

St. Berchmans College, Changanacherry

A Report of the College - 2009-'10

More than a prerogative of mine as being the principal, I consider it my privilege and honour to present a consolidated report of the academic and non academic activities in the 88th academic year of the College.

This year was marked by the Ruby Jubilee celebration of the post graduate course of the English department and the Golden Jubilee of the Malayalam department. The year was also marked by the college being honoured with three NSS awards for the year 2009-10 the best NSS unit, the best programme officer and the best Principal, the trophy for literary events at the MG University youth festival, the championship at the MG university for Basketball and Cycling, and Zonal championship for cricket.

Let me go through the details:

The college reopened on 4th June 2009 after the summer vacation. The student's strength for the past academic year was 1828. The table below gives the details.



Course	Male	Female	Total
I DC	347	57	404
II DC	320	38	358
III Dc	366	45	411
Degree Total	1033	140	1173
I PG	78	252	330
II PG	66	232	298
PG total	144	484	628
BIL Sc	2	7	9
MIL Sc	2	8	10
M.Phil	1	7	8
Grand Total	1182	646	1828

Research

The college currently has 8 research departments including the Commerce and Economics which were recognized as research centres by the MG University this year. There are twenty five research guides supervising 68 research scholars (23 full time and 43 part time)

Two of our teachers secured PhDs - Dr Mathew Jose K of the English department and Dr. James V of the Malayalam department. Two major and nine minor projects were granted by the UGC during this academic year. In all 34 papers were published in national and international journals by our faculty with an overall impact factor of 7.229. A special congratulation to Mr. Tomlal who has published 6 papers with an aggregate impact factor 2.690. Dr. J.G.Ray received membership in the American Agronomy society & soil science society of America.

During XI plan, the UGC has sanctioned a total grant of Rs. 95.00 lakhs, comprising undergraduate assistance to the tune of Rs. 15.00 lakhs, postgraduate assistance Rs. 42.50 lakhs for the nine departments, and Rs 38.50 lakhs under merged schemes.

Results of University Examinations April-May 2009

The results for the graduate students were as follows

Rank Holders for PG courses

Our students have bagged 10 ranks at the Post Graduate

university examinations held in May 2008. They are

Sherin Mathichiparampil	:	III rank	:	MA English Literature
Joisy Joseph	:	I Rank	:	M.Sc Physics (NCE)
Nithya C	:	I Rank	:	M.Sc Chemistry (Pure)
Sreedevi K Menon	:	I Rank	:	M.Sc Polymer Chemistry
Fadeela C V	:	III Rank	:	"
Sheethu Jose	:	III Rank	:	M.Sc Anal. Chemistry
Sonia Ann Zacharia	:	II Rank	:	M.Sc Botany
Amala Liz Babu	:	I Rank	:	M.Sc Biochemistry
Nisha I.N	:	II Rank	:	"
Aswathy Unnikrishnan	:	II Rank	:	"

Congratulations to all the rank holders

The college Union

For the tenth year the college union executives were elected under the parliamentary mode. This year college union was headed by Mr. Bineesh Thomas as chairman and Mr. Sandeep Varghese, General Secretary. Mr. George Thomas and Dr. Jose Kaipallil, as union advisers, have co-

SB College Degree University result - April 2009

Course	appeared	I class	II class	III class	Pass Main only	Total Pass	% pass
B.Sc maths	30	16	9	3	1	29	96.7
B.Sc Physics	38	17	12	1	0	30	79
B.Sc Chemistry	19	9	3	0	4	16	84.2
B.Sc Botany	10	5	4	0	0	9	90
B.Sc Zoology	6	3	3	0	0	6	100
BA Economics	49	8	6	29	0	43	87.8
BA Malayalam	14	4	5	3	0	12	85.7
BA English Lit	21	6	8	5	1	20	95.2
B.Com	66	41	16	1	0	58	87.9

Rank Holders for Graduate course from the college are

Ms Risma Mammikutty	:	Ist Rank B.Sc Ind. Microbiology
Ms Soumya Mary Varghese	:	2nd "
Ms. Varsha Nair	:	3rd "
Ms Resmi Raveendran Nair	:	2nd Rank B.Sc Biotechnology
Ms Thara C Vargheese	:	Ist Rank BLISc
Ms Vidya T	:	2nd "



ordinated the activities of the college union. The report of the College Union will be presented separately.

Associations, clubs and centres on the campus

The college promotes associations at the departmental level. There are a number of associations, clubs and centres serving the various needs of the students, such as guidance and counselling, arts club, film club, quiz club, debating club, tourism club and nature club.

The department of religion and value education

The department conducts separate classes for catholic and non catholic students once a week on the third day. Classes are engaged by the teachers of the college and they deserve special thanks for their commendable service. This year we have decided to issue a diploma on value education to all the third year degree students who successfully complete the course. Our special thanks to Rev. Fr. Jose Viruppel and Dr. V.T.Antony, the director and co-Director of the department.

Catholic students movement

The activities of CSM for the year 2009-10 were led by the president Sabu T John and vice president Ms. Geethu Jose. Mr. T.K.Jose IAS inaugurated the activities of CSM. It organised various activities for the spiritual well being of students, including Holy Mass on the first Fridays of every month, Rosary during the month of October, and a three day retreat for students. It also conducted an athapookalam competition during onam celebrations, and a carol singing competition during Christmas. The CSM programmes were coordinated by the director Rev Fr Jose Thekkepuram and Mr. Antony Mathews.

Students Counselling Centre

The Berchmans Counselling centre has one full time and two part time counsellors to provide counselling sessions for all needy students. The centre observed a mental health week in the second week of October 2009, by conducting film shows, talks, street plays and exhibitions.

Women's Cell

This year the president of the cell was Ms Steffy K Jose and was guided by Mrs Sweetey Joju. The activities of the cell for the year was inaugurated by Mrs Silliamma Skaria, AGM, Kottayam Zone, SBT. It conducted a life skill development on going programme for women students of the college. It organized women's day and an exhibition in March 2010.

NCC Activities

Our cadets participated in rock climbing and Trekking training camps, National Integration Camp, Inter-Group TSC, CAWATC (RDC), Pre-RD Camp and RD camp. Our naval unit bagged the overall championship in the training camp.

NSS Activities

The National service Scheme activities for the year was inaugurated by Dr. Thomas Abraham. The notable activities for the year were a seven day special camp at Angel valley, an orientation camp, a mini camp on the theme 'youth and attitude', an inter university camp "INTUNICA". One of our volunteers Josy K Thomas attended the republic day parade at New Delhi. The best Unit Award, The best programme Officer Award and the best Principal award declared on the basis of the NSS activities for the year 2008-09 by the MG University, was won by our college.

HRD Activities

The Department of Human Resource Development organized various programmes for UG and PG students. The continuous Training Programme was one of the major highlights of the year where all UG and PG students were given



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a five hour HRD training in each term/semester. Topics at the training were career guidance, counseling awareness, motivation, interview techniques, group discussion, resume preparation etc. Team Excellence, the official event management team consisting of 20 handpicked students from among the second year students, hosted a number of programmes including I DC and I PG induction programme, assistance to campus recruitments, Berchmans Award and others.

The HRD department, every year, selects the best outstanding students from among the outgoing PG and UG students through a series of tests, and they are named the luminaries of St. Berchmans college. This year six students were selected luminaries and the award was presented to them by Mr Sashi Kumar, Chairman, media development foundation, Chennai, on 29 January 2010.

Gandhian Study Centre

A three day national Seminar was conducted by the centre on July 29 to 31 on the theme "Gandhian Solutions for the Global Crisis". The seminar was inaugurated by Dr. Prabhath Patnaik. The centre organized a talk by Mr. Eayacherry Kunji Krishnan in connection with Gandhi Jayanthi. The centre offered Yoga certificate courses for the students and staff of the college. It also organized a photo exhibition on Mahatma Gandhi on 27 to 31 January 2010.

PTA

The Parent Teacher Association of the college under the President Mr. Sajan Francis and the Staff Secretary Mr. Soji Joseph was very active during the year. A department wise meeting of the parents was held immediately after the terminal examinations. The PTA of the college is fully involved in the co curricular and curricular activities of the college and monitors the funding for the counseling centre, HRD programmes, and sports activities.

Alumni Association

The college has a number of alumni chapters across the globe and the oldest among them the UAE chapter celebrated its silver jubilee in may 2009 at Dubai. The Principal and Dr. Ruble Raj from the college attended the programme at Dubai.

The annual gathering of the alumni association on the college campus was held 26 January 2010. The illustrious alumni Justice Ravi Kumar, High Court of Kerala and H E Mar George Kocherry, Pro Nuncio to Zimbabwe were felicitated on the occasion. Djembe Band consisting of 15 students of the college, directed by the alumnus Mr. Mathew Paul, was formally inaugurated by Padmasree Mattanoor Sankarankutty Marar.

Sports and Games: The 40th all Kerala Intercollegiate Basketball tournament for Rev Fr. P.C Mathew memorial trophy

was held from December 7th to 10th 2009, and the all Kerala Intercollegiate football tournament for Rev Fr. Francis Kalacherry memorial trophy was held from November 3rd to 5th, 2009.

Annual Sports: - The Annual Sports meet was held on January 14, 2009 and a good number of students participated in the colourful march past, and thereafter for the various track and field events.

Basketball: This year the College Basketball Team won MG University Basketball championship, one major intercollegiate tournament and was runners up in our tournaments. Six members of our College team represented the University team in the all India Inter University Championship.

Cycling: Our cycling team won the MG University overall championship for men section. Three of our students were selected in the university cycling team.

Cricket: The college team became second in the MG University south zone and was selected for the interzone competition.

Seminars and workshops on the campus

A two day international seminar "Culture, globalisation and Ethics of the Humanities" was organised by Dept. of English on July 9, 10 was attended by students, scholars and teachers from India and abroad.

Aug 24-27 "Celebration of the International Year of Astronomy IYA 2009" by the Academy of Physics Teachers, Kerala in association with St. Berchmans College, Changanassery. A one day seminar for physics Teachers from all universities and affiliated colleges in Kerala was conducted.

A three day seminar on Astronomy & Astrophysics for post Graduate Physics students from colleges in Kerala on 25th, 26th and 27th.

A National seminar on 'Language study - Contemporary Theories and Approaches' held by the department of Malayalam on October 2009.

A two day national seminar on Human Rights - Theory and Praxis, was conducted on Oct 22nd and 23rd, 2009 by the Economics Dept, sponsored by UGC.

A two day workshop for poetry writing "Paith" organized by the department of Malayalam in 11 and 12 November 2009.

A National seminar on "Theatres of Kerala" organized by department of Malayalam on 23 November, 2009.

A three day National Seminar on Discrete mathematics: theory, algorithms and applications was held by the department of Mathematics, sponsored by the UGC from Dec. 29th to 31st 2009.

Dignitaries who visited the college

Dr. Rajan Gurukul, Vice Chancellor of MG University

inaugurated the workshop on Theory and Praxis on June 15th, organised by the Forum for Contemporary Theory and the department of English.

On June 26th, 2009 Dr. Gayathri Chakrovorthy Spivak was on the campus to deliver Prof Sheppard memorial lecture.

Mr. P.C Cyriac IAS, Director CSE on July 29th, 2009 delivered the Convocation address of MBA XIII Batch.

Dr. Prabhath Patnaik inaugurated the three day national seminar "Gandhian solutions for the global Crisis" on July 29th, 2009.

Prof O N V kurup was on the campus on Sep. 8th, 2009 to inaugurate the Golden Jubilee celebration of the MA and BA courses in the Malayalam Dept.

The Kottayam District Collector, Mrs Mini Antony, our alumna, delivered the keynote address on Oct 8th, 2009 at the Berchmans award presentation ceremony for the best college teacher.

Justice K.T.Thomas inaugurated college union activities for the year 2009-10 Oct. 14th, 2009.

On Oct 20th, 2009 H.G. Philipose Mar Chrisostom, metropolitan Bishop, and Mr. V.M Sudheeran, former Minister inaugurated a campaign to make the campus Plastic Free.

Mrs Lida Jacob IAS gave the Christmas message on 16 December 2009.

Padmasri Mattanoor Sankarankutty Marar inaugurated the Djembe band at the Annual Alumni gathering held on Jan 26th, 2010.

Mr. Sashi kumar, Chairman, media development foundation, Chennai delivered the commencement address and presented the Luminary award on 29 January 2010.

Dr. Gregory Brukland, author of the book "Third Bomb" delivered a lecture, organized by the Gandhian study centre on 6th February 2010.

M T Vasudevan Nair to deliver the valedictory address of the golden jubilee celebrations of the Malayalam dept on 19th February 2010.

Teachers on FIP

Three of our teachers, Mr. Raju Sebastian of the English department, Mr. Antony Joseph of the Commerce department and Mr. Jomon K.V of the Zoology department, are on deputation under Faculty Development Programme of the UGC under XI plan for completing the Ph D programme.

Welcome to new members on the staff

Hearty welcome to Mr. Sunny Sebastian, Mr. Bins M Mathew, both of the Malayalam Dept, Rev. Fr. John J Chavara, Mr. Jinu B. George of the mathematics Dept and Mr. Salvy Thomas Botany Dept.

As we come to the end of an academic year, I stand

before you with feelings of gratitude and affection, and thank God almighty for His utmost care and providence for all of us during the last academic year. This is also an occasion to gratefully remember all our former patrons, managers, principals, staff and students.

Before I wind up, let me recall to your mind the unstinted cooperation and support of our teaching and non-teaching staff towards the smooth and graceful functioning of the college during the past academic year. Let me also thank the students and their parents, the alumni here and elsewhere, the people of Changanassery, and all those well wishers and benefactors who wish for the glory and honour of our college. May God bless you all abundantly and let us look forward to His uninterrupted graces and guidance to make our college rise in glory and excellence day by day.

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