

SREE NARAYANA COLLEGE FOR WOMEN, KOLLAM
Annual Report 2023-24

The various departments of Sree Narayana College for Women, Kollam have admirably involved in academic and co-curricular activities, the snippets of which are summarised below. Through a combined incorporation of both the expertise and acumen of the members of the faculty and students of all the departments, the college made significant stride and managed to complete the academic and co-curricular activities for the academic year 2023-2024 commendably and much to the merit of the students.

The Postgraduate Department of English successfully administered Certificate Courses in Communicative English and Interpersonal Skills, Creative Writing, and Presentation Skills, receiving positive feedback from students. Through hands-on activities and collaborative discussions, participants in the certificate courses acquired the tools and techniques necessary to craft communication, presentation and creative writing tailored to diverse audiences. With a focus on effective communication strategies and confident delivery, students developed the proficiency to excel in conveying their ideas with impact and professionalism across a range of professional and academic contexts. The Department of English organized an interactive session dedicated to delving into the intricate "Issues of LGBTQIA+ Students in Higher Educational Institutions." Guided by the expertise of Mx. Reshma Anilkumar, a distinguished Youth Policy Champion, the program served as a platform to illuminate the multifaceted challenges encountered by LGBTQIA+ students within the realms of academia.

Various students of the department also came off with flying colours both in academic and co-curricular activities. To name a few, Ms. Meenakshi M. secured the first rank in the postgraduate Course-M. A. English Language and Literature at the University of Kerala. Bhagya Lekshmi S of II MA English received the Chief Minister's Student Excellence Award (Department of Higher Education, Govt of Kerala)

The Department of Malayalam conducted Vayalar Anusmaranam on 27/10/ 2023 to commemorate Sri. Vayalar Ramavarma, the famous Malayalam poet. Dr. M. S Biju, Assistant Professor, S. N. College, Kollam delivered a talk on 'Life and Poems' of Vayalar Ramavarma. Bharanabhashavaraghosham was also observed by the department on 1-11-2023. Sri. G. Reghunathanpillai, Former Professor, Department of Malayalam, University College, Thiruvananthapuram inaugurated the varaghosham. In connection with Bharanabhasha varaghosham, the department conducted an elocution competition on 'Samakalikakeraleeya Samooham Sadhyathakalum Velluvilikalum' on 6/11/2023.

In association with Department of History, the Department of Malayalam held a discussion on the Malayalam Novel *Ethirva* written by Sri. Salin Mankuzhi on 10/11/2023. Dr. Vidya. D. R, Assistant Professor, Department of Malayalam introduced the book. Dr. M. Devakumar, Former Principal, SNCW, Dr. Lekshmi. V. S, HOD, Department of Malayalam, Sri. Shibu.T, HOD, Department of History participated in the discussion. The discussion had brought out the various aspects of the novel. The Department of Malayalam in collaboration

with IQAC, SNCW, observed World Mother Language Day on 21/2/2024. A talk on 'Mathrubhashayum Manavasamskaravum ' was conducted on this occasion. Dr. Presannarajan, Former Professor, Department of Malayalam, University College, Thiruvananthapuram was the resource person.

The Department of Hindi organized a two day International Seminar on “Marginalised Society in Indian Literature: An Overview” in association with Hindustani Prachar Sabha, Mumbai & IQAC, SNCW on 18 & 19 March 2024. Pravasi Hindi Writer and Translator (Ukraine) Sri Rakesh Shankar Bharati and Registrar cum Principal Bench Secretary, Hon’ Allahabad High Court Lucknow, Bench Lucknow Sri Mahendra Pratap Awasthi ‘Bhishma’ delivered talks on the seminar. The department also conducted invited talks on the occasion of Hindi Week Celebration from 14/09/2023 to 21/09/2023 with the Sponsorship of Kerala state Higher Education Council, Union Bank of India, Indian Overseas Bank, and the IQAC & PTA of the college. Another seminar was organised by the department in connection with Premchand Jayanti on 31/07/2023 and Vishwa Hindi Diwas was celebrated by the department on 10/01/2024. The department also started various certificate courses in Hindi Computing, Communicative Hindi and a Certificate Course on Translation. The students also showcased their merit in the university examinations with Afsiya F S, Naviya Krishnan and Anjana M S of B.A. Hindi securing 3rd, 5th and 8th ranks respectively in the University examinations.

As part of the Voters’ Register renewal drive prior to 2024 general elections the Department of History on behalf of the **ELC** of our college and in association with the Election Wing of **Kollam District Collectorate** organized a Mega *Thiruvathira* and *Athapookkalam* designing on the occasion of Onam celebrations in the college on 23 August 2023. These two programmes were arranged in the college with a view to conscientizing students about the importance of voting and strengthening the democratic processes in our country through registering their names in voters’ register. It was a district-level programme and the programme was inaugurated by the Deputy Collector Smt. K. P. Deepthi. The faculty members and the students of the department have proved their merit through the publication of research papers in various journals and securing prizes in various competitions respectively.

The Department of Music organised the World Music Day Celebration on 21/06/2023 with a Music quiz. A Pain and Palliative Programme -“Amrithavarshini”- was also organised by the department on 22/07/2023. The Sree Narayana Guru Samadhi Dinam was observed on 22nd September 2023 in a ceremonious way with the rendition of Gurudeva Krities by students and faculty members of the Department. As part of the Navarathri celebrations, the Department organised a Musical Feast at Saradamadam temple on 17th October 2023. Navarathri aradhana was organised by the Department on 22nd October 2023 that witnessed the participation of students and faculty members from all departments in large numbers. The department conducted a Webinar on ‘Life and Contribution Of Papanasam Shivan’ on 3/02/2024 and Kerala Sangeetacharya Dr B Pushpa Krishnan was the resource person.

The students made meritorious contributions with Navami Sankar of final year music receiving first prize from Sri Kavalam Sreekumar, Dr Bindu K, Associate Professor & Head, Department Of Music, University of Kerala and playback singer Rajalekshmi for poster

designing in music in the “Research Feast” organised by the Department of Music, University of Kerala. The students of the department (ATMA-Musical Band) also performed at Asramam Maidan in a programme organised by Chungath fashion jewellery on 24/01/2024.

The Postgraduate Department of Economics organised a two-day National Seminar on ‘Financial Literacy’ on 12&13 September 2023. An invited lecture on ‘Contemporary issues in Indian Economy’ and ‘Research Methodology’ was conducted on October 2023. Two workshops on ‘Data Mining and Data Analytic Thinking’ and ‘Game Theory’ were organised by the department on November 2023. The Kerala Economic Association (KEA) in collaboration with the Department of Economics conducted the inauguration of its Thiruvananthapuram chapter on 14 December 2023. Various other invited talks on stock market trading and training programmes on skill enhancement were also conducted by the department. The students of the department also excelled in the university examinations with Diya S securing third position at the University level.

The Department of Commerce organized a two-day National Literacy Programme supported by the National Institute of Securities Markets on 12& 13 of August 2023. Dr.M. N Dayanandan, Retired Professor, TKM College of Arts and Science, Kollam was the resource person. An invited talk on ‘Internship Opportunities in IT Sector’ was also organized by the department in association the Career Guidance cell of the college for Second year B.Com students. Another invited talk on ‘Preparation for Management Aptitude Test’ was conducted on 14/9/2023 and Ms.Ajmi S, Academic Counsellor, TIME was the resource person. An invited class on ‘Career Opportunities for Commerce Graduates’ was arranged for final year B.com students on 9/10/2023 to make them aware of the galore of opportunities available before them 9/10/2023. Shri Babu C.K., Career Coach was the resource person. A workshop on ‘Employability Skills and Team Building’ was conducted by the department on 6/03/2024. Sri. Sathya Kumar and Sri. George Constantine of Career Development Centre, Thevally were the resource persons. The students of the department made their presence felt in the sports events held at the University and National Level. Gloriya Yohannan, Sreeshna P. and Athira C.K. of II year B.com secured prizes for various events. The students also participated in various competition items of the University youth festival and bagged prizes for Oppana, Vanchipattu, Margamkali and Group dance.

The Department of Mathematics organized an awareness class on Keltron courses on 06/03/2024 and higher studies on 22/11/2023. Internal exams were arranged for all classes in a time bound manner at the college level. The department conducted PTA meetings for all classes and gave suggestions, and received feedback from parents. The students of the department actively participated in the NSS and NCC activities of the college. They also fared well in the university examinations with fifteen of the B.Sc students getting selected for M.Sc course and four of them for B.Ed.

The Postgraduate Department of Physics held the inaugural ceremony of Physics Association and the World Space week celebration on 04/10/2023. The inauguration of the event was carried out by Dr. T Pradeep, former Principal of SN College, Punalur. The intellectually stimulating session proved to be beneficial for students aspiring to delve into

topics connected to space research. The department observed the World Space day celebrations 2023 in association with VSSC and the Break through Science Society, Kollam Chapter with a series of programs including the interactive lecture session by the VSSC scientist Aiswarya Samridh, as part of the VSSC student outreach program. As part of this event the department conducted a workshop on space science for students of Balikamariyam LP school, Pattathanam on 11/10/2023.

During the Space Week celebrations, on 11th October 2023, the group known as "Taurus the Bull" organized a series of screenings featuring science fiction films with themes revolving around space. These screenings were held at the college seminar hall. A one-day workshop on 'Hands-on LED Assembly & Repair' was organized by the department in association with the Institution Innovation Council of the college on December 1, 2023. The technical session followed was handled by Dr. I John Berlin, Assistant Professor of Physics, Marthoma College, Thiruvalla. On the occasion of National Science Day, the Department of Physics, celebrated National Science Day on February 28, 2024 by organizing various programs like Declamation contest, Dumb charades declamation competition and Debate competition for students across various departments of our college. The students of the department also fared well in the university examinations.

The Postgraduate Department of Chemistry organized a two-week internship programme for UG and PG students in collaboration with Central Institute of Plastic and Engineering Technology (CIPET), Palakkad. As a part of the annual one-day meal program organized by the Department of Chemistry the teachers and students visited the old age home 'Pakal Veedu' at Mangal on 22/12/2023. The department also organized a one-day seminar on 'Computational Chemistry' in association with SN College, Kollam and ACT on 02/02/2024. 'Thanmathra', the newsletter of the department was released on 06/03/2024 by Dr. Aswathy Sugunan, the Principal of the college. The Newsletter encapsulates the remarkable journey of the department over the year 2023-24, highlighting faculty accomplishment, achievements of students, and various events conducted by the department. Along with the release of news letter, the department felicitated the achievements of its top performing students.

The teachers and students of the Department of Biochemistry and Industrial Microbiology made their mark both in the academic and cocurricular activities. Dr. Remya A. S., Assistant Professor of the department participated in the Hands-on training in MOODLE-LMS organized by Faculty Development Centre of the Kerala State Higher Education Council in association with Digital University of Kerala from 6th to 12th December 2023. The B.Sc students Akshaya A, Amritha A, Malavika A. M. and Anju M completed training on three-day certificate course in 'Chemical Analysis of Food and Water'. Gopika J completed a student project work at Milma, MRCMPU Ltd, Palakkad Dairy from 17th April 2023 to 28th April 2023. Fathima Ganga bagged Gold medal in the Kerala University intercollegiate boxing championship held at Sreepadam Indoor Stadium, Attingal on 10th December 2023. She was also a member of the hockey team that won third place in the Intercollegiate Hockey championship (team event) held in Hockey Stadium, Kollam on 6th December 2023. The students also showcased their outstanding performances with Malavika A.M., Lekshmi M. S.,

Jinsha Johns, Gopika J. and Akshaya A securing the third, fourth, fifth, eighth and tenth positions respectively in the university examinations.

The Department of Botany in collaboration with the Biodiversity club of Sree Narayana College for Women Kollam observed World Wetlands Day and conducted a seminar on “Wetlands! How do they sustain life”. Dr. George C Thomas, Chairman, Kerala State Biodiversity Board delivered the keynote address. The merit award for Botany Topper sponsored by Nalini Memorial Foundation was given to Ms. Sreelekshmi U.S in the function which carries a cash prize of Rs 10000 and a shield. The department also organised a Workshop on ‘Mushroom Cultivation Techniques’ in association with Institutions Innovation Council of the college on 17.11.2023. Students from other departments participated in the workshop and Mr. K Ajay of Soorya Agro Tek served as the resource person. A project titled ‘Ex-situ Conservation of Selected Rare, Endangered and Threatened Tropical Trees of Kollam District, Kerala, Western Ghats, India’ was sanctioned to the Department of Botany and Prof (Dr) Sekaran S. was the principal investigator. A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the Principal, Sree Narayana College for Women, Kollam and the Member Secretary of the Kerala State Biodiversity Board (KSBB), Kailasam, T.C.4/1679 (1), No. 43, Belhaven Gardens, Kowdiar P.O., Thiruvananthapuram - 695 003, Kerala on 27/02/2024. In addition to this the faculty members of the department also participated in various training programmes organised by the university and Devipriya D. of the department was awarded PhD from the university of Kerala.

The Department of Zoology conducted a Seminar on ‘Career Opportunities in Life Science’ on 13.09.2023 at 2 PM. Dr Soumya Udayan served as the resource person. Another seminar on “Breast Cancer Awareness” was conducted jointly by the ‘Health education club’ and Department of Zoology in association with the financial support from Reliance Life Sciences, Mumbai. It was held on 20th October 2023 at the College seminar hall. Dr. Aneesha Babu (Consultant Oncologist, N.S. Hospital, Kollam) inaugurated the seminar and delivered an informative talk on cancer biology especially the causes for breast cancer. The department of Zoology also started two certificate courses, ‘Basic Computer & Bioinformatics’ (in collaboration with IT mission) and a ‘Certificate Course in Aquaculture’. The department offers a consultancy service in water testing from 2023 onwards with Ms Jisha S as the coordinator. A seminar on ‘Career Opportunities’ especially meant for Semester 6 students and another seminar on ‘Medical coding’ for Life science students were conducted by the department on 11/03/2024. Vandana Subhash of B.Sc Zoology came out meritorious by securing second rank in the university examinations.

The Postgraduate Department of Home Science in collaboration with Fevicryl, Pidilite Industries Limited organized a two-day workshop titled “Fabric Dyeing and Painting Techniques” for the final year students of Home Science. The workshop was conducted on 4th and 5th December 2023. As part of the workshop, several demonstrations and hands-on experiences kept the students engaged and allowed them to showcase their creative skills they had learned from the programme. The students were trained in various forms like fabric painting, acrylic painting, tie & dye, batik printing, block painting, ikkat work, shibori work

and 3D painting. Five students of the second semester PG course of the department (2022 admission) went for a one-month internship in Front Office Management & Housekeeping Department in a prestigious hotel The Leela Ashtamudi, A Raviz Hotel at Thevally, Kollam. Fifteen students of the second semester M.Sc Home Science course visited many shops in and around Kollam and did a Market Survey of building materials as a part of their training of Housing and Interior decoration syllabus. They also visited various residential and commercial landscape garden and a nursery as part of their Advanced Landscape Designing course.

The B.Sc second year students of the department visited an anganvadi near their home and spent one day with them to understand the functioning of the anganvadi. They also visited the S. N. Trust Central School, Kollam to interact with children and understand the pre-school activities as part of Child Development practical. They made different types of educational toys for pre - school children and also created many useful things from waste materials as part of their Resource Management practical syllabus. The Election of the chairperson and secretary of the Home Science Association was conducted in the beginning of the academic year. Ms. Farhana Ummer of II PG was elected as the president and Ms. Saranya S.L. of 5th semester BSc was elected as the Secretary. The faculty members of the department also made significant contributions to their academic realm by attending various training programmes organised by the university and by publishing research papers in several journals.

The Department of Physical Education has carved out a niche of its own by training and making the students of the college to participate in various competitions held at the university, state and national levels. Stemi, a first year degree student of the college participated in the National level Athletics Championship held at Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu. Gloriya B. Yohannan participated in the 4x400m mixed relay state athletics championship and Sreeshna.P. participated in the 4x400m mixed relay junior state athletics championship held at Kozhikode. Sree Narayana College for Women, Kollam has participated in a total of fourteen individual and team items at the inter collegiate and Kerala University level championships in 2023-2024 which include football, kabaddi, cross country, yogasana, weight lifting, athletics, kho kho, hockey, boxing, chess, rugby, karate, power lifting and roll ball. The Hockey team of the college has participated in the Intercollegiate Hockey Championship held at the New Hockey Stadium, Aashramam, Kollam on 6th and 7th December 2023. The college team has secured the second runner-up position. The Boxing team of the college has participated in the Intercollegiate boxing Championship held at Sree Padam Indoor Stadium, Attingal on 10/12/2023 and 11/12/2023. Fathima ganga secured gold medal in the 50-52 kg category. In addition to this the students of our college has bagged prizes in various other competitions held at the state and university levels.

The Department of Geography conducted a webinar on 'Career and Higher Education Opportunities in Disaster Management for Geographers' on March 26, 2024. The resource person for the webinar was Dr. Sarun S, Assistant Professor at the Centre for Disaster Studies, Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit, Kalady. The Department of Geography also organized a field trip for sixth semester students to Kullu, Manali and Agra from February 4 to February 12, 2024. The trip was designed to align with the syllabus and to provide students with practical insights into geographical features, cultural heritage, and historical significance.

Another two-day trip to Idukki was also conducted by the department on November 27 & 28, 2024 for 20 students. The trip provided a perfect mix of exploring nature, adventure and learning, with teachers ensuring smooth coordination and safety throughout the journey. Apart from this Devika S of third year B.Sc Geography secured 10th position in the university examinations in the academic year 2023-24. Another outstanding achievement was made by Fatthimath Suhara H. who was awarded the best volunteer award for NSS from all Kerala blood donors society for her leadership, dedication and commitment to volunteering services.