukan band hogi toh khane pine ko kaha se milega, ration, tel, sabji sab kaise layenge? Kaha se layenge?"*

Me (trying to assure), *"dada sarkar kuch toh karegi, sabko bhuka rehne thodina degi, vaise kirana, petrol pump, atta chakki, sab niyमित samy ke liye khuli rehegi. Sab mil jayegi dada, tum chinta mat karo abhi"*

Dada, *"Beta kaise chinta na are, gareeb hai, ye batavo tration - pani sarkar degi toh phir kaise degi, parivar ke hisab se, ration card ke hisab se kis hisab se degi?"*

Me, *"nahi pata dada, kuch khabar filhal aya nehi is baare me ki kaise bategi rastion gaav me!"*

Dada (continuing with the round of conversation), *"Aur beta mera khata toh dusri jile ka hai, paise kaise nikalega? sadhan bhi toh nehi chal raha itna dur kaise ja pavunga?"*

Me, *"dada tumri khata konse bank me uske upar hai, choti bank (SBI kiosk) ka hai toh apni block*

office ke samne wali choti bank se nikal jayegi aur tumhe itna dur jana nehi padega aur dada sadhan sab chalu toh abhi filal nehi hoga, lockdown badh ki hoga shayad!"

LOCKDOWN IN THE HEART OF INDIA

As per the above conversation, in a nutshell, this is exactly how rural India perceives lockdown, it's a halt to their basic lifestyle. Firstly, amid all this

panic, harvesting and selling their crop is their top-most priority. The people in the villages are mostly dependent on agriculture and there isn't any other alternative apart from opening a small *kirana* in their village as a means of living. For a farmer, even an unseasonal rainfall spoils the harvest or decrease the productivity! So something like a lockdown for a period unknown only brings tension and worry to their life.

Secondly, in the worst-case scenario, the rural people once again fall into the vicious cycle of poverty. The farmers, the poorest of the poor or the landless community starts borrowing from the landlords at higher interest rates. They mortgage their land, jewellery, or livestock to fulfil the basic needs of the family.

Putting some light on the landless poor, this is the only season, the season of harvest, the actual the time they earn something by harvesting crops in other farmer's fields, who during the lockdown are hit black and blue. The system of harvest by landless poor in simple terms is deciding upon the amount and number of days it will take to cut the entire harvest of a farmer! The landless or the poor harvests the crop in the given time, irrespective of the number of labours, with or without have proper food or rest, they finish off the harvesting and hand over the harvested crop to the farmer and get the assured sum. So, this pledge taken is so strong that the farmers don't look back again. The landless poor runs mainly on these pledges given to the farmers for a living. With the money, they repay the landlords, banks, MFIs, *kirana* store, etc. The landless farmers no matter what, pandemic or lockdown, they will be present at the farmer's field to harvest the crop!

Thirdly, apart from the above-mentioned issues, medical facilities in the rural areas are very poor such that a small block hospital won't able to cater to the basic COVID-19 precautions required. If any cases arise it would be very difficult to handle as they can only give is basic first aid treatments. As the COVID-19 symptoms are serious, the only option is to take the patient to a proper nearby hospital, which in many cases is far away.

Lastly, the hygiene factor of rural India which is also very poor. Many of the villagers mainly women wait in big queues to get a pot of water for cooking or washing clothes or bathing. As COVID-19 requires high hygiene such as washing hands with soap and using masks, it's near to impossible to adhere. Also, the habit of chewing *ghutka* and *pan parag* is also popular among all ages in rural India, they spit wherever possible which is also a big concern to be looked upon.

Concluding these are some of the issues and problems that rural Indian faces, for them social distancing or self-quarantine isn't part of their life! Firstly the government should provide proper awareness through visual aids as well as through proper media such that the farthest corners are reached and follow the instructions. Secondly to equip and train the rural medical staff to

take care of COVID-19 patients and to provide basic treatment. Thirdly, the government could also place a system of answering basic COVID-19 queries via a red alert number or message or a chatbox. Fourthly, the government can place counsellors for people who are mentally or emotionally down as well.

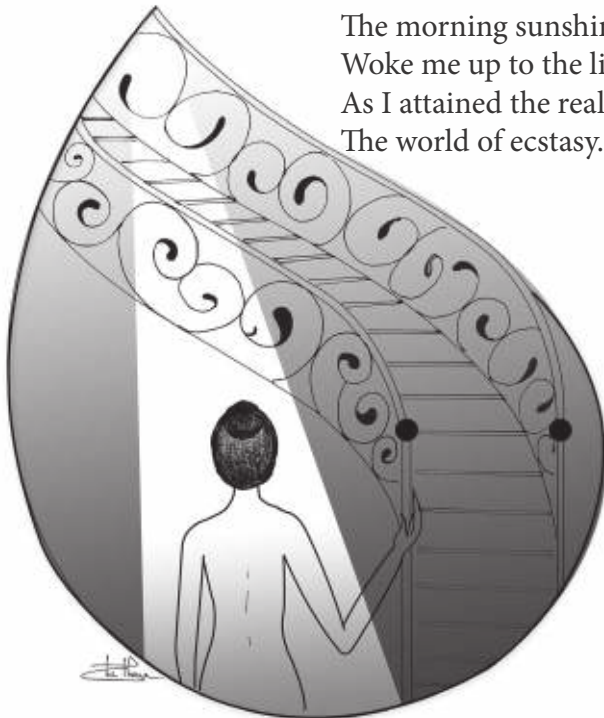
Last and finally, also the number of cases of domestic violence is supposed to be on a hike due to home quarantine, a number can again be flashed for calling or messaging for those particular cases arising as well. It's quite a big mission for the government, so let's help the government by adhering to the rules and regulations and by staying at our homes and also by donating to needy.



Anju Jayan
BBA (2011-2014)

Journey To Ecstasy

There's a journey
 I had alone
 The death took away the beat
 The heart didn't shudder
 A long voyage
 Along the darken road
 Showing the right path
 Nor the shadow
 Stretched its hand
 The darkness of sorrow
 Haunted all along
 It tore me into pieces
 The blood that dripped
 Flooded all through my way
 It took me to a doorway
 I believe to my longing ecstasy
 But the sentry at the door
 Ceased my access
 I stood hopeless
 No place left behind
 I saw no way to leave
 There took a dilemma
 Now desired to go back
 Where it has begun
 The tiny light of hope
 Came from above
 Paved me to the world,
 And showed me the truth
 The morning sunshine
 Woke me up to the life
 As I attained the real
 The world of ecstasy.



Chitrasree
MSW (2011-2013)



My name is Elsa P Sunny, 2016-2019 BCA student of Marian college. I could still remember my first day at the college, well I came one day earlier but I was not the only one. I had a company of two other first-years too. I could not even sleep well that day. I was excited for my first day at college. The very next morning I woke up and got ready for my first day at Marian. Such a beautiful vibe in our college. A red queen covered with mist. It was pretty different from our school days here at Marian, we had a three-day session in the hall itself. I still remember one thing from that session “Welcome to Marian college, the youngest Autonomous College and you are the first autonomous batch” hahaha. When I got back to my hostel I saw my new roommates, started interacting with them, sharing our school memories.

The first day at the hostel was also good.

At last after three days from the session in the hall now we got back to our classes. Our BCA department is different from other departments. Yes, it is. Cause here all the three-year classes and the department are on the same floor. But other classes were different from each other. God, we girls faced so many things over there, cause as you know seniors never miss a single chance, but it was fun. Our class teacher was Benny Miss for the first year. She introduced herself and let us introduce ourselves. We were about 72 students, of which 23 of them were girls. By the way that 72 decreased to 68 as days passed.

We all talked, tried to get to know each other and now we become mascots...that was our class name.

We selected our representatives Vinny and Athul. Well, Athul was our representative for all three years. He is the best and he was the only one who could handle our class. We had our class name, representatives, we had our talent show but we weren't together. Still, everyone was like strangers. It changed in 2016, for the Onam celebration. Marinates favourite sport & “tug of war”. Seven of them from boys and seven from girls. Both of us won the first round. We were cheering by making noise especially when we got inside the court others were like “BCA BCA BCA” God that was a wonderful feeling. Now, there is no juniors-seniors, only BCA, BACE, BBA... Days in Marian went fast, soon it was our fest. NAVIGATOR, The BCA department fest.

Every class had to do something for the fest. Some of us, girls n boys planned a dance performance. We helped our seniors to decorate the stage. Hostel students could stay back in the college if there were any responsibilities but for that there were some procedures. First you have to write a request letter, a sign from the class teacher, HOD, and warden. The next day of our fest was amazing, eventually, it was our first performance in college so obviously, we were excited. That day went well. As I already said, we don't realize the days in Marian. Then came our first moodle exam, which means online exam because we are the first autonomous batch. It was a really simple exam but we had difficulties. Just because we didn't write any written exam it was hard at our model exam. To make that simple, authorities decided to give a question bank containing almost 200 questions for the exam. That was helpful and difficult.

Besides our class, our lab classes and sessions were fun. Yes, we do our lab plus some games. And bingo is an all-time favourite game to escape from boring classes.

In 2017 was our Christmas celebration, we had our cake, took so many pictures with friends, Made stories on Instagram, we had 10 days of leave, days passed to the end of the year. At last the examination.



In the second year, we all got busy with studies, but soon 2017 Onam. This time both of us girls and boys decided to practice tug of war. It was tough and painful. But tried to secure our places in both stages but we lost at the last stage. It was so sad. But teachers supported us. That year for the Onam celebration we had decided to dress in the same



colour. Boys bought the same kurtas for them. To be honest, when we saw that kurta on the day before the celebration it was so bad. but when all dressed up on that kurta's, it was so cool. Besides the tug of war, we had one more exciting competition its the "pookalam". Again students from the hostel stayed

back. Some of them were busy with the design, some of them were plucking the flowers. The next morning again we hostlers came early for spreading flowers then got back to our hostel to get ready and came back. In the first year, we weren't that aware of the "rali" competition. But this year we prepared enough. Due to some problems, we didn't have our fest that year. But we had our IV. We had so much fun, we enjoyed a lot.

Soon the days passed to the last year of our college. #seniors. now eventually we have the power to rule in



college same as in the hostel. We rule, we fought and so many bad marks. All I can remember from that year is our teachers saying "what happened to you guys. you are not the one from the first years". But it all changed on our college tour. Yes, tour. God can't forget those days... our tour was to Dandeli, Goa, and Coorg.

On the day of our tour, we were having a placement drive so some of our classmates were busy with the interview. Because of that, we were late for our trip. At last, we began our journey. The most interesting part is we spend most of the time in the bus itself. Finally, after a long long journey we reached a hotel I don't remember the places, only had the time to fresh up. Again the journey continued on the bus. We were tired and bored so decided to play. Each boy and girl were divided into two groups for the Malayalees favourite game "adhaksheri". We girls won but these boys, they don't agree that they lost. Finally, we reached our resort. We had a rain DJ that day. We danced, made noise, it was going well but suddenly one of our boys started shouting to a guy who stood in front of us. He was taking our pictures. It ended badly. So we got back to our room and freshened up. We had our food and set up a



campfire interacted for a small bit of time then held back to our sleep.

The next day we were having our river rafting activities. We were much excited. It was amazing. We enjoyed. Then we moved to our next destination Goa. We reached night at the beach. Then we got back to our hotel we changed and slept. The next morning we were excited to explore. The beach, church, food, and everything. We had so many good memories on our tour. Next at Coorg. It was also nice. More than exploring the places I was really happy cause I'm exploring them with my friends

That year the principal decided to have the fest where one day two departments from each UG and



PG could hold the fest...it goes wrongly. Cause activities may be the same so the candidates from other colleges got confused.

We got fewer registrations. But we were happy that our teachers were happy. It is pretty evident from the

picture itself.

After that day it was getting serious we were at the end of our college. On the last day of the class, we all were sad but we didn't cry...we made one more bad impression that day too. We painted each other with black paint...other students from the department thought that "BCA students got crazy man" sorry we were a little crazy that day. But on the last day of college, we cried. But it was not the end, there was one more function for 2019 student's -The Graduation Ceremony. I can't still believe that I'm graduated everyone of them were emotional that day. We wore our hats and coats. While we walked to the hall we could see our parents sitting there, watching us. That was a proud moment. We got our certificates, we took pictures, we threw our hats up in the air. It was an incredibly good moment.

And that's how the end of 2016 -2019 BCA batch was. Let me mention that one more time the first autonomous batch.



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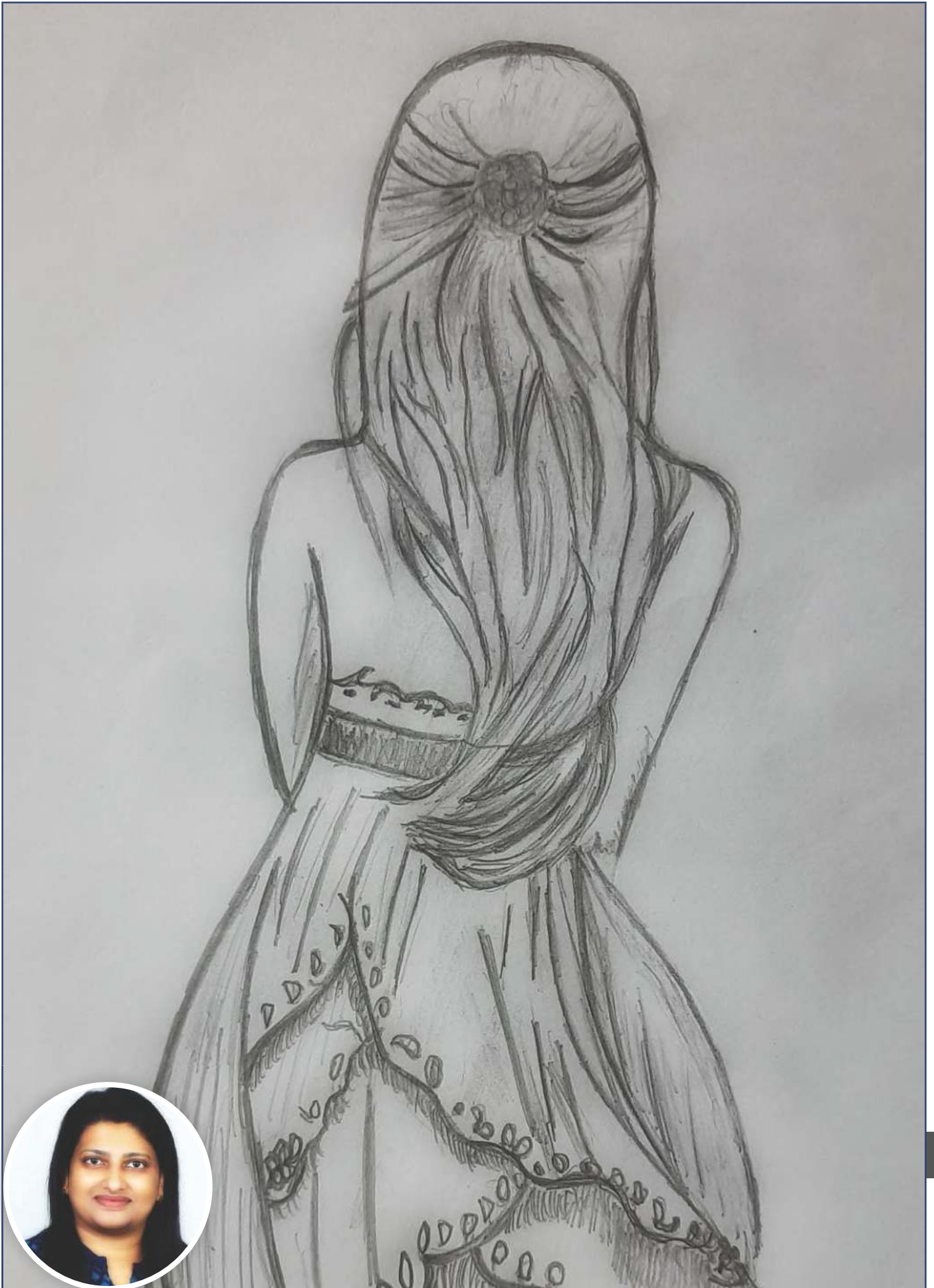
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