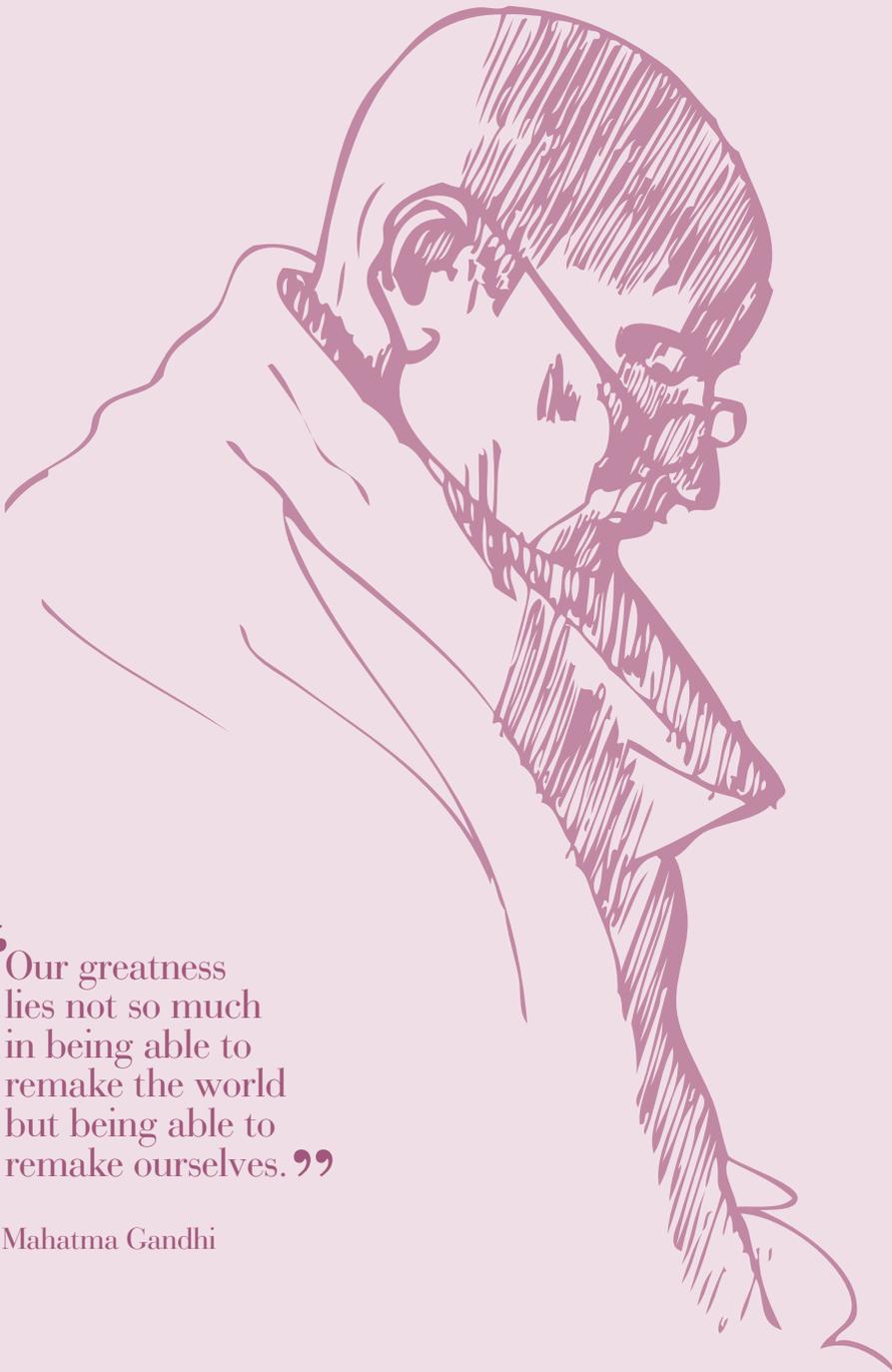


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“Our greatness lies not so much in being able to remake the world but being able to remake ourselves.”

Mahatma Gandhi



Mahatma Gandhi University

Vision

"Mahatma Gandhi University envisions to excel in the field of higher education and cater to the scholastic and developmental needs of the individual, through the continuous creation of a critical knowledge base for the society's sustained and inclusive growth."

Mission

To conduct and support undergraduate, postgraduate and research-level programmes of quality in different disciplines.

To foster teaching, research and extension activities for the creation of new knowledge for the development of society.

To help in the creation and development of manpower that would provide intellectual leadership to the community.

To provide skilled manpower to the professional, industrial and service sectors to meet global demands.

To help promote the cultural heritage of the nation and preserve the environmental sustainability and quality of life.

To cater to the holistic development of the region through academic leadership.



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From the desk of the Vice Chancellor



I am happy to inform the path breaking concept mooted by Mahatma Gandhi University - Inter-University Centre (IUC). It is conceived as an independent institution for advanced studies and as a platform for the convergence of experts from various Universities with a mission to promote contacts, exchanges, collaborations and sharing of resources through study programmes, courses, projects, and conferences. Experts from various Universities within the state, outside and worldwide can cooperate in organising teaching, research and other activities at the IUC, which represents the distinct institutional system so structured as to be stimulating interdisciplinary research. The context in which IUC was formulated based on the apparent failure of the conventional departments of disciplinary identity and insularity, lacking flexibility and choice, a set up tired of teaching and research along beaten tracts.

The IUC addresses the need for creation of the academic

culture inspiring choices of deeper knowledge for problem-solving through democratisation of sciences enabling adherence to such values as people centeredness, empowerment orientation, inclusiveness, and sustainability. The University's positioning itself as the seat of highly specialised knowledge of divergence, far away from the common people, is based on the conventional, tacit and linear perspective on science. IUC seeks to facilitate production of scientific knowledge of convergence, its technological application for better productivity and resource sustainability, and social extension for the benefit of ultimate users.

I am sure that, within a short span of time the Inter University Centres mooted by the University will set new benchmarks in the higher education scenario in the country.

Prof(Dr) Rajan Gurukkal



Introduction of Centralised Allotment Process

Mahatma Gandhi University introduced Centralized Allotment Process for various PG Programmes in the Affiliated Colleges under the University from 2010-11 Academic year. In the CAP, merit seats and reservation seats were filled by the University. Colleges were allowed to fill up the Management/Community reservation seats. As the feedback received from various stakeholders was overwhelming, the University implemented the same for the undergraduate programmes also from 2011-12 academic year, using the software developed by the Computer Wing of the University.

Setting up of new Computer Wing

University has taken steps to set up a new Centralised Computer Wing in the Pareeksha Bhavan

Providing Computers in the Tabulation Sections

University provided Computers in the Tabulation Sections of undergraduate programmes and in the B.Tech sections. The data can be entered in the Tabulation section itself, which will be connected to the Centralised Computer Wing for finalization.

On-line Registration of students :

From 2011-12 admission, University introduced Centralised Allotment Process (CAP) for the undergraduate programmes offered in the affiliated colleges and the details of the admitted students in each college were submitted on-line. These data are now being used by the University for the preparation of Nominal Roll and Hall Tickets.

Modernisation of Examination Procedures

The genuine modernization of the University system, especially the examination related activities are being carried out in a big way, with the help of ICT. Three server facilities are used simultaneously by the University viz., the leased server at Mumbai, **KELTRON** assisted in the University Campus and one at IT Mission at Trivandrum. With **The State Government Grant of Rs.2 Crore the Data Centre is coming up in the University.**

Hall Ticket Generation through on-line

University introduced on-line generated Hall Tickets for the CBCSS programmes. From the First Semester examinations onwards, the on-line Hall Tickets were generated and the Principals of the affiliated colleges were provided with a Password and using the Password, the Principals downloaded the Nominal Roll and Hall tickets of the students of their College. The same facility is being extended to B.Tech and other courses

On-line transmission of valued data (Grades) :

During the valuation of answer books, the University developed softwares for the transfer of data from the Valuation Camps to the University and implemented on-line transmission of valued data (Grades) from the Centralised Valuation Centres to the Computer Wing of the University (CETEX). This enabled the University to enter data easily and speedily. In the CETEX, the data received from the Valuation Camps were compiled with the Internal Grades submitted by the Colleges and results were finalized. The University took utmost care in finalizing the results by checking the data received through on-line with that were awarded by the teachers in the Camps. University officials are manning the Centralised Valuation Camps with Internet connected laptops.



I will not let anyone walk through my mind with their dirty feet.

Mahatma Gandhi

School of Behavioural Sciences

Hearing Assessment Camp

School of Behavioural Sciences and National Institute of Speech and hearing, Thiruvananthapuram jointly organized a one day *Hearing assessment camp and free hearing aid distribution programme* on 17th March. Dr. Rajan Varghese, Pro-Vice Chancellor inaugurated the programme. Dr. Razeena Padmam, Director, School of Behavioural Sciences presided over. Manju. S. (Senior Audiologist) delivered the keynote address.

Seminar on Management of Learning Disabilities

A Seminar on Management of Learning Disabilities was organized by School of Behavioural Sciences on 22nd March at School of Chemical Sciences auditorium. Vice-Chancellor Dr. Rajan Gurukkal inaugurated the seminar.

The First session of the seminar was led by Dr. Thomas John, Consultant Paediatrician and Psychiatrist on *Learning Disabilities: Diagnosis and certification*. The second session was held by Dr. Sany Varghese, Clinical Psychologist, District Hospital, Kottayam on *Behavioural Modification for Learning Disabled children*. The third session was by V.V Joseph, General Secretary, the Association of Learning Disabilities of India (ALDI).

Seminar on Learning Disabilities, Know your child

School of Behavioural Sciences conducted a one day seminar on *Learning Disabilities, 'Know your child'* organized in association with the Association for Learning Disabilities, India on 3rd August in the Assembly hall. The programme was inaugurated by the Hon. Vice-Chancellor Dr. Rajan Gurukkal and presided over by Dr. Razeena Padmam, Prof. & Head, School of Behavioural Sciences.

The Seminar was organized to create awareness among the public in the field of child education. The resource persons of the seminar presented the cause, types and identifying features of the disorder. The various educational services available to address the special needs of children with learning disabilities were presented and discussed. The seminar was followed by a brain storming session on *challenges in the classrooms*.

Empowerment of families of intellectually disabled

A seminar on *Empowerment of families of individuals with intellectual disability* was organized by the School of Behavioural Sciences on 7th October. The Seminar was presided over by Dr. Razeena Padmam, Director, School of Behavioural Sciences and the key note address was delivered by Dr. P.S. Sukumaran, Professor, School of Behavioural Sciences. Advocate Kennedy M George presented a paper on the legal aspects, benefits and constitutional provisions for persons with disabilities. Philip Simon, National Secretary, "PARIVAAR- KERALA" presented various roles of parents and siblings of the mentally challenged.

Special lecture

A special lecture on Transition issues and children with disabilities was held at School of Behavioural Sciences auditorium on 4th January 2012. The Lecture was delivered by Dr. Pavan J Antony, Adelphi University, USA. He spoke about the importance of vocational training in main-streaming of individuals with disabilities. He also emphasized the importance of transition, Planning and issues management in children with disabilities.

Erudite Lectures

Centre for Nanoscience and Nanotechnology organised a 10 day long visit by Dr. Rameshwar Adhikari, Professor of Chemistry, Central Dept. of Chemistry Tittuvan University, Kathmandu, Nepal. The learned Professor spoke on a variety of topics like Microscopy Techniques, Scanning Probe Techniques, Transmission Electron Microscopy and Scanning Electron Microscopy. On the last day the scholar actively interacted with the Research Scholars and faculty of the Centre.

Prof. (Dr). Miran Mozdec, Head of Dept. of Surface Engineering, Jozef Starfan Institute, Slovenia visited School of Chemical Sciences for 6 days as part of Erudite Lecture Series talking on topics like overview of Advanced Plasma Technologies, Hot and Cold Plasmas and Highly Non-equilibrium gaseous Plasma. Faculty, students and Research Scholars got opportunity to expose themselves to the latest developments in the field.



Department Of Student Services

All India Inter University Youth Festival

All India Inter University Youth Festival was held at Thirupati Sri.Venketaswara University during 18-21 January 2011. University contingent led by DSS had participated in four events and Sri.Harikrishnan of Sree Sankara College, Kalady won second prize in Classical Vocal Solo.

South Zone Inter University Youth Festival

The South Zone Inter University Youth Festival was conducted at Satyabhama University, Chennai during 18-22 December 2011. Our University has won the prestigious overall runners-up trophy. Besides, our University bagged Championship Trophy in literary events, first prizes in Classical Instrumental Solo (Percussion), Debate, Elocution, Mime and second prizes in Mime, Classical Dance (Indian), On the Spot Painting , Spot Photography and won third prize in One Act Play. On the whole, the University contingent performed brilliantly in the festival.

Indian Science Congress

The 99th Indian Science Congress was held at KIIT University, Bhubaneswar. Ms. Akhila Anilkumar of St. Dominics College, Kanjirappally and Mr. George S. Varghese of FISAT participated in the National Level Essay Competition conducted during December 2011 in connection with the 99th Indian Science Congress held at KIIT University, Bhubaneswar.

Cash Award to Youth Festival winners

The Department of Student Services organized a Cash Award Function at Baselius College, Kottayam on 4th October 2011 for the winners of Youth Festivals of 2010-11. Dr. Rajan Varughese, Pro-Vice Chancellor has distributed mementos and cash prizes to the students who had won prizes at the Inter Collegiate University Youth Festival (Varnam 2011), South Zone & National Inter University Youth Festivals.

Seminar/Workshop

The Department of Student Services organized a workshop for student Magazine Editors' on 28th February 2011 at IMA House, Good Shepherd Road, Kottayam. Prof. M. R. Raghava Warriar, noted historian, inaugurated the workshop and eminent personalities did sessions to develop students' talent in this field.

Anti-ragging Campaign

The Director of Student Services has been appointed as the Nodal Officer (Anti-ragging) at University level in tune with the University Grants Commission regulations. Accordingly, a notification was issued by the Director of Student Services to all affiliated colleges coming under the jurisdiction of the University. For monitoring and preventing the menace of ragging in educational institutions, an E-mail service was started in compliance with the UGC regulations

Financial Assistance to Colleges

It was started in December 2011 for facilitating the colleges for conducting seminars/workshops on topics like career guidance, women empowerment, soft skill development, counselling programmes, anti-ragging measures, menace of drug abuse and alcoholism in campuses etc. The Department of Student Services has been receiving a large number of proposals from colleges for this purpose.

*Keep your thoughts positive
because your thoughts
become your words.*

*Keep your words positive
because your words
become your behavior.*

*Keep your behavior positive
because your behavior
becomes your habits.*

*Keep your habits positive
because your habits
become your values.*

*Keep your values positive
because your values
become your destiny.*

-Mahatma Gandhi



Dept. of Lifelong Learning

Thanima 2011

Department of Lifelong Learning has organized an exhibition “Thanima 2011” as a culmination of the one year project undertaken by the Department for identifying, honoring and promoting the traditional artisans and craftsmen with exceptional skills.

Thanima 2011 was organized on 20th August 2011 Saturday in the Assembly Hall. Artisans from four districts- Kottayam, Ernakulam, Idukki, and Pathanamthitta have displayed artifacts and masterpieces in the stalls allotted to them. There was overwhelming response from the onlookers. Around 30 stalls were arranged and more than 50 artisans participated in the exhibition. Prof. (Dr). Rajan Gurukkal, Vice Chancellor inaugurated the function.

A Day for the Aged

The Department of Lifelong Learning celebrated the Old Age Day on 1st October with a meeting and cultural programmes of the members of the Senior Citizens Forum. Aged women of Nalpathimala performed Kitchen orchestra and Cinematic Dance on the Occasion. PRO G. Sreekumar, Dr. K Sabukkuttan participated.

CAP Help Desk

In association with the University Information Centre, the Department of Lifelong Learning opened three Centralised Allotment Process (CAP) Help Desks at Pallickathodu, Kottayam and Pathanamthitta during the U.G. Admission for the academic year 2011-12. It also co-operated with the University Information Centre at Vaikom by lending the service of one NSS Volunteer for the smooth conduct of the Help Desk. Pro-Vice Chancellor Dr. Rajan Varghese inaugurated the initiative. K. Sharafuddin, Member Senete, PRO G. Sreekumar, Dr. K Sabukkuttan participated.

School of Management and Business Studies

International Conference on Rural Markets

School of Management and Business Studies, Mahatma Gandhi University in association with Institute of Human Resources Advancements, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka organized International Conference on Rural Markets (ICRM) on “Exploring Rural Markets for Growth and Inclusion” during November 29-30, 2010 on the campus.

The conference featured empirical research papers and case studies in the following areas.

Micro Finance, banking and financial services, Rural Marketing, Logistics and Supply Chain Management, Agri-business, Social and economic empowerment, Technology management, Rural infrastructure and services, Environmental issues, Business ethics and public policy, Resource management, Tapping rural talent and skill development.

The program was inaugurated by Justice KT Thomas in the presence of Pro Vice Chancellor Dr Rajan Varughese. Vice Chancellor Dr Rajan Gurukkal inaugurated the international workshop which was presided over by Dr. K. Sreeranganadhan (Director, SMBS) and felicitated by Registrar M.R. Unni. MCG Hemakumara of IHRA, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka was also present in the function.

Industry Institute Interface March 2011

Placement and Training cell of the School of Management and Business Studies organized a one day Industry- Institute Interface wherein the leaders from major corporate houses were invited to share their experiences on contemporary issues in management of companies.

The major participants in this one day event were the Vice President of Reliance Industries, Senior General Manager of Indian Overseas Bank and Prof. Mathew Manimala of Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore representing the academia. The function was inaugurated by the Vice Chancellor Prof. Rajan Gurukkal. The Placement Brochure for this year was published on this occasion

School Of Indian Legal Thought

Ambedkar Lecture Program



Prof.(Dr.) R. Venkata Rao Vice -Chancellor, National Law School of India University, Bangalore delivered the Ambedkar memorial lecture on “Indian Constitution and Contemporary Challenges” as part of Ambedkar Lecture Programme in School of Indian Legal Thought.

National Seminar



A National Seminar on “Right to Education and Right to Establish Educational Institution-A Constitutional Perspectives” , was held during 18th-19th March 2011. Prof.(Dr.) N.R. Madhava Menon (Dr.Radhakrishnan Chair on Parliamentary Studies,Rajya Sabha) made the keynote address.

School of Computer Sciences

Workshops

A 2 Day workshop on “**Tour Making**”, by Mr.Aravind Paranjpye, Officer for Science Popularization,IUCAA, Pune, during October 18-19, 2010.Workshop on “**e-Astronomy and Statistics**”, organized by School of Pure and Applied Physics in association with School of Computer Sciences, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, Kerala, January 17-19, 2011.

A 3 Day workshop on eAstronomy & Statistics was held in School of Computer Sciences with these 2 expert resource persons Dr. Ashish Mahabal, Senior Research Scientist, California Institute of Technology (Caltech) USA, Dr.ArchanaPai, Indian Institute of Science Engineering and Research (IISER), Trivandrum and Dr. Ashish Mahabal, Senior Research Scientist, California Institute of Technology (Caltech) USA during the session.



National Conference

A 2 day National Conference on 'Computing and Communication' was inaugurated by Dr.Rajan Gurukkal in the School's Auditorium



National Conference on Computing and Communication

National Conference on Computing and Communication (NCCC 2011) organised by School of Computer Sciences was inaugurated by Prof.(Dr.) Rajan Gurukkal, Honourable Vice Chancellor, Mahatma Gandhi University on 26th May 2011.

Prof.(Dr.) S.K Sinha, CEDT, IISC, Bangalore delivered the keynote address on "A brief History of Computing". Dr. R Vijayakumar, Professor & HoD, School of Computer Sciences presided over the function. Prof.(Dr.) K.S Mohanachandra Panicker, Dean (Planning & Research), FISAT, Angamaly and Prof. (Dr.) varghese Paul, CUSAT felicitated the conference. Mrs. Bindu V. R, Associate Professor, School of Computer Sciences delivered the welcome speech and Mrs. Anuj Mohammed, Associate Professor, School of Computer Sciences proposed vote of thanks.

Technical Sessions included "KERA - A new Language for Synthetic Biology" by Prof.(Dr.) Achuth Sankar S.Nair, Director and Sri.Umesh, Lecturer, State Inter University Center of excellence in Bio-Informatics, University of Kerala ."Machine to Machine Communication" by Prof.(Dr.) K.S Mohanachandra Panicker, Dean (Planning

& Research), FISAT, Angamaly ."Cloud Computing" by Prof.(Dr.) Poullose Jacob, Dept.of Computer Science, CUSAT

Research papers from various areas of computing and communication were presented in the conference. The paper presentation sessions were chaired by experts including Prof.(Dr.) Achuth Sankar S.Nair, Director, State Inter University Center of excellence in Bio-Informatics, University of Kerala, Prof. (Dr.) varghese Paul, CUSAT, Prof.(Dr.) K. V. Pramod, Dept. of Computer Applications, CUSAT, Prof. M. T. Rajappan Pillai, RIT, Kottayam and Prof.(Dr.) B.Kannan, Dept. of Computer Applications, CUSAT

The conference concluded on 27th with a valedictory session presided over by Dr. R Vijayakumar, Professor & HoD, School of Computer Science. Prof.(Dr.) Rajan Varughese, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Mahatma Gandhi University delivered the valedictory address and gave away the prizes for best paper and certificates of participation. Mrs. K P Pushpalatha, Assistant Professor, School of Computer Sciences and Technical Chair of NCCC 2011 proposed vote of thanks.

School of Pure and Applied Physics

Visit of Nobel Laureates visited SPAP



The beginning of the year 2011 was marked with the visit of Prof. Sir Anthony James Leggett. The Nobel Laureate in Physics and winner of Wolf Prize in Physics, Dirac Medal of the Institute of Physics Professor at the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign in School of Pure & Applied Physics during January -February 2011 under the Erudite Scholar in Residence program of the Kerala State Higher Education Council.

He had shared his knowledge through discussions with

research teams, interacting with a pan Kerala scientific audience in a meeting, a popular lecture and in a program for school students. The Discussion Meeting on the Impact of Quantum Effects on our Classical World View was funded partially by the International Center for Theoretical Sciences - TIFR, Bangalore. Besides, the students and faculty of the School many neighboring organizations also attended the meeting and students from seven neighboring schools attended his popular talk and interacted with him.

Sir Harold Walter Kroto

As a part of Erudite Scholar in residence programme Nobel Laureate Sir Harold Walter Kroto visited the university during January 2011. SPAP has conducted INCULCATET SCEINCE PROPAGATION program during 5-7 Jan 2011 with the aim of popularization of science and to kindle scientific aptitude in the younger minds at the school level. Prof Harold Kroto interacted with these students and cleared many genuine doubts of the students humorously with similes and quotations.

National Seminar on Advanced Materials

The school conducted a two day national seminar on Advanced Materials on January 19 & 20 2012. Prof. RajanGurukkal, Vice chancellor inaugurated the seminar. Nearly 100 participants from various institutions and colleges attended the seminar.

The eminent speakers including Prof. (Dr) Santhosh Kumar, Indian Institute of Technology Chennai, Prof (Dr) V P N Namboori CUSAT, Cochin, Dr P Manoj Kumar Indian Institute of Technology Chennai presented their papers. The seminar was organized under the auspicious of INBOFA the academic carnival of the university. The speakers dealt with the technological applications of advanced materials for the benefit of the mankind at large.

University Centre for International Co-operation

Hiroshima Peace Day

The University Centre for International Co-operation (UCIC) observed the 'Hiroshima Peace Day' on 11-12 August on the 63rd Anniversary of the dropping of the atom bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.



A public meeting were organised at the University campus at 11 AM on 11 August Prof. Rajan Gurukkal, Vice Chancellor, inaugurated the function. Dr. Ninan Koshy (peace activist), Dr. G.V.C. Naidu (Professor, Japanese Studies Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi), Rev. K.V. Palouse (peace activist), Dr. Raju K. Thadikkaran (Director, UCIC) and Adv. P.K. Harikumar (member, Syndicate) spoke on the occasion.

Erudite Scholar in Residence

Prof. Jane Knight and Prof. Jia Haitao, visited the Centre as the KSHEC sponsored Erudite Scholar in Residence during December 2011 and January 2012 respectively. They had interactive sessions with the faculty and students on various aspects on Indo- China relations.

Symposium

University Centre for International Cooperation jointly organized a one day Symposium on the theme China and the Emerging World Order: Is Peaceful Rise Possible? with School of International Relations and Politics on 23 December 2011. Prof.(Dr.) Rajan Gurukkal, Vice Chancellor inaugurated the Symposium. T.P. Sreenivasan., Vice-Chairman, KSHEC; Venu Rajamony IFS, Prof. V. Suryanarayan, Vice Admiral (Retd.) Vijay Shankar, Prof. Jane Knight and Prof. T.V. Paul participated the symposium.





Memoranda of Understanding

The University signed various Memoranda of Understanding with the following Institutions from abroad during the academic year 2011-12:

1. Institute of Political Studies (IEP) Rennes, France.
2. IEP of Bordeaux, Sciences PO, Bordeaux, France.
3. Institute for Chindian Studies, Jinan University, Guangdong Province, China.
4. Catholic University of Korea (CUK) Seoul.

International Scholars Hostel

The University has established International Scholars Hostel (Ladies and Gents) as well as studio apartment accommodation

facility for senior foreign scholars. These facilities are being provided on in the house leased out basis until permanent facilities shall be made available on the university campus.

Prof.(Dr.)Rajan Gurukkal, Vice Chancellor inaugurated the Hostes at S H Mount, Kottayam

School of Gandhian Studies

Department of Printing and Publishing

Publications in 2011

In 2011 the Department published 2 academic books and co-published 9 books with M/S Vikas Publishing House, New Delhi.

Published the book, *Mahishasathakam* a book with the text and commentary in Sanskrit and translation and notes in English. Vanchesvara Diksitas *Mahisasatakam* is a sankrit text which was translated with 18th century depicting the decadence of the politics, economic, social and cultural area of South India. It is a collection of 100 verses and considered as an excellent political satire ever written in any language. The book was released by Dr. K.G. Paulose, former Vice-Chancellor, Keral Kalamandalam by handing over a copy to Prof. M.R. Raghava Warriar, Chief Editor, Publications, Kottakal Arya Vaidyasala

The following text books were co-published with the Vikas Publishing House Pvt.Ltd., New Delhi for second semester MBA regular course.

1. *Indian Legal System* by M.C. Kuchchal and M.V.Pylee
2. *Fundamentals of Marketing* by Arunkumar, Meenakshi N. and T.P. Gopalaswamy.
3. *E-Business* by Pushpa Singh and Narendra Singh.
4. *Production Management* by Prahlad Narain, S.K. Mandal and Jayalakshmi Subramanian.
5. *Cost and Management Accounting* by S.N. Maheswari, Sharad K. Maheswari and Suneel K. Maheswari.
6. *Operations Research* by C.R. Kothari and K. Kalvathy
7. *Human Resource Management* by P.G. Aquinas, K.M. Pathi and S.C. Srivatsava
8. *Management Information Systems* by Nirmalya Bagchi, Rohit Khurana, Pushpa Singh and Narendra Singh.
8. *Organizational Behavior* by J.S. Chandran.

Excellence in Book Production Awards

The Department instituted the *Mudranamikavu* Awards for the excellence in book production, one each for printing, book design and cover design for Malayalam books published each year for general and reference books categories. Mudranamikavu 2010 Awards comprising of a citation and certificate were won by Kerala State Institute of Childrens Literature (Childrens), Current Books and Kriya Designing Communication, Trichur (Book Design), D C Books, Kottayam (Printing and Book Production),

Priyaranjan Lal, (Cover Design), Kerala State Language Institute, Trivandrum (Special Jury Award, Reference books) and Rainbow Book Publishing Chengannur (Special Jury, Book Design)

Annual Lecture on History of Malayalam Printing

Dr. Kesavan Veluthattu Professor of History delivered the first Annual Lecture on the History of Printing (Mudrana Charithram) on 19 December 2011 instituted by the Department. In his lecture, Veluthatt Kesavan provides, from a historian's perspective, a critical overview of the processes of knowledge formation in the era before printing. Prof Rajan Varghese, Pro Vice Chancellor, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam presided over the function.

University Library

► Signing MoU with INFLIBNET

Mahatma Gandhi University is the first University in India to sign MoU with UGC-INFLIBNET in the submission of PhD Theses in electronic format in to its national repository “Shodhganga” Even before UGC’s initiation in this regard the library had started digitization of PhD theses in March 2008.

► Completed digitization of its PhD collection

The library has fully digitized all the PhD theses awarded by the University till date and uploaded in to Shodhganga. The library is also having digital archives of PhD theses at www.mgutheses.org. As on date, University Library has uploaded 2366 PhD theses.

School of Social Sciences

Workshops

One week Academic Writing Workshop—As a commencement activity, a seven day workshop was organised in January 2011. Dr.T.M. Yesudasan, Department of English was the Resource person. Both M A and M.Phil students from School of Social Sciences, Mahatma Gandhi University participated in the workshop.

The centre has conducted two methodology workshops on feminist research, one at national level and another at regional level. The Centre has also held a national seminar on New History in association with **Indian Council of Historical Research**.

Public Lectures

As part of praxis intervention activities of the centre, a series of workshops in Manjadikari which imparted ideas into relooking the practices of gender, education, labour, medical practices, religion and governance was taken up.

Seminar on Local knowledge systems:

IUCSSRE in association with Advances Centre for Environmental Sciences and Sustainable Development (ACESSD), conducted a 2 day seminar in April 2011 to understand local health practices flowing from Kalari traditions of Kerala, which understands health and healing from the perspective of ‘marma’. The seminar tried to trace the historical, sociological, philosophical, spiritual and medical aspects of the Kalari-Marma practices prevalent in Southern Parts of Kerala and also in the Kanyakumari district adjacent to Kerala.

Research Projects

Many projects of social relevance were undertaken by the School of Social Sciences including the following.

Human Ecological Studies of Indigenous Communities in the Southern-western Ghats: Human Ecology Project of the centre is undertaken in collaboration with Advances Centre for Environmental Sciences and Sustainable Development (ACESSD). The project aims at studying human ecological condition of the Western Ghats region with special emphasis on the relationship between tribal communities living in the forest and forest fringes. The broad objective of the study is to understand the current human-ecological interactions of different indigenous communities who are living inside the forests, living in the fringes of forests and those who are settled outside and living away from mainstream lifestyle.

Praxis Intervention Action Research With Dalit-Christians And Other Marginalized Communities Of Manchadikkari, Kottayam District, Kerala

The centre has initiated a Praxis Intervention Project at Manchadikari, Arpukara panchayat, Kottayam district among Dalits who fled from the mainland to the waterlogged Manjadikkari in mid 19th century to escape from the then existing caste oppression and slavery. The praxis intervention project is designed to be an action research project encouraging the current generation of Dalits of manjadikkari critically assessing their life-world. Funding: ICSSR

Writing Dalit Lives: Anthology of Women’s voices from Kerala

The centre has initiated a project to record the life experiences of dalit women from Kerala through documenting their testimonios. The project will be a narrative exploration of the social process of self definition by the dalit women within a historical period, and how they have negotiated their lives within the collective of family, community and society. The writings based on self- representations will broaden the sites and location of knowledge on women subjectivities. The project is designed as a collaborative life writing, that is, the subject’s life narrative will be presented through first person voice. Funding: ICSSR



Transformation of land and landscapes of Kerala – Locality Studies

The landscape of Kerala has been undergoing unimaginable transformation in a span of two decades. The study proposes to make a Socio- historical and geographical inquiry into the spatial structuring and re-structuring of agricultural and urban landscapes of select localities which would trace the changes in the landscapes due to changes in the land use pattern and to map and explore the changing effects on landscape, ecology, life- worlds, production and consumption patterns, food habits, occupations, employment and the everyday life of people. The study will seek to understand the role of global capital and the localities' responses to these restructuring in in-depth detail.

Annotated Bibliography of women and gender related studies

The project will map all published work on the broad area of women and gender done in the context of Kerala. The project intends to compile and publish full spectrum of women related and gender engaged scholarship inside and outside academia. This includes books, journal articles, monographs, working papers, report of projects and unpublished research dissertations, both in English and Malayalam.

Seminars:

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IUCSSRE in association with ACESSD conducted a 2 day seminar in April 2011 to understand local health practices flowing from Kalari traditions of Kerala, which understands health and healing from the perspective of 'marma'. The seminar tried to trace the historical, sociological, philosophical, spiritual and medical aspects of the Kalari-Marma practices prevalent in Southern Parts of Kerala and also in the Kanyakumari district adjacent to Kerala.

Seminar on New History: The Centre in Collaboration with **Indian Council of Historical Research** organised a National Seminar on **New History: A Critical Appraisal** from 19 to 21st January 2012. The Seminar tried to provide a critical appraisal of what is generally labelled as New History as distinguished from the history that is widely imagined,

conceptualised and practised. Histories of gender, race, society, subalterns, women, everyday life and the present written as ethnography exemplify the new approaches and objects of historical analysis. The seminar reviewed of controversies and debates that surround historical thinking today, and looked into ontological and epistemological presentations for and against new approaches. The papers include *The Critical Modernity* (Prof. Rajan Gurukkal), *Epistemology and History* (Prof. Sunder Sarukkai), *Alternative History: A Critical Reading* (Prof. M.V. Narayanan), *Psycho-history: Problems and Prospect* (Prof. Kunal Chakrabarti), - *Colonial and Postcolonial Feminist Histories: Some Reflections on Women and Culture* (Prof. Mary E. John), *New Histories of the Present: Problems and Problematisations* (Prof. Sasheej Hegde), *The Political Economy of Royal Image: Colonialism, Law and Cultural Imagination* (Dr. Sujith Parayil) *Taste of Laughter: A Study of Popular Culture in Colonial Kerala* (Dr. Binumol Abraham), *History, Historiography and Minor History* (Dr. P. Madhu)

Workshop

Feminist Research Methodology Workshop: The Workshop is conducted once a year and in the year 2011 it was conducted from 26 September to 1 October. Prof. Susie Tharu, Prof. Uma Chakraborty, Prof. Mary E John, Prof. Padmini Swaminadhan, Prof. Jayati Lal and Prof. Anirban Das were the expert resource persons for the workshop which was well attended by selected research scholars from institutions like Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi School of Economics, Jadavpur University, Centre for Social Science Studies, Calcutta. Themes covered by the workshop included *Women and Patriarchy* (Dr. Mary E. John), *Feminist methodologies: theories and Analysis* (Dr. Jayathi Lal), *Development: Why and How, Gender Matters* (Dr. Padmini Swaminathan), *Women's Writing and Representation* (Prof. Susie Tharu), *Gender in History, Political Participation and Caste* (Prof. Uma Chakravarthy), *Body and Sexuality* (Prof. Anirban Das)

Marma-Vaidyam follow-up Consultation - A workshop was conducted to understand the sociological aspect of the Marma practices, the caste, class patterns in its practice and followership, historical contexts of its survival in competition and conciliation with other traditions of health practices such as Ayurveda and modern medicine. A follow up consultative meeting was held on 16th and 17th July to explore the feasibility of a "praxis intervention" research project in this area of knowledge practice. This is in continuation with other workshops IUCSSRE held previously to explore a social science research extension in the area of inherited grassroots level healing practices.

Workshop

Concepts, Debates and Methods in Feminist Research – A two-day workshop on Concepts, Theories and Methods in Feminist Theory was conducted on 16th and 17th August 2012. The workshop introduced students and teachers to basic concepts and debates of feminist theory, and an understanding on how feminist modes of critique stand in relation to the dominant discourses. The workshop was intended to generate rigorous conceptual conversation on feminist method which would help the students and teachers to streamline their teaching and research skills. The workshop covered Four lectures; Feminist Epistemology (Dr. Rajan Gurukkal, Vice

Chancellor), **The Emergence of Women Studies in India: Conceptual Shifts, Institutionalization & Search for Methods** (Dr. Meera Velayudhan, Centre for Environmental and Social Concern Ahmedabad), **Power, Space and Consciousness in Feminist Thought** (Dr. Kochurani Abraham, ICSSR Senior Fellow) **Masculinities In Gender Studies** (Ds. S. Anandhi, Associate Professor, Madras Institute of gender Studies). Around fifteen students and research scholars from various universities in Kerala presented synopsis of their work in the workshop.

Public Lecture Series

The centre has conducted two Public Lecture and a panel discussion by eminent national and international scholars on areas of convergence and inter-disciplinary social science research.

- ▶ Dr. G. Arunima, Associate Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University on ‘Fictional Selves: the Early Malayalam Novel and the Problem of Identity, on 27th June 2011 at School of Social Sciences.
- ▶ Dr. Sujith Parayil, Assistant Professor, Department of Cultural Studies, English and Foreign Language University, Hyderabad on Caste and Unconscious Memory: A Study of Kalabhavan Mani on 13th July 2011
- ▶ A panel discussion on Science, Technology and Society was held on 16th September. The panel included Prof. Rajan Gurukkal (Vice Chancellor, M. G. University) KAVITA PHILIP(Associate Professor, Women’s Studies & History, University of California-Irvine,) WARD SMITH, Dr. T. B. Dinesh (Janastu, Bangalore). The themes covered were Philosophy of Science by Dr. Gurukkal, Introduction to Methods in the Study of Science, Technology and Society By Dr. Philip, Is Database a Socio-political Artefact? By Ward smith and Technology Governance and Citizenship by Dr. T. B. Dinesh
- ▶ Dr. Caroline Osella Reader in Anthropology, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London on Trans theories, Post-humanism and the Challenge to Feminist and Queer theory on 20th January 2012 as part of University library academic carnival cum - book fair.

Extension Activities:

- ▶ Certificate Course in Gender and Development In association with Kerala Panchayat Presidents Association.
- ▶ IUCSSRE in collaboration with Kerala Panchayat Presidents Association decide to launch a Certificate Course for the elected representatives of the Grama

Panchayat. It aimed to enhance the knowledge and skills of the local level planners to look critically into the local social situation and execute gender responsive planning at the local level. Two consultative meetings on 29th August 2011 and 25th October 2011 was held at the office of the Kerala Grama Panchayat Association.

Reading Group

The centre has a reading group which organises readings/discussions on social issues, concepts, categories of social theory and social science methodology.

International Collaborations

The centre initiated discussions leading towards academic collaborations with International institutes like SOAS, University of London and Massey University, New Zealand. The discussions with Prof. Caroline Ossella from SOAS has resulted in steps towards signing an MOU this year.

Inter University Centre for Disability Studies

Ageing and Disability Management

IUCDS organised a Five days certificate course in ‘Ageing and Disability Management’, from 6th June 2011 to 10th June 2011. Dr.G.N Karna inaugurated the course. Prof.(Dr.) M.S.Razeena Padmam, Hon. Director, IUCDS, Prof.(Dr.) P.S.Sukumaran, School of Behavioural Sciences delivered talks. Sri. G. Sreekumar, Public Relations Officer, felicitated at the function.

The certificate course was designed in such a way as to help persons working among the people with disabilities and their family members, advocates and other individuals interested in the field of disability management.



Inter University Centre for Social Science Research and Extension

Research Projects & Consultancy

In the span of over a year IUCSSRE has initiated six major research projects during March-September 2011, two of which is fully funded by **Indian Council of Social Science Research** and another by **Social Science Research Council, New York**.

A number of academic and functional collaborations have been initiated to mark the occasion with various experts from departments, universities and state agencies. **The School of**

Oriental and African Studies, University of London, and Anthropology Department of Massey University, New Zealand have expressed their interest in collaborating with IUCSSRE and discussions on signing MoUs are underway. At the regional level, the centre in collaboration with the **Panchayat Association of Kerala** has jointly developed a curriculum for a course on "Gender and Development" for the elected representatives of panchayats. The Centre has been listed as a Consultant in the evaluation division of the Kerala State Planning Board.

Workshops & Seminar

The centre has conducted two methodology workshops on feminist research, one at national level and another at regional level. The Centre has also held a national seminar on New History in association with **Indian Council of Historical Research**. A series of public lectures were also organised during the period. Also, as part of praxis intervention activities of the centre, a series of workshops were held in Manjadikari which imparted ideas enabling a relook at the practices of gender, education, labour, medical practices, religion and governances.

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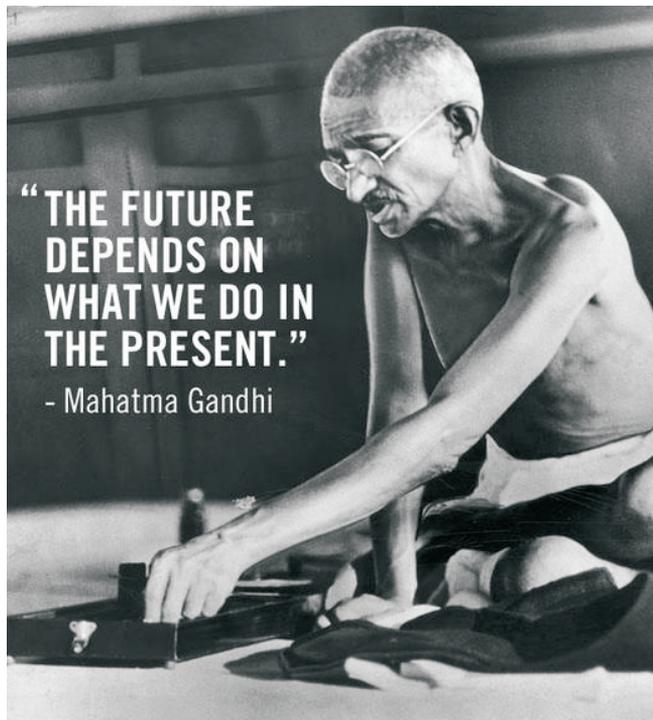
An academic writing workshop was held on 6- 13 Dec 2011. Dr. M.V. Narayan, Department of English, University of Calicut and Dr. Kunjahmed K. K., Department of English, Kannur University were the resource persons.

History and Visual Culture: Forms of Reading

A workshop on History and Visual Culture was organized on 14 – 15th July 2011, Dr. Sujith Parayil, Assistant Professor, Department of Cultural Studies, English and Foreign Language University, Hyderabad introduced how visual culture has shaped our thinking and of interpreting the world. The workshop was held in School of Social Sciences.

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Inter University Centre for Biomedical Research & Super Speciality Hospital



Detailed deliberations with eminent academicians and medical research specialists including Dr. M S Valiathan (National Research Professor), Dr. K Mohandas (Vice Chancellor, KUHAS), Dr. T Ramachandran (Vice Chancellor, CUSAT), Dr. B Ekbal (Former Vice Chancellor, KU), Dr. M Nair (AIMS) and Dr. S Mundayoor (RGCB) resulted in the University's decision to establish an Inter University Centre for Biomedical Research as the first phase of the Super Speciality Hospital.



The then Hon'ble Minister of Education and Culture, Govt. of Kerala Shri. MA Baby laid the Foundation stone for Phase-I of the IUCBR & SSH in the presence of the then Opposition leader Shri. Oommen Chandy, and the then Vice Chancellor Dr. PM Rajan Gurukkal on the 3rd April 2010.



NSS

Zero Plastic Campus Programme

The National Service Scheme of Mahatma Gandhi University launched a training programme for making Eco- friendly articles as a remedy for the plastic menace. A district level co-ordination committee was authorized to initiate training programmes and activities. As part of the programme, B.K College, Amalagiri organized a training programme in Paper Carry Bag Making on 6th August, 2012

Award Ceremony and Programme Officers' Conference

The NSS Award ceremony 2010-11 and Programme Officers Conference was held at St. Xavier's College, Aluva on 27.08.2011. Vice-chancellor Prof. Dr. Rajan Gurukkal inaugurated the function and gave away the awards

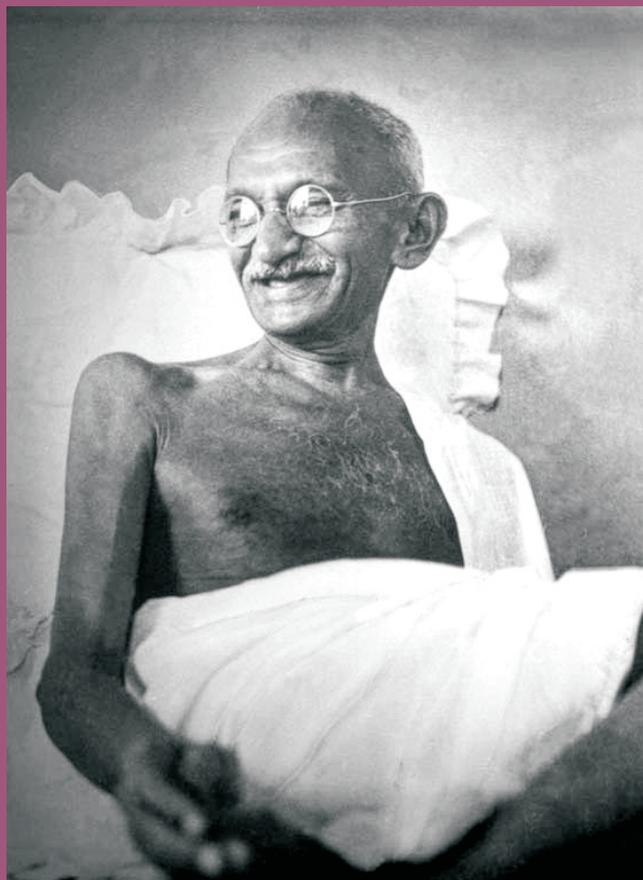
NSS Day Celebration

NSS Day was celebrated in a befitting manner. University level inauguration of the NSS Day celebrations was held at Govt. College, Thripunithura on 24th September. Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Rajan Gurukkal inaugurated the function.

Observation of Gandhi Jayanthi Week

Gandhi Jayanthi Week was observed by NSS. The University level inaugural function was held at Raksha Bhavan Old Age home at Chethipuzha, Changancherry on 2nd October, 2011 at 10 A.M. C.F Thomas MLA inaugurated the function.

The programme started with a Santhiyathra from SB College and marched on to Rakshabhavan, Chethipuzha, NSS volunteers garlanded the Gandhi statue in Changanassery Municipality. The programme was attended by The Principals of SB College and Kristhu Jyothi College, Prof. Gopakumar, Member, NSS Advisory Board, Dr. K. Prakash, NSS Programme Coordinator and NSS Programme Officers from various colleges. Volunteers from various Colleges participated in the rally.



Launch of Staff Training Programme & Felicitating the awardees



Sri K.Jayakumar IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Govt. of Kerala inaugurated the training programme for newly recruited staff and released the Pouravakasarekha. Prof.Rajan Gurukkal, Vice Chancellor, Mahatma Gandhi University presided over the function.

Dr.Radhakrishna Varier, Asst. Editor (Malayalam) (winner of Kendra Sahithya Akademy Award for Translation) as well as Sri K.M.Ajeerkutty, Assistant, PRO Section (winner of Translation Award, Kerala Language Institute) were felicitated on the occasion.

Congratulations

Sahitya Akademi Award

Dr. K Radhakrishna Varier, Assistant Editor, have been awarded with the translation prize of the Sahitya Akademi, New Delhi. The award is for the translation of the autobiography of Mrinalini Sarabhai Voice of the Heart. Sunil Gangopadhyaya, the President of the Akademi, presented the award which consists of a citation and a prize money of Rs. 50000/- in Goa.



Sekharan Nair Endowment Award 2010



Shri: Venkiteswaran R,
Section Officer,
Ad.BIII (Estate Section)
who won the
Sekharan Nair
Endowment award for the best
performing employee in the
University during 2010



2011
Shri. Sabareesh . G.,
Selection Grade Assistant,
CETEX receiving the
Sekharan Nair Endowment
award for the best
performing employee in the
University during 2011
from Dr: Rajan Gurukkal,
Vice-Chancellor.

List Of Ph.d Awardees 2011

Name of Research Scholar	Branch/ Faculty
Smt. Jilly John	Social Work / Social Sciences
Sri. Sebastian V.D.	Mathematics / Science
Smt. Sobhana G.	Management Studies / Management Sciences
Smt. Mrudula R.	English /Language & Literature
Sri. Jeevan Kumar K.	English /Language & Literature
Sri. Laiju Varghese	Gandhian Studies /Social Sciences
Smt. Anitha K.	Environmental Science / Environmental & Atmospheric Sciences
Sri. Mathew Varughese	Commerce / Commerce
Smt. Sasikala K.A	Chemistry / Science
Sri. Shibumon George	Biochemistry / Science
Smt. Correya Blazy	English /Language & Literature
Sri. Praveen K.V.	Physiology / Science
Sri. Joshi K.K.	Botany / Science
Sri. Anu G.S.	Education / Education
Sri. Andez George	Management Studies /Management Sciences
Sri. M.T. Joy	Physical Education / Education
Smt. Jelly Louis C	Biochemistry/Science
Sri. John P.V.	Commerce/Commerce
Sri. Prasanth K Menon	Chemistry/Science
Sri. George T.U.	Commerce/Commerce
Smt. Sujarani Mathew	English/Language & Literature
Smt. Sabeena Thomas	Gandhian Studies/Social Sciences
Sri. Roy K George	BehaviouralScience/Behavioural Sciences
Smt. Lizy P.J.	Social Work/Social Sciences
Smt. Meera A.P.	Chemistry/Science
Sri. Santhosh O.K.	Malayalam/Language & Literature
Smt. Gresamma Mathew	Social Science/ Social Sciences
Sri. Antony K. J.	Environmental Science/ Environmental & Atmospheric Sciences
Smt. Sheeja Remani B.	Social Work/Social Sciences
Sri. Domini V.A.	Commerce/Commerce
Smt. Sreeja .S	Education / Education
Smt. P.S. Ambily	Microbiology / Science
Sri. Aby P. Joy	Journalism /Social Sciences
Sri. Jitheesh Kumar J.P.	Malayalam /Language & Literature
Sri. Joshy P.M.	International Relations / Social Sciences
Sri. Gigy Joseph	English /Language & Literature
Smt. Lizmitha Godwin	Home Science / Science
Sri. Tomy Joseph	Politics /Social Sciences
Sri. Vijayakumar M.V.	Education / Education
Sri. Jayanarayanan .K	Chemistry /Science
Smt. Indira K.N.	Chemistry /Science
Sri. Sushan P.K.	Commerce / Commerce

Smt. Harsha H.T.	Environmental Science / Environmental & Atmospheric Sciences
Smt. Anamma Thomas	Chemistry / Science
Sri. George Mathew	Economics / Social Sciences
Smt. Alphonsa P.O.	English / Language & Literature
Sri. Vijesh P.V.	Special Education / Behavioural Sciences
Sri. Herold Christopher	History / Social Sciences
Smt. Shamla U.	Malayalam / Language & Literature
Sri. James C.P.	Economics / Social Sciences
Smt. Rosemary Varghese	English / Language & Literature
Smt. Asha E. Thomas	Commerce / Commerce
Smt. Sindumol Ayyappan	Hindi / Language & Literature
Sri. Jose K.B.,	Chemistry / Science
Sri. Joyskutty Joseph,	Malayalam / Language & Literature
Smt. Mary P.V.,	Special Education / Behavioural Sciences
Smt. Rajeevole C.R.,	Hindi / Language & Literature
Smt. Rajasree R.	Botany/Science
Smt. Biji Mol Thomas	English / Language & Literature
Smt. Deepthi K. P.	Chemistry / Science
Smt. Minimol Mathew	Malayalam/ Language & Literature
Sri. Rejesh M. N.	Commerce/Commerce
Smt. Ajitha Kumary K. B.	Malayalam/ Language & Literature
Sri. Muhammad Rafi N. V.	Malayalam/ Language & Literature
Sri. Sasi P. V.	Chemistry/Science
Sri. Sumithran P. V.	Commerce/Commerce
Smt. Sheeba V. T.	Economics/Social Sciences
Sri. John K. Mathew	Commerce / Commerce
Sri. Roy Y. C.	Botany/ Science
Sri.Jaya Mohanan Nair V.	Management Studies/ Management Sciences
Smt. Suby Baby	Commerce / Commerce
Smt. Manju V. Subramanian	Zoology / Science
Sri. M. J. Chacko	Physics / Science
Sri. Devasia T.T.	Commerce/Commerce
Sri. Krishnaraj K.U.	Chemistry/ Science
Smt. Susan Alex	Hindi / Language & Literature
Smt. Shilpa Jose	Home Science /Science
Smt. Remmiya Rajan P.	Education/Education
Sri. Damodaran P.A.	Economics/Social Sciences
Smt. Sharmila N.S.	Sanskrit/ Language & Literature
Smt. Viju Susan Mathew	Chemistry/Science
Sri. Pratheeshkumar P.	Immunology/Science
Smt. Rejitha K.S.	Chemistry/Science
Sri. Baburaj M.S.	Chemistry/Science
Smt. Aju K. Asok	Microbiology/Science
Sri. Rajeev U.	Malayalam/Language& Literature
Sri. Srinivasan K.K.	Education/Education
Sri. Saju S.	Physical Education/ Education
Sri. Joseph Job	Biotechnology/Science
Sri. Chacko Joseph	Physical Education/ Education
Smt. Anitha L.P.	Law/Law
Sri. Hamsa T.P.	Immunology/Science
Sri.Ginu Joseph	Botany/Science
Smt. Agnes Jose,	Physical Education/Education
Sri. Vinu V.	Physics/ Science
Sri. Madhavan S.	Biochemistry/ Science
Sri. Jose K. J.	Gandhian Studies/ Social Sciences
Sri. Devasia M. J.	Environmental Science/ Environmental & Atmospheric Sciences
Smt. Sreedevi N. K.	Chemistry / Science
Smt. Lucy Mathew P.	Chemistry /Science
Sri. Victor George V. M.	Commerce/ Commerce
Smt. Bindhu Kala P. N.	Hindi/ Language & Literature



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