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Imagine. Explore. Engage. Evolve - words that resonate across our institutional endeavour, as we script new stories of intellectual and moral transformation in the lives of our students.

A trailblazer in the dynamic arena of higher education, All Saints' College proudly commemorates six decades of dedication, inspiration and transformation. The Diamond milestone, a phenomenal achievement, harnesses past glory, celebrates a vision realized and endorses our humble efforts to keep alive the legacy of excellence.

The institution has been providing a hands-on, interactive educational experience, bolstered by faculty who inspire curiosity, ingenuity and empower young minds with the poise to be change makers. Underpinning our success is the College's enduring effort to nurture talent and the next generation of critical thinkers, ensuring expansive horizons for our students. Our foundational ethos is rooted in the visionary premise of empowering women, championing equity and leadership and forging a world where women flourish as pioneers and catalysts for constructive change.

Reflecting on a year of achievements and accolades, holistic growth and boundless opportunities, not only fuels a deep sense of gratitude but also reinforces our resolve to tread new paths. This report chronicles our accomplishments, community impact and our attempt to explore the expanding frontiers of potential, for in the pursuit of excellence, boundaries are mere starting points.

Where Learning Meets Innovation

Academic prowess is a touchstone for any institution of repute in this knowledge driven era and the success of our young achievers is reason to celebrate. The Departments of **Commerce**, **Environmental Science**, **Physics and Botany** secured ranks at the University Level.

Kerala University Ranks

MSc Environmental Sciences

1st rank: Sharanya K

3rd rank: Sanjana P

MSc Physics with specialization in Space Physics

2021- 2023 Batch

1st rank: Amrutha K. U

2nd rank: Reshma Krishnan S

3rd rank: Karthika R. S

4th rank: Arunima A. M

2022- 2024 Batch

1st rank: Abina Antony

2nd rank: Megha J

3rd rank: Anamika A

5th rank: Sreelekshmi K. V

B.Sc. Botany

3rd rank: Varsha S. P

5th rank: C. Mariya Shiny

B. Com Finance

3rd rank: Devina Biju

The Four-Year Undergraduate Programme (FYUGP) is designed to equip students with a thorough knowledge base, intellectual abilities, multidisciplinary perspectives, flexible skill sets, basic expertise, social commitment and research aptitude. It moulds them into responsible citizens in a knowledge society, presents multiple opportunities in research and employment and offers three options suitable for their plans and interests - a Three-Year UG Degree, a Four-Year Honours Degree and a Four-Year Honours with Research Degree. The FYUGP institutional level inauguration was held in the presence of dignitaries and the stakeholders were given a detailed overview on the newly implemented curriculum by the Principal.

Frontiers Redefined is not just a theme but a definite endeavour to push the boundaries of fundamental knowledge, kindle innovation and facilitate vital partnerships with industry. The

NEP 2020 focuses on equipping and upskilling students, empowering them to face modern workforce demands. Enhancing career prospects and providing expert knowledge in niche areas, the Certificate programmes and Add-on courses in our campus this year focused on employability skills, professional language and communication skills, the Financial Market, Cybersecurity and Ethical Hacking, Health and Hygiene and the Mathematical Applications of GeoGebra and Python 3.4.3. Domestic Care Attendant and Assistant Dress Maker Courses were held in association with Skill India, certified by the Government of India to impart essential skills through qualified faculty. Our students secured prestigious internships at the Space Physics Laboratory, Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre, Kerala State Pollution Control Board, Thiruvananthapuram and at Learntoupgrade, a training partner with the Life Sciences Sector Skill Development Council (LSSSDC).

Collaborative partnerships and MoUs with reputed educational institutions and industries foster a prized culture of excellence and innovation. Collaborations with the NAANDI Foundation, Spoken Tutorial Program- IIT Bombay, ASNA Groups, Luminescence Society of India (LSI), Baroda are rewarding experiences for our students. MOUs offer our students continuous exposure to diverse, learner centric perspectives and practices and augment research capabilities. The college has a number of functional MoUs with institutions, other universities, industries, corporate houses - Insight for Innovation, M/s Manoj and Chitra International Legal Service Providers, Hedge School of Applied Economics, Top Notch IAS, Energy Management Centre, Keren Infolabz, The Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew and St. Joseph's College. These partnerships endow them with multiple capabilities and skill sets, legal awareness, Certification in financial services, assistance in Internships and placement, Civil Service coaching, personality development and even orchid conservation. Students are motivated to arm themselves for the future by completing skill development courses available on the MOOC platform SWAYAM and the Skill India portal.

Forging New Narratives

It is our singular endeavour to maintain high standards of excellence in matters academic and significant emphasis is placed on Faculty Development Programs (FDPs), Refresher courses, Capacity Building and Orientation programmes aimed at enhancing research capabilities, upskilling teaching methodologies and polishing subject expertise. Faculty members attended the online NEP Orientation & Sensitization Programme conducted by MMRTC.

Highly regarded for their professional expertise and commitment, our faculty combines research, leadership and collaboration to create a transformative, impactful experience for our students. Research publications in reputed journals, chapters in books and well received paper presentations at State, National and International level- Seminars, Workshops, Conferences, Symposiums and Training programmes attest to their academic efficiency. Designated as Resource persons, Nodal officers, Members of Research committees and Boards of Studies, our faculty is a group of high performing and enterprising individuals blessed with an abundance of talent.

Devi Chandra, Guest Faculty in Physics had been awarded with PhD, for her research work entitled 'Low-Temperature Synthesis and Characterization of Zinc Oxide Nanoparticles for optoelectronic applications'.

Dr. Margrette Leena V, completed the PRCN Course from OTA Gwalior and became an Associate NCC Officer.

Student achievements

Our students benefitted immensely from cutting edge faculty guidance earning appreciation for their critical thinking and innovation. Research papers presented at various educational Seminars, international and national and publications in reputed journals are a testament to this fact.

- Five students of Semester 3, M. Sc Physics Lekshmi R Mohan, Keeerthy S. A, Kavyasree M. S, Arathy V. S and Adithya Santosh received the ASPIRE Research Award constituted by the Collegiate of Higher Education.
- 17 students of MSc S4 EVS qualified for the ASPIRE research fellowship instituted by Directorate of Collegiate Education and did their Aspire projects at Department of Education, University of Kerala, Govt College for Women, Vazhuthacad, NCESS, KSDMA, University College, TVPM.
- Athulya T S and Aneesa S, MSc EVS completed four-month Aspire projects at the Department of Education, University of Kerala instituted by the Directorate of Collegiate Education.

Connecting passion with purpose

Our campus activities are geared toward integrating and advancing inclusive excellence within all aspects of the College, be it in academics, co-curricular undertakings, club activities, social

outreach or community service programs. Student contributions are pivotal to the growth of the institution and we only serve to channel their creativity through a plethora of departmental and club events. Engaging and participatory sessions with eminent personalities from multifarious domains power the journey of discovery.

The efforts of the **Language Departments** align with the College's mission to foster interdisciplinary studies, cross-cultural understanding and develop communication skills. English Literature enthusiasts were treated to a series of lectures, symposiums and conferences exploring the shifting nuances of contemporary literature through engaging discussions. The Capacity Building Cell, in association with the **English** department collaborated with *Booksthakam*, an international publishing company to hone creative talents and start a mentorship programme culminating in a publishing deal. French cuisine, language and culture were subject to discussions - a delightfully varied experience. *Kavyabhashayude Samvedhanathmakadha*, a literary venture by the department of **Malayalam** kindled interest in poetry. The **Library** department seminar provided invaluable insights on the *Power of E-Resources for Teaching, Learning and Research*.

The latest trends, innovations and career opportunities shaping the Banking, Financial Services and Insurance landscape were the subject of discussion at the **Financial literacy club** seminar. *Economic Planning: The Kerala Story*, an enlightening lecture initiated a debate on the topic *Is Digital India: A Divide or Bridge*. The **Tourism club** members attended the Kerala Tourism Club District Convention Leadership Meet which inspired them to take on active roles in promoting sustainable tourism practices.

The **Forum for Democracy and Social Justice** organized thought provoking sessions on the challenges facing democratic governance in the age of AI, the ethical dilemmas and its socio-political implications. The **History** department co-organized an International Webinar with Sevagram Ashram, Wardha and Prabhodha Trust, Kochi and other Arts and Science colleges across India with elite international panelists and scholars of Gandhian thought. A National Colloquium on the need for Intellectual Property Rights in association with the dept of **Political Science** was another highlight.

Dialogues centred around empowering women figured prominently at the Madhyamam Leadher-ship Campaign and the Open forum on *Women as Cultural Transmitters and Innovators* organized by **FDSJ**. *Perspectives on Women Leadership*, an international seminar by the **Commerce** department debated the evolving role of women in leadership and stressed on the role of resilience, adaptability, continuous learning and networking in building successful careers. *Women Suffragette Art and Activism* a venture by the **Women Studies Cell** explored the intersection of art and activism in the women's suffrage movement.

Cross disciplinary collaborations by the departments of **Environmental Sciences**, **Botany**, **Zoology** and the **Bhoomithra club** yielded seminars, workshops on contemporary topics and motivational awareness programmes like the *Inspire to Aspire* venture bringing together experts and enthusiasts from diverse fields. The departments of **Chemistry and Physics** imparted awareness on Forensics, energy efficiency and career pathways.

The **SPIC MACAY Heritage club** inauguration was a celebration of India's cultural diversity and rich heritage, a tribute to its artistic traditions and a testament to the power of music and dance to unite people.

The Sixth Sense Quiz Club engaged quizzing enthusiasts with multi-level quizzes within and without the campus and its members garnered numerous prizes performing creditably at the District and State Level.

The **Capacity Building Cell** organized a Hackathon for students. To promote an inclusive ambience and offers all students equal access to opportunities and resources the **Equal Opportunity Cell** initiated awareness talks for the teaching and administrative faculty and the student community.

Celebrations/ Observances

International Yoga Day was celebrated by the Dance and Fitness Club with the theme *Yoga for Self and Society*. The History department led the **Hiroshima and Nagasaki Day** observance featuring speeches, charts, songs and a pledge for Human Rights and the **NCC** made the **Independence Day, Republic Day** and the **Kargil Vijay Divas** occasions of patriotic fervour and pride. They were also proud participants in the HAR GHAR TIRANGA Campaign. The **Gandhian Study Cell** in association with the Department of History and Political Science observed **Quit India Day** with speeches on the relevance of Gandhian strategies in bringing about social and political change in today's world.

Harmony club, a dynamic platform that nurtures musical talent organized an Intercollegiate Patriotic Song Competition in association with the Gandhian Study Cell, as part of the Diamond Jubilee and Republic Day celebrations. **World Music Day** was celebrated with upbeat, melodic performances. The **Reading Week** observance led by the **College Library and Department** of Malayalam encouraged the exploration of diverse literary resources and showcased competitions to cultivate a love for reading, promote intellectual growth, creativity and critical thinking.

Competitions

Literary and cultural competitions help sharpen the competitive edge, trigger personal growth, broaden horizons and improve social connections. Innovation and creativity figured prominently in the wide range of competitions held within the campus.

As part of its **Diamond Jubilee** celebrations, the college hosted **Ascensio 2024**, an exciting and intellectually stimulating Interschool competition with a series of engaging and thought-provoking events designed to showcase talent, challenge creativity, critical thinking and foster peer engagement, leadership and teamwork. The event witnessed an impressive turnout of students from numerous schools across Kerala with Mount Carmel Anglo Indian School, Thangasherry, being crowned the champions. Ascensio 2024 will undoubtedly be remembered as an inspiring and enriching experience for all the participants and a fitting tribute on the momentous occasion.

Hortus, the outreach programme of the Manorama Literature Festival hosted by the Department of **English**, was an exciting event with renowned playback singer, Shri. M. Jayachandran as the Chief Guest.

The Arts Club, a space for free expression, plays a pivotal role in the holistic development of our students weaving positivity into the cultural fabric of the institution through a coordinated series of events, workshops and performances. Onam and Christmas were vibrant, festive and meaningful occasions that sparked charitable initiatives. Esperanza, the Freshers Day and the Union and Arts Club inauguration were events that celebrated creativity and leadership while Kalaveedhi 2025, a grand cultural fest showcased talent and artistic expression. A Film festival was marked by a diverse genre of movies. Aurea Mythica – the Miss All Saints' 2025 pageant radiated confidence, charisma and individuality, while embracing talent and mythology. Samvidhan Divas, Energy Conservation Day and World AIDS day observances featured competitions and awareness campaigns addressing social issues in collaboration with various departments. The Union made its presence felt at the Republic Day celebrations in association with the NSS and NCC units.

Sporting achievements

Fuelling a passion for active recreation, athletic excellence and sportsmanship is part of our endeavour to endorse personal and holistic development. Our students achieved sporting excellence at the State, National and International level.

- Aan S. R (DC I Zoology) represented India and won the silver medal in the International Roller Netted Ball Open championship held at Bangalore.
- Jeevitha Anna Georgy (DC III Physics) was selected to the All India University Yogasana team.
- Liyalal U M (DCII Eng Lit), Archana Ajay (DCII Botany) and Kajal A Anand (DCII Eng Lit) secured gold medals in the Senior State Wushu Championship held at Kozhikode.

At the University level competitions, we won medals and prizes in Football, Handball, Fencing, Boxing, Powerlifting, Wushu and Athletics. The **Annual Athletic Meet** with Mr. Vishnuraj, Kerala Ranji Trophy Cricket player as the Chief guest, marked a day of athleticism, teamwork, sportsmanship and celebration.

Our NCC cadets won prizes at the Inter-District NCC competitions and participated in the NCC Inter group culturals at Kozhikode.

Waves of Impact

Environmental stewardship

Let's step into a greener future of sustainability, togetherness and hope. At All Saints', our green endeavour focuses on inculcating a sense of collective responsibility towards safeguarding our planet. The fragile web that connects environmental conservation, economic growth and social well-being needs to be strengthened by collaborative efforts that promote sustainability. The year that passed by has witnessed various commendable initiatives towards this end.

The Botany Department organized Eco-discussion Forums, awareness campaigns, exhibitions, competitions, a training session in horticultural techniques, orchid conservation and even maintains a beautiful butterfly garden in the campus promoting teamwork and sustainability. The QR Code enabled digital documentation of trees in the campus of PM Shri Kendriya

Vidyalaya AFS, Aakkulam was a unique venture. The campus bird watch orientation programme by WWF, under the auspices of the Zoology department identified 35 species in the campus including a rare bird – Thick Knee.

Collaborative and motivational events like the Beach clean-up campaign at Shangumugham organized by the department of Zoology, the NCC sponsored clean up drive at the beach and All Saints' bus stop and the environmental clean-up activity conducted by the Bhoomithra Sena Club in Punchakkari stressed on the need for positive human intervention in limiting pollution and environmental degradation.

World Environment Day was observed by the Bhoomithra Sena Club, Kuruvi Nature Club, NSS, NCC and the Departments of Environmental Sciences and Chemistry with an Interdepartmental poster making competition and exhibition, a Tree plantation drive and a photography competition on Campus biodiversity.

No Plastic Day by the Social Entrepreneurship Swachhta and Rural Engagement Cell, in association with the NSS and NCC units and an Electronic Waste Collection Drive by the Bhoomithra Sena Club in collaboration with Young Indians, an NGO, were efforts to reduce our e-waste footprint and contribute towards a greener and cleaner planet.

Experiential, unstructured and flexible modes of learning add value to the learning experience. **Field visits, study tours and lab visits** were designed to balance academic learning, research exploration and recreational activities, allowing students to engage with their subjects beyond classroom boundaries. Biodiversity conservation, sustainable practices, real world research applications in industry and indigenous culture were a few items on the exploration agenda.

Health and wellness

Health and wellness are integral facets of a productive life. Key focus on the wellness dynamics at All Saints' underlines our aspirations to produce balanced and versatile individuals. We endeavour to elevate the wellness quotient through thoughtful initiatives that bring added health benefits - both physical and mental!

Invited lectures, awareness programmes, exhibitions and food fests drew attention to health, hygiene, nutritional benefits, mindful eating practices and even international cuisine. The Certificate Course on *Health & Hygiene* by the Zoology department equipped students with essential knowledge and practical skills in health, hygiene, nutrition and well-being while focusing on the importance of personal and community health. The **Community Health club**

ventures in collaboration with the PG Department of Commerce were laudable, nurturing a strong spirit of social responsibility and humanitarian service within the college community. The Basic Life Support (BLS) Training session, Blood Donation Drive and an **Eye Camp** were highly impactful initiatives.

The academic and social experiences at All Saints' are complimented by an added focus on the spiritual dimension, challenging young minds to live a meaningful, creative and fulfilling life. The **Jesus Youth** members enrich the fold with their joyful spirituality and organized events like the Trivandrum Campus Meet 2024 and AGAPE, a one day programme. Together with the **AICUF unit** they are motivated ambassadors who add a creative dimension to the campus. The AICUF members participated in the centenary celebrations of the organization and are at the forefront in leadership and charity drives.

The guidance and positive presence of a **Counsellor** in the premises aided students to navigate the transformative college years with confidence. Insightful perspectives on mindfulness, emotional regulation, spirituality and gratitude kindled interactive sessions and reflective exercises at a workshop on *Life Skills* animated by the campus Counsellor.

The Anti-ragging week highlighted the detrimental effects of ragging and its negative impact on mental and physical health. Students were motivated to be vigilant and supportive of each other and to value discipline, respect, dignity and responsibility. Carefully curated events ranging from an orientation session and movie screening to interactive and creative competitions – played an important role in raising awareness.

The NSS Unit actively engages in community service, awareness campaigns and collaborative ventures that create a positive impact in the campus. Our volunteers have always been in the forefront of charitable endeavours and they reached out to the underprivileged families at the Karikkakom village with essential supplies, to ring in the festive spirit of Onam. The food culture of our state Kerala is a treasure trove of culinary stories. *Bhakshya Paithrukam* and *Krishi Paithrukam* were laudable ventures by the NSS, highlighting traditional and cultural food customs, organic farming and sustainable practices. The collaboration with SIPC Pallium India in the *Voicescape* initiative where volunteers created voice recordings of short stories and poems for paediatric patients is indeed a unique and heartwarming gesture.

The NCC cadets coordinated a campaign to collect material for the relief camps in Wayanad. As part of its outreach activities **the Women Cell** organised an awareness session on Breast Cancer in the campus and a Cancer Screening Camp in association with GG Hospital, Thiruvananthapuram in which 63 women of the locality participated. The institution garnered immense goodwill for this initiative. Our students and faculty were motivated to donate their hair to the SUT hospital for making wigs for Cancer patients.

Pulse of Progress

With effective strategic planning and organization, **the Placement cell** coordinated a series of Seminars, Talks and Workshops with eminent personalities expounding on opportunities for higher education abroad and the need to prioritize language and resume building skills, acquire financial literacy and explore varied career pathways. Industry visits are an admirable way to bridge the gap between academic learning and real-world applications, broadening perspectives and ushering in a sense of professionalism and adaptability. *Women in Aviation*, a collaborative venture with Trivandrum International Airport, *BRIDGE with Carestack* @ CareStack, Technopark and the *Campus to Corporate Meet* @ Allianz, Technopark were this year's highlights. Our esteemed recruitment partners include Allianz, Edroots, Speridian technologies, GICE, Care Revenue, Guidehouse, Carestack, ICICI, HDFC Bank among others. 33 students were placed, 12 at Allianz, 12 at Guidehouse and 9 at GICE.

Members of the **Be Ambitious Civil Service Club** benefitted immensely from Civil Service Orientation programmes held in collaboration with LeadIAS and Amritha IAS, leading Civil services coaching institutes.

Proactive planning and constant updation are the hallmarks of the **Career Development Club** of the Commerce department. Varied certifications for aspiring accountants, skill development, networking and diverse sustainable career prospects were on the agenda at Seminars held in the campus.

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academic partnerships in enhancing student learning experiences. A training program provided an in-depth orientation on data analytics.

The **Capacity Building Cell** arranged a talk on *Skills Enhancement and Skill Building* in association with IBM Skills Build on LinkedIn for Professional Development and ensured onboarding of students on the Skills Build platform. The coming year will witness more concerted efforts to extend capacity building to all the students utilising the services of Skills Ambassadors. Students were trained in basic computer skills such as Word, Excel.

Our educational vision ensures a commitment to multi-dimensional growth, integrating intellectual space and cultural engagement, empowering individuals to become sensitive contributors to society. Rooted in purpose and guided by the grace of the Almighty, we consciously strive to fulfill our privileged mission. At this juncture, I would like to acknowledge with gratitude, the invaluable contributions of the management, faculty and student community and the unwavering support of all stakeholders, alumni, parents, well-wishers for their cooperation and support in our institutional endeavour. Breaking barriers, bridging gaps and inspiring transformative action through educational opportunities, mentorship and collaboration, All Saints' continues to chart new paths of empowerment. Our aspirations fuel our endeavour to redefine societal paradigms by promoting a culture of acceptance, respect and innovation. Our vision is to push the boundaries of possibility, amplify voices and reimagine frontiers paving the way for a more inclusive tomorrow. We believe that a *Legacy is not leaving something for people. It is leaving something in people*.

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