



ST GREGORIOS COLLEGE
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PROFILE OF THE INSTITUTION

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Registered Name	St.Gregorios College
Established	1964
Motto	Study, Serve and Sanctify in God
Type of Institution	Government Aided Arts and Science College
Affiliation	Affiliated to the University of Kerala
Accreditation status	Re-Accredited by NAAC with A Grade in 2022
Management	Community of St. George, Bethlehem Ashram, Chengamanadu, Kottarakara
UG Programmes	9
PG Programmes	5
PhD Programmes	2
Student Strength	1116
Teaching Staff	55
Teaching Staff on contract	11
Non-teaching Staff	28

About the Institution

St. Gregorios College takes its name from Saint Gregorios of Parumala who is our patron Saint. The college was founded in 1964 by His Grace Mathews Mar Coorilos, the Bishop of Kollam Diocese who later became His Holiness Moran Mar Baselios Marthoma Mathews II, the Catholicos of the East. The founding of the college was the successful realization of a long cherished dream. His Grace Mathews Mar Coorilos who always desired to increase and expand the educational facilities within the diocese, worked tirelessly in that direction surmounting various difficulties. The foundation stone of the college was laid by His Grace Thomas Mar Dionysius the then Metropolitan of Niranam Diocese at 10am on Monday, 22 June 1964 and the college was declared open on Monday, 6 July 1964 by Late Lamented His Holiness Moran Mar Baselios Ougen I the erstwhile Catholicos.



St. Gregorios College, Kottarakara has made its incredible mark as a committed Christian institution in the field of higher education in Kerala all through the last four decades. This institution has moulded over sixty thousand students who have blossomed out into our vast world. The college community has been passionately attempting to produce worthy citizens for nation building with a sense of social commitment and humanitarian outlook. In the new era we are facing many challenges and quality education has become costlier and unaffordable for many. We stand committed to bringing the benefits of higher education within the reach of the less fortunate segments in the society.

Our Vision

To provide committed service in the cause of high quality and technology-supported education aimed at the holistic development of young women and men for gainful employment and to empower them to navigate the multifaceted challenges of the global society. We also seek to inculcate in them a deep spirit of service, love, and compassion for fellow beings.

Our Mission

- To be a student-centric institution that promotes academic excellence and value orientation in young scholars, thereby empowering them to lead productive lives.
- To be a reliable institution for higher education that promotes quality and consistency in teaching-learning, research and community outreach.
- To instill in the students a tolerant, inclusive world view that emphasizes eco-consciousness and gender sensitivity.
- To be a safe, welcoming space that provides students, including those facing various financial and familial challenges, the tools to thrive and excel in academics, sports, culture, or philanthropy.
- To work conscientiously towards the fulfillment of the educational vision of the founding fathers inspired by the life and teachings of Jesus Christ.



PROGRAMMES OFFERED

The institution offers 9 UG courses, 5 PG courses and 2 doctoral programmes.

Under Graduate Programmes

ARTS			
Sl.no	Name of Programme	Complementary Courses	Sanctioned Strength
1.	B. A. Communicative English	History of English Literature, History of English Language	46
2.	B.A. Political Science	Economics, History	59
3.	B.Com. Computer Applications	Managerial Economics, Business Mathematics	55
4.	B. Com. Finance	e-Business, Business Statistics	55
SCIENCE			
5.	B. Sc. Botany	Zoology, Chemistry	53
6.	B. Sc. Chemistry	Physics, Mathematics	53
7.	B. Sc. Mathematics	Physics, Statistics	44
8.	B.Sc. Physics	Chemistry, Mathematics	43
9.	B.Sc. Zoology	Botany, Chemistry	51

Post Graduate Programmes

Sl. No.	Name of Programme	Sanctioned Strength
1.	M.Com. Finance & Accounting	22
2.	M. Sc. Chemistry	17
3.	M. Sc. Mathematics	14



4.	M. Sc. Physics	17
5.	M.Sc. Zoology with specialisation in Biosystematics and Biodiversity	18

Ph D Programmes

SI No	Name of Department
1	Commerce
2	Physics

FACULTY-RELATED INFORMATION

Total Number of faculty with PhD degrees	33 (50%)
Total number of journal articles published	15
Total number of books/chapters/proceedings	10

AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- The **Gregorians Alumni Association**, the college's alumni association was officially registered on 29 May 2024
- St Gregorios College was officially declared a **Green Campus** on February 1, 2024, by the Kottarakkara Municipal Corporation, recognizing the college's consistent efforts in promoting sustainability and environmental conservation. The recognition was part of the Navakeralam Karma Padhathi initiative, which encourages local communities, educational institutions, and organizations to adopt green practices for a sustainable future.
- On March 7, 2024, the Department Of Women And Child Development awarded **Asha G**, NSS coordinator and Assistant Professor, Department of Physics, the 'Vanitha Ratnam' award on behalf of social service. The Kerala Blood Donors Society (KEBS)



also honoured her with an award for her impactful contributions in voluntary blood donation as part of KEBS during the period 2023-24.

- **Pranav S V**, S6 BSc Physics, qualified IIT-JAM 2024 with an all-India rank of 1531
- **Pranav A**, S6 BSc Zoology, won Third place in Boxing, Kerala University Inter-Collegiate Men Championship.
- **Maybin P. M.**, S2 BCom, won the Silver medal in National Kickboxing Championship, Kolkata, West Bengal.
- **Abhaya Anilkumar**, S4 BA English, won Third position in 55th Kerala State Junior Ball Badminton Championship, Ernakulam.
- **Muhammed Saidali**, S4 BSc Chemistry won First prize in Bodybuilding and Physique Alliance Championship, Kollam.
- **Amina Noushad** and **Anjali V** of BA Political Science and BCom respectively won second prize in the district level inter-college quiz competition conducted on October 31 at Baby John Memorial Government College, Chavara as part of Vigilance Awareness Week 2023.
- **Liya Anna Yohannan**, NSS volunteer secretary, St. Gregorios College, Kottarakkara got second prize for the declamation contest in the Yuva Utsav 2023 programme at SN college, Kollam on 17 June, 2023 in coordination with National Service Scheme, Kerala University, Kollam district.
- **Theertha S. Pillai**, S2 BA English, won second prize in the elocution competition organised by the NSS Unit of the Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit Panmana, Kollam on February 16, 2023.

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION RESULTS

The department-wise detailed report of the performance of our students in the University examinations are as follows:

Name of Programme	No. of students appeared	No. of students passed	Pass percentage
MSc Chemistry	15	8	53.33
MSc Mathematics	15	8	53.33
MSc Physics	15	12	80



M.Sc Zoology Programme with Specialization in Biosystematics and Biodiversity	11	11	100
MCom	13	12	92.31
BSc Botany	39	13	33.33
BSc Chemistry	36	23	63.89
BSc Mathematics	25	15	60
BSc Physics	37	23	62.16
BSc Zoology	34	19	55.88
BCom	127	75	59.06
BA English and Communicative English	31	15	48.39
BA Political Science	45	25	55.56

University Rank Holders:

Sl No	Name of the Student	Programme	Rank Obtained
1	Shine Sajan	BSc Physics	5
2	Gopika S	MSc Zoology (Biodiversity and Biosystematics)	5
3	Kavya Murali	MSc Mathematics	8





REPORT OF ACTIVITIES IN THE PERIOD 2023-24

National Cadet Corps

The cadets of the College, through a well-designed program of institutional training, adventure, sports, and outdoor activities, develop essential traits such as leadership, discipline, esprit de corps, courage, and confidence. These qualities not only prepare them for exemplary citizenship but also pave the way for successful careers in the armed forces. Notably, the alumni Jerin Joy and Vishnu V joined the Indian Army in 2023, and Aron Chacko was recruited into the Indian Army in 2023 for General Duty.

Several cadets from the College demonstrated exceptional dedication and enthusiasm by actively participating in prestigious Army attachment programs and national-level NCC camps. Cadet Soorya Panicker participated in the challenging mountaineering camp in Jammu and Kashmir. Cadet Ammu J. B. participated in the rigorous TSC training camp, Cadet Arathy Rajeev in the TSC map reading camp, and Cadet Aswani Santhosh in the pre-IGC camps. Cadets Nakul Prathap, Aparna R., and Ardra J. Ajith proudly represented the College at the EBSB camps, fostering cultural exchange and unity. Cadets Neha Mohan and Pranav P. Chandran took part in the prestigious Army attachment camps, gaining valuable insights into military life, while Cadet Solu Sion Koshy participated in the SNIC camp in Assam. Additionally, many other cadets showcased their commitment by participating in various ATC, CATC camps, and other significant NCC programs, further honing their skills and discipline.

Some of the key activities of the National Cadet Corps unit 9 (K) Bn Kottarakara are listed below.

Sl. No.	Date	Event	Details	No. of students participated
1	5 June 2023	World Environment Day	Planted Saplings	98
2	3 July 2023	International Plastic Bag Free Day	Cleaning	88
3	21 June 2023	International Yoga Day	Practiced Yoga	57
4	26 July 2023	Kargil Vijay Divas	Special Parades and Quiz competitions	98



5	15 Aug 2023	Independence Day	“Nation First, Always First”	70
6	26 Oct 2023	Blood Donation Camp	At St Cyrils College, Adoor	14
7	4th Sunday Nov 2023	NCC Day	Orientation session by the ANO	90
8	27 Nov 2023	Vimukthi Mission	Anti-narcotic campaign	95
9	18 Dec 2023	Navakerala Sadas	Interactive sessions	101
10	15 Jan 2024	Army Day	Quiz Competitions and Parades.	88
11	26 Jan 2024	<u>Republic Day</u>	Flag-hoisting, participated in the grand Republic Day rally organized by Taluk Office, Kottarakara.	84
12	30 Jan 2024	Peace March	At Chinnakada Rest House	80

National Service Scheme

The NSS unit of the institution is a vibrant and highly motivated body. Students have attended numerous camps in and outside Kerala and conducted various educational and social extension programmes at local, district and state levels. The unit has organised and participated in various State Level and District Level programmes and also collaborated with various Govt. Departments for socially relevant projects such as Blood Donation, Speak For India, Youth Innovators Programme, Safe Kerala Album Song, Navakerala Sadhas, Sneharamam, Neighbourhood Youth Parliament, Malinya Mukhtham Nava Keralam Projects, Mera Matti Mera Desh, Haritha Campus, Two Day Vimukthi Silpasala at Karunagapally, Keraleeyam Expo, etc.

Select initiatives by the National Service Scheme unit of the college are listed below:

Programme	Events	Date
BLOOD DONATION	camp at the college in association with Punalur Taluk Hospital, Sponsored by HDFC bank. Collected over 40 units of blood.	14 November 2023
	Camp at the college in association with Government Taluk Hospital, Punalur. Talk by Dr. Smitha of Taluk Hospital, Punalur.	23/03/2024



	Collected nearly 30 units of blood.	
PEDESTRIANS SAFETY	Safe Kerala Music Album, in association with Kerala Motor Vehicle Department. After composing and shooting, the video was released by S Sreejith ADGP, Kerala Transport Commissioner	The video can be accessed here
PALLIATIVE CARE	Onam Kit distribution to the Palliative Care Unit of Government Taluk Hospital, Kottarakara	August 22, 2023
	Air Bed Donation to the palliative care unit of Government Taluk Hospital Kottarakara	8 December 2023
	Participated in Students Initiative in Palliative Care-III Edition, state-level programme organized by Pallium India in association with APJAKTU NSS CELL and KTU care. Venue: LBS, Poojappura	Oct 2, 2023
	Cultural Programme for Palliative Patients at Mar Thoma Episcopil Jubilee Mandiram, Kottarakara in connection with Palliative Care Day in association with Government Taluk Hospital, Kottarakara	Oct 14, 2023
STUDENT PROGRESSION AND GUIDANCE	UG ADMISSION HELPDESK	03/07/2023 to 08/07/2023.
	Migration Pathways For Graduates And Opportunities In Australia	July 7, 2023
JEEVANAM 2023 # The Experience of Being Alive: the Course of Human Events and Activities	Seven Day Annual Special Camp of the National Service Scheme of St. Gregorios College, Kottarakara. The main motto of the camp was Malinya Mukhtha Nalekayi Yuva Keralam. The camp was residential at Baselios Marthoma Mathews II Teachers Training College, Kottarakara	21-12-2023 to 27-12-2023
DIGITAL LITERACY	digital literacy exam under PradhanMantriGramin Digital SakshartaAbhiyaan scheme was conducted for the NSS volunteers of St. Gregorios College, Kottarakara	06/07/2023, 11/07/2023, 13/07/2023 and 18/07/2023



HOUSE CONSTRUCTION	The project in which a house is being built for a former student of the college amassed funds through activities such as Sahayahastham Vipanana Mela, Biriyani Challenge, and 11 rupee Challenge. The volunteers also participate in the house construction activities.	ongoing
TRAINING	one-day training camp and send-off function for the NSS programme officers of vocational higher secondary; NSS programme officers from the districts of Thiruvananthapuram, Kollam, Pathanamthitta, and Alappuzha attended the training camp	November 10, 2023
NSS WEEK	campus cleaning, video making, online quiz, house cleaning, debate and skit	Sep 24-30, 2023
WEBINAR	Webinar on Digitalisation	Dec 31, 2023
ANTI-RAGGING	Anti-Ragging Awareness Campaign, in association with Taluk Legal Service Authority, Kottarakara	Mar 23, 2024
SURVEYS	Under the Kudumbasree Survey, Survey of Youth Not in Formal Education, Survey Based on Waste Management, Anti-drugs, and Internet Accessibility, UDID training, Mapathon.	
ANTI-DRUG CAMPAIGN	National Tobacco Control Programme. Aswathy, the TB Organizer at Taluk Hospital, Kottarakara, conducted a session on the health hazards of tobacco usage	July 22, 2023
	anti-drug awareness session in association with the Excise Department. The session was handled by women civil excise officer Aneesha.	June 24, 2023
	As part of NSS day, programme officers and all the NSS volunteers assembled in the college. After the flag hoisting, everyone took a pledge on Bhodhapournami campaign (Anti alcohol and drug abuse	24 September 2023



	awareness campaign)	
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Sports

Kerala University Intercollegiate competitions	Ball Badminton-Women, Ball Badminton-Men, Wushu-Men, Athletics-Men, Best Physique-Men, Basketball-Men, Basketball-Women, Tug of war-Men, Football-Men, Cricket-Men
All Kerala Intercollegiate Football championship-2023-24 organized by Gregorian College of Advanced Studies, Trivandrum	Fourth place
60th Annual Sports Meet (Inter Departmental Competitions)	Overall Champions: Department of Commerce
Inter departmental Chess tournament	Conducted by Mr. Nevin John, Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics

Department Associations Inauguration

Sl. No.	Department	Date/Month	Resource Person	Other Details
2.	Political Science	09/02/2024	Dr. Biju Lekshmanan, Director, School of Gandhian Thought and Studies, MG University, Kottayam	An invited lecture on the topic "Trajectories of India's Democratic Slowdowns".
3.	English	08/01/2024	Dr. Sulfia Santosh, Assistant Professor, TKM College, Kollam	Topic- Why Literature
4.	Chemistry	11/01/2024	Dr. Vasanthkumar Sambasivan (SN College, Kollam)	Lecture on "Advanced developments in the field of Chemistry".



5.	Botany	05/02/2024	Dr Rajan Idicula (Principal Mannam foundation B.Ed College, Kollam)	Valedictory on 20/04/2024.
5.	Physics	21/11/2023	Dr. Prince Prasad (University College, Trivandrum	Talk on “Universe We Live”
6.	Zoology	12-01-2024	Dr. Gigi K Joseph (Assistant Professor, Department of Zoology, Nirmala College, Muvattupuzha).	talk on the topic “Building Social Capital for Biodiversity Conservation- A Periyar Experience”

Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs)

- As part of the Career Advancement and Employability Program (CAEP), St. Gregorios College established a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Centre for Development of Imaging Technology (CDIT), Government of Kerala, on January 16, 2024. St. Gregorios College has entered a collaboration with the ICT Academy of Kerala, a government of India-supported and government of Kerala-partnered social enterprise. The collaboration aims to enhance the skills and employability opportunities of students, bridging the gap between academic learning and industry requirements.
- Veranda Learning Solutions Limited, Chennai for a period of 3 years to bolster a learning community and provide study materials for competitive examinations

Career Guidance and Placement

- Orientation program on Civil Service Examination by Kerala Civil Service Academy on August 21, 2023.
- Orientation session on job prospects in the Indian Defence Forces by Drona Defence, NDA & CDS Institute on November 14, 2023.
- Workshop on “How to Crack Bank/SSC/Railway Exams in Six Months” by Veranda/Race on January 12, 2024.
- Orientation class “Connect Career to Campus” by Kerala Knowledge Economy Mission on February 12, 2024.
- Campus Recruitment Drive by Apollo International on March 22, 2024



Capacity Building and Skill Enhancement

- The **Vidhyavardhan** program was launched to highlight the value of local education and encourage students to pursue higher studies in Kerala. The program promotes practical, career-oriented courses designed to meet industry demands, aiming to reduce brain drain. Activities like science exhibitions and library visits were promoted.
- Bridge Course for first-year students before semester commencement.
- Language lab sessions for confidence-building in English communication.
- Student mentoring system to strengthen academic and personal guidance.
- Counselling services under Jeevani initiative – 20 students availed individual sessions.

Orientation and Training for Students and Staff

- IQAC conducted an Orientation Program titled "De Maison 23" on October 6, 2023, for the newly admitted undergraduate students. The event aimed to provide the students with a warm welcome to the institution and to help them familiarize themselves with the academic culture, campus facilities, and various support services available.
- IQAC in association with Anti Ragging Cell conducted an Anti-Ragging Awareness & Self Defence Program on August 17, 2023.
- The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), in collaboration with the College Examination Cell, organized a program for non-teaching staff on Examination Reforms on December 5, 2023. The session, led by the Controller of Examinations from the University of Kerala, aimed to familiarize the staff with recent changes and advancements in examination processes. A one-day training program on Admission-Related Processes Using NECTTOS Software was conducted by IQAC to streamline and enhance the efficiency of the admission process.
- The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) conducted a college-level training program for faculty members on March 5, 2024. The session focused on the implementation and academic framework of the new Four-Year Undergraduate (UG) Program, introduced in alignment with the guidelines of the University of Kerala. The objective of the program was to familiarize the faculty with the key components, structure, and pedagogical approaches of the four-year UG program.
- A workshop on "FYUGP Academic Excellence and the Newly Constituted FYUGP (Four-Year Undergraduate Program)" was conducted on April 9, 2024, in association with college IQAC. The session was led by Dr. Sabu Thomas, Former Vice Chancellor of Mahatma Gandhi University and Director of the School of Chemical Sciences, who shared his vast knowledge and experience regarding the new Four-Year Undergraduate Program.
- The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), in collaboration with the College Examination Cell, organized a program on Examination Reforms for teaching staff on December 5, 2023. The session, led by Dr. G. Gopakumar, Controller of Examinations,



University of Kerala, was aimed to familiarize the staff with the latest developments and changes in the examination processes.

- IQAC organized an Orientation Program for the teaching staff on September 4, 2023, with the theme "Meeting the Challenge – Understanding and Applying NAAC Revised Standards". The session was conducted by Dr. E. Shaji, IQAC Coordinator at the University of Kerala, who provided valuable insights into the revised standards of the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC).

Invited Lectures

- A lecture on Translation Studies was organized for second year students, by the department of English and the IQAC on 12th January 2024. Students from nearby colleges, SN College, Punalur and St. John's College, Anchal also attended the event. The resource person Ms Muhsina Najeeb, research scholar, Central University of Kerala, Kasargod.
- On 5 July 2023, WSU hosted its first event of the year, which was a Foreign Expert Talk on "Equality and Women Empowerment in Indian Perspective." The resource person was Ms.Parvathy Vijayamma Anil (Family Violence Case Manager, Department of Child, Families and Youth Services, Uniting Australia).
- An invited lecture on Climate change and Biodiversity Conservation was arranged by the department of Botany as part of Science day celebrations on 28th February, 2024. The resource person was Dr Vimal Kumar C.S, Principal Scientific Officer, Kerala State Biodiversity Board, Thiruvananthapuram.
- A talk on the topic "an introduction to Measure Theoretic probability" was conducted by Mr. Manil T Mohan, Assistant professor, Dept of Mathematics IIT Roorkee, on 4th July 2023.
- On 9th February 2024 an invited lecture by Prof. Biju Lekshmanan, (Director, School of Gandhian Thought and Studies, MG University, Kottayam) was held on the topic Trajectories of India's Democratic Slowdowns.

Seminars/ Webinars/ Workshops

- One-day LED assembly skill development workshop organised by the department of Physics in association with the IQAC on 19 Dec 2023. The resource person was Dr I John Berlin, Assistant professor, Department of Physics, Marthoma College, Thiruvalla.
- The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), in collaboration with the Research Forum and the Postgraduate Department of Commerce, organized a one-day seminar on the Relevance of Sampling Design in Social Science Research on 8th December 2023. Dr. B. Johnson, Former Professor and Head, Dean, the Faculty of Commerce and Management



Studies, and Director, the School of Business Studies, University of Calicut was the resource person.

- IQAC in association with the Research Forum and Postgraduate Department of Commerce conducted a hands-on training program on Skill Development in SPSS was conducted on June 16, 2023, aimed at enhancing participants' proficiency in statistical analysis using SPSS (Statistical Package for the Social Sciences).
- The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), in collaboration with the Research Forum and the Postgraduate Department of Commerce, St. Gregorios College, Kottarakkara, organized a two-day hands-on workshop on Systematic Literature Review and Bibliometric Analysis on July 20 and 21, 2023. Dr. Biju Terrance, Associate Professor from the University of Kerala, served as the resource person.
- The PG department of Zoology organized a webinar on the topic 'Communicable fevers and Ayurvedic remedies ' in association with Ayurveda Medical Association of India (AMA), District Women's Committee Kollam. This webinar was conducted on July 1st, Doctors Day. Dr Sukanya discussed the treatment protocol of Ayurveda. She explained different types of Communicable fevers, symptoms and prevention methods, role of vectors and healthy lifestyle.
- PG Department of Zoology has conducted a webinar on "Save the endangered stripes" on 29/07/2023 as part of international Tiger Day 2023, through the Google meet platform. The lecture was given by Mr.Shiju Babu , Senior Wildlife Assistant , Shendurney Wildlife Sanctuary.
- A workshop was organized by Dr Seema S Nair and Mrs Beena G P in association with the IQAC on R software and R programming was conducted from 30th November and 1st December 2023 at the college computer lab. The resource person was Dr Sujith V, Associate Professor, Govt Arts College, TVM.
- A Two-Day workshop was organized by the Department of Political Science on Dissertation Writing. The workshop was intended to familiarize the final year students with the basic concepts and ideas in research methodology so as to guide them in their dissertation work. The session was handled by Dr. Leni V, Rtd. Associate Professor of Economics

Field Visits

- Field visit organised by the department of Physics to Karyavattom campus, Thiruvananthapuram, on 22 June 2023 for the Researchers' Festival organised by the University of Kerala
- On November 7, 2023, the Department of English visited the Kerala Legislative Assembly Book Exhibition and the Keraleeyam fest in the state capital.



- Based on Malinya Mukhtha Nalekayi Yuva Keralam, a field visit was conducted by the NSS on 25 Dec 2023 to Meenpidipara for cleaning purposes. Meenpidipara was cleaned by the volunteers.

Quiz Competitions/Exhibitions

- On the occasion of National Science Day the Chemistry department of St.Gregorios college conducted a Quiz program
- Math Expo was organised on 22nd December 2023 as a part of National Mathematics Day Celebration 2023.
- National Science Day celebration 2024 was celebrated by the Department of Mathematics as ALPHA 2K24 by conducting mathematics exhibition, inter departmental chess tournament, career expo and puzzles and games on 28th February 2024.
- Jijil Thomas Memorial Interdepartmental Quiz Competition was organised by the Department of Political Science on 22nd March 2024
- A quiz was organised by the Department of Malayalam on 1/11/2023 as part of Kerala Piravi
- A photo exhibition on Wildlife supported by Pathanamthitta birders was arranged for the school and college students by the Department of Zoology.
- A Poster exhibition on Kerala's visual and cultural heritage was conducted by the Department of Malayalam on 3 Nov 2023
- The GK forum was launched on 11 Oct 2023 by the department of English aimed at equipping students of the department with knowledge that goes beyond their syllabus. The weekly quiz is conducted by Ms. Reshma Elizabeth Jacob, Assistant Professor of English.

Literary and Cultural Events

- As part of the college Onam celebrations on 23 August 2023, the WSU helmed “Nirav’23” — an interdepartmental festive sale. Stalls were allotted to each of the eight departments in the college, and manned by select student teams. Handicrafts, books, cooked and baked goods, etc, were among the items on sale. An amount of Rs 10,000 was generated from the sales. This was then donated to the college NSS unit, to assist them in a housing project they are spearheading, for the benefit of one of the college’s underprivileged alumni.
- On the occasion of the college Christmas celebrations on 22 December 2023, the WSU arranged a series of events under the banner “Sparkling Snow.” This included the interdepartmental crib-making and carol song contests, as well as the interdepartmental Santa Claus parade
- one-day workshop by the WSU on Fabric Painting, held on 7 March 2024. The resource persons were Sobha Anil and Rekha Anil, Fevicryl Experts, Pidilite Industry Ltd. Over



eighty students registered for the workshop. Participants were given hands-on training on the creation of several fabric paintings.

- Reading Week 2023 was celebrated by the Department of English by conducting two contests for the students of the college. An essay contest with the topic “My Favourite Book/Author” was held on 21 June. An elocution contest with the topic “The Impact of New Media on Reading Habits Amongst Youth” was conducted on 22 June at the library smart classroom.
- A debate competition named Sargasamvadam was conducted by the Department of Malayalam on 21/06/2023 as part of reading week. Students visited the nearby St Gregorios High School on 22 June 2023 and interacted with the students on the virtues of reading. Books were also donated to the school library.
- International Friendship Day (30 July 2023) was celebrated by the department of English. A photography recreation contest was held online on the official Instagram page of the department
- As part of the World day for Social Justice, on 20 Feb 2024, classroom presentations were organised and a film screening of *Article 15* was arranged for the students of the Department of English. The following were the presenters and their topics: Devi Anjana – Article 15 of the Indian Constitution; Athulya Balachandran – Gender violence in India; and Gopika Krishnan – Budaun case of 2014
- The Department of English, in association with the College Library organised the Biblio-Blast Fest on March 15, 2024. Various programs like book exhibition, games, puzzles and competitions like bookmark-making, spelling bee and book-hunt were organised for high school and college students.
- The Department of Political Science organized Malayaleeyam 2023, a cultural fest as a part of the Kerala Government initiative Keraleeyam 2023

Health and Mental Wellbeing

- Exam preparation awareness session for 3rd-year NSS volunteers (March 12, 2024).
- World Suicide Prevention Day events – poster-making competition and flash mob (September 11, 2023).
- “Make a Handprint” mental health awareness campaign (October 10, 2023).
- invited talk on “Anemia and Menstrual Disorders) by Dr. Elizabeth V. Issac (Consultant Gynaecologist, and Infertility & Laproscopic Surgeon) by the WSU on Nov 9, 2023
- On 19 February 2024, the WSU in association with Azeezia Health Plus, Kottarakara, convened an invited talk on “Skin and Hair Care” by Dr. Sana Shams (Dermatology Cosmetologist).
- A Jeevani Counsellor was appointed by the government.



Environmental Activities

- The college initiated a reforestation project, reintroducing native medicinal plants and fostering ecological balance. The preservation of traditionally significant medicinal herbs was promoted. Efforts included identifying 25 key species for propagation and cultivating ginger (*Zingiber officinale*) and turmeric (*Curcuma longa*), known for their health benefits and ecological significance. The project raised awareness through programs with students and local women, enhancing understanding of medicinal plants' uses and benefits
- Activities of Bhoomitra Sena
 - World Environment Day sapling plantation drive (June 5, 2023).
 - Plastic Waste Elimination Campaign at Meenpidipara (October 10, 2023).
 - Vegetable Gardening initiative near the college canteen (November 14, 2023).
 - International Webinar on Vertical Farming by Dr. Archana Devi (November 18, 2023).
 - Nature Camp at Munnar (November 25–27, 2023).
 - Workshop on Paper Pen Making led by a student expert (December 4, 2023).
 - Workshop on Dry Fruit Decoration (February 9, 2024).
 - Mangrove Field Trip to Sambrani Kodi Mangrove (February 15, 2024).
 - Ecological Conservation Studies trip to Valathungal Kavu (February 15, 2024)
- The Department of Zoology celebrated National Science Day 2024 on 26th & 27th February 2024 with an orientation talk, hands-on training on the use of digital camera and binoculars, a bird watching programme and a photography exhibition. The programme was arranged for high school students of Kottarakara Municipality. The students from Marthoma Girls HSS, St. Gregorios HSS and Govt. HSS for Boys participated in the programme. An orientation session by Mr. Sreevijay, Birder and Wildlife photographer was arranged on 26 th February 2024 for the students to familiarize themselves with the common birds of our neighbourhood. A bird watching programme was arranged in the college campus on 27th February from 7.30 to 9.00 am. Selected students from the schools participated in the programme.
- To commemorate World Environment Day 2023, the IQAC organized a Mobile Spot Photography Competition on June 5, 2023. The theme of the event was "Plastic Pollution in Air, Land, and Water," aligning with the global efforts to raise awareness about the adverse effects of plastic pollution on the environment.
- As part of World Environment Day 2023 on 5th June 2023, Dr. Rani S Dharan, HoD, Department of Zoology, gave an awareness talk on the theme "Beat Plastic Pollution". Students of the department donated saplings of various ornamental plants and planted them in the butterfly garden of the department.
- World Elephant Day 2023 was observed on 12th August 2023 by the Department of Zoology with a screening of a documentary on the importance of protection of elephants



- As part of World Environment Day 2023 on 5th June 2023, first year BA/BSc/BCom students under the auspices of the Department of Malayalam ornamented a tree in the campus with poetry cards.

FUTURE PLANS OF THE INSTITUTION

- The institution will transition to a Four-Year Undergraduate Program, in alignment with the Kerala higher education system, offering students a more comprehensive and enriched academic experience.
- To commemorate its Diamond Jubilee, the institution will host a series of vibrant events, including workshops, seminars, and both national and international film festivals, all aimed at enhancing the cultural and intellectual atmosphere on campus.
- The inauguration of the RUSA (Rashtriya Uchchar Shiksha Abhiyan) building will be a significant milestone in the ongoing efforts to improve infrastructure for higher education at the institution.
- Plans are underway for the construction of a new building that will house cutting-edge facilities, including a digital library, a dedicated research centre, and a student amity centre, all designed to foster academic growth, innovation, and student well-being.
- The NSS (National Service Scheme) will continue to play a vital role in the community, having already made a significant contribution through the construction of "Snehasparsham," a home for a student in need. This initiative addresses the housing insecurity faced by students without stable accommodation.
- In an effort to modernize teaching methods, the institution will replace traditional chalkboards with ICT-enabled boards in classrooms, creating a more interactive and engaging learning environment.
- All faculty members will participate in an orientation program on the National Education Policy (NEP) to align teaching strategies and academic goals with the guidelines and objectives outlined in the policy.
- The institution will continue its commitment to supporting economically disadvantaged students through the "Manna" Noon Meal Project, which provides nutritious meals to ensure that all students, regardless of their financial background, have access to proper sustenance throughout their academic journey.

As we approach the end of yet another academic year, I would like to express my gratitude and congratulations to the whole of the St Gregorios family who have strived collectively to elevate our institution's standards of excellence during this time. I thank our manager, Rev Fr. (Rtd) Prof Baby Thomas for his unwavering commitment and sincerity towards the institution. I am deeply honored to have been at the helm of the activities this year. I



appreciate our teaching and non teaching staff and our students for their whole-hearted cooperation and hardwork. Together, and with the blessings of Almighty God, let us continue the pursuit of excellence in the coming years also.

Dr Sumi Alex

Principal