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Message from the Patron



Mar George Madathikandathil
Bishop of Kothamangalam

I am indeed glad to learn that the Nirmala College Alumni Association is bringing out its Newsletter for 2015-16.

The Alumni Association has been playing a major role in the all round development of the college involving itself in all its developmental activities. My sincere greetings and best wishes to all for a peaceful New Year. God Bless you.

From the Principal's Desk



Dr.T.M. Joseph
Principal

I took charge as Principal of this great institution on 01 June 2016 after my distinguished predecessor, Fr. (Dr) Vincent Nedungatt was transferred to Newman College, Thodupuzha. I am just to follow the footsteps of Rev. Fr. Nedungatt in extending the maximum possible support to the activities of Nirmala College Alumni Association.

Nirmala College has always treasured the valuable contributions made by its illustrious alumni spread over the different parts of the globe mirroring the image of their alma-mater wherever they are. The Alumni Association is the only link that keeps them connected. The Association is doing a wonderful job in enlivening the memories and experiences that thousands of Nirmalites have left behind in this campus, years back. I am glad to state that Nirmala College is made great by the activities of its Alumni Association. I wish them the very best in all their endeavours.

I wish you all a peaceful and happy New Year.



Msgr. Dr. George Oliapuram
Manager and Vicar General



Rev. Dr. George Thanathuparambil
Secretary, Higher Education



Rev. Dr. Vincent Nedungattu
Former Principal



Rev. Fr. Jose Pulparambil
Former Bursar



EDITORIAL



Once again it is time for me to scribble something on the meaningful activities of the Alumni association during 2015-16. Nirmala College has been experiencing orderly growth in all fields of activities- academic and other fields. It has continued with renewed vigor with all its scholarships kindly sponsored by its members.

I take this opportunity to sincerely thank our Patron, the Principal Dr. T.M. Joseph, Secretary Dr. Georgi Neernal and Sr. Jinto John for their dedicated services. Mr. T.K. Ramakrishnan, as usual, played an effective role with his valuable suggestions and precious guidance. I thank all the Exe. Committee members for their regular presence and active participation at the meetings. Adv. Tomy Kalampattuparambil deserves a word of thanks for his active role. God bless you all.

Relax and drift into a world of euphoria. A Happy and hasselfree New Year !

Thomas Matthew Parackel

ANNUAL REPORT 2015-16



Honoring the Golden Jubilee Batch 1963-66



Dr. J. Georgi Neernal
Secretary

The Alumni Association of Nirmala College, Muvattupuzha is a common platform for all former students as well as teachers of the college to meet and exchange ideas and to renew and strengthen relations, share the experiences of bygone days spent together at this great institution. It is one of the important supportive organizations of Nirmala College.

I have immense pleasure to present the activities of Alumini Association of Nirmala College during the academic year 2015-16. The Alumni day for the year 2016 was convened at Msgr.Thomas Nedukallel Auditorium on 9th January 2016. Adv. Joice George MP was the key speaker and the meeting honoured the Golden Jubilee



Adv. Joice George M.P. inaugurates the alumni meet 2016



Adv. Joice George M.P. Releasing the Newsletter

batch (passed out in 1966). The gathering was enriched with the presence of life members of the association, former principals and teachers, alumni from various walks of life. An induction ceremony of the outgoing students of final year degree and post graduate courses was also organized as part of the Alumni day.

The executive committee of Alumni association met five times this year. A special meeting was convened to offer our gratitude to the former president of the Alumni association and Principal Rev. Dr. Vincent Joseph and Bursar Rev. Fr. Jose Pulparambil who were transferred. The association also extended a warm welcome to the new president and the principal Dr. T.M Joseph and the new Bursar Rev. Fr. Francis Kannadan.

The alumni association instituted an “Annual Alumni Lecture Series” in 2016. Our prominent alumnus Vyshakhan inaugurated this noble initiative and gave the first talk in this lecture series.

Apart from the common alumni gatherings, many department wise alumni meetings were held during this academic year. The meeting of the Silver Jubilee batch (1988-91) deserves special comment.

We have a dream project of setting up of Nirmala Alumni Global net work through our website nirmalaalumni.org. We have our Chapters in Canada, Chicago, Germany, Bahrain and Qatar which have been functioning very well. We also have another Chapter in Ernakulam.

I take the opportunity to thank our former Principal Rev. Dr. Vincent Nedungattu, working president Sri Thomas Mathew Parackal, treasurer Fr. Jose Pulparambil, Vice Principal Prof. Jose Karikunnel, advisor Sri. T K Ramakrishnan Nair, Vice President Adv. Tomy Kalampattuparambil and Sr. Jinto John. I submit this report with a great hope for an eventful year ahead and thank all the Executive committee members for the unconditional support they rendered for the smooth functioning of the Association. I wish you all a Happy and prosperous New Year. I also welcome our new Principal Dr T.M. Joseph.

PHOTO GALLERY



Warm Welcome to the new Principal Dr. T.M. Joseph



Welcoming our new Bursar Rev. Fr. Francis Kannadan



Diamond Jubilee Block Blessing- Mar George Madathikandathil



A view of the gathering- alumni day 2016



Oath taking by the students (2015-16 Batch)



Adieu to our Principal Rev. Dr. Vincent Nedungattu





Justice V.K. Mohanan on the occasion of Organising committee meeting



National Sports Day Celebration



Prof. George James inaugurating the Silver Jubilee batch gathering



Winners of M.G. University Nadanpattu Competition



Sri. Rishiraj Singh IPS Inaugurating the Activities of Anti narcotic cell



Sri Eldho Abraham MLA Inaugurating the Annual Exhibition Paithrukam 2016



Jacob John Kattakayam- Msgr. Mathew Palamattom Memorial Lecture



World Environmental day:Sri. TKA Nair Former Principle Secretary to the Prime Minister



Dr. B. Ashok delivers Dr. APJ Abdhul Kalam Memorial Talk



Mother Teresa Memorial Lecture Series: Joshua Mar Ignathios
Nirmala Alumni Association



ALUMNI LECTURE SERIES



Vysakhan (prominent alumnus) Inaugurates Alumni Lecture Series



Sri. Vison M. Paul (prominent alumnus) delivers talk on Right to Information



Alumni Lecture Series: Dr. George John New York University Addresses the gathering

Nirmala Alumni Association instituted a Lecture series in the form of scholarly talks by prominent alumni of this great institution. The formal inauguration of this unique programme was made on 8th December 2016 by Vyshakhan, our renowned alumnus and the President of Kerala Sahitya Academy

This series of lectures intends to utilize the contributions of our alumni in the academic enrichment of the campus. The programmes also offer opportunities for the outgoing students to interact with our renowned former students in diverse fields and emulate their models. Sri. Vison M. Paul, Chief Information Officer and Dr. George John, Scientist, New York university delivered lectures.



Foundation Day Lecture by Prof. N.R. Madhava Menon



Nostalgia 2016: from the gathering of 1991 batches

DEPARTMENTAL MEETINGS

MHRM



The Alumni meet of MHRM was held at the Nirmala College MCA Block on 23 April 2016 at 10.30 am. The occasion was graced by alumni of first two batches, Fr. Mathew Chandramkunnel, and Prof. Jose Karikkunnel. During the meeting a memento was given to Mr. Jomy John as a token of appreciation for securing Second position at university level. Many of the current students interacted with the alumnus and learned from their experiences. It was decided to strengthen the link between the ongoing batches and alumnus for their support in the area of training, placement, career counselling and any other developments. The function concluded with fun games followed by lunch.

COMMUNICATIVE ENGLISH



The Dept. of Communicative English conducted its Grand Alumni Home Coming vibrantly on 11 October 2016 in the college auditorium. The meeting radiated a homely ambience and became a nostalgic event for the members. Alumni from 13 batches retracted to their Alma-Mater to recall their evergreen memories of college life. The programme was enriched by the presence of Mrs. Annamma John, Ms. Sandhya K.S, Ms. Elizabeth Paul and Mr. Prince Samuel Joseph. Members from the alumni shared their experiences and memories associated with the college and it was a nostalgic recollection of the good old days. The gathering was made lively with short games and a series of cultural programmes. The gathering included a delicious lunch at the college cafeteria. 40 members from

the alumni participated in the gathering. The entire gathering was organized by the 2012-2015 batch of communicative English and coordinated by Mr. Prince Samuel Joseph and Ms. Elizabeth Paul.

HINDI



An Alumni Meeting was held on 24th January 2016 at 11.am. Head of the Department, Dr. James George, presided over the function. An Executive Committee was formed in this function. It was followed by another meeting on 9th April 2016 at 10.am. Head of the Department, Dr. James George, presided over the function. Dr. Elsy Augustine, Former H.O.D. was the Chief Guest. Principal Rev. Fr. Dr. Vincent Joseph felicitated the function. Dr. V.C. James and Dr. Suja. C. were also felicitated.

Also alumni of B.A-93-96 batch was held on 29th May 2016. Dr. James George and Dr. Sreeja G.R were present in the meeting.

ECONOMICS



The gathering 1988-85 PG batch, and 2000-2003 UG batches on 10-09-2016 was a great experience for the department. Alumni from various walks of life shared their experiences and achievements.

BOTANY

The alumni of the department of Botany, Nirmala College met on 29th October 2016 from 10 am-1pm at the college premises. A total of 67 alumni from all the previous batches participated in the event.



MALAYALAM



An Alumni Meeting of B.A. Degree batch of 1991 was held on 02.08.2016. Dr. Thomas Periyappuram, Retired Principal was the chief guest of the day. Our Vice Principal Sri. Jose Karikunnel felicitated the function.

The Meeting was enriched by dignitaries like Rtd. Heads of Departments Dr. Vincent Maliekal, Rev. Sr. Mercy Kurian, Dr. Jose George, Rev. Sr. Elsamma Joseph and other faculties Smt. Jessy John, Sri. Joy T.A. and Dr. K.U. Chacko, Dr. Lissy Joseph, Head of the Department, presided over the meeting. Mrs. Seema Joseph, Assistant Professor and Co-ordinator of the programme welcomed the get-together. Joshy Chacko, the Student representative of the batch proposed the vote of thanks.

ZOOLOGY



The annual meet of Zoology Alumni for the year 2016-17 was held on 10-10-2016 (Mahanavami day). The meeting started at 10.30 am in the Zoology Department which was chaired by Mr. Bany Joy, President of Alumni Association. The programme started with a prayer. More than sixty members attended the meeting. The gathering was blessed with the presence of retired teachers. The

gathering was welcomed by Ms. Jisha Jacob, Convenor of the Association. Prof. K C Joseph former HoD, inaugurated the meet with a meaningful message. Prof. Mary P C, HoD felicitated the occasion. Minutes of the previous year meeting were presented by Mrs. Jisha M A, Secretary and it was approved. The alumni honoured the teachers. The meeting congratulate the alumni members for their achievement in JRF/NET. Mementoes were presented to the scholars. The Alumni sponsored Merit Scholarship for Post graduate student was awarded by Prof N U Pennamma Former HoD.

It was followed by self introduction and interaction with alumni. Participation of final year B Sc students was appreciated and they interacted with the alumni. Prof Dilmol Varghese presided the Election of office bearers for the next year. Open discussion were done to improve the activities of the association. The meeting discussed to conduct annual seminar on any relevant topics in biology with the help of prominent alumni members. After refreshments, the programme was concluded at 1.30pm. After the group photo session, Alumni visited the classrooms and cherished their memories. Gathering disbursed at 2.30 pm.

COMMERCE



The batch mates of B.Com 1977-80 batch of Nirmala College Muvattupuzha had their reunion on 10 th December 2016. The formal function started at 10.30 am. The College authorities had extended all the support and showed the magnanimity to depute four professors of the Commerce Department along with head of the Department Dr. Johnson Varghese to take part in our get together. As a mark of respect we garlanded our teachers with shawls. Each of them shared their nostalgic experiences in the class room and cracked jokes. They had lunch from the college canteen and continued the meeting. With happiness and but overwhelmed with heaviness of heart, 43 friends out of 69 disbursed once again to face the realities of life, not as in 1980, but this time with an assurance to each other there that "we are with you" here after to share your sorrows and happiness. Though the official dispersal was announced at 11.30 a.m, they remained in bond and disbursed only by 4.30pm.

And the winner is Nirmala!



**The Proud Yellow Brigade
MG university Champions,
Reliance Foundation Trophy 2016**

THE COLLEGE UNION INAUGURATION

January 1, 2016 By Adv. Joice George M.P.



ERNAKULAM CHAPTER

The chapter has been continuing with its activities in collaboration with the Nirmala Alumni Association. All the Nirmalites in and around Ernakulam have participated wholeheartedly in our activities. We had several meetings at the Changampuzha Park and the various discussions were led by K. Balachandran, E.I. Thomas, B. Krishnakumar and other organizers of the chapter. The last meeting was held on Dec. 20 at Changampuzha park. All are looking forward to the annual meet of our Alumni Association on Jan. 14 - 2017. We wish you all a happy X-Mas and a hassle-free New Year.



E.I. Thomas



K. Balachandran

- K. Balachandran
- E.I. Thomas (Convenor)
- B. Krishnakumar (Joint Convenor)

Vice Principal



Prof. Jose Karikunnel

Bursar



Fr. Francis Kannadan

Vice President of Alumni Assn.



Adv. Tomy Kalampattuparambil

Joint Secretary



Sr. Jinto John

Advisor



T.K. Ramakrishnan

On the Anvil



Joseph Nadukkara

Indeed it is a matter of great pleasure for me to thank our Alumni Association for the great opportunities given to the past and present students and staff of our Nirmala College to meet and exchange ideas to renew and strengthen the relationship and to share the experiences of our good old days spent together in this institution.

We have a dream project of setting up Nirmala Alumni Global Net Work. So far we were not able to do anything in this direction. Now I am making a simple effort to realize it by co-ordinating all in an easy way. The network I am generating is very simple to operate wherever you are in this globe. The major advantage is that there is no extra cost for its operation. The only condition is that you should become a member of it. That anyone can do very easily. For this please contact Mob. 860492017 of the co-ordinator.