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EDITORIAL

Celebrating Excellence and Compassion at St. Xavier's College!

“The path of the righteous is like the morning sun, shining ever brighter till the full light of day.” —
Proverbs 4:18

As we reflect on the academic year 2024-2025, St. Xavier's College (Autonomous) continues to shine as a beacon of knowledge, service, and innovation. Guided by our enduring mission to nurture “citizens of the world,” we have achieved remarkable milestones in academics, research, and community engagement, all while embracing this year's theme: *“Hope and Resilience: Serve with Love and Compassion.”* In the ever-unfolding journey of education, St. Xavier's College stands as a luminous testament to hope—hope rooted in truth, nourished by scholarship, and manifested in service. As we celebrate the 102nd College Day and reflect on the academic year 2024–2025, we behold a campus alive with creativity, resilience, and transformation.

Our academic achievements continue to be a source of collective pride. The College secured an impressive **36th rank under NIRF 2024**, a reflection of our sustained commitment to excellence. With **27 Ph.D. theses defended** and over **200 publications in reputed journals**, research at St. Xavier's is both prolific and purpose-driven. The inauguration of the **Xavier Solai Agro, Eco, and Biodiversity Park** and the ongoing projects under the **Xavier Research Foundation**, worth over **14 crores**, reaffirm our leadership in ecological and scientific innovation.

Within our walls, the spirit of service is palpable. From the **Breakfast and Midday Meal Schemes** that nourish the needy, to the **One Rupee a Day initiative** that embodies student solidarity, we translate compassion into action. Our **service organisations** conducted **287 outreach programs**, while the **STAND unit** brought transformative engagement to **39 rural villages**.

Our institutional fabric is further enriched by innovation—be it the full-fledged **SXCTN - ERP system**, the newly started programs in **Archaeology, AI and Geology**, or the **Xavier Academy**, which now

mentors aspirants for civil services and professional exams. The **Information Help Desk**, the **XCOS student cooperative store**, and a library with **over 164,000 e-books** stand as symbols of a learner-centred ecosystem.

Culturally and creatively, our students shone. Through **INDECO 2024**, the **Fine Arts Association** and the **Student Council** voiced visions of a just and joyful world. The outstanding achievements of our athletes, on national and international stages, and the national honour conferred upon **Dr. P. Vimala** with the **Sahitya Akademi Award** reaffirm our college's belief in holistic growth.

This magazine captures the spirit of our theme through the heartfelt contributions of students and staff. Poems, essays, short stories, and artworks explore "**Hope and Resilience: Serve with Love and Compassion**," reflecting the depth of our collective empathy and creativity. These works remind us that even in adversity, compassion lights the way forward. As we celebrate these achievements, we extend our gratitude to the faculty, students, and staff whose dedication makes St. Xavier's a home of transformative education. Let us carry this spirit of service and resilience into the future, continuing to uplift society with love and compassion.

Let us also celebrate the individuals whose quiet diligence often goes unnoticed—the retiring faculty and staff whose years of service form the bedrock of our institution's legacy. Their contributions are an enduring beacon to us all. In the words of St. Ignatius of Loyola, "Go forth and set the world on fire." As Xavierians, we are called not merely to succeed, but to serve; not just to achieve, but to awaken hope—in every field of life we touch. This magazine, a mosaic of expression and excellence, bears witness to our shared story—a story of learning, leading, and lifting one another.

May this edition inspire every reader to carry forward the light of Xavier's in their own unique way.

Rev. Fr. Dr. Godwin Rufus, S.J.
Principal

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102nd COLLEGE DAY - 28th MARCH, 2025

ANNUAL REPORT 2024-2025

It is truly an honour to stand before you today as we celebrate the extraordinary legacy of St. Xavier's College (Autonomous)—an institution that has served as a beacon of knowledge, wisdom, and excellence, inspiring generations for over a century. As we reflect on its remarkable achievements and milestones, we embark on a journey through 102 years of history, honouring its unwavering dedication to education, social justice, and the betterment of society.

Founded in 1923 by the Jesuit Fathers, St. Xavier's College was established with a noble mission: to provide higher education, particularly to the poor and marginalized sections of society. Over the decades, it has flourished into an institution of unparalleled repute, thanks to the tireless efforts of its educators, who have shaped the minds and hearts of countless students. For more than a century, St. Xavier's has stood as a testament to the transformative power of education, with 60% of its students being first-generation graduates. Guided by the pillars of academic excellence, character formation, and service to society, the college has nurtured young minds, empowering them to become confident, compassionate individuals ready to make a meaningful impact on the world.

Rooted in the Jesuit philosophy of "finding God in all things," St. Xavier's College emphasizes personal growth and a commitment to the common good. At the "Re-Envisioning Higher Education in India"

(RHEEES '25) conference in February 2025, Fr. Arturo Sosa, S.J., Superior General of the Society of Jesus, highlighted the importance of innovation, interreligious dialogue, and integrating social justice and ecological concerns into education. He urged Jesuit institutions to collaborate to address global challenges and stressed the value of discernment in creating environments where faculty, researchers, and students can thrive with purpose and meaning. At St. Xavier's, this vision is brought to life through dedicated faculty, a vibrant student community, and an unwavering commitment to excellence. The college continues to uphold its proud tradition of empowering students, fostering leadership, and striving for the upliftment of the socially disadvantaged.

Today, as we come together to celebrate this illustrious journey, let us take immense pride in being part of an institution that not only imparts knowledge but also instills enduring values, cultivates talent, and builds futures. Let us cherish this rich legacy and look forward to even greater achievements in the years to come. Together, we honour the past, celebrate the present, and envision a future where St. Xavier's College continues to shine as a guiding light, inspiring and empowering generations to come.

CHANGES IN THE ADMINISTRATION

The following new appointments and changes were made during the academic year 2024—2025:

- Rev. Fr. Dr. Godwin Rufus, S.J. was appointed Principal in the place of Rev. Fr. Dr. S. Mariadoss S.J.
- Rev. Fr. Dr. S. Ignacimuthu, S.J. was appointed Rector of St. Xavier's Institutions in the place of Rev. Fr. Dr. Henry Jerome, S.J.

Vice-Principals

- Rev. Fr. S. Arul Doss, S.J. was appointed Vice-Principal (Shift II) in the place of Rev. Fr. V. Lawrence Benadict, S.J.
- Dr. S. Mabel Parimala was appointed Vice-Principal (Shift I).

Deputy Principal

- Dr. A. Lourdusamy, was appointed Deputy-Principal in the place of Dr. B. Xavier Innocent.

Deans

- Dr. S. Aloysius Albert was appointed Dean of Arts in the place of Dr. D. Jockim.
- Dr. A. Arockia Dass was appointed Dean of Students in the place of Dr. S. Aloysius Albert.

Heads / Coordinators

Shift -II

- Dr. A. Natarajan was appointed Head of the Department of Data Science.
- Dr. V. Kumar was appointed Head-in-charge of the Department of Physical Education.
- Dr. S. Saraswathi was appointed Coordinator of the Department of Artificial Intelligence.
- Dr. S. Alphonsa was appointed Coordinator of the Department of Archaeology.
- Rev. Br. Dr. B. Maria Selvam was appointed Head of the Department of Social Work.

- Dr. N. Stella was appointed Head of the Department of Business Administration.
- Dr. L. Arun Jose was appointed Coordinator of the Department of Physics.
- Dr. M. Jebakumar was appointed Head of the Department of Visual Communication.

New Staff Members:

The following new staff were recruited in the Aided and Management streams for the academic year 2024-2025:

Teaching Staff – Shift I (Aided)

1. Rev. Fr. M. Berchmans S.J. (Commerce)
2. Dr. N. Vasanth (Botany)
3. Dr.J. Justin John Stephen (Economics)

Teaching Staff – Shift II (Coordinator's Appointment)

1. Mr. T. Muthu Valavan (Tamil)
2. Dr. M. Kalai Selvi (Tamil)
3. Mrs. R. Vijaya (Tamil)
4. Dr. X. L. Agnes Briska (Tamil)
5. Ms. A. Anto Crisphina (English)
6. Mr. T. Mathivanan (English)
7. Mr. M. Balakrishnan (English)
8. Dr. S. Amala Gemsla (Economics)
9. Dr. M. Anto Soniya (Economics)
10. Rev. Br. Dr. B. Maria Selvam (Social Work)
11. Mrs. R. Muthu (Social Work)
12. Mr. M. Bharathi Natarajan (Social Work)
13. Dr. M. Preethi (Computer Science)
14. Dr. S. Julian Daniel (B.Com., Maritime Logistics)

15. Dr. S. Anantha Ambeth Selvi (Criminology and Forensic Science)
16. Mr. E. Amala Regin (Commerce)
17. Dr. N. Vijaya(B.Com., Corporate Secretaryship)
18. Dr. S. Vijayalakshmi (Vis. Com.)
19. Dr. E. Sahaya Chithra (Artificial Intelligence)
20. Mr. S. Shajin Yesu Raj (Artificial Intelligence)
21. Dr. V. David Raj (B.Com. Honours)

Teaching Staff – Shift II (Secretary’s Appointment)

1. Ms. S. R. Kanaga (English)
2. Ms. S. Angelin Selva Rata (English)
3. Ms. A. Selva Gnana Mathi (English)
4. Ms. S. Meena (English)
5. Dr. Y. Benet (English)
6. Ms. A.S. Anusha (English)
7. Ms. S. Priyadharshini (English)
8. Ms. S. Shiny Agnes (English)
9. Ms. T. Jefina (English)
10. Mr. Y. Sri Ram Kumar (English)
11. Mrs. J. Shonali Bindre (English)
12. Mr. M. JeffrinSwamydhas (English)
13. Mrs. K. Sweetly Grace (Social Work)
14. Dr. V. Uma Devi (Computer Science)
15. Dr. T. Idhaya (Computer Science)
16. Ms. Josephine Gladiya (Physics)
17. Dr. V. Sathiya (Data Science)
18. Mrs. M. Kaliammal @ Gayathri (Data Science)
19. Dr. P. Ramesh (Archaeology)

20. Mr. K. Dinesh Kumar (Archaeology)
21. Mrs. P. Arunachalavadivu (Physical Education)
22. Dr. P. Thanga Raj (Physical Education)
23. Mrs. M. Sutharsana (Commerce)
24. Ms. Mary Ann Fernandez (Commerce)
25. Mrs. J. Justus Jency (Commerce)
26. Dr. S. Jeya Ratna (Commerce)
27. Mr. S. Subbiah Vijayakanth (Economics)
28. Mr. K. Kottaisamy (Computer Applications)

Newly Promoted Grant -in-Aid Non-Teaching Staff in 2024-2025

1. Mr. K. Selvan : Store Keeper
2. Mr. S. Murugaiah: Record Clerk
3. Mr. G. Suresh Kumar : Record Clerk
4. Mr. S. Sudalaimuthu: Laboratory Assistant
5. Mr. G. Diaz :Library Assistant
6. Mr. M. Natarajan: Record Clerk

Non-Teaching Staff – Shift II (Management)

The following Non-Teaching Staff were recruited during this academic year 2024-25:

1. Mr. S. Raju
2. Mr. A. Edinfero Infant
3. Mr. S. Muthu Madasamy
4. Mrs. M. Esakkiammal (Maintenance Staff)
5. Mr. M. Ganesan
6. Mrs. E. Valli Lakshmi (Maintenance Staff)
7. Mrs. M. Prema (Maintenance Staff)
8. Mrs. M. Thangammal (Maintenance Staff)

9. Mr. R. P. Jayaclindan (Shift II Office)
10. Mr. S. Rajamanuvel
11. Mr. V. Joseph Sudherson (ERP)
12. Mrs. V. Seeniammal (Maintenance Staff)
13. Mrs. R. Kulanthaammal (Maintenance Staff)
14. Mr. K. S. Ahamed Al Faizal (Library)
15. Mr. K. Kantha Samy (Controller Office)
16. Mr. G. Sathya Arumugam (Maintenance Staff)
17. Mr. S. Reehan (STAND)
18. Mrs. T. Manimala (Maintenance Staff)
19. Ms. E. Amutha
20. Mr. I. Francis Packia Raj
21. Mrs. B. Priya

Counsellors

1. Rev. Fr. Dr. Paul C. Jesuraja, S.J.
2. Rev. Fr. Xavier Joseph Fredrick, S.J.

Retired Teaching Staff

The following teaching staff are retiring from the service from the academic year 2024-2025 after rendering their selfless services to the college:

1. Dr. S. David Appathurai (Commerce)
2. Dr. K. Sahayaraj (Zoology)
3. Dr. D.X. Kalavathi (Tamil)

Dr. S. David Appathurai: A Legacy of Dedication and Excellence (Commerce)

Dr. S. David Appathurai is a distinguished academician and administrator whose contributions have left an indelible mark on St. Xavier's College. His

journey with the institution began in 1989-90 as a leave vacancy staff, and after brief stints at Thiagarajar Hindu College and Punitha Peter School, he returned to St. Xavier's in 1994, where he has served with unwavering dedication ever since. Over the years, Dr. Appathurai has held numerous pivotal roles, including Warden of Xavier Hostel (1994-2000), Student Director (2002-2003), Coordinator of the Democracy Forum (2011-2015), Secretary of the Staff Association (2013-14), and Head of the Department of Corporate Studies (2017-2020). He also served as the Nodal Officer for the Notebook Maintenance Scheme from 2016 to 2023 and is currently the Head of the Department of Commerce (2023-2025).

A prolific researcher and mentor, Dr. Appathurai has guided 20 M.Phil. scholars and 7 Ph.D. scholars. His academic contributions include 11 research articles and three notable books: Principles of Management, எழுமின் விழுமின் and மறவன் குடியிருப்பு தாவரங்களும் விழுதுகளும், His commitment to student welfare and social service earned him the Best NSS Programme Officer Award from Manonmaniam Sundaranar University. Dr. Appathurai's dedication continues to inspire both students and faculty, making him a cornerstone of the institution's success.

Dr. K. Sahayaraj: A Visionary Educator and Researcher

Dr. K. Sahayaraj's illustrious career spans over 30 years in teaching and 35 years in research, marked by extraordinary achievements and global recognition. With academic credentials including M.Sc., M.Phil., Ph.D., and D.Sc., along with additional qualifications such as PGDCA and PGDPP, Dr. Sahayaraj has made invaluable contributions to the fields of Zoology and Entomology, particularly in agricultural sciences and biocontrol strategies. His expertise has earned him

fellowships in prestigious scientific societies, including the Royal Entomological Society of London, the Entomological Society of India, and the Zoological Society of India. He has also served as Secretary General of IOBC-APRS and as an Executive Council Member of the Asian Phytopathological Society, fostering global scientific collaborations.

At St. Xavier's College, Dr. Sahayaraj has held key leadership roles, including Director of the Crop Protection Research Centre (1998-2025), Dean of the Faculty of Sciences (2013-2015), Head of the Department of Zoology (2017-2020), and member of the Research Cell, IQAC, and UGC Planning & Evaluation Committee. His visionary leadership has profoundly shaped the academic and research environment of the institution. Dr. Sahayaraj's research legacy is unparalleled. He has supervised 22 Ph.D. scholars, 25 M.Phil., students, and numerous postgraduate students. His extensive body of work includes 178 peer-reviewed journal publications, 9 books, and over 4,256 citations with an H-index of 33. He has described and re-described four new insect species and holds a sanctioned patent (No. 422778). His accolades include the Scientists of the Year Award (NESA), Young Achievers Award (SADHNA), Bharat Seva Ratan Gold Medal, Best Teacher Award (Aram NGO, 2024), and the Rao Bahadur Yelseti Ramachandra Rao Memorial Award at the national level, as well as the Hyoshi Environmentalist Award (Japan), YOUNG IOBC Award, and Excellent Scholar Award (XIX International Botanical Congress, China) internationally.

Beyond academia, Dr. Sahayaraj has actively engaged in Farmers' Training programs across Tamil Nadu, transferring vital agricultural technologies to rural communities. His contributions as a conference session chair, keynote speaker, and invited lecturer at

national and international forums have further solidified his reputation as a global leader in his field. As we bid farewell to this extraordinary educator, researcher, and mentor, we express our deepest gratitude for his unwavering commitment to academic excellence. Dr. Sahayaraj's legacy will continue to inspire future generations, leaving an enduring impact on St. Xavier's College and beyond.

பேராசிரியர் முனைவர் த.சே. கலாவதி

தமிழ்த்துறையைச் சேர்ந்த இணைப்பேராசிரியர் முனைவர் த.சே. கலாவதி நமது புகழ்மிக்கக் கல்லூரியில் 1985-1988 ஆம் ஆண்டு வரை முதுகலைத் தமிழ் மற்றும் இளமுனைவர் பட்டப்படிப்பை மேற்கொண்டு முதல் மாணவராகத் திகழ்ந்தவர். Best Outgoing Student என்ற பரிசை வாங்கியவர். 2003 ஆம் ஆண்டில் மாலை நேரக் கல்லூரியில் பணி அமர்த்தப்பட்டு 2007 ஆம் ஆண்டு இறையருளாலும் இயேசு சபை நிர்வாகத்தினராலும் நிரந்தரப்பணியில் அமர்த்தப்பட்டார்கள். நமது கல்லூரியின் பெண் மாணவர்களுக்கான முதல் Counsellor ஆகவும் 2004 ஆம் ஆண்டு முதல் 4 ஆண்டுகள் பணிபுரிந்தார்கள். Sports and Games Cell, AICUF, 7 ஆண்டுகள் Campus Ministry மற்றும் St. Vincent De Paul Society, வீரமாமுனிவர் தமிழ்ச்சங்க இயக்குநர், College Choir, வியாழவட்டப் பொறுப்பாளர், College Discipline Committee Member, ஆறு முறை STAND பொறுப்பு பேராசிரியர் உள்ளிட்ட பல்வேறு பொறுப்புகளில் மனமுவந்து செயலாற்றி உள்ளார்கள். இவர்கள் கிறித்தவ இலக்கியம் மற்றும் பெண்ணியத் துறையில் சிறப்பு வாய்ந்தவர். ஐம்பதிற்கும் மேற்பட்ட ஆய்வுக் கட்டுரைகளை எழுதியுள்ளார். மலேசியாப் பல்கலைக்கழகத்தில் கடந்த ஆண்டு ஆய்வுக் கட்டுரையை சமர்ப்பித்தார். 20க்கும் மேற்பட்ட இளமுனைவர் பட்ட ஆய்வாளர்களை உருவாக்கியுள்ளார். இவரது நெறியாள்கையின் கீழ் ஒருவர் முனைவர் பட்டம் பெற்றுள்ளார். இருவர் முனைவர் பட்ட ஆய்வை மேற்கொண்டு வருகின்றனர்.

நெல்லை மற்றும் தூத்துக்குடி வானொலி நிலையங்களில் தமிழ் இலக்கியம் தொடர்பாக உரை நிகழ்த்தி வருபவர். இறையாசீரால் நமது புகழ்மிக்கக் கல்லூரியில் 22 ஆண்டுகள் பணிபுரிந்து மனநிறைவுடன் பணிநிறைவு பெறும் முதல் பெண் பேராசிரியர் முனைவர்த. சே. கலாவதி. அவர்கள் இனிவரும் ஆண்டுகளில் நற்சுகத்துடன் எல்லாவளங்களையும் நிறைவாகப் பெற்றுதங்கள் குடும்பத்தாரோடு மனமகிழ்வுடனும் நீடிய ஆயுளுடனும் வாழ எல்லாம் வல்ல இறைவனை வேண்டி மனதார வாழ்த்துகிறோம்!

Retiring Non-Teaching Staff - Aided

The following non-teaching staff retire from the academic year 2024-2025 after rendering their selfless services to the college:

1. Mr. J. Jerome Emil Pius, Lab. Assistant (Spl. Grade) (03.08.1990 முதல் 31.08.2024)
2. Mr. V. Joseph Vareed, Lab. Assistant (09.03.1987 - 30.09.2024)
3. Mr. S. Gaspar Raj (20.02.1998 – 17.01.2025)
4. Mr. K. Sundararajan, Superintendent (01.07.1985 – 31.05.2025)
5. Mr. S. Sudalaimuthu, Lab. Assistant (02.11.1987-31-05-2025)
6. Mr. R. Nainar, Lab. Assistant (Spl. Grade) (01-03-1988 to 30-06-2025)

திரு. ஜே. ஜெரோம் எமில் பயஸ், ஆய்வக உதவியாளர் (03.08.1990 முதல் 31.08.2024)

நமது கல்லூரி கலைமனையில் உள்ள Procurator அலுவலகத்தில் நிர்வாகப் பணியாளராகப் 10 ஆண்டுகளாக The Society of St. Francis Xavier Trustன் அனைத்து நிர்வாகக் கணக்குகளையும், மாலை நேரக் கல்லூரியின் கணக்குகளையும் திறமையாகக் கவனித்துவந்தார். 03.08.1990 ஆம் ஆண்டில் அடிப்படை பணியாளராகச் சேர்ந்து பின்னர் பதிவறை

எழுத்தராகவும், ஆய்வக உதவியாளராகவும் பதவி உயர்வு பெற்று கல்லூரி நிர்வாகத்தின் Students Welfare Fund கணக்கைதிறம்பட செய்து வந்தார். முதல்வர்கள் மற்றும் செயலர்களுக்கு உண்மையாகவும் நேர்மையாகவும் பணி செய்துவந்தார். கல்லூரி வளாகத்தில் பணியாற்றும் பல்வேறு துறைகளில் கணக்குபார்க்கும் மற்ற கணக்காளர்களுக்கும் உதவி செய்து கல்லூரி நிர்வாகத்தின் கணக்குகளை மேம்படுத்தினார். ஏழை எளியவர்களுக்கு தன்னால் இயன்ற உதவிகளை செய்து வருகிறார். 34 ஆண்டுகள் ஓயாது உழைத்து 31.08.2024 அன்று பணி ஓய்வு பெற்றார். இவரது ஓய்வுகாலங்கள் மகிழ்ச்சியான முறையில் அமைய, கடவுளின் அருள் நிறைவாகக் கிடைக்க வாழ்த்துக்கள்!.

திரு. வி. ஜோசப் வரீத், ஆய்வக உதவியாளர் (09.03.1987 - 30.09.2024)

09.03.1987 ஆம் ஆண்டு அலுவலக உதவியாளராக பணியில் சேர்ந்தார். 03.07.1989 ஆம் ஆண்டில் ஆய்வக உதவியாளராகப் பதவி உயர்வு பெற்று தொடர்ந்து நூலகத்தில் மிகச் சிறப்பாக பணியாற்றி வந்தவர். மாணவர்களுக்கும், ஆசிரியர்களுக்கும் என்ன புத்தகம் தேவை அது எந்த இடத்தில் இருக்கிறது என்பதைத் தெளிவாக தெரிந்து கொண்டு அந்த புத்தகங்களை எடுத்துக் கொடுக்கும் திறமை பெற்றவர். புத்தகங்களை சிறப்பாக பராமரித்து சுலபமாக மாணவர்களோ அல்லது ஆசிரியர்களோ புத்தகங்களை எடுத்துபடிக்க பேருதவி செய்தார். ஆசிரியர்கள் மற்றும் மாணவர்கள் இவரிடம் அனுகினால் சிரித்த முகத்துடன் உதவி செய்யும் பழக்கம் உள்ளவர். மாணவர்கள் போட்டித் தேர்வுக்கு செல்வதற்கு எந்த ஆசிரியரின் புத்தகம் சிறந்தது என்பதை தெளிவாகத் தெரிந்து கொண்டு அதை எடுத்துக் கொடுக்கும் திறமை பெற்றவர். கல்லூரி நூலகத்தின் வளர்ச்சியில் அவருடைய பணி அளப்பரியது. சுமார் 37 ஆண்டுகளாக இக்கல்லூரியில் சிறப்பாக பணியாற்றி

30.09.2024 அன்று பணி ஓய்வு பெற்றார். இவரது ஓய்வுகாலங்கள் மிகச் சிறந்த முறையில் அமைய, கடவுளின் அருள் நிறைவாகக் கிடைக்க வாழ்த்துக்கள்!.

திரு.கஸ்பார்: (20.02.1998 – 17.01.2025)

1998ஆம் ஆண்டு கல்லூரியில் காவலராக அரசு உதவிபெறும் பணியிடத்திற்கு நியமனம் செய்யப்பட்டார். காவலராக பணிபுரிந்த காலத்தில் இரவு பகல் பாராமல் அயராது உழைத்தார். காவலர் பணி என்பது மிகவும் கடினமான பணியாகும். மற்ற பணியாளர்களுக்கெல்லாம் 8 மணி நேர வேலை என்றால் இவருக்கு 12 மணி நேர வேலை. மேலும் மற்றவர்களுக்கு வாரத்தில் 2 நாள் விடுமுறை என்றால் இவருக்கு விடுமுறையே இருக்காது. தனது 26 ஆண்டு பணிக்காலத்தில் காவலராகவே பணி செய்து விடுப்ப ஓய்வு பெற்று 17.01.2025 அன்று பணியிலிருந்து விடுவிக்கப்பட்டுள்ளார். இவரது ஓய்வுகாலங்கள் மிகச் சிறந்த முறையில் அமைய, கடவுளின் அருள் நிறைவாகக் கிடைக்க வாழ்த்துக்கள்!

திரு. கி. சுந்தரராஜன்

(01.07.1985 - 31.05.2025)

01.08.1984ம் ஆண்டு கல்லூரியில் நிர்வாகப் பணியில் சேர்ந்தார். பின்னர் 01.07.1985ம் ஆண்டு அரசுப் பணியில் சேர்ந்தார். கல்லூரி தன்னாட்சி அந்தஸ்த்து (Autonomous Status) பெறும் பொழுதுதேர்வுக் கட்டுப்பாட்டுத் துறையின் முதல் பணியாளராக நிர்வாகத்தால் நியமிக்கப்பட்டு ஏறக்குறைய 30 ஆண்டுகள் தேர்வுக்கட்டுப்பாட்டுத் துறையில் பணிபுரிந்தார். பல்வேறு அருட்தந்தையர்கள் தேர்வுக்கட்டுப்பாட்டு அதிகாரிகளாக பணியாற்றிய போது அவர்களின் நம்பிக்கைக்குரிய வராக, திறமையாகவும், நேர்மையாகவும் பணியாற்றி குறித்த காலத்தில் தேர்வுபணிகளை முடித்துகொடுத்தார். தேர்வுபணி என்பது காலை மற்றும் மாலை நேரக் கல்லூரி ஆசிரியர்கள் மற்றும் அலுவலர்களை ஒருங்கிணைத்து செய்யவேண்டியபணி அதை மிகக்

கச்சிதமாக குறையில்லாமல் செய்து முடிப்பதில் திறமையானவராக இருந்தார். எல்லோரும் கோடைவிடுமுறையில் செல்லும்போது இவர் மட்டும் தன் உடன் பணியாளர்களுடன் தேர்வுப்பணியில் மும்முரமாக இருப்பார். மேலும் அலுவலகத்தில் பணியாற்றிய போது பல்வேறு ஐந்தாண்டு திட்டத்தின் மூலம் UGC யிலிருந்து மானியம் பெறுவதற்கான கருத்துருக்களை சிறப்பாக உரிய நேரத்தில் தட்டச்சு செய்து மானியம் பெறுவதற்கு பெரிதும் உதவி செய்தார். பல்வேறு பதவி உயர்வுகளைப் பெற்று கடைசியாக கல்லூரியின் உயர்ந்த பதவியான கண்காணிப்பாளர் பதவி உயர்வு பெற்று சிறப்பாகப் பணிபுரிந்து வந்தார். இவரது தனிச்சிறப்பு. அதிகம் விடுப்பு எடுக்காமல் கல்லூரிக்கு வருபவர். ஆண்டு முழுவதும் விடுப்பு எடுக்காமல் பணிக்கு வந்தமைக்காகப் பல முறை பரிசுகள் பெற்றவர். இது போன்ற சிறந்த பணியாளரான இவர் தனது 40 ஆண்டுகாலப் பணியை நிறைவு செய்து 31.05.2025 அன்று பணியிலிருந்து ஓய்வு பெறவுள்ளார். இவரது ஓய்வுகாலங்கள் மிகச் சிறந்த முறையில் அமைய, கடவுளின் அருள் நிறைவாகக் கிடைக்க வாழ்த்துக்கள்!

திரு. எஸ். சுடலைமுத்து: (02.11.1987-31.05.2025)

1987 ஆம் ஆண்டு கல்லூரியில் காவலராக அரசு உதவி பெறும் பணியிடத்திற்கு நியமனம் செய்யப்பட்டார். 20 ஆண்டுகாலம் காவலராகப் பணி புரிந்த காலத்தில் இரவு பகல் பாராமல் கண்துஞ்சாமல் அயராது உழைத்தார். அவரது பணிமற்றும் நன்னடத்தையினால் 2007ம் ஆண்டு முதல் நூலக உதவியாளராப் பணியாற்றி நூலகத்திற்கு வரும் மாணவர்களுக்கு பெரிதும் உதவினார். இறுதியாக 01.08.2024ம் ஆண்டு முதல் ஆய்வக உதவியாளராகப் பதவி உயர்வு பெற்றார். இது போன்ற சிறந்த பணியாளரான இவர் தனது 37 ஆண்டுகால பணியை நிறைவு செய்து 31.05.2025 அன்று தனது கல்லூரிப் பணியிலிருந்து ஓய்வு பெறவுள்ளார். இவரது ஓய்வு

காலங்கள் மிகச் சிறந்த முறையில் அமைய, கடவுளின் அருள் நிறைவாகக் கிடைக்க வாழ்த்துக்கள்!

திரு. ஆர். நயினார்

(01.03.1988 - 30.06.2025)

1988ஆம் ஆண்டு கல்லூரியில் அரசுஉதவி பெறும் பணியிடத்திற்கு நியமனம் செய்யப்பட்டார். பின்னர் 1996ம் ஆண்டு ஆய்வக உதவியாளராகப் பதவி உயர்வு பெற்று தொடர்ந்து கல்லூரிப் பணியில் மிகவும் முக்கியமான பணியான சம்பளப் பிரிவில் மிகச் சிறப்பாக காலத்திற்கு ஏற்றவாறு கணினியில் சம்பளம் போடும் முறையில் பல்வேறுமாற்றங்களைச் செய்து எல்லோருக்கும் பண்ப்பலன் விரைவாக கிடைக்க உதவிசெய்தார். வருமான வரிகளுக்கு தாக்கல் செய்வதில் கணினியில் பல்வேறு மாற்றங்களை செய்து ஆசிரியர்களுக்கும் அலுவலர்களுக்கும் எளிதாக வருமானவரி கணக்கீடு செய்து விரைவாக சரியான வருமானவரியை செலுத்துவதற்கு உதவி செய்தார். இது மட்டுமல்லாது அலுவலகத்திலுள்ள பல்வேறுபிரிவுகளிலும் தனது கணினித் திறமையை முழுமையாக பயன்படுத்தி அந்தத் துறையின் பணிகளை எளிமையாகவும் விரைவாகவும் செய்து முடிக்க பெரிதும் உதவிசெய்தார். இது போன்ற சிறந்தபணியாளரான இவர் தனது 37 ஆண்டுகாலப் பணியைநிறைவு செய்து,வரும் 30.06.2025 அன்று தனது பணியிலிருந்து ஓய்வு பெறவுள்ளார். இவரது ஓய்வுகாலங்கள் மிகச் சிறந்த முறையில் அமைய, கடவுளின் அருள் நிறைவாகக் கிடைக்க வாழ்த்துக்கள்!

SEMESTER RESULTS

The overall pass percentage in April 2024 examination was 84 %. Out of 4219 who wrote the examination 3566 students passed in the examinations. In the odd semester of the academic year 2024- 2025, the overall pass percentage was 83 %. In total 4517 students appeared for the exam, out of which 3729 students passed.

Xaverian 2025

GRADUATION DAY

The 99th graduation day was held on 22.02.2025. 936 UG and 309 PG students received their degrees. Dr. Tessy Thomas, FNAE, Vice-Chancellor, NICHE University Kanyakumari (Missile Woman of India), Former Director General (Aeronautical Systems), DRDO, was the Chief Guest on this occasion.

ERP (Enterprise Resource Planning)

St. Xavier's College has a full-fledged ERP system in place. It drives the entire college and all its stakeholders towards academic and administrative efficiency. The SXCTN-ERP mobile app and an array of ERP modules render vital services such as academic planning, attendance monitoring, fee payments, and push-up notifications etc.

ACTIVITIES OF INTERNAL QUALITY ASSURANCE CELL (IQAC)

Orientation Programme

An orientation programme was conducted for senior faculty members (appointed before 2014) on 15th June 2024, with 75 participants. The session focused on "Qualities of an Effective Teacher & Workplace Ethics" and "Benchmarks for Research," led by Dr. B. BenesonThilagarChristadoss and Dr. S. Sudhakar. Additionally, newly recruited faculty members attended an orientation on 29th June 2024 and 6th July 2024, with 50 participants, where they were introduced to institutional culture, academic policies, and teaching methodologies.

Refresher Course

In alignment with UGC-PMMMNMTT guidelines, a comprehensive 14-day refresher course on "ICT-Enabled Teaching and Learning" was conducted from 29th May to 14th June 2024, benefiting 98 faculty members appointed since 2014. The topics E-content Preparation, 21st-Century Skills,

Jesuit Education, Outcome-Based Education (OBE), Academic Bank of Credit (ABC), and Bloom's Taxonomy, equipped the participants with modern pedagogical tools and strategies. SXC management granted of 13,06,251/- for this initiative.

St. Xavier's College organized several key programs in 2024-2025 to enhance professional development and institutional efficiency. A One-day ORCID and INFLIBNET Awareness Programme on 23rd July 2024 benefited 140 participants, supported by a Rs. 45,000 grant. A Capacity Building Programme for administrative staff was held on 6th September 2024, followed by an ERP training on 25th February 2025. The Staff Enhancement and Empowerment Programme (SEEP) included a wellbeing session for 180 faculty members, a Two-day SEEP event for 103 participants, and a computing skills workshop at Zoho Corporation for 30 faculty members. These initiatives reflect the college's commitment to innovation, collaboration, and excellence.

Academic and Administrative Audit (AAA)

The Internal Academic Audit was conducted on 25th-26th September 2024, while the External Academic Audit (AAA) was held on 11th-12th December 2024, with external members from Christ University, Lady Doak College, Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, and St. Mary's College.

NIRF Ranking 2024

St. Xavier's College secured the 36th rank in India under NIRF 2024, competing with 3,371 institutions. Pre-registration for NIRF 2025 was completed on 23rd October 2024, and data submission was finalized on 30th January 2025.

AQAR and AISHE Submission

The Annual Quality Assurance Report (AQAR) for 2023-2024 was successfully uploaded on the NAAC portal on 26th January 2024. Additionally, the AISHE report for 2023-2024 was uploaded on 24th January 2025. In compliance with government directives, faculty, infrastructure, land, classroom, and hostel data were submitted in August and November 2024 in Tamil Nadu Government Higher Education E-Governance Portal.

Gender Audit

An External Gender Audit (2023-2024) was conducted on 13th February 2025, involving external members from MS University, Sarah Tucker College, Rose Mary College of Arts and Science, and Pache Trust. The audit focused on female representation in key roles, student admissions, exam results, scholarships, and gender-inclusive infrastructure.

MoUs Signed by IQAC (2024-2025)

IQAC signed MoUs with the following institutions:

1. ZWORK Technology, Tiruchirappalli (27th June 2024)
2. Regional Coordinating Institute, Gandhigram Rural Institute (7th August 2024)
3. Sarada Krishna Homeopathic Medical College, Kulasekharam (6th September 2024)

At present, the college has 54 MoUs with higher educational institutions across the country for the promotion of curricular, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities.

National and International Seminars, Conferences and Workshops

The academic year 2024- 2025 witnessed the sustenance of continuous academic enrichment through

International/National Seminars, Webinars and Conferences. Various departments conducted Eleven International seminars/conferences/workshop and Six National seminars/conferences/workshop.

RESEARCH CENTRES AND DOCTORAL ACHIEVEMENTS

St. Xavier's College is home to 28 Research Centres across various departments, supported by 77 dedicated Research Guides. During the academic year 2024-2025, 26 candidates successfully defended their Ph.D. theses, while 22 new candidates registered for doctoral programs. Currently, 210 scholars are actively pursuing their Ph.D. research.

The college takes pride in supporting its research scholars through various scholarships. One scholar is receiving a stipend from the Department of Collegiate Education, while six others are supported by the Tamil Nadu Government Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department Scholarship. Additionally, seven scholars have been awarded the UGC NET/JRF scholarship and NFOBC Scholarship, and one scholar has secured the CSIR NET under the National Fellowship for SC scheme. We extend our heartfelt appreciation to all Directors of Research Centres and Research Guides for their unwavering commitment to advancing research and academic excellence during the academic year 2024-2025. Their efforts continue to inspire and elevate the research culture at St. Xavier's College.

XRF

XRF has published 143 publications in various international peer reviewed journals and 14 books since 2019; In this academic year, 'Xavier Solai' an Agro, Eco, and Biodiversity Park was inaugurated by then District Collector, Dr K. P. Karthikeyan I.A.S., on September 3, 2024. This 25-acre park was established

by XRF and is situated in Irudhayakulam, Vickiramasingsapuram, near Papanasam. Nearly 400 ecologically, medicinally and economically valuable plants as well as traditional breeds of livestock are maintained. Currently XRF is running six major projects (3 government and 3 non-government) to the tune of Rs.4,06,93,470/-. Our sincere appreciations to Rev. Fr. Dr. S. Ignacimuthu SJ, who is acclaimed as one among the greatest 1% scientists of the world and the XRF team for keeping the flag of St. Xavier's college high in research.

RESEARCH GRANT

St. Xavier's college has taken special initiatives to promote research. In this academic year, the college has given Rs.1,50,500/- as incentive to Research Guides and faculty members for successfully guiding research scholars and publication in various journals.

The Management has instituted new **St. Xavier's College Research Grant (SXCRG)** from the academic year 2024-2025. A Research Grant of Rs. 25,000/- each for five Science faculty members and four Arts faculty members to carry out minor research projects was sanctioned.

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS

Publication of quality research papers in peer-reviewed journals facilitates dissemination of knowledge in a particular field. There are six peer-reviewed journals periodically published by the college. Total citation in SCOPUS index and Web of Science since 1975 is 19,378 publications in SCOPUS Index and Web of Science by our faculty members is 1,237.

PAPER PRESENTATION AND PUBLICATION

In 2024-2025, faculty attended various conferences and seminars and presented papers. 167 presented papers in conferences and 107 presented

papers were published in Conference Proceedings. 201 papers were published in various reputed journals and 52 chapters in edited books.

LIBRARY

Fr. J. Santiago Library at St. Xavier's College has expanded its collection to 132,174 volumes, including 4,315 back volumes, and provides access to 110 journals, 164,309 e-books, and 6,500 e-journals through DELNET, INFLIBNET, and N-List. Key initiatives in 2024 included a Library Orientation Program for first-year students (June 26 – July 10), a staff visit to Kalaingar Centenary Library, Madurai (August 10) to explore modern management practices, and a Tamil literature and research workshop (August 13-14) on manuscript preservation and digital resources. The Art and Literature Festival (September 18) engaged 140 students from 11 colleges in creative competitions, while a Bibliometrics workshop (September 20) trained 75 research scholars in VoS& R Studio techniques. Committed to academic excellence, the library continues to enhance its resources, integrating technology and supporting research and learning.

UNNAT BHARAT ABHIYAN (UBA)

Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA) is a program by the Government of India to improve the lives of people in 5 rural areas and established an MoU with SIRDP, GRI and Saradha Krishna Homeopathy Medical College. An amount of Rs. 2 lakhs was just granted along with other projects that we have in hand.

XAVIER ACADEMY

Xavier Academy for competitive exams, established in April 2024, is managed by the Jesuits under the society of St. Francis Xavier. The academy aims to guide and motivate students in securing state and central government jobs through competitive exams. It offers high-quality coaching at an affordable

price with flexible timings. The academy provides coaching for various exams, including UPSC, TNPSC, Banking, SSC, RRB, SI Police, PG TRB, TET, NET, SET and Railway Exams.

XAVERIAN CO-OPERATIVE STORE

A Xaverian Co-Operative store 'XCOS', is established by the Department of Commerce by receiving financial aid from their Alumni at our college premises. It assists the students in obtaining printed study materials, stationery, and refreshments.

INFORMATION CENTRE - HELP DESK

The Help Desk/Information Centre at St. Xavier's College, Palayamkottai, is established at the main entrance which serves as a point of contact for both students and visitors, providing assistance and necessary information related to college activities, admissions, exams, and general inquiries. The Help-Desk offers Admission Information, Academic Assistance, General Inquiries, Materials Lost and Found, Student Services etc.,

SPORTS ACHIEVEMENTS

The MSU ICT sports teams had an outstanding 2024-2025 season, excelling in the Manonmaniam Sundaranar University Inter-Collegiate tournaments. The Men's Table Tennis and Swimming teams secured First Place, while the Men's and Women's Badminton and Tennis teams finished as Runners-Up. Teams also performed well in hockey, chess, and cross country, with several athletes qualifying for South Zone Inter-University Tournaments in multiple sports.

Notable individual achievements include A. Karthik Raja, who represented India in the World Athletics U-20 Championship 2024, and Abdul Rahman, who won multiple gold medals in the National Para Swimming Championship and Sivus India Open

Swimming Nationals. MSU teams also excelled in the CM Trophy 2024-25, winning district and state-level honors in hockey, football, volleyball, basketball, handball, athletics, and swimming. At the Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Trophy Swimming State Championship, athletes secured multiple medals, earning a total cash prize of Rs.7,46,000/-.

These achievements highlight the dedication and excellence of MSU ICT athletes in both team and individual performances at regional, national, and international levels.

SCHOLARSHIP

In the academic year 2024- 2025, the college helped 2052 students to receive scholarship worth Rs. 89,96,461/- from the government. Besides Government Scholarships, Management Scholarship (Jesuit Educational Support) is given to 468 students from both shift I & II to the tune of Rs. 14,87,872/-.

ONE RUPEE A DAY SCHEME

One Rupee a Day Scheme is an innovative financial scheme of the college that makes the students of the college contribute one rupee on every working Fridays and the accumulated amount is given to the poor and needy students. In this academic year, Rs. 52,816/- was generously contributed by the students and staff.

BREAKFAST & LUNCH SCHEMES

In 2024-2025, 54 students of our college benefitted from the breakfast scheme and 157 are provided mid-day meal every day. The total amount spent on these two schemes is Rs. 3,74,834/-.

ENDOWMENTS

Endowments are instituted by various faculty members, non-teaching staff, students and well-wishers

to support the students. 180 Endowments are instituted to the tune of Rs.1,32,36,832/-. In this academic year 2024-2025, Twelve new Endowments are instituted to the tune of Rs.22,77,500. The cumulated interest amount is distributed among the needy students every year. The college sincerely thanks all the contributors.

PARENT- TEACHER MEETING

We believe that parents should be involved in the education of their sons and daughters at all stages. Parent-Teacher meetings were held for both Shifts separately on 09.08.2024 and 25.01.2025. During the meeting, the parents gave positive feedback about the college and the programmes offered. The college is thankful to the parents of all the students for their continuous trust and moral support.

STUDENT COUNCIL AND FINE ARTS ASSOCIATION

The Student Council Election was conducted through online voting on 20th June 2024, following nominations received on 19th June 2024. Rev. Fr. Dr. S. Arul Ravi S.J. served as the Chief Election Commissioner. The elected representatives were:

- Chairman – Mr. S. Jeremiah Eliot, 22UZO115
- Vice-Chairman – Mr. E. Shashank Gandhi, 22UCO524
- Secretary (Shift-I) – Ms. R. Swathika, 22UEN153
- Secretary (Shift-II) – Ms. M. Subbulakshmi, 22UTA536
- Joint Secretary (Shift-I) – Mr. R. Suresh Kumar, 22UCO123
- Joint Secretary (Shift-II) – Mr. K. Marimuthu, 23UBC514

- Fine Arts Secretary (Shift-I) – Mr. K. Selvakumar, 22UCH131
- Cultural Secretary (Shift-I) – Ms. P. Maria Santhya, 22UCO153
- Fine Arts Secretary (Shift-II) – Mr. E. Sreevathsan, 22UBC517
- Cultural Secretary (Shift-II) – Ms. V. JeropinJelin, 22UCS507

These student leaders played a crucial role in fostering academic, cultural, and leadership initiatives throughout the year.

Inter-Departmental Competitions (INDECO) 2024

INDECO, one of the most anticipated events at St. Xavier’s College, fosters teamwork, creativity, and healthy competition among students. Organized by the Student Council and Fine Arts Association, INDECO 2024 took place on 20th and 21st December at the Pope Francis Auditorium. The event featured 32 competitions, including 11 Cultural, 10 Literary, and 11 Art events, along with the grand opening procession, “Ethnic Pageantry.” A total of 11 departments from Shift-I and 19 from Shift-II participated. Thiru. N. Lingusamy, Film Director and Producer, graced the event as the Chief Guest on 20th December, while Actor Mr. Darshan was the Guest of Honour on 21st December. The event successfully provided a platform for students to showcase their talents, exchange ideas, and strengthen collaboration.

Valediction of All Associations

Valedictory function of all the associations was held on 27.03.2025. The Chief Guest of the day was Dr. A. John De Britto, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Joy University, Tirunelveli. Achiever’s Award was given to 26 students. Sincere appreciations to Student Council and Fine Arts Team led by Dr. A. Arockia Dass, Dean

of Students, and Dr. T. Shamila Joster, Dean of Women Students.

STUDENT TRAINING AND ACTION FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT (STAND)

STAND organized 8 orientations and 28 rural camps in 39 adopted villages in Tirunelveli district.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

The academic year 2024-2025 was marked by a series of 22 holistic developmental activities aimed at enhancing the spiritual and psychological well-being of students and staff. These programs fostered faith, personal growth, and social responsibility, creating a harmonious environment that aligned with the values of our institution.

A dedicated 20-member team, comprising staff representatives from Shift I and Shift II, led by Fr. A. Leolin Arockiadass SJ, diligently coordinated and executed various activities throughout the year. Their efforts infused the academic calendar with spiritual fervour, contributing to the centenary celebrations with grace and devotion.

SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

Community service gives a valuable opportunity to add meaning to life. The service organizations in our college help students understand themselves in relation to their community and develop a sense of social and civic responsibility. Students develop competence required for group-living and gain skills in mobilizing community participation. In this academic year,so conducted 290 programmes throughout this year. Congratulations to Dr. F.X. Robert bellarmine and Dr. J. Margaret Sangeetha.

THE NATIONAL CADET CORPS (NCC)

The NCC unit of St. Xavier's College actively promoted discipline, leadership, and social responsibility through various initiatives in 2024. Key events included the Promotion Ceremony (June 20), International Yoga Day (June 21), and the Anti-Drug Rally (June 26). The 25th Kargil Vijay Diwas (July 26) was marked by a tree plantation drive, while the inauguration of the new NCC Coy (June 28) enhanced training facilities.

The NCC Association Inauguration (August 12) featured a career-focused talk, and Independence Day (August 15) was celebrated with patriotic enthusiasm. The Plastic-Free Campus Drive (September 3) promoted environmental awareness, and a Personality Development Program (September 10) focused on leadership and self-improvement. These initiatives reinforced NCC's commitment to national service, sustainability, and personal growth.

PLACEMENT CELL

The Career Guidance and Placement Cell at St. Xavier's College conducted 15 On-Campus and 5 Off-Campus interviews in the Academic Year 2024-2025, securing placements for 257 students in reputed companies. A Mega Job Fair is scheduled for April 2025, with 22 companies confirming participation.

The Cell signed MoUs with Elysium Academy and Feather Software, Chennai, organizing 10 Seminars and Orientation Programmes that benefited 2,585 students. Additionally, 7 Industrial Visits were arranged for real-time industry exposure. Collaborating with Internshala, the Placement Cell facilitated internships for final-year students on 17.12.2024. A three-day Amazon Web Services Training, conducted by Hire3X, Chennai, enhanced students' industry-relevant skills. As an ICT Academy Privilege Member, SXC provides faculty and

students access to FDPs, Conferences, Power Seminars, Soft Skills Training, and Campus Drives.

The Placement Corpus Fund, supported by Alumni and Industry, offers scholarships and funds Campus Interviews, Interactive Sessions, Soft Skill Training, Workshops, and Seminars. The Placement Cell remains committed to enhancing career opportunities and professional development.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES (2024-2025)

St. Xavier's College maintains strong ties with its alumni, who actively contribute to the institution's progress. In 2024-2025, the SXC Alumni Association held multiple meetings to enhance engagement, financial planning, and institutional development. Key initiatives included revising membership fees, organizing alumni meets, funding student aid, and supporting cultural activities. Infrastructure improvements, such as upgrading the Judge Joseph Clinical Lab and laying paver blocks, were also prioritized. The Alumni Chapter Meeting on 28/09/2024 focused on lifetime memberships, department sponsorships, and mid-day meal funding. Additionally, plans were made for the A.L. Subramanian Endowment Lecture on cancer prevention. On 22/02/2025, graduates from the 99th Graduation Ceremony were presented with a Thirukkural book, symbolizing the college's cultural values.

HOSTEL FACILITIES

The college's three hostels—Xavier Hostel, Britto Hostel (for PG girls), and Mother Teresa Hostel (for UG girls)—provide a home away from home for 558 students from distant locations. These hostels focus on holistic development through various activities. We extend our gratitude to Rev. Fr. A. Leolin Arockiadass, S.J. (Director, Xavier Hostel), Rev.

Fr. Y. Alex S.J. (Deputy Director, Xavier Hostel), Rev. Sr. Mangalam SHF (Director, Mother Teresa Hostel), Rev. Sr. Jenifer FST (Director, Britto Hostel), and all assistant directors and staff for their dedicated service.

THE XAVIER INSTITUTE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (XIBA)

XIBA had a dynamic academic year in 2024-2025, marked by a blend of academic rigor, industry exposure, and community engagement. Key initiatives included a Foundation Course for I MBA students, a Special ERP Session for II MBA students, and MoUs with ICANIO Technologies and RORIRI Software Solutions for internships and research. Industrial visits to Tuticorin Port, Maris Associates Ltd., Nova Carbons, and Britannia provided practical insights, while Outbound Training at LEAP, Coimbatore, focused on leadership and teamwork. Entrepreneurship was highlighted through En-Light En, featuring Eco Fresh Carbon's founder, James David, and the launch of the XIBA Store for real-world marketing experience. Community initiatives like WALKATHON'24 – Green Business, a 10-km rally for sustainability, and the Village Immersion Programme emphasized social responsibility.

Cultural events such as Pongal Festivities, Women's Day, and a Spiritual Retreat – "Pilgrimage of Hope" fostered holistic development. XIBA also hosted XIBATE 25, an intercollegiate event with 18 colleges and 42 companies, and the International HR Confab, featuring global experts. Alumni and parent engagement was strengthened through meets and discussions on student progress. These initiatives collectively enriched students' academic, professional, and personal growth, reflecting XIBA's commitment to excellence, innovation, and community service.

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NEW PROGRAMMES

In the academic year 2024-2025, B.A. Archaeology, B.Sc. Artificial Intelligence, B.Sc. Geology were started in the self-financing stream. B. Com. Banking and Finance programme is set to be started in 2025-2026.

APPRECIATION

We are immensely proud to congratulate Dr. P. Vimala, Faculty of the Tamil Department, for her outstanding achievement in receiving the prestigious Sahitya Akademi Award for Translation (2023). Her remarkable Tamil translation of the Malayalam book "Ente Anungal" (Autobiography) by Nalini Jameela has been recognized for its literary excellence, bridging cultures through the power of language. This esteemed national honor reflects Dr. Vimala's dedication to literary scholarship and her contribution to promoting cross-linguistic understanding. Her accomplishment brings great pride to our institution and inspires both students and fellow academicians. We commend her for this extraordinary feat and wish her continued success in her literary pursuits.

GRATEFUL TO YOU ALL

As the academic head of the College, I remain very grateful to Rev. Fr. Dr. S. Ignacimuthu, S.J. Rector of St. Xavier's Institutions for his constant support and encouragement, Rev. Fr. Dr. G. Pushparaj, S.J, Secretary of the College for his support, the Members of the Jesuit Management, Dr. A. Lourdusamy, Deputy Principal, all the Vice-Principals, Deans, Controller of Examinations, Directors of IQAC, Heads of the Departments, Coordinators, all the teaching fraternity, all the administrative staff, dear and loving students. Kindly accept my deep sense of gratitude to all of you.

CHIEF GUEST – DR. IRAI ANBU, IAS

It is a privilege and honor to welcome our esteemed Chief Guest, Dr. Irai Anbu, IAS, an exemplary civil servant, visionary reformer, and celebrated scholar, whose contributions to governance and society have left a lasting impact on Tamil Nadu and beyond. A brilliant mind who ranked 15th at the All-India level in the UPSC exam, securing the first rank in Tamil Nadu, Dr. Irai Anbu has dedicated his life to public service, administrative excellence, and social transformation.

His illustrious career is marked by innovative governance and people-centric reforms. As Additional Secretary in the Chief Minister’s Secretariat, he played a pivotal role in launching transformative welfare schemes such as Uzhavar Sandhai, Kalnadai Pathugappu Thittam, and Varumun Kappom Thittam, which significantly improved the lives of farmers and rural communities. As Secretary of Tourism and Culture, he introduced tourist-friendly autos and hop-on-hop-off services, enhancing Tamil Nadu’s tourism sector. His tenure as Principal Secretary of P&AR saw the establishment of training centers for civil servants, strengthening administrative capabilities across the state.

Rising to the role of Chief Secretary of Tamil Nadu, Dr. Irai Anbu spearheaded progressive reforms, including the abolition of discriminatory practices, ensuring inclusive representation in national celebrations, and leading one of the largest COVID-19 vaccination drives in the country. His leadership was also instrumental in the successful organization of the Chess Olympiad, bringing international recognition to Tamil Nadu.

A scholar of exceptional caliber, he holds multiple degrees, including three Ph.D.s and a D.Litt. in Management, and has authored over 75 books in Tamil, five in English, and more than 100 monographs, many of which have received prestigious accolades. His acclaimed work, *Comparing Titans: Thiruvalluvar and Shakespeare*, showcases his deep literary insights. As a dynamic public speaker, he has delivered over 2,300 lectures, inspiring young minds and shaping future leaders, with many of his mentees securing civil service positions and research fellowships.

Beyond his administrative and academic achievements, his commitment to social empowerment is unwavering. His rebuilding efforts in Mudhaliyarkuppam post-tsunami and his initiatives to uplift Kannagi Nagar through education and skill development stand as testaments to his dedication to community welfare. His outstanding service to the state and society earned him recognition as an “Action Hero” by India Today, further cementing his reputation as a visionary leader and a reformist thinker.

As we celebrate our college Day, we are truly honored by the presence of Dr. Irai Anbu, IAS, a towering figure of integrity, wisdom, and service. We extend our warmest welcome to him and look forward to his inspiring words that will undoubtedly leave an indelible mark on all of us.

Rev. Fr. Dr. Godwin Rufus, S.J.

Principal

ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES

DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY

The Botany Association had its inaugural ceremony on July 24, 2025, at St. Xavier's College, Palayamkottai. Rev. Dr. Godwin Rufus SJ, Principal of St. Xavier's College, graced the occasion by delivering an inspirational presidential address. Rev. Dr. G. Pushparaj SJ, Secretary of St. Xavier's College, felicitated the gathering and provided his blessings. Dr. L. Joelri Michael Raj, the Head in charge, outlined the comprehensive action plan for the academic year 2024-2025. Dr. G. Subhash Chandran, Associate Professor of Govt. Siddha Medical College, Palayamkottai, served as the resource person and delivered a lecture on "Recent Research Trends in Ethnomedicine." The interactive session between students and Dr. Subhash Chandran was moderated by Dr. M. Johnson Gritto. The event commenced successfully with a welcome address by Ms. V. Yuvashree of III B.Sc. Botany. Ms. G. Priyadharshini of I M.Sc. Botany expressed gratitude through the vote of thanks, and Ms. P.G. Swetha skilfully anchored the event.

The Department of Botany at St. Xavier's College organized an alumni meet on September 28, 2024, with the participation of 29 members. It was decided to create an endowment in the name of Rev. Dr. V. S. Manickam SJ to commemorate his contributions to the department and the college.

A career guidance program titled "Smart and Successful Bio-Careers" was organized exclusively for the students of the Botany Department on October 14, 2024. The event was presided over by Rev. Dr. Godwin Rufus SJ, Principal of St. Xavier's College. Dr. Premkumar Albert, Visiting Scientist at the Spanish

National Research Council, Department of Plant Biotechnology, Spain, was the resource person. He delivered two lectures and hosted a practical session in the afternoon. The topic for Session 1 was "Elite Opportunities for Life Science Graduates," while Session 2 focused on "Action Plan for Smart Success in Life Science Careers." A quiz competition on "Arabidopsis thaliana Genomics" was conducted for all students. The third session featured hands-on training on "Arabi Genome Mining – An Online Arabi Database Practical." The program concluded with a valedictory function presided over by Rev. Dr. G. Pushparaj SJ, Secretary of St. Xavier's College.

The two-day National Workshop on "Plant Taxonomy and Molecular Systematics" (Both Pteridophytes and Angiosperms), sponsored by TNSCST, was organized by the Department of Botany at St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Palayamkottai, on December 5 and 6, 2024. A total of 47 participants from various institutions across India attended, including 15 faculty members, 2 industry professionals, 9 research scholars, and 21 students. The inaugural session commenced at 9:30 a.m. on December 5, 2024, at Fr. Caussanel Hall with a prayer song, followed by Tamil Thai Vazhthu. Dr. L. Joelri Michael Raj, Convener, Organizing Secretary, and Head (i/c), welcomed the gathering. The session was presided over by Rev. Fr. Dr. Godwin Rufus S.J., Principal of St. Xavier's College, who delivered the presidential address and released the first copy of the workshop manual. Dr. S. Soosairaj, Associate Professor in Botany at St. Joseph's College (Autonomous), Tiruchirappalli, delivered the keynote address. Dr. V. Ravichandran, Senior Preservation Assistant at the Botanical Survey

of India, Coimbatore, was also present. Rev. Fr. Dr. M. Anthonysamy SJ, Co-Convener of the workshop, delivered the vote of thanks, and Dr. Y. Justin Koilpillai, Assistant Professor and Co-Organizing Secretary, introduced the speaker to the scientific forum.

Dr. S. Soosairaj delivered a scientific talk on “Taxonomic Key and Plant Nomenclature,” concluding the first session by 11:30 a.m., followed by a coffee break. Afterward, participants were taken to Xavier Solai for an on-site learning session, actively engaging with various medicinal plants. A working lunch was provided at 1:45 p.m., and discussions continued. The afternoon session was led by Dr. Mutheeswaran, Senior Scientist at Xavier Research Foundation. On December 6, 2024, the morning session commenced at 9:30 a.m. at Fr. Caussanel Hall. Dr. V. Ravichandran presented on “Molecular Systematics of Plants (APG Classification Systems).” The second session was delivered by Dr. V. Irudayaraj, Former President of the Indian Fern Society, on “Introduction to Pteridophytes.” The third session, led by Dr. L. Joelri Michael Raj, featured hands-on training on PCR techniques. After lunch, a practical session on “Key Preparation for Pteridophytes” took place in the Botany Department lab, where herbarium sheets were provided for participation.

The valedictory function was held on December 6, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. in Fr. Caussanel Hall. Rev. Fr. Dr. G. Pushparaj SJ, Secretary of St. Xavier’s College, delivered the valedictory address and distributed certificates to all participants. Dr. V. Irudayaraj was also present. A feedback session was organized, and participants expressed satisfaction with the workshop. Dr. L. Joelri Michael Raj delivered the vote of thanks, and the event concluded with the National Anthem.

The International Conference on “Biodiversity and Climate Change” (ICBCC-2025) was jointly organized by the Departments of Botany and Zoology at St. Xavier’s College, Palayamkottai, on February 13 and 14, 2025. Sponsored by the Tamil Nadu State Council for Science and Technology, the event commenced with a prayer song by the department choir. Dr. N. Vasanth, Organizing Secretary, delivered the welcome address and highlighted the conference’s objectives. Rev. Fr. Dr. Godwin Rufus S.J. felicitated the gathering. The abstract book of the conference (ISBN: 978-93-342-2495-5) was released, featuring 111 abstracts. Prof. T. Mariappan, Senior Scientist (Retd.), ICMR-VCRC, Madurai, delivered the keynote address on biodiversity conservation. The Chief Guest, Mr. M. Elango, Divisional Forest Officer, spoke on forest diversity and climate resilience. The conference featured renowned resource persons from various scientific domains, enriching discussions on biodiversity and climate change.

On February 19, 2025, a district-level stakeholder workshop on “Sea Turtle Conservation” was jointly organized by the Tamil Nadu Forest Department, EcoJesuit, Enviro Club, and the Departments of Botany and Zoology of St. Xavier’s College. Thiru. Akhil Thampi, IFS, delivered the welcome address, while Rev. Dr. Godwin Rufus SJ and Rev. Dr. G. Pushparaj SJ offered felicitations. Dr. N.O. Sukhaputra IAS was the chief guest, and seven expert lectures were delivered.

Intra-departmental competitions were held on March 12 and 13, 2025, under the themes BOTART-25, ECOBOT-25, and GENTECH-25. Competitions included botanical drawing, photography, and online quizzes on economic botany and biotechnology.

The valedictory ceremony of the association was held on March 18, 2025. Dr. V. Manimekalai,

Associate Professor and Head of the Department of Botany at Sri Parasakthi College for Women, Courtallam, delivered an enlightening valedictory address on “Fascinating Facts and Opportunities in Botany.” Winners of various intra-departmental competitions were awarded prizes and certificates. Dr. M. Joe Virgin Largia, Assistant Professor of Botany, served as the staff in charge of association activities throughout the academic year 2024-2025.

DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY

The inauguration of the Chemistry Association activities for the academic year 2024–25 was held on July 18, 2024. Our beloved principal, Rev. Dr. Godwin Rufus S.J., officially inaugurated the event and delivered the presidential address. The invited resource person was Dr. C. Isac Sobanaraj, Associate Professor, Department of Chemistry and Research, Nesamony Memorial Christian College, Marthandam.

A state-level “Cubane Science and Chemistry” quiz at the college level was organized on August 16, 2024. Ten teams participated in the general science quiz, and eight teams took part in the chemistry quiz. A state-level “Cubane Science and Chemistry” quiz at the school level was organized on August 17, 2024. Forty-five school teams competed in the general science quiz, while forty-three teams participated in the chemistry quiz. A special talk on “Interdisciplinary Research and Opportunities in Chemical Sciences” was organized on September 11, 2024. Dr. Ethirajan Sukumar, Former Dean of Research (Health Sciences), Saveetha Deemed University, Chennai, was the resource person. An interdisciplinary special lecture was conducted in collaboration with the Department of Criminology and Forensic Sciences on the topic “Forensic Chemistry: Analyzing Crime Scene Evidence” on September 26, 2024. Dr. S. Shilaja,

Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry, The Standard Fireworks Rajaratnam College, Sivakasi, was the resource person. A state-level intercollegiate chemistry festival, SYMPHORIA’24, was held on December 11, 2024, with seventy-three students from various colleges participating in different events. The overall trophy was won by SRF College, Sivakasi.

An alumni meet was conducted on January 20, 2025, with ten former students attending the event. An Industry-Academia Interaction Meet was held on January 24, 2025. Dr. R. Lakshminarayanan, Associate Vice-President, Corporate R&D Centre, HLL Lifecare Ltd., Thiruvananthapuram, and Mr. R. Ramar, Technical Advisor, Sri Lalitha Technical Consultancy Services, Chennai, were invited to address the students. They provided valuable insights into career opportunities in the pharmaceutical, food, and petrochemical industries. The Prof. P. G. Gnanazaj Endowment Lecture in honor of Retired Professor and Head of Department, Prof. Granaraj, was held on January 27, 2025. The event featured distinguished resource persons, including Dr. S. Shanmuga Sunderam (Retd.), Senior Principal Scientist, CSIR-Central Leather Research Institute; Dr. E. Mothi Paul, Associate Professor, Department of Chemistry, SRM Madurai College of Engineering and Technology, Sivakasi; and Dr. Kumaran, Principal Scientist, Agroprocessing and Technology Division, National Institute for Interdisciplinary Science and Technology, Tiruvananthapuram.

The International Conference on Futuristic Trends in Chemical Sciences for Health, Energy, and Environmental Sustainability (ICFTSC-2025) was conducted on February 20, 2025. Rev. Dr. S. Ignacimuthu, S.J., Director, Xavier Research Foundation, delivered the keynote address. The

resource persons were Prof. Rengaraj Selvaraj, Professor of Analytical and Environmental Chemistry, Sultan Qaboos University, Muscat, Sultanate of Oman, and Dr. T. Augustine Arul Prasad, Associate Professor, Department of Chemistry, D.G. Vaishnav College, Arumbakkam, Chennai. The conference featured both poster and oral presentations, with 177 students and scholars participating. Awards were presented for the best oral and poster presentations.

The **14th Chemistry Proficiency Examination (CPE-2025)** was conducted on March 2, 2025, for postgraduate chemistry students in association with the Prof. Rama Subbu Jaya Raman Foundation. Forty-three PG students from various colleges in Tirunelveli District participated. The valedictory function of the Chemistry Association was held on March 14, 2025. Dr. T. F. Abbs Fen Reji, Associate Professor, Department of Chemistry, Nesamony Memorial Christian College, Marthandam, was the invited resource person. The Xaverian Chem Quiz Series (XCQS) is conducted every month online. A. Anto Arockia Raj organizes this quiz through Google Forms. In this academic year, more than 800 participants have taken part and received e-certificates for their participation.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (SHIFT I)

The inaugural ceremony of the Commerce Association was held on July 19, 2024, at 11:30 A.M. in Fr. Lebeau Auditorium. Dr. K.S. Arockiasamy and Dr. P. Berline Kingsy introduced the office bearers of Shift I and II, followed by the oath-taking ceremony. The Secretaries of the Association presented the action plans for the year 2024-2025. CA M. Fatima Firdouz B.Sc, FCA, Chairperson of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, was the Chief Guest,

and Principal Rev. Fr. Godwin Rufus delivered the presidential address. The ceremony concluded with a welcome celebration for the juniors.

A workshop on Online Trading was conducted on August 20, 2024, to raise awareness about online trading platforms. Dr. S. David Appadurai presided over the program, and Rev. Fr. Godwin Rufus S.J. gave the inaugural address. Sessions on stock market operations and a live demonstration were led by Mr. V. Raghu and Mr. Rajeshwara Pandian, SEBI-registered research analysts, along with Dr. V. Paul Raj, Former Head and Associate Professor of Physics. Final-year UG and PG students, faculty, and others benefited from the workshop. An endowment lecture was organized in honor of Dr. Thomas Puthanveedan and Prof. Bernard Chandra on October 8, 2024, on the topic “Recent Trends in Business.” Mr. S. Harikrishnan from Tanishq Jewellery was the resource person. He addressed the evolving business landscape, emphasizing customer relationship management and adaptability in a competitive market. Final-year UG and PG students attended the lecture.

The PG & Research Department of Commerce, in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Logistics, organized the ‘Logistics Conclave’ on December 4, 2024, at Fr. Caussanel Hall. Rev. Dr. Godwin Rufus, S.J., Principal of St. Xavier’s College, presided over the event. Experts including Adv. (Capt.) V.J. Pushpakumar, Dr. Madhanagopal, and Ms. Ramya Peter Raj from the Indian Institute of Logistics provided insights into career opportunities, logistics functionalities, and international internships in Supply Chain Management. An endowment lecture in honor of Prof. A. Esau Joseph was held on December 16, 2024. Rev. Dr. Ignacimuthu, S.J., Rector, released the journals and magazine, while Rev. Fr. Godwin Rufus delivered the presidential address. Mr. K. Ayyanar,

Chartered Accountant and Co-Founder of Ayyanar& Co., delivered an inspiring speech on various aspects of Business Studies. A student exchange program was organized in January 2025 between 1st-year M.COM students of St. Xavier's College and Ayya Nadar Janaki Ammal College (ANJAC). Led by Dr. S. David Appadurai, Head of the Department of Commerce, the initiative aimed to promote academic collaboration, skill enhancement, and cultural exchange. From January 2 to 9, students from St. Xavier's College stayed at ANJAC, participating in academic classes, skill development sessions, and Pongal celebrations. An industrial visit to Bell Printers provided industry exposure. From January 19 to 25, ANJAC students visited St. Xavier's College, engaging in academic sessions, film analysis, cultural performances, and industrial visits to Kumaran Fishnet Industry and Green Wood in Kanyakumari district. The program concluded with a valedictory ceremony, marking a successful and memorable exchange experience.

The PG and Research Department of Commerce organized an endowment lecture in honor of Prof. Dr. Lourdes Poobala Rayen on February 13, 2025. The lecture, titled "Impact of Central Budget 2025-26 on Entrepreneurship," featured insights from Dr. Lourdes Poobala Rayen and Dr. Mathew Koshy of the Madras Institute of Development Studies, who discussed entrepreneurial opportunities under the Union Budget 2025-26. The entire department attended the session. An international conference on "E-Commerce Crimes and Digital Banking Frauds: Risks and Prevention Strategies" was jointly organized by the PG & Research Department of Commerce and the Department of Criminology & Forensic Science at St. Xavier's College on February 24-25, 2025, at Fr. Caussanel Hall. The conference addressed cybersecurity threats and banking fraud prevention,

bringing together experts from academia and industry. The inaugural session featured a keynote address by Prof. A. Bernard Chandra, followed by plenary sessions on cybersecurity and financial crime prevention. Research scholars presented papers on fraud detection, and Professor Mark Button delivered a special online keynote on global financial fraud. The conference concluded with a valedictory address by Rev. Dr. Godwin Rufus, S.J. Delegates from 20 colleges participated in this knowledge-sharing event.

A National Seminar on "Unlocking Business Opportunities and Overcoming Challenges in the Digital Era" was conducted on March 7, 2025, in collaboration with the Research Department of Commerce, Holy Cross College, Nagercoil. More than 300 students participated. Prof. K. Venugopal Rao, Vice Chancellor of Himalayan University, delivered the inaugural address. An MOU was signed for collaborative academic activities. Dr. D.H. Malini from Pondicherry University and Dr. R. Vara Prasad from SSGS Aided Degree College, Andhra Pradesh, were the resource persons for the technical sessions. The inter-collegiate Commerce Carnival was held on March 11, 2025, with around 200 students participating in various competitions. Actor and theatre artist Mr. Chandra Mohan and Mr. Venkataraman, Founder and Director of Tamil Echos Radio, were the Chief Guests. The valedictory function was presided over by Deputy Principal Dr. A. Lourdasamy, who honored the prize winners. Dr. K.S. Arockiasamy and Dr. T.U. Asma served as conveners.

An awareness program on "Training and Job Avenues in Logistics" was conducted on March 14, 2025, for final-year UG and PG students. Mr. M. Perinbaraj from JJ Logistics Consultancy and Training Services delivered an insightful session on job opportunities and training programs in logistics. An

orientation program on “Marketing Strategies for Small Entrepreneurs” was organized on March 18, 2025, for UG students. Mr. JFS Arun Kumar from JCI India provided an engaging presentation on online marketing strategies, social media branding, and audience engagement. Industrial visits were arranged as part of the academic curriculum. On September 20, 2024, I M.COM students visited the Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute in Tuticorin, gaining insights into marine research and conservation efforts. II M.COM students visited SDR Polymers Pvt. Ltd. on the same day, learning about polymer manufacturing, supply chain management, and company culture. On January 9, 2025, II M.COM students visited VOC Port, DBGT (Dakshin Bharat Gateway Terminal), Tuticorin, to study logistics and supply chain management.

The valedictory function of the Commerce Association was held on March 25, 2025, at Fr. Lebeau Auditorium. Rev. Fr. Dr. Godwin Rufus presided, and Dr. S. Kanchana, Head of the Department of Commerce at Sarah Tucker College, was the Chief Guest. The Secretaries of Shift I and II presented the annual report, and the second issue of “Xcom Blooms,” a biannual student magazine, was launched. The best student award, “Royal C,” was presented for excellence in academics and co-curricular activities.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (SHIFT II)

The inauguration of the Commerce Association for the academic year 2024-25 was held on July 19, 2024, at Fr. Lebeau Auditorium. The event was meticulously planned through the combined efforts of the Department of Commerce, Shift I and Shift II. CA. M. Fatima Firdouz, Chairperson of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, Tirunelveli, was the chief guest. The event commenced at 11:30 AM and concluded at 1:30 PM.

Dr. K. S. Arockia Samy, Association In-Charge (Shift I), and Dr. P. Berline Kingcy, Association In-Charge (Shift II), introduced the office bearers. Dr. S. David Appadurai, Head of the Department of Commerce, and Dr. K. Thanga Glara, Coordinator (Shift II), administered the oath, which was taken by the association members along with the class representatives. The inaugural address was delivered by the Principal, Rev. Fr. Dr. Godwin Rufus, S.J., followed by a felicitation speech by Dr. A. Lourdusamy, the Deputy Principal. On August 1, 2024, an orientation program on career guidance was conducted by the placement cell in collaboration with the Department of Commerce, Shift II, at Fr. Loyola Hall. The session featured Mr. Anand Pattabiraman, a Chartered Accountant, as the chief guest. He explored the dynamic opportunities at the intersection of commerce and technology, addressing the challenges professionals must overcome to thrive in the age of AI and Digital India. The session empowered students with insights into leveraging their commerce education in an increasingly digital world.

On December 17, 2024, a career guidance program on job-oriented professional courses, including Industrial Safety, Logistics and Shipping, Aviation, and Industry-Integrated Programs, was organized by the placement cell in association with the Department of Commerce, Shift II, at Fr. Loyola Hall. The chief guest, Dr. Mohamed A. Rizwan, CEO of ASET Group of Institutions, Tamil Nadu, provided final-year students with valuable insights into job opportunities. The session facilitated meaningful discussions, helping students explore various career paths. A pre-placement talk was held on January 23, 2025, in the MCA Hall for final-year Commerce B Sec students. In today’s fast-paced, technology-driven business environment, accounting and financial advisory firms are undergoing

significant transformations. The increasing reliance on digital tools, automation, and AI is reshaping how these firms operate, manage data, and provide services to clients. To remain competitive, firms must embrace technological advancements while upholding financial integrity, compliance, and client trust.

The Department of Commerce, Shift II, organized a guest lecture titled “Business Intelligence” on January 31, 2025, at 4:15 PM in Loyola Hall for third-year B.Com. students. The resource person, Mr. J. S. Sukumar, an Industry-Institute Interactive Consultant associated with I-Tech Academy, is renowned for his expertise in Red Hat Linux, Channel Sales, HR, and Business Process Management. He provided an in-depth overview of Business Intelligence (BI) and its significance in modern decision-making. Mr. Sukumar emphasized how organizations leverage data analytics to drive growth and efficiency, sharing practical applications and tools in BI. The interactive session allowed participants to discuss real-world challenges and explore BI-based solutions. This lecture reinforced the department’s commitment to equipping students with contemporary business knowledge, fostering innovation and learning. Another guest lecture, titled “Excel in Excel – A Smart Lookup Through AI,” was conducted on January 24, 2025, at 4:15 PM in Fr. Lebeau Auditorium. Dr. E. Sahaya Chithra, Assistant Professor in the Department of Artificial Intelligence at St. Xavier’s College (Autonomous), served as the resource person. With her expertise in AI and data handling, she provided an insightful overview of how Artificial Intelligence enhances efficiency in Microsoft Excel through smart lookup features. The session included practical demonstrations, highlighting the role of AI in simplifying complex data operations and improving decision-making capabilities. The lecture aimed to

enhance participants’ technical proficiency in Excel, a skill increasingly relevant across various professional domains. On February 14, 2025, a guest lecture on Digital Marketing was organized at Fr. Lebeau Auditorium. The session, led by Ms. Sugirtha, Operations Head at Feather Software and an expert in the field, provided students with valuable insights into evolving digital marketing strategies, tools, and industry trends.

A Business Quiz was held on February 19, 2025, designed to enhance students’ knowledge of business concepts, economic trends, and corporate affairs through an engaging and competitive format. The event was conducted under the guidance of Dr. A. Saleth Mary Vetriselvi, Assistant Professor from the PG and Research Department of Commerce at St. Mary’s College (Autonomous), Thoothukudi. On February 21, 2025, a Commerce Exhibition was held, providing students with an opportunity to showcase their innovative ideas, business models, and creative presentations on various commerce-related topics. The exhibition was judged by Dr. S. Prince Jebaraj, Assistant Professor in the PG & Research Department of Commerce at St. Xavier’s College, Palayamkottai. The event was a grand success, fostering creativity, teamwork, and entrepreneurial thinking among participants. The Department of Commerce, Shift II, expressed gratitude to the judge, faculty members, and students for their enthusiastic participation and efforts.

The Department of Commerce, Shifts I and II, jointly organized COMFEST 2025, an intercollegiate competition, on March 11, 2025. The event saw enthusiastic participation from various colleges, with 123 participants and 10 teams competing across multiple events. The grand inaugural function began with a prayer song and a vibrant welcome dance, followed by a welcome address. The ceremonial lighting

of the lamp symbolized the enlightenment of knowledge and wisdom. An audio-visual presentation introduced the esteemed chief guests, adding an element of inspiration. The Student Secretary of the Commerce Association eloquently presented the dynamics of COMFEST 2025, highlighting its significance. The Principal, Rev. Fr. Dr. Godwin Rufus, S.J., delivered the Presidential Address, emphasizing the role of such competitions in fostering academic excellence and professional development. A significant moment was the unveiling of the COMFEST 2025 logo, prominently displayed on stage. The Principal formally declared the event open, followed by a ceremonial drumbeat by the chief guests to mark the festive commencement.

The event was graced by two distinguished alumni as chief guests:

1. Mr. Chandra Mohan – Actor, Theatre Artist, and an illustrious alumnus.
2. Mr. M. Venkatraman – Founder & Director of Tamil Echos Radio.

The event concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to the organizers, participants, faculty members, and sponsors. The day ended with the National Anthem, marking the conclusion of a memorable and enriching event. COMFEST 2025 stood as a testament to the spirit of competition, learning, and camaraderie, leaving a lasting impact on all attendees.

On March 13, 2025, an awareness program on “Mental Health Awareness and Drug Addiction” was held at 4:15 PM in Loyola Hall. Dr. Tamil Sundar, a psychologist and founder of the South Indian Mental Health Service, served as the resource person. He emphasized the importance of mental health and the harmful effects of drug abuse, offering practical tips

for stress management and addiction prevention. The session was highly informative and well-received by students and staff.

DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE (SHIFT I)

The Computer Science Association, XTHEOS, was inaugurated on July 29, 2024. Rev. Fr. Principal presided over the function. Mr. Godwin Raja, Business Head at AK InfoPark, Nagercoil, was the chief guest and delivered a lecture on “Internet Technologies.”

A one-day workshop on “The Latest Trends in Mobile Application Development” was conducted on August 5, 2024, with Mr. Sabari Raj, System Engineer at Peace Soft Technologies, as the resource person. On August 28, 2024, a seminar on “Mobile App Development” was conducted by Mr. Raja Murugan from Zwork Technologies, Tiruchirapalli. On September 23, 2024, a National Conference on “Prospects and Challenges in Disruptive Technologies” was organized. Dr. D. Kokilavani, Professor in the Department of Computer Science at Christ Deemed to be University, Bangalore, and Mr. M. Michael Packiyaraj, Manager of Experience Engineering & Technical Architecture, Bangalore, were the resource persons. An Alumni Meet was held on September 28, 2024, with over fifty alumni members from various batches participating.

A one-day seminar on “The Future of AI in Software Development and Society” was organized on January 9, 2025, with Mr. P. Sivaguru Srinivas, CEO of Athena AI and Alpha Business Solutions Pvt. Ltd., as the resource person. Our students participated in the interdepartmental Pongal competition held on January 13, 2025, and won first prize in the Rangoli competition. Additionally, they secured second prize

in Tech Mime and Web Design at the Inter-Collegiate Tech Meet held at Adithanar College, Tiruchendur, on January 30, 2025. A state-level intercollegiate tech meet, XPASO'25, was held on February 18, 2025, with around 250 students from various colleges participating in six different events. Dr. A. Suruliandi, Professor in the Department of Computer Science at Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli, was the chief guest.

Our students won first prize in the interdepartmental football competition held on February 24, 2025. The Association Valedictory Function was conducted on March 10, 2025, with Mr. P. Sivaguru Srinivas, CEO of Althena AI and Alpha Business Solutions Pvt. Ltd., as the chief guest. On the same day, an MoU was signed.

DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE (SHIFT II)

The Xaverian Association of Computer Science (XACS) formulated an action plan that encompassed a diverse array of events, including twelve competitions, two orientations, one training program, nine career guidance programs, three motivation programs, one debate, two awareness programs, five quiz series, two compassion events, one national-level conference, one state-level technical symposium—XPASO'25, one alumni meet, and an industry visit for final-year UG and PG students. According to the action plan, a wide range of activities was successfully executed. XACS also facilitated and trained students to participate in eight intercollegiate technical symposiums, three workshops, and one seminar.

A Project Orientation for final-year students was organized by the CSE Software Development Forum on 12.07.2024, featuring Mr. B. Alex Raj, a freelance UI/UX and graphics designer, as the resource

person. Thirteen students from the department participated in a state-level workshop on “AI-Powered Academic Integrity Tools” on 24.07.2024, organized by Rose Mary College of Arts and Science, Tirunelveli. XACS conducted a Digital Poster Competition in observance of World Nature Conservation Day on 28.07.2024 and an AI Image Generation Competition commemorating International Tiger Day on 29.07.2024. The Association Inauguration took place on 29.07.2024. The John McCarthy CSE Quiz Club hosted the Technical Quiz Series-I on Python Programming on 31.07.2024. A training program on AWS was conducted by XACS on 06.08.2024, with Mr. Yasharth Singh, CO, HIRE3X, Bengaluru, Karnataka, as the resource person. The Steve Jobs CSE Fine Arts Forum organized a Tamil and English Poem Writing Competition on 07.08.2024.

The Alan Turing CSE Placement Forum conducted an Aptitude Test Level-1 on 13.08.2024. XACS hosted the International Youth Day Special Tech Talk Shorts Competition on 12.08.2024. A career guidance program on “Exploring Opportunities in TCS and the IT Sector” was held on 15.08.2024, featuring Mr. S. Anantha Narayanan, System Engineer, TCS, Chennai. The Charles Babbage CSE Men's Forum organized a Photography Competition on 19.08.2024 to observe World Photography Day. Twenty students participated in the state-level technical symposium iStorm-24 on 06.09.2024 at Sarah Tucker College, Perumalpuram, securing the Overall Winner title. The Alan Turing CSE Placement Forum conducted Aptitude Test Level-2 on 09.09.2024. XACS organized a career guidance seminar on “Unlocking Opportunities: Skill Development for the Future” on 11.09.2024, featuring Mrs. Sowjanya Dharmasankar, Director, Job Skills Development Center, and Visiting Faculty at Northern Illinois University, USA.

Additional events included a Pencil Sketching Competition by the Steve Jobs CSE Fine Arts Forum on 20.08.2024, Technical Quiz Series-II by the John McCarthy CSE Quiz Club on 31.08.2024, a compassionate event distributing 40 food packets around South Bazaar by the CSE Good Samaritan Forum on 06.09.2024, and an Origami Competition hosted by the Steve Jobs CSE Fine Arts Forum on 23.09.2024. XACS also held a Book Cover Designing Competition on 27.09.2024, and the Technical Quiz Series-III was conducted on 28.09.2024. The Department Alumni Chapter Meeting took place on 28.09.2024.

Several awareness programs were organized, including “United Against Addiction: Building a Bright Future” by the Charles Babbage CSE Men’s Forum on 30.09.2024, featuring Mrs. P. Jeyalakshmi, Inspector of Police, All Women Police Station, Palayamkottai, and “Holistic Health for Women” by the Ada Lovelace CSE Women’s Forum on 30.09.2024, led by Dr. J. Merrylin, Assistant Professor, Department of Nutrition and Dietetics, Sadakathullah Appa College, Tirunelveli. XACS successfully facilitated student participation in national and intercollegiate symposiums, including teQfest-24, where sixteen students won the Overall Winner Trophy on 08.10.2024, and Tech-Rumble-25, where eight students won prizes in two competitions on 31.01.2025. The Charles Babbage CSE Men’s Forum conducted an AI Video Generation Competition on 02.12.2024. The National Conference on Prospects and Challenges in Disruptive Technologies (NCPCDT-2024) was held on 06.12.2024, featuring distinguished speakers from Christ (Deemed to be University), Bangalore, and Experience Engineering, Bangalore.

An industry visit for sixty-five final-year UG and PG students, accompanied by three staff members, took place at NestSoft, Infopark, Kochi, on 07.02.2025.

Four students presented papers at the National Level Seminar organized by St. Xavier’s College of Education on 14.02.2025 and 15.02.2025. The state-level technical symposium XPASO’25 was successfully conducted on 18.02.2025. The academic year concluded with a series of culminating events, including the “Celebration of Excellence: Motivation to Success” on 26.02.2025 and the Association Valediction on 10.03.2025, with Mr. Sivaguru Srinivas P, CTO of Althena AI, Inc., Alpha Business Solutions Pvt. Ltd., and CEO of Talento Academy, as the Chief Guest. During the valedictory program, the Department Activities Report 2024-25, Event Diary 2024-25, Department Magazine 2024-25, Blog Magazine 2024-25, and She Speaks Magazine 2024-25 were released. In conclusion, the Xaverian Association of Computer Science (XACS) and CSE Forums successfully implemented a comprehensive action plan, equipping students with knowledge, confidence, and expertise to excel in the ever-evolving digital landscape.

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

The Department of Economics at St. Xavier’s College, Palayamkottai, proudly inaugurated its Economics Association on 26.07.2024. The association aims to foster economic knowledge, critical thinking, and research skills among students while encouraging discussions on national and global economic issues. The inaugural event was held at Fr. Caussanel Hall and commenced at 11:30 a.m. The program began with a prayer, followed by a welcome address by Dr. S. Sasikumar, Head of the Economics Department. Dr. P. Shenbagaraj, Assistant Professor and Economics Association In-Charge (Shift-I), introduced the Chief Guest.

The Chief Guest for the event was Dr. G. Monikanda Prasad, Assistant Professor and Head (i/c) at Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Abishekapatti, Tirunelveli - 627012. In his keynote address, he emphasized

the role of students in shaping future economic discourse. His speech provided valuable insights into the challenges and opportunities faced by young economists today. The event concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Dr. M. Anto Soniya, Economics Association In-Charge (Shift-II), who expressed gratitude to the faculty, guests, and students for their support and participation. The inauguration marked the beginning of a new journey for the Economics Association, with a vision to inspire students, deepen their understanding of economics, and prepare them for the challenges of an ever-changing global economy.

The Rev. Fr. K.A. Soosai S.J. Endowment Lecture series is a significant initiative by the Economics Association, aimed at bringing together students, faculty, and experts to discuss key economic issues. This year's lecture focused on "Climate Change: Impacts and Solutions," a topic of great relevance in today's economic landscape. Dr. S. Sasikumar introduced the theme of the Endowment. The lecture was delivered by Dr. A. Seetharaman, Head and Associate Professor of the PG and Research Department of Economics, The M.D.T Hindu College, Tirunelveli-10, a renowned expert in Environmental Economics.

Following the lecture, a highly engaging question-and-answer session allowed students and faculty to interact directly with the guest speaker. Dr. A. Seetharaman's thoughtful responses added depth to the discussion. The Endowment Lecture was a resounding success, with active participation from students and faculty. It provided an excellent opportunity for students to engage with critical economic issues and gain a deeper understanding of their complexities. The lecture is expected to inspire further discussions and research within the college community. The Rev. Fr. Oswald Mathias, S.J. Endowment Lecture on "The Dynamics of Public Debt: A Comparative Insight into India and Tamil Nadu" was held on 09.01.2025. The Chief Guest for the event was Dr. M. Chelladurai, Head and Associate Professor of Economics. Dr. S. Sasikumar introduced the

theme of the Endowment. Dr. Chelladurai provided a statistical analysis of central and state debt management, highlighting the importance of responsible debt management, fiscal discipline, and innovative revenue strategies to ensure long-term economic sustainability. He emphasized that a balanced approach would enable both India and Tamil Nadu to continue their growth trajectory while maintaining financial stability. The Prof. C. Michael Pro Endowment Lecture on "An Analysis of the Central Budget 2025-26" was held on 13.02.2025. Dr. S. Sasikumar introduced the theme of the Endowment.

Rev. Dr. Michael John, Director of XIBA, addressed students about the significance of the budget and its impact on households and society. Rev. Fr. Dr. Rufus presided over the event. The Chief Guest, Dr. Mathew Koshy, Senior Research Associate at the Tamil Nadu Household Panel Survey, Madras Institute of Development Studies (MIDS), Adyar, Chennai-20, shared his insights and technical knowledge about the Union Budget 2025-26. The session highlighted sector-wise allocations for 2024-25 and their achievements. The Rev. Fr. Dr. Alphons Manickam, S.J. Endowment Lecture was held on 07.03.2025. Rev. Fr. Dr. Rufus presided over the event with an inspiring speech on empowering individuals in society.

Dr. S. Sasikumar introduced the theme of the Endowment. The Chief Guest, Prof. P.J. Pandian, Former Associate Professor and Head of Tamil at St. Xavier's College, Palayamkottai-02, delivered a lecture on "Empowering Youth in Socio-Economic Dimensions." In his speech, Prof. Pandian emphasized three key issues that youth must avoid: caste and gender discrimination, the improper use of technology (such as mobile phones), and substance abuse, including drugs and alcohol. The Patron of the Endowment, Rev. Fr. Dr. Alphons Manickam, attended the program and felicitated the event, highlighting his remarkable achievements in the department and college.

The Valedictory function of the Economics Association 2024-2025 was held on 12.03.2025. During the event, prize winners and achievers from the department and intra-departmental competitions were honored. The office bearers were also recognized for their contributions. Rev. Fr. Dr. Godwin Rufus, S.J., graced the function with words of appreciation for the Economics Association's activities throughout the academic year 2024-25. Dr. P. Shenbagaraj and Dr. M. Anto Soniya served as Staff In-Charge for the association's activities throughout the academic year 2024-2025. The Economics Association continues to foster a dynamic learning environment, encouraging students to deepen their understanding of economic issues and actively participate in meaningful discussions and research.

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH (SHIFT I)

The activities of the Society of Young Poets and Writers (SYPAW), the Literary Association of the Department of English, for the academic year 2024-25 commenced with an inauguration on 30th July 2024. Rev. Dr. Godwin Rufus S.J., the Principal, delivered the inaugural address. Dr. R. Princee, the Head of the Department, spoke on the significance of SYPAW activities in shaping the holistic development of students. The Deputy Principal, Dr. A. Lourdusamy, felicitated the gathering. The Chief Guest, Dr. S. Mohamed Haneef, Associate Professor and Head of the Department of English, Sadakathullah Appa College, Tirunelveli, delivered a lecture on "Graduate Attributes." The SYPAW secretary, Ms. S. Asna Habiba (22UEN114) of III B.A. English, presented the plan of activities for the year. Additionally, Ms. S. Aqila Banu (22UEN111) of III B.A. English shared her experiences, while Ms. M. A. Maridzia Adani (24UEN176) of I B.A. English expressed her expectations. The program concluded with a warm welcome for the freshers by the senior students.

A Career Orientation Programme for English Literature students was organized on 11th September 2024. Mr. Maheshwaran, Director of "Enlight Career Course," Kovilpatti, delivered a session on "Awareness on Government Employment Opportunities for English Literature Students." Dr. Siva Rama Krishnan, Assistant Professor of English, Rani Anna Government College for Women, Tirunelveli, spoke on "Awareness on Cracking NET, SET Exams and Higher Education Opportunities for English Literature Students." The event also featured a literary dance and three mono-act performances by students. Another Career Orientation Programme was conducted on 24th January 2025, where a team from Feather Softwares, Nagercoil, provided an "Orientation on Content Writing."

Three Endowment Lectures were held during the academic year. The Dr. V. S. Joseph Albert Endowment Lecture took place on 11th December 2024, with Dr. T. S. Alagiyanayagi, Associate Professor of English, Rani Anna Government College for Women, Tirunelveli, speaking on "Feminism: Confronting Challenges and Contradictions." The Dr. V. John Endowment Lecture was held on 12th February 2025, featuring Capt. Dr. Syed Ali Bhadhusa, Assistant Professor and Associate NCC Officer, Sadakathullah Appa College, Tirunelveli, who spoke on "Semantics and Semiotics in English and Tamil Translation." The Rev. Dr. V. Gilbert Camillus S.J. Endowment Lecture was delivered on 14th February 2025 by Dr. K. Sathya Sai, Associate Professor of English, Sri Meenakshi Government Arts College for Women, Madurai, on "Inscape: Exploring the Inward Reality of Literary Texts."

OLYMPUS, the intercollegiate competition of the Department of English, was held on 8th January 2025. The theme for the year was "Celebrating the Fantastic and Supernatural in Literature." A total of

180 students from 12 colleges participated in various competitions, including Shipwreck, Essay Writing, Pen a Poem, Spin a Tale, Sketch a Scene, Literary Skit, Rewrite the Stars, Literary Quiz, and Literary Dance. St. Mary's College, Thoothukudi, won the Overall Championship, while the Runner-up trophy was awarded to Lady Doak College (SF), Madurai.

SYPAW also organized various intra-departmental competitions. The Dr. JPJ Endowment Essay Writing and Poetry Writing Competitions were conducted on 16th October 2025. The winners of the Essay Writing Competition were Ms. S. Aqila Banu (22UEN111) - I Prize, Ms. E. Sakthi Narmadha (22UEN112) - II Prize, and Ms. S. Asna Habiba (22UEN114) - III Prize. The winners of the Poetry Writing Competition were Mr. S. Prithvijith (24UEN177) - I Prize, Mr. W. Farrington Samuel (24UEN114) - II Prize, and Ms. G. E. Leefany (23UEN103) - III Prize. Cash prizes of Rs. 700, Rs. 500, and Rs. 300 were awarded to the first, second, and third prize winners, respectively.

On 21st February 2025, Pencil Sketching and Painting Competitions were conducted. The winners of the Pencil Sketching Competition were Ms. U. Kirthika (22UEN173) - I Prize, Ms. B. Bavatharni (23UEN163) - II Prize, and Ms. P. Mercy Soundariya (22UEN103) - III Prize. The winners of the Painting Competition were Ms. S. Meena Kumari (23UEN107) - I Prize, Ms. Y. Dolly Encelata (23UEN102) - II Prize, and Mr. C. Jesu Nivish (23UEN161) - III Prize. Mono Acting and Extempore Competitions were held on 24th February 2025. The winners of the Mono Acting Competition were Ms. A. Reni Epsiba (22UEN167) - I Prize, Ms. S. Aqila Banu (22UEN111) - II Prize, and Ms. S. Meenakumari (23UEN107) - III Prize. The winners of the Extempore Competition were Ms. S. Aqila Banu (22UEN111) - I Prize, Ms. E. Sakthi

Narmada (22UEN112) - II Prize, and Ms. S. Meena Kumari (23UEN107) - III Prize. The Spin a Tale Competition was also held on the same day, with Ms. S. Sobi Atchaya (23UEN112), Ms. J. Joyce Packiyavathi (22UEN129), and Mr. W. Farrington Samuel (24UEN114) securing the top three positions.

A college-level Paper Presentation Competition on "Portrayal of Women in 21st Century Literature and Media" was jointly organized by SYPAW and the Centre for Women's Studies, St. Xavier's College, on 20th February 2025. The resource person, Dr. K. Hema, Assistant Professor of English, Sadakathullah Appa College, Tirunelveli, delivered a talk on "Threads of Change: Women in the Humanities." Three parallel paper presentation sessions were conducted, with two prizes awarded in each session. First prizes were won by Ms. S. Aqila Banu (22UEN111), Ms. S. Jenisha Evangeline (23UEN104), and Ms. A. Manisha Rajalakshmi (22UCC558), while second prizes went to Mr. A. J. Infant Paul Renato (22UEN171), Ms. S. Sobi Atchaya (23UEN112), and Ms. Nivashini (24PEN506).

Students of the Department of English actively participated in various intercollegiate competitions, including PHOENIX'24 at V.O. Chidambaram College, Thoothukudi, on 27th September 2024; RACLIT'24 at Rani Anna College for Women on 4th October 2024; and ZEPHYRA'25 at Aditanar College, Tiruchendur, on 19th February 2025. The department won the Overall Championship at PHOENIX'24 with a cash prize of Rs. 10,000 and the Overall Championship at RACLIT'24.

'Meraki,' the department blog, was revived this year as a platform for students to showcase their creative abilities. It has been linked to the college website for public access.

The activities of SYPAW concluded with a valedictory function on 14th March 2025. The annual magazine of the Department of English, “Zephyr ‘25,” was released by Rev. Dr. Godwin Rufus S.J., the Principal, and Dr. R. Princee, the Head of the Department. Prize winners were honored with mementos, certificates, and cash prizes. The juniors organized a farewell event for the outgoing seniors, which included a play. The staff-in-charge of SYPAW for Shift I in 2024-25 was Ms. M. Adeline Udhaya Theresa.

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH (SHIFT II)

The Department of English at St. Xavier’s College (Autonomous), Palayamkottai, actively engaged in various academic and literary initiatives during the academic year 2024-2025. These activities enriched students’ literary knowledge, research skills, and creative expression.

The Society of Young Poets and Writers (SYPAW) was inaugurated on 30th July 2024. The event was presided over by Rev. Fr. Dr. Godwin Rufus, S.J., Principal, who delivered the inaugural address. The Chief Guest, Dr. S. Mohamad Haneef, Head of the Department of English at Sadakathullah Appa College, emphasized the transformative role of literature in shaping society. Dr. A. Lourdusamy, Deputy Principal, felicitated the gathering. The association was coordinated by faculty members Mr. T. Mathivanan and Ms. S. Meena for the academic year.

Postgraduate students of the department participated in the international conference Global Voices: Innovations in Linguistics and Literature, jointly organized by St. John’s College of Arts and Science, Ammandivilai, and Virudhunagar Hindu Nadars’ Senthilkumara Nadar College, Virudhunagar, on 6th September 2024. Forty students attended the

conference, with twenty-eight presenting research papers.

On 23rd September 2024, the Literary Association organized a guest lecture on Thematology in Comparative Literature, featuring Dr. V. S. Joseph Albert, former Head of the Department and Deputy Principal of St. Xavier’s College, as the resource person. Dr. Albert provided insights into the evolution of themes across cultures and historical periods, emphasizing the importance of comparative literary analysis.

On 25th September 2024, postgraduate students attended a state-level seminar on Recent Trends in Subaltern Literature at Don Bosco Arts and Science College, Keela Eral. Forty-five students actively participated and presented their research papers. Additionally, twenty-eight students contributed to the seminar proceedings, furthering academic discourse on subaltern studies.

Students from the department secured several prizes in RACLIT, an intercollegiate literary competition conducted by Rani Anna Government College for Women on 4th October 2024. In the Quiz Competition, Nathera (23PEN527) and Anu Priyadharshini (23PEN514) secured second place. In Face Painting, Priyadharshini (23PEN623) and Roselin Jenita Mary (23PEN613) won third place. In Rock and Roll, Ferril (23PEN505), RexlinSmeka (23PEN516), Akshal Jeni Princiya (23PEN508), Maha Dharshini (23PEN526), Anuciya (23UEN513), Joshna Reashmi (23UEN556), and Indira Ananthi (24UEN525) secured third place.

The Research Department of English at St. Xavier’s College, in collaboration with Mother Teresa Women’s University, organized an international conference titled Urban Voices and Rural Whispers:

Spatial Dialectics in Global Narratives on 6th and 7th December 2024. The conference featured distinguished speakers, including Dr. S. Armstrong, Dr. T. Marx, and Dr. Gunjan Jain, who explored topics such as urbanization's impact on narratives, eco-consciousness in folklore, and language education. Twenty-two postgraduate students participated and presented papers.

On 24th January 2025, the department collaborated with Feather Technologies to conduct an orientation program on Job Opportunities in the IT Sector through Content Writing. Ms. Sugirtha, Operational Manager, and Ms. Brindha, Content Writer, served as resource persons, guiding students on career prospects in content writing and addressing their queries.

To nurture creativity and language skills, SYPAW conducted various competitions throughout the academic year, including Poetry Writing, Essay Writing, Book Review, and Elocution. Additional contests such as Pencil Sketching, Solo Singing, and Mono Acting showcased students' performing skills and artistic talents. Eighty students actively participated in these events.

The department organized OLYMPUS 2025, an intercollegiate literary competition, on 8th January 2025. Themed Celebrating the Fantastic and Supernatural in Literature, the event featured contests such as Shipwreck, Essay Writing, Pen a Poem, Spin a Tale, Sketch a Scene, Literary Skit, Rewrite the Stars, Literary Quiz, and Literary Dance. One hundred eighty students from twelve colleges participated, with St. Mary's College, Thoothukudi, emerging as winners and Lady Doak College (SF) securing the runner-up position.

On 13th February 2025, the department hosted the Mr. Anton Yoganathan Endowment Lecture at Fr. Lebeau Auditorium. Dr. Kanna Muthiah, Assistant Professor at Sadakathullah Appa College, delivered a lecture titled Laughing Matters: Wit and Humour in the Stories of Jerome K. Jerome and Bakkiyam Ramasamy. She analyzed the role of humor in literature as a storytelling and social critique tool. The event also featured poetry recitations, book reviews, a musical performance, speeches, and a mono act. The program concluded with a prize distribution ceremony and a vote of thanks.

The valedictory function of the Society of Young Poets and Writers was held on 14th March 2025. The event was presided over by Rev. Fr. Dr. Godwin Rufus, S.J., Principal, who delivered the inaugural address. A highlight of the occasion was the release of the department magazine, showcasing the literary contributions of students. The felicitation address was delivered by Dr. A. Lourdusamy, Deputy Principal. The event served as a fitting conclusion to a year of creative endeavors, celebrating the achievements of the society's members.

The Department of English at St. Xavier's College remains committed to fostering literary scholarship, research, and creative engagement among students. Through academic conferences, literary competitions, and industry-oriented programs, the department continues to provide a vibrant platform for intellectual and artistic growth.

DEPARTMENT OF FOLKLORE

The Association of the PG & Research Department of Folklore, ManavarManram, was inaugurated on July 25, 2024. Rev. Dr. Godwin Rufus, S.J., Principal of SXC, presided over the inaugural event. Dr. Samuel Asir Raj, Former Professor & Head,

Department of Sociology, Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli, delivered the inaugural talk on “Modernity, Popular Culture, and Consumerism.”

The second meeting of ManavarManram was convened on August 7, 2024. A Malayalam documentary film, *Thiraikuthu* (Theatre by the Sea, 60 minutes), was screened. The director of the documentary, Mr. K. Ramachandran, Founder–Director of Keli, Mumbai, interacted with the participants. In the third meeting of ManavarManram, held on September 6, 2024, Ms. P. Anzanai, a second-year MA student, reviewed the book *Fluid Signs: Being a Person the Tamil Way* by E. Valentine Daniel. Additionally, she reviewed the novel *KopallaKiramam* by Ki. Rajanarayanan during the fourth meeting on December 17, 2024.

The fifth meeting was conducted as an interactive session with Mr. Raju Rao, a renowned puppeteer from Konkanthanparai, Tirunelveli, on January 1, 2025. Dr. M. Arivalagan, Assistant Professor, Department of Folklore, SXC, coordinated the interaction, while Dr. J. Joseph Antony Raj introduced the artist to the participants. During the sixth meeting, held on February 24, 2025, Ms. M. Indhumathi, an alumna and freelancer with Vitakan Digital Team, Chennai, engaged with students about her new poetry collection, *UkkiraKavuchi*.

The valedictory function of ManavarManram is planned for March 12, 2025. Dr. V. Manickam, Former Associate Professor, Department of Tamil, St. John’s College, Palayamkottai, will deliver the valedictory address. Dr. M. Arivalagan, staff-in-charge of ManavarManram, will present the association’s report. Ms. P. Anzanai, a second-year MA student and Secretary of the Association, will serve as the master of ceremonies for the event.

The PG & Research Department of Folklore & FRRC, SXC, organized a Workshop on Folkloristics in collaboration with MSU Colleges in Nagampatti, Thisaiyanvilai, and Govindaperi on September 12, 2024. Dr. V. Ramadas, Principal of MSU College, Nagampatti, presided over the inaugural ceremony. Dr. A. Dhananjayan, Former Associate Professor & Head, Department of Folklore, delivered the keynote address on the theme *Nattar Vazhakariyal Pulamum Karutthankankulum*. Faculty members of the Department of Folklore—Dr. J. Joseph Antony Raj, Dr. M. Peter Arockiaraj, Dr. S. Karmegam, and Dr. M. Arivalagan—served as resource persons, along with Dr. S. Navaneethakrishnan, Assistant Professor, Department of Tamil, MSU College, Govindaperi. Dr. M. Arivalagan and Dr. R. Sethuraman, Assistant Professor, Department of Tamil, MSU College, Nagampatti, coordinated the event.

The PG & Research Department of Folklore & FRRC, SXC, organized a Divisional Level Folk Arts Festival in collaboration with the South Zone Cultural Center, Thanjavur (Ministry of Culture, Government of India, New Delhi), on January 10, 2025. Rev. Fr. S. Ignacimuthu, S.J., Rector of SXC, presided over the function, while Rev. Fr. G. Pushparaj, S.J., Secretary of SXC, Rev. Fr. Godwin Rufus, S.J., Principal of SXC, and Rev. Fr. Xavier J. Fredrick, S.J., Director of FRRC, felicitated the event. Mr. S. Srinivasan, Administrative Officer, South Zone Cultural Center, Thanjavur, served as the guest of honor. The festival featured *Villuppattu* by eminent artist Mr. Thangamani of Subaragam Villisaikuzhu, Nagercoil; *Tholpavaikuthu* by renowned puppeteer Mr. Muthukumar of KalaivanarThorpavaikuthu, Thovalai, Kanyakumari District; and *Therukuthu* by a distinguished performance troupe. Dr. N. Ramachandran, Former Director of FRRC, delivered the inaugural address,

while Dr. M. Peter Arockiaraj, Assistant Professor & Convener, Department of Folklore, SXC, delivered the vote of thanks.

The PG & Research Department of Folklore & FRRC, SXC, organized the Prof. Tho. Paramasivan Memorial Lecture on February 18, 2025. Dr. Bhakthavatsala Bharathy, Former Director & Professor, Pondicherry Institute of Linguistics & Culture, Puducherry, delivered the lecture on the theme Perasiriyar Tho. Pa. vin SudesiKotpatukal. Dr. S. Karmegam, Assistant Professor & Head, Department of Folklore, SXC, welcomed the gathering, while Dr. J. Joseph Antony Raj, Assistant Professor, Department of Folklore, SXC, gave the vote of thanks.

The PG & Research Department of Folklore & FRRC, SXC, organized Dr. S.D. Lourdu Endowment Lectures for the academic years 2021–2022 and 2022–2023 on February 19, 2025. Rev. Fr. S. Ignacimuthu, S.J., Rector of SXC, presided over the function. The monograph PanpattuOrunkinaivu: Theiva PeyarkalilPanpattuAtaiyalankal by N. Navaneetha krishnan (2021–2022) and Nattar Vazhakkariyal ThuraikkuPerasiriyar De. Lourdu AvarkalinPankalippu by Aru. Ramanathan (2022–2023) were released. Dr. S. Gunasekaran and Prof. Aru. Ramanathan delivered the endowment lectures.

On February 16, 2025, the PG & Research Department of Folklore & FRRC, SXC, organized an interaction with Dr. T. Sanathanan, an eminent artist and Chair Professor in Art History, Department of Fine Arts, University of Jaffna, Sri Lanka. His talk focused on his book Migrated Styles / Connected Histories: Murals in Jaffna. Dr. S. Karmegam welcomed the gathering, while Dr. M. Arivalagan gave the vote of thanks.

- Na. Va. KarkaiVattam: In association with FRRC, ten events were organized.
- Ki. Ra. Kathai Solli Koottam: Seven storytelling events were conducted in collaboration with FRRC.
- DoF Film Club: Three films were screened as part of this academic year's activities.

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS

(SHIFT I)

The Mathematics Association successfully organized a series of academic events, workshops, and lectures throughout the academic year 2024–2025. These initiatives aimed to enhance students' mathematical knowledge, problem-solving skills, and career readiness. Below is a detailed account of the key events conducted. The activities of the Mathematics Association for the academic year 2024–25 were inaugurated by our Principal, Rev. Fr. Dr. Godwin Rufus S.J., on 25th July 2024. Dr. A. Selvam, Associate Professor of Mathematics at Virudhunagar Hindu Nadar Senthikumara Nadar College, graced the occasion as the chief guest and delivered an insightful lecture on “Enlightening Behavior of Mathematics.” The event saw the enthusiastic participation of 275 students.

The International Conference on Graphs from Algebraic Structures (ICGA 2024) took place on 11th and 12th September 2024. This conference featured eminent speakers, Dr. T. Tamizh Chelvam (CSIR Emeritus Scientist, Former Senior Professor of Manonmaniam Sundaranar University), Dr. M. R. Pournaki (Professor, Sharif University of Technology, Tehran, Iran), Dr. T. Asir (Associate Professor, Pondicherry University), and Dr. T. Kavaskar (Assistant Professor, Central University of Tamil Nadu). A total

of 133 participants attended, making the conference a grand success. On 20th September 2024, students of II M.Sc. Mathematics and III B.Sc. Mathematics, accompanied by Dr. Y. Therese Sunitha Mary and Mr. P. Daniel, went on a one-day educational tour to Trivandrum Planetarium. Students gained practical knowledge about astronomy and its mathematical applications.

On 9th October 2024, the association conducted a seminar on “The Future of Mathematics: Trends and Challenges,” where 23 students participated in discussions about emerging areas in Mathematics. On the same day, another event entitled “The Impact of Mathematics on Modern Science” was organized, benefiting 41 participants. A session on “Research Advances on Domination in Graph Theory” was held on 10th October 2024, where 52 students engaged in discussions on this specialized topic. On 6th December 2024, a motivational session on “Fostering a Growth Mindset” was conducted to help students develop resilience and a positive approach to learning. The event was attended by 41 students.

A special talk on “Learning Techniques for Skill Development” was conducted on 11th December 2024, with 43 students gaining insights into effective learning strategies. On 17th December 2024, the event “The Silent Architects of Algebraic Theories” was conducted to explore the foundational role of sets in mathematical structures. This session was attended by 43 students.

A session on “Successive Mixing: Applications in Daily Life” was held on 18th December 2024, with 48 students learning about practical applications of mathematical mixing concepts. The National Workshop on MATH EXPO 2025 – National Mathematics Day Celebration was held on 10th January 2025 and received an overwhelming response. A total

of 1404 students participated, including 1090 students from 19 schools and 314 students from 9 colleges across Tirunelveli, Thoothukudi, and Tenkasi Districts. The event featured various mathematical activities and exhibitions.

The Math Fest 2025 – Inter-Collegiate UG Competition was held on 22nd January 2025. Dr. A. Vinoth, Assistant Professor of Mathematics at SXC, served as the Quiz Master. The event saw 95 participants from 9 different colleges, with Gandhigram Rural Institute, Dindigul, securing the overall championship. The Rev. Dr. A. Antonysamy Golden Jubilee Endowment Lecture was conducted on 27th January 2025. The invited speaker, Dr. R. Sundareswaran, Associate Professor of Mathematics at SSN College of Engineering, Kalavakkam, delivered a talk on “Vulnerability Parameters in Graphs.” A total of 92 students participated and gained valuable insights.

A seminar on “Mastering Communication and Soft Skills for a Dynamic World” was held on 10th February 2025, with 125 students participating. Dr. R. Princy, Head and Associate Professor of English at St. Xavier’s College, Palayamkottai, graced the occasion as the chief guest and delivered an insightful lecture. This session aimed to improve students’ interpersonal and professional communication skills. A movie screening of “The Genius Who Knew Infinity: The Inspirational Journey of Srinivasa Ramanujan” was held on 10th February 2025. This event, attended by 65 students, highlighted the extraordinary contributions of the mathematical prodigy Srinivasa Ramanujan.

A two-day Intra-Collegiate Workshop on Problem Solving in Algebra and Analysis for PG Students was conducted on 18th and 19th February 2025, with 75 students actively engaging in problem-

solving sessions. Our department professors, Dr. S. Nithya, Dr. S. Sujith, Dr. A. Vinoth, and Dr. S. Philo, served as resource persons. A Special Talk on LaTeX was held on 18th February 2025, with 23 students participating and learning about document preparation and typesetting for research purposes.

The Career Building Seminar on Mathematics for UG Students took place on 20th February 2025, where 120 students gained insights into career opportunities in Mathematics. The 43rd State-Level Inter-Collegiate PG Quiz Competition & Valedictory Function was conducted on 20th February 2025. Dr. B. Prakash, Lecturer at Government Polytechnic College for Women, Madurai, served as the Quiz Master. The event had 95 participants (30 students from 10 teams representing 10 different colleges). The Standard Fireworks Rajaratnam College for Women (Autonomous), Sivakasi, won the first prize for the third consecutive year, securing the rolling trophy.

Our students achieved remarkable success in various competitions throughout the academic year. At the 102nd Sports Day Competition of St. Xavier's College, Palayamkottai, held on 17th August 2024, M. Fathima Winolin (III B.Sc.) secured 3rd place in the shot put, and P. Karthik (III B.Sc.) won 3rd place in the javelin throw, showcasing their athletic talents. In the District-Level Competition for the Chief Minister's Trophy held in September 2024, under the Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu, S. Gokul Chinnadurai and P. Esakkimuthu earned silver medals in football and silambam, respectively. With these remarkable achievements, the Mathematics Association successfully concluded its activities for the academic year 2024–2025. The association continues to foster students' academic and extracurricular growth, encouraging a deeper appreciation for mathematics and its applications.

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS (SHIFT II)

The activities of the Mathematics Association for the academic year 2024–25 were inaugurated by our Principal, Rev. Fr. Dr. Godwin Rufus S.J., on 25.07.2024. The chief guest of the inaugural function, Dr. A. Selvam, Associate Professor of Mathematics, Virudhunagar Hindu Nadar Senthikumara Nadar College, delivered a lecture on “Enlightening Behaviour of Mathematics.” A special training session for CSIR NET/SET titled *Problem Solving in Linear Algebra* was conducted for PG students on 19.08.2024. The resource person was Dr. S. Sahayarajjoseph Nirmalkumar, Assistant Professor, SXC.

An International Conference on Graphs from Algebraic Structures (ICGA-2024) was held from 11.09.2024 to 12.09.2024. The resource persons were Dr. T. TamizhChelvam, CSIR Emeritus Scientist and Former Senior Professor of Mathematics at Manonmaniam Sundaranar University; Dr. M. R. Pournaki, Professor, Department of Mathematical Sciences, Sharif University of Technology, Tehran, Iran; Dr. T. Asir, Associate Professor, Department of Mathematics, Ramanujan School of Mathematical Sciences, Pondicherry University, Puducherry; and Dr. T. Kavaskar, Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics, Central University of Tamil Nadu, Thiruvarur.

On 17.10.2024, a career guidance program for UG students titled *Competitive Exams: An Overview* was conducted to help students better understand their skills, interests, values, and potential career options. The session was enriched by the resource person, Mr. R. Christhu Raja, Assistant Professor of Physics, SXC. A training program on *LaTeX* was conducted for Postgraduate students on 11.12.2024. The resource person was Dr. S. Philo, Assistant Professor, SXC. The

National Mathematics Day Celebration was jointly organized on 10.01.2025 by the National Council for Science & Technology Communication (NCSTC), Tamil Nadu State Council for Science and Technology, and the PG & Research Department of Mathematics, St. Xavier's College (Autonomous). Over 1,400 students from various schools and colleges participated, showcasing their enthusiasm for mathematics.

Math Fest 2025 was held on 22.01.2025, with participation from seven colleges across the southern part of Tamil Nadu. Dr. A. Vinoth, Assistant Professor of Mathematics, St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Palayamkottai, served as the Quiz Master. A total of 95 students from various institutions took part, and *Gandhigram Rural Institute, Dindigul*, secured the first prize. The *Rev. Dr. A. Antonysamy S.J. Golden Jubilee Endowment Lecture* was conducted by the department on 27.01.2025. A special lecture on *Vulnerability Parameters in Graphs* was delivered by the invited speaker, Dr. R. Sundareswaran, Associate Professor of Mathematics, SSN College of Engineering, Kalavakkam.

A two-day intra-collegiate workshop titled *Problem Solving in Algebra and Analysis for PG (Focus on CSIR-NET, GATE, NBHM Problems)* was organized from 18.02.2025 to 19.02.2025. This workshop greatly benefited CSIR/GATE/JAM aspirants, helping them develop a better understanding of the subjects. The resource persons were the department's faculty members: Dr. S. Sujith, Dr. A. Vinoth, Dr. S. Nithya, and Dr. S. Philo. The *43rd State-Level Inter-Collegiate PG Quiz Competition* and the *Valedictory Function of the Mathematics Association for the Academic Year 2024-2025* were held on 20.02.2025 at Loyola Hall. The valedictory address was delivered by Dr. A. Lourdasamy, Deputy Principal of the college, who also distributed prizes to the winners and participants. *The*

Standard Fireworks Rajaratnam College for Women (Autonomous), Sivakasi, won the first prize for the third consecutive year, securing the rolling trophy. The quiz master was Dr. B. Prakash, Lecturer at Government Polytechnic College for Women, Madurai.

With this, the activities of the Mathematics Association for the academic year 2024-25 came to an end.

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS (SHIFT I)

The Department of Physics at St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Palayamkottai, laid out a comprehensive annual action plan for the academic year 2024-25, focusing on academic excellence, research, and student engagement. Under the guidance of Dr. B. Helina, Head of the Department of Physics, and Dr. S.G. Rejith, Association Secretary, with the support of all other teaching staff, the department successfully executed all programs in a grand and successful manner. The plan commenced with the inauguration of the Physics Association, followed by a series of activities designed to foster learning, creativity, and industry exposure for the students.

The inaugural event on July 29, 2024, marked the official start of the academic year. The event featured a speech by the Principal, Rev. Fr. Dr. Godwin Rufus, S.J., and an invited talk by Dr. N. Jeyakumaran, the Dean of Research at V.H.N.S.N. College. Dr. Jeyakumaran's address emphasized advancements in quantum mechanics and nanotechnology, inspiring students to engage with these emerging fields. On October 10, 2024, the department organized an invited talk by Dr. S. Lincy Mary Ponmani from Sarah Tucker College on "Metallic Glasses: A Revolution in Material Science." She highlighted the unique properties of metallic glasses and their industrial applications, encouraging students to explore material science further.

In September 2024, the department arranged an industrial visit to the Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC), Thumba Rocket Station. This visit exposed students to the practical applications of their academic learning, allowing them to interact with scientists and gain insights into rocket development and space exploration. On January 31, 2025, the department hosted PHYSCOM 2024-25, an inter-collegiate event that provided students from various colleges with a platform to showcase their academic and creative skills. The event included paper presentations, quizzes, and working model competitions. It was a resounding success, fostering a collaborative spirit and promoting innovative thinking in physics.

On February 18-19, 2025, the department organized ICWNF 2025, an International Conference and Workshop on “The Techniques of Nanomaterials Characterization, Hydrogen Energy, and Fuel Cells.” Sponsored by TNSCST and Precision Equipments, the event featured multiple invited talks by experts in nanomaterials and hydrogen energy. These sessions provided students with insights into cutting-edge research and applications in these fields. On February 21, 2025, the department conducted a Career Guidance Program to help outgoing students plan their future careers effectively. This program provided essential career advice and helped students explore various professional opportunities. Mr. R. Christu Raja led the session as a resource person, delivering valuable and practical insights.

The Association Valediction & Invited Talk, held on March 10, 2025, featured a lecture by Dr. F. Jeyamangalam on “Enhancement of Soil Physical Properties by Organic Farming.” This talk provided an interdisciplinary perspective, linking physics with environmental sustainability and agriculture. Throughout the year, the Department of Physics

demonstrated its commitment to providing students with a holistic educational experience, blending theoretical knowledge with practical exposure. The successful execution of these events significantly contributed to the academic and professional development of its students.

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS (SHIFT II)

The Department of Physics (Shift-II) conducted a series of departmental activities, including invited talks, intra-departmental competitions, and other events for UG and PG Physics students. The first invited talk was held on 19.08.2024, featuring Mr. P. Pandaram, Scientific Officer-G at Koodankulam Nuclear Power Plant, who delivered a lecture on “Nuclear Energy and its Applications.” An industrial visit for I PG and II PG students to the Kodaikanal Solar Observatory was organized on 29.08.2024. During the visit, students gained insights into the study of sunspots and solar observation techniques.

The second invited talk took place on 30.09.2024, with Dr. B. Sundarakannan, Head and Associate Professor of Physics at M.S. University, Tirunelveli, as the chief guest. He delivered an enlightening talk on “Contributions of Indian Physicists.” An industrial visit for III UG and II UG students to the Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre, Trivandrum, was arranged on 08.10.2024. During the visit, students witnessed the launch of a sounding rocket and gained an understanding of the fundamental mechanisms behind rocket technology. “Intra-Departmental Competitions 2K25” was organized on 05.03.2025, with enthusiastic participation from students within the department. Most Rev. Dr. A. Jude Paulraj, Bishop Emeritus of Palayamkottai Diocese, and Dr. S.M. Abdul Kadar, Principal of Sadakathullah Appa College, served as keynote speakers and distributed prizes to the winners.

தமிழ்த்துறை (பணிமுறை-1)

இக்கல்வியாண்டில் தமிழ்த்துறையின் தமிழ் மன்றத் தொடக்கவிழா 20.07.2024 அன்று நடைபெற்றது. கல்லூரியின் முதல்வர் அருள் தந்தைமுனைவர் காட்வின் ரூபஸ் சே.ச அவர்கள் தமிழ் மன்றத்தைத் தொடங்கிவைத்தார். அதனடிப்படையில் இவ்வாண்டின் தொடக்கமாக, சிறப்பு வியாழவட்டக் கருத்தரங்கு நடைபெற்றது. இவ்வாண்டின் வியாழவட்டப் பொறுப்பாளராகப் பேராசிரியர் ஆ. அருள்செல்வி சிறப்புடன் செயல்பட்டார். 'சமகால கவிதைகள்;' என்னும் பொருண்மையில் கவிஞர் கண்மணிராசா ஆய்வுரை வழங்கினார். 29.07.2024 அன்று நடைபெற்ற வியாழவட்டக் கருத்தரங்கில் 'தென்னாட்டு ஜமின்தார்கள்'என்னும் பொருண்மையில் முத்தாலங்குறிச்சி காமராசு அவர்கள் உரை வழங்கினார். 07.08.2024 அன்று 'பழங்குடியினர் வாழ்வியல்'என்னும் பொருண்மையில் அருட்பணி.மை. வின்சென்ட் இருதயராஜ் சே.சஅவர்கள் ஆய்வுரை வழங்கினார். 16.08.2024 அன்று 'பெருந்திணை மரபுகளும் தி.ஜானகிராமன் சிறுகதைகளும்'என்னும் தலைப்பில் முனைவர்ப்பட்டஆய்வாளர் சா.அகஸ்டின், 'வேள்பாரிபுதினத்தில் சங்க இலக்கியகருத் தாக்கங்கள்' என்னும் தலைப்பில் முனைவர்ப்பட்ட ஆய்வாளர் மா.இந்துஜா பிருந்தா ஆகியோர் உரைவழங்கினர். 10.09.2024 அன்று 'இலக்கிய ரசனை' என்னும் தலைப்பில் மேனாள் தமிழ்த்துறைத் தலைவர் பொ.செ.பாண்டியன் அவர்கள் ஆய்வுரைநல்கினார்.

தத்துவச்சிந்தனை முறைமைகளை மாணவர் அறியும் பொருட்டு 18,19.08.2024 ஆகிய இருநாட்கள் 'தத்துவச் சிந்தனைகள்'குறித்தபயிலரங்கம் நடைபெற்றது. பயிலரங்கின் தலைமையுரையை அருள்முனைவர் முதல்வர் காட்வின் ரூபஸ் சே.ச அவர்களும், வாழ்த்துரையைக் கல்லூரியின் செயலர் தந்தை அருள்முனைவர் ஞா.புஷ்பராஜ் சே.ச அவர்களும் வழங்கினர். பயிலரங்கின் தொடக்கவுரையைத் திரு.மயன். தி.த.இரமேசு ராஜா அவர்கள் ஆற்றினார். 'வைணவத்தின் சமூக அடிப்படைகள்'என்னும்

பொருண்மையில் பேராசிரியர் எஸ்.தோதாத்ரி, 'இயங்கியல் பொருள் முதல் வாதம்' என்னும் பொருண்மையில் திரு. எஸ். கே. கங்கா, 'தமிழகத்தில் கத்தோலிக் கக் கிறித்தவமரபு' என்னும் பொருண்மையில் பேராசிரியர் சு.ரவிசேசுராஜ், 'புராணங்களின் அடிப்படைகள்' என்னும் பொருண்மையில் பேராசிரியர் வ.ரில்பர்ட் ஜெனார்த்தனன், 'வரலாற்றுப் பொருள் முதல் வாதம்' என்னும் பொருண்மையில் காந்திகிராம கிராமியப் பல்கலைக்கழகத் தமிழ்த்துறைத் தலைவர் பா. ஆனந்தகுமார் 'சைவசமயமும் சைவசித்தாந்தமும்' என்னும் பொருண்மையில் ம.தி.தா. இந்துக் கல்லூரி மேனாள் தமிழ்த்துறைத் தலைவர் வே. கட்டளைக் கைலாசம் ஆகியோர் பயிலரங்க உரைகளை நிகழ்த்தினர். இப்பயிலரங்க அமைப்பாளராகத் தமிழ்த்துறைத் தலைவர் கு.ஜா.இதயராஜா செயல்பட்டார்.

சாகித்யஅகாதெமியும் தமிழ்த்துறையும் இணைந்து 26.08.2024 அன்று நடத்திய, 'புதுமைப்பித்தன் படைப்புகளில் சமூகப்போக்கு' என்னும் இலக்கியஅரங்கின் அமைப்பாளராகத் தமிழ்த்துறைத் தலைவர் கு.ஜா.இதயராஜா செயல்பட்டார். 'புதுமைப்பித்தன் பார்வையில் சமூகச்சிக்கல்கள்', 'புதுமைப்பித்தன் பார்வையில் பொருளாதாரநோக்கு', 'புதுமைப்பித்தன் பார்வையில் பெண்'என்னும் பொருண்மைகளில் நாளும்புநாதன் அவர்கள், வே.சுப்ரமணியன் அவர்கள், பேராசிரியர் அந்தோணிராஜ் ஆகியோர் ஆய்வுரைகளை வழங்கினர்.

தமிழ்த்துறையும் வி.ஜி.பி உலகத்தமிழ்ச் சங்கமும் இணைந்து 'வாழ்வியல் நோக்கில் திருக்குறள்'என்னும் தலைப்பில் தேசியக் கருத்தரங்கை நடத்தினர். கருத்தரங்கின் சிறப்பாகத் திருவள்ளூர் சிலையை மாண்புமிகு தமிழ்நாடு சபாநாயகர் உயர்திரு. அப்பாவு அவர்கள் திறந்துவைத்தார். கருத்தரங்கஆய்வுக்கட்டுரைகள் தொகுக்கப்பட்டு Interdisciplinary Research Journal for

Humanites எனும் கல்லூரியின் ஆய்விதழ் வழியாக நூலாக்கம் பெற்று வெளியிடப்பட்டன. பேராசிரியர் இரா. காமராசு, பேராசிரியர் இரா.தமிழ்ச்செல்வன், முதுமுனைவர் பால் வளனரசு ஆகியோர் ஆய்வுரைகளை வழங்கினர். இத் தேசியக் கருத்தரங்கின் ஒருங்கிணைப்பாளர்களாகப் பேராசிரியர்கள் அ. ஜாண்பால், இர.விஸ்வா அண்ணாமலை, ப.விமலா, த.முத்துவளவன் ஆகியோர் சிறப்புடன் செயல்பட்டனர். 05.10.2024 அன்று நடைபெற்றவியாழவட்டக் கருத்தரங்கில், 'திறனாய்வுக் கொள்கைகளும் அணுகு முறைகளும்' என்னும் தலைப்பில் அருள் முனைவர் அருள்ரவி சே.ச அவர்கள் உரையாற்றினார்.

முன்னாள் தமிழ் மாணவர் மன்றக் கூடுகையானது 28.08.2024 மற்றும் 26.01.2025 ஆகிய நாள்களில் சிறப்புடன் நடைபெற்றது. பேராசிரியர் அ.ஜாண்பால் சிறப்புடன் ஒருங்கிணைப்பாளராகச் செயல்பட்டார். தமிழ்த்துறையின் விளையாட்டுப் போட்டிகளின் ஒருங்கிணைப்பாளராகப் பேராசிரியர் ச.கந்தன் சிறப்புடன் செயல்பட்டார். 09.12.2024 அன்று நடைபெற்ற வியாழவட்டக் கருத்தரங்கில் 'வேட்டைச்சமூகமும் புறத்திணைமரபுகளும்' எனும் தலைப்பில் பேராசிரியர் ம.முருகன் உரையாற்றினார்.

இவ்வாண்டின் அறக்கட்டளைப் பொழிவுகளான முனைவர் வெ.கேசவராஜ் அறக்கட்டளைப் பொழிவு (13.09.2024) அருள்தந்தை அ.லூர்துசாமிசே.ச அறக்கட்டளைப் பொழிவு (11.12.2024), பேராசிரியர் பொ.செ.பாண்டியன் அறக்கட்டளைப் பொழிவு (22.01.2025), பேராசிரியர் சூ.இன்னாசி அறக்கட்டளைப் பொழிவு (18.02.2025) சிறப்புடன் நடைபெற்றது. மேற்கண்ட அறக்கட்டளைகளைப் பொழிவுகளில் 'தமிழகநாட்டார் தெய்வங்கள்' என்னும் தலைப்பில் மேனாள் நாட்டார் வழக்காற்றியல் துறைத்தலைவர் நா.இராமச்சந்திரன், 'ஒப்பிலக்கியம் - அடிக்கருத்தியலும் ஆய்வு எல்லைகளும்' என்னும் பொருண்மையில் மேனாள் இணைமுதல்வர் வா. ச. ஜோசப் ஆல்பர்ட், 'முனைவர்

ராஜ்கௌதமனின் படைப்புலகம்' என்னும் தலைப்பில் பேராசிரியர் பொ.செ.பாண்டியன், 'கடல்தான் எங்கள் வீடு' என்னும் தலைப்பில் குறும்பனை சி.பெர்லின் ஆகியோர் உரையாற்றினர். இக்கல்வியாண்டின் அறக்கட்டளைப் பொழிவுகளின் பொறுப்பாளராகப் பேராசிரியர் ஆ.முருகன் சிறப்புடன் செயல்பட்டார். இவ்வாண்டு தமிழ்த்துறையில் பொங்கல் விழாமிகச் சிறப்புடன் கொண்டாடப்பட்டது. முதுகலைத்தமிழ் மாணவர்கள் 24.01.2025 அன்று நாகர்கோவில்-கன்னியாகுமரி மாவட்டத்தில் உள்ளவரலாற்றுச் சிறப்பிடங்களைக் காணகல் விச் சுற்றுலா மேற்கொண்டனர். இதன் பொறுப்பாளராகப் பேராசிரியர் சு.ரவிசேகராஜ் சிறப்புடன் செயல்பட்டார்

03.01.2025 அன்றுநடை பெற்ற வியாழவட்டக் கருத்தரங்கில் 'இசைமொழி' என்னும் தலைப்பில் மேனாள் தமிழ்த்துறைத்தலைவர் இரா.பிரான்சிஸ் சேவியர் அவர்கள் உரையாற்றினார். 10.01.2025 அன்றுநடைபெற்ற வியாழவட்டக் கருத்தரங்கில் 'சிறிதிதழ்கள் - மாற்று ஏமாற்று' என்னும் பொருண்மையில் மேனாள் தமிழ்த்துறைத் தலைவர் சிவசு உரையாற்றினார். 31.01.2025 அன்று நடைபெற்ற பேராசிரியர் முனைவர் இரா.பிரான்சிஸ் சேவியர் நிறுவிய திரு.ம.இராஜேந்திரன் - திருமதி.பாக்கியம் நினைவுஅறக்கட்டளைநடத்திய, பேரா.இரா.அமலதாஸ் நினைவுசுழற்கோப்பைக்கானவிழாவும் சிறப்புடன் நடைபெற்றது. பேராசிரியர் வ.ரில்பர்ட் ஜெனார்த்தனன் அமைப்பாளராகச் சிறப்புடன் செயல்பட்டார்.

இணையவழியிலான பன்னாட்டுக் கருத்தரங்கம் 13.02.2025 அன்று நடைபெற்றது. 'இலக்கியம் காட்டும் தமிழர்தம் வாழ்வியல்'- என்னும் பொருண்மையில் மேனாள் சிங்கைசிம் பல்கலைக் கழகத் தமிழ்துறைப் பேராசிரியர் இரத்தினவேங்கடேசன் உரையாற்றினார். இப்பன்னாட்டுக் கருத்தரங்கின் அமைப்பாளர்களாகப் பேராசிரியர்கள் மி.கவிதா மற்றும் இரா.அந்தோணிராஜ் ஆகியோர் சிறப்புடன் செயல்பட்டனர். 21.02.2025 அன்று நடைபெற்ற தமிழ்மன்ற நிறைவுக் கருத்தரங்கில் 'தமிழ்மரபின்

தனித்தன்மை' என்னும் பொருண்மையில் ஜீ.வா.நா.வா. சிந்தனைப் பள்ளி இயக்குநர் எஸ்.கே.கங்கா அவர்கள் ஆய்வுரைநிகழ்த்தினார். இவ்வாண்டின் தமிழ்த்துறையின் INDECO பொறுப்பாளராகப் பேராசிரியர் ம.முருகன் சிறப்புடன் செயல்பட்டார். 24.02.2025 அன்று தமிழ்த்துறை 'தமிழம்-2025' கலைப் போட்டிகளை நடத்தியது. எழுத்தாளர் தமயந்தி மற்றும் மேனாள் தமிழ்த்துறைத்தலைவர் இரா.பிரான்சிஸ் சேவியர் ஆகியோர் சிறப்பு விருந்தினர்களாகக் கலந்து கொண்டனர். 'தமிழம்' பொறுப்பாளராகப் பேராசிரியர் வ.ரில்பர்ட் ஜெனார்த்தனன் சிறப்புடன் செயல்பட்டார்.

இளங்கலைத் தமிழ்த்துறை (பணிமுறை-2)

தமிழ் மன்றம்

தமிழ் மன்றம், இளங்கலைத் தமிழ்த்துறைசார்பில் மாணவர்களின் கலைப்புலத்திறன் களைவளத்தெடுக்க முன்னெடுக்கப்படும் இயக்கமாகும். தமிழ்க் கலைப்புலத்தில் புலமை பெற்ற ஆளுமைகளை மாணவர்களுக்கு அறிமுகம் செய்து கருத்துரைகளை அளிப்பதன் மூலம் வகுப்பறை தாண்டிய அறிவுச் செயல்பாட்டுக்குள் வழிநடத்தப்படுகிறார்கள். 2024 - 2025 கல்வியாண்டில் தமிழ் மன்றம் மற்றும் அறக்கட்டளைச் செயல்பாடுகள் குறித்த அறிக்கை இவ்வண் அளிக்கப்படுகிறது.

2024 - 2025 கல்வியாண்டுக்கான தமிழ் மன்றத்தின் தொடக்கநிகழ்வாக 'அதியங்கள் நிகழ்த்தும் இலக்கியவாசிப்பு எனும் தலைப்பில் தமிழ் மன்றக் கருத்தரங்கமானது, இணைமுதல்வர் முனைவர் அ.லூர்துசாமி அவர்கள் தலைமையில் தமிழ்த்துறை ஒருங்கிணைப்பாளர் முனைவர் மா.பாலசெல்வி அவர்கள் முன்னிலை வகிக்க 12.08.2024 அன்று பிற்பகல் 4.30 மணிக்கு லொயோலா அரங்கத்தில் நடைபெற்றது. இவ்வரங்கில் சென்னை லொயோலா கல்லூரியின் ஆங்கிலத்துறை உதவிப் பேராசிரியர் திரு. மனோஜ் அவர்கள் கருத்துரையாளராகப் பங்கேற்றுச் சிறப்பித்தார்கள். இந்நிகழ்வில் தமிழ்த்துறை இளங்கலை மாணவர்கள்

142 பேர் மற்றும் தமிழ்த்துறை பேராசிரியர்கள் பங்கேற்றனர்.

தமிழ் மன்றத்தின் இரண்டாம் நிகழ்வானது, சமகாலச் சிந்தனைப் புலங்களின் ஆய்வியல் தன்மைகளை மாணவர்களுக்கு அறிமுகம் செய்யும் நோக்குடன் திட்டமிடப்பட்டது. அதன்படி, 'பெண் எழுத்தும் பெண்ணிய எழுத்தும்' எனும் தலைப்பில் தமிழ் மன்றக் கருத்தரங்கமானது, இணை முதல்வர் முனைவர் அ.லூர்துசாமி அவர்கள் தலைமையில் தமிழ்த்துறை ஒருங்கிணைப்பாளர் முனைவர் மா.பாலசெல்வி அவர்கள் முன்னிலைவகிக்க 09.01.2025 அன்று பிற்பகல் 4.30 மணிக்கு லொயோலா அரங்கத்தில் நடைபெற்றது. அவ்வரங்கில் பாலையங்கோட்டை தூய சவேரியார் கல்லூரியின் காட்சித் தொடர்பியல் துறை உதவிப் பேராசிரியர் திருமதி. ஜே.பி. ஜோஸ்பின் பாபா அவர்கள் கருத்துரையாளராகப் பங்கேற்றுச் சிறப்பித்தார்கள். இந்நிகழ்வில் தமிழ்த்துறை இளங்கலை 138 மாணவர்கள் மற்றும் தமிழ்த்துறை பேராசிரியர்கள் பங்கேற்றனர்.

தமிழ்த்துறையின் தனிச் சிறப்புமிக்க அறக்கட்டளைச் சொற்பொழிவுசெயல்திட்டத்தின் ஒருபகுதியாக, இராபர்ட் டி நொபிலி அறக்கட்டளை சொற்பொழிவானது 21.01.2025 அன்று பிற்பகல் 4.30 மணிக்கு லொயோலா அரங்கத்தில் நடைபெற்றது. 'புதுமைப்பித்தனின் படைப்புலகம்' குறித்து நடைபெற்ற இந்நிகழ்வில் பாலையங்கோட்டை சதகதுல்லா அப்பா கல்லூரி தமிழ்த்துறை உதவிப் பேராசிரியர் முனைவர் வ.மாலிக் அவர்கள் சிறப்புவிருந்தினராகப் பங்கேற்றுக் கருத்துரை வழங்கினார்கள். இவ்வரங்கில் இணைமுதல்வர் முனைவர் அ.லூர்துசாமி அவர்கள் தலைமை தாங்கினார். தமிழ்த்துறை ஒருங்கிணைப்பாளர் முனைவர் மா.பாலசெல்வி அவர்கள் முன்னிலை வகித்தார். அறக்கட்டளை பொறுப்பாசிரியர் முனைவர் ச.தமிழினியன் அவர்கள் நிகழ்வினை ஒழுங்கமைத்தார். தமிழ்த்துறை இளங்கலை 140 மாணவர்கள் மற்றும் தமிழ்த்துறை பேராசிரியர்கள் பங்கேற்றனர்.

தமிழ் மன்றத்தின் மூன்றாம் நிகழ்வானது, தமிழ் நிகழ்த்துக் கலைப்புலவடிவமான இசைத்தமிழ் இயக்கத்தினை மாணவர்களுக்கு அறிமுகம் செய்யும் நோக்குடன் திட்டமிடப்பட்டது. இசுலாமியத் தமிழிசைப் பாவலர் அருள்திருநாகூர் ஹனிபா அவர்களின் நினைவாக நடைபெற்ற இந்நிகழ்வில் இசையியல் ஆசிரியரும் இசைத்தமிழ் நிகழ்த்துக் கலைஞருமான நெல்லை அபுபக்கர் அவர்கள் பங்கேற்று 'நாகூர் ஹனிபா- ஒரு நூற்றாண்டு இசைத்தமிழ் இயக்கம்' எனும் தலைப்பில் உரையாற்றியதோடு இன்னிசைத் தமிழ் ப்பாடல் களைப் பாடிமாணவர்களுக்கு இசையியலின் பெருமைகளை விளக்கினார். இந்நிகழ்வு இணைமுதல்வர் முனைவர் அ.லூர்துசாமி அவர்கள் தலைமையில் தமிழ்த்துறை ஒருங்கிணைப்பாளர் முனைவர் மா.பாலசெல்வி அவர்கள் முன்னிலைவகிக்க 28.01.2025 அன்று பிற்பகல் 4.30 மணிக்கு லொயோலா அரங்கத்தில் நடைபெற்றது. இந்நிகழ்வில் தமிழ்த்துறை இளங்கலை மாணவர்கள் 146 பேர் மற்றும் தமிழ்த்துறை பேராசிரியர்கள் பங்கேற்றனர்.

அறக்கட்டளைச் சொற்பொழிவு செயல் திட்டத்தின் இரண்டாம் நிகழ்வாக, அருள்தந்தைஞா.மிக்வேல் பெர்க்மான்ஸ் சே.ச. நினைவு அறக்கட்டளை சொற்பொழிவானது 12.02.2025 அன்றுபிற்பகல் 4.30 மணிக்கு லொயோலாஅரங்கத்தில் நடைபெற்றது. 'இலக்கியங்களில் வாழ்வியல் நெறிகள்' குறித்துநடைபெற்ற இந்நிகழ்வில் தூத்துக்குடிஏ.பி.சி. மகாலட்சுமி மகளிர் கலைக் கல்லூரி தமிழ்த்துறை உதவிப் பேராசிரியர் முனைவர் சு.விஜயா கலைவாணி அவர்கள் சிறப்பு விருந்தினராகப் பங்கேற்றுக் கருத்துரை வழங்கினார்கள். இவ்வரங்கில் இணை முதல்வர் முனைவர் அ.லூர்துசாமிஅவர்கள் தலைமை தாங்கினார். தமிழ்த்துறை ஒருங்கிணைப்பாளர் முனைவர் மா.பாலசெல்விஅவர்கள் முன்னிலை வகித்தார். இந்நிகழ்வில் தமிழ்த்துறை இளங்கலை 150 மாணவர்கள் மற்றும் தமிழ்த்துறைபேராசிரியர்கள் பங்கேற்றனர்.

மேற்படி நிகழ்வுகளில் தமிழ்த்துறை இளங்கலை மாணவர்கள், பேராசிரியர்கள்,கல்லூரி இணை முதல்வர், முதல்வர் உள்ளிட்டோர் பங்கேற்று நிகழ்வுகளைச் சிறப்பித்தனர். முனைவர் ச.தமிழினியன் மற்றும் சி.விஜய் நிகழ்வுகளை ஒருங்கிணைத்தனர்.

DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY

The Zoology Association for the academic year 2024-2025 was inaugurated on July 19, 2024. Rev. Fr. Dr. U. Godwin Rufus, the Principal, presided over the function and delivered the presidential address. The inaugural event also featured a special lecture by Dr. J. Francis Borgio, a distinguished alumnus, on "Genome and Phenome of the Emerging Multidrug-Resistant *Candida auris*."

On July 6, 2024, the Department of Zoology observed World Zoonoses Day by conducting an online e-quiz to raise awareness about zoonotic diseases. The association also hosted its second guest lecture on August 14, 2024, delivered by Dr. Justin Antony Selvaraj on "Gene Therapy and Genetic Diseases: Progress and Promises." This was followed by the third guest lecture on August 20, 2024, by Dr. R. Balasubramanian, who spoke on "Vector-Borne Viral Zoonotic Diseases."

To commemorate World Elephant Day on August 12, 2024, the department conducted an online quiz. Furthermore, in collaboration with Avigen Biotech Private Limited, Chennai, the Department of Zoology organized a state-level two-day workshop on "Basic Techniques in Animal Cell Culture" on September 12-13, 2024. The department also hosted a successful Alumni Chapter Meet on September 28, 2024.

On January 9, 2025, the intercollegiate competition **ZOO FEST 2024-25** was organized with

a focus on *“Biodiversity and Environmental Conservation.”* The event featured seven competitions, including elocution, model making, essay writing, specimen collection, poster presentation, paper presentation, and a quiz. A total of 70 students from 10 colleges participated, with the overall championship being won by students from Nesamani Memorial Christian College, Marthandam.

The department also organized its fourth guest lecture on January 10, 2025, featuring Dr. V. Thirunavukkarasu, Associate Professor, Department of Biotechnology, Bharathiar University, Coimbatore. His lecture focused on *“CART Therapy: Transforming the Landscape of Hematologic and Solid Tumor Treatment.”* Other notable events included the **Mrs. Nathira Haniffa Endowment Lecture** on October 10, 2024, and the **Dr. Duston P. Ambrose Endowment Guest Lecture** on January 24, 2025.

The Departments of Zoology and Botany jointly organized a two-day **International Conference on Biodiversity and Climate Change (ICBCC 2025)** on February 13-14, 2025. The conference attracted over 150 delegates from 42 institutions across India. On February 19, 2025, the Tamil Nadu Forest Department, Tirunelveli Forest Division, in collaboration with Eco Jesuit, the Enviro Club, and the Departments of Botany and Zoology, organized a one-day district-level workshop on *“Sea Turtle Conservation.”*

During the academic year 2024-2025, the Department of Zoology at St. Xavier’s College organized eight educational visits for its students. The valedictory meeting of the Zoology Association was held on February 21, 2025. Rev. Dr. Godwin Rufus presided over the function, and the guest speaker, Dr. B. Ravichandran, delivered a lecture on *“Echoes of Time: Fossils and Ancient Civilizations in Tamil Nadu.”*

DEPARTMENT OF ARCHAEOLOGY

The Department of Archaeology at St. Xavier’s College, Palayamkottai, inaugurated its Association on July 26, 2024. The association aims to foster knowledge and interest in archaeology. The inaugural event was held at Fr. Lewis Hall and commenced at 11:30 a.m. The program began with a prayer song, followed by the welcome address by Dr. S. Alphonsa, Coordinator of the Archaeology Department. Dr. Ramesh, Assistant Professor, introduced the chief guest, Mr. Sivakumar, Curator at the Department of Museum, Tirunelveli.

In his address, Mr. Sivakumar highlighted the role of students in contributing to future archaeological discourse. He provided valuable insights into the challenges and opportunities faced by young archaeologists. The event concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Mr. Dinesh Kumar, Assistant Professor of Archaeology, who expressed gratitude to the faculty, guests, and students for their support and participation.

The Department, of Archaeology on 17.02.2025 & 18.02.2025 at St. Xavier’s College, Palayamkottai, organized a Two-day archaeological exhibition on February 17 and 18 at the Pope Francis Auditorium, beginning at 9:30 a.m. The program started with a prayer song, followed by the welcome address by Dr. S. Alphonsa. Dr. Ramesh delivered an introductory note on Indian Archaeology. The chief guest for the event, Dr. K.A. Manikumar, Former Vice-Chancellor of Vivekananda University, Sagar, Madhya Pradesh, delivered the keynote address.

Nearly 4,963 school and college students enthusiastically participated in the exhibition, exploring a diverse array of archaeological artifacts. Displayed

items included Paleolithic and Neolithic stone tools, megalithic offering vessels, iron axes, and coins from different dynasties. A replica of Indus Valley seals was also showcased. Additionally, fossils of various species were exhibited, with dinosaur eggs drawing interest among students.

The primary objective of the exhibition was to raise awareness about the symbols of the Indus Valley Civilization and the significance of archaeology. The event concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Mr. Dinesh Kumar, who expressed his appreciation to all participants.

DEPARTMENT OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

The inaugural ceremony of the Xavierian Association of Artificial Intelligence (XAAI) for the academic year 2024-25 was held on July 26, 2024. Dr. T.C. Subbulakshmi, Professor in the Department of IT at Francis Xavier Engineering College, delivered the inaugural address, providing valuable insights into the evolving field of Artificial Intelligence. Rev. Dr. Godwin Rufus, S.J., Principal of St. Xavier's College, emphasized the significance of Artificial Intelligence in modern education and its potential to revolutionize various industries. On the same day, the department logo was introduced by Rev. Fr. Principal.

A virtual Faculty Development Program (FDP) on "AI Tools for Research and Teaching" was conducted on March 9, 2025, via Google Meet. A total of 435 participants from India and abroad attended the program. Ms. J. Sherrin Banu, Assistant Professor at MIET Engineering College, Trichy, served as the resource person.

A workshop titled "Python Essentials: Code, Create, and Innovate" was organized for students on

March 13, 2025. The session was conducted by Mr. K. Pavith, Assistant Professor at Sadakathulla Appa College, offering students a hands-on learning experience in Python programming.

Several guest lectures were held throughout the academic year. On September 13, 2024, Dr. J. Remy, Assistant Professor and Coordinator of the Department of Computer Science at St. Xavier's College, Palayamkottai, delivered a motivational lecture on "From Dawn to Dazzle: A Journey to Shine." Her session focused on personal growth, career development, and the importance of perseverance in achieving success. On January 8, 2025, Dr. Y. Sunil Raj, Assistant Professor in the Department of Data Science at St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), delivered a lecture on "Decoding AI: Piloting the Future of Intelligence." His insightful session explored the advancements and potential applications of Artificial Intelligence, highlighting its role in shaping the future and fostering innovation. On March 17, 2025, an orientation program titled "IT Career Roadmap" was conducted by Dr. A. Anto Kinsley, Associate Professor of Artificial Intelligence. He emphasized the need for students to stay ahead in this rapidly evolving field and encouraged them to actively engage in career development. IT professionals from renowned organizations, including TCS, Accenture, Infosys, Math Co Ltd, Endava Solutions, were listed and compared with our syllabus. The interactive session provided students with an opportunity to ask questions about their future careers.

To provide a platform for students to showcase and develop their talents, an intra-departmental paper presentation competition was held on October 3, 2024. Dr. A. Regita Thangam, Assistant Professor of Computer Applications, and Dr. T. Idhaya, Assistant Professor of Computer Science, both from

St. Xavier's College, served as moderators. The presentations covered various cutting-edge topics in Artificial Intelligence. On March 14, 2025, an intra-departmental quiz competition was conducted by the students, along with a drawing competition.

The valedictory function of the association was held on March 18, 2025. Dr. T. Arumuga Maria Devi, Associate Professor in the Department of Information Technology and Engineering at Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, was the guest of honor. Prize winners of the competitions and office bearers were honored by Dr. A. Lourdasamy, Deputy Principal. Rev. Fr. Principal graced the occasion with his words of appreciation.

DEPARTMENT OF B.COM CORPORATE SECRETARYSHIP

The inauguration of the Department Association of B.Com. Corporate Secretaryship was held on 18th July 2024 at Loyola Hall. A Career Guidance Programme on the topic **“How to Crack Your First Interview?”** was organized for the 3rd-year students of B.Com. Corporate Secretaryship on 2nd September 2024. A Guest Lecture on **GST** was conducted for the 3rd-year students of B.Com. Corporate Secretaryship on 26th September 2024 from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. by **Mr. Stanly, Senior Pay Officer.**

The **Business Day** event, organized by the students of B.Com. Corporate Secretaryship, was held on 9th October 2024, with enthusiastic participation from 1st-year, 2nd-year, and 3rd-year students. A Career Guidance Programme was conducted for **1st, 2nd, and 3rd-year B.Com. Corporate Secretaryship students** in Loyola Hall on 7th January 2025 from 4:40 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. A Guest Lecture on **“Personal and Business Training”** was conducted for the 3rd-year

B.Com. Corporate Secretaryship students on 22nd January 2025 in Loyola Hall from 3:30 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. A programme on **“How to Crack Your First Interview?”** was organized for 1st-year and 3rd-year B.Com. Corporate Secretaryship students on 27th January 2025.

A **National Seminar on “Corporate Governance: Relevance and Challenges in the Digital Era”** was held on 30th January 2025 at Loyola Hall from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The **Sacerdotal Rev. Fr. Alphonse Manickam, S.J. Endowment Lecture** was held on **7th March 2025 (Friday)** at Loyola Hall at 4:30 p.m. The **Association Valediction** was held on **10th March 2025 (Monday)** at Loyola Hall at 4:30 p.m.

DEPARTMENT OF B.COM HONOURS

The B.Com., Honours Association Inauguration was held on July 11, 2024. Dr. R. Nemorias Fernando, Head in Charge, presented the association's activities planned for the academic year 2024-2025. Rev. Fr. Godwin Rufus SJ delivered the inaugural address, and the department logo was introduced on the same day. On July 29, 2024, a conceptual cultural fest on the curriculum was organized for the first-year B.Com., Honours students.

A guest lecture on the topic “Soft Skills” was held on August 5, 2024, with Dr. P. Stella, Assistant Professor, Department of BBA, as the chief guest. On the same day, another guest lecture on “How to Prepare the Annual Report of a Company” was conducted by Dr. F.X. Robert Bellarmine, Assistant Professor, Department of Commerce, as the resource person. An industrial visit was organized on October 1, 2024, to “Murugan Tiles” in Pavoorchatram, providing students with practical industry exposure.

On December 17, 2024, Dr. E. Sahaya Chithra, Assistant Professor of Artificial Intelligence, conducted a hands-on training program titled “Unlocking the Hidden Gems of Excel – Tips and Tricks.” The following day, an awareness program on “Gender Equity” was conducted by Dr. J. Jeya Ani, Assistant Professor, Department of Commerce, who emphasized the importance of gender equity for a just and progressive society.

An awareness program on “Intellectual Property Rights” was conducted on January 20, 2025, by Dr. Shanmuga Sundaram, Assistant Professor and Head in Charge, Department of Criminology & Forensic Science, and Dr. Julian Daniel, Assistant Professor, Department of BBA Maritime and Logistics. The session highlighted the significance of intellectual property rights, their types, challenges, and effective implementation measures. On February 10, 2025, a career guidance program was organized to motivate students about ACCA. Dr. Selva Raj from SubbalaskhmiLakshmiPathy College of Science was the chief guest and elaborated on the benefits of ACCA while providing strategies for pursuing the qualification.

The valedictory function of the association was held on February 19, 2025, with Ms. Nellai Ulagammal, an education counselor, as the chief guest. She motivated students by emphasizing self-awareness, confidence building, and problem-solving skills.

During the academic year 2024-2025, students actively participated in various events. On September 29, 2024, Dana Lakshmi P (23UBH 512) and Bala Shankari M (23UBH 508) attended “POZHIL ’24” (Fireless Cooking) at Lady Doak College, Madurai. Nine students presented papers at the International Seminar conducted by the Department of B.Com., Honours at St. Xavier’s College (Autonomous), Palayamkottai, on February 13 and 14, 2025. Fifteen students from the department participated in the

conference on “Convergence of AI, Ethics, and Sustainability: Redefining the Accountancy Profession” conducted by the Department of B.Com., Honours at St. Joseph’s College, Trichy, on February 17, 2025. Additionally, fourteen students participated in “DENOVO’25 FEST” held at The American College, Madurai, on February 28, 2025. Notably, Miss Selva Sujitha of II B.Com., Honours secured third prize in the Photography Competition.

DEPARTMENT OF B.COM. MARITIME LOGISTICS

The Department of B.Com. Maritime Logistics inaugurated its association on July 24, 2024. The event was held in the MCA Hall at 2:30 p.m. During the program, the department association was officially inaugurated, and the Head of the Department, Dr. P. Kandhakumar, introduced the elected office bearers. The office bearers then took an oath. Mr. X. Antony Benis, Secretary of the B.Com. Maritime Logistics Association, proposed the action plan for the academic year 2024–2025.

An industrial visit was organized for second-year B.Com. Maritime Logistics students on October 9, 2024. The students visited MSC Line, Thoothukudi; CMA CGM Line, Thoothukudi; and Xpress Feeder, Thoothukudi. A Career Guidance Programme on Competitive Exam Preparation was conducted on October 15, 2024, in the Seminar Hall. Mr. R. Christhu Raja from the Department of Physics, St. Xavier’s College, served as the resource person for the program.

On November 29, 2024, thirteen students from the Department of B.Com. Maritime Logistics participated in the 11th Edition of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) held at DSF Plaza, Thoothukudi. Additionally, three students volunteered at the event. A workshop on Apprenticeship

Preparation was organized on December 18, 2024, in the Placement Office. Mr. J. Jerald, Assistant Placement Officer, served as the resource person for the program.

An interactive session between industrial experts and students was conducted on January 20, 2025. Mr. Maneksha Rufus Fernando, Chief Operating Officer, DBGT, Thoothukudi Port, and Mr. Ameer, Chief People Officer, DBGT, Thoothukudi Port, engaged with students, discussing the current trends in the maritime logistics industry. On January 31, 2025, three students from the B.Com. Maritime Logistics department volunteered at the CII's 6th Edition of the National Salt Conclave, 2025, held at DSF Plaza.

For February 2025, the B.Com. Maritime Logistics Association has planned two events. An industrial visit for second-year B.Com. Maritime Logistics students is scheduled for the second week of February. Additionally, a guest lecture for the same students is planned for the third week of February.

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

The Department of BBA at St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Palayamkottai, successfully conducted a series of academic and co-curricular activities for the academic year 2024-2025. These events aimed to provide students with valuable insights, industry exposure, and skill development opportunities. The academic year commenced with the inauguration of the association on July 26, 2024, by Dr. V. Thillai Chithambaram, General Manager - HR (Retd.), Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation, Madurai. The event was presided over by the college principal, Dr. Godwin Rufus, who emphasized the importance of managerial skills and career growth in business administration.

A comprehensive workshop on soft skills was conducted on August 5, 2024, by Mr. H. Padmanabhan Subramanian, a well-known consultant trainer. The session focused on communication, leadership, and interpersonal skills essential for students' professional success. On August 14, 2024, the department hosted an engaging debate and group discussion session, moderated by Mr. R. Murugesan from the Department of BBA. This event enhanced students' analytical thinking and public speaking abilities. A series of guest lectures were organized to familiarize students with industry trends. On September 4, 2024, Dr. S. Prince Jebaraj, Assistant Professor in the Department of Commerce, provided key insights into evolving financial management practices. Later, on September 27, 2024, Mr. Edington R. Fernando, Former Manager (HR) at Bajaj Electricals Ltd., Mumbai, shared his expertise on contemporary HR strategies. On October 1, 2024, Dr. K.S. Arockiasamy, Assistant Professor in the Department of Commerce, delivered an insightful lecture on stock market mechanisms and investment trends. This was followed by a session on Human Resource Management on October 9, 2024, by Mr. Carl Edison C., Deputy Assets Manager at GRT Hotels and Resorts, Tirunelveli, who elaborated on HRM strategies and their practical applications in the hospitality sector.

A business quiz competition was held on November 29, 2024, to test students' knowledge of business concepts, corporate affairs, and current financial trends. On January 24, 2025, a mathematical and logical reasoning event, FLIP-FLOP, was conducted by Dr. Anto Kingsly, Associate Professor of Mathematics, to encourage problem-solving skills among students. Industrial visits provided students with valuable exposure to real-world business models. On September 27, 2024, third-year students visited Kerala Arts and Crafts Village, Kovalam, gaining insights into creative business models in the art sector. Similarly, on

January 31, 2025, second-year students undertook a visit to the same location, enhancing their understanding of traditional and modern business strategies in the arts and crafts industry. A career guidance session was conducted on March 14, 2025, by Mr. Leo, a financial analyst based in Bangalore, and Ms. Kavitha, a proud alumna of the college. They provided valuable insights on preparing for competitive exams such as TANCET, CAT, and MAT, motivating students to pursue higher education and career advancement.

The highlight of the academic year was MEXPO'25 (ICM), held on February 19, 2025. This flagship event featured competitions, exhibitions, and expert interactions. The event was graced by Mr. S. Shangaralingam, Chairman & Managing Director of Menaka Cards (P) Ltd., Chennai, as the chief guest. Thirteen prestigious colleges participated, showcasing their business acumen and creativity. American College, Madurai, won the overall championship shield, marking the event as a grand success. The Department of BBA successfully organized an array of events that enriched students' academic and practical knowledge. The enthusiastic participation and insightful sessions provided a well-rounded learning experience. The department looks forward to continuing this tradition in the coming years, fostering excellence in business education.

DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER APPLICATIONS

The Inauguration Function of the Xaverian Computer Applications Professionals' Association (XCAPA) was held on July 29, 2024. Mr. M. Prabhu, B.E. ECE, Software Trainer at Livewire Tirunelveli, served as the Chief Guest. Dr. S. Saraswathi, Head of the Department, administered the oath-taking ceremony for the office bearers from both UG and PG

programs. A one-day seminar was conducted on August 1, 2024, in collaboration with the Placement Cell, titled "Digital Makerz" at the MCA Seminar Hall. Mr. Vimal Rajan, Founder of Makerz Technologies and a Digital Marketer, was the resource person. He provided insights into Artificial Intelligence and Web Designing, with a particular focus on Digital Marketing, explaining how Google ads are created and how they target specific audiences.

Another seminar was organized on August 6, 2024, on the topic "Amazon Web Services" at Loyola Hall for students from the Computer Applications and Computer Science departments. Mr. Jerold, Assistant Coordinator of the Placement Cell, welcomed the resource person, Mr. Yasharth Singh, CTO and COO at Hire3x, with a small memento. Mr. Singh gave a detailed explanation of Amazon Web Services, its services, and applications. He also discussed other platforms such as GitHub, Google's Gemini, and Microsoft Azure.

On August 12, 2024, a seminar on "Innovations in AI: The Role of ChatGPT in Modern Solutions" was held at the MCA Seminar Hall. The session was led by Mr. A. Jayakumar, Senior Technical Engineer and Placement Manager at Livewire, Chennai. He explained the principles of ChatGPT, its differences from traditional chatbots, its applications, and its significance in modern-day solutions. A mock interview-based competition took place on September 2, 2024, at the MCA Seminar Hall for all second-year MCA students. The event began with a multiple-choice test, followed by a face-to-face interview for the selected candidates. Ms. S. Mahalakshmi, Engineer III Consultant, Full Stack, at Verizon Data Services, Chennai, conducted the interviews. J.J. Deva Ziboni

and S.T. Subalakshmi were declared winners of the competition.

An orientation program on “Artificial Intelligence and Enabled Machine Learning” was organized by the Placement Cell and the Department of Computer Applications on September 13, 2024, at the MCA Seminar Hall. Ms. S. RijathFakkiral, Principal Trainer from Elysium Academy, Tirunelveli, was the resource person. She elaborated on Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning, explaining their individual functionalities and interconnections. An awareness program on “Good Manners and Etiquettes” was conducted at the MCA Seminar Hall on September 19, 2024, for all female students of the department. Dr. R. Geetha, Assistant Professor at St. Xavier’s College, Palayamkottai, was the resource person. She discussed behavioral changes among students in the post-COVID period and shared basic guidelines for maintaining proper etiquette, including greeting faculty members, taking care of personal health, maintaining cleanliness, and adhering to the dress code.

An alumni meet was organized for second-year MCA students on September 28, 2024. Former students participated after completing a registration process. They shared memories of their college days and discussed their professional experiences. The Principal, Rev. Fr. Dr. Godwin Rufus, S.J., joined the event and addressed the alumni. Later, they attended a gathering at Loyola Hall conducted by the college. As part of XCAPA activities, various student-led competitions were held. On October 1, 2024, second-year BCA students organized a PowerPoint Presentation and Quiz competition for first-year BCA students at the MCA Seminar Hall. On October 8 and

10, 2024, second-year MCA students conducted an Art and Act competition and Technothon for first-year MCA students. First-year MCA students hosted the Emoji Act and Guess competition, along with Technovate, for third-year and second-year BCA students on March 3 and 5, 2025. Additionally, third-year BCA students conducted the Flavour Fiesta competition for second-year BCA students on February 25, 2025.

A campus drive was organized by the Placement Cell for second-year MCA students at the MCA Seminar Hall. The drive aimed to provide internship opportunities for eligible students at Feather Software, Nagercoil. The selection process consisted of three rounds: an aptitude test, a group discussion, and a technical interview. Seven students were selected for the internship program. The Inter-Collegiate Tech Meet, ICAPO 2024-2025, was held on January 23, 2025. The event was inaugurated at Loyola Hall by Rev. Fr. Dr. Godwin Rufus, S.J., Principal of St. Xavier’s College (Autonomous). A total of 121 participants from 18 teams representing 15 colleges took part in the event. The valedictory function was held at Loyola Hall at 4:15 PM, with Rev. Dr. M. Xavier Rex, S.J., Director of Carmel Academy, Mandamarri, serving as the Chief Guest. The Department of Computer Science from Rose Mary College secured the highest score and won the Overall Winners Trophy, while the team from the Department of Computer Science at Sarada College took second place, winning the Overall Runners Trophy. Through WhatsApp groups, students actively share knowledge about the latest technological advancements and English vocabulary. Another group, Cognitive Pool, is dedicated to MCA and BCA students, where they post and discuss questions related to NET/SET exams

DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINOLOGY AND FORENSIC SCIENCES

The Department of Criminology and Forensic Science at St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Palayamkottai, successfully organized a series of academic and awareness programs under the Criminology and Forensic Science Association (CFSA) for the academic year 2024-25. These events aimed to enhance students' knowledge, develop practical skills, and create awareness on key issues related to criminology, forensic science, and legal studies.

The CFSA inauguration took place on 25th July 2024, with Mr. D. Karthikeyan, TPS Commandant of TSP IX Battalion, Manimuthar, as the chief guest. The event began with a prayer song, Tamil Thai Vazhthu, and a lamp-lighting ceremony. Dignitaries including Rev. Fr. Dr. Godwin Rufus (Principal), Rev. Fr. Dr. G. Pushparaj, S.J. (Secretary), and Dr. A. Lourdasamy (Deputy Principal) delivered inspiring speeches. The chief guest emphasized self-motivation and observation skills, distributing green-inked pens as a symbolic gesture. Dr. G. Shunmuga Sundaram, Head of the CFS Department, introduced the elected association members, followed by an oath-taking ceremony. The event concluded with a vote of thanks and a group photograph.

A special lecture on "Forensic Chemistry: Analyzing Crime Scene Evidence" was organized on 26th September 2024 in collaboration with the Department of Chemistry. The resource person, Dr. S. Shailaja, provided an in-depth analysis of forensic evidence, including fingerprint analysis, toxicology, and ink examination. The session was well-received, with active student participation and discussions. On 26th November 2024, CFSA observed Constitution Day with an insightful lecture by Dr. G. Shunmuga Sundaram on the significance of constitutional values. The event

featured competitions such as preamble recitation, a quiz, and impromptu speeches, engaging students and promoting awareness of constitutional rights and responsibilities. Winners were recognized with awards, making the event a resounding success.

A lecture on "Cyber Crime: Assessing Risks, Victimization, and Preventive Strategies" was delivered on 6th December 2024 by Lt. Dr. R. Sivakumar. The session covered topics such as cyber fraud, the IT Act of 2000, and security measures. The interactive session helped students understand real-world cyber threats and preventive actions. On 9th and 10th December 2024, CFSA organized awareness events on corruption and human rights, featuring expert lectures, debates, and poster-making competitions. The activities emphasized integrity, justice, and human dignity. A medal-giving ceremony recognized the winners, acknowledging their participation and efforts.

A forensic series lecture on forensic entomology was conducted on 16th December 2024 by Dr. R. Azhaguraj. The session demonstrated how insect activity can aid crime scene investigations. The hands-on session engaged students in crime scene reconstruction, significantly enhancing their understanding of forensic science. On 28th January 2025, CFSA, in collaboration with the Departments of Social Work and Criminology and Forensic Science, organized an anti-human trafficking awareness program. The event featured expert talks on the legal and social dimensions of human trafficking. The interactive sessions provided valuable insights into victim support and preventive strategies.

The academic year concluded with the Rev. Fr. Vimi Charlie Endowment Lecture on 19th February 2025. Dr. M. Vijaya Maheswari delivered a lecture on "Cybercrime in the Digital Age: Challenges and Solutions," addressing emerging cyber threats and digital security measures. The session equipped

students with knowledge for responsible digital citizenship. The Criminology and Forensic Science Association's activities for 2024-25 successfully provided academic enrichment and social awareness opportunities for students. Through expert lectures, competitions, and awareness campaigns, the association fostered intellectual curiosity, critical thinking, and professional skills essential for future criminologists and forensic scientists. The department remains committed to organizing similar impactful events in the coming years.

DEPARTMENT OF DATA SCIENCE

The Department of Data Science at St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Palayamkottai, has actively fostered academic excellence, industry collaboration, and student development through various initiatives in the 2024-25 academic year. The Association Inauguration and Industry-Academia Collaboration took place on July 24, 2024, at Fr. Miranda Hall. The event was graced by Rev. Fr. S. Ignacimuthu, SJ, Rector, who emphasized the importance of data in research and daily life. Rev. Fr. G. Pushparaj, SJ, highlighted the role of data scientists in addressing contemporary issues, while Rev. Fr. Godwin Rufus, SJ, Principal, encouraged first-year postgraduate students to strive for excellence in Data Science. Dr. A. Lourdasamy, Deputy Principal and Former Head of the Department, urged budding data scientists to showcase their projects on platforms such as GitHub and Kaggle. Dr. A. Natarajan, Head of the Department of Data Science, welcomed the gathering, and Dr. Sunil Raj Y., Association President, announced the Office Bearers of the Data Science Association and outlined the action plans for the year. A key milestone of the event was the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding with ANDUM Technology, Chennai, strengthening industry-academia collaboration. The event concluded with insightful

speeches from dignitaries and a vote of thanks, setting a strong vision for the academic year.

Following the inauguration, the department hosted DATA HORIZON 2024, an intra-departmental symposium led by Dr. Y. Sunil Raj (Association President) and Dr. A. Natarajan (Convenor). The event encouraged critical thinking and teamwork through competitions such as Mystic Mind Quest (Problem-Solving), Crazy Crayons (Creative Art), Tech Trivia Clash (Quiz), and Discussion Dynamo (Group Discussion on Current Affairs). Team II emerged as the overall champion, with standout performances from Kannan G., Anusiya N., and Vishnu Priyan D.J.

On August 7, 2024, the department conducted a hands-on workshop titled "Building the Web," led by Mr. R. Bastin Jesuraj, a freelancer and Assistant Professor at Mother Theresa Arts and Science College, Theni. This workshop, attended by first-year M.Sc. Data Science students, provided training in HTML and CSS, enabling them to build a basic website and explore CSS frameworks, debugging, and testing. The session received positive feedback, and future workshops on JavaScript frameworks and backend integration were announced. Later, on August 20, 2024, the department organized DLM24@2, an intra-departmental symposium focusing on Data Science and Social Media Advertisement. Coordinated by first-year M.Sc. Data Science students, the event featured a keynote session by Mr. Rajamurugan Thirumaran, Founder of Zwork Technology, who discussed real-world applications of Data Science in digital marketing. Competitive events such as Strategy Showcase (Paper Presentation), Knowledge Trickler (Quiz), Code Quest (Debugging), and Dashing Debate (Group Discussion) engaged students in critical discussions on emerging technologies.

A technical workshop on Microsoft Excel was held on September 9-10, 2024, at the MCA Seminar Hall, attended by 94 participants from 11 departments. The workshop was inaugurated in the presence of Rev. Fr. Principal, Dr. A. Natarajan (Head of the Department), Dr. Y. Sunil Raj (Association President), and Dr. Kandhakumar. Rev. Fr. Principal addressed the participants, highlighting the role of chatbots in everyday applications, while Dr. Y. Sunil Raj elaborated on the workshop's objectives. The sessions covered Excel basics, data formatting, AI tools, and advanced analysis techniques, ensuring practical learning. Certificates were awarded based on performance, and the event received an average feedback rating of 4.8/5. The valedictory session took place on September 10, 2024, with Dr. A. Lourdusamy delivering a felicitation address. Dr. Sanmuga Sundaram was the guest of honor, and Dr. Y. Sunil Raj moderated the feedback session. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. A. Natarajan. On September 27, 2024, the department organized "Cracking the Code," a special session led by Dr. Aloysius Albert, focusing on logical reasoning, problem-solving, and analytical thinking for competitive exams and technical interviews. The session involved brain-teasing challenges and coding exercises, equipping students with essential cognitive skills.

The second International Conference on Recent Trends in Data Science (ICRTDS@24) took place on October 25–26, 2024, in collaboration with North Bengal St. Xavier's College, West Bengal. The conference featured keynote sessions by esteemed experts, including Dr. R. Balasubramanian (MS University, Tamil Nadu) on Machine Learning in AI, Dr. Praveen Kumar (SMART, Singapore) on AI in Agriculture, and Dr. Vinothkumar Kolluru (Fractal Analytics, USA) on Advanced Data Science

Techniques. Other notable speakers included Ms. Sumi Nadia (Boston, USA) on Geospatial Data Science, Ms. Suhi Chelsea (USA) on Analyzing Sea Level Rise Using R and NOAA Datum, Dr. J. Angela Jennifa Sujana (Mepco Schlenk Engineering College, Sivakasi) on Generative AI, and Dr. Ikenna Ukabuiro (Abia State University, Nigeria) on Smart Persuasive Architecture for Drug and Phone Abuse. The conference concluded with a talk by Dr. A. Lourdusamy on Bayes' Theorem for Data Science. Over 119 papers were presented from 39 institutions worldwide, with parallel sessions chaired by esteemed faculty members, fostering global research collaboration and knowledge exchange.

The Career Climb Crew program, launched in October 2024, focused on aptitude training, mock interviews, profile building, and company-specific training. Sessions on current affairs were introduced in February 2025 to help students stay updated on industry trends. This initiative, coordinated by Dr. A. Natarajan, Dr. Y. Sunil Raj, Mrs. M. Kaliammal @ Gayathri, and Dr. V. Sathiya, significantly enhanced students' industry readiness and employability skills. In February 2025, the department hosted "Career Compass," a guest lecture on career opportunities in Data Science, with a focus on Zoho Corporation's presence in Munnirpallam. The speaker provided insights into recruitment trends, required skill sets, and industry expectations, helping students align their academic knowledge with real-world job opportunities.

A three-day Faculty Development Program (FDP) on AI-Powered Modern Tools for Research was conducted from March 5 to 7, 2025. Hosted by Dr. Sunil Raj Y. and led by Dr. A. Felix Sahayaraj, the FDP provided 77 participants with hands-on training in AI-assisted literature review, citation management, and manuscript structuring. The valedictory address by Dr. A. Natarajan emphasized the transformative role of

AI in research, concluding a highly engaging and insightful program. On March 10, 2025, the department organized “Unlocking Career Success: Strategies for Placement Readiness,” featuring a chief guest address by Dr. Manimaran V. (National Engineering College, Kovilpatti). The session covered resume building, interview preparation, and placement strategies, equipping students with practical skills for job readiness. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Mr. Vishnu, acknowledging the contributions of faculty and participants.

The Department of Data Science at St. Xavier’s College (Autonomous), Palayamkottai, has made remarkable strides in academic and professional development through workshops, symposiums, international conferences, and industry collaborations. These initiatives have provided students and faculty with invaluable exposure to emerging technologies, industry insights, and hands-on learning experiences, setting a strong foundation for academic excellence and career success.

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION

The Department of Physical Education at St. Xavier’s College (Autonomous), Palayamkottai, had a vibrant and eventful academic year in 2024-25, organizing a series of impactful events and activities that significantly contributed to the holistic development of students. The inauguration of the Physical Education Students’ Association and the Welcome Sports Meet marked the commencement of the year’s activities, emphasizing the importance of sports in instilling discipline, teamwork, and perseverance. Esteemed dignitaries, including the Principal, Rector, and Director of Sports and Games, delivered inspiring addresses, motivating students to actively engage in physical education.

A key highlight was the National Sports Day celebration on 29th August 2024, commemorating the birth anniversary of hockey legend Major Dhyan Chand. The event featured various sports activities and awareness sessions, underscoring the significance of an active lifestyle. Additionally, the Manonmaniam Sundaranar University Inter-Collegiate Men’s Volleyball Tournament, hosted from 14th to 16th October 2024, showcased intense competition among 33 participating colleges. The tournament provided a platform for students to display their volleyball skills while fostering teamwork and sportsmanship.

St. Xavier’s College also conducted a specialized workshop on “Mastering Rocket Ball: Techniques and Rules Behind the Thrill” on 13th February 2025, featuring Dr. A. Gopala Krishnan, the founder of Rocket Ball, as the resource person. The workshop included technical and practical sessions, equipping participants with essential knowledge about the sport. In addition to these activities, the department organized a trekking expedition to Sathuragiri Mountain on 10th February 2025, involving 75 students and two faculty members. The trekking program aimed to promote physical fitness, outdoor engagement, and environmental appreciation among students.

Another remarkable initiative was the district-level Judo Seminar and Referee Examination, conducted in collaboration with the Tirunelveli District Judo Association on 14th and 15th February 2025. Over 100 participants benefited from the event, which provided training in Judo techniques and officiating, with 20 candidates successfully clearing the referee examination. Furthermore, the college hosted the 2nd Xaverian International FIDE Rating Open Chess Tournament from 1st to 4th March 2025, attracting chess enthusiasts who demonstrated their strategic skills. The tournament concluded with a grand prize

distribution ceremony recognizing outstanding performers.

To provide career guidance to final-year students, a seminar on career opportunities in physical education was conducted on 17th March 2025, led by Dr. R. Sathesh Franklin. The session offered valuable insights into career prospects in teaching, coaching, sports management, and fitness training, helping students navigate their future paths effectively. The culmination of these activities demonstrated the department's commitment to fostering physical fitness, skill development, and sports excellence among students. Looking ahead, the Department of Physical Education aims to continue its mission of promoting sports and holistic well-being, ensuring that students receive ample opportunities for growth, learning, and success.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK

The Department of Social Work at St. Xavier's College, Palayamkottai, organized several impactful events aimed at fostering leadership, democratic values, and social awareness among students. On July 29, 2024, the department inaugurated the Social Work Association, marking the beginning of a new chapter. The event, presided over by the esteemed principal, Father Dr. Godwin Rufus, emphasized the essential qualities of social workers, encapsulated in his coined abbreviation for MSW— "Magnanimous, Socialize, and Wonders." The chief guest, Mr. V. Jebin Deva from the Urban Habitat Development Board, highlighted the importance of communication, writing, and leadership skills for social workers. He encouraged students to consider government examinations to expand their career prospects. Following the inauguration, the "Capacity Building for Youth Leaders to Promote Democratic

Values" program was conducted in collaboration with the Democracy Forum and Vaan Muhil Trust. The event, led by Father Dr. G. Pushparaj S.J., underscored the importance of democracy and constitutional awareness among youth. Engaging activities, including unity-themed songs and debates, enhanced participation. Mr. Britto, the resource person, unveiled posters on the 75th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the significance of voting. The event concluded with a symbolic balloon release, signifying the students' commitment to upholding democratic values.

On January 7, 2025, the department hosted a seminar on project proposal writing, titled "Unlocking Funding Opportunities for Social Impact Projects." Led by Mr. A. Selvanathan, Project Development Officer at Brothers of the Sacred Heart, the session provided insights into proposal development and funding strategies for social initiatives. The program encouraged aspiring social entrepreneurs to refine their project planning skills.

An awareness program on anti-human trafficking was held on January 28, 2025, in collaboration with the Department of Criminology and Forensic Science. The event featured expert talks by Sr. Alphonsa and Sr. Jaya Paulraj from Thayagam Social Service Society. Sr. Alphonsa highlighted the vulnerabilities of marginalized communities and the AMBRATH scheme, a global anti-trafficking initiative. Sr. Jaya Paulraj conducted an interactive session, emphasizing the role of social workers in addressing trafficking. A short film, *Zindagi*, was screened to provide a realistic portrayal of the issue. The session concluded with a Q&A and feedback segment, enriching the students' understanding of human trafficking and prevention strategies.

On February 21, 2025, a sensitization program on “The Importance of Alternative Media Training for Social Change” was conducted by Dr. N. Ramachandran, a former director of Folklore Resources and Research. He elaborated on the role of media in shaping public perception, the influence of subliminal messaging, and how ideologies are normalized through media. The session explored language acquisition, cultural variations in language use, and the impact of folklore in shaping narratives. Through historical references, he illustrated how folklore has been used for both positive and negative propaganda. The program provided students with a deeper understanding of media’s influence on society and the importance of alternative media in driving social change.

These programs reflect the Department of Social Work’s commitment to empowering students with knowledge, leadership skills, and social awareness, equipping them to contribute meaningfully to society.

DEPARTMENT OF VISUAL COMMUNICATION

The Visual Communication Students’ Association at St. Xavier’s College (Autonomous), Palayamkottai, had an eventful academic year, beginning with its inauguration on 19th July 2024 at the VisCom Studio. The ceremony, attended by students, faculty, and distinguished guests, featured a prayer song, a welcome address by Ms. Rickshitha, and the introduction of newly elected office bearers. Mr. P. Bala Murugan (President) and Mr. Hariharan (Vice President) took their oaths, pledging to uphold the association’s values. The formation of 15 specialized clubs was also announced, offering students various avenues for creative and professional growth. The annual plan, presented by the President, outlined workshops, events, and industry collaborations. The

event’s highlight was the Chief Guest address by Mr. P. Sudhakar, Senior Assistant Editor of The Hindu, who spoke on the evolving media landscape. The inauguration concluded with a vote of thanks and the National Anthem, setting an inspiring tone for the year ahead.

On 6th August 2024, the association’s Film Club, in collaboration with the MA English students (Shift II), organized a Film Release and Discussion event at Fr. Caussanel Hall. Two short films—UnnaiArinthai by Mr. Bala Shanmugam and Korravai by Mr. Mahendrakumar—were released by Dr. A. Lourdusamy, Deputy Principal. The screening was followed by an engaging discussion where students analyzed storytelling, cinematography, sound design, and thematic relevance. The collaboration with the MA English department enriched the discourse, bridging visual and literary storytelling. The event successfully provided a platform for budding filmmakers to showcase their creativity and receive constructive feedback.

The department also hosted Talent Teaser 2024, an intra-department competition from 30th September to 4th October, where students participated in ten creative competitions, including photography, animation, music, and filmmaking. The valedictory function on 4th October celebrated the winners and acknowledged their talents. The competitions fostered skill development, teamwork, and industry preparedness, with students showcasing exceptional abilities across multiple disciplines.

On 4th September 2024, the association held an interactive session, Coffee with Actor Thadi Balaji, at the MCA Hall. The event, inaugurated by Rev. Fr. Xavier J. Freddie, S.J., Director of Visual Communication, featured Thadi Balaji sharing insights

into the film and television industry. Students actively participated in a Q&A session, gaining valuable industry knowledge. The session helped bridge the gap between academics and industry practices, providing a practical understanding of visual communication.

Furthering their commitment to artistic development, the department organized a two-day Performing Arts Workshop on 12th and 13th September 2024 at the VisCom Studio. Led by Mr. S. Francis (Director, SOCO, Madurai) and Dr. Senthamil Selvi (Street Theater Artist and Organic Farmer), the workshop introduced students to the fundamentals of acting, street theater, and socially relevant performances. Sessions covered character development, voice projection, property handling, and improvisation. The workshop emphasized teamwork and the use of performing arts as a medium for social change. Participants engaged in interactive activities and short performances, applying the techniques they learned.

Overall, the Visual Communication Students' Association successfully organized diverse events, providing students with platforms to develop their skills, express creativity, and gain industry exposure. The year's initiatives fostered leadership, collaboration, and professional growth, ensuring a holistic learning experience for all participants. The Department of Visual Communication organized a series of insightful and skill-enhancing events, fostering industry exposure and hands-on learning for students.

The talk show "EthirumPuthirum" on September 13, 2024, at Rev. Fr. Caussanel Hall, was a resounding success. Organized by 3rd-year BSc Visual Communication students under the guidance of Dr. S. Vijayalakshmi, the event facilitated a thought-provoking discussion on commercial and art cinema.

Students, divided into technical and creative teams, explored industry motives and the role of filmmakers. Guest speakers, filmmaker Mr. Arasu and academic Dr. Kulanithaisamy, emphasized the importance of balancing commercial viability with artistic expression and the impact of cinema on society. Students appreciated the valuable insights shared, enhancing their understanding of the film industry.

The Radio Jockey Workshop on September 19, 2024, at Fr. Miranda Hall provided students with practical training in radio broadcasting. Led by Dr. Jeyamery, the session covered reading techniques, pronunciation, voice modulation, and tongue twister exercises. Students engaged in hands-on activities and recorded feedback, gaining confidence in public speaking and understanding industry expectations. A two-day Television Production Workshop on September 25-26, 2024, enriched students with insights from industry expert Mr. Anubhav Krishna. The workshop covered scriptwriting for television, film, advertising, and new media, along with discussions on industry challenges, internship opportunities, and higher education options. Students gained hands-on experience in television production, scriptwriting, and storytelling while understanding industry trends and career prospects.

The Animation and VFX Pipeline Workshop, held on October 3-4, 2024, provided a comprehensive understanding of animation and VFX. On Day 1, alumnus Mr. Sathish Subramanian from DXC Technologies introduced students to motion graphics, industry tools, and 2D animation techniques. On Day 2, renowned VFX editor Mr. Jude Joneph, known for his work in Hollywood films like Jungle Book, Tenet, and Bullet Train, guided students through the VFX pipeline, post-production techniques, and career opportunities. The interactive sessions offered students

a deeper understanding of VFX integration in films and the animation industry. Lastly, the Career Guidance Program on Advertising and Brand Communication on October 9, 2024, was conducted online, featuring industry expert Mr. Thanigaivel. The session provided insights into industry trends, skill development, and career pathways, helping students understand the expectations of the advertising industry. These events showcased the department's commitment to bridging academic learning with industry exposure, equipping students with valuable knowledge and skills for their future careers in media and communication.

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION - MBA

The Foundation Course for the I MBA batch commenced on 24 June 2025 and was conducted by Bethel Centre for Languages and Life Skills, Tirunelveli. Spanning five weeks, from 24 June to 29 July 2025, the programme aimed to equip students with essential academic and professional skills.

The foundation programme included the following modules:

- **Communicative Competence Classes** – Enhancing students' verbal and written communication skills.
- **Fundamentals of Computer Operations** – Providing hands-on training in basic computer applications.
- **Business Math** – Strengthening mathematical and analytical skills for business applications.

- **Basics of Accounting** – Introducing fundamental accounting principles and practices.

This structured curriculum helped bridge the gap between diverse academic backgrounds, effectively preparing students for the MBA coursework. **Special Session – 20 July 2024** A special session on “How ERP Works in an Organization” was conducted for II MBA students on 20 July 2024. The session was led by Mr. C.R. Sathya Moorthy, Senior ERP and SAP Consultant, Palayamkottai. **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with ICANIO Technologies – 26 July 2024** XIBA signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with ICANIO Technologies, Tirunelveli, on 26 July 2024, marking a significant step towards industry-academia collaboration. This partnership aims to:

- Facilitate knowledge exchange and skill development through expert sessions and hands-on training.
- Provide internship and placement opportunities for MBA students in business and technology domains.
- Promote joint research and consultancy projects integrating academic insights with real-world business challenges.

This collaboration aligns with XIBA's commitment to enhancing students' employability by equipping them with industry-relevant skills. **St. Ignatius Feast of Loyola – 30 July 2024** XIBA celebrated the Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola on 30 July 2024 with reverence and enthusiasm. The event

honored the founder of the Society of Jesus, emphasizing values of leadership, service, and education. Prof. Joseph Iruthayaraj, Retired Professor, was the Chief Guest, delivering an inspiring address on the significance of Ignatian spirituality in contemporary education and leadership. The celebration featured special prayers and reflections on Jesuit principles of excellence and service. Special Session on Budget Analysis – 1 August 2024 A special session on Budget Analysis was conducted at XIBA on 1 August 2024 to enhance students' understanding of financial planning and economic policies. CA Rajalakshmi, a distinguished Chartered Accountant from Tirunelveli, provided an in-depth analysis of the recent budget, highlighting key financial trends, policy implications, and their impact on businesses and the economy. The interactive session enabled students to gain practical insights into budgetary frameworks and financial decision-making.

Academic Inauguration 2024-2025 – 7 August 2024 XIBA officially commenced the academic year 2024-2025 with an inspiring inauguration ceremony on 7 August 2024. Distinguished dignitaries in attendance included: Rev. Dr. Ignacimuthi SJ, Rector of the Institutions, Rev. Dr. Godwin Rufus SJ, Principal of St. Xavier's College, Dr. Lourthusamy, Vice Principal of St. Xavier's College They addressed the gathering, emphasizing Jesuit education, leadership, and personal growth. The event included an invocation, welcome address, keynote speeches, and an orientation on academic expectations, motivating students to engage wholeheartedly in their learning and development. XIBA Clubs Inauguration 2024-2025 – 8 August 2024 XIBA held its annual Club Inauguration ceremony,

officially launching academic and non-academic clubs for 2024-2025. Mr. K. Rathna Shekhar, Managing Partner of Shri Annamalaiyar Bricks, served as Chief Guest. Rev. Dr. A. Michael John SJ, Director of XIBA, led the invocation. The academic clubs—HR, Operations, Finance, and Marketing—focus on developing students' expertise in their respective fields. Non-academic clubs, including Go Green Club, Fine Arts Club, Campus Ministry Club, and Sports Club, aim to nurture creativity, spirituality, and physical well-being.

Research Scholars Meet 2024 – 10 August 2024 XIBA hosted the Research Scholars Meet 2024, chaired by Rev. Dr. Michael John SJ. This platform allowed scholars to present research, discuss challenges, and receive valuable feedback, fostering innovation and scholarly exchange. “Yoga for Mindfulness” Programme – 13 August 2024 XIBA organized a “Yoga for Mindfulness” programme featuring resource persons Mr. Veluchamy (Anna Stadium, Tirunelveli) and Sr. Shanti (Holy Cross College, Nagercoil). The session focused on yoga postures, breathing exercises, and mindfulness techniques to reduce stress and enhance focus. Industrial Visit – 20 August 2024 II MBA students visited Tuticorin Port and Maris Associates Ltd. The visit provided insights into port management, cargo handling, and manufacturing processes, enriching students' practical understanding of logistics and operations. MoU with RORIRI Software Solutions – 21 August 2024 XIBA signed an MoU with RORIRI Software Solutions to foster industry-academia collaboration. The agreement focuses on knowledge exchange, research initiatives, and skill development,

offering students exposure to the latest trends in software solutions and IT services.

Self-Defense Training Programme – 22 August 2024 XIBA's Women Development Cell organized a self-defense training programme led by Mr. Stephen, an experienced martial arts instructor. The session provided practical self-defense techniques for both male and female students, promoting safety and confidence.

Entrepreneurship Event – “En-Light En” – 24 August 2024. The Entrepreneurship Cell of XIBA hosted “En-Light En, Entrepreneurs for Future Entrepreneurs,” featuring keynote speaker Mr. James David, Founder of Eco Fresh Carbon. He shared insights into sustainability, innovation, and resilience in entrepreneurship.

Concerted Management Development Programme – 31 August 2024 XIBA hosted a programme on “Empowering Education through Inclusivity,” featuring expert talks on inclusive education and social responsibility. Speakers included Rev. Dr. L. Vasanthi Medona ICM and Mr. R. Sundararaj Arulkumar.

Two-Day Colloquium on Intelligence & Technology – 10 & 11 September 2024 XIBA, in collaboration with St. Mary's College, Tuticorin, hosted a colloquium on AI and digital transformation. Experts discussed AI ethics, business strategy, and technological advancements in modern industries.

XITAH '24 Talent Hunt – 12 & 13 September 2024 XIBA hosted an intra-college talent competition, fostering creativity and leadership. Students competed in diverse events, with expert judges, including alumni, providing evaluations and feedback.

Parents-Teachers Meet – 14 September 2024 A Parents-Teachers Meet was held for II MBA students to discuss academic progress, career prospects, and

parental involvement in student development.

Outbound Training for I MBA – 18 & 19 September 2024 I MBA students attended an experiential outbound training at LEAP, Coimbatore, enhancing adaptability, teamwork, and leadership skills.

XIBA Store Products Launch – 23 September 2024 XIBA inaugurated its student-run store, providing hands-on marketing and business experience. The event featured product presentations and symbolic first purchases.

XIBA Alumni Meet – 29 September 2024 XIBA hosted its alumni meet, fostering networking and professional mentorship.

WALKATHON '24 – GREEN BUSINESS – 22 October 2024 XIBA organized a Green Business Walkathon, promoting sustainable business practices. The event was flagged off by esteemed dignitaries, with students and faculty advocating for eco-friendly operations in local businesses. XIBA celebrated various events and occasions with great enthusiasm, fostering a sense of unity, learning, and cultural appreciation. As part of the Diwali celebrations, Mr. Ramkumar, Assistant Professor at XIBA, delivered a message emphasizing the significance of the festival in spreading positivity, knowledge, and the triumph of good over evil. The event featured cultural performances, traditional lamp lighting, and a message of unity and hope for the future.

On November 19, 2024, XIBA celebrated Men's Day, recognizing the contributions and significance of men in society. Organized by the Women Development Cell (WDC), the event aimed to appreciate and acknowledge the role of men in fostering a balanced and inclusive environment. The celebration included a cake-cutting ceremony by the faculty team, symbolizing camaraderie and appreciation. On

November 25, 2024, XIBA organized a Kick-off Programme for the Even Semester, providing a structured orientation for I and II MBA students. The sessions were designed to equip students with essential skills for personal and professional development. I MBA students attended a session titled “Self-Styling for Integrated Development,” facilitated by Rev. Dr. Godwin Rufus SJ and Rev. Sr. Dr. Vasanthi Medona ICM, focusing on self-awareness, personality development, and aligning personal values with professional aspirations. II MBA students participated in a session titled “Corporate Image Refinement,” led by Mr. Vinoth Raja, Career Services and Product Delivery Manager, ICANIO Technologies Ltd., Tirunelveli, and Ms. Thilo Vellapandian, Project Manager, ICANIO Technologies, Tirunelveli. The session emphasized corporate grooming, professional branding, and workplace etiquette to enhance employability and career readiness.

On December 2, 2024, XIBA celebrated the Feast of St. Francis Xavier, honoring the patron saint of missionaries and education. The event was marked with devotion and gratitude. Fr. James SJ was the chief guest and delivered a message highlighting the virtues of St. Francis Xavier, his dedication to service, and his role in inspiring future leaders. The celebration included prayers, reflections, and community participation, reinforcing the values of faith, commitment, and social responsibility. On December 6, 2024, a Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on Data Analytics was organized to enhance faculty expertise in data-driven decision-making and analytical tools. Mr. Rahul, a Data Analyst from Madurai, served as the resource person, providing insights into the latest

trends and applications of data analytics in business and academia. The session covered key concepts such as data visualization, predictive analytics, and the role of AI in data interpretation. Faculty members gained hands-on exposure to analytical techniques, equipping them with skills to integrate data-driven approaches into their teaching and research. On December 10, 2024, XIBA observed Human Rights Day with the theme “Together in Diversity.” The program emphasized the importance of unity in diversity and promoting human rights for all. The event began with an engaging balloon sculpting session by Mr. P. Sunderarsen, an experienced counselor and trainer. Following this, a human chain was organized at the Palayamkottai bus stand road and in front of St. Xavier’s College, where participants carried placards highlighting messages of unity, solidarity, and diversity, drawing attention to the importance of inclusivity.

On December 17, 2024, XIBA celebrated Christmas with St. Anne’s Rehabilitation Centre, Palayamkottai, embracing the spirit of joy, sharing, and compassion. The celebration included cultural programs featuring performances by XIBA students and the children at the centre, fostering a sense of warmth and togetherness. As part of the event, XIBA presented a donation to the school, raised through sales proceeds from the Integrity Mart and contributions from event speakers. This initiative reflected XIBA’s commitment to social responsibility and community engagement, spreading the true essence of Christmas—giving and sharing with those in need. The celebration left a meaningful impact on both students and the children at the centre, reinforcing the values of compassion, generosity, and inclusivity. On January 4, 2025, a

Parents-Teachers Meeting for I MBA students was held at XIBA, providing a platform for open discussions between faculty and parents regarding academic progress, overall development, and student well-being. The interactive session helped strengthen parent-institution collaboration, ensuring a supportive learning environment for students.

On January 8, 2025, the Entrepreneurship Cell of XIBA successfully organized EN-LIGHT-EN 2.0, a platform for aspiring entrepreneurs to learn from industry leaders. The event featured insightful sessions from distinguished speakers, including Ms. Angeline Anita, Co-Founder and CFO of Iconic Technologies, who shared insights on financial strategies for startups; Mr. Soody A Raja, CEO of Soody Electronics, who discussed the role of innovation in business growth; Mrs. Nivedita E Robin, CFO of Pearl Group, Tuticorin, who highlighted financial planning and risk management; Mr. Arjun Kannabiran, Founder and CEO of Crazy Coconut India, who spoke about the journey of a startup and market trends; and Mr. S. Murugan, General Manager of DIC-Tirunelveli, who provided insights into government support for entrepreneurs.

On February 5, 2025, XIBA organized a Virtual Colloquium on “Decoding Financial Decisions: The Role of AI-Driven Behavioural Patterns in Modern Investment Strategies,” featuring Mr. Nathaniel Christian, CPA, Associate Financial Advisor at Assante First Avenue, Canada. He shared insights on AI-driven

behavioral analysis in financial decision-making, investor psychology influencing market trends, and the role of data analytics and AI in modern investment strategies. On February 21, 2025, XIBA hosted XIBATE 25, an intercollegiate competition with the participation of over 18 colleges and 42 companies. The event was graced by Dr. Lionel Raj, Medical Director of Dr. Agarwal’s Eye Hospital, Fr. Dr. Godwin Rufus SJ, Principal of St. Xavier’s College, and Mr. Paranidharan, Regional Manager of Tamil Nadu Mercantile Bank, Tirunelveli. On March 1, 2025, XIBA organized a spiritual retreat titled “Pilgrimage of Hope,” providing students and faculty an opportunity for reflection, spiritual renewal, and personal growth. The retreat featured soul-enriching sessions, confession, and Holy Spirit Mass, emphasizing faith and well-being. On March 3, 2025, the International HR Confab on Leadership Intelligence in the Digital Era was conducted, featuring experts from various industries who discussed AI, corporate agility, space technology, and leadership intelligence. On March 6, 2025, XIBA hosted the inaugural XIBA Director’s Trophy, an intercollegiate volleyball tournament with 18 teams from seven districts. The event fostered camaraderie, competition, and team spirit. Finally, on March 8, 2025, XIBA celebrated International Women’s Day, organized and led by men to highlight their recognition and support for gender equality. The event featured various competitions and activities, reinforcing XIBA’s commitment to inclusivity, respect, and empowerment.

RESEARCH CENTRES

ZOOLOGY RESEARCH CENTRE (1957)

1) ENTOMOLOGY RESEARCH UNIT (1982)

The **Entomology Research Unit (ERU)**, Department of Zoology, St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Palayamkottai, continues its research and extension activities under the guidance of **Dr. P. Selvaraj** and **Dr. T. Pushpanathan**. In this academic year, under the guidance of **Dr. P. Selvaraj**, two research scholars, **Sr. M. Velankanny** and **Mr. J. Sherlin John**, were awarded the **Doctor of Philosophy** by **Manonmaniam Sundaranar University**. Two Ph.D. scholars, **Dr. J. Princy RathnamalaJayaseeli** and **Dr. M. Velankanny**, have been appointed as **Assistant Professors of Zoology** at **Thiagarajar College, Madurai**, and **Jeyaraj Annapackiam College for Women, Periyakulam, Theni**, respectively.

At present, one research scholar is pursuing her **Ph.D.** at ERU under the guidance of **Dr. T. Pushpanathan**. **Dr. P. Selvaraj** and **Dr. T. Pushpanathan** participated in a two-day international conference on '**Biodiversity and Climate Change**', held on **February 13th and 14th, 2025**, at **St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Palayamkottai**. The scholars at ERU participated in one international conference, presented seven papers, and published three research articles in **SCOPUS-indexed journals**. Additionally, **UG & PG students** are engaged in projects on **comparative mitochondrial genomics** and **phytochemical insecticide toxicity**.

2) CENTRE FOR AQUACULTURE RESEARCH AND EXTENSION (CARE) (1996)

Centre for Aquaculture Research and Extension (CARE), under the Department of Zoology, conducts interdisciplinary research across various aquaculture domains, including biodiversity, toxicology, pollution assessment, fish nutrition, feed formulation technology, fish pathology, genetics, water quality assessment, aquatic biotechnology, and fish histology. Recent research efforts focus on advancements in probiotics, specifically fish gut probiotics, water probiotics, and the discovery of drugs utilizing bacterial secondary metabolites. CARE's research priorities also include the treatment and management of fish diseases and enhancing growth rates in both large-scale and small-scale aquaculture operations. Furthermore, the centre places significant emphasis on developing culture and breeding techniques for ornamental fish species.

Currently, seven research scholars are pursuing their doctoral degrees under the guidance of **Dr. J. Ronald**, **Dr. P. Raja**, and **Dr. R. Azhaguraj**. Notably, **D. Anni Jain Askwith Mary**, a research scholar under **Dr. R. Azhaguraj**, was awarded a Ph.D. for her work on "Effect of Probiotics and Spirulina on Growth, Haematology, and Biochemical Constituents of *Labeorohita*." Additionally, two research scholars **Mrs. P. Krishnammal** (241112822001) and **Mrs. G.S. Mowniga** (241112822011) have registered for a Ph.D. under the guidance of **Dr. R. Azhaguraj** during this academic year.

The centre's research output includes 14 research articles published in Scopus/Web of Science journals, with Dr. R. Azhaguraj (8) and Dr. P. Raja (6) as contributors, along with three book chapters. Dr. R. Azhaguraj also served as a resource person in nine programs, including seminars, conferences, workshops, and guest lectures. CARE's research scholars actively participated in national and international conferences, presenting papers on various topics. The centre's research endeavours are further supported by the college management, with Dr. R. Azhaguraj receiving a minor project grant of ₹ 25,000 for the project titled "Quantification and Characterization of Microplastics in Sediment, Water, and Fish from the Tamiraparani River, India," funded by SXC.

3) CROP PROTECTION RESEARCH CENTRE (CPRC) (1998)

The Crop Protection Research Centre (CPRC) continues its research activities uninterrupted, focusing on eco-friendly pest management. Two novel botanical-based formulations were developed and evaluated for their efficacy against five significant crops. Additionally, conventional methods for managing coleopteran pests in rice storage were investigated. A new approach for managing mosquito larvae was also developed using a predatory fish. Dr. K. Sahayaraj received national recognition from the Dr. Vasantharaj David Research Foundation. As part of his academic engagements, he attended two conferences in Palayamkottai and Chennai. Notably, one of his B.Sc. students' (A. Antony Gracy Princess) projects was published in *Phytoparasitica*, a journal with an impact

factor of 1.5. Currently, three CPRC research scholars are in the final stages of their Ph.D. research and are preparing to submit their theses promptly, as the director is set to retire by the end of May 2025.

4) VECTOR BIOLOGY AND PHARMACOLOGY (2017)

The Centre for Vector Biology and Pharmacology has been active since 2017, focusing on research in sericulture, pharmacology, biodiversity of birds and insects, mosquito management, and related fields. In the 2024–2025 academic year, two Ph.D. degrees were awarded, and two Ph.D. theses were submitted. Currently, six Ph.D. students are conducting research in aquatic biodiversity, mosquito control, and the pharmaceutical effects of plant extracts, with two more students (Mr. R. Prasanth & Ms. A. Ketchiel Prarthana) registered this year. Our research efforts resulted in ten research papers published in peer-reviewed journals, along with two book chapters. Scholars actively participated in over six seminars and presented seven papers at national and international conferences. Additionally, research academics attended seven workshops hosted by various organizations and completed one course and a faculty development program (FDP). An ongoing one-year minor research project, funded by the St. Xavier's College Minor Research Grant (SXCRG) to Dr. S. Mabel Parimala, focuses on "Preliminary phytochemical screening, in silico activity prediction, in vitro antioxidant, anti-inflammatory, anti-diabetic, antimicrobial, and anticancer studies on selected medicinal plants."

BOTANY RESEARCH CENTRE

5) PLANT MOLECULAR BIOLOGY RESEARCH UNIT (2001)

The Plant Molecular Biology Research Unit (PMRU), established in 2001, continues its commitment to advancing plant molecular biology research through 2024–2025. Our research portfolio spans several specialized domains, including advanced molecular characterization of aquatic and terrestrial plants using techniques such as marker-assisted selection, gene cloning, and genetic engineering. We also focus on the discovery of microbial-derived pharmaceuticals from plant-associated microorganisms, enhancement of crop productivity through beneficial microbial interactions, and the cultivation and biochemical analysis of microalgae for biotechnological applications. Other key areas include the application of bioinformatics and statistical tools for genomic and metabolomic analysis, identification of stress-responsive genes in crops to develop climate-resilient varieties, investigation of secondary metabolite production in medicinal plants via transcriptomics, and the development of eco-friendly biofertilizers and biopesticides from beneficial microbes.

During this academic year, our laboratory has made significant progress in screening novel azo-dye degrading bacterial strains and evaluating their plant growth promotion capabilities on selected food crops under controlled greenhouse conditions. Particular attention has been given to monitoring genetic variations in treated plants and analysing shifts in microbiome compositions following supplementation protocols. Two scholars, Mrs. E. **Jebarubi** and **Mr. S.**

Arokiaraj, successfully completed their Ph.D. programmes, marking significant milestones for the unit. Our research output has been substantial, with four papers published in reputable, Scopus-indexed, and UGC-CARE-listed journals. Additionally, the unit contributed valuable knowledge to the scientific community through two book chapters: “*GMO in Millet: Advancing Nutrition and Agriculture*” and “*The Role of Ethnobotany in Reducing Carbon Footprints*”, both published in an international volume by Nitya Publications, Bhopal.

The PMRU scholars have been particularly active in academic conferences, presenting 15 research articles at various international and national events. Their excellence has been recognized through multiple awards. Mr. M. Sathyananth secured first prize for best paper presentations at the *International Conference on Recent Innovations and Emerging Trends in Life Science* at Kamaraj College, Thoothukudi, and at the *National Conference on Disappearing Wetland Ecosystems – Emerging Environmental Issues* at Rani Anna Government College for Women, Tirunelveli. Similarly, Sr. S. Lourdu Pouline won first prize at the *Prof. Joy Mohandhas Endowment National Seminar & Paper Presentation Contest on “Green Horizons: Innovations in Botany for a Sustainable Future”* at St. Mary’s College, Thoothukudi, and at the *International Conference on Recent Trends in Plant Science (RTPS-25)* at Sarah Tucker College, Tirunelveli. She also secured second prize at the *International Conference on Recent Innovations and Emerging Trends in Life Science* at Kamaraj College, Thoothukudi.

Dr. T. Leon Stephan Raj, the Director of PMRU, has extended his academic leadership beyond the unit by serving as chairperson for two significant events: the International Conference on Biodiversity and

Climate Change (ICBCC-25) at St. Xavier's College, Palayamkottai, and the International Conference on Recent Innovations and Emerging Trends in Life Science at Kamaraj College, **Thoothukudi**. Additionally, he has strengthened the scientific rigour in his field by serving as a **reviewer for several scientific journals**, further solidifying his standing in the academic community.

The PMRU remains committed to fostering the next generation of researchers, with three scholars currently pursuing Ph.D. degrees, including Ms. Sasi Bharathi, who joined in July 2024. Three manuscripts have been submitted to high-impact journals and are currently under peer review. Our research infrastructure, including advanced microscopy systems, high-speed centrifuges, PCR machines, and a gel documentation system, is consistently maintained at peak operational efficiency and is shared collaboratively among our research team and neighbouring institutions. Through its contributions to education, research publications, and active engagement in the scientific community, the Plant Molecular Biology Research Unit continues to be a leading centre for advancements in plant molecular biology.

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6) CENTRE FOR PLANT BIOTECHNOLOGY (2011)

The Centre for Plant Biotechnology (CPB) is currently focusing on the *ex-situ* conservation of rare and endangered ferns of the Western Ghats, India, as well as the *in vitro* ontogeny and stage-specific phytochemical and molecular characterization of

pteridophytes. At present, four research scholars—Ms. Silvia Juliet (FT), Mr. A. Periasamy IFS (PT, Chief Conservator of Forests, Villupuram Division, Villupuram), Ms. Vasanthasakthi (FT), and Mr. Robin Charles (FT)—are pursuing their research under the guidance of Dr. M. Johnson. Additionally, Ms. M. Sujatha and Ms. Vidyarani George successfully defended their Ph.D. thesis on 14.05.2024. Dr. M. Johnson serves as a reviewer for several prestigious journals, including the *South African Journal of Botany*, *Scientific Reports*, *Journal of Environmental Management*, *Journal of Herbal Medicine*, *Clinical Complementary Medicine and Pharmacology*, *Food Chemistry Advances*, *Journal of Threatened Taxa*, *Electronic Journal of Biotechnology*, *Discover Applied Sciences*, *Phytoparasitica*, and *Food Science & Nutrition*. During this academic year, five research papers have been published in Scopus/WOS-indexed journals. Additionally, five book chapters have been published by internationally reputed publishers, namely Springer and Bentham Books. Dr. M. Johnson also served as a resource person for the National Seminar on *Biotechnology for Sustainable Development* at Annai Velankanni College, Nagercoil, and the State-Level Workshop on *How to Write a Review Paper* at Holy Cross College, Nagercoil. Ms. Silvia Juliet is currently working on her Ph.D. thesis.

7) CENTRE FOR ADVANCED RESEARCH IN PLANT SCIENCES (CARPS) (2016)

The Centre for Advanced Research in Plant Sciences (CARPS) was established in 2016 by Rev. Dr. A. Joseph, S.J., former Principal of St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Palayamkottai, with the mission of advancing progress in the field of plant sciences. A dedicated space for the centre was provided and blessed by Rev. Dr. Antonysamy, S.J., Secretary of St. Xavier's

College (Autonomous), Palayamkottai, on 19.01.2017. Dr. J. John Peter Paul, Assistant Professor of Botany, is the Director of CARPS and focuses on recent trends in plant sciences. A major research project titled “Screening of Biochemical and Molecular Diversity of Selected Brown Algae,” sanctioned by the Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB), Department of Science and Technology (DST), New Delhi, was successfully completed in 2022.

Research scholar Mrs. M. Athi Lakshmi has submitted her Ph.D. thesis on the *Molecular Biological and Phytochemical Diversity of Marine Macroalgae* to Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli. Another Ph.D. research scholar, Ms. B. Abisha, is currently focusing her research on the same field. A total of six research articles were published in UGC-approved/peer-reviewed international research journals during the academic year 2024–2025. The Director and research scholars of CARPS have participated in and presented four research articles at various national and international conferences, symposia, and workshops, including those held at Standard Fireworks Rajarathnam College, Sivakasi, and Sarah Tucker College, Palayamkottai. Additionally, five *rbcL* sequences were deposited in the National Centre for Biotechnology Information (NCBI), Bethesda, Maryland.

Dr. J. John Peter Paul has been serving as an editorial board member for several research journals, including the *Bulletin of Environment, Pharmacology and Life Sciences*, *International Journal of Pharmaceutical Research and Bio-Science*, *International Journal of Advanced Research in Biological Sciences*, *Advanced Journal of Pharmacy and Life Science Research*, *International Journal of Research in Science and Technology*, *International Journal of Universal*

Science and Engineering, *American Journal of Pharmacology and Pharmacotherapeutics*, *International Journal of Nanobiotechnology*, and *International Journal of Molecular Biotechnology*. He also acts as a reviewer for the *International Journal of British Biomedical Bulletin*.

8) CHEMISTRY RESEARCH CENTRE (2011)

The Chemistry Department was elevated to the level of a research centre in 2011. The Chemistry Research Centre has a well-equipped research laboratory exclusively for research scholars, providing facilities for conducting advanced studies. It also houses an instrumentation centre equipped with a Guoy balance, Flash Photometer, Rota Evaporator, UV Spectrophotometer, FTIR, HPLC, and an electrochemical workstation, among others. In addition, the department has two more research laboratories, bringing the total research area to 1,420 sq. ft. The department focuses on key research fields such as phytochemistry, electro-organic chemistry, nanochemistry, polymer chemistry, green chemistry, supramolecular chemistry, and adsorption studies.

To support research activities, the college subscribes to three journals for chemistry scholars: the *International Journal of Applied Chemistry*, *International Journal of Chemistry & Applications*, and the *International Journal of Pure and Applied Chemistry*. Dr. C. Maria Magdalane has received a research grant of ₹ 25,000 from the management. The department also has a dedicated library of approximately 375 sq. ft., providing access to more than 315 books for research scholars and postgraduate students. Currently, the research centre has nine recognized research guides, with sixteen research scholars pursuing their Ph.D.

degrees under their supervision. In this academic year, a total of seven research papers have been published in reputed international journals, along with one book chapter.

9) PHYSICS RESEARCH CENTRE (2010)

The Physics Research Centre was established in 2010 and has developed a well-defined system to promote research. Exclusive research units, such as the Materials Research Centre, Crystal Growth Lab, and Energy Research Centre, function at the department level to support research scholars of the college. Currently, 23 research scholars are pursuing their research under nine research supervisors. The Physics Research Centre is accessible to all postgraduate (PG) students, whether they have their own research projects or intend to undertake research as interns.

The Physics Department has procured research instruments worth ₹ 1,49,910/- to facilitate UV studies and analyse the optical properties of thin films and nanomaterials. Faculty members of the department are actively conducting research in fields such as crystal growth, thin films, nanomaterials, polymers, optoelectronics, supercapacitors, and more. Nineteen research papers have been published in reputed national and international journals in the academic year 2024–2025. Additionally, the Department of Physics maintains an MoU with PSN College of Engineering, Melathediyoor, to collaborate on research activities related to nanomaterial synthesis and characterization, polymer research, and hands-on training on the electrochemical workstation.

10) MATERIALS RESEARCH CENTRE (2015)

The Materials Research Centre (MRC), Department of Physics, is actively engaged in research across various domains of materials science ranging from the development of novel nanomaterials for energy applications to the characterization of advanced nanomaterials. Notable achievements include the synthesis of graphene-based composites with exceptional mechanical properties and the discovery of new catalysts for sustainable chemical processes. Three of our research scholars—Mr. P. Ajith, Mr. M. Sappani Muthu, and Sr. Agnes CIC—have successfully completed their public *viva voce* examinations and received their doctoral degrees. Currently, Mr. A. Caroll Xavier, Ms. T. Xavier Jerlin Akshaya, and Ms. M. Maria Jenifer are conducting research under the guidance of Dr. D. Prem Anand. Dr. P. Ramasamy, Research Director of SSN College of Engineering, Chennai, visited our research centre and engaged in a fruitful discussion on the irradiation of solids and the SR Method. 3 project proposals have been submitted to various funding agencies, including DST, CSIR and TNSCST. During this academic year, the MRC has published seven research articles in leading national and international journals. The centre has been consistently engaged in cutting-edge research, from developing novel nanomaterials for energy applications to characterizing advanced materials for aerospace engineering. Its contributions include the synthesis of graphene-based composites with superior mechanical properties and the discovery of new catalysts for sustainable chemical processes. The MRC has published numerous papers in high-impact journals, significantly contributing to the global body of knowledge in materials science.

Looking ahead, the MRC is poised for continued growth and success. Future plans include expanding research initiatives in emerging fields such as quantum materials, biomaterials, and additive manufacturing. The centre also aims to strengthen existing collaborations and forge new partnerships to address complex material challenges and drive innovation across diverse sectors. The Materials Research Centre has had a highly productive and impactful year, advancing knowledge, fostering collaboration, and driving innovation in materials science and engineering. With a strong foundation and a clear vision for the future, the centre is well-positioned to make even greater contributions to the field in the years to come.

11) CRYSTAL RESEARCH CENTRE (2015)

Crystal Research Centre has successfully published three research papers in reputed journals. The first paper, “Investigations of Efficient Nonlinear Optical Tetra Glycine Ammonium Sulphate (TGAS) Crystal for Optoelectronic Applications,” explores the growth, characterization, and nonlinear optical properties of TGAS crystals, highlighting their potential use in optoelectronic devices. The second paper, “Enhanced Specific Capacitance of Ni Foam-Coated Ag, MoO₃ Symmetric Supercapacitor Synthesized by the Hydrothermal Method,” focuses on developing high-performance supercapacitors using Ni foam-coated Ag, MoO₃, demonstrating improved energy storage capabilities. The third paper, “Efficient Nonlinear Optical Single Crystal Synthesized Using L-Threonine with Maleic Acid,” reports the synthesis and characterization of an efficient nonlinear optical single crystal, enhancing its applicability in laser and photonic technologies.

In addition to these publications, one research paper has been submitted for publication: “Enhanced Ethanol Sensing Performance of FeMnO₃ Thin Films Prepared by the Spray Pyrolysis Method with Variable Thickness.” This study investigates the effect of thickness variation on the ethanol sensing properties of FeMnO₃ thin films, providing insights into optimizing sensor performance.

The centre has also made significant progress in Ph.D. research, with two scholars (Mr. P. Gershom Jebaraj, Ms. M. Josephine Gladiya) successfully submitting their theses, contributing novel findings in nonlinear optics, energy storage, and gas sensing. Current and future research efforts are focused on advancing nonlinear optical materials for optoelectronics, enhancing supercapacitor efficiency, and refining thin-film gas sensor technologies using FeMnO₃ and other metal oxides. Additionally, the lab is developing hybrid materials for multi-functional applications, exploring emerging nanostructured materials for enhanced performance, and integrating AI-driven data analysis techniques for material characterization. Collaborative efforts with research institutions are being strengthened to translate these findings into real-world applications.

12) ENERGY RESEARCH CENTRE (2022)

The Energy Research Centre at St. Xavier’s College, Palayamkottai, is actively engaged in pioneering research on energy storage, solar cells, and battery applications. Under the guidance of Dr. S. Anna Venus, Assistant Professor & Research Supervisor, four research scholars are currently conducting their doctoral studies, focusing on cutting-edge advancements in these domains. The lab is well-equipped with state-of-the-

art instruments, including a magnetic stirrer with a hot plate, hot air oven, centrifuge, weighing balance, autoclave, desiccator, and microwave oven, providing a robust foundation for experimental research.

The research scholars have made remarkable contributions to the field. C. Bhagya Lakshmi initiated her research in July 2019, working on “Synthesis & Characterization of Nano composites for Opto-Electronic Applications”, funded by the RFRS 19-20 project with a 13 lakh grant, successfully completed over two years. S. Jeya Lakshmi, who started her research in January 2020, focused on “Investigation and Characterization of Polymer Nanocomposites for Engineering Applications.” Her work has been successfully submitted for evaluation. D. Sher Meena commenced her research in January 2022, focusing on “Synthesis, Characterization, and Electrochemical Performance of New-Generation Hybrid Materials for Economic and Ultrastable Green Energy Storage Applications,” an ongoing project. D. Catherine Denisha, who began her research in December 2023, is working on “Biosynthesis of Bio-Nanocomposites as Electrolytes for High-Performance Energy Storage Devices.” Additionally, B. Delphine is set to start her research in February 2025, focusing on “High-Durability Platinum-Based Oxygen Reduction Catalysts for Proton Exchange Membrane (PEM) Fuel Cells.”

The scholars have actively participated in national and international conferences, workshops, and research collaborations. S. Jeya Lakshmi presented research findings on bio-host polysaccharide-based solid electrolytes at the National Conference on Recent

Developments in Effective Materials (REDEEMS'24) at Sarah Tucker College, Tirunelveli, and delivered another paper at the International Conference on Nano Materials Characterization, Hydrogen Energy, and Fuel Cells (ICWNF 2025) at St. Xavier's College, Palayamkottai. She also visited Saveetha University, Chennai, for project-based knowledge exchange and successfully submitted her Ph.D. thesis on March 3, 2025.

D. Sher Meena has actively contributed to research discussions, presenting her work on nanomaterials for electrochemical applications at the International Conference on Advanced Materials and Their Applications at V.O. Chidambaram College, Tuticorin, and on aluminium-based nanocomposites for energy storage at the International Conference at St. Xavier's College, Palayamkottai. She also participated in specialized webinars on Higher Education Opportunities in Taiwan, 2D Materials, Porous Polymers, and Quantum Engineering, as well as a workshop on Bibliometrics Using VOS Viewer & R Studio at St. Xavier's College.

D. Catherine Denisha has presented her research on Mn-doped ZnS nanocomposites for photocatalytic degradation at the International Conference on Recent Advancements in Materials Science and Nuclear Energy Research (ICRAMNR-2024) at Government Arts and Science College, Kovilpatti. She has also attended a national webinar on dielectric spectroscopy, a conference on higher education research scholarships, and a hands-on bibliometrics workshop at St. Xavier's College. Her research on biopolymer electrolytes for energy storage was presented at the International Conference at St. Xavier's College, Palayamkottai.

In addition to individual research achievements, B. Delphine is collaborating with Aatral Innovations Private Limited, Chennai, further strengthening industry-academic partnerships. The department has also secured funding under the St. Xavier's College Research Grant (SXCRG) for 2024-2025, with Dr. S. Anna Venus leading a project titled "Investigation of Biopolymer-Based Magnesium Batteries by Solution Casting Technique." With ongoing research, active participation in global scientific discussions, and a strong foundation in energy materials and sustainable technologies, the Energy Research Lab continues to push the boundaries of scientific innovation. The lab remains committed to fostering high-impact research, interdisciplinary collaborations, and real-world applications in the field of energy storage and conversion.

13) MATHEMATICS RESEARCH CENTRE (2003)

The Mathematics Research Centre, established in 2003, is committed to fostering innovation through collaborative research. With four Research Supervisors and 14 Research Scholars, the Centre actively explores diverse fields, including Graph Theory, Algebraic Graph Theory, Functional Analysis, Algebra, and Fuzzy Logic. Its dedication to academic excellence is reflected in the completion of Ph.D. research, new registrations, conference engagements, and impactful publications.

During the academic year 2024-2025, 64 research scholars successfully defended their Ph.D. dissertations. Under the guidance of Dr. A. Lourdasamy, Mrs. P. Aruna Rukmani, Mr. I. Dhiviyandam, Ms. S. Kitheri Ammal, and Ms. F. Joy Beaula completed their research, while Mr. S. Sahayaraj Joseph Nirmalkumar, supervised

by Dr. S. Sujith, also achieved his Ph.D. milestone. Additionally, four new scholars have registered for doctoral research under the mentorship of Dr. Y. Therese Sunitha Mary, Dr. S. Nithya, and Dr. S. Sujith, further strengthening the Centre's research community.

The Centre has actively engaged in academic events, hosting and participating in conferences and workshops to encourage knowledge dissemination and collaboration. The International Conference on Graphs from Algebraic Structures (ICGA 2024), conducted on September 11-12, 2024, attracted 133 participants and featured eminent speakers such as Dr. T. Tamizh Chelvam (CSIR Emeritus Scientist, Manonmaniam Sundaranar University), Dr. M. R. Pournaki (Professor, Sharif University of Technology, Iran), Dr. T. Asir (Associate Professor, Pondicherry University), and Dr. T. Kavaskar (Assistant Professor, Central University of Tamil Nadu). A special session on Research Advances in Domination in Graph Theory was organized on October 10, 2024, engaging 52 students in advanced mathematical discussions. The Centre also conducted a Two-Day Intra-Collegiate Workshop on Problem Solving in Algebra and Analysis for PG students on February 18-19, 2025, with 75 students participating. Furthermore, the Rev. Dr. A. Antonysamy Golden Jubilee Endowment Lecture, held on January 27, 2025, benefited 92 attendees, with Dr. R. Sundareswaran (Associate Professor, SSN College of Engineering, Kalavakkam) delivering an insightful talk on Vulnerability Parameters in Graphs.

The research team has made significant contributions to academia through publications in reputed journals, including Scopus, Web of Science, and UGC-CARE. Notable works include studies on

domination parameters, metric dimensions, probabilistic neural networks, and zero divisor graphs. Among these, key papers were published in journals such as *Proyecciones*, *Discrete Mathematics, Algorithms, and Applications*, *Journal of Computational Analysis and Applications*, and *Indian Journal of Natural Sciences*. Additionally, 20 research papers were presented at national and international conferences, covering topics like domination integrity, transformation graphs, and detour domination in hypercube networks, showcasing the Centre's interdisciplinary research scope. The Mathematics Research Centre continues to foster a dynamic and intellectually stimulating research environment, making notable contributions to mathematical sciences through high-impact publications, conferences, and academic collaborations. With a strong commitment to advancing knowledge, mentoring scholars, and expanding interdisciplinary research, the Centre aspires to enhance its scholarly impact and global research outreach in the years to come.

14) COMPUTER SCIENCE RESEARCH CENTRE (2009)

The Computer Science Research Centre was established in 2009 as the first research centre among the affiliated colleges of Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli. Currently, four faculty members are guiding twenty-one research scholars in pursuing their Ph.D. In the academic year 2024-25, three candidates were awarded Ph.D. degree under the guidance of Dr. S. P. Victor and Dr. S. John Peter. Additionally, eight doctoral committee meetings and four Pre-Ph.D. Viva Voce sessions were conducted. A

one-day National Conference on *Prospects and Challenges in Disruptive Technologies* (NCPCDT@24) was held on December 6, 2024. The event featured Dr. T. Kokilavani, Professor of Computer Science at Christ (Deemed to be University), Bangalore, and Mr. Michael Packiaraj, Manager of Experience Engineering (Technical Architect), Bangalore, as resource persons. The conference was attended by sixty participants.

15) TAMIL RESEARCH CENTRE (1981)

1981 ஆம் ஆண்டு தொடங்கப்பட்ட தமிழாய்வு மையத்தில் முனைவர் பட்ட மேலாய்வுகள் நடைபெற்றுவருகின்றன. இவ்வாய்வுமையத்தில் பன்னிரண்டு பேராசிரியர்களின் நெறியாளுகையின் கீழ் 28 ஆய்வாளர்கள் முனைவர் பட்ட ஆய்வை மேற்கொண்டு வருகின்றனர்.

சங்க இலக்கியம், அற இலக்கியம், காப்பிய இலக்கியம், பக்தி இலக்கியம் மற்றும் நவீன இலக்கிய ஆய்வுக்களங்களை அடிப்படையாகக் கொண்டு முனைவர் பட்ட ஆய்வுகள் மேற்கொள்ளப்பட்டு வருகின்றது. தமிழ்த்துறையில் நடைபெறும் அறக் கட்டளைச் சொற்பொழிவுகள், வியாழவட்டம் போன்ற ஆய்வுக்களங்களில் ஆய்வு மாணவர்கள் பங்கு கொள்கின்றனர். தமிழ்த்துறையில் நடைபெற்ற 'வாழ்வியல் நோக்கில் திருக்குறள்' என்னும் தேசியக் கருத்தரங்கில் ஆய்வுக்கட்டுரைகளைச் சமர்ப்பித்தனர். மூன்று முனைவர் பட்ட ஆய்வாளர்கள் பல்கலைக்கழக மான்யக்குழுவின் நிதி நல்கையின் கீழ் முனைவர் பட்ட ஆய்வினை மேற்கொண்டு வருகின்றனர். (திரு. அகஸ்டின், திரு. அ. செல்லப்பா, திருமதி. ம. இந்துஜா பிருந்தா). இக்கல்வியாண்டில் மூன்று ஆய்வாளர்கள் முனைவர் பட்டம் பெற்றுள்ளனர். ஆறு ஆய்வாளர்கள் முனைவர் பட்ட ஆய்வேட்டைச் சமர்ப்பித்துள்ளனர்.

16) ENGLISH RESEARCH CENTRE (2011)

The English Research Centre witnessed significant academic activities during the 2024-2025 academic year. Three full-time and one part-time research scholar were admitted under the guidance of faculty members. In terms of research progress, Dr. V. Ajitha successfully defended her thesis on postcolonial themes in Ben Okri's fiction, while Pre-PhD presentations were conducted for Ms. R. Gurunagalakshmi and Mr. Oswin Barnabas. Ms. R. Gurunagalakshmi also submitted her thesis in March 2025. Scholars actively contributed to academic discussions by presenting research papers at national and international seminars on diverse topics, including postcolonial studies, ecofeminism, digital humanities, and partition narratives. Additionally, they participated in various conferences and workshops focused on translation, literary criticism, AI in research, and interdisciplinary studies. Specialized training sessions on bibliometrics, research methodologies, and AI tools for education further enhanced their academic competencies.

The research centre also saw significant scholarly publications. Several scholars published research articles in SCOPUS-indexed journals, covering themes such as migration, race-based trauma, and literary critiques. Others contributed to reputed interdisciplinary journals with papers on feminism, trauma narratives, and postcolonial literature. Faculty development and training programs played a crucial role in strengthening research capabilities, with scholars attending multiple FDPs and short-term training programs on AI in research, literary theory, research writing, and patent filing. To further augment their

academic credentials, some scholars completed certification courses, including SWAYAM courses on soft skills and AI-related subjects. These activities collectively reflect the Centre's commitment to advancing research, fostering academic discussions, and equipping scholars with the necessary skills for future academic and professional pursuits.

17) FOLKLORE RESOURCES AND RESEARCH CENTRE (FRRC) (1987)

The Folklore Resources & Research Centre (FRRC), in association with the PG & Research Department of Folklore, SXC, organized various academic and cultural events throughout the year. A Workshop on Folkloristics was conducted in collaboration with MSU Colleges, Nagampatti, Thisaiyanvilai, and Govindaperi on September 12, 2024. A Divisional Level Folk Arts Festival was held on January 10, 2025, in association with the South Zone Cultural Centre, Thanjavur, under the Ministry of Culture, Government of India. The department also hosted memorial lectures, including the Prof. Tho. Paramasivan Memorial Lecture on February 18, 2025, the Dr. S.D. Lourdu Endowment Lectures for 2021–2022 and 2022–2023 on February 19, 2025, and the Rev. Dr. V. Britto S.J. Endowment Lecture for 2022–2023 on February 26, 2025, where corresponding monographs were released.

Additionally, an interaction session with eminent artist and Chair Professor Dr. T. Sanathanan from the University of Jaffna was conducted on February 16, 2025. FRRC also published *Kattumaram* by Kaliyalattam artist S.P. Antonysamy in March 2025, with the book release scheduled for March 20, 2025. As part of Na. Va. KarkaiVattam, eight book review

sessions were conducted, featuring discussions on works by authors such as N. Govindarajan, A. Marx, Erich Fromm, Raj Gowthaman, N. Muthu Mohan, and Lisa Gabbert. Similarly, Ki. Ra. Kathai Solli Koottam featured six storytelling events with narratives from works by A.K. Perumal, William Shakespeare, and biblical stories, as well as Jesuit missionary narratives. The DoF Film Club, in association with FRRC, screened three films—Maharaja (2024), Avatar – Part 1 (2009), and Moby Dick (2010). These initiatives collectively enriched the academic and cultural landscape, fostering engagement in folklore studies.

18) FOLKLORE RESEARCH CENTRE (1992)

The PG & Research Department of Folklore at SXC organized various academic and cultural events under its association, ManavarManram, throughout the 2024–2025 academic year. The association was inaugurated on July 25, 2024, with an address by Dr. Samuel Asir Raj. Subsequent meetings featured diverse activities, including a documentary screening by filmmaker K. Ramachandran, book reviews by student Ms. P. Anzanai, an interaction with puppeteer Mr. Raju Rao, and a discussion with poet Ms. M. Indhumathi. The valedictory function was scheduled for March 12, 2025, featuring Dr. V. Manickam as the keynote speaker. Additionally, the department hosted a Workshop on Folkloristics in collaboration with MSU colleges on September 12, 2024, with expert lectures by eminent scholars.

A Divisional Level Folk Arts Festival took place on January 10, 2025, featuring traditional performances such as Villuppattu, Tholpavaikuthu, and Therukuthu. The Prof. Tho. Pa. Memorial Lecture was delivered by

Dr. Bhakthavatsala Bharathy on February 18, 2025. The department also conducted the Dr. S.D. Lourdu Endowment Lectures on February 19, 2025, and the Rev. Fr. V. Britto S.J. Endowment Lecture on February 26, 2025, with the release of monographs from past years. An interaction with author Dr. T. Sanathanan took place on February 16, 2025, focusing on his book on Jaffna murals. Additionally, the department organized around ten Na. Va. KarkaiVattam events, seven Ki. Ra. Kathai Solli Koottam sessions, and three film screenings as part of the DoF Film Club. These initiatives highlighted the department's dedication to folklore research, cultural preservation, and academic discourse.

19) ECONOMICS RESEARCH CENTRE (2017)

Research plays a crucial role in higher education, fostering critical thinking among students and research scholars. The Department of Economics Research Centre at St. Xavier's College, Palayamkottai, was established in 2017 with the aim of encouraging and guiding scholars in exploring various socio-economic, cultural, industrial, technological, agricultural, and environmental issues. The centre provides a platform for in-depth study, discussion, and academic engagement, enhancing the overall quality of research. Equipped with essential facilities, the centre offers a dedicated 450 sq. ft. research cabin with three computers and internet access. Scholars have the flexibility to meet their supervisors during working hours, ensuring continuous academic support.

The centre attracts postgraduate students from both within the college and other institutions who aspire to pursue a Ph.D. in Economics. For the academic year 2024–2025, the department has enrolled four full-time

and two part-time research scholars. Notably, one scholar (Mr. I. Thangamuthu) successfully obtained a Doctoral Degree in Economics in December 2024, while two others (Ms. R. Jency Antony Ramila & Mr. D. Antony Baskar) have submitted their Ph.D. theses and are awaiting their viva voce examinations. The remaining scholars are preparing for their Pre-Ph.D. presentations. With the continued support of the college management, the Department of Economics Research Centre remains committed to fostering a dynamic research environment, enhancing students' academic capabilities, and contributing to meaningful research advancements.

20) ENTREPRENEURIAL DEVELOPMENT AND RESEARCH CENTRE (ED & RC) (2008)

The Entrepreneurial Development and Research Centre (ED&RC) Activities for 2024-2025 were inaugurated on 26th July 2024 at Loyola Hall. On 7th August 2024, the centre (ED&RC) organized an awareness program on "Zero Investment Business." The session aimed to guide students on starting businesses with minimal or no capital. It featured an informative talk by Mr. Christy, Founder of Intellectual Mad House, who shared practical strategies for low-cost startups. Additionally, Dr. Asha Raja, Associate Professor at PMT College, encouraged creative thinking through real-life examples.

A One-Day Workshop on Beautician Services was conducted on 15th October 2024 at ED&RC. Resource persons Ms. A. Mariya Jessy, Beautician at Jessy Beauty and Aari Institute, and Ms. J. Jerin Jes

Rachal, Beautician at ParadiseGlamup Makeup Academy, provided practical training on basic beautician skills and makeup techniques. They guided students in exploring career opportunities in the beautician sector through hands-on training. The workshop was highly beneficial in introducing participants to entrepreneurial prospects in this field. A total of 50 students from various departments of the college participated and benefitted from the session. From 17th to 19th October 2024, The Tamil Nadu Urban Livelihood Mission (TNULM) and the Entrepreneurship Development and Innovation Institute (EDII), Tirunelveli, jointly organized EDP Training for TNULM beneficiaries in collaboration with the Entrepreneurial Development & Research Centre for women entrepreneurs. The program was presided over by Rev. Fr. Dr. Godwin Rufus, SJ. Mr. Siva Baarathi, District Coordinator, EDII-TN, presented the dynamics of the training, while Mr. Joseph Arockia Sathish, Assistant Project Officer, TNULM, addressed the women entrepreneurs on various government schemes and the opportunities available to them.

On 5th December 2024, ED&RC organized a Hands-on Training Session on Stock Market Investment, during which students opened DEMAT accounts with the assistance of officials from Choice Equity Broking Pvt. Ltd., Tirunelveli. The event was presided over by Rev. Fr. Dr. Godwin Rufus, SJ, Principal of the college. An MOU was signed with Choice Equity Broking Pvt. Ltd. The resource persons for the session included Mr. N. Arulvengadam, Territory Head, Mr. R. Karthikeyan, Branch Manager, and Relationship Managers Mr. Karthikeyan Mariappan and Mr. T.K. Vignesh from CEBPL.

21) COMMERCE RESEARCH CENTRE (2010)

A pre-scheduled monthly teaching practice program was implemented for research scholars to enhance their instructional competencies. Under the supervision of their respective research guides, scholars actively participated in teaching sessions, allowing them to refine their pedagogical skills. Their performance was rigorously assessed based on the effectiveness of their teaching methodologies, ensuring continuous professional growth and academic excellence.

A 10-day workshop on SPSS was organized from March 10, 2025, to March 24, 2025. The workshop saw active participation from 50 postgraduate students and six research scholars. Through hands-on training sessions, participants gained practical experience in applying statistical methods and analytical tools, enhancing their proficiency in data analysis and interpretation using SPSS.

To strengthen the Research Centre's library and enhance its credibility and academic resources, four journals have been subscribed to through a contribution of ₹ 12,000 by research scholars. Additionally, six journals have been subscribed for the academic year 2025–2026 with financial support from the college. This initiative aims to promote scholarly research, facilitate knowledge dissemination, and support scholars in their ongoing research.

In an effort to enrich academic resources, faculty members of the department generously donated 20 books valued at ₹ 10,000. The college management also contributed 10 books on various aspects of research methodology. These contributions aim to support researchers and final-year postgraduate students by providing valuable academic materials to facilitate advanced research and scholarly pursuits.

An Endowment Fund of ₹ 11 lakh was successfully established through the collective efforts of the department, with generous contributions from former research scholars and faculty members. This initiative is dedicated to facilitating research-oriented training and workshops for research scholars, fostering an environment conducive to scholarly excellence.

22) BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION RESEARCH CENTRE (2018)

The XIBA Centre for Research continues to uphold academic excellence through its scholars' achievements and institutional developments. In the academic year 2024-25, four scholars—Dr. Shivabarathi, Dr. Bulomine Regi, Dr. Lily Sandya, and Dr. Balasaraswathi—successfully defended their theses and received their convocation, highlighting their dedication and the centre's commitment to research. On August 10, 2024, XIBA hosted the Research Scholars Meet 2024, chaired by Rev. Dr. Michael John SJ, facilitating intellectual exchange among scholars and supervisors. The centre admitted 12 new scholars, reinforcing its focus on high-quality research and collaboration, with five scholars under external supervision. XIBA also completed its renewal process on November 6, 2024, under the guidance of academic committee members, ensuring compliance with research standards. In a major development, the XIBA Business Review (XBR) secured the ICSSR Ad Hoc Annual Grant-in-Aid for 2025, supporting impactful research publications, with an application submitted for UGC CARE listing. Additionally, the centre has applied for an ICSSR grant to conduct a Ten-Day Capacity Building Program on Research Methodology, aimed at enhancing scholars' research skills and fostering a strong academic culture.

23) XAVIER RESEARCH FOUNDATION (2018)

Xavier Research Foundation (XRF) is a pioneering initiative of the St. Xavier's College management, aimed at promoting interdisciplinary research, publications, and extension activities. It serves as a centre of excellence dedicated to cutting-edge research that addresses societal challenges and environmental protection. XRF operates as an interdisciplinary research centre recognized by M.S. University (MSU/RES/R4/IRC/2021). The team includes one Director, three Scientists, one Emeritus Scientist, four Project Fellows, research scholars, and a Technical Assistant, all working full-time.

Currently, XRF is running six major projects focused on Agro-Tourism, Organic Agriculture, Environmental Awareness, and the promotion of herbal gardens in schools across Tirunelveli District. Additionally, XRF is involved in documenting medicinal practices used in Varmam therapeutics by non-institutionally trained Siddha practitioners in Southern Tamil Nadu, as well as isolating soil actinomycetes from the Agasthiyamalai hills. Furthermore, the foundation is engaged in rigorous scientific evaluation of indigenous traditional herbal medicines for disease treatment. XRF has also developed natural products for controlling insects and pests. XRF staff have handled four non-major elective papers and published 29 research papers, along with submitting 37 gene sequences to GenBank.

In the current academic year, 'Xavier Solai'—an Agro, Eco, and Biodiversity Park—was inaugurated by then-District Collector Dr. K. P. Karthikeyan, I.A.S., on September 3, 2024. This 25-acre park, established by XRF, is located in Irudhayakulam, Vickiramasinghamapuram, near Papanasam. It houses nearly 400 ecologically, medicinally, and economically valuable plant species, as well as traditional breeds of livestock. XRF supports numerous students in utilizing the SXC herbarium and its research facilities. Many MSc students are conducting their project work at XRF, and the digitization of the herbarium is currently in progress.

SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

Our institution takes pride in fostering holistic development through a wide range of service-oriented clubs and forums. These 28 organizations play a crucial role in nurturing social responsibility, leadership, and community engagement among students. The following are the service organizations actively functioning in our college:

1. National Cadet Corps (NCC)
2. National Service Scheme (NSS)
3. Youth Red Cross (YRC), Red Ribbon Club (RRC), & Blood Donors Club
4. Unnat Bharat Abhiyan
5. Anti-Drug Club
6. Standard Club
7. Students Council, Fine Arts Association & Parents Association
8. STAND (Social Transformation through Action for Nation's Development)
9. Campus Ministry & MAGIS Club
10. All India Catholic University Federation (AICUF)
11. St. Vincent De Paul Society
12. St. Vincent De Paul Typewriting Institute
13. Enviro Club
14. Consumer Forum
15. Democracy Forum & Electoral Literacy Club
16. Quiz Club
17. Theatre Club
18. Centre for Rural Entrepreneurship Development
19. Centre for Differently Abled Students
20. Centre for Women Studies
21. MAX Forum & Centre for Ambedkar Studies
22. வீரமாமுனிவர் தமிழ் மன்றம்
23. Alumni Association
24. Readers Club
25. Women's Forum
26. Xavier Hostel
27. St. Mother Teresa Hostel
28. St. Britto Hostel

These organizations are integral to the vibrant academic and co-curricular life on campus, embodying our commitment to service, inclusivity, and leadership.

THEME: HOPE AND RESILIENCE: SERVE WITH LOVE AND COMPASSION

“JESUS: THE ANCHOR OF HOPE”

In shadows deep, where sorrows dwell,
He lights our path, Immanuel.
Through violent storms and trials long,
His steadfast love remains our song.
When weary hearts in anguish cry,
He lifts the fallen, standing by.
His gentle hand wipes every tear,
Vanishing doubt, removing fear.
With patience vast as the ocean wide,
His unconditional, abounding love is a guide.
Compassionate, He heals and mends,
The broken soul, His touch amends.
Our Hope-Giver, Resilient Guide,
In His embrace, we safely abide.
Through suffering, kindness, and mercy poured out,
We find our strength, our risen Lord.

Dr. S. Mabel Parimala
Assistant Professor of Zoology
Vice-Principal (Shift-I)

“MEANT TO BE HERE”

Help the needy,
Otherwise, you're greedy.
Offer them paddy,
That's our duty.
Don't be cruddy,
Nobody is there
To care...
Swear to stay aware,
Ask them to go where
When they meant
To be here!

Sakthi Abirami (24UEN152)

**“CENTURIES OF LIGHT:
ODE TO ST. XAVIER'S”**

In hallowed halls where weary souls find rest,
SXC's flame still lights each quest.
A hundred years and two of steadfast grace,
Resilience blooms in love's embrace.
Through storm and time, our spirit stands unbowed,
With wisdom's crown and purpose proud.
Compassion's fire, through changing days, burns bright,
Guiding Palayamkottai through the darkest night.
No burden is heavy when our hearts align,
Love lifts the frail, the lost, the left behind.
Where shadows loom, let courage rise anew,
To answer every cry with service true.
Each selfless deed writes hope in golden lines,
For centuries more, may Xavier's light still shine!

Dr. S. Aloysius Albert
Assistant Professor of English & Dean of Arts

“RUIN THE RUINS”

From broken walls and shattered homes
Raise the roots of Hope.
Beneath the dust and smoke
Raise the rays of Hope.
When silent echoes haunt the town
Raise the whispers of Hope.
As heart's gloom fades beneath the dawn
Raise the child's lively smiles of Hope.
Tear out the pain, lift the hope;
Trace out the light, learn how to cope.
Let hope and strength destroy the gloom,
Let love and life refuse the tomb.
Let us ruin the ruins of misery
And shape our dreams from shattered memory.

Angelin. F (22UEN101)

“DO IT ANY WAY”

People are often unreasonable, illogical, and self-centred; forgive them anyway.

If you do good, people may accuse you of being selfish and of having ulterior motives; do good anyway.

If you are successful, you will win some false friends and some true enemies; succeed anyway.

Honesty and frankness make you vulnerable;

Be honest anyway,

Be frank anyway.

What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight; build anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, there may be jealousy; be happy anyway.

The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow;

Do good anyway.

Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough;

Give the world the best you've got anyway.

You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and God;

It was never between you and them anyway.

G. Varunkumar (24UCS509)

“WOMANHOOD”

They call me a woman
and not a human,

I am fixed

like a portrait

on the walls of society.

For there are only a few spectators to see,
and enjoy my show.

I carried and still

Do carry, his mightiness,
Once like a daughter and
Once like a spouse,
with no difference at all.

They have painted me,
and call me possessive.
They have uprooted me,
and call me emotional.
They have planted me,
and call me mendacious,
and make me 'what I am not!'

Woman is not born but created, out of their conscience,

With some exaggerated corroboration,

To label her as a thing, to play with,

A thought, never to feel,

A feeling, never to adhere,

And an idea, always to imagine.

K. Branitha (23UCS551)

“THE SILENCE AFTER THE SONG”

A girl whose head was once held high
Is now hanging low.

Her eyes, which were once full of hope
Are now full of tears.

Her heart, which was once brimming with joy
Is now filled with sorrow and self-hatred.
Her mouth, which once sang sweet songs
Is now silent.

Her hands, which once held a violin
now holds a knife.

Her skin, once smooth as silk

Is now etched with lines that will never fade.

The girl who was once so eager about her future
Now wonders if there's one.

Y. Dolly Encelata (24UEN102)

“SERVE WITH LOVE”

Through silent tears and weary eyes,
Through shattered dreams and endless sighs,
Hope still whispers, soft yet strong,
A promise that we all belong.
When darkness drapes the sky so vast,
And echoes speak of pain long past,
A single light, a helping hand,
Can heal the wounds, can help us stand.
Resilience rises, tall and true,
Like morning sun through misty dew.
It bends, it sways, but does not fall,
It learns to rise again, stands tall.
For life may break, may pull apart,
Yet kindness mends a fractured heart.
Not wealth, nor might, nor fleeting fame,
But love alone will light the flame.
A hand to lift, a heart to share,
A whispered word to show we care.
A stranger’s kindness, love unspoken,
Turns silent grief to hope unbroken.
No storm can drown, no winds erase,
The strength of love, its warm embrace.
It walks in footsteps left behind,
It lingers in a touch so kind.
So serve with love, through joy or strife,
For love alone restores a life.
And as we heal, as hearts renew,
We find our light, we find it true.
Through giving hands and hearts so wide,
Let hope and love walk side by side.
For in this world so vast, so bright,
Compassion is our guiding light.

A. Divya Bharathi (23UEC120)

“LOVE AND LIVE”

When shadows fall and silence grows,
And hearts feel burdened by endless woes,
There blooms a flame — steadfast and bright,
A whisper of hope in the darkest night.
It flickers first — so faint, so small,
Yet dares to rise and stand tall,
For woven within its quiet gleam
Are threads of love and endless dreams.
With gentle hands that mend and heal,
Compassion moves — so warm, so real;
It speaks no pride, demands no fame,
Yet leaves the world forever changed.
Resilience stands like an ancient tree,
Roots dug deep through storm and sea,
Its branches scarred, still they rise
Touching the winds, embracing the skies.
For every tear that streaks the face,
There blooms a flower in silent grace;
And every soul that dares to give
Write new verses in the song to live.
So, serve with love – the quiet kind,
That lifts the lost, that soothes the mind;
For kindness shared is never gone.
It lingers, grows, and carries on.
Hope is the ember, glowing slow,
Resilience is the wind that makes it glow;
And love—oh love love—the endless art
That stitches courage back into the heart.
So, rise again, with tender hands
Your light can heal these broken lands.
For joy is born in hearts that strive
And love is what keeps us truly alive.

Selvakumari. S (23UEC103)

“WHEN LOVE TAKES FLIGHT”

Love is not a word;
Thousands of voices heard as a flying bird,
Seeking quiet corners, goes softer and deeper;
Tremendous silence! Many secrets are kept.
A tranquillising, gentle song;
From afar, reaches, it is strong and long,
Yet peaceful, not all must run;
Waiting to touch the sun.
Starts with a sparkling seed;
No leisure, but a sudden greed,
Skipping the sponge steps;
Therefore, no arrival of doorsteps.
There is a time!
Time comes at the right moment!
Waiting for the time!
Time loves you.
A single smile changes any mood.
Changes a heart, makes free a mind,
Serves with care, open hands;
Like stars twinkle from distant lands.
No one is inferior, no one is superior;
No one is low, no one is high,
Fill the world with dazzling lights;
Kindness blooms with endless flights.

A. Astro (23PEN609)

“SEEDS OF HOPE AND COMPASSION”

Life, a beautiful garden.
Reap what you sow.
Plant compassion and hope,
Gather flowers that bloom.
Hope, not pretended—
Troubles don't exist.
Hope, a strength
To overcome the difficulties.
Compassion, language of the heart
With no expectations
Can heal the wound,
Can heal the world.

G. Alagu Parvathi (23PZO115)

“MORE THAN PRETTY”

I want to apologise to all the women
I have called pretty
Before I called them intelligent or brave.
I am sorry I made it sound as though
Something as simple as what you're born with
Is the most you have to be proud of when your
Spirit has crushed mountains.
From now on, I will say
You are resilient or you are extraordinary,
Not because I don't think you're pretty,
But because you are so much more than that.
Drench yourself in words unspoken.
Live your life with arms wide open.
Today is where your book begins.
The rest is still unwritten.

K.M. Vasundraa (23UCS535)

“RISE, BUILD AND EMBRACE”

Even in deserts dry and wide, a river finds its way,
Even in oceans deep and vast, a fish dares to stay!
A tree without its roots may seem as if it has lost its fight,
But with just a drop of rain, it reaches the light.
Even when the night is dark, the stars still sparkle,
Even when the storm is fierce, the birds still sing their mark.
The seed that breaks the hardest ground becomes the
tallest tree,
The wave that crashes on the shore returns with
strength so free.
No road is ever lost for those who dare to walk again,
No dream is ever out of reach if passion fuels the pain.
Fall, but rise — let struggles make you grow,
Even emptiness can bloom; let the world see your glow.
So, rise, rebuild, and embrace the fight — your fire will
never die,
For hope and love, like endless waves, will always
touch the sky.

P.M. Saufiya Sheerin (22UCH110)

“LIGHT OF HOPE”

Hope still shines in endless night,
Soft as dawn, yet fierce and bright.
Through each storm and raging tide,
Love and kindness stand as guides.
Hands that serve, hearts that care,
Lift the lost from deep despair.
Whispers heal where silence stays,
Warming souls in tender ways.
Resilience grows where pain has been,
Like flowers bright in fields unseen.
Steps may falter, hearts may weep,
Yet love's embrace is strong and deep.
No act too small, no step too light,
Each kindness sets the world alight.
With love to serve, with strength to stay,
Hope will guide us on our way.
With hearts that bend but never break,
We rise again for others' sake.
In hands outstretched, in words so kind,
A love so deep, a peace we find.

D. Shiny Rachel (22UCH141)

“FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT”

In a fragile state, darkness grew,
Slowly wrapping itself around you.
Everything felt like slipping away,
Until love poured in, steady and true.
The unconditional warmth of others
Breaks something deep inside—
Not to shatter, but to set you free.
You run like a river, fierce and bright,
Rushing towards the endless light,
Shining among the stars above—
A flame that will never fade.

K. Varsha (24UCC505)

“A SYMPHONY OF HOPE AND RESILIENCE”

In adversity's dark, hope shines like light,
A beacon guiding us through life's plight.
Resilience rises, unbroken and strong,
A phoenix is born, where love and compassion belong.
Through serving others, we uplift and mend,
Reflecting hope, until the end.
In darkest times, hope's whisper calms the soul,
Reviving resilience, making us whole.
With every step, with every fall,
We rise again, through love's standing call.
Hope's gentle flame, that flickers still,
Illuminates the path through life's uncertain hill.
May hope and resilience be our guiding way,
As we serve others, night and day.
May love and compassion be the flame,
That lights our path, and bears us through life's stormy frame.
Through hope and resilience, we find our voice,
A symphony of love that makes our hearts rejoice.

Mohamed Sowtha J.A.M. (23PEN504)

“WHISPERS OF THE VANISHING WILD”

In forests deep and oceans wide,
A silent cry, a fate denied.
Once they roamed, the wild was free,
Now shadows fade of what could be.
The tiger's roar, now faint, grows weak,
The panda hides, too rare to seek.
A turtle drifts through plastic waves,
It's home now choked, the sea behaves.
The rhino's horn, a hunted prize,
Yet none will hear its final cries.
The coral fades to ghostly white,
A reef once bright now drained of light.
If we still wait, if we don't fight,
These lives will vanish into the night.
But hope still grows where kindness leads,
If we protect, if we plant seeds.

M. S. Ranjani (24PZO109)





“UNLEASH YOUR INNER LIGHT”

Never compare yourself with anyone;
You are a unique being on earth.
Many things can be achieved under the sun;
Your confidence level is the dearth!
No success comes with fear of failure;
It takes some time to climb and reach a peak;
Sometimes, you must be like a drone in a hive,
Transforming that magic in you lies, you seek!
Don't be the problem in your life's problems.
If faith is strong, achievement will soon smile.
It is up to us to choose life's diadems;
Show off your full potential awhile!

A. Brettlee Jose (23PZO102)

“RESILIENT HEARTS”

In the depths of darkness, where shadows reside,
A spark of hope ignites, a beacon to guide.
Through storms of sorrow, through rivers of pain,
With love as our compass, we rise once again.
In every struggle, a lesson we find,
Resilience is forged in the depths of the mind.
With hands that reach out and hearts that heal,
We serve with compassion, making wounds feel real.
The road is not easy, the journey is long,
But love is the melody, and hope is the song.
When life seems broken, and dreams fall apart,
We rebuild with kindness, the strength of the heart.
For in each small gesture, in each act of care,
A light shines through, banishing despair.
Through all the trials that life may impose,
We serve with compassion, where empathy flows.
So let hope be the anchor, and love be the guide,
With resilience as armour, we'll never collide.
Together, united, we rise above fear,
Serving with compassion, our mission is clear.

Dheeraj M (23UZ0131)

“UNFOLDING WINGS”

In shadows deep where silence grows,
Where pain and struggle tightly close,
A gentle spark begins to rise,
A tender hope that never dies.
With hands outstretched and heart aflame,
We serve beyond our private pain,
Each kindness is like a healing light,
Dispelling the darkness of the night.
Resilience blooms like wildest flowers,
Emerging through the hardest hours.
We bend but never fully break,
Our spirits are strong for others' sake.
Love whispers softly in compassion's song,
Reminding us we all belong,
Connected by our shared embrace,
Of human warmth and tender grace.
Each step we take, though small it may seem,
Becomes the path of greater dreams.
Compassion's power, a gentle art,
Transforms the world, one caring heart.
So let us rise, our wings unfurled,
With love that heals a weary world.
Resilient souls who understand
The strength that comes when hand meets hand.

Rajesh S (24PZO103)

“UNSEEN SWAN”

She was not the must,
'Cause they thought
She was the
Worst & dust,
But
She was the remedy
Of their
Thirst.
She was the melody
They refused to
Cast.
At last,
They lost
The BEST.

**S. Sakthi Abirami
(24UEN152)**

“THE BEAUTY OF LIVING BRIGHT”

Help the much as you can,
Guide the much as you can,
Love the most as you desire.
Heal the most as you can,
Give the most as you can,
Learn the most as you desire.
Hope the best as you can,
Glow the much as you can,
Live the most as you desire....

The Beauty of Brightness

The star shines at night,
Night shows the light,
Light makes all bright,
Bright times set delight.

T. Aavis Beauty (22UEN146)

“REFLECTIONS OF HER SOUL AND ECHOES OF HER SPIRIT”

The nature she lives in
The way she sees through her eyes
The way it inspires indeed
The nature she lives in
Guards and guides her
It teaches to empower
And bold to be
The better and best version of herself
Storms reflect her battles
Rain reflects her soul
Sun reflects her rise
Roots reflect her veins to success
The nature she lives in
Is the place she can rely on
The nature she lives in
Is the reflection of HERSELF

T. Gnana Anesca (24UEN101)

“PEACE AMONG CHAOS”

So much noise, so much sound,
People talking all around.
Thoughts in my mind, swirling fast,
But somehow, peace seems to last.
So much chaos, everywhere,
But in it, I find some air.
I wonder what they’re all thinking,
But I just enjoy, no blinking.
The world is loud, but I’m still.
In all this noise, I feel a chill.
It’s chaotic, but I don’t mind,
In the rush, peace I find.

S. Anisha Josephine (24UEN157)

“NEVER ALONE”

Dear me, I see the tears you hide,
The dreams you lost, the pain inside.
You tried to stand, but fell so low,
And wondered if you’d ever grow.
But dear, it never lets you go,
Through every shadow, every broken road.
No fear, no shame can tear you apart,
You’re held by grace, within His heart.
Dear me, the scars will start to fade,
The storms will pass, the night will break.
You’ll find Him there, where you belong,
In every tear, in every song.
Dear me, I see the battles fought,
The battles won, the lessons taught.
In every struggle, you’re not alone,
For in His arms, you’ve always grown.

Haridizia Adani (24UEN176)

“THE TREE OF HOPE”

Hope, an enchanting spark, thrusts everyone forward every day.

A true light that helps one stay resilient,

Though one faces desperate challenges, one believes that a new moon, with its slight crescent, will shine upon one's life.

Hope serves as a way for a day of glee.

Resilience resonates as a frequency that may soar,

It is built on the trust that gratitude will blossom someday.

Hope and resilience, when served with love and compassion, resemble a ferry docked at the quay—

a warm and safe place for desperate pleas.

Amidst the hustle and bustle, the doubts and scepticism, offering love with empathy to someone is truly ethereal.

The highs and lows, the sulky and ecstatic moments, are balanced by the good spirits that human beings encounter in their lives.

The tree of hope and...resilience, watered and nourished with love and compassion, will endure forever.

**Pio Dharshini E
(24UCA501)**

“MAJIS: NEVER ENOUGH”

I see it in their eyes expectation, silent and loud

Like I was made to be more,

But I am just this. Just me.

I try, I give, I break Still, they wait for something else.

And maybe they are right.

Maybe I am the one falling short.

And I have that I believe it.

S. Anisha Josephine (24UEN157)

“EMBERS OF HOPE, WINGS OF LOVE”

Hope's gentle flame burns bright,

Guiding us through life's darkest night,

Resilience blooms like a flower,

Helping us rise with each new hour.

Love's soft touch heals the heart,

Compassion's kindness never departs,

In times of sorrow, we find our way,

Through hope and love, a brighter day.

With every step, we pave the ground,

For a future filled with hope and love around,

Compassion's voice whispers words of might,

Guiding us forward, through the dark of night.

And in its warmth, we find our peaceful nest,

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K. Pooja (22UEN172)

“NOSTALGIC LOVE”

Book and chalk in thy hands

Are richer than any other lands,

Stop not holding our hands,

Want to study again by chance.

Thou art, the Olympus hill,

Teachest with a high skill,

Shall make our dreams fulfill,

With all thy wise will.

We are like a can and cap,

But now there is a big gap;

Thou may make a new chapter,

Heart not alloweth others to enter.

Like May sun you makest us shine,

And all the sheen is surely thine.

S. Bala Mari (22UEN160)

“ONE MORE DAY”

The world looked bleak.

Colours are faded to the point that they might as well be white.

Sounds are becoming more silent, and I can't listen anymore.

The taste is bland, no matter if I put in too much of one flavour and suffer the consequences.

I've become numb to everything, even pain. I can't feel anything.

I looked out the window and saw dark clouds accompanied by distant thunder. The tall buildings all look monotonous and bland, no matter how the architects try to make them more appealing.

I've lost the will to live but lack the motivation to die.

I helplessly doom-scrolled on my phone and came across a very funny reel. I didn't laugh.

Ding dong

Who is that?

I lazily got up and carefully walked out of my mess of an apartment room filled with trash from food that I ordered and failed to remove the packages that kept piling up.

I need to clean it. I stared at my mess before I was distracted by the bell again.

“Coming!” I answer in my best human-sounding voice that I can muster.

I opened the door and was surprised to see a little girl.

“Hello there?” I greeted the child, and she smiled back.

“I wanted to give this to you!” She hands over a small box, which has a faint smell.

I open it and am greeted by a chocolate cake. I haven't had those ever since my childhood.

“Happy birthday, auntie!” she cheerfully wished me.

Is it my birthday? Ahh! I forgot! Of course, I did. I stopped celebrating them.

“Aww! Thank you!” I put on the most fake, cheerful, happy smile on my face.

“I made them on my own.” Suddenly, her smile seemed bright.

“Why?” I blurted out. Why did this child go to the trouble to make this for me on my birthday? no, I wasn't any special, probably some gesture of goodwill.

“Because I want to see you be happy.” Her face suddenly shone, or at least that was how it felt for me.

“Mommy told me to tell you that you are a very nice person, and you are doing great” Suddenly, all the things that I've lost over the years came rushing back to me.

“Really?” I tried to suppress the tears that were coming out, but I couldn't. A mere dam couldn't hold back the flood of emotions in my mind now.

I bid her goodbye and entered my room.

I sat on my bed and nibbled on the cake. I had lost the battle, and the tears and my emotions were flooding out in freedom.

“Maybe, I will live for a few more days, at least for the kid”, I said to myself as I looked at the rope that I tied in a noose a few days ago.

The cake was very tasty. The dark clouds had cleared up, and warm sunlight was rushing in.

I started to clean up the trash along with the rope.

I opened the window and heard the birds chirping.

I could taste bits of the chocolate cake on my mouth, and they were very tasty.

I could hear an old man singing down in the streets. He sings there every day, but only now can I hear the beauty in his voice.

The pain in my heart became more unbearable, but I felt refreshed.

For the first time in a long while, I just stood there—breathing, feeling, existing.

E. Alfred Christine (23UBH519)

“VOICES OF HOPE, HEARTS OF RESILIENCE”

என்னை என்னும் அதிசயம்

Hope

When skies are dark and paths unclear,
Hope still whispers, soft yet near.
A distant star, a rising sun,
A promise bright — the fight's not done.
Hope is fire in weary eyes,
Not just a dream, not just a word,
But a heartbeat strong, a voice that is heard.

Resilience

Resilience fuels the fire within,
A battle fought, yet built to win.
Not with hatred, nor with fear,
But love that draws the broken nearby.
They build the walls, they set the chains,
Yet freedom's voice forever reigns.
Through storms that break, through nights so long,
We stand unshaken, fierce and strong.

Companionship

Hand in hand we stand as one,
Beneath the moon, beneath the sun.
As strong companions,
Through trials wide and wild alone.
Love and justice side by side,
So let us thrive with hearts so free,
A world reborn in unity.
Hope and love will light the way,
And resilience leads to brighter days

K. Gomathi (24UCA530)

நீர் வேண்டுமென்றேன், கடவுள் ஏரியை
பரிசளித்தான்.

பூ வேண்டுமென்றேன், ஒரு பூங்காவை
எனக்காய் தந்தான்.

மரம் வேண்டுமென்றேன், வனம் முழுதும்
அருளிச் செய்தான்.

காற்று வேண்டுமென்றேன், பசுமை
நிலவுமந்த நிலம் தந்தான்.

சூரியன் வேண்டுமென்றேன்,
பகலொளியாய் வாழ்வைக் கொடுத்தான்.
நிலா வேண்டுமென்றேன், புன்னகை
மென்மையான சாயலைத் தந்தான்.

காதல் வேண்டுமென்றேன், மலர்கள்
மணமாக கிடைத்தன.

அன்பு வேண்டுமென்றேன், புன்னகை
பொலிவாக பிறந்தது.

ஆதாரம் வேண்டுமென்றேன், உலகமே
என்னை அரவணைத்தது.
நண்பர்கள் வேண்டுமென்றேன்,
சிந்தனை எங்கும் சிறகடித்தது.

எல்லாமே அனனி அனிக்கும் கடவுளே,
நீதான் வேண்டும் என்றேன்
அவன் சிரித்தான் ... தன்னைவிட மேலாய்
உள்ள ஒரு ஆசீர்வாதம் தந்தான்.

அவள் அமுதாய் அரவணைத்தாள், என்
வாழ்க்கை உருகி நெகிழ்ந்தது,
என தாய்தான் இறைவனின் பரிசு,
அன்பு பொங்கும் அதிசயம்.

அவளை விட அதிசயம் ஒன்றுமில்லை,
அவள் தானே அதிசயம்
அன்னையைப் போல் இந்த உலகில்
அன்பு பொங்கும் பொருள் இல்லை.

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நம்பிக்கையில் துணிவும் அன்பில் கருணையும்

சூரியனின் கோப ஒளியின் மூலம்
நிலவானது அன்பு ஒளியைப் பூமி
எங்கும் ஒளிர்ச் செய்ததே!

கோப ஒளியைக் கூட அன்பு
ஒளியாக மாற்றிய நிலவானது நம்பிக்கையின்
ஓர் அடையாளம் ஆனதே!

அந்நிலவின் மூலம் வரும் நம்பிக்கை
ஒளியானது இரவில் துணிவிற்கான
ஒளியாக மாறியதே!

அந்த ஒளியின் துணியைப் பற்றி
எழுத முயன்ற என் எழுதுகோல்
முனை தவித்ததே!

அன்பின் வடிவமான அன்னையின்
கருணையைக் கருத்தரிக்க!
உலகின் அனைத்து சுகத்தையும் கருவறையில்
தந்த அவளின் கருணையே அன்பின்
அடையாளம் ஆனதே!

இரவில் கண்கள் மூடி உறங்க
தவித்த என் உள்ளத்திற்கு துன்பத்தில்
இசைக்கும் சிரிப்பின் ஒலியே
என் நம்பிக்கை ஆனதே
என் கண்கள் மூட!

செ. பெளசர்
23 UPH 510

ஓயாத நதிகள்

நதீ என்றால் நம் நினைவில்
நிற்பது

அடங்காத அலைகள்
ஆரவாரமிக்க ஓசைகள்
இடிபோன்ற இரைச்சல்கள்
ஓயாத நீர் உரசல்கள்

போன்றவைதான். ஆனால்
இவை அனைத்தும் ஒரு மானுட
பயணத்தில் இருந்தால் அதை
என்னவென்போம் ??

ஓ! அதற்குப் பெயர்தான்
“ஓயாத கால்களோ”

ஆம்!!

அடங்காத அல்லல்கள்
ஆரவாரமிக்க ஆசைகள்
இடி போன்ற இன்னல்கள்
ஓயாத ஓலங்கள் - என்று

கால்கள் நடந்து கடக்கிறது
பல கஷ்டங்களை.

நதீக்குக்கூட ‘வறட்சி’ என்ற
வருடாந்திர விடுப்பு உண்டு
ஆனால்

அல்லல்படும் மானுட
கால்களுக்கு ...

மரணம் மட்டுமே விடுப்பாகும்.
எனவே மானிடா!

ஓயாத கால்களுக்குச்
சற்று ஓய்வு தர
நினைவாக அல்ல

நிழலாக நிற்போம் - நம்
நிழலில் அக்கால்கள்
சற்று நின்று
நிம்மதி காண்டும்

தே. சலோமியா
23 UZO 116

நம்பிக்கையின் வெளிச்சம்

நம்பிக்கையில் உதிராத நீர்க்கொத்து
துணிவுடன் நடந்தால் வெற்றி நிச்சயம்!
முற்போக்கு மனதுடன் முன்னேறினால்
முடியாததென்று எதுவுமில்லை!

அன்பு ஒரு மென்மையான திருவொளி
அதைப் பகிர்ந்தால் பிரகாசம் அதிகம்!
கருணையுடன் கரம் கொடுத்தால்
கனிந்த இதயம் பலரை உயர்த்தும்!

சிறு நம்பிக்கையும் பெருஞ்சாதனை
அன்பு தீபமாய் வழி காட்டும்!
கடினமான பாதையில் சென்றாலும்
கைவிடாத மனமே வெற்றி பெறும்!

துணிவான வரிகள் வாழ்க்கைப் பாடம்
அன்பும் கருணையும் அழியாத காட்சி!
நம்பிக்கையின் பாலம்தாண்டி சென்றால்
நாளைய வெற்றி நம்மை நோக்கி வரும்!

ஆ. நவினா ஏஞ்சல்
24 UZO 114

ஓயாத நதிகள்

தவறுகள் மனிதனின் அறியாமை
சிலர் உறவை முடித்துக் கொள்ளவே பயன்படுத்துகிறார்
இதை என் தவறு என ஏற்றுக் கொள்வதா!
இல்லை நம்மை வெறுப்பதாகப் புரிந்து கொள்வதா!

மறதி சில தோல்விகளை மறக்க உதவும்
அது மனதிற்கு ஆறுதல் அளிக்கும்
சில மறதிக்கு ஆயிரம் உதவி செய்த நண்பனை
ஒரு தவறால் மறக்கச் செய்வதே மறதியின் அதிர்ச்சி!

தவறு செய்வதற்கு சுதந்திரம் இல்லையெனில்
மனிதனை பக்குவம் செய்வதற்கும் ஆயுதம் எதுவும் இல்லை
தவறுகளின் அனுபவமே முதியவர்களின் அமைதியும்
இலக்கணங்களும், தத்துவ நூல்களும் !

அமைதிக்கு ஆயிரம் அர்த்தங்கள் கொள்ள முடிகிறது
சில அமைதி பக்குவத்தில் பிறப்பது
சில அமைதி கோபத்தில் பிறப்பது
சில அமைதி வெறுப்பின் பிறப்பு
சில அமைதி பைத்தியத்தின் வெளிப்பாடாகவும்
உள்ளது

அப்படி இருக்கையில் ஒருவரின் செயலால்
ஒருவரைப் புறம் பேசுதல் சரியாகுமா ?

நவீன உலகத்தில் ஒன்றை விட ஒன்று பெரிதாக தெரிகிறது,
விளைவு ஒன்றில் நிலைத்த தன்மை இல்லை.

சி. நிதிஷ்குமார்
24 UZO 104

நம்பிக்கையே அடித்தளம்

நடைமேடையில் வசிக்கும் சிலர்
கனவுகளைச் சுமந்து கொண்டு
நம்பிக்கையுடன் நடமாடும்
வேடந்தாங்கல்; பறவைகளே!

பசியில் வாடுபவர்களுக்கு
துணிவுடன் புலரும் ஒவ்வொரு
விடியலும் புதிய நம்பிக்கையே!

படிப்பிற்கு உரிய வேலை இல்லாத
இளம் பருவத்தினருக்கு ஒரு சிறு
வேலை கூட புதிய வாழ்விற்கான
நம்பிக்கையே!

இந்த உலகம் நம்பிக்கை, துணிவு
கருணை, அன்பு என்னும் பல
உணர்வுகளால் இன்றும் இயங்கி
கொண்டிருக்கிறது!

ப. ஆஷினி
24 UZO 111

நம்பிக்கையே வாழ்வு

நம்பிக்கை என்பது சோதனைகளை வென்று
வெற்றி பெறுவதற்கான ஆயுதம்
துணிவு என்பது பயத்தை - வென்று
முன்னேறுவதற்கான படிக்கட்டு.

அன்பு என்பது மனிதர்களை
இணைக்கும் குறியீடு
கருணை என்பது பிறர் - துன்பத்தைப்
பகிர்ந்து கொள்ளும் மனப்பான்மை.

நம்பிக்கை மட்டும் தான்
பயத்தை விட வலிமையானது
கருணைதான் இக்கட்டான
காலங்களில் உனக்கு உதவும்.

நம்பிக்கை என்னும் தும்பிக்கையிடனும்
அன்பு என்னும் பண்புடனும்
துணிவு என்னும் பணிவுடனும்
கருணை என்னும் பெருமையுடனும் - வாழ்!!

நம்பிக்கையில் துணிவும்
அன்பில் கருணையும் இணைந்தால்
வாழ்வில் கிடைக்கும்
பெரும் புகழ்!

எஸ். யாஸ்மின்
23 UZO 117

இரத்தம்

இரத்தம் இன்றி சுவாசம் இல்லை,
இரத்தம் இன்றி நேசம் இல்லை,
இரத்தம் இன்றி பாசம் இல்லை,
இரத்தம் இன்றி தேசம் இல்லை,
இரத்தம் கொடுப்போம் உயிரைக் காப்போம்!

தி. செண்பகராஜன்
24 UZO 117

மகிழும் பூமி! மகிழும் மக்கள்

மனிதம் என்றும் காத்திடவே
மாசற்ற சூழல் நிலவிடவே
மனமும் என்றும் நிறைந்திடமே
மக்களும் பூமியும் மகிழ்ந்திடமே!

அன்பெனும் குணம் ஓங்கிடவே
அறமெனும் பண்பும் பெருகிடவே
அகத்தில் வஞ்சனை நீங்கிடவே
அகிலம் என்றும் மகிழ்ந்திடமே!

மக்களின் வறுமை ஒழிந்திடவே
மா சாதி பேதங்கள் மறைந்திடவே
மாபெரும் மாற்றம் நிகழ்ந்திடவே
மாங்காத புகழும் பெருகிடமே!

இயற்கை அன்னை இன்புறவே
இன்னல் யாவும் நீங்கிடமே
இன்றே அனைவரும் சேர்ந்திடவே
இதனால் பூமியும் மகிழ்ந்திடமே!

பூமித்தாயைக் காத்திடவோம்
பேரிடர்கள் யாவும் தவிர்த்திடவோம்!
பெருந்துன்பம் யாவும் நீக்கிடவோம்
பேரின்பம் என்றும் பெற்றிடவோம்!!!

எம்.கே. ஸ்ரீராம்
23 UZO 101

தாய் என்னும் மகாராணி

மீண்டும் செல்ல முடியாத கருவறையில் என்னைச் சமந்து
உன் இரு கரங்களில் என்னை ஏந்தி
உன் இரு விழிகளில் கருவிழியாக என்னைக் காத்து
நான் இவ்வுலகில் இருப்பதையே மறந்து - என்னை
இளவரசியாக இவ்வுலகத்திற்கு அறிமுகப்படுத்திய மகாராணியே!
நான் இந்த பூமிக்கு இளவரசியாக வாழ
விருப்பமில்லை,
தன் கனவுகளைப் புதைத்து, தான் பெற்றெடுத்த
இளவரசியின் கனவுகளுக்காகப் போராடும் - என்
மகாராணிக்கு மகத்துவம் சேர்க்க விரும்புகிறேன்!

சி. இராசாத்தி
22 UZO 107

அன்புள்ள அப்பா

தன்னைப் பெற்றத தாயினும் மேலாய்,
தான் பெற்ற மகளையே 'தாய்' என்று அழைத்து!
அளவில்லா உன் ஆழமான பாசத்தை அள்ளிக் கொடுத்து!
சுயநலமிக்க உலகத்தில் சுயநலமற்ற உன் உள்ளத்தாலும்,
பாதுகாப்பு நிறைந்த உன் கைகளாலும்
நல்ல வாழ்க்கைப் பாடத்தைக் கற்றுக்கொடுத்த தந்தையே!
உன்னோடு நான் ஏழ ஜென்மங்கள் வாழவேண்டவில்லை;
உன்னை, என்னைச் சமந்த உன்னை,
என் கடைமூச்சு உள்ளவரை சமக்க வேண்டுகிறேன்!
கண்களுக்குத் தெரியாத கடவுளைக் காட்டும்
தந்தைக்குத் தெரிவதில்லை, அக்கடவுளே அவர்தான் என்று!
இப்படிக்கு தனக்கு என்றும் தொலையாத பொக்கிஷமாய்
இருக்க விரும்பும் மகள்.

சி. இராசாத்தி

22 UZO 107

கவிதை நேரம்

அழகான நாட்கள் எப்போதும்

அமைந்துவிடாது

வரும் நாட்களை அழகாய்

அமைத்துக் கொள்..

உன் முதுகுக்குப் பின்னால்

பேசுவார்களைப் பற்றி

கவலைப்படாதே - நீ

அவர்க்கு இரண்டு அடி

முன் னால் இருக்கிறாய் என்று

பெருமை படு.

நண்பன் வெற்றி பெறும்போது

அவன் என் நண்பன் என

பெருமை கொள் - தோல்வி

அடையும் போது நான் உன்

நண்பன் என அவன்

அருகில் நில்.

தோள் கொடுக்க தோழனும்

தோள் சாய தோழியும்

கிடைத்தால் அவர்கள் கூட

தாய் தந்தை தான்!!

சா. முத்து அன்றனி

23 UZO 120

இரத்தம்

அத்தனை துயரமாய் அனலில் வலி,
அன்பாய் அணைத்திடும் அப்பாவின் கதி,
காலையில் வேலை, இரவில் கனவு,
காலம் முழுவதும் உழைப்பதன் நிழல்,
மழையில் நனைந்து, வெயிலில் வாடி,
மகனுக்கு சூரியன் தந்திடும் மாடி,
கையில் கலசம், கண்ணில் கனவு,
கால்கள் வலிக்கும், கடமை தவறாது,
கடும்பட சுழற்சியில் கரை சேர்த்திடும்,
கடல் தாண்டும் காவலன் அவர்.
சிரிப்பில் சந்தோஷம், கண்களில் கனவு,
சேர்ந்திடும் பொன்னுக்குப் பதிலாக உயிர்.
முதுமையில் கூட மகனுக்காய் வாழ,
மொத்த உயிரையும் போக செய்யும் தந்தை.
பணத்தின் பெருமையைப் பேசாது
பாசத்தின் மொழியால் புத்தகம் எழுதும்
சாதனை வெற்றி எல்லாம் வெறும் சொல்,
சந்தோஷம் காண்பதே அவரது வெற்றி.
அந்த மலரின் மணம் அறியவா?
அவனது அர்ப்பணிப்பு உணர்ந்துவா?
நூறு தாய்மைக்குச் சமம் ...
ஒரு தகப்பனின் கண்டிப்பும்,
கருணையும், அன்பும்!!
தான் தடுமாறி விழுந்த இடங்களில்
தவறி கூட தன் மகன் விழுந்து விட
கூடாது என்று நினைப்பவரே
அப்பா!

ஆர். பிரேமா

24 UZO 125

நம்பிக்கையில் துணிவு அன்பில் கருணை

நம்பிக்கையில் உயர்ந்திடு,
நாளைய உலகம் உனதாகும்.
துணிவுடன் நீ முன்னேறு,
தோல்விகள் ஓடிச் செல்லும்.
உலகம் ஒளி பெற்றிட
அன்பு எனும் தீபம் ஏற்று,
கருணையால் கண்கள் மலரச் செய்து
கடலென மனம் நிறைந்து வாழ்ந்திடு.
மலர்களும் மழை பொழியும்,
மனிதர்கள் இதயம் கரையும்.
அன்பினால் அழிவும் மறையும்,
அருளோடு உலகம் விளங்கும்.
தோல்விகள் தோற்றுப் போகட்டும்
வெற்றியில் நாம் காணும் உலகம்
வியர்வையின் விளைச்சல் அது
வெற்றிக்கான வெகுமதியும் அதுவே.
கருணை கொண்டால் கோபம் கரையும்
அன்பினால் உறவும் மலரும்.
நம்பிக்கையுடன் வாழ்ந்திடுவோம்
நலம் தரும் வாழ்வைக் காண்போம்!

ச. ஜீவன்ஸ்ரீ
24 UTA 502

நம்பிக்கையின் நிழலில்

நழுவும் நேரங்கள் நமக்கே உரியவை
நம்பிக்கையை விடுவதே உண்மையான தோல்வி!
காற்று மோதினாலும் வேர்களை விடாமல்
மரமாய் நிற்பதே உண்மையான வெற்றி!
தடைகள் வந்தால் தடுமாறுவோம்
ஆனால் நிலை குலையாமல் நிற்போம்!
கருணை கொண்ட மனமென்றால்
உலகையே உயர்த்திவிடலாம்!
நம்பிக்கை என்ற வெண்ணிறச் சிறகுகள்
நம்மை உயர்த்திச் செல்லும்.
அன்பும் சேவையும் ஒன்றினுக்கொன்று
வாழ்க்கையின் அழகிய தூண்கள்!

A. ஐயப்பன்
23 UCH 130

அன்பின் கருணை

அன்பு என்ற சொல் - என்றும்
அன்பைக் கொட்டும் மழை
அன்பின் அலைகளாய் வந்தெங்கும்
அலறச் செய்யும் அனைவரையும் ...
அன்பே பிரதானமாகும்
அதுவே வாழ்வில் நாதமாகும் ...
அதை செலுத்தும் நபர்கள்
அடைவதில்லை! என்றும் தாழ்வு ...
அகரம் என்ற உயிரின் நினைவும்
அவ்வாறே வருவதும் அன்பே ஆகும்!
அன்பு! அவை உயர்த்தும்
அழகிய பண்பு ... !
அநியாயத்தில் மகிழாமல் - நியாயம் கண் மகிழும் பூ
தற்புகழ் கொள்ளா பூ - அன்பு!
பெருமை பாராட்டா பூ - பொறாமை தவிர்த்த பூ
பிறரை வாட்டாத பூ - தன்னிலை வாழும் பூ
கண்ணால் பேசும் பூ - கண்ணீரைத் துடைக்கும் பூ
இறுமாப்பு அடையாத பூ - சினம் கொள்ளாத பூ
தீமை நினையாத பூ - தனித்து நிற்கும் பூ
தன்னலம் கருதாத பூ - பிறர்நலம் பேணும் பூ
தன்னுயிரம் அளிக்கும் பூ - பரிசாய்
அனாதைப் படுத்தப்படும் பூ - அன்பு!

“அன்பே பிரதானம் அதுவே வாழ்வின்
நாதம் என்பது உள்.”

ம. ஜேயபிரகாஷ்
22 UTA 505

கருணை

கருணை என்பது கண்டறிந்தவரிடம் காட்டுவது அல்ல
கண்ணால் கண்ட அனைவரிடமும் காட்டுவது.
அன்பு இல்லாதவர்களிடம் கருணையை எதிர்பார்ப்பது தவறு,
ஆனால் கருணை செய்பவர்களை தடுப்பது மாபெரும் தவறு.

சு. செல்லத்துரை
23 UZO 113

அன்பில் கருணை

அன்பே வாழ்வின் பிரதானம்
அஃறினையிலும் அன்பு காட்டு
இல்லாமையிலும் வேண்டும் அன்பு
பொல்லாமையிலும் வேண்டும் அன்பு.

இரக்கம் மில்லா மனிதம்
எங்கு கருணை கொள்வான்
காட்டும் அன்பில் வேண்டும்
கருணை.

உண்ண உணவில்லை
உடுத்த உடையில்லை
இருக்க இடமில்லை
எங்கு போனது கருணை.

எங்கு சென்றது அன்பு?
இன்றும் கேள்விக்குறியாக இருக்கிறது
சாலையோர வாழ்க்கை.

வெ. கௌதம்
22 UTA 531

நம்பிக்கை

திரும்பும் எனும் நம்பிக்கையில்
தொலைகிற அலைகள் ...
துளிரும் எனும் நம்பிக்கையில்
உதிர்கிற இலைகள் ...
விடியும் எனும் நம்பிக்கையில்
உறங்குகிற இரவுகள் ...
முடியும் எனும் நம்பிக்கையில்
விரிகிற சிறகுகள் ...
விழுவதெல்லாம் மீண்டும்
எழுவோம் என்பதால்தானே தவிர
உட்கார்ந்து அழுவதற்கு அல்ல ...
இழந்தது எதுவாயினும் கிடைப்பது
அதைவிட சிறந்ததாக இருக்கட்டும்...
“நம்பிக்கை”

க. செல்வகுமார்
22 UCH 131

நம்பிக்கையில் துணிவும் அன்பில் கருணையும்

நம்பிக்கை
மனிதகுலத்தின் தகுதியியல்பு
நம்பியே சேருகிறோம்
பள்ளிகளில் கல்லூரிகளில்
நம்பியே ஏறுகிறோம்
பேருந்தில், புகைவண்டியடியில், விமானத்தில்
நம்பியே செல்கிறோம்.
தோவாலயத்திற்கு, திருக்கோயிலுக்கு, தொழுகைப்பள்ளிக்கு
தன்னம்பிக்கை
தனிநபர் முன்னேற ...
தளராத துணிவு
தளத்தை வெல்ல ...
தெளிவும் அறிவும்
தேர்ந்த வழிகாட்டலும்
துணியைத் தருமே
துயரம் விடுமே !
நம்பிக்கை நடைபாதையில்
துணிவுடன் நடந்திடுவோம்!
நாடு, வீடு, நாமே
நம்மைக் காத்திடுவோம்!
அன்பு - தனிப்பட்ட அக்கறையின் தடம்...
கருணை - அதன் விரிந்தநிலை ...
கருணை யாருடனும்
எதனிடமும் பிணைப்பதில்லை
அன்பு - குடும்பத்தினரிடம்
காட்டும் பாசவெளிப்பாடு!
கருணை - துறவியரும்
ஏற்கும் நேசவழிபாடு!
அன்பும் கருணையும் இருகண்கள்
அன்பில் கருணை
அருங்காட்சி!
அகத்தில் தூய்மை
பெரும் மாட்சி!
அருட்பெருஞ்சோதி
இதன் சாட்சி!

வ. சிவ மரகத ராஜம்
22 UCH 107

நம்பிக்கையில் துணிவும் அன்பில் கருணையும்

கடினம் தான் புரியும் வரை
கவலை தான் முடியும் வரை
முயற்சி எடுத்தால்
மூடனும் எழுவான் உயரத்தில் !
பயிற்சி எடுத்தால்
தோல்விகூட செல்லும் தூரத்தில் !
கற்றுக் கொள் தெரியாததை
ஒத்துக்கொள் உண்மையானதை
அம்மாவின் அலட்டிக்காத அன்பிலும்
அப்பாவின் அதிகபட்ச அக்கறை பண்பிலும்
ஆசிரியர் குழந்தைகள் மீது கொள்ளும் பாசத்திலும்
காவலர்கள் கைதீகளிடமும்
மருத்துவர்கள் நோயாளிகளிடமும்
விவசாயி பயிர்களிடமும்
மழைத்துளி பூமியிடமும்
பறவைகள் வானம் மீதும்
முகம் தெரியாதவர்கள் மீது இப்போதும் நேசம்
வைக்கும் மனிதர்கள் வாழும் வரை ...
நீ இல்லை நான் இல்லை
இந்த அழகிய அன்பில் மறைந்துள்ள கருணையும்
எவராலும் அழிக்க முடியாது !
நம்பிக்கையில் துணிவும் அன்பில் கருணையும்
எவராலும் பிரிக்க முடியாது !

மு. நாசிரா பாத்திமா
24 UCH 115

வாழ்வியல் நம்பிக்கை

வானில் வானவில் தோன்றும் போது
வானம் அழகாகிறது.
கதிரவன் தோன்றும் போது
பகல் அழகாகிறது.
சந்திரன் தோன்றும் போது
இரவு அழகாகிறது
உன் வாழ்க்கையில் நம்பிக்கை தோன்றும் போது
உன் வாழ்க்கையே அழகாகிறது

எங்கே ... நீ ஓடும் ஓட்டத்தில்
தோற்றுவிடுவேனோ என்று பயப்படாதே ...
இந்த தோல்வியால் உன்னுடைய வாழ்க்கை
முடிந்து போதும் இல்லை ...
நம்பிக்கை என்னும் வார்த்தையினால்
இன்னொரு முறை முயற்சி செய்
உன் வாழ்க்கை நீ நினைத்ததைவிட அழகாக மாறும்.

P. சுகீத்ரா
24 PZO 123

நம்பிக்கையில் துணிவும் அன்பில் கருணையும்

இருள் சூழினும் ஒளி வருமே,
இமை மூடியும் கனவு மலருமே
மழை வந்தாலும் வானம் சிருக்குமே,
மண் நனைந்தாலும் புது செடி மலருமே.
விழுந்து நின்றாலும் பயணம் தொடருமே,
நம்பிக்கையின் தீபம் என்றும் எரியுமே
சிந்தனை தெளிவானால் வெற்றி நமதே,
கருணை பரவினால் மகிழ்ச்சி உனதே
வீழ்வும் எழவும் வாழ்வின் பாடம்,
நம்பிக்கையே நாம் கூடும் கூடம்
சூரியன் மறைந்தாலும் பகல் மறையுமோ?
நட்சத்திரம் தெரிந்தாலும் இருள் தவறுமோ?
இருட்டை விரட்டிடும் ஒளி ஒன்று போதும்,
இழந்த நொடிகளும் இனிமையாய் மாறும்
நம்பிக்கை கொண்டால் வெற்றி நிச்சயம்,
கருணை பரப்பினால் வாழ்வில் வசீகரம்
அன்பும் கருணையும் காற்றாய் வீசுமே,
நம்பிக்கையின் தீபம் என்றும் மிளிருமே.

ப.மு. செளஃபியா ஷீரின்
22 UCH 110

நம்பிக்கையில் துணிவும் அன்பில் கருணையும்

உலகினை படைக்கும் கடவுளுக்கு இருந்தது
“நம்பிக்கை”
பத்துமாதம் சுமந்து பெற்றெடுக்கும் அன்னைக்கு இருந்தது
“நம்பிக்கை”
கண்டுபிடித்த கருவி இயங்கும் என்று விஞ்ஞானிகளின்
“நம்பிக்கை”
அறுவை சிகிச்சையை முடித்துவிடுவேன் எனும் மருத்துவரின்
“நம்பிக்கை”
தங்கப்பதக்கம் வென்று தீர்வேன் எனும் தடகளவீரரின்
“நம்பிக்கை”

ஆம்! நம்பிக்கையில் துணிவும்
துணிவில் வெற்றியும்!
வெற்றியில் கொண்டாட்டமும்!
கொண்டாட்டங்களைப் பாய்ச்சும் முன்!
“நம்பிக்கை” வேரூன்றி இருந்தால் அவசியம்
தானே!?
அன்னை தெரசா காட்டிய கருணை -
தொழுநோயுற்றவர்களைக் குணமாக்கியது!
பெற்றோர்கள் காட்டும் கருணை -
மகளை நல்வழியில் நடக்கச் செய்தது!
ஆசிரியர் காட்டும் கருணை -
மாணவனை உயர்ந்து நிற்க வைத்தது!
ஆம்! அன்பில் கருணையும்!
கருணையில் உயிரோட்டமும்!
உயிரோட்டத்தில் மனிதநேயமும்!
மனிதநேயத்தை பாய்ச்சும் முன்!
“அன்பு”வேரூன்றி இருந்தல் அவசியம் தானே!?

ஆ. ஜோஸ்பின் மிரியம்
22 UCH 118

நம்பிக்கையில் துணிவும் அன்பில் கருணையும்

நம்பிக்கையில் துணிவென்பது
நம்பியவற்றைத் துணிவுடன்
செயல்படுத்தும் செயற்கரியச்செயல்
தோல்விகளெப்படி வரினுமிது
துவளாமல் போராட உதவும்
கூழ்நிலைகள் எப்படியாயினும்
சமயோசிதமாய் சிந்தித்து
சிறப்புடன் செயல்படவைக்கும்.
முடியுமா? முடியாதாவென்ற
முரண்படு எண்ணங்கள்
மூளையிலுதிக்கும் வேளையில்
முடியுமென துணிவுடன்
முற்றிலும் நம்பும்
நம்பிக்கை யொன்றை
நன்றாய்க் கொள்ளுதல்
நலனிலும் நலமே.
அன்பு செய விரும்பு
அனைத்து மதங்களும்
அறமென வலியுறுத்துகின்றன
அன்பெ னப்படுவது
அனைத்து உயிரிடத்தும்
உள்ளத் தளவில்
நெருக்கமாய் உணர்தல்
கருணையெனப் படுவது
யாதெனின் பிறர்
துன்பங்கண்டு தானும்
துன்புறுதலுடன் அத்துன்பத்தை
துடைத்தெறிய தலைப்படுதல்
அன்புட னொழுகுதல்
எல்லை யொன்றில்
ஏதுமறியாமல் நின்றிடக்கூடும்
அன்புடன் கருணையும்
அருமையென கலந்திடின
அருட்பெருஞ் செயல்கள்
அறுவடை யாகுமே.

செ. ஜோஸ்னா ஷேரன்

நம்பிக்கையை உனதாக்கு
நல்லோர் நட்பை உருவாக்கு,
நன்மைகளை உன்வசமாக்கு,
நாளும் வெற்றி உண்டாக்கு!

துயரம் யாவும் தீர்ந்திடவே,
துணிவாய் என்றும் செயல்படுவாய்!
துன்பம் யாவும் நீங்கிடவே,
துணிகரத்தன்மைக் கொண்டிருவாய்!

பகைவர்க்கும் பரிவு காட்டிடுவாய்,
பல்லுயிர்க்கும் தயை புரிந்திடுவாய்!
பச்சாதாபம் கொண்டிருவாய்,
பார் போற்றும் புகழ் பெற்றிருவாய்!

இரக்கம் என்றும் கொண்டிருவாய்,
இறைவனை அதில் நீ கண்டிருவாய்!
கருணை மனதில் கொண்டிருவாய்,
கடவுளை நீ நெருங்கிடுவாய்!

அன்பினால் அழிந்தோரும் இல்லை,
அகந்தையால் வாழ்ந்தோரும் இல்லை!
துணிந்தவர் தோற்றதும் இல்லை
நம்பினோர் வீழ்ந்ததும் இல்லை!!!

எம்.கே. ஸ்ரீராம்
23 UZO 101

உற்றதோர் தியாகத்தால்
உரிமைகளைப் பெற்றோம்
பெற்றோர் சுதந்திரத்தால்
பிறந்தது குடியரசு
விற்கவா பெற்றோம்?
வீணர்களின் ஊழலுக்கு?
கற்பிப்போம் களையெடுப்போம்
காப்போம் சகாப்தக்குடியரசை!

சே. உலகுமீனா
24 CCS 540

உரிமையாய் உறவாடும்- என் உயிரின் உருவம் நீ
என் உடன்பிறவா உன்னத உறவும் நீ
கள்ளம் இல்லாத உள்ளம் தன்னில் கற்கண்டாய்
நான் கரைந்தேன்

அன்பு என்றால் என்னவென்று என் அண்ணனைக்
கேட்டுக் கொண்டே நான் அறிந்தேன்!

தவறு ஏதும் நான் செய்தாலும் தண்டனைகள்
எதுவும் தர மாட்டான்.

தரமான போதனைகளால் என் தவறினையும்
திருத்தி விடுவான்.

உயரம் பல நான் செல்ல உளமாற என்னை
வாழ்த்திடுவான். எனக்கு ஊறு ஏதும் ஏற்பாட்டால்
அவன் உள்ளத்தில் புழுங்கிடுவான். மாறு கொண்டு
நான் சிரித்தால் மனதல் அவனும் மகிழ்ந்திடுவான்.

உடன்பிறவா என் உடன்பிறப்பே!!

உன்னை ஒப்பிட்டு கவிதை சொல்லும் என்
வரிகளுக்கு வலிமை தர உவமையினைத் தேடி
நிற்கின்றேன். உன் உறவு எனக்கு கிடைக்க என்ன
என்ன பாக்கியம் நான் செய்தேனா!!

மறுஜன்மம் ஒன்று இருந்தால் உன்
உடன்பிறப்பாய் நான் பிறக்க வேண்டும்.

இல்லையெனில் உன் மகனாக நான் பிறக்க
வேண்டும்.

அண்ணா !!

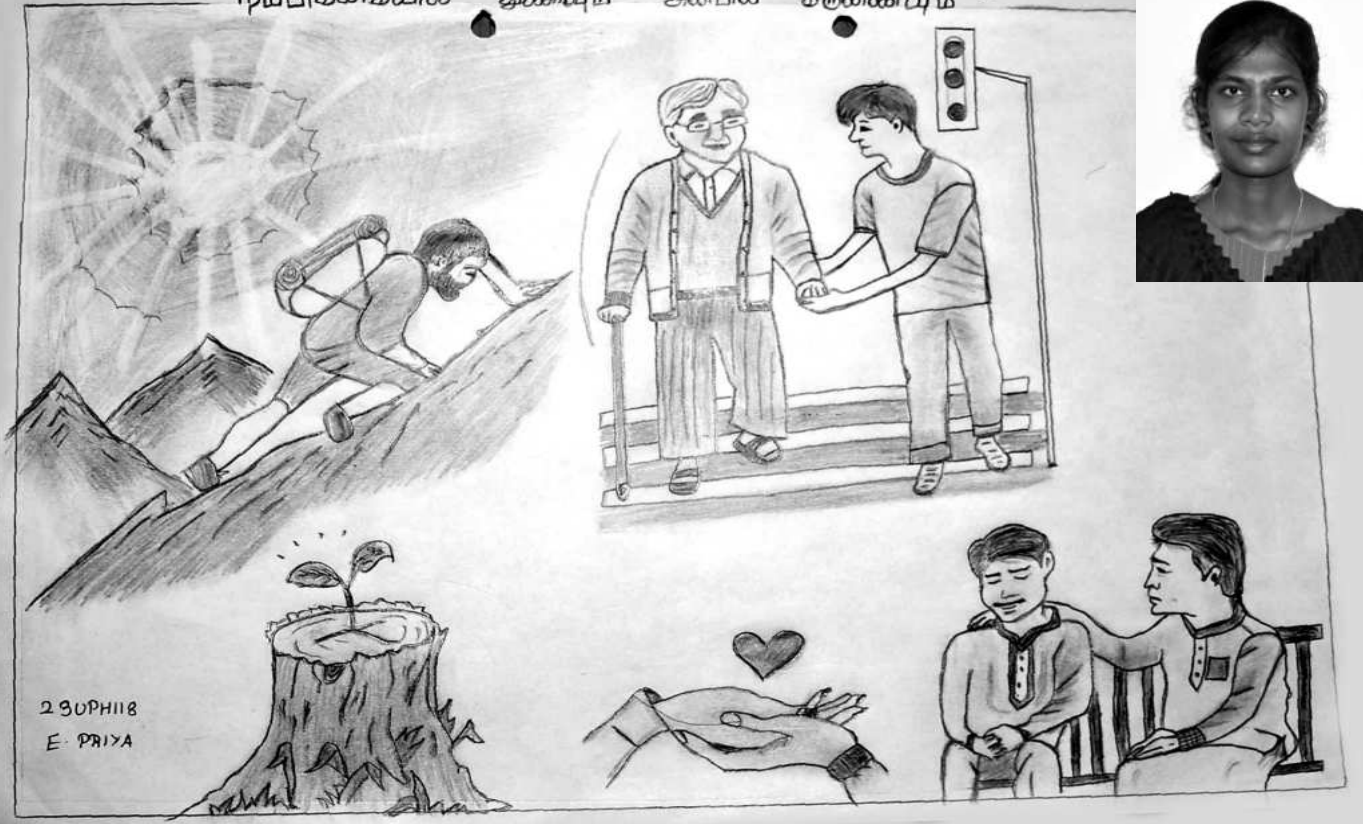
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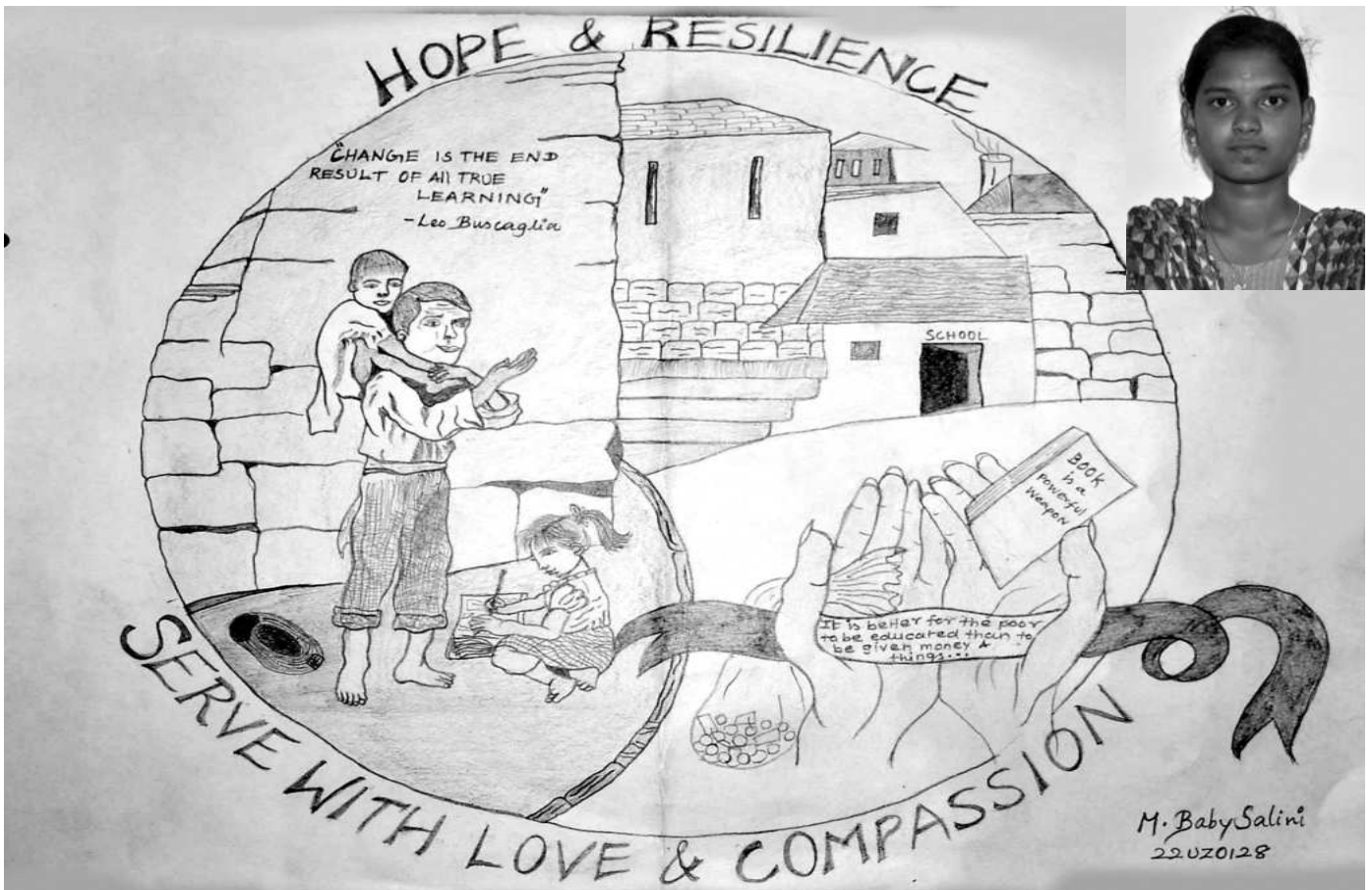
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FROM CRISIS TO COMPASSION: BUILDING A RESILIENT INDIA

India, a land described by Pope John Paul II as “a cradle of ancient cultures, religions and spiritual traditions which continue to shape the life of millions of people in a social context marked for centuries by a notable degree of mutual tolerance” (John Paul II, *Crossing the Threshold of Hope*, 12), stands at a crossroads today. His observation, made after his 1999 visit, resonates with the enduring diversity and plurality that define India’s cultural fabric. Yet, as we look around, we must ask: does this spirit of mutuality still thrive in today’s kaleidoscopic India, or is it under threat?

Pointers: The State of the Nation

While India’s legacy of tolerance and coexistence is remarkable, the present is marred by growing religious fundamentalism, injustice, inequality, illiteracy, child labour, women’s oppression, and the domination of the majority over minorities. Dirty politics and corruption further erode the social contract. The list of challenges seems endless.

Problems: The Shadows We Face

- **Anti-Human Values:** The dominant values in society have shifted from human dignity to material gain. As Jodi Picoult writes, “The human capacity for burden is like bamboo - far more flexible than you’d ever believe at first glance” (Picoult, *Handle with Care*, 244). Yet, our resilience is tested by rampant corruption, violence, and the commodification of education.

- **Education Crisis:** Our educational system is highly commercialised, disconnected from human realities, and the value of education risks becoming a mere academic formality.
- **Leadership Deficit:** Political and religious leaders make grand promises of justice, equality, and empowerment for Dalits, tribals, and women, but often lack vision and genuine commitment.
- **Corruption and Crime:** From the selling of votes to the normalisation of bribery, from the release of criminals to the silencing of truth in the media, our conscience is under siege.
- **Social Injustices:** The cries of farmers, the plight of women and children, and the persistent caste and communal divides reflect deep wounds in our social fabric.

As Nelson Mandela reminds us, “The greatest glory in living lies not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall” (Mandela, *Long Walk to Freedom: The Autobiography of Nelson Mandela*, 37). It is in acknowledging these falls that we find the resolve to rise again.

Prospects: Reclaiming Hope and Compassion

Despite the darkness, India’s story is not one of despair but of hope and resilience. As the Dalai Lama observes, “Love and compassion are necessities, not luxuries. Without them humanity cannot survive” (Dalai Lama, *The Art of Happiness*, 98). Our prospects lie in embracing these values and translating them into action.

- **Remove Divisive Forces:** We must transcend divisions of caste, region, and religion. As Robert Fulghum writes, “Hope always triumphs over experience... And I believe that love is stronger than death” (Fulghum, *All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten*, 112).
- **Channel the Energy of Youth:** India’s youth are its greatest asset. Their energy must be directed towards constructive nation-building, not lost to crime or apathy. “Persistence and resilience only come from having been given the chance to work through difficult problems” (Tulley, *50 Dangerous Things You Should Let Your Children Do*, 56).
- **Fight Corruption:** Standing up against corruption at all levels is vital. As Thomas Edison said, “Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time” (Edison, *Edison: His Life and Inventions*, 201).
- **Save the Earth:** Environmental stewardship is a collective responsibility. “Out of difficulties grow miracles” (de la Bruyère, *The Characters*, 77).
- **Policy Interventions:** Policies must prioritise the marginalised farmers, women, children, tribals, and the poor. Only then can we build an inclusive society.
- **Reform Education:** Educational institutions must foster responsible citizenship, not just academic achievement. As Maya Angelou said, “I can be changed by what happens to me. But I refuse to be reduced by it” (Angelou, *Letter to My Daughter*, 45).

The path forward is illuminated by hope, resilience, and compassion. As the Dalai Lama teaches, “The more we care for the happiness of others, the greater is our own sense of well-being... The doctrine is compassion. Love for others and respect for their rights and dignity, no matter who or what they are: ultimately, these are all we need” (Dalai Lama, *The Art of Happiness*, 101). We must reject the **TINA** (There Is No Alternative) mindset and embrace **TATA** (There Are Thousands of Alternatives), seeking creative, inclusive solutions for India’s future.

Conclusion: A Call to Action

Amidst chaos and pessimism, let us heed the awakening call for realisation and action. “When we learn how to become resilient, we learn how to embrace the beautifully broad spectrum of the human experience” (Dewalt, *Resilience: The Science of Mastering Life’s Greatest Challenges*, 33). Hope is not passive; it is a force that moves us to serve with love and compassion.

Let us not merely announce or denounce, but demonstrate through our actions that another India is possible, an India where peaceful coexistence, compassion, and harmony reign. As Emily Dickinson wrote, “Hope is the thing with feathers that perches in the soul and sings the tune without the words and never stops at all” (Dickinson, *The Complete Poems of Emily Dickinson*, 27).

**Let us serve with love. Let us build with hope.
Let us rise, resilient, together.**

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VOICES FOR CHANGE: THE GLOBAL STRUGGLE AND TRIUMPH OF THE WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE MOVEMENT

The suffrage movement represents one of the most significant social and political battles in modern history. It was a global campaign that sought to secure the right to vote for women, challenging centuries-old gender norms and pushing for equality in the political realm.

The Origins of the Suffrage Movement

The roots of the suffrage movement can be traced to the broader struggle for women's rights, which began in the 18th and 19th centuries. During this time, women were largely excluded from political life and denied basic civil rights, including the right to vote. The movement gained formal momentum in 1848 when **Elizabeth Cady Stanton** and **Lucretia Mott** organized the **Seneca Falls Convention** in New York. The Seneca Falls Convention was the first women's rights convention. It was a convention focused on discussing the social, civil, and religious status and rights of women.

Many people, both men and women, believed that women were intellectually and emotionally unfit to participate in the political process.

Key Milestones of the Suffrage Movement Include:

- ❖ **Seneca Falls Convention (1848):** The first women's rights convention in the United States, organized by Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Lucretia

Mott. It was a pivotal moment in the fight for women's rights, where the "Declaration of Sentiments" was adopted, demanding equal rights, including the right to vote.

- ❖ **Formation of Suffrage Organizations:** Prominent leaders like Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton formed groups such as the National Woman Suffrage Association (NWSA) in the U.S., while Emmeline Pankhurst and others established the Women's Social and Political Union (WSPU) in the UK to fight for women's voting rights.
- ❖ **Militant Tactics:** Figures like Alice Paul in the U.S. and Emmeline Pankhurst in the UK used militant tactics, including hunger strikes, picketing, and civil disobedience, to draw attention to the suffrage cause. In the U.S., Alice Paul's protests included picketing the White House during World War I.
- ❖ **19th Amendment (1920):** In the United States, the suffrage movement culminated in the passage of the 19th Amendment in 1920, granting women the right to vote. This was a major victory after decades of organizing, protests, and advocacy.
- ❖ **Women's Right to Vote in the UK:** In the United Kingdom, after years of militant action and public pressure, women over the age of 30 were granted the right to vote in 1918, with full suffrage (for women over 21) achieved in 1928.

The Struggles Faced

Despite the efforts of suffragists, the road to gaining the right to vote was fraught with challenges. The

movement faced immense opposition from both political leaders and the public, who viewed women’s political participation as a threat to the status quo. Women were often stereotyped as being too emotional, irrational, or domestic to make informed political decisions. Additionally, many women faced resistance from other women who believed that political engagement was a male domain and that women’s place was at home.

One of the most significant barriers the suffragists encountered was the prevailing racial discrimination, especially in the United States. While the **19th Amendment** secured the right to vote for many women, it did not guarantee that all women could vote. African American women, particularly in the South, were disenfranchised through discriminatory practices such as literacy tests, poll taxes, and outright intimidation. It was not until the **Voting Rights Act of 1965** that the federal government intervened to ensure voting rights for African American women.

Global Impact and Legacy

The suffrage movement’s influence extended beyond the U.S. and the UK. In 1893, women in New Zealand became the first to gain the right to vote, with other countries like Australia and Finland following in the early 20th century. Each victory was a step toward gender equality, challenging traditional roles that confined women to the private sphere.

While securing voting rights was a significant achievement, it was not the end of the fight for women’s equality. The suffrage movement laid the groundwork for

future feminist movements focused on education, equal pay and protection against gender-based violence. It showed that collective action could bring about change and remains a symbol of women’s resilience.

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COMPASSION IN ACTION: THE HEART OF A MEANINGFUL LIFE

Introduction

“The fruit of love is service, which is compassion in action.” — Mother Teresa

To serve with love and compassion is the essence of human life. Without love and compassion, humanity cannot survive. These are the two most significant qualities in the world. Without them, life becomes meaningless.

Purpose of Human Life

The purpose of human life is to serve the poor and needy. All one needs is a compassionate heart and a loving mind. Serving the needy strengthens communities and fosters a sense of shared responsibility, creating a more equitable and just society. We must cultivate hearts of compassion and empathy toward those experiencing poverty. This includes actively seeking to understand their struggles, listening to their stories, and treating them with dignity and respect.

Serving with Love and Compassion

When we serve with compassion, we open ourselves to deeper relationships. We begin to see the image of God in every person we meet. Our interactions then become more than mere transactions—they become opportunities to share God’s love. Compassion involves five key elements: recognizing suffering, understanding the universality of suffering, feeling empathy for the one who suffers, tolerating uncomfortable emotions, and being motivated to relieve that suffering.

Hope and Resilience

Hope provides the drive for positive action, encouraging belief in a brighter future and motivating people to find solutions and overcome adversity. Cultivating a compassionate society fosters individual hope and resilience, which are essential for navigating life’s inevitable challenges. Compassion builds empathy and understanding, leading people to act with kindness and offer support to others, especially those facing hardships.

Conclusion

Compassion has the power to change the world. Gandhi once said, **“We must be the change we wish to see in the world.”** To witness compassion in the world, we must first embody it ourselves by being compassionate to others at all times.

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LAKSHMI’S LAMP: LIGHTING LIVES THROUGH DARKNESS

Lakshmi, a woman of dreams and perseverance, lived on the edge of a village. She had nothing except a small hut and the labour of her hands. One day, a flood swept away her hut.

“What will I do now?” she cried.

But the very next day, Lakshmi began making clay lamps. Into each lamp, she poured her story and her pain. At night, when they burned, those lamps spread light to the surrounding houses.

“Your lamps are very beautiful,” said a villager. “We need hundreds of them for Diwali in our temple.”

Gradually, Lakshmi’s lamps became popular throughout the entire region. She began teaching other women in her village how to make lamps. Thus, she started a small business.

After five years, under Lakshmi’s leadership, a women’s Self-Help Group was producing thousands of lamps. They even started a school for poor children.

One day, a young man came to visit the ailing Lakshmi.

“Mother,” he said, “I studied in your school last year. Now I’m pursuing MBBS. Your lamp became the light of my life.”

Lakshmi smiled. A thought entered her mind: sometimes, the darkest moments in life come to spark a new light in others. All we need is to keep the flame within us burning, just like a clay lamp.

She felt happy and contented.

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BEYOND THE GOALPOST: A FOOTBALLER'S LEAP INTO GREATNESS

A Japanese proverb goes, “*Fall seven times, stand up eight!*”

Every sportsman has an ambitious story. This is the story of an athlete, born on 16th February 2005 in Tirunelveli, the first child of Mr. V. Arumugam and Mrs. A. Petchiammal. He did his schooling in various places across India, as his father served in the Indian Army.

Like other kids, he developed an interest in football while in Class II. In Class VII, his school hosted a Chief Guest from the Psychology Department. The guest inspired students to have a goal in life. Motivated, he wrote down his goal on a piece of paper. Impressed by his clarity, the guest had it laminated and returned it to him. That single act set him on the path to a career in sports.

As the years passed, he honed his football skills. But something about him caught his coach's attention—perhaps his height or physique—and the coach suggested he try Athletics. This was no small shift for a 14-year-old who was deeply passionate about football. His dreams and love for the game were shattered. For days, he was consumed by heartbreak. He looked at the laminated sheet from Class VII:

“I want to become a good football player!”

But who can know the path that God has planned for us?

With courage, he chose to step into the world of athletics. He trained hard for his new dream. Then came a setback—a muscle tear in his left leg, which kept him from recovering for over a year and a half. Still, he never gave

up. He trained harder. But another blow came: the same muscle tear on his other leg. Unable to participate in any events, people began calling him a “*failure*” and told him he had no future in sports.

But he refused to be discouraged. He kept going. He trained even on the hardest days, never giving up.

His perseverance paid off.

He won 2nd place in the Tamil Nadu Youth State Level Competition, clocking 54.76 seconds. His success soared beyond the state—he claimed 1st place in the Indian Grand Prix, timing 52.76 seconds. He also set a new MS University record in the 400m hurdles with a time of 53.6 seconds, the fastest ever in the history of Manonmaniam Sundaranar University.

This young champion went on to represent India at the International World Junior U20 Championship in Lima, Peru. He even appears in Google searches under the tag #karthikraja400m. He once dreamed of wearing a Tamil Nadu sports jersey—but God had bigger plans: the Indian jersey.

He was later honoured as the Chief Guest at Y.M.C.A. College, Chennai.

So, remember: “*Do not settle for less than what you deserve!*”—just like Karthik Raja Arumugam didn't.

He is currently pursuing a B.Sc. Chemistry at St. Xavier's College (Batch 2022–2025).

This is just the beginning of his journey. Who knows—football may yet return to his life!

“*The Universe always falls in love with a stubborn heart.*”

So, if you love something, passionately work for it and pursue it.

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RISING THROUGH HOPE: THE STRENGTH OF RESILIENCE AND THE POWER OF COMPASSION

Introduction:

Hope and resilience are powerful forces that help individuals and communities overcome hardships. Life is full of uncertainties, but with hope, people find the courage to move forward. Resilience allows them to withstand difficulties and emerge stronger. When combined with love and compassion, these qualities create a better world where kindness and service uplift those in need.

“Where there is hope, there is strength.”

The Power of Hope:

Hope is the driving force behind every struggle and success. It gives people the strength to keep going, even when the path is uncertain. Throughout history, hope has been a guiding star for those facing wars, poverty, and personal challenges. It transforms fear into faith and doubt into determination. Without hope, progress is impossible.

Resilience: Overcoming Challenges:

Resilience is the ability to recover from difficulties and continue moving forward. Life presents endless obstacles, but those who are resilient find ways to adapt and grow. Whether it is a student working hard despite financial struggles or a family rebuilding after a natural disaster, resilience fuels perseverance. It teaches that

setbacks are not the end but are opportunities for new beginnings.

“Fall seven times, rise eight.”

Serving with Love and Compassion:

True strength lies in helping others. Love and compassion bring people together, healing wounds both visible and unseen. In times of crisis, healthcare workers, volunteers, and ordinary individuals support those in need. Even simple acts — a kind word, a helping hand, or a listening ear — can bring hope to someone struggling. Serving with love creates a world where no one feels alone.

“Small acts of kindness create big changes.”

Conclusion:

Hope and resilience, combined with love and compassion, have the power to transform lives. They provide strength in times of struggle and inspire people to help one another. By embracing these values, individuals and communities can build a brighter future.

A single act of kindness can spark a chain reaction, proving that even in the darkness, light can always shine.

Let us be the light that brings hope, the strength that fuels resilience, and the love that heals the world.” **Together, we rise through hope and kindness.”**

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ANCHORED IN HOPE: LIVING WITH RESILIENCE, LOVE, AND COMPASSION

Introduction:

Life is a journey filled with moments of joy, challenges, and setbacks. In times of adversity, it is hope and resilience that guide us forward and help us overcome difficulties. When combined with love and compassion, these virtues create a powerful force that can heal wounds, uplift spirits, and inspire change in individuals and society.

The Power of Hope:

Hope drives forward when circumstances seem unpleasant. It is the assurance that God's promises will be fulfilled in His time. The Bible, Abraham is known for his hope in God. God promised him that he would be the father of many nations, yet for years he and Sarah remained childless. Despite the impossibilities...

Abraham held on to hope, trusting in God. As Romans 4:18 states, "Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed." Eventually, his faith was rewarded when Isaac was born, proving that hope in God is never in vain.

The Strength of Resilience:

Resilience is the ability to bounce back from adversity, to face hardships without losing one's spirit. People who display resilience do not allow failures or disappointments to define them. Instead, they learn from difficulties and use them as stepping stones towards success. A resilient society stands together in times of crisis, supporting each other with compassion and understanding.

Serving with Love and Compassion:

Hope and resilience become even more meaningful when they are used in service to others. Jesus Christ Himself is the greatest example of serving with love and compassion.

He healed the sick, comforted the broken-hearted, and welcomed sinners with open arms.

Mother Teresa, an example of serving with love, once said, "Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love." Whether it is through small acts of kindness or large humanitarian efforts, every act of service, when done with love and Compassion, has the power to change lives.

Conclusion:

The Bible teaches us that hope, resilience, and service are interconnected. Hope gives us the strength to believe. Resilience keeps one moving forward. Love and compassion inspire one to serve others selflessly.

As Isaiah 40:31 says:

"But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.

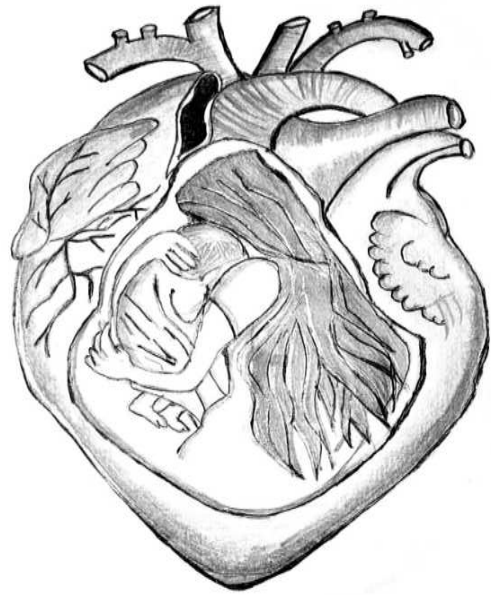
They will soar on wings like eagles;

They will run and not grow weary,

They will walk and not be faint."

When one chooses to live with hope and resilience, not only does one transform one's own life, but also brings light into the lives of others.

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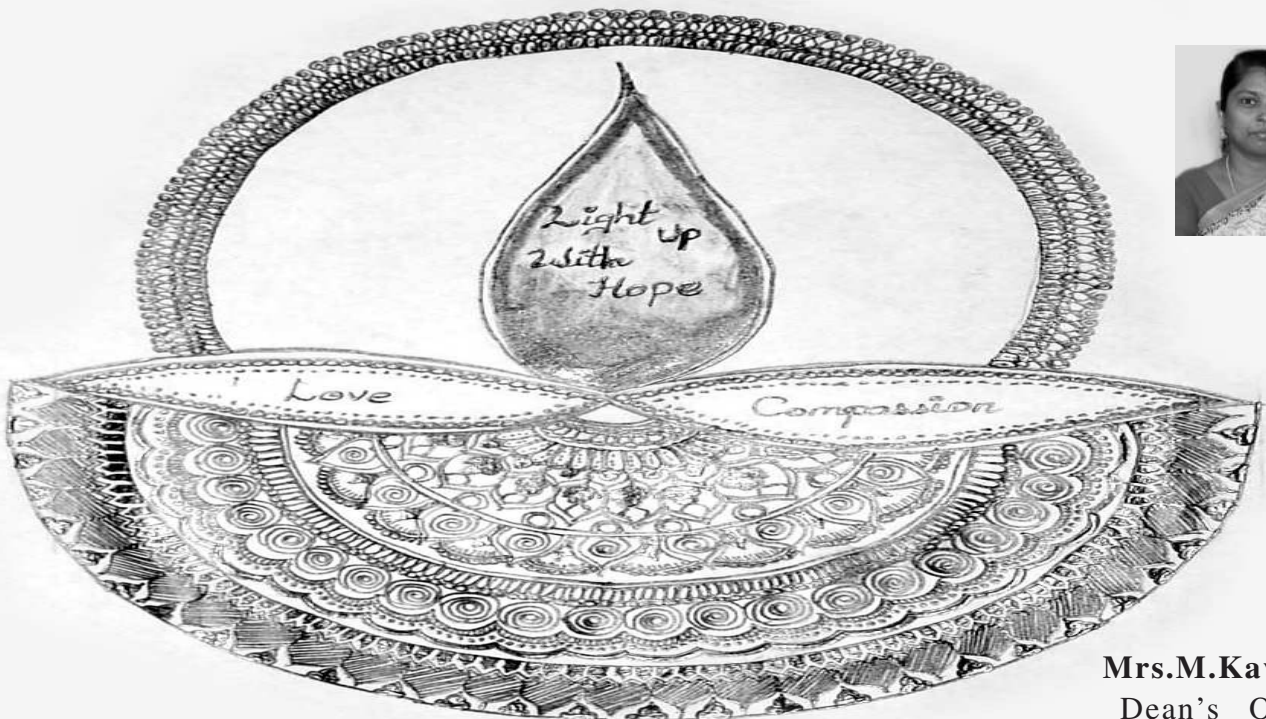
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WITH OUR THOUGHTS, WE MAKE THE WORLD
BE KIND, FOR EVERYONE YOU MEET IS
FIGHTING A HARDER BATTLE

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THE TEACHER'S FAITH

Once, a student could not understand what the teacher was teaching in class. He stood up and asked a question. The whole class laughed at him. The hour ended.

The next day, the teacher saw the boy coming towards him. He suddenly stopped the boy and asked whether he had not understood his way of teaching. The boy replied that he was the first person in his village to receive an education. The teacher thought that the boy deserved to grow in life and be placed at greater heights.

He asked the boy to come to his house every day for learning. The boy felt happy that there was someone to help him in his difficult situation. He went to the teacher's house and learned the subjects sincerely.

A few days later, the teacher announced a test. On the day of the examination, the boy was happy to see the question paper as it was based on the concepts the teacher had taught him. He wrote the exam well. On the day the results were announced, everyone was shocked to find that the boy had topped the class. He was overjoyed and continued studying with the help of the teacher.

The teacher passionately taught him the subjects he was interested in. As the public examination approached, all the students began studying with utmost effort. One day, the teacher came to the boy's house and told him an inspiring story about a handicapped boy who ran in a race. The student was deeply moved and decided to work with the same determination.

On the day of the public examination, he entered the hall, prayed to God, and started writing. A few days later, the students were informed that the results had been declared. The boy rushed to his school to look for his teacher but couldn't find him. He saw the other teachers in shock. They told him that he had scored the highest mark in the subject taught by the teacher who had helped him.

The boy happily went to meet the teacher and said, "Without your hope, love, and inspiration, I would be nothing, sir!"

The boy started crying, and the teacher wished him a bright future. A teacher's belief and support can transform a student's life forever.

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FROM STRUGGLE TO STRENGTH: THE STORY OF A DETERMINED STUDENT

There was a boy who could not complete his portions before the revision exams because his class teacher wanted him to study the entire syllabus to score higher marks. A few months before his board exams, the boy fell ill and couldn't attend school for 14 days. This happened in December. Though he was smart, he wanted to find a more comfortable way to study. He planned to quit school and wrote a letter stating that he would attend only for the exams.

The school Principal agreed with his decision, understanding that he believed he could study without coming to school. He began searching for a tutor. His

mother came to know that her college junior was giving tuition at an institution.

This junior asked his mother to send the boy regularly for tuition. On the first day of the tuition class, he studied from morning till evening. When the teacher asked him a few questions, he interrupted her while answering. She asked him why he was giving such detailed answers, saying it wasn't necessary. She advised him that if he studied in a more focused way, he could complete three-quarters of the syllabus in just a few days.

By afternoon, the tuition teacher made him lunch and helped him complete two units in a subject. Later, they went together to the institution. The class there had separate staff. When he entered, he saw students studying with great interest. It was a new experience for him, as his schoolmates would usually talk or get distracted when they got bored with studying.

In this new environment, everyone was talking about their lessons, and the boy became attached to the atmosphere. He completed all his portions and began revising. There were 24 students in the class—only 4 were boys, and the rest were girls. In his school, he had learned that boys and girls should not talk to each other, but this environment opened his eyes to a broader perspective. He began to see the world with more comfort and understanding.

The board exams arrived. He wrote all his exams well and scored more marks than all the other boys. His hope helped him overcome the hurdles in his life.

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THE TRANSFORMATIVE POWER OF HOPE, RESILIENCE, AND COMPASSION

Hope and Resilience are two of the most powerful forces that drive individuals and communities forward in the face of adversity. Hope provides the light that guides us through darkness, while resilience gives us the strength to overcome challenges and emerge stronger. When combined with love and compassion, these qualities become even more transformative, creating a world where kindness prevails and hardships are met with unwavering courage. Serving others with love and compassion nurtures both the giver and the receiver, fostering a cycle of hope and resilience that strengthens society as a whole.

The Power of Hope

Hope is the belief that a better future is possible despite difficulties. It fuels perseverance, inspires action, and helps individuals remain optimistic even in the most challenging circumstances. Hope is not simply wishful thinking; it is a force that encourages people to take steps toward positive change. Throughout history, hope has been a driving factor in movements for social justice, humanitarian efforts, and personal achievements. It empowers individuals to rise above challenges and work toward a brighter tomorrow. In times of crisis, hope becomes even more crucial. It allows people to endure hardships, whether personal struggles, societal challenges, or global disasters.

WOMEN'S RESILIENCE IN THE FACE OF SOCIETAL CHALLENGES

Serving with Love and Compassion

Love and compassion are essential in building a hopeful and resilient society. When individuals serve others with genuine care, they create a sense of belonging and security. Compassionate service can take many forms—volunteering, mentoring, providing emotional support, or simply offering a kind word to someone in need.

Serving with love and compassion not only benefits those who receive help; it also enriches the lives of those who give. Acts of kindness create a sense of purpose and fulfillment, reinforcing the belief that every person can make a difference. Scientific studies have shown that helping others improves mental health, reduces stress, and increases happiness. Love and compassion also play a critical role in healing. Whether it is comforting someone in distress, advocating for social justice, or assisting those affected by tragedy, acts of kindness restore faith in humanity.

By serving with love and compassion, individuals can instill hope in others and build resilience in the face of challenges. Whether through small acts of kindness or large-scale efforts, every gesture of love contributes to a more hopeful and enduring society.

Conclusion

Hope and resilience are vital for personal and collective growth, and they flourish in an environment of love and compassion. By serving others with genuine care, individuals and communities can uplift one another, creating a cycle of positivity that strengthens society. In a world that often faces uncertainty, hope and resilience remind us that brighter days lie ahead.

D. Flora Glory (24UEN505)

In today's world, women continue to embody hope and resilience despite enduring long-standing challenges within society. From economic disparity and gender-based violence to underrepresentation in leadership, the condition of women remains far from ideal. Yet, through these trials, women consistently serve with love and compassion, acting as the backbone of families, communities, and movements for change. Their strength, often invisible to the mainstream, stands as a testament to the enduring power of love and hope in the face of adversity.

Women serve their families, communities, and broader society with incredible resilience and compassion. Whether as mothers, caregivers, healthcare workers, or activists, their ability to provide emotional and practical support is unparalleled. In the healthcare sector, women have long been the pillars of patient care. During the COVID-19 pandemic, women, as nurses, doctors, and caregivers, held communities together, offering not only medical expertise but also emotional comfort to the sick and their families.

Although women are expected to contribute immensely to both the workforce and family life, societal structures often fail to provide them with the support, love, and care they deserve. Paid family leave, affordable childcare, and workplace accommodations for parents are still not guaranteed in many countries. Without these basic provisions, women are often forced to choose

between career advancement and family responsibilities, frequently sacrificing one for the other.

This lack of recognition for the dual roles women undertake contributes to a growing sense of hopelessness regarding society’s commitment to gender equality. The current social environment has deeply affected women’s perception of hope and love toward the world around them, particularly due to the persistence of sexual harassment and the ongoing denial of fundamental rights. Whether in the workplace, public spaces, or within homes, sexual harassment continues to be a pervasive issue that leaves many women feeling vulnerable, unsafe, and disillusioned. The trauma caused by harassment strips away trust in society’s ability to protect and respect women, further eroding the hope that real change is possible.

True freedom for women rests on the hope, love, and care extended to them by society. A society that uplifts women through equality, compassion, and justice creates not only stronger women but a more humane, hopeful world for all.

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COMPASSION’S SEED, HOPE’S BLOOM

While the pandemic brought widespread suffering, it also highlighted the profound capacity for empathy and the enduring power of hope.

The COVID-19 pandemic, a global crucible, revealed the depths of human vulnerability and, simultaneously, the extraordinary resilience of the human spirit. Amidst the fear and uncertainty, a powerful narrative emerged: one of compassion and hope, shared across

borders and within communities—a testament to our shared humanity.

The pandemic’s isolating grip threatened to sever the very connections that define people. Yet, it paradoxically fostered a profound sense of global interconnectedness. Acts of compassion, both grand and minute, became lifelines in a world grappling with unprecedented challenges. Healthcare workers, risking their well-being, tirelessly served on the frontlines, embodying selfless dedication. Neighbours checked on elderly residents, ensuring they had access to essential supplies. Communities organized food drives, providing support to those facing economic hardships.

The digital realm, often criticized for its potential to isolate, became a vital conduit for compassion. Online platforms buzzed with messages of encouragement, virtual support groups offered solace, and social media campaigns rallied resources for struggling communities. Virtual concerts and online performances delivered much-needed entertainment, helping to bring some sense of normality and joy to people confined to their homes.

Hope, a vital antidote to despair, was woven into the fabric of these compassionate acts. The sight of communities coming together, the stories of medical breakthroughs, and the simple acts of kindness provided glimmers of light in the darkness. The development of vaccines—an unprecedented feat of scientific collaboration—instilled a collective sense of optimism, a belief that the pandemic’s grip would eventually loosen.

Furthermore, people shared hope by:

- **Sharing information:** Accurate and timely information helped people make informed decisions, reducing anxiety and uncertainty.

- **Offering emotional support:** Many people offered emotional support through phone calls, video chats, and online forums, helping to combat feelings of isolation and loneliness.
- **Supporting local businesses:** By ordering takeout, shopping online, and purchasing gift certificates, people supported local businesses which struggled during the pandemic.

In essence, the COVID-19 pandemic served as a stark reminder of our shared vulnerability and the power of human connection.

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ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS TO ACHIEVE GOALS

Achieving success requires a combination of four essential elements: trust, love, faith, and success. These elements are interconnected and interdependent, and when cultivated and nurtured, they can propel people toward realizing their aspirations.

Trust: The Foundation of Goal Achievement

Trust is the foundation upon which one builds one's journey towards goal achievement. It begins with self-trust—trusting abilities, instincts, and decisions. When one trusts oneself, one is confident, resilient, and willing to take risks. One also needs to trust other mentors and supporters. Trusting others allows one to receive guidance, feedback, and encouragement, which are essential for growth and progress.

Love: The Motivation for Goal Pursuit

Love is the motivation that drives one to pursue one's goals. When one loves what one does, one is passionate, committed, and dedicated. Love gives the energy, the enthusiasm, and the excitement to pursue goals, even in the face of obstacles and challenges. One needs to love the process, not just the outcome. One needs to love the journey, not just the destination.

Faith: The Guiding Light for Goal Achievement

Faith is the guiding light that illuminates the path toward goal achievement. It is the unwavering belief in our abilities and potential. Faith gives the courage to take leaps to trust the unknown, and to persevere through challenges. One needs to have faith in oneself, one's abilities, and one's goals. One needs to believe that one can achieve one's goals, no matter how impossible they may seem.

Success: Outcome of the Goal

Success is the outcome of goal achievement. It is the feeling of accomplishment, of pride, and fulfilment. Success is not just about achieving external goals; it is also about cultivating inner peace, happiness, and contentment. When one achieves one's goals, one experiences a sense of satisfaction, a sense of completion, and a sense of joy.

In conclusion, trust, love, faith, and success are not isolated traits but a powerful blend that fuels the journey of goal achievement. Trust lays the foundation, love provides the motivation, and faith lights the way—all culminating in the fulfillment of success. When these elements work in harmony, they empower individuals to overcome obstacles, stay focused, and realize their full potential, making the journey as meaningful as the destination.

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ECHOES OF WAR

Three months after his wife died of leukaemia, he took his children to a nearby beach to distract them from the lost memories of their mother. They got a little chance to play on long stretches of sand, dip their feet in the waves, and be kids for a while.

After a long break, he called his children and told them that he had received an offer to teach medical students at the University of Toronto in Canada. He also said that he had bought for them a house full of lawns surrounded by olive trees, fig, and apricot trees. Hearing this, the children rejoiced. After all, those children who lived in the crowded refugee camp for so many years must be happier hearing this.

“I am going to fly in the aeroplane, Daddy,” the little girl Aya shouted happily.

But life can sometimes give us more suffering than one thinks.

This was not Dr. Izzeldin Abuellaish’s first trip. He was educated in a refugee camp in Palestine under extreme struggles and graduated from Harvard University. Later, he worked as a doctor in Israel. He was known by many people, from children to adults, for his kind services during his time working in Israel.

Despite all these years of war, Dr. Abuellaish had friends in Israel. Prominent among them was Solmi Eldar, a Jewish reporter for Israeli Television. Dr. Abuellaish was a frequent speaker against wars, participating in live shows he hosted.

A few days before Dr. Abuellaish’s travel, the war started again. One Friday, Shlomi Eldar was live at noon when

he received a phone call. He nervously picked up the call and let out a loud cry as everyone looked on.

“Ya Allah, our Lord, what sin have we committed? Tell us, Solmi Eldar, what have we done wrong?” cried Dr. Abuellaish.

Sitting upright in tension, hearing the sounds of bombings, Solmi Eldar did not know how to respond.

“Mr. Abuellaish, calm down. Tell us how you need help from us right now?” Solmi asked nervously.

“I want to save my children, Solmi, but they are dead. What do I do? God, what have we done wrong?!”

Eldar Solmi left the studio after announcing that he would continue to be live via audio. Through his connections, he made it possible for the rescue team to go to the area where Abuellaish was. The rescue team went to the ruins and recovered Dr. Abuellaish with heavy injuries and took the bodies of his three dead beloved daughters. Later, Dr. Abuellaish was taken to a hospital in Israel.

Hundreds of Israelis gathered and inquired about the health of their favourite doctor. Doctor Abuellaish told the media that:

“He prayed to God that his children would be the last to die in war.”

“I am a person who believes in life, and my children Bessan, Maiyar, Aya, and Noor are always with me, and their spirit guides me to fight till the end for peace.”

After so many hardships, Dr. Abuellaish fought for peace with courage, faith, love and compassion. He travelled all over the world and addressed seminars.

His name was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize for his lifetime achievements.

Hameedha Fathima (23UZO107)

THE MIDNIGHT GIFT: A HEARTFELT JOURNEY OF COMPASSION

It was past midnight. Arjun, an auto driver, was exhausted. Just as he was about to turn off his meter, a soft knock on the auto's side made him look up.

An elderly woman stood there, frail but dignified.

"Son, can you take me to the hospital?" she asked in a tired voice.

Arjun hesitated. It was late, and hospitals often meant long waits, but something in her eyes made him nod.

"Get in, Amma," he said.

As they rode through the quiet streets, she spoke softly,

"I don't have anyone left. My son left me in a home. I didn't want to disturb him, but..." her voice trailed off.

Arjun remained silent, feeling a strange ache in his heart.

They reached the hospital, and as he helped her out, she held his hand for a second.

"Thank you, son. You remind me of my son," she said.

Arjun didn't respond, but after dropping her off, he did something unexpected.

He parked his auto and waited.

An hour later, she came out of the emergency ward, looking relieved.

"It was just exhaustion," she said, smiling weakly.

Arjun exhaled, realizing he had been holding his breath.

"Come, Amma. I'll take you home."

As they rode back, she dozed off slightly, and for the first time in years, Arjun felt something warm in his heart — the quiet fulfillment of being there for someone who had no one.

Message:

True resilience is not just about enduring our own struggles but also about lifting others in their weakest moments. Even small gestures — like waiting, listening, or offering help — can restore someone's faith in humanity.

P.M. Saufia Sheerin (22UCH110)

EMPOWERING LIVES WITH KINDNESS AND DEDICATION

The Foundation of Human Strength:

Human beings possess an extraordinary capacity to navigate through life's most challenging landscapes. At the core of this remarkable ability lies two fundamental qualities: **hope** and **resilience**. These are not merely abstract concepts, but living, breathing forces that pulse through our individual and collective experiences.

Hope is the internal compass that guides us through uncertainty, while resilience is the sturdy vessel that carries us forward, even when the waters of life become turbulent and unpredictable. The origins of hope are deeply rooted in human psychology. From the moment one first encounters challenges, one begins to develop an internal narrative of possibility. Children demonstrate this innate capacity most beautifully — their ability to dream, to imagine, and to believe in potential despite immediate circumstances is a pure expression of hope in its most unadulterated form. As one grows older, hope becomes more nuanced, tempered by experience but never fully diminished.

The Landscape of Compassionate Service

Compassionate service emerges as the most profound expression of hope and resilience. It is not a passive state of waiting or hoping, but an active engagement with the world. When individuals choose to serve others, they transcend their limitations and connect with a broader human experience.

This service is not about grand gestures or heroic actions, but about the small, consistent acts of kindness that weave the fabric of human connection. Consider the

diverse ways compassionate service manifests: a nurse working endless shifts during a global health crisis, a community volunteer helping to rebuild after a natural disaster, a teacher who goes beyond curriculum to support a struggling student – these are not just actions, but profound statements of human solidarity. Each act of service represents a choice to see beyond immediate personal concerns and recognize the interconnectedness of human experience.

The motivational power of compassionate service is transformative. When individuals realize that their actions can create meaningful change, they unlock a profound source of personal and collective empowerment. It is a reciprocal process – in serving others, one simultaneously serves oneself, expanding our understanding of human potential and the capacity for love and connection.

Navigating Personal and Collective Challenges

The journey of hope and resilience is rarely a straight path. It is a complex terrain marked by obstacles, setbacks, moments of doubt, and unexpected breakthroughs. Each individual's journey is unique, shaped by personal experiences, cultural backgrounds, and individual strengths. Yet, there are universal principles that unite these diverse experiences.

Resilience is not about maintaining a perpetual state of positivity, but about developing emotional flexibility. It involves acknowledging pain, processing difficult emotions, and finding constructive ways to move forward. This requires a delicate balance of vulnerability and strength – the courage to be honest about challenges while maintaining a belief in future possibilities. Love plays a crucial role in this process, as not only romantic, but also a broader, more expansive understanding as a force of connection and understanding. It is the energy that transforms resilience from a personal survival mechanism...

The Ripple Effect of Compassion

Every act of compassion creates a ripple effect that extends far beyond its immediate context. When one chooses to serve, empathize, and support others, one creates invisible networks of connections that have the potential to transform communities. These networks are not built through grand strategies, but through consistent, genuine human interactions. Technology and global interconnectedness have expanded the capacity for compassionate service. One can have unprecedented opportunities to understand diverse human experiences, to support causes beyond the immediate geographical boundaries, and to create meaningful change on a global scale.

Yet, the most powerful transformations still occur in the most intimate spaces, personal interactions, moments of genuine listening, and choosing understanding over judgment.

Cultivating Hope in Challenging Times

In an era marked by global uncertainties – climate change, political divisions, economic challenges – the cultivation of hope becomes a radical act of resistance. It is a deliberate choice to believe in human potential, to invest in collective well-being, and to work towards positive transformation. This does not mean ignoring real challenges, but approaching them with creativity, compassion, and an unwavering belief in collective capacity to create change.

Educational systems, community organizations, and individual practices can all play a role in nurturing hope and resilience. By creating spaces that validate emotional experiences, provide support mechanisms, and encourage personal growth, one can build more robust and empathetic societies.

A Continuous Journey of Transformation

Hope and resilience are not destinations, but continuous journeys of personal and collective growth. They require ongoing commitment, self-reflection, and a willingness to remain open to new possibilities. Each challenge becomes an opportunity for learning, each setback a chance to develop deeper understanding.

As one moves forward, one is called to embrace these qualities not as passive states, but as active, transformative forces. By choosing hope over despair, resilience over defeat, and compassionate service over indifference, one contributes to a more connected, understanding, and ultimately more human world.

Rajesh (24PZO103)

HOPE, RESILIENCE, AND COMPASSION: THE PILLARS OF A BETTER WORLD

In a world filled with challenges and uncertainties, hope and resilience serve as guiding lights that help individuals and communities persevere. Hope provides the strength to look forward to better days, while resilience enables people to overcome adversity. When these qualities are combined with love and compassion, they create a powerful force for positive change. Serving others with kindness and empathy not only uplifts those in need but also strengthens the giver, fostering a more connected and caring society.

The Power of Hope in Overcoming Challenges

Hope is the foundation of resilience. It is the belief that no matter how difficult a situation may seem, there is always the possibility of a brighter future. Hope gives people the motivation to keep going, even during hardships.

Those who serve with love and compassion often become beacons of hope for others. Whether through simple acts of kindness or large-scale humanitarian efforts, offering hope can restore faith and encourage people to rise.

Resilience: The Strength to Keep Going

Resilience is the ability to adapt to and recover from difficulties. Life is full of obstacles, but those who cultivate resilience can face challenges with courage and determination. Serving with love and compassion helps build resilience, both in those who receive support and those who give it. When people extend a helping hand to others, they create a ripple effect of strength and encouragement. Resilience is not just about enduring hardships but also about growing through them, finding new ways to thrive despite difficulties.

Serving with Love and Compassion

Acts of service, when driven by genuine love and compassion, have the power to transform lives. Compassion means understanding the pain of others and taking action to alleviate suffering. Whether it is volunteering at a shelter, comforting a grieving friend, or supporting a struggling community, serving with love brings people together and fosters a sense of belonging. True service goes beyond duty—it is about touching lives with kindness and leaving a lasting impact on others.

The Ripple Effect of Love and Kindness

When people serve with love and compassion, they inspire others to do the same. A single act of kindness can set off a chain reaction, encouraging more people to contribute to the well-being of their communities. This ripple effect strengthens social bonds and promotes a culture of empathy and generosity. Love and compassion are contagious; the more they are practised, the more they spread, creating a world where people support and uplift one another.

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THE HEART OF SERVICE: LOVE AND COMPASSION IN ACTION

Serving others with love and compassion is one of the most meaningful acts a person can engage in. This essay explores the significance of serving with love and compassion, highlighting its impact on both the giver and the receiver.

The Power of Love in Service

When one serves others with love, one provides not only physical assistance but also emotional and psychological support. As the saying goes, “Love is the foundation of all meaningful acts of service.” This deep emotional connection transforms service from mere obligation into a joyful expression of empathy and kindness.

Serving with love means understanding the needs and emotions of those being helped. It involves showing genuine interest in their emotional, mental, and physical states. It requires active listening, offering help without being asked, and expressing warmth through words and actions.

The Ripple Effect of Serving with Love and Compassion

Acts of service—especially those performed with love and compassion—have a ripple effect. When someone experiences kindness, they are often inspired to pass it on. This creates a chain reaction of goodwill, spreading positive energy throughout communities and cultivating a culture of mutual support, empathy, and understanding.

Moreover, those who receive love and compassion are often moved to become more loving and compassionate themselves. This ongoing cycle of giving and receiving fosters stronger relationships and contributes to the development of a more compassionate society.

The Importance of Compassion in Serving Others

While love is the foundation, compassion forms the structure of service. Compassion is the ability to feel another’s pain or struggles and take action to ease them. It goes beyond sympathy and involves actively standing by others during their time of need.

As has been wisely said:

“Service is what life is all about.”

“Give your hands to serve and your hearts to love.”

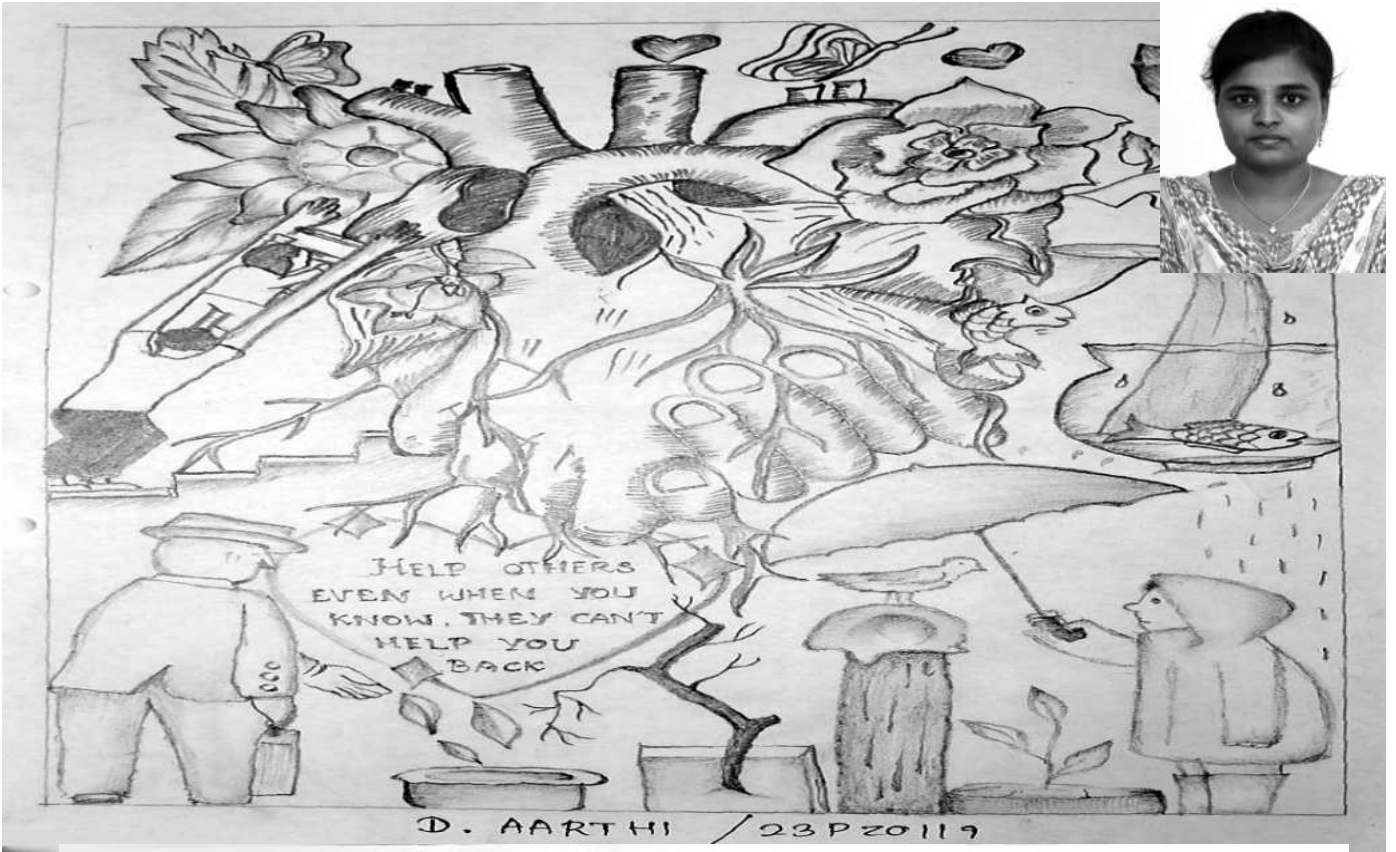
Serving with love and compassion goes far beyond simple acts of kindness. It is about building meaningful connections, fostering community, and providing emotional, mental, and physical support to those who need it most.

Conclusion

Through love and compassion, service becomes a powerful force for positive change. Whether through small gestures or significant acts of assistance, serving others with a sincere heart enriches both the giver and the receiver, making the world a better place for all.

“Serve others with love, and you will find that your own life is filled with joy and purpose.”

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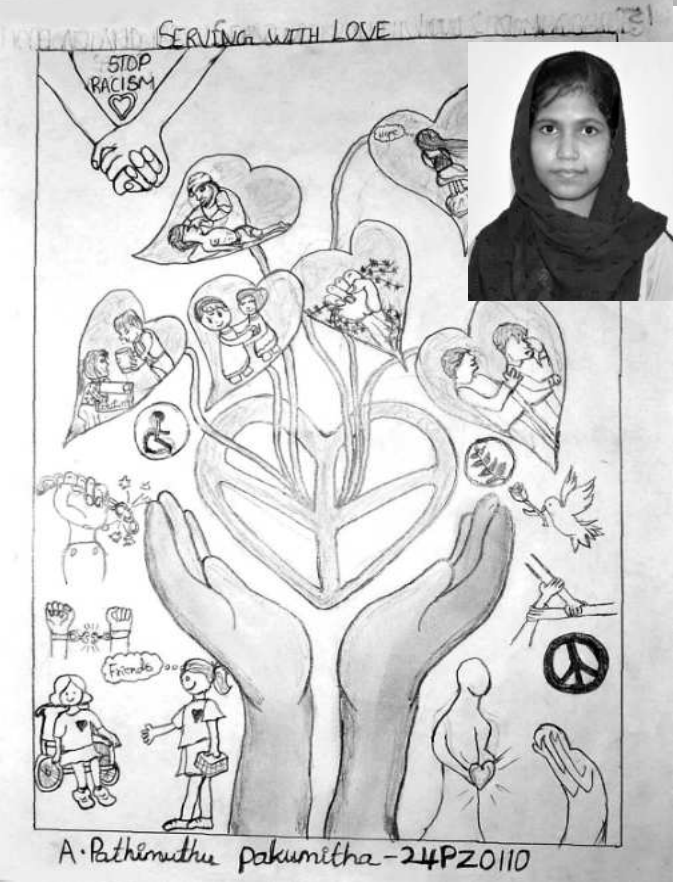
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நம்பிக்கையும் துணிச்சலும் அன்பு மற்றும் கருணையுடன் சேவை செய்வது

முன்னுரை:

மனித வாழ்க்கையில் எதிர்பாராத சவால்கள் அன்றாடம் தோன்றுகின்றன. சிலர் அவற்றை எதிர்கொண்டு வெற்றி பெறுகிறார்கள். சிலர் துவண்டு விடுகிறார்கள். இந்த வேறுபாட்டிற்கு முக்கியக் காரணம் - நம்பிக்கை மற்றும் துணிச்சல். அன்பு மற்றும் கருணையுடன் செயல்படும் நேரத்தில், நாம் மட்டுமல்ல, பிறரும் பலம் பெறுகின்றனர்.

நம்பிக்கையின் சக்தி

நம்பிக்கை என்பது மாயை அல்ல, அது ஒரு மனநிலை. கடினமான சூழ்நிலையிலும் எதையாவது சாதிக்கலாம் என்பதே நம்பிக்கையின் அடிப்படை. எடுத்துக்காட்டாக அமெரிக்காவின் முன்னாள் அதிபர் ஆபிரஹாம் லிங்கன் பல தோல்விகளை சந்தித்த பிறகும் நம்பிக்கையை இழக்காமல், கடைசியில் வெற்றி பெற்றார். நம் வாழ்க்கையிலும் நம்பிக்கை இருந்தால் எந்தவொரு பிரச்சினையும் ஒரு தற்காலிக தடையாகவே தெரியும்.

துணிச்சல் துவக்கம் முக்கியம்

நம்மை வீழ்த்த முயலும் வாழ்க்கையின் தாக்கங்களை எதிர்கொள்வதற்கான ஆயுதம் துணிச்சல். எளிதில் நம்மை கொஞ்சம் முன் தள்ளும் ஒரு சக்தி தோல்வியின் பயம் மனிதரை நடுக்கமடையச் செய்யும். ஆனால் அந்த பயத்தை தகர்த்தெறிந்து செயல்பட வேண்டும். உதாரணமாக

ஹெலன் கெல்லர் பார்வையற்றும், கேட்டறியாமலும் இருந்தவர். ஆனால் துணிச்சலுடன் தனது வாழ்க்கையை ஒளிமயமாக மாற்றினார்.

அன்பும் கருணையும் - சமூக சேவையின் மூலதனம்.

நாம் ஏற்கனவே பல தடைகளைக் கடந்து முன்னேறியவர்களாக இருந்தால் பிறருக்கும் உதவ வேண்டும். அன்பும் கருணையும் கொண்டிருந்தால் நாம் செய்யும் சிறிய உதவிகளும் மற்றவர்களின் வாழ்க்கையில் பெரிய மாற்றத்தை ஏற்படுத்தும்.

ஒரு குழந்தையின் கல்விக்கு உதவியாக ஒரு புத்தகம் கொடுத்தாலே அது ஒரு வரப்பிரசாதமாக மாறலாம்.

ஒரு உற்சாகமான வார்த்தை நம்பிக்கையற்றவரின் வாழ்க்கையில் மாற்றத்தை உருவாக்கலாம்.

முடிவுரை

வாழ்க்கையின் நெருக்கடியை எவரும் தவிர்க்க முடியாது. ஆனால் நம்பிக்கையுடன் செயல்பட்டு துணிச்சலுடன் முன்னேறி, அன்பும் கருணையும் கொண்டு பிறருக்கு உதவினால் நாம் மட்டுமல்ல முழு சமுதாயமும் முன்னேறும். நம்பிக்கையைக் கைவிடாதீர்கள். ஏனெனில் அது உங்கள் கண்களில் ஒளியாகும். துணிச்சலை இழக்காதீர்கள். ஏனெனில் அது உங்கள் பாதையை வெளிச்சம் போடும்.!

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குறிப்புச்சட்டகம்

- ★ முன்னுரை
- ★ நம்பிக்கையின் சக்தி
- ★ நம்பிக்கையில் துணிவு
- ★ அன்பின் முக்கியத்துவம்
- ★ அன்பில் கருணையின் தேவை
- ★ முடிவுரை

முன்னுரை:

மனித வாழ்க்கையில் நம்பிக்கை, துணிவு, அன்பு, கருணை ஆகியவை முக்கியமான தருணங்களில் நம்மை வழிநடத்தும் தூண்களாக உள்ளன. நம்பிக்கை இல்லாத வாழ்க்கை தீசை தெரியாமல் தடுமாறும் ஒரு கப்பலுக்குச் சமம். அதேபோல் அன்பு இல்லாத வாழ்க்கை உறவுகளைக் கணக்குப்போல் நடத்தும் ஒரு வணிகத்தின் மாதிரியாக இருக்கும்.

“நம்பிக்கையும் அன்பும் இணைந்தால்
மனிதன் எந்த சவாலையும்
தையியமாக எதிர்கொண்டு
வெற்றி பெறலாம்”

இந்த இரண்டு உயரிய பண்புகளும் ஒவ்வொரு மனிதனின் வாழ்க்கையில் முக்கி இடம் பெறுகின்றன.

நம்பிக்கையின் சக்தி

நம்பிக்கை என்பது வாழ்க்கையில் ஒளியை

ஏற்படுத்தும் ஒரு அம்சமாகும். எவ்வளவு கடினமான சூழ்நிலையாக இருந்தாலும் நம்பிக்கையுடன் இருந்தால் நாம் அதைக் கடந்து செல்லலாம்.

உலகின் தலைசிறந்த பெருந்தகைகள் அனைவரும் தங்கள் வாழ்க்கையில் பல தடைகளைச் சந்தித்திருக்கிறார்கள். அப்துல்கலாம், மகாத்மா காந்தி, நெப்போலியன் போன்றவர்களை எடுத்துக்கொண்டால் அவர்கள் தங்கள் கடின உழைப்பும் நம்பிக்கையும் கொண்டு சாதனை புரிந்தனர்.

“நம்பிக்கையின் வலிமை
இன்றைய நிழலை கடந்து
நாளைய ஒளியை அடைய உதவும்”

- ஹெலன் கெல்லர்.

நம்பிக்கை இல்லாத வாழ்க்கை இருண்டது. நம்பிக்கை இல்லாமல் வாழ்வது எரியாத விளக்கை வைத்து இருட்டில் இருப்பது போலாகும். எனவே எந்த நிலையிலும் நம்மிடம் நம்பிக்கை இருக்க வேண்டும்.

நம்பிக்கையில் துணிவு

நம்பிக்கைக்கு துணிவும் இணைந்தால் அது ஒரு பெரிய சக்தியாக மாறும். நம்முடைய நம்பிக்கையை செயல்படுத்தும் திறன் துணிவாக அமைகிறது. துணிவு இல்லாத நம்பிக்கை பயனற்றது. - நம்மிடம் நம்பிக்கை இருந்தாலும், துணிவு இல்லையென்றால் அது வெறும் கனவாகவே இருக்கும். நம்முடைய ஆசைகளை நிஜமாக்க நம் முயற்சியும் துணிவும் தேவை.

“வெற்றி என்பது
முயற்சியினால் மட்டுமே
கிடைக்கும் ; முயற்சி
என்பது நம்பிக்கையினால்
மட்டுமே பிறக்கும்”

- ஏ.பி.ஜே. அப்துல் கலாம்.

அன்பின் முக்கியத்துவம்

அன்பு என்பது மனிதர்களை இணைக்கும் அற்புத சக்தியாகும். அன்பு இல்லாத வாழ்க்கை மனநோயாகிவிடும். அன்பு இல்லாத உலகம் பாழாகிவிடும். - மனித உறவுகள் அன்பின் அடிப்படையில் நிலைத்து நிற்கின்றன. குடும்பம், சமூகம், நாடு ஆகிய அனைத்தும் அன்பின் அடிப்படையில் அமைந்துள்ளன.

“ஒருவரின் உள்ளம்
முழுவதும் அன்பால்
நிரம்பினால், அவருக்கு
இந்த உலகமே சொந்தமானது”

- மகாத்மா காந்தி.

அன்பு மனிதனை சிறப்பாக மாற்றும் - அன்பு கொண்ட மனிதன் எப்போதும் மகிழ்ச்சியாக இருப்பார். பிறரிடம் அன்பாக நடந்து கொள்ளும் பண்பை வளர்த்துக் கொண்டால் வாழ்க்கை இனிமையாக இருக்கும்.

அன்பில் கருணையின் தேவை

அன்பு உண்மையாக இருக்க வேண்டும் என்றால் அதில் கருணையும் சேர்க்கப்பட வேண்டும். கருணை மனிதநேயத்தின் உயரிய மதிப்பாகும். கருணை என்பது ஒருவரின் துன்பத்தை உணர்ந்து அவருக்கு உதவ வேண்டும் என்ற

உணர்வாகும். மதர் தெரசா, ராமகிருஷ்ண பரமஹம்சர் போன்றோர் கருணையின் சிறந்த உதாரணங்கள். அவர்கள் எவரிடமும் கோபம் கொள்ளாமல் துன்புறும் மக்களுக்கு உதவியுள்ளனர். கருணை இல்லாத அன்பு ஆழமற்றதாக இருக்கும்.

“நீங்கள் எதையும் செய்ய
முடியாது என்று நினைக்காதீர்கள் ;
ஒரு சிறிய புன்னகையால் கூட
உலகில் மகிழ்ச்சியைப் பரப்பலாம்.”

- அன்னை தெரசா.

முடிவுரை

நம்பிக்கை, துணிவு, அன்பு, கருணை ஆகிய நான்கும் வாழ்க்கையின் அடிப்படைப் பண்புகளாகும்.

நம்பிக்கையால் வாழ்வில் முன்னேறலாம்
துணிவால் வெற்றியை அடையலாம்
அன்பால் மனித உறவுகளை உறுதியாக்கலாம்
கருணையால் சமுதாயத்தை முன்னேற்றலாம்

வாழ்க்கையில் எந்தச் சோதனைகள் வந்தாலும் நம்பிக்கை உடையவராக இருந்து, துணிவாக செயல்பட வேண்டும். அதேசமயம் அன்பும், கருணையும் கொண்டு பிறர் நலனுக்காக வாழ்வதுதான் உண்மையான மனித வாழ்க்கை.

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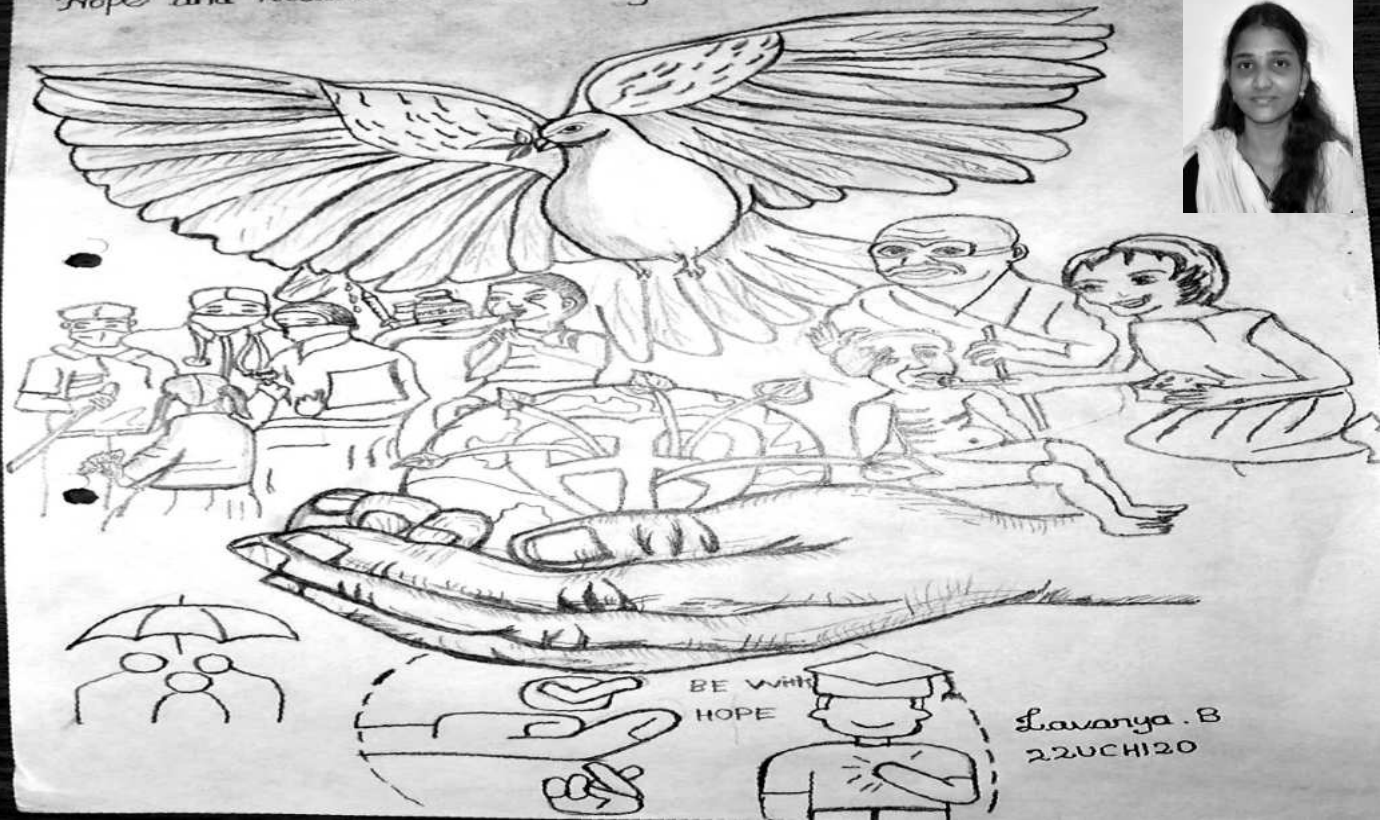
Like a butterfly emerging from its cocoon,
may you rise with hope, spreading love and
compassion on every wingbeat.

If your
WINGs
already
EXIST
all you
HAVE
to do is
FLY

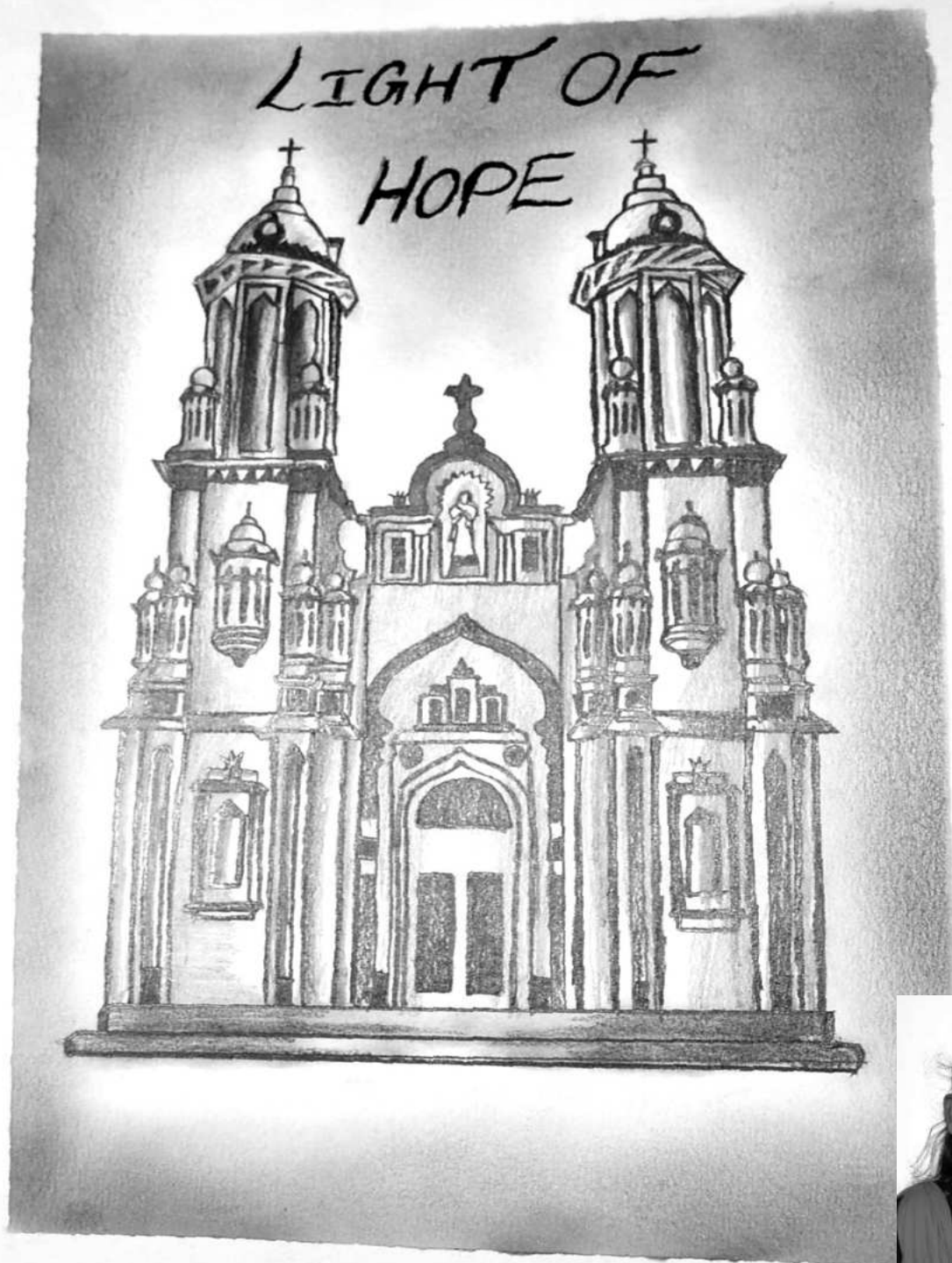


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நம்பிக்கையில் துணிவும் அன்பில் கருணையும்

கிராமம் ஒன்றில் ராஜ் என்ற சிறுவன் வசித்தான். அவன் மிகவும் அறிவாளியாகவும், நல்ல மனம் கொண்டவனாகவும் இருந்தான். ஆனால் அவன் குடும்பம் வறுமையில் இருந்தது. பள்ளிக்குச் செல்வதற்கே சிரமப்பட்டாலும் கல்வியிலே அவனுக்கு பெரும் ஆர்வம்.

ஒரு நாள் பள்ளியில் ஆசிரியர், நம்பிக்கை என்றால் என்ன? என்று கேட்டார். மாணவர்கள் பலவிதமான பதில்களைக் கூறினர். ஆனால் ராஜ் சொன்ன பதில் அனைவரையும் ஆச்சரியப்பட வைத்தது. 'நம்பிக்கை என்பது இருளிலே ஒளியைக் காணும் கண்கள் போன்றது. அதை தப்பிக்க அல்ல வெல்லத்தான் பயன்படுத்த வேண்டும்.'

ஆசிரியர் மகிழ்ச்சி அடைந்தார். ஆனால் வாழ்க்கையில் நம்பிக்கை மட்டுமல்ல துணிவும் அவசியம் என்பதை ராஜ் அனுபவிக்க நேரிட்டது.

ஒருநாள் கிராமத்தில் பெரும் வெள்ளப் பெருக்கு ஏற்பட்டது. பல வீடுகள் அடித்துச் செல்லப்பட்டன. மக்கள் அஞ்சித் திகைத்தனர். அப்போது ராஜ் நீச்சல் தெரிந்த நண்பர்களுடன் சேர்ந்து குழந்தைகளையும் முதியவர்களையும் பாதுகாப்பான இடத்திற்கு அழைத்துச் சென்றான். அவனுடைய துணிச்சலுக்கும் உதவிக்கும் கிராமத்தினர் நன்றி கூறினர்.

அந்த நிகழ்வுக்குப் பிறகு ராஜ்யின் கல்விக்காக அந்த கிராமத்திலிருந்த ஒரு நல்ல உள்ளம் உதவ முன்வந்தார். அவர் ராஜ்வுக்கு கல்விச் செலவுக்காக உதவி செய்தார். தன்னம்பிக்கையும் கருணையும் மனிதனை

உயர்த்தும் என்பதை ராஜ்வின் வாழ்க்கை அனைவருக்கும் உணர்த்தியது.

அவனது துணிவு கிராமத்திற்கும் அவனது அன்பும் கருணையும் அனைவருக்கும் வாழ்வின் புதிய நம்பிக்கையை அளித்தது.

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நம்பிக்கையில் துணிவு

முன்னுரை:

நம் வாழ்க்கையின் ஒவ்வொரு கட்டத்திலும் வெற்றி பெற நினைக்கும் நபருக்கு நம்பிக்கையும் துணிவும் அவசியம். நம்பிக்கையின்றி எந்த முயற்சியும் வெற்றியைக் காணாது. துணிவின்றி எந்த முயற்சியும் முற்றுப் பெறாது. நம்பிக்கையுள்ள மனிதருக்கு மட்டுமே மனதில் துணிவு பிறக்கும். நம்மிடையே இருக்கும் திறத்தை (கிறன்கள்) அறிந்து அவற்றைச் சரியான முறையில் பயன்படுத்த நம்பிக்கையும் துணிவும் வழிகாட்டியாக இருக்கும்.

நம்பிக்கையும் துணிவும் :

துணிவு என்பது பயம் இல்லாமை மட்டும் அல்ல. பயத்தை எதிர்கொண்டு முன்னேறும் சக்தியாகும். ஒரு செயலை செய்யும் போது ஏற்படும் சந்தேகங்களை, தோல்விகளை, மற்றவர்களின் விமர்சனங்களை விட நம்மீது நமக்கு இருக்கும் நம்பிக்கையே முக்கியமானது. இந்த நம்பிக்கையில்தான் உண்மையான துணிவு பிறக்கிறது.

நம்பிக்கையின் அவசியம்:

நம்பிக்கை ஒரு மனிதனை வெற்றியின் உச்சிக்குக் கொண்டு செல்லக் கூடிய மந்திரமாகும். நம்மைச் சுற்றியுள்ள உலகம் எதிர்ப்புகளாலும், தடைகளாலும் நிரம்பி இருக்கலாம். ஆனால் நம்முடைய இலக்குகளை அடைய நம்முள் நம்பிக்கை இருக்க வேண்டும். நம்பிக்கை உள்ளவர்களுக்கு தைரியமும் (துணிவும்), வெற்றியும் நிச்சயம் கிடைக்கும்.

“தன்னம்பிக்கையில் தவறும்

குழந்தையின் எழுச்சிதான்

துணிவாய் எழுந்து

நிற்கிறது”

துணிந்தால் முடியும் :

“எண்ணித் துணிக கருமம் - துணிந்தபின்
எண்ணுவம் என்பது இழுக்கு.”

என்ற வள்ளுவனின் கூற்றுப்படி துணிந்து செயலில் இறங்கிவிட்டால் தேவையில்லாத எந்தவித சிந்தனைகளும் நம்மைத் திசை திருப்பி விடாது. பறந்தால் கீழே விழுந்து விடுவோமா என்ற அச்சம் இருந்தால் எந்த பறவையாலும் கூட்டிலிருந்து வெளிவர முடியாது. தன் இறக்கை மீதுள்ள நம்பிக்கையில் துணிந்து பறக்க முற்படும் போதுதான் வானத்தில் சுதந்திரமாக பறக்க முடிகிறது. அவ்வாறே நம்பிக்கையுடன் துணிந்து செயல்பட்டால் எச்செயலையும் எளிதாக செய்து முடிக்க முடியும்.

முடிவுரை:

வாழ்க்கையில் எத்தனைத் தடைகள் வந்தாலும் நாம் நம்மீது நம்பிக்கை வைத்தால் துணிவுடன் முன்னேறலாம். தம்முடைய திறமைகளையும் முயற்சிகளையும் நம்பியவர்களே

வாழ்வில் வெற்றி காண்பார்கள். எந்த நிலையிலும் நம்பிக்கையை இழக்காமல் துணிவுடன் செயல்பட்டால் சாதனைகள் நம்மைத் தேடி வரும்.

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கருணை

கருணை என்பது மனிதனின் மனதின் மிகுந்த உணர்வு மற்றும் பண்பாட்டின் ஓர் பிரதிபலிப்பாகும். இது மற்றவர்களின் துன்பத்திற்கு அடியோடு உணர்வின் மூலம் தோன்றும் ஒரு மிகப் பெரிய அமைதி மற்றும் உதவி உணர்வு கருணை அன்பின் மீது உருவாகும்போது மனிதன் மற்றவர்களின் விருப்பங்கள், வேண்டுகோள்கள் மற்றும் ஏழ்மைகளுக்கு உதவி செய்ய விரும்புகிறான்.

திருக்குறளில் கருணையின் அர்த்தம் :

திருவள்ளுவர் தம் திருக்குறளில் ‘உதவி செய் கஞ்சம் உதவாதே’ என்றார். இதன் பொருள் ஒரு மனிதன் பிறர் கஷ்டங்களை உணர்ந்து அவர்களுக்கு உதவி செய்வதே உயர்ந்த பண்பு ஆகும். இது தனி மனிதருக்கே அல்லாமல், சமூகத்தின் மேம்பாட்டிற்கும், உலகின் அமைதிக்கும் வழிவகுக்கும்.

கடவுளின் கருணை

பொருளாதார நிலை, சமூகத்துக்கான உதவி, கல்வி, மருத்துவம் ஆகியவற்றிலும் கருணையின் மிக முக்கியப் பங்கு உள்ளது.

கடவுளின் கருணையும் இந்த வகையில் காணப்படுகிறது. வேதத்தில் இறைவன் தனது பக்தர்களை கஷ்டத்தில் இருந்து காப்பாற்றுவதாக கூறப்படுகிறது. தமிழ்க் கிராமங்களில் கடவுளின் மீது உள்ள பக்தியும், அருளும், கருணையுமே அதிகம் காணப்படுகிறது. குறிப்பாக துறவி அல்லது புலவர் ஒருவர் பிறர் துன்பங்களை எளிதில் உணர்ந்து அவர்களுக்கு அருளிணையும் உதவியையும் வழங்குவார்.

கருணையின் சமூகப் பயன் :

நமது சமூகத்தின் பல இடங்களில் கருணை இல்லாத சமூகங்கள் மாறாகவும், தனிமைப் படுத்தலும், ஆழமான பிரச்சனைகளுக்கு வழி வகுக்கின்றன. இதனால் அந்தச் சமூகத்தில் கருத்துவிலக்கு, பகைமை, அழிவுகளை முன்னிலைப்படுத்துகிறது. எனவே கருணை என்ற உணர்வானது சமூக அமைதி மற்றும் மகிழ்ச்சிக்கு போராதாரம் ஆகிறது.

கருணை உயிரின் உணர்வு மற்றும் பசுமை :

கருணை என்பது மனிதனின் அன்றாட வாழ்வின் அடிப்படையான அமைப்பு ஆகும். இதன் மூலம் ஒருவரின் உள்ளார்ந்த உணர்வுகள் மற்றவர்களுக்கு உதவுவதற்கும், அவர்களின் துயர் போன்றவற்றைக் குறைப்பதற்கும் வழி காண்கின்றன. உயிரின் மொத்த நோக்கம், துன்பத்தை உணர்ந்து அதை குறைப்பது எனப்படும் ஒரு பொதுவான கருத்து எனலாம். அதுவே மனித உரிமைகள் மற்றும் தெய்வீக எண்ணங்களுடன் இணைக்கப் படும் போது கருணை மிக முக்கியமானதாக விளங்குகிறது.

தமிழில் கருணை பற்றிய பல கவிதைகள், நூல்கள், தத்துவங்கள் உண்டு. தமிழின் மிகப் பழமையான நூல்களில் திருக்குறள் மற்றும் சங்க இலக்கியங்களில் கருணையின் அற்புதம் பேசப்படுகின்றது. எவ்வளவு பெரிய செல்வம், புகழ், வலிமை இருக்கின்றன என்றாலுமட அதன் வழியாக நாம் மற்றவர்களுக்காக செய்யும் உதவிகளே மிகச் சிறந்தது என்பது இதன் உண்மையான அர்த்தம்.

கருணை எளிதில் கற்றுக்கொள்ள முடியாத ஒன்று ஆனால் அது வாழ்க்கையில் மிகச் சிறந்த பரிசாகும்.
- ஆபிராகாம் லிங்கன்.

நீங்கள் வருந்தும் போது மற்றவரின் துயரத்தைப் புரிந்து கொண்டு அவர்களுக்கு உதவி செய்வது உண்மையான மனிதநேயம். - மகாத்மா காந்தி.

கருணை என்பது ஒவ்வொரு மனிதனின் உள்ளார்ந்த பண்பாக இருக்க வேண்டும். இது மாறும் சமுதாயம், மாறும் உலகத்தில் பரிமாறும் பண்பின் அடிப்படை எவ்வாறு நாம் வாழும் உலகை எவ்வாறு பார்க்கிறோமோ அதற்கு பொருத்தமாக நாம் கருணையைக் கொண்டும், பயன் பெறும் முறையையும் முற்படுத்த வேண்டும். எப்போது மனிதன் பரிசுத்தமாய் துன்பங்களை உணர்ந்து, மற்றவர்களுக்காக ஒரு நல்ல மனப்பாங்குடன் உதவி செய்யும்போது சமூகத்தில் உண்மையான செழிப்பையும், மகிழ்ச்சியையும் உருவாக்க முடியும்.

கருணை வாழும் இடத்தில் அமைதி எப்போதும் தங்கும்.

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முன்னுரை:

நம்பிக்கை என்பது வெறும் உணர்வை விட அதிக சக்தி வாய்ந்தது. நம் வாழ்க்கையை வெற்றிப் பாதையை நோக்கிச் செல்ல வடிவமைக்கும் சக்தி. பல சிறந்த சாதனைகளுக்குப் பின்னால் ஒரு உந்து சக்தியாக இருக்கிறது. நமது உலகம் கடினமான போட்டி நிறைந்ததாகும். இப்படிப்பட்ட சவால்களை நாம் தடைகளாகப் பார்க்காமல் கற்றுக் கொள்வதற்கும் வளர்வதற்கும் வாய்ப்பாக பார்ப்பதே நம்பிக்கை.

“துணிந்தார்க்கு துக்கம் உண்டா பணிந்தாருக்கு பாடு உண்டா” என்பார்கள். மன உறுதியுடன் எந்த சூழ்நிலையிலும் எடுத்துக் கொண்ட இலட்சியங்களை நோக்கி நம்பிக்கையை ஆயுதமாகக் கொண்டு துணிவுடன் முன்னேறிச் சென்றால் வெற்றி நிச்சயம்.

விடா முயற்சி :

“பத்தாவது தடவையாக விழுந்தவனுக்கு முத்தமிட்டுச் சொன்னது பூமி ஒன்பது முறை எழுந்தவன்; அல்லவா நீ” என்று ஈரோடு தமிழன்பன் கூறுகிறார். போட்டி நிறைந்த உலகத்தில் வெற்றியோ தோல்வியோ துணிவான நம்பிக்கையோடு தொடர்ந்து முயற்சி செய்வதே நமது வெற்றிக்கான வழியாகும்.

துணிவான தன்னம்பிக்கை:

“தோல்வி என்பது வெற்றியின் வழியே தவிர வலி அல்ல ” - ப. மதன்.

இலக்கை முதல் முயற்சியிலேயே எல்லோரும் எட்ட முடியும் என்று உறுதியாக கூற முடியாது. இடர்பாடுகள் வரலாம், தோல்விகள் கிடைக்கும், மனம் தளராமல் தன்னம்பிக்கை

கொண்டு மீண்டும் முயற்சி செய்து வெற்றி எனும் இலக்கை அடைபவர்கள் சாதனையாளர்கள்.

துணிந்தாருக்கு துக்கம் உண்டா :

“எங்கே நம்பிக்கை இருக்கிறதோ அங்கே துணிவு இருக்கிறது.” நம்முடைய அன்றாட வாழ்க்கையிலே நாம் சந்திக்கின்ற சவால்களும், இன்னல்களும் ஏராளம். வாழ்க்கையின் சவால்களை அசாதாரண மனஉறுதியுடன் எதிர்கொள்வதற்கு துணிவான நம் மீதான நம்பிக்கை மிகவும் தேவை.

வெற்றியின் மறைபொருள் தகுதி:

நமது வெற்றிக்கான முதல்தகுதியே தன்னம்பிக்கையேதான்.

த - தன்னம்பிக்கை
கு - குறிக்கோள்
தி - திட்டமிடல்

தனது மீதான துணிவான தன்னம்பிக்கை கொண்டு குறக்கோளை அடையும் வரை மனம் தளராமல் நேரத்தைச் சரியாகப் யன்படுத்தி திட்டமிட்டு நம்பிக்கையோடு பயணத்தைத் தொடர்ந்தால் வாழ்வில் வெற்றியடைவது எளிது.

முடிவுரை:

“துணிச்சல் இல்லாமல் வெற்றி இல்லை நம்பிக்கை இல்லாமல் வாழ்க்கை இல்லை ”

பயமற்ற எண்ணங்கள்தான் நம்மை வாழ்வில் தொடர்ந்து செயல்பட வைக்கும். இந்த பிரபஞ்சத்தில் கொட்டிக் கிடக்கிறது கோடி வழிகள். வாழ்வில் அச்சமின்றி செயல்பட தெளிவும், மனத்திட்பமும் நம்பிக்கையும் அவசியம் வேண்டும். எதிர்வரும் துன்பத்தைக் கண்டு துவளாமல் துணிவோடு நம் வெற்றி பயணத்தைத் தொடர்வோம்.

ப. மதன்

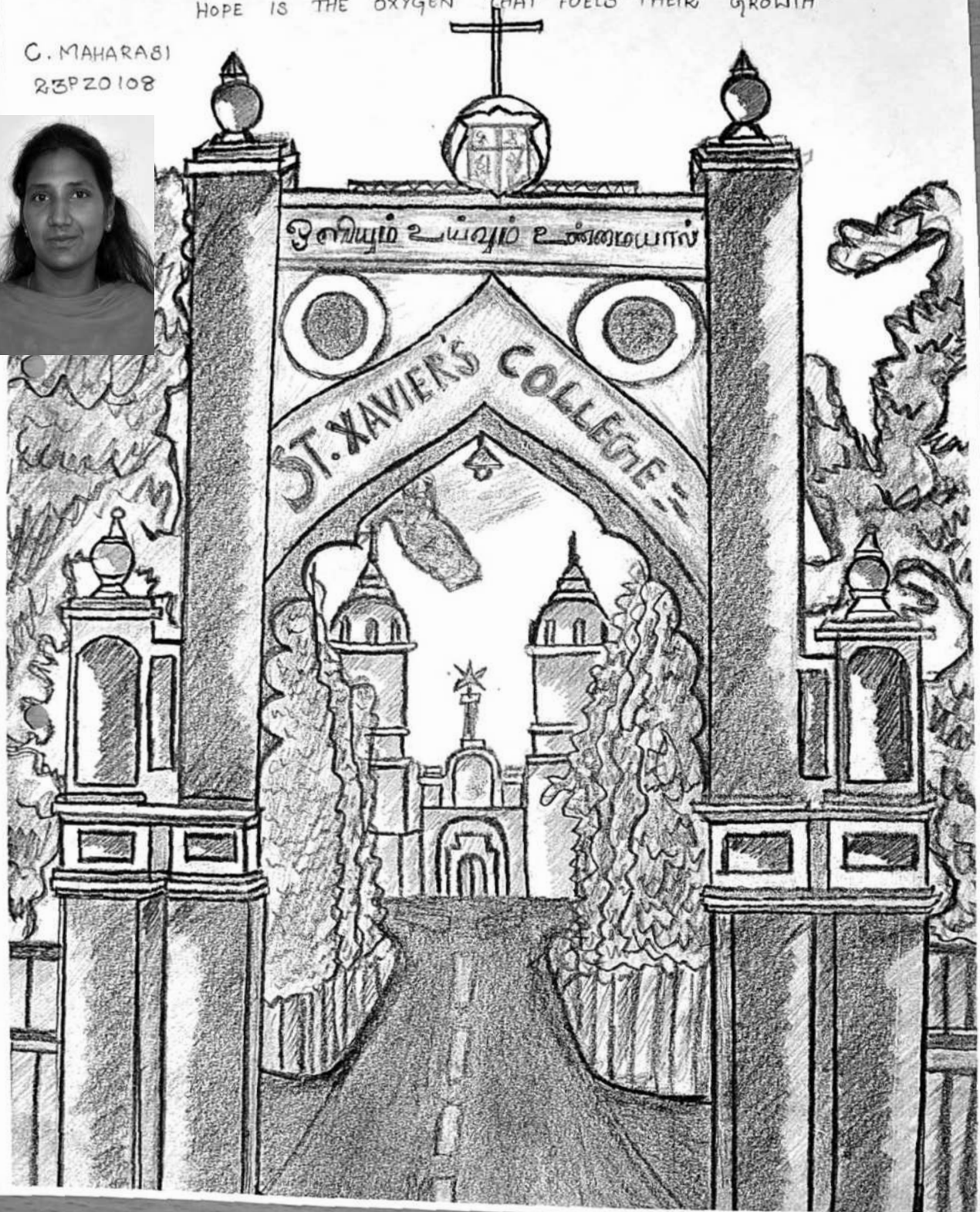
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சுவாரசியமான தகவல்கள்

1. ஒரு தேளால் அதன் சுவாசத்தை 6 நாட்கள் வரை அடக்கி வைத்திருக்க முடியும்.
2. காட்ஜில்லா உண்மையாக இருந்தால் இது ஒரு நாளைக்கு 573,251,131 லிட்டர் சிறுநீரை உற்பத்தி செய்யும் என கணக்கிடப்பட்டுள்ளது.
3. “மைக்” என்ற கோழி தலை இல்லாமல் 16 மாதம் உயிரோடு இருந்தது.
4. ஹவாயில் உள்ள “வைபுஹியா” நீர்வீழ்ச்சி கீழே பாய்வதற்கு பதிலாக சில நேரங்களில் மேல் நோக்கி பாய்கிறது. இந்த இடத்தில் வீசும் வலிமையான காற்றினால் தான் இந்த அதிசயம் நிகழ்கிறது.
5. மிக அழகான சோளம் “கிளாஸ் ஜெம் சோளம்” என்று அழைக்கப்படும் அமெரிக்க வகையைச் சேர்ந்தது.
6. சார்லஸ் ஆஸ்போரன் என்ற நபருக்கு கிட்டதட்ட 68 ஆண்டுகள் விக்கல் இருந்தது.
7. ஒரு சராசரி பெண் ரகசியத்தை 47 மணி நேரம் 15 நிமிடங்கள் தான் பாதுகாப்பாக வைத்திருக்க முடியும்.
8. உலகின் மிக நீளமான இடத்தின் பெயர் 85 எழுத்துக்கள் கொண்டது.
9. கின்னஸ் புத்தகத்தின் படி இதுவரை உருவாக்கிய மிக சவாலான tongue twister “the sixth sheikh’s sixth sheep is sick”
10. ஆண்கள் பெண்களை விட சிறிய அச்சுகளை படிக்க முடியும். பெண்களால் ஆண்களை விட நன்றாக கேட்க முடியும்.
11. பன்றி உலகின் நான்காவது புத்திசாலியான விலங்கு.
12. வரலாற்றில் நடந்த அனைத்து போர்களை விட கொசுக்கள் அதிக மனிதர்களை கொன்றுள்ளன.
13. ஒரு பெண் ஒரு நாளைக்கு 7,000 வார்த்தைகள் பேசுகிறாள். ஆனால் ஒரு ஆண் 2,000 வார்த்தைகள் மட்டுமே பேசுகிறான்.
14. தூங்கி விழித்த 5 நிமிடங்களுக்குள் நம் கனவிலன் பாதி மறந்துவிடும். அடுத்த 10 நிமிடங்களில் மீதி 90% கனவும் மறந்துவிடும்.
15. நத்தைகள் 14,000 பற்கள் கொண்டுள்ளன. அதில்சில நம்மை கொல்லக்கூடும்.
16. ஒரு திகில் படத்தை 90 நிமிடங்கள் பார்த்தால் 200க்கும் மேற்பட்ட கலோரிகளை எரிக்கலாம்.
17. நாம் தும்மும்போது நம் இதயம் ஒரு மில்லி வினாடி நின்றுவிடும்.
18. 23 ஏப்ரல் 2005 அன்று யூடிபில் பதிவேற்றப்பட்ட “me at the Zoo” என்ற வீடியோ தான் யூடிபின் முதல் வீடியோ.
19. 13 குழந்தைகளுக்கு 2018ல் “தானோஸ்” என்று பெயரிடப்பட்டுள்ளது.
20. பிறந்தநாள் கேக்கில் மெழுகுவர்த்திகளை வைப்பதினால் பாக்கிரியாவின் அளவு 1400% கேக்கில் அதிகரிக்கிறது.
21. மூளை நாம் காதல் தோல்வி அடையும் போது அதனை உடல் வலி போல நடத்துகிறது.
- 22 பெரும்பாலான உதட்டு சாயத்தில் மீன் செதில்கள் உள்ளன.
23. இந்தியாவின் கடினமான மொழியாக மலையாளம் உள்ளது.
24. உலகின் அனைத்து அருங்காட்சியங்களை விடவும் கடலுக்கு அடியிடில் வரலாற்று சிறப்புமிக்க பொருட்கள் உள்ளன.
25. நீங்கள் ஒரு சிறிய காகிதத்தை 7 முறைக்கு மேல் பாதியாக மடிக்க முடியாது.
26. நம் மூக்கால் ஒரு டிரில்லியன் தனிப்பட்ட வாசனைகளை கண்டறிய முடியும்.

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