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From the Secretary's desk



Dear Reader.

The academic year 2007-2008 had been a highly successful year. The Annual Report presented by the Principal on the College Day spoke volumes about the achievements.

Especially the Second

Semester saw a flurry of activities. A number of National Seminars, Workshops and Inauguration of DST-FIST sponsored Computer Laboratory in the Department of Chemistry took place with the usual gusto.

We could achieve all these because of the unflinching support and the enthusiasm shown by all the teachers. I congratulate all the teaching and non-teaching staff and in particular the Principal, the Vice-Principal and the Professor-in-Charge of the Un-Aided Courses, for the just concluded successful academic year.

A good number of research articles were contributed to recognized journals by our teachers and many of them attended and presented papers in seminars. It is heartening to note that our students also presented papers in seminars conducted by other colleges.

The college was blessed by the DIVINE visit of the LORD of the Seven Hills, Thirumalai SriVenkatachalapathy with His Consorts. The Thiru Kalayana Mahothsavam performed at the College campus was attended by tens of thousands of devotees. It was indeed a Red Letter Day in the history of our College.

The infrastructural developments in the College are progressing fast. With limited resources the developmental works are being carried out taking into account the need and urgency. More facilities for the students and staff have been planned and will be carried out in a phased manner during the ensuing year.

We are well poised for yet another crowded calendar year 2008-2009. With new courses in the pipe line and with renewed enthusiasm, the 90th academic year of the college will certainly prove to be yet another successful mile stone.

Secretary

From the Office of the Principal



Dear Reader.

The academic year 2007-2008 was a year of breakthrough as for the first time many students found employment through campus recruitment. The credit goes to all the members of staff, especially to the staff in-charge of

the Placement Cell and to the band of staff who trained the students by conducting special coaching classes after the college hours. The approval for raising an NCC Unit (Naval Wing) has given a unique status to the College, as the only College to have all the four wings of NCC in Tamilnadu.

A regional field unit of National Testing Services (NTS) has been established in the Department of Tamil. The Department of Mathematics has submitted a proposal seeking grant under FIST Scheme. During the summer vacation the College organized two training programmes, one for the coastal community youth to improve their skills for employability and another for Block Resource Teachers (BRT) on Computer Application, under the aegis of Sarva Siksha Abhiyan (SSA). All the trainees of the former scheme were selected by a BPO company for employment at the end of training. The College has also signed a MOU with Sutherland Global Services to impart training for our students on BPO. UGC has renewed the scheme on Remedial Coaching for SC/ST Students for the year 2008-2009.

The College has taken the next leap forward by seeking autonomous status from UGC. There is no doubt, that the College will be conferred the status as it has a strong teaching and research base. I thank each and every staff of the College for their unstinted support. The College is also submitting proposals to UGC seeking College with Potential for Excellence (CPE) status and to AICTE for starting MCA and MBA Programmes.

The College has miles to go and achieve a lot more in higher education. I am sure, with the dedication and cooperation of all the staff, everything is possible.

Principal

College Day Celebrations

The 89th College Day Celebrations were held on 29-03-2008. Thiru.N.Gopalaswami, Chief Election Commissioner of India was the Chief Guest. Shri.K.Raghunathan, Secretary, welcomed the gathering. The Annual Report listing the activities of the College, achievements of the teachers and students, and improvement in the infra-structural facilities was presented by Dr.K.Anbarasu, Principal. The Chief Guest in a nostalgic tone remembered his college days and stressed the importance of human values, especially righteousness, integrity and corruption-free mind. He called upon the



Students not to spare any effort in achieving the goal and strive for excellence. "If you don't try you won't get anything," he said while exhorting them to aim higher and succeed in their life. "The teachers could only show the path to the students and the formula for success was only in their hands" he said. He gave away the Medals and Prizes to meritorious students. Thiru.A.Krishnamoorthy, Vice-Principal of the College proposed a vote of thanks. There was a large turn out of Parents. At the end a Cultural Programme was organised by our students.

Seminars/Workshops

UGC SPONSORED SEMINAR ON COASTAL ZONES

OF INDIA

A Two-day UGC sponsored National Seminar on Coastal Zones of India was organized by the Department of Geology on 6th and 7th December 2007. Dr.K.Anbarasu, Principal, presided over the Inaugural Function. Inaugurating the Seminar, Dr.M.Ponnavaiko, Vice- Chancellor,

Bharathidasan University, highlighted the environmental problems faced by the coastal zones and suggested the need for the adoption of coastal zones by higher educational institutions. The Volume of abstracts of the papers presented in the Seminar was released by the Vice- Chancellor and was received by Shri.K.Raghunathan, the Secretary of the College.



Dr. A. Govindan, retired Chief Geologist of ONGC and Dr. S.P. Mohan, Professor and Head, Department of Geology, University of Madras, Chennai offered felicitations. Earlier, Dr. V.Kumar, Reader and Head and Co-Ordinator of the seminar welcomed the gathering, Dr.D.Srinivasan, Reader, Dept.of Geology proposed a vote of thanks.

On the first day of the Seminar, a lecture on Coastal Environment and Energy Resources was delivered by Dr. A. Govindan, Asian Biostratigraphic Services, Chennai. It was followed by an Address on Indian Coasts: A Geomatic Approach by Prof S.M.Ramasamy, Director, Centre for Advanced Studies on Remote Sensing, Bharathidasan University, Trichy. Dr. R. Baskaran, Professor and Head, Department of Earth Sciences, Tamil University, Tanjore spoke on Gas Hydrates of India. Twelve research papers were presented in the first and the second technical Sessions.



The second day of the seminar started with a Key note Address on Protomics and Genomics Technology to Environmental studies, by Dr.M.Krishnan, Professor & Head, Department of Environmental Biotechnology, Bharathidasan University, Trichy. In the third technical Session five research papers were presented. In the fourth technical Session, Dr. N. Thajuddin, Department of Microbiology, Bharathidasan University, Trichy, gave a talk on Marine Environments of India - A potential resource for Biotechnology. Five Papers were presented in this session. The last technical Session of the Seminar began with a Key note Address by Dr. N. Rajeswara Rao, Department of Applied Geology, University of Madras, Chennai on "Coastal Pollution" and this was followed by the presentation of two Papers.

Dr. A. Govindan, Asian Biostratigraphic Services, Chennai delivered Valedictory Address and distributed the Certificates to the participants. 20 Members of Staff, 32 Research Scholars from various academic institutions from Tamilnadu, Karnataka and Kerala participated in the Seminar.

Workshop on Biodiversity Conservation and Environmental Awareness for School Teachers

A one-day workshop on Bio-diversity Conservation and Environmental Awareness for School Teachers sponsored by the Ministry of Environment and Forests was conducted by the Department of Botany on 05-02-2008. The Inaugural Function was presided over by Dr.K.Anbarasu, Principal. Dr.K.Swaminathan, CEO, Tiruchirapalli delivered the Inaugural Address. In his inaugural address, he pointed out the hazards posed by plastic to environmental degradation. Dr. A.Ramachandran, IFS, Director, Department of Climate Change, Anna University, Chennai delivered the Key note Address on Threats to Biodiversity. It was followed by special lectures on Bioresources Current Scenario by Dr.N.Nagamurugan, Head, Department of Biotechnology, Kurinji College of Arts and Science and insitu Conservation: Special Emphasis by Dr.D.Natarajan, Periyar EVR College, Tiruchirappalli. Dr.E.Natarajan, co-convener, demonstrated on vermin composting. This was followed by tree plantation by the teacher participants. The Valedictory Address was delivered by Thiru. A.Krishnamurthy, Vice Principal, National College.



The Certificates were distributed by Thiru.K.Ragunathan, Secretary of the College. The workshop came to an end with vote of thanks from the convener, Dr.B.Muthukumar, Reader, Department of Botany, National College. Nearly 60 School Teachers from Tiruchirappalli and nearby towns participated.

National Seminar on Recent Advances in Physical Organic Chemistry

In commemoration of the establishment of FIST sponsored Computer and Instruments Laboratories in the Department of Chemistry, a Two-day National Seminar on Recent Advances in Physical organic chemistry was conducted on 11th & 12th Feb. 2008. The Seminar was inaugurated by Dr.A.Mukhopadyay, Scientist, Coordinator, FIST programme, DST, New Delhi. In his Inaugural Address, Dr.A.Mukhopadyay gave an account of the various R&D support extended by the DST and expressed his concern over the loss of attraction towards basic sciences. Dr.S.Rajagopalan, Coordinator, School of Chemistry, Madurai Kamaraj University delivered the Key note Address on The role of physical organic chemistry in the recent research.



Dr.R.Renganathan, Professor, School of Chemistry, Bharathidasan University spoke on An overview of Photocatalysis. Dr.G.Thirunarayanan, Reader, Annamalai University delivered a lecture on IR and NMR Spectral Correlations in some Chalcones. Dr.D.Karunanithi, Scientist, Shriram Institute of Industrial research, Bangalore, discussed the topic Analytical aspect of gas chromatography and GC3/4 MS in various samples. 46 papers were presented on Organic Spectral Analysis, Physical Organic, Environmental Chemistry and Organic Electro Chemical branch. Dr.M.Pandiyan, School of Chemistry, Mexico University, offered felicitations. Dr.V.Radhakrishnan, Registrar, Bharathidasan University, gave the Valedictory Address and distributed certificates to the participants. He wanted the students to take part in such seminars for the enhancement of their knowledge. Prof.M.Palaniandavar, Head, School of Chemistry, Bharathidasan University, offered felicitations.

NAAC Sponsored National Workshop on Measures for Providing Quality Education in Colleges with Students

of Rural and Semi-Urban Background

The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of the College organized a Two-day National Workshop on Measures for Providing Quality Education in Colleges with Students of Rural and Semi-Urban Background in Secretary Shri.K.Santhanam Seminar Hall on 16th & 17th February, 2008 with financial assistance provided by the National Assessment and Accreditation council (NAAC), Bangalore. Dr.K.Anbarasu, Principal, welcomed the gathering and described the conditions of rural students and difficulties they experienced during their study. Shri.K.Raghunathan, Secretary of the College presided over the Inaugural Function and expressed his readiness to extend all sorts of infrastructural facilities and help. Dr.M.Thangaraju, Vice-Chancellor, Peiryar University, Salem in his inaugural address explained how a good teacher - student relationship could enhance the quality education. Dr.S.Muthukumaran, Former Vice-Chancellor, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirapalli delivered the key note address wherein he stressed the need to sympathize with these students from rural areas and to have uniform quality and not uniformity. Dr.S.Ramamoorthy, Reader (Retd), TBML College, Poraiyar spoke on The Rural Youth Vis-à-vis Quality Higher Education. Rev.Fr. Dr.R. Rajarathinam SJ,Principal, St.Joseph's College, Trichy on Quality Measures for Inclusive Education: An overview and Dr.G.S.Ananthanarayanan, Reader (Retd), RKM Vivekananda College, Chennai on Teaching methods and Accountability of Teachers. On the second day of the workshop, Shri.B.V.Ramanan, Societal Member, IQAC,



National College gave a talk on Bench marking practices in Higher Educational Institutions, Dr.S.Malaikani, Head-Master (Retd) spoke on Teaching for Total Quality Management Education and Dr.N.Seshadhri, Principal, Dayananda Saraswathi Arts and Science College, Manjakudi gave a lecture on "Teaching methods". Apart from the paper reading sessions, there were Students' Contribution Session and action plan session. 36 papers related to the theme of the workshop were presented.

In the valedictory address, Dr.R.Karpaga Kumaravel, Dean, Department of Educational Technology, Bharathidasan University, Trichy eloquently described the various methods to improve quality education through technology and the importance of knowledge packaging through information technology. The workshop was well attended by College Professors from Tamilnadu, Karnataka and Kerala and a large number of students. Prof.A.Krishnamoorthy, Coordinator of the Workshop proposed a vote of thanks.

National Seminar on Crystal Growth of Non-Linear

Optical Materials (NSCG-2008)

As a prelude to the Golden Jubilee Celebrations, the post Graduate and Research Department of Physics organized a

two-day National Seminar on Crystal Growth of Non-Linear Optical Materials (NSCG-2008) during 3-4 March 2008. Dr.K.Anbarasu, Principal presided over the inaugural function of the seminar. Dr.R.Dhanasekaran, former Director and Professor, Crystal Growth Centre, Anna University, Chennai released the book of abstracts and delivered the key note address. In his address, he exhorted the students to pursue research after post graduation. Shri.K.Raghunathan, Secretary of the College offered felicitations. Earlier Dr.S.Pari, Convener and Head of the Department welcomed the gathering and Prof.A.T.Ravichandran proposed the vote of thanks. Many of the former Heads and professors of the department also graced the occasion. This was followed by the talks of Dr.C.Sekar, Department of Physics, Periyar University, Salem on "Synthesis of Fullerenes and Carbon Nanotubes by Arc-Evaporation method". Dr.N.Vijayan, Scientist, National Physical Laboratory, New Delhi, spoke on "Growth and Characterzation analyses of some technologically important nonlinear optical single crystals by SEST, VBT and SR methods" and Dr.S.Kumararaman, Reader and Head, Department of Physics, Nehru Memorial College, Puthanampatti on "Synthesis growth and some characterization analyses on solution grown L-Proline Cadmium Chloride Monohydrate (L-PCCM): A novel-organic non linear optical single crystal". The highlight of the second day was the special lectures delivered by Dr.K.Ramamurthi, Professor, on "Growth, Structural, optical, thermal and mechanical properties of Glycine single crystal" and Dr.R.Ramesh Babu, Lecturer, School of Physics, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirapalli on "Growth of organic single crystals from vertical Bridgman technique and their characterization" and Dr.E.Elangovan, Scientific Investigator, Cenimat13N, FCT-UNL, Portugual, on "Transparent conducting indium molybdenum oxide thin films RF sputtered at room temperature".

There were ten invited talks and about forty five oral presentations. Research scholars, scientists and professors of various institutions participated in the seminar.

Prof.A.Krishnamoorthy, Vice-Principal, presided over the valedictory function and the Chief Guest Dr.K.Ramamurthi, distributed the three best paper awards and participation certificates to the delegates. In the valedictory address,



Dr.K.Ramamurthi appreciated the efforts taken by the college in organizing the seminar on an emerging topic. Earlier Dr.S.Ravi welcomed the gathering. Dr.S.Pari, Convener and Head of the department, presented the convener's remarks and extended invitation to all for the forthcoming Golden Jubilee Celebrations. Dr.R.Ramasamy proposed the vote of thanks.

DST Sponsored Workshop on Coastal Non-Living Resources

A three-day National Workshop on Coastal Non Living Resources sponsored by DST was organized by the Department of Geology on 13th-15th March 2008. The inaugural function of the workshop was presided over by the Principal, Dr.K.Anbarasu. In his presidential address, he gave an account of various non-living resources available in the coasts and expressed his concern over the over exploitation of those resources. Dr.V.Kumar, Head, Department of Geology, National College welcomed the gathering. Dr.S.M.Ramasamy, Director Center for Remote Sensing, Bharathidasan University, in his inaugural address, appreciated the growth of the Department of Geology, National College and highlighted the importance of Geology in coastal Studies. Dr.S.V.Govindarajan, Reader, Department of Geology, Govt. Arts College, Salem in his speech praised the Department and wanted the participants to propagate the importance of Geology among the public. Dr.D.Srinivasan, coordinator briefed the theme of the workshop. Dr.R.Ramesh proposed a vote of thanks. Mr.P.M.Natarajan, Former Deputy Director (Geology), Groundwater Division, PWD spoke on Coastal Water Resources Tamilnadu. Dr.R.Baskaran,

Prof. & Head Department of Earth Sciences, Tamil University, Thanjavur, delivered a lecture on Coastal Non-living Resources of Tamilnadu. Dr.S.Shiv Prasad, Additional Chief Manager (Geology), Neyveli Lignite Corporation Ltd., Neyveli, gave a speech on Neyveli Ground Water Basin Management with specific reference to Lignite Mining and Water Resource Conservation Techniques. Prof.P.Seralathan, Department of Marine Geology and



Geophysics, Cochin University of Science and Technology, Cochin delivered a lecture on Non-Living Resources in the Coastal and Shelf Region of India. Prof.M.Manivel, Head, Department of Geology, Bharathidasan University, delivered the valedictory address and Prof.M.Arumugam, Head, Department of Earth Sciences, Annamalai University, felicitated and distributed certificates to the participants. Prof.A.Krishnamoorthy, Vice-Principal, presided over the valedictory function. Dr.D.Srinivasan, Coordinator of the workshop, proposed the vote of thanks.

Orientation Programme for the newly appointed staff members

A five-day orientation programme was organized between 26.12.2007 and 31.12.2007 for the twenty two newly appointed teachers of our College. Prof. Jayakar Chellaraj, Dr.V.K.Boominathan, Mr.Garnet Feernandez, Dr.V.B.Vinod, Dr.K.Anbarasu, Mr.D.E.Benet, Dr.Jayanthasree Balakrishnan, Dr.C.I.Lethi, and Mr.S.Sundar spoke on topics relevant to the teaching profession and challenged the new recruits to think and act differently. The sessions were interactive and there were animated discussions on professionalism, Inter personal skills, presentation skills, ethics, and intelligence of various kinds.

The programme also presented an opportunity to the fresh appointees to get to know more about the institution. All the Heads of the Departments were introduced to the teachers. After the introduction, they spoke on the rich traditions and the achievements of their respective Departments. On the last day, the Principal exhorted the new recruits to actively involve themselves in teaching, research, publication and every activity in the campus to enrich the campus life. The Orientation Programme helped the lecturers to commit themselves to academic life with a new-found zeal.

Workshop on Share Market for women

A workshop on share market for women was organized by the Department of Commerce on 24th March. Dr.K.Anbarasu, Principal, in his presidential address noted that women's potential in wealth generation had not been fully utilized and the share market offered good scope for women, especially home makers. Thiru.K.Raghunathan, Secretary of the College and mastermind behind the workshop, declared that the programme was aimed at facilitating a scientific and well informed approach to investment process, in contrast to the widely adopted haphazard approach based on hunches and rumours. The workshop was inaugurated by Ms.Sunitha Anand, Manager, National Stock Exchange, Chennai Region. Ms.Sunitha explained the regulatory aspects



Of share market. She exhorted the ladies to deal in the share market with utmost care and confidence. Sri.V.Nagappan, financial columnist and author of many popular books including Kasu Mela Kasu explained the avenues of investment. He strongly suggested that wealth creation was a long term process and it was very important and prudent to start saving early in life. He presented eloquently the nuances

of share market investment. His lucid exposition supported by power point presentation was well received by the audience.

In the post-lunch session, Dr.S.Karthikeyan, Share Market Expert and Director, Coimbatore Capital Ltd., highlighted the techniques and shared the secrets of share trading. His informal style and interactive approach spurred the ladies to take part in the deliberations with a high degree of enthusiasm. He clarified their doubts with ease .The natural flow of good humour and financial wisdom enthralled the audience.

There were about 150 participants. They were very much impressed by the clarity of presentation of an apparently complex subject by the masters of the subject. Many of them placed on record their hearty thanks to National College for arranging the free workshop with financial wizards as resource persons. The Coordinator of the Workshop Dr. R.Ramachandran welcomed the gathering. Dr.D.Sivasubramanian, Head, Department of Commerce, proposed a vote of thanks.

Science for Sanitation

Tamil Nadu State Council for Science and Technology identified National College to conduct the Science for Sanitation Programme. The programme was inaugurated on 3-1-08 by Dr.M.Sivanesan, Chief Health Officer, Tiruchirapalli Corporation. Special Lectures at 14 different centers, in and around Tiruchi, were delivered by Doctors on 12-01-08. The Programme on that day was ably assisted by National Service Scheme, Trichy District. On 30-1-08, Dr.Joice Thilagam, Chief Health Officer, Corporation of Chennai, delivered a Special Lecture on Women in Sanitation.



Thirumathi. Sarubala R.Thondaman, The Worshipful Mayor of Tiruchirapalli Corporation. Nearly 800 students took part in the Rally. There Was an Exhibition on 14-2-08 at the College Auditorium. Dr.K.Saminathan, Chief Educational Officer, Tiruchirapalli declared open the Exhibition. Eight Voluntary Organizations and Tiruchirapalli Corporation put up their Stalls. The Valediction was on 15-2-08. Dr.R.Vincent, Member Secretary, TNSCST, Chennai, in his Valedictory Address announced that the Council would sanction the Programme to the College in the coming year also.Dr.V.Jayapal, GVN Hospitals, Tiruchirapalli, offered felicitations. Thiru.K.Raghunathan, Secretary, who was instrumental in the success of the Programme, offered his felicitations. The Principal of the College, whose zeal and zest mattered much, also offered his felicitations.



Prof.K.Srinivasan, the coordinator and Dr.R.Ramesh were jointly responsible for the successful conduct of the Programme.

ACTIVITIES OF ACADEMIC ASSOCIATION

Botany Association

Dr.N.Selvaraj spoke on the relevant applied aspects of Biotechnology with special reference to TRANSGENIC PLANTS and GM foods. The Transgenic plants are developed through biotechnological approach by gene transfer mechanisms of plant Genome with bacterial genome. Through tissue culture mechanism gene transferred clones are cultured and gene modified plants are produced. These plants are called GM food plants (Genetically modified food). These GM foods may bring about the NEXT GREEN REVOLUTION and can fulfill the demand for human needs. But the public acceptance of GM food is very poor.

Bio technologist will take care of these issues and may provide with safe GM food in near future, Dr.N. Selvaraj said.

Commerce Association

A special meeting of the Commerce Association was held to facilitate a clear understanding of the practical aspects of share market operations. Dr.Selvaraj, Reader in Commerce, Nehru Memorial College, Puthanampatti addressed the students on the strategies of Wealth Creation. He explained the importance of personal wealth creation for the fulfillment of our individual desires and the prominent role of the share market in the process. He pointed out that the personal wealth of the Ambani brothers, Asim Premji Narayanamurthi and many others had spiraled to mind blowing levels mainly because of



Share valuations. Even the car driver of Mr. Narayanamurthi is a millionaire thanks to his shareholding in Infosys. He exhorted the students to take a keen interest in the share market which has the potential to make them also millionaires. He advised them to reinforce their knowledge of the share market by reading magazines like Business Today and dailies like Business Line. He also highlighted several strategies for successful investment. Dr.RRamachandran welcomed the gathering. Dr.R.Narayanasamy proposed a vote of thanks.

The Valedictory function of the Commerce Association was presided over by the Principal Dr. K. Anbarasu. He observed that bright career opportunities await students of Commerce who excelled in the course. Dr.Narayanasamy, Vice President of the Association praised the Secretary of the College as an architect of modern National College. Dr.V.K. Boominathan, popular human resource trainer & Head of the Department of Commerce, Bishop Heber College delivered the valedictory address. In his powerful and lively presentation he stressed the



importance of positive attitude and action. He poignantly pointed out the moral courage and positive attitude of the German philosopher Dr. Frankl who refused to be cowed down by the violence, terror and cruelty unleashed by the Nazis. His reference to Abraham Lincoln who reached the zenith of American Presidency in spite of many dismal failures, a nervous breakdown and unhappy matrimonial life lifted the spirits of the young students. Thiru. K. Raghunathan, Secretary of the college appreciated the Department which produced many stalwarts by its dedication and efficiency. Dr. D. Sivasubramanian, Head, Department of Commerce welcomed the gathering and Dr. R. Narayanasamy, proposed a vote of thanks.

Economics Association

The second meeting of the Department of Economics was conducted on 04-02-2008. The chief guest was Dr.R.Rajendran, M.A.,Ph.D., Department of economics Periyar EVR College, Trichy. He spoke on Challenges before Indian Agriculture and Food Scarcity. The Principal, the President of the function highlighted the seriousness of food scarcity in a country like India and wanted to find alternate



food sources. Prof.S.X.Prabu, Head, Department of Economics welcomed the gathering and Prof.R.Subramanian, Vice President of the Economics association proposed a vote of thanks

English Association

An extraordinary meeting of the Association was held on the 5th Feb 2008. In his special address, Dr.K.Swaminathan, the Chief Educational Officer, Trichy wanted the students to focus their attention on the significance of Technological innovations in the Teaching Learning Process. Dr.K.Swaminathan, suggested that the traditional chalk-and talk method had already given way to active learning Methodologies. On knowledge of the English



Language, he said its importance had been understood by China, which sent its students to India to learn the language.

The valedictory function of English Literary Association provided an overview of Literature and Reader-Response theories presented by Dr.N.Kalamani, Reader in English. "Readers become creative interpreters of Literature and Art" observed Dr.N.Kalamani. Tracing the Aristotelian response to art and literature, Dr.N.Kalamani distinguished between



intrinsic and extrinsic criticism and listed the modern theories of reader's response.

Both the meetings of the associations were presided over by our principal Dr.K.Anbarasu, who insisted on multi-step directions and internal strategies for developing communication skills. When the college campus is buzz with placement drives, said the principal, our Students should show some competitiveness and yearning to excel. Prof.M.Sankaran, HOD of English introduced the speakers to the audience and felicitated. In a unique attempt to encourage talents among the Students, 3 best outgoing students were gifted away with prizes initiated by the H.O.D. of English in the valedictory function. The Vice President of the Association Prof.S.Senthamaraiselvi organized the meetings.

Mathematics Association

Under the auspices of the Mathematics Association of National College, Tiruchirapalli a Special Lecture was held in the Nangavaram Periya Pannai Hall on 30.01.2008. In his presidential address, Principal, Dr.K.Anbarasu mentioned the relevance of Mathematics to other disciplines such as Chemistry, Geology, Physics, Computer Science etc. Dr.A.Muthusamy, Reader in Mathematics, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirapalli spoke on Applications of Mathematics. Introducing graphs as a Mathematical model, he explained how real world problems can be transformed into graphs. He also described decomposition of graphs into cycles and mentioned its application in Computer Architecture and in the construction of error correcting codes in the



Communication technology. He concluded his lecture by presenting some of the unsolved problems in graph decompositions. Earlier, Prof.A.Krishnamoorthy, Head of the

Department of Mathematics welcomed the gathering. Prof.A.Vijayasankar, Vice-President of the Association introduced the speaker and Mr.M.Selvakumar (II M.Sc) proposed the vote of thanks.

The valediction of the activities of the Mathematics Associations was held on 18.03.2008. Dr.M.A.Gopalan gave a talk on Number Patterns. A Quiz Programme was also conducted for the final year UG and PG Mathematics Students. Mr.N.Sivakozhundhu (III B.Sc. Maths) and Mr.A.Sivalingam (II M.Sc. Maths) emerged victorious.

Physics Association

Dr.S.Uthanna, Professor, Dept.of Physics, Venkateswara University, Tirupathi delivered a special lecture on Films and its Applications on 15-02-2008. He highlighted the characterizations of the transparent metal oxide thin films. He also discussed the processing of metal oxide films and their applications.

The valedictory function of the physics associations was held on 14.03.08 Dr.K.R.Murali, Scientist, CECRI, Karaikudi was the chief guest. He gave a talk on Nano-



Technology and Nano-Materials. The importance and the potential of Nano-Materials figured prominently in his talk.

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Endowment Lectures

Prof.R.Balakrishnan Endowment Lecture VIII was held on 19.03.2008 in Shri.K.Santhanam Seminar Hall. Dr.K.Anbarasu, Principal, presided over the function and described the importance of Mathematics and its applications in other Sciences. Dr.A.Vijayakumar, Prof. of Mathematics, and Chairman, Faculty of Science & Humanities, Anna University, Chennai gave a Lecture on Stochastic Modelling in Queueing Systems. Describing the Stochastic Modelling as the modelling under risk, he explained how this model is used in insurance companies. He also mentioned various applications of queueing systems with special reference to call centers. Earlier, Prof.A.Krishnamoorthy, Head, Department of Mathematics welcomed the gathering. Prof.A.Vijayasankar proposed a vote of thanks.



The Eighth G.Venkatasubramanian Memorial Endowment Lecture was delivered by Dr.K.Mohan Ram, Head (Rtd), P.G., Dept. of History, Periyar EVR College, Trichy on 27th Feb' 08 on REVISITING 1857 UPRISING. Dr.K.Mohan Ram, an erudite Scholar and author of popular books like Tamil Press, Colonial Rule and 1857 and the Koffk;enthralled the audience with minute details on the character, course and results of the 1857 uprising. In the 150th year of this great



event, the lecture by Dr.K.Mohan Ram brought back vividly the memories of the event to the present mind. Prof.S.Kailasam, Head, Department of History, welcomed the gathering. Dr.K.Anbarasu, the Principal presided over the function. Prof.K.Pandiyan, proposed a vote of thanks.

NACOFEST

The success story of the Literary Association of English evidently continued after the inaugural function with a three day NACOFEST Celebration, a combined project of the Departments of Tamil and English, in the month of Feb.2008.



The overall Programme Design had events such as Soliloquy, Painting, Skit, Elocution, Quiz, Clay Modelling, Film Trailer, Mime etc. Students of various colleges from far and near participated and bagged cash awards, certificates and prizes according to their merit.



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Release of Blood Donors Directory

NCC Air wing released a Blood Donor Directory containing 1288 names of students and staff of the college in a function held on 28-2-2008. It was released by



Mr.Ramasubbu, Associate Editor, Dinamalar, Trichy and the first copy was received by Col.Benz.K.Jacob, Group Commander, NCC Group, Trichy. Copies of Directory have been presented to hospitals in the city. College Secretary Shri.K.Raghunathan, offered his felicitations. Wing Commander B.Biswas, Commanding Officer 3(TN) Air Squadron, NCC Trichy and flying Officer R.Sundararaman, spoke on the occasion.

MOUs signed

Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL), Mysore, and our College have signed a Memorandum of Understanding to establish a regional field unit in our College as a part of National Testing Service. This is an honour for the College, particularly to the Department of Tamil.

Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) and our College have signed a Memorandum of Understanding to the effect that the Courses affiliated to it can be offered at our College.

Employability Training Programme for Coastal Community Youth

A five day Employability Training Programme for coastal community youth was organized by our College under the aegis of Extension Service between May 15 and May 19 2008. 36 Girls and 9 Boys participated. The same group of students was also given training in typing and other computer related skills at our College Computer Centre for twelve days from June 4 to June 15,2008. The Programme was conceived by Gulf of Mannar Bio-reserve Trust (a state government agency) and funded by United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). The idea was to provide coastal community youth with "Alternative Livelihood" and to wean them away from the traditional vocation of fishing. These students who had undergone a one year certificate course in Computer Application at Mohammed Sathak, Polytechnic, Kelakarai, were given basic training in communication skills, soft skills and people skills. Prof.Panchanathan, Dr.V.K.Boominathan, Mrs.Kamala Bandari, Mr.D.E.Benet, Dr.K.Anbarasu, Mrs.Lalitha Chellappa, Dr.Ravi Stephen, Dr.Rohini Stephen and Mr.Ramasamy Desai were the resource persons.



The programme was inaugurated by Mr.P.Suresh Kumar, Assistant Director, Employment Exchange and Mr.A.Krishnamoorthy, Vice-Principal presided over the function and offered felicitations. On the valedictory day, the Chief Guest Ms.Aruna Basu, Chief Conservator of Forests, Trichy Region, spoke on the Government's various efforts to provide livelihood to youngsters. Dr.K.Anbarasu, the Principal, in his address, gave details about the pressure of human population on the coastal regions and explained the rationale behind providing jobs inland. Leading Industrialists from CII, and TIDITSIA, Trichy participated and felicitated the youth. All the youngsters were offered jobs during the job interviews conducted on the last day, 19.05.2008.

Placement

Reputed private sector organizations such as Lakshmi Vilas Bank, Karur, Wheels India Limited, Chennai and some private Matriculation Schools visited our campus recently for campus recruitment programme. Our boys capitalized on this opportunity and about a dozen of them got placement orders.

Endowments

The following Endowments have been created to offer scholarship to the students:

- Sri.K.Varadharajan Endowment for Best outgoing II M.Sc. Geology student
- 2. Dr.T.Pitchiappa Endowment for Best outgoing Sports Champion
- Tmt.B.N.Rajeshwari Endowment for Best outgoing B.Sc. Botany student
- Dr.R.Ragothaman Endowment for Best outgoing II M.A. Tamil Student
- 5. S.T.Venkatraman Endowment for Best outgoing B.A. Economics
- 6. K.Sridharan Endowment for Best outgoing II M.Sc. Chemistry student
- K.R.Krishnaswamy Endowment for Best outgoing III B.Sc. Chemistry student
- 8. Mrs.Lalitha Venkataraman Endowment for Best outgoing Part I Tamil student
- Rama Krishna Indira Endowment for Best outgoing II
 M.A. Economics student
- 10. Prof.Dr.S.Ramanathan Endowment for Best outgoing student in Logic UG & PG

- 11. Sri.G.Sundaram Endowment for the I year English Literature out standing student
- 12. TGP Haran Endowment for Best outgoing III B.Sc. Mathematics with Sanskrit
- 13. Dr. V.T. Sridharan and Mrs. S. Kamala Sridharan Endowment for Best outgoing III B.Sc. Botany and II M.Sc. Botany students.

Infrastructure

- A Computer Laboratory and an Instrumentation Laboratory have been established in the Department of Chemistry using DST-FIST funds.
- Bitumen top roads have been laid through the length and breadth of the college.
- A new Conference Hall, called Nangavaram Periya Pannai Hall, named after the family of the President of the College Committee, has been dedicated to the College.
- Three rooms have been built near the Mathematics
 Department in the Golden Jubilee Block.
- A complete network of Intercom facility has been provided to all places in the college.
- Pathway Lights have been erected at the side of all roads in the campus.
- Staff Rooms of Commerce, Geology, Mathematics, Chemistry, Tamil, and Zoology have been re-modified and being Air-conditioned.

Appointments

To overcome the shortage of teachers in many departments, the Management appointed 16 teachers in consolidated pay in the beginning of the year. The Management appointed the following 22 Lecturers in regular scale of pay with the due sanction of the posts by the Government:

1.	Dr.S.P.Anand	Botany
2.	Thiru.K.Ramar	Botany
3.	Dr.V.Renuga	Chemistry
4.	Thiru.S.Arun Prabhu	Chemistry
5.	Dr.M.Sharmila	Commerce
6.	Ms.N.Renganayaki	Economics
7.	Thiru.V.Sri Ramachandran	English
8.	Ms.V.Srividya	English

9.	Ms.S.Jayalakshmi	English
10.	Thiru.S.Selvaraj	Geology
11.	Thiru.S.Sriram	Mathematics
12.	Ms.Manju Somanath	Mathematics
13.	Thiru.K.Raja	Mathematics
14.	Thiru.B.S.Srikanth	Physics
15.	Thiru.S.Muruganandham	Physics
16.	Thiru.M.Iyanar	Physics
17.	Ms.A.Shanthi Devi	Physics
18.	Ms.J.Geethapriya	Physics
19.	Dr.A.Muruganantham	Tamil
20.	Thiru.R.Sundaravel	Tamil
21.	Thiru.A.Krishnan	Tamil
22.	Thiru.T.Ramadoss	Tamil

News at a Glance

- 1. 65 scouters attended an Inter-State Youth Exchange and Scout Training Camp at Kerala from 25-27th Dec. 2007.
- 2. The Red Ribbon Club of our college commemorating the World Blood Donation Day conducted various Competitions for the members of the club. The club members participated in the Rally conducted to promote HIV / AIDS awareness on WORLD AIDS DAY 01.12.2007.
- 3. The University Students Service Corps conducted in collaboration with World Community Service Center a Training Programme for students in Yoga and Meditation in January 2008.



4. NSS Unit and Radu and Radu Auto Agency jointly organized a Ride safe programme on 07-01-2008. The employees of the company demonstrated the dos and don'ts of two wheeler driving.

- 5. Students Study Center (SSC) was inaugurated by Dr.K.Anbarasu, Principal on 08-01-2008. Everyday the center is kept open from 2.30pm to 6.00pm. Students utilize this center to prepare for competitive Examinations.
- 6. A cancer awareness rally was organized by NCC Air wing on 9th Jan. 2008. The rally commenced from National College. While flagging off the rally, Dr. K.Anbarasu, Principal of the college, explained the unbearable agony and plight caused by the dreadful disease. and congratulated the cadets for taking part in the war against the Cancer menace. He wanted the youngsters not to use tobacco in any form.



The rally was led by Flying Officer Dr.R.Sundhararman. It proceeded from the college to NCC headquarters via Aristo Hotel, Railway Junction, Head Post Office and Othakadai. The students carried Placards containing slogans for creation of awareness as well as the evils of tobacco. They raised slogans and distributed pamphlets.

- 7. NSS unit I and II jointly organized a special programme on Development of Leadership and Community service on 11-01-2008.
- 8. The Principal addressed a Pongal celebration meeting in Tamil Sangam on 16-01-2008.



Pannai Hall, named after the family of the President of the College Committee, had been dedicated to the College on 20.01.2008. The Hall was inaugurated by the President of our College Committee Thiru.N.N.Seshadri.

10. NCC Army wing organized Anti-plastics and save environment cycle rally on 22 and 23, Jan 2008 jointly with NCC Army Wing of Bishop Heber College. The Rally went up to Puliancholai Via, Thuraiyur and returned.



11. Mr.B.Sampath, Superintendent, National College unfurled the National Flag on the Republic Day Celebration.



Mr.N.A.Subramanian, Junior Assistant, delivered Republic address. Mr.Kaliyan, Sweeper, was honoured during the function.

12. Library Day was celebrated in our college on 08-03-2008. Thiru. P.John Louis, M.Sc., M.Ed., Grandmaster of Memory International and Memory Trainer delivered a Lecture on AMAZING MEMORY TECHNIQUES. During the occasion Prizes were awarded to the best users of Library. Dr.K.Anbarasu, Principal of our College stressed the importance of library and appealed to the students to borrow more books from the library and cultivate the reading habit.



Mr.P.Raghavan, Librarian welcomed the gathering and Prof.A.Krishnamoorthy, Vice-Principal proposed a vote of thanks.

13. Consumer Club celebrated the consumer day on 14-03-2008. Prizes were distributed to the students who emerged victorious in various competitions held to commemorate the event.



14. The Valediction of activities of the Red Ribbon Club for the year was held on 19.03.2008 Ms.Jesariya Mary, Field Officer, Tamilnadu AIDS Control Programme addressed the Members of the Club and distributed the prizes.



15. A bidding farewell function to the II M.Sc. Mathematics Students was arranged by the I M.Sc. Mathematics students on 27.03.2008. Dr.K.Anbarasu, Principal, in his presidential address, urged the students to make their learning effective and try to achieve their goals. Prof.A.Krishnamoorthy, Head, Department of Mathematics and Prof.R.Ravivenkatesan also spoke.

16. NCC Army Wing celebrated its 59th NCC Company Annual Day (2007-2008) on 3rd April 2008 at National College. Dr.K.Anbarasu, Principal presided over the function, Col.Benz.K.Jacob, Group Commander, Trichy Group NCC, the Chief Guest and Shri.K.Raghunathan, Secretary, National College felicitated. Prizes were distributed to the winning cadets.



17. Students of I M.Sc Applied Geology bid farewell to the students of II M.Sc Applied Geology in a function held on 15-04-2008.

18. The Management honoured the retiring staff of the College by presenting each of them with a Wrist Watch at a function held on 16.04.2008. Organizing secretaries of Workshop / Seminar / Conference and staff in-charge for



Various academic committees who excelled in their performance were also honoured with prizes.

19. The Management presented cash awards to the Lab Assistants of the Physics Department for the best maintenance of the Laboratory.



- 20. A Training Programme was organized from 12.05.2007 to 23.05.2008 for Block Resource Teachers (BRT) on Computer Application under the aegis of Sarva Siksha Abhiyan (SSA). Two BRTs were drawn from each of the sixteen blocks in the District to undergo the training. Each BRT will train 40 teachers during June and July.
- 21. Ten Students from various classes of our college participated in a series of workshop on gender issues at Bharathidasan University.
- **22.** Ten poor students of our College have been sanctioned with Rs.2000/- each from the Andalammal Trust, Srirangam towards College Fees.



23. Col.Subramaniam, Commanding Officer, Madurai NCC visited the College on 29th April 2008 to inspect the facilities available in the College with regard to the raising of New NCC Unit (Naval Wing).

Obituary

Mr.S.Kesavan, Member of the College Committee, National College, Trichy, died in the month of Dec. 2007. May his soul rest in peace.

UNAIDED SECTION

- 1. Affiliation for starting B.Sc. IT and M.Sc. IT have been obtained from the Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirapalli.
- Dr.Selvakumaran, Reader in Tamil, St.Joseph's College, Trichy addressed the students on Youth today on 27th December, 2007.
- 3. Mr.P.A.Sievah Kumar & Mr.Ganesan (Project Head), Business Development Manager ERD, Everonn System India Limited, Chennai spoke on Soft Skills on 11th Jan 2008. He also explained how to face the competitive exams and interviews.
- 4. Mr.K.Balasubramanian CEO, Creative Management Consultancy, Trichy spoke on It's India Era to Grab the opportunities to reach the moon on 13th Jan, 2008.



5. Mr.C.Kumareshan, Head-Department of Computer Science, Bharathidasan University College, Perambalur



addressed the Students on Web Mining on 31st Jan, 2008. He spoke about types of mining, applications of mining in various fields and the recent trends in data mining.

- 6. All the students and staff members from the Department of Chemistry visited Salem Steel Plant on February 13th,2008.
- 7. Four students of Chemistry Department participated in Resonance 08 (The Chemo diversity meet) at Gandhigram University on 15th February 2008, and six students of the Department took part in the workshop on "Recent Trends in wastewater Treatment" on 27th February 2008 held in NIT, Trichy.
- 8. Mr.Srinivasan, Charted Account gave an analytical presentation of Budget -2008 on 04.03.2008.



9. Dr.KMangayarkarasi, Reader, Holy Cross College, Trichy delivered a Lecture on Green Chemistry on 5th March 2008. She wanted the students to be aware of the effects of electronic waste, pollutions etc., use and application of bio-diesel, Bio-waste, various principles and benefits of Green Chemistry.



- 9. 14 students participated in CHEM AMIGOS 2008 at Bishop Heber College on 17th March 2008 and got 3 prizes.
- 10. Mr.S.Nagarajan, Deputy General Manager, Canara Bank, Trichy region gave away the certificates to the I year UG students who completed Certificate Course in Computer Science.



11. Mr.Makesh, N/W Experts, Trichy addressed the students on IP Networking and Routing. He explained various types of network Internet protocols, importance of domain name and network security.

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