

# **Principal's Report**

## **Introduction**

St. Thomas College of Teacher Education is committed to providing motivated students the opportunity to transform their lives through personalized and high quality learning environments. It prepares the learner to continue learning throughout their lives and to act ethically and responsibly in a changing world. For the past ten years, it has been a centre of talented faculty, staff and students who share a common desire to pursue excellence in every sphere of life. It has in fact become the first preference for many parents and students as it has a vision and mission of building a generation of excellent teachers fired with a spirit of service and values and it stands at the height of brilliant performance and remarkable achievements in academic and co-curricular domains.

The 9<sup>th</sup> academic year of B.Ed. Programme commenced on 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2013. The occasion solemnly began with a prayer service seeking the blessings of God in all its endeavours throughout the new academic year. The 6<sup>th</sup> batch of M.Ed. Programme started on 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2013. Generally we begin the academic activities of each day with the morning assembly at 9.40 am and we end the classes at 3.50 pm.

## **Strength of the College**

Hundred students in the optionals viz., English, Mathematics, Physical science, Natural science and Social science were admitted to B.Ed. Programme as per the rules and regulations of Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam. Out of the 100 we have 80 girls and 20 boys. The strength of M.Ed. Programme 2013-2014 was 35 with 30 girls and 5 boys, and the strength of the new batch of M.Ed. Programme 2014-15 is 35 with 26 girls and 9 boys.

It is a pleasure to announce that the college has been granted permission to begin the optionals Commerce and Malayalam for B. Ed. Programme from the academic year 2014-2015.

There are ten teaching staff and four non-teaching staff. Mr. Ronish T. John and Miss Seena Joseph left services from the college. Mr. Darvin V. J. joined the teaching staff on 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2013. Mr. Jibu Joseph took over the librarianship from Mrs. Leema Jacob on 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2013. Dr. Shimna Paul re-joined duty on 1<sup>st</sup> January,

2014. Mrs. Monisha Maria George took over the librarianship from Mr. Jibu Joseph on 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2014. In a very special way, the college is greatly proud of Dr. Pushpamma C. Vadakkal and Dr. Shimna Paul who were awarded Ph. D this year and have brought honour to the college.

### **Tests and Examinations**

The First and Second Semester M.Ed. Degree University Examinations for the year 2013-2014 began on 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 2013 and 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2014 respectively. The First Semester B.Ed. Degree University Examination for the academic year 2013-2014 commenced on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2014. B.Ed. Practical Examination was conducted on 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> October 2014. Second Semester B.Ed. Model Exams will begin on 13<sup>th</sup> October, 2014, and the University Examinations are scheduled to begin on 27<sup>th</sup> October, 2014.

### **Results**

Out of the 65 students who appeared for the B.Ed. degree examination conducted in October, 2013, the college secured 100% pass with Twenty Five A, thirty B+ and ten B.

The students who scored the highest in the optional subjects and their grade points are the following:

|                   |                 |   |      |
|-------------------|-----------------|---|------|
| English:          | Rini Sebastian  | - | 3.81 |
| Maths:            | Meettu Mathew   | - | 3.76 |
| Natural Science:  | Chithra Jose    | - | 3.81 |
| Physical Science: | Anu James       | - | 3.71 |
|                   | Sandhya M.S     | - | 3.71 |
| Social Science:   | Shibu Mathew N. | - | 3.73 |
|                   | Mercy M. Skaria | - | 3.73 |

Out of the 35 students who appeared for the M.Ed examinations conducted in May 2013, the college secured 100% pass with ten A, fifteen B+ and ten B. The students who stood first in the college and their grade points are the following:

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|---------------------------------|---|------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Seenamol Scaria | - | 3.60 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Laiby George    | - | 3.57 |

### **College Union**

The College Union election in the academic year 2013-2014 was conducted on 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2013, as per the rules and regulations of Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam. Mr. Francis K J was appointed as the returning officer for the same. Bless Tom Nanthalam was elected as the Chairman of the College Union 2013-2014.

On 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2014, the College Union as well as the Arts Club was formally inaugurated by Honourable Minister Sri. P. J. Joseph. Very Rev. Mgr. Francis Alappatt was the Guest of Honour for the function.

### **Club Activities**

The culminating academic year was rich with variegated club activities. Eco Club was formally inaugurated on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2014, by Sri. V.J. George, retired Deputy Director of Agriculture, Idukki. He provided us with necessary guidelines for the terrace cultivation initiated by the Eco Club.

On 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2014, the Health Club was inaugurated by Dr. John P. Stephen and he led a seminar on Su Jok Therapy, a system of treatment comprising of a variety of techniques to prevent and cure illness and restore health without any drugs.

On 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2014, the Oratory Club was inaugurated by Rev. Fr. Mathew Chandreankunnel, Secretary of Corporate Educational Agency, Diocese of Pala. He conducted a workshop on 'oratory skills'. On the same day afternoon the Social Club was inaugurated by Sri P. C George, Government Chief Whip of Kerala.

### **Study Tours**

During the academic year, our college organized many educational trips to various places. They were organised for both M.Ed. and B.Ed. students. They were really an opportune moment for all to intermingle with each other, to be relaxed and joyous.

At the beginning of M.Ed. Programme of 2013-2014, the students organised a one day retreat to The Birds Sanctuary at Thattekkadu. They also had a one day tour to Ernakulam on 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2013.

B.Ed. students organised a five days trip to Ootty and Wayanad from 10<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2014.

At the beginning of M.Ed. Programme of 2014-2015, the students had a one day retreat to Poru and Bhoothathankettu.

### **Alumni Association**

Alumni Association 2014 was organised on 13th May 2014. The programme was presided over by Sr. Dr. Christina Augustine, the Principal of the college.

The following members were elected as the office bearers:

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|-----------------|--------------------------|
| President       | - Bindhu Regi            |
| Vice President  | - Fr. Antony Puthenkulam |
| Secretary       | - Fr. Johnson Oroplackal |
| Joint Secretary | - Betsy M. Paul          |

### **Enrichment Programmes**

As the college caters to the all-round development of the individual, it has encouraged and initiated diversified activities.

A one-day communicative English Enrichment Programme (CEEP) by Mr. Shibu Kallarackal was organized on 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2013.

A seminar on 'Vision 2030' was organized on 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2014. Block Panchayath President Smt. Leelamma Jose inaugurated the programme, and the seminar was led by Dr. C Gokuldasan Pillai, Head of Curriculum Department, SCERT, Thiruvananthapuram. As part of the seminar the students of our college conducted an interview with Dr. C Gokuldasan Pillai.

As part of the Community Extension Programme, the B. Ed students went for a one-day maintenance work of Udumbannoor – Kaithappara Road on 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2014.

Mr. Darvin V. J attended an orientation seminar in Research Methodology at SNM Training College, Moothakunnam on 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> of March, 2014.

On 24<sup>th</sup> June, Sri Padmanabha Swami conducted a class on 'values'.

Under the initiative of the social Club, the Excise Department organised an awareness programme for Anti-Addiction on 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2013. It was further supplemented by a seminar on Anti-addiction organized on 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2014. Sri. Ajit Patil IAS, District Collector of Idukki, inaugurated the programme and the awareness class was taken by Dr. Madhujan, a Clinical Psychologist from KARUNASAI De - Addiction And Mental Health Research Institute, Thiruvananthapuram.

Demonstration classes for the year 2013-14 were arranged from 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> June 2014. Resource persons from various schools were invited to demonstrate classes for different subjects. Criticism classes of B.Ed. students started on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2014.

Practice Teaching for the year 2014 started on 7<sup>th</sup> July, 2014. Our students had their teaching practice at twenty schools for 30 working days.

### **Sports and Games**

The college follows the house system to encourage healthy competition, and to ensure active participation with true sports man spirit. Annual Sports Meet was held on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2014 and the students participated in it with great enthusiasm and true sportsman spirit. The Chief Guest of the day was Mr. K.P Thomas, Dronacharya Award Winner.

### **Accomplishments**

We are extremely proud of our students who have brought laurels to the institution during this academic year.

Fr. Joseph Puthenkulam Memorial Elocution Competition was conducted by our college on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2014. Candidates from 21 colleges actively participated in the competition. The following participants secured the prizes:

Ist : Fr. Gino Jose - St. Thomas College of Teacher Education,  
Mylacompu.

IIInd : Treesa V. Joseph - Alphonsa College, Pala

IIIrd : Ann Joseph - Auxilium B. Ed. College Kidangoor.

Fr. Gino Jose Punnamattathil and Rini Michael participated in the Principals' Trophy-All Kerala Intercollegiate Debate Competition held at Marian College, Kuttikkanam on 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2013 and won the first prize-trophy and a cash award of Rs. 3000.

Christina Aby and Priya Pradeep Participated in the English quiz competition, 'El-Lit Quest – 2014' organised at St. Thomas College of Teacher Education, Pala on 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2014 and won the 2<sup>nd</sup> prize.

Fr. Gino Jose won 2<sup>nd</sup> prize in the inter collegiate Elocution Competition held at Nirmala College, Muvattupuzha, and another 2<sup>nd</sup> prize in the intercollegiate elocution

competition held at St. Johns the Baptist's College of Education, Nedumkunnam, on 5<sup>th</sup> February, 2014.

M. G. University Inter College Athletic Meet was held at Nehru Stadium, Kottayam on 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2014. SuhasB.S of M.Ed. won 1<sup>st</sup> Prize for shot-put as well as 3<sup>rd</sup> prize for discus-throw. Jobin Jose of B. Ed won 2<sup>nd</sup> prize for long-jump.

### **General Staff Meeting**

General Staff meetings are conducted twice a month to evaluate the regular functioning of the college, and to organize innovative programmes for the days.

### **Spiritual Activities**

Spiritual activities are organized under the auspices of CSM unit of our college. Holy Mass is celebrated on First Fridays, and prayer meetings are conducted on all Fridays and on other important occasions. From 30<sup>th</sup> May to 1<sup>st</sup> June 2014, an annual residential retreat was organised for our students at NESTT, Muvattupuzha.

### **Celebrations**

***Talents Day*** : Talents Day for the students of B.Ed. Programme was celebrated on 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2013. It was an expression of the exuberant creativity of our students.

***Christmas Celebrations*** : Christmas was celebrated on 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2013 with all its spirit. The Chief Guest of the day was Rev. Dr. Fr. Stanly Pulprayil, the Rector of St. Joseph's Minor Seminary, Kothamangalam.

***New Year celebration*** : Understanding the vision and mission of our college we visited Providence Home, Ezhumuttam, a Rehabilitation Centre for the Mentally and Physically Challenged.

***Arts Fest*** : Arts Fest of the academic year 2013-14 was held on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2014. It was be a time of healthy competitions, high-spirits and jollity.

***Teachers' Day and Onam celebrations*** : On 5<sup>th</sup> September 2014 the College Union arranged Teachers' Day and Onam celebrations with all its colourful and variety programmes. The students expressed their love and respect for their teachers.

### **Conclusion**

At the close of the academic year 2013-2014, I am very proud of the achievements made by our College and I express my heart felt gratitude for the dedication, hard work, and leadership of everyone.

May I conclude this report by expressing my deep gratitude to God Almighty for all the blessings showered upon us. I wholeheartedly express the gratitude and indebtedness of the college community, to our Patron, Mar George Madathikandathil. I sincerely express my gratitude to Very Rev. Mgr. Francis Alappatt, Protosyncellus and our manager. I am extremely grateful to Very Rev. Mgr. George Oliapuram, Syncellus, and very Rev. Fr. Kuriakose Kodakallil, Secretary to the Managing Board, for their constant support and guidance.

I also sincerely thank our local Manager Very Rev. Fr. John Elanjedath for his valuable guidance. I thanks Rev. Fr. Johnson Oroplackal the Vice Principal, the teaching and non teaching staff for their sincere support and co operation. Finally I express my sincere thanks to all the members of the Managing Board for their gracious encouragement.

I expect your continued whole hearted support and co-operation in future and invokes God's blessing upon all of us.

**Thank you one and all**

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09-10-2014**

**Sr. Dr. Christina Augustine S. H.  
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