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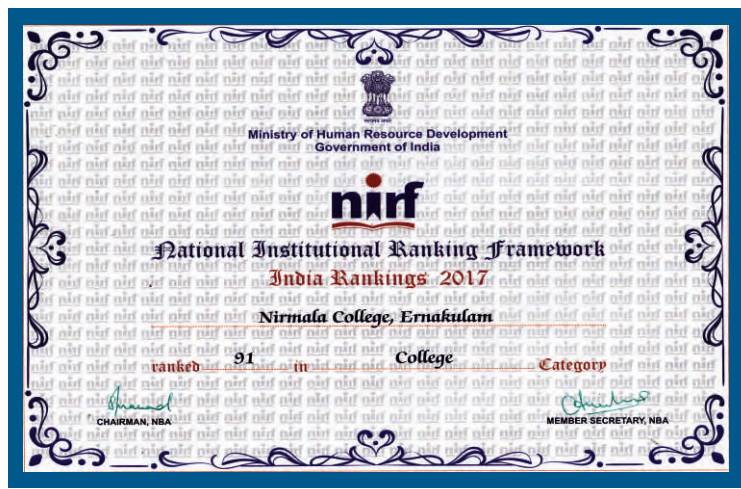
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Nirmala College is ranked one among the best 100 colleges in the country

### From the Principal's Desk



Dr.T.M. Joseph  
Principal

I am extremely happy to see that the Alumni Association of Nirmala College, Muvattupuzha is regularly publishing newsletters showcasing its activities and achievements. I acknowledge the hard efforts put up by Sri. Thomas Mathew Parackal, the working President of the Association, with the support of others in the production of this souvenir.

Nirmala College has always valued the contributions made by its illustrious alumni spread over different parts of the globe. The Association is playing a pivotal role in keeping them connected. Occasional alumni meetings and the series of alumni lecturers conducted are something remarkable in its organisational profile. They are offering scholarships and freships to deserving students. During the current year, the Association has ventured into a novel scheme called "Gift a Book: Lift a Life" with the intention of making the Nirmala College Library the best known library in Kerala. The voluntary book donation scheme has evoked good responses from alumni, teachers, students and general public. 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.



*Editorial...*

Substantial work in service of Nirmala was the buzzword of the Alumni Association in the past year. Now another year with its new hassles. We will face it gracefully and surmount all the challenges. It is the abacus of a new social, economic and political dynamics. 2018 is the beginning of yet another year of opportunities. We have a tryst with destiny – with keeping up new resolutions. Let's not make the new year an year of confrontationist cacophony.

I express my sincere thanks to our Patron Mar George Madathikandathil, the Principal Dr. T.M. Joseph, Secretary Dr. Georgy Neernal and Sr. Jinto John for their precious guidance and timely suggestions. Let me also thank the Alumni Vice President Adv. Tomy Kalambattuparambil for his sincere co-operation.

I thank all the members of the Executive Committee for their continuous support. Also we thank Sri. T.K. Ramakrishnan Nair, Advisor for his services.

I wish you all a wonderful New Year!

**Thomas Matthew Parackel**

## GIFT A BOOK: LIFT A LIFE

### A Book Collection Initiative of the Alumni Association



Sri Babu Cherian gifting books to our Principal



Dr. K.V. Dominic donates books to the Library



Dr. Shaju Thomas donates books to the Library

The Alumni Association of Nirmala College has ventured into a novel project titled “Gift a Book: Lift a Life” which aims at collecting books from alumni, teachers, students and general public to the college library. The scheme has evoked good response from different quarters. More than 5000 books have already been added to the library. The Association still seeks books from everybody and strives to make Nirmala library the best in Kerala.



## Annual Report 2017



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 Alumni Association of Nirmala College during the academic year 2016-17. The Alumni day for the year 2017 was convened at Msgr. Thomas Nedukallel Auditorium on 14th January 2017. Justice V.K. Mohanan was the keynote speaker and the meeting honoured the Golden Jubilee batch (passed out in 1967). 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 four times this year.

The alumni association instituted an “Annual Alumni Lecture Series” in the year 2016. As a part of this, two such lectures were given by our prominent alumni, Justice V.K. Mohanan and Dr. George Onakoor. Apart from the common alumni gathering, many departmental gatherings were held during this academic year. The Alumni Association of Department of Economics in collaboration with Kerala Economics Association and Department of Chemistry honoured the former octogenarian teachers.

The Alumni Association has decided to strengthen the college library by procuring books from the alumni and well wishers through our dream project 'Gift a Book- Lift a Life'

I take the opportunity to thank our Principal Dr. T.M. Joseph, working president Sri Thomas Mathew Parackal, treasurer Fr. Justin Kuriakose, 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 unstinted support they have rendered for the smooth functioning of the Association. I wish you all a Happy and prosperous New Year.

Dr. J. Georgi Neernal  
Secretary



Mega Alumni Meet 2017 Inauguration by Justice V.K. Mohanan



Release of the Alumni Newsletter by Asha Sanil, Ernakulam Dist. Panchayat President.



Group of former students- Alumni Meet 2017



Foundation Day Lecture by Justice Cyriac Joseph



Dr. Cyriac Thomas delivering the Mother Teresa Lecture



Dr. J. Prameela Devi, Member, Womens Commission Inaugurating the Centre for Women Empowerment



DBT Star College Inauguration by Dr. Suresh Das



Diamond Jubilee Lecture by Dr. George Onakoor



Congratulating Ajith Sivan our Alumnus, who was selected to the Kerala Blasters



Dr. Babu Paul IAS at the Rev. Dr. John Vallamattam Lecture



Honouring Prof. M.K. Sanu the literary Lion of Kerala  
Nirmala Alumni Association





Mar Mathew Pothanamuzhi Memorial Lecture -Sri. T.P. Sreenivasan, former Ambassador



College Christmas Celebration- Joy to the World!



Trial of Strength - Tug of War between teachers and non teaching staff



The Food Fest



College Union Inauguration by Smt.N.C. Josephine



Inauguration of Ozone Seminar by Sri C.R. Neelakandan



Colourful 'Vayomithram' - in collaboration with the Muvattupuzha Municipality



Honouring Prof. George James our former Principal



Mgr. Mathew Palamattam Lecture by Dr. P.C Aniankunju



Dr. V.S. Vijayan Inaugurates the Environment Day Celebrations

Nirmala Alumni Association



## ALUMNI LECTURE SERIES

A Lecture Series was arranged in the form of talks by the prominent and famed alumni of the college. Justice V.K. Mohanan, Dr. George Onakoor, Dr. Sebastian George, Sri. P.N Nandakumar, Dr. Maya Mathew, Mr. Niret Kurian (ISS) Ms. Reshmi Kannan, Mr. Cencymon M.A. and a host of others delivered lectures on different contemporary issues and topics.



Justice K. Narayana Kurup delivers the Alumni lecture



P.N. Nandakumar - Statistics



Dr. Sebastine George - Statistics Lecture



Dr. Maya Mathew



Niret Kurian, ISS



Linto Mathew



Resmi Kannan



Cencymon M.A.



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## DEPARTMENTAL ALUMNI MEETINGS

### COMMUNICATIVE ENGLISH



Department of Communicative English Conducted its Grand Alumni Home coming vibrantly on 29 September 2017 in the College Auditorium. The meeting radiated a homely ambience to become a nostalgic event for the members. Alumni from 14 batches retracted to their Alma Mater to recall their evergreen memories of college life. The programme was got enriched by the presence of Mrs. Lissi Plathottam, Mrs. Valsa George, Mrs. Rani Mathew, Mrs. Lisna Sebastian, Mr Shanto Philip, Mrs. Reshmi P.R., Mr. Arun Geo Augstine and Mr. Prince Samuel

Joseph. Members of the Alumni Association shared their experience and memories. The gathering was made lively with short games and a series of cultural programmes. The gathering was conducted along with sumptuous meal at the college cafeteria. 42 members from the alumni participated in the gathering. The entire gathering was organised by the 2013-2016 batch of communicative English and coordinated by Mr. Prince Samuel Joseph.

### CHEMISTRY

Chemistry Alumni Association Nirmala (CAAN) of the academic year 2016-17 gathered on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2017 AN. Prof Dr. Thomas Francis presided over the meeting. About 50 Alumni participated in the meeting. CAAN award- Top scorer in B.Sc. Chemistry in 2016 was awarded to Ms Ajisha Vijayan by Prof Baby Ignatius, Retired faculty of Chemistry. Alumni Lecture series- Lecture by Dr. Maya Mathew (Alumna, 1995 B.Sc) Scientist II, R&D, Thermo Fischer Scientific Bangalore on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2017. She delivered an inspiring talk on -Making smart career choices-Following your passion vs





keeping the options ready. Post graduate students of zoology and Chemistry were benefited by her lecture. Chemistry Association activities of 2007-18 were inaugurated by Dr. Vivek B, Assistant Professor, S.D college Aleppy, Alumnus M.Sc.2009. He delivered a talk on “Introduction to spectroscopic Techniques”.

Batch Gathering B.Sc.1980 Batch gettogether was on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2017 in room No 102. 25 students of this batch gathered and they honoured their respected teachers Prof. T.M. Mathews Prof E.P. Joy, Prof. Baby Ignatius, Prof. N.P. Varghese and Prof. Santhamma George.

## ZOOLOGY



The annual meet of Zoology Alumni for the year 2017-18 was held on 29-09-2017 (Mahanavami day). The meeting started at 10.00 am in the Zoology Department which was chaired by Mr. Bany Joy, President of Alumni Association. The programme started with a prayer. More than fifty members attended the meeting. The gathering was blessed with the presence of retired teachers. The gathering was welcomed by Ms. Arya M. S., Convenor of the Association. Prof. Pennamma N. U. And Prof. Rosemary Mathew, Former HoDs of the department felicitated the occasion. Minutes of the previous year meeting was presented by Ms. Anju B Kanjirakkattu, Joint-Secretary and it was approved. Alumni honoured the retired teachers. The Alumni sponsored Merit cum Means Scholarship for Post graduate student was awarded to Ms. Aswathy P. R. by Dr. Shaju Thomas, Former HoD.

Prof Dilmol Varghese, HoD, presided over the Election of office bearers for the next year. It was followed by self introduction and interaction with alumni. Open discussion were done to improve the activities of the association. Participation of final year B Sc students was appreciated and they interacted with the alumni. After refreshments, the programme was concluded at 1.00 pm. After the group photo session, Alumni visited the classrooms and cherished their memories.

## BOTANY



Botany department organized the alumni meet on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 9.30 a.m. The meeting started with a prayer song. About 70 alumni members attended the meet. Dr.Sr.Tessy Joseph (Head of the Dept.) delivered the inaugural address and welcomed all the participants. Mr. K.K. Thomas, President elaborated on the importance of an alumni meet and informed the members about the initiatives taken to implement the previous year meeting decisions. He requested the members support to increase the participation. Suggestions received from the members were to conduct charitable activities and sponsoring best outgoing student award Ajitha Rani T S and Shiji A V performed duet song. The president also expressed his opinion to conduct the meet on Diwali as it was usually conducted in the previous years and it was accepted by all the members. The meeting ended at 1p.m. after a photo session and refreshments.

## HINDI

The Alumni Meeting of the PG and Research Department of Hindi was held on 14th January 2017. Dr. Suja C. Presided over the meeting. The meeting discussed the activities of the Alumni. 18 members were present. 13th May 2017 Programme was inaugurated by Sreeja GR. 61 members were present. 27th December 2017 (batch 2003-2006) The meeting conducted at 10 am in the Alumni Hall. Dr. Suja C. presided over the meeting Dr. A. Rehmani Ammal, Dr. V.C. James, (former Head of the Department)



Felicitation the meeting. Meeting discussed mainly the Alumni activities. 15 members were present.

28th December 2017 (1990-1993 Batch) The Meeting was held at 10.30 am in the Alumni Hall. Dr. Suja C. presided over the Meeting. Dr. Sheela Issac former H.O.D. was the chief guest. Dr. A. Remani Ammal, Dr. James George, Prof. K.V. Joseph and Dr. V.C. James were felicitated the function. Honouring of teachers was the highlight.

**BCA**



On 22/07/2017 a reunion was arranged 2011-14 in the campus. 28 students participated in the meeting.

**CHAPTERS OF OUR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ABROAD**

Our Alumni Association has chapters in Germany, UAE and Bahrain. Regular activities have been going on in all the chapters and they are in touch with the Nirmala Alumni Association.



Our Qatar Chapter

<p>Vice Principal</p>  <p>Prof. Jose Karikunnel</p>	<p>Bursar</p>  <p>Fr. Francis Kannadan</p>	<p>Vice President of Alumni Assn.</p>  <p>Adv. Tomy Kalampattuparambil</p>
<p>Joint Secretary</p>  <p>Sr. Jinto John</p>	<p>Advisor</p>  <p>T.K. Ramakrishnan</p>	<p>IQAC Co-ordinator</p>  <p>Dr. Suby Baby</p>

**OUR CONTRIBUTION TO THE MG UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL TEAM**

 <p>Vineeth S.</p>	 <p>Muhammed Refee E.N.</p>	 <p>Jithin M.</p>	 <p>Abhiram Shaji</p>
 <p>Gokuldeep</p>	 <p>Akbar T.A.</p>	 <p>Ajay Alex</p>	 <p>Abdul Salim</p>

**ERNAKULAM CHAPTER**



The chapter witnessed unprecedented enthusiasm and had regular meetings under the stewardship of K. Balachandran (former Mayor). The chapter is efficiently run by E.I. Thomas (former Executive director of LIC)

The last meeting was conducted on December 2, 2017 and we are glad to state that 42 members were present on the occasion, among which were Justice K. Narayana Kurup, K.Balachandran, Adv. Joseph A. Vadakel and a host of others. K Sreekumar proposed the vote of thanks. A Happy new year to all of you.

E.I. Thomas  
Convener

