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Mar Joseph Powathil at 'Guruvandanam' 2010



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From the Principal's Desk



St. Berchmans College founded in June 1922 is one of the oldest and reputed colleges in Kerala. The dedication and selfless commitment shown by the teachers of yester years have nurtured the college into one of the premier institutions in the state. This rich legacy is carried on by the present generation of teachers who are striving sincerely to take the college to even greater heights.

I recall with a sense of fulfilment and gratitude all the distinguished teachers, students and non-teaching staff who have made SB what it is today. Yet we cannot rest on our laurels. As the college is nearing its 90th year, I earnestly entrust the college community to uphold the noble tradition and tirelessly strive to achieve higher standards of excellence.

May the intercession of St. Berchmans and the grace of God be with you all.

Rev. Dr. Tomy Padinjareveetil
Principal

Editorial

This issue of the newsletter is carrying the lead programme Guruvandanam held to honour the octogenarians among the retired teachers of the college. Mar Joseph Powathil, our former patron and a teacher par excellence of both the spiritual and the academic world was one among them. It was a unique experience for these teachers and the participants. It emphasized the continuity of the long tradition of teaching and declared that teachers are not to be superannuated and made obsolete. Past teachers find themselves to be present and relevant in many ways and the foremost way is to inspire the present generation of teachers. Exactly did it happen at the meeting. Teachers are the main stakeholders in the process of teaching-learning, even in the postmodern information society. Students explore and may google and download but they need teachers to evaluate, weigh and consider what they have googled and explored. Teachers are therefore irreplaceable at all times with any technology. But teachers are to be better informed, more humane and sympathetic today to weigh and consider. It is hoped that Guruvandanam leaves behind a lesson or two for all the teachers. Long live the Teacher!

Prof. P. J. Thomas



His Grace Joseph Powathil
(Economics)



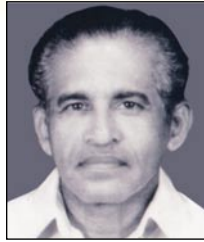
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Prof. K. M. Joseph
(English)

GURUVANDANAM

St. Berchmans College Staff Association honoured twelve of its former members who have crossed eighty. A ceremony was arranged on the teachers' day to acknowledge the invaluable contributions of these great teachers in the field of higher education and to the society at large. Shri. C. F. Thomas MLA, Very Rev. Dr. Joseph Naduvilezham (Manager, S. B. College), Very Rev. Dr. George Madathilparampil (Former Principal) and Rev. Dr. Joseph Vattakalam (Former Principal) graced the occasion with their presence. Prof. Thomas Kanayamplavan was specially honoured for his brilliant literary work "Vedasagaram" mahakavyam. Staff Association plans to continue this novel endeavour on September 5 every year.





AUTOMATION OF THE LIBRARY

The Library of the College was fully automated and it was inaugurated by Rev. Dr. Joseph Naduvilezham, Manager on 13th August 2010. Two kiosks were provided at the entrance to browse through the catalogue.

Inflibnet facility is available in the digital library. Around 2000 journal and books can be accessed through this facility. This is really a boost to the researchers and students.

PhD AWARDED

Antony Mathews in Mathematics and Mohan Thomas and George Sebastian in Chemistry were awarded PhD.



Antony Mathews



Mohan Thomas



George Sebastian

HONOURED

Padmasree Prof. P. I. John, alumnus of S. B. College and presently the Director of Institute for Plasma Research, Ahmedabad was honoured by the college in a function organised jointly by the Physics and Chemistry departments on 11th August 2010.

INAUGURATION OF WOMEN'S CELL

The Women's Cell of SB College was inaugurated on 22nd September 2010 by Mrs. Nisha Jose. The meeting was presided over by the Principal Rev. Fr. Tomy Padinjareveetil and Dr. Jacob Thomas, Vice Principal delivered felicitation. Mrs. Sweety Jojo and Ms. LekshmiPriya R addressed the gathering.



▲ Mrs. Nisha Jose addresses the gathering

INAUGURATION OF SB MUSIC CLUB BY VINEETH SREENIVASAN

The Music Club of S. B. College was inaugurated by Vineeth Sreenivasan on 10th August 2010. The club plans to nurture the young talents of the college. A music programme was conducted on the occasion.



Sri. Vineeth Sreenivasan inaugurates the music club



◀ Music club members perform on the stage



INAUGURATION OF ST BERCHMANS CENTRE FOR EXTENSION ACTIVITIES (SBCEA)

The inauguration of St. Berchmans Centre for Extension Activities was held on 14th August 2010. Rev. Dr. Joseph Naduvilezham, Manager inaugurated the meeting and launched the 'Sustainable Home' project. The programme aims at proactive involvement of academic community towards environmentally safe development of the society by developing model families which will act as catalyst to transform general community towards sustainable progress and development. At present the Sahrudaya Residents Association is co-operating with the college. Dr. J. G. Ray has done a presentation on 'Plastic Free Home for Sustainability' and Dr. K. E. Abraham led a session on 'Energy Management for Sustainability'.



INAUGURATION OF CATHOLIC STUDENTS MOVEMENT (CSM) ACTIVITIES

The activities of CSM for the academic year 2010-11 were inaugurated by Padmashree Dr. Philip Augustine on 17th September 2010. Arch Bishop Mar Joseph Perumthottam presided over the meeting. Principal Rev. Fr. Tomy Padinjareveetil and Vice Principal Dr. Jacob Thomas addressed the gathering. Rev. Fr. Jose Thekkepurath, Director of CSM delivered welcome speech and Mr. Jaimin George, President of CSM delivered vote of thanks.

EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

SB Centre for Extension Activities conducted blood donation and blood group testing camps in Pallathuruthy, Kuttanadu on 3rd July 2010.

One day Health Awareness workshop was conducted by the centre in collaboration with Gandhian study centre at Kainakary on 10th July 2010.

INAUGURATION OF NATURE CLUB

The activity of Nature Club of S. B. College was inaugurated by Mr. K. V. Dayal, President of Muhamma Nature Society on 29th September 2010.



▲ Mr. K. V. Dayal inaugurates the Nature Club



▲ Dr. B. Ekbal inaugurates the Equal Opportunity Centre

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY CENTRE

was launched in the college under the XI Plan of UGC on 14th of October 2010 with the objective of empowering backward-marginalized- Women and minority students. The centre conducts programmes including guidelines for academic activities like research, coaching for the Civil Services and the UGC Examinations, classes for personality development, communication skills etc. The centre functions as a platform for transmitting patriotic and secular values.





INAUGURATION OF SADP

Science Aptitude Developer Programme targeting school students was inaugurated by Rev. Fr. Tom Kunnumpuram, former Principal of the college and Director, Higher education Department, Archdiocese of Changanassery on 14 August 2010. Dr. George Varghese, Professor, Department of Physics, Calicut University delivered the keynote address. 50 students from schools in and around Changanassery participate in the programme.

NATIONAL SEMINAR ORGANISED BY CENTRE FOR GANDHIAN STUDIES

Centre for Gandhian Studies organized a National Seminar on Multinationals, Life Style, Climate change and Economic Crisis. The three days seminar which started on 4th August 2010 was inaugurated by Dr. M. G. S. Narayanan, former Director of ICHR.

Observation of World Anti- Drug Day was organized by Gandhian Studies Forum attended by IyacherryKunjikrishnan Master.

Gandhian Study Centre and Botany Department jointly organized a talk on 'Adivasi Medicines and Treatment'.



Dr. MGS with the students at the seminar



INTERNATIONAL LECTURE SERIES ORGANIZED BY DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY AND BOTANY

The inauguration of the International Lecture Series was done by Dr. Cristopher L. Krystia niak, Professor, University of Quebec, Montreal, Canada on 6th August 2010.

Seminar on Bio- Technology – The seminar was attended by Dr. C. Kameshwara Rao, Rtd. Prof. and Head, Dept. of Botany, Bangalore University and Dr. P. K. K. Nair, Secretary, Environment Resource and Research Centre Trivandrum.



FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF MALAYALAM

The Department of Malayalam organized a Seminar on Contemporary Possibilities and approaches of Malayalam Literature Studies on 14th and 15th October 2010. The Seminar was inaugurated by Dr. P. P. Raveendran. Principal Rev. Fr. Tomy Padinjareveetil, Dr. James Manimala (HOD), Dr. Scaria Sakariah, Mr. Bobby Thomas (Assistant Editor Malayala Manorama), Dr. Mahesh Mangalattu (Associate Prof. Gov. College Mahi), and Dr. Shaji Jacob (Associate Prof. S.S.U.S. Kalady) were present in the seminar.

PROGRAMMES IN MEMORY OF PROF. RAMACHANDRAPAI

The Department of Malayalam and Prof. K. V. Ramachandra Pai memorial Trust together organized an all Kerala Literary Quiz competition and a Seminar in memory of Prof. Ramachandra Pai on 18th and 19th October 2010. The team from Maharajas College Ernakulam, the team from NSS College Changanassery and the team from School of Letters MGU got the prizes. The Seminar on 19th October was inaugurated by Rev. Fr. Tomy Padinjareveetil, Principal. Dr. James Manimala, Dr. Joji Madappattu, Dr. Chathanathu Achuthanunni and Prof. Antony Joseph led the seminar.

OBITUARY

Rev. Fr. Mathew Kattady, former teacher and hostel warden of the college passed away on 11 August 2010. His selfless service will always be remembered. May his soul rest in peace.



COLLEGE UNION

The College union election of S. B. College was conducted on 1st October 2010. Newly elected union members took oath from the Principal Rev. Fr. Tomy Padinjareveetil. Inauguration of College Union was done by Mr. T. P. Sreenivasan IFS (Rtd.) on October 28, 2010. The Arts Club was inaugurated on the same day by Cine Artist Mr. Tini Tom.

A special training programme for the electoral college – ‘A Journey towards Remarkable Leadership’ was organized by the Department of HRD. Mr. Renjith Jose and Mr. Robin Jose led the sessions.



NSS

NSS activities was inaugurated by Kodikunnil Suresh MP. Mr. Sabu D Mathew, Co-ordinator of National Minority Education Commission attended the function.

◀ Inauguration of NSS activities by Mr. Kodikunnil Suresh MP.

GANDHI JAYANTHI CELEBRATIONS OF NSS

NSS Unit of the College organized Gandhi Jayanthi Celebrations on 5th October 2010. Dr. Jose Mathew, Director of Gandhian Study Centre S. B. College gave message of the day. Mr. Renji Mathew, Mr. Sunny Sebastian (Programme Officers) gave leadership for the celebrations.



NSS SPECIAL CAMP

The NSS Unit of the College organized Seven Days' Camp in Koruthodu. The inauguration of the camp was held on 20th August 2010.

Nss volunteers of seven day camp at Madukka, Koruthodu ▶



BLOOD GROUP DETECTION CAMP

A Blood Group Detection camp was organized by NSS Unit of the College in collaboration with the Department of Zoology on 7th October 2010. The Programme was inaugurated by the Principal Rev. Fr. Tomy Padinjareveetil.

DEPARTMENT OF HRD

Mr. Robin Jose was appointed as the Faculty in charge of HRD department in July 2010. The oath taking Ceremony of the team excellence was conducted on 2nd September 2010. It was the formal charge taking ceremony of the Team Excellence. The members took oath from the Principal Rev. Fr. Tomy Padinjareveetil.

▶ Team excellence of HRD



PG INDUCTION PROGRAMME

The PG Induction Programme organized by the Department of HRD was held on 13th September 2010 in Kavukattu hall. The programme was started with a prayer service which was led by Fr. Jose Mullakary. Principal Rev. Fr. Tomy Padinjareveetil delivered the keynote address, Vice Principal Dr. Jacob Thomas and Bursar Rev. Fr. Reji Plathottam addressed the gathering. Prof. James Manimala, Head of the Department of Malayalam presented the History, Tradition and Culture of S. B. College. A session on Team Work & Team Building was taken by Mr. Robin Jose. Research Orientation was given by Prof. P. J. Thomas and Dr. J. G. Ray.



▲ Moments from the induction programme

NEWS AT A GLANCE

- » The debate club was inaugurated on 15th July 2010. The Debate Club and the College Union jointly organised P. T. Chacko memorial Intercollegiate Debate Competition on 21st October 2010. The team from Alphonsa College, Pala won the first prize and Ernakulam Govt. Law College team won the second prize.
- » Foundation Stone of Women's Hostel was laid by His Grace Mar Joseph Powathil on 8th September 2010. It is being constructed with the financial aid from UGC.
- » The DC Kizhakemuri Foundation and the HRD Department of the College together organized the first round of the contest 'The Best Student Leader 2011-12' on 26th October 2010. Five students from the college were selected to the regional round.
- » The Third Theatre was inaugurated by Abhilash MD, Idea Star Singer fame.

Warm welcome by the Delhi Chapter of SB Alumni Association to Fr. Principal and team



SPORTS

The basketball team of the college won many tournaments. They were the champions in MG University southzone, MG University inter-zone, Berthlomeu trophy and Kottayam district inter club champions. They were the runners up in Fr. P. C. Mathew memorial tournament, Marian college trophy, Mar Ivanios trophy and UC college trophy.

Basil Philip, Jobin Varghese, Praveenlal P, Chanthu Das, Arun Alexander, Roby Thomas, Kashi Viswanath, Jerin Joy and Sonu Soman were selected to the MG university basketball team for south zone interuniversity tournament.

Basil Philip and Roby Thomas represented the Kerala state senior team and Tony K Mahtew, Mahesh M and Roby Thomas represented the Kerala Junior State team in the senior nationals and junior national respectively.

The college team won the MG university netball championship held on 8 and 9 September 2010 in Assumption College. Basil Philip, Jobin Varghese and Roby Thomas were selected to the MG university netball team.

Manu K. D won the 3rd prize in the MG University cross country championship held at MA College Kothamangalam and he got selected to the MG university cross country team.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The Delhi Chapter of our alumni association extended a cordial welcome to Fr. Principal and team on 29th October 2010. The team made deliberations with the alumni unit with regard to the strengthening of the alumni association activities all over the world. The unit revealed that it is their dream to see their Alma Mater taking a pioneering role in the country with respect to academics, research and nation building.

▼ Floral Carpets' Competition

ONAM CELEBRATIONS OF THE COLLEGE

S. B. College celebrated Onam with different colourful programmes. The Catholic Students Movement organized 'Athapookkala Mathsaram', in which all the departments participated with great enthusiasm. The Department of HRD put a 'Zero Budget Pookalam' with locally available free flowers. The Zoology, Botany and Chemistry department won the first, second and third prize respectively. Each department celebrated Onam with various games including 'Onasadhya'.

