

St. Berchmans College, Changanacherry

Report of the College, 2018-19

As the Principal of the college, I am honored and proud to present before you a consolidated report of the college for the academic year 2018-19.

The college reopened on 4th June 2018 after the summer vacation. We have at present 15 undergraduate programmes, 19 post graduate programmes, 2 B Voc programmes, 3 M.Phil. programmes and 9 Ph.D. programmes. The college has 104 permanent teachers, 13 guest teachers and 71 teachers in self-financing stream. 40 ministerial staff and 20 other supporting staff. The student strength for the academic year is as follows.

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Course	Male	Female	Total
I DC	704	131	835
II DC	683	124	807
III DC	704	126	830
Degree Total	2091	381	2472
I PG	115	318	433
II PG	109	305	414
PG Total	224	623	847
M.Phil	3	23	26
Total	2318	1027	3345

About 30.7% of the students are females

Autonomous Status

Three academic council meetings and three meetings of the Governing Council were held during this year. Finance Committee meetings were held frequently. The scheme and syllabi of all the programmes of the College were revised this year and the revised scheme and syllabi will be effective from the next academic year onwards.

Research

In 9 research centers of the college, 28 research guides are supervising 120 research scholars.

To promote and co-ordinate multi-disciplinary and interdisciplinary research, we have the office of the Research Administration. It also provides information and assistance to faculty to submit proposals to external agencies and to publish papers in national and international journals. College is an approved PhD course work center of MG University and this year 18 scholars enrolled for PhD course work in various disciplines. This year 9 Research scholars were awarded PhD in various disciplines. Annual Researches meet was organized on 15th December 2018.

Seminars, Workshops, Memorial Lectures and Fests

Department of English

- Organized Impression cultural fiesta 2k19 and Expressions 2k19
- Prof. George Thomas Memorial media seminar
- As part of the golden jubilee celebrations of MA programme, an Erudite Lecture was delivered by Prof Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak
- International seminar on “Marx Today”
- Grand Alumni Meet of the department was held on 9th February 2019

Department of Malayalam

- Organised Prof. K V Ramamenthra pai inter college quiz competition
- Prof. K V Ramamenthra pai memorial lecture
- Drama Workshop in association with Drama club and College Union
- Prof. K V Ramamenthra pai seminar on Cultural Studies
- Seminar on Dalit Studies
- Seminar on “Mathematical Heritage of India” in Association with department of Mathematics

Department of Economics

- Organised Prof. K K Francis memorial lecture
- Prof. C.O Abraham Memorial Lecture
- Prof C Z Scaria Memorial lecture
- Conducted the second phase of Diamond Jubilee Lecture Series
- Discussion on Union Budget 2018-19
- Economics Fest –CARPEDIEM 2018
- School Wise Quiz Competitions
- Grand Alumni Meet of the department on 23rd February 2019

Department of Physics

- Organised Prof. SL Thomas memorial intercollegiate quiz competition
- Prof. Shollykutty John memorial paper presentation competition
- A Sky Watching workshop in Association with SB College Science Centre
- Prof J G Rao and B Ambadi Memorial Lecture
- Seminar on Current Trend in Material Science
- Hawking – Sudarshan Commemoration Lecture

Department of Chemistry

- Organised International seminar ICAFM 2018, on October 8-9
- World Environment day celebrations
- Celebrated Cleanliness day on 2nd October 2018
- National science day was celebrated on 28th February 2019
- Intercollegiate quiz competition
- National Seminar on “Recent Trends in Material Science & Technology”
Jointly organised by Material Research Society of India (MRSI),
Thiruvananthapuram
- Grand Alumni Meet – CHEFSA was held on 2nd January 2019

Department of Mathematics

- Organised National Seminar on Algebra and Graph Theory (NSTAGT 2019) sponsored by KSCSTE.
- National Mathematics day celebrations
- Workshop on Foundations of Complex Analysis
- Science Academie's workshop
- Seminar on “Bharathiya Ganitha Paithrikam”
- Prof S Abraham endowment seminar
- Mathematics Tournament
- The department was elevated as a Research Centre this year

Department of Commerce

- Organised International seminar on “International trade- trade war- shared prosperity.
- Teens Causeire, All Kerala Commerce Fest for Higher Secondary Students
- Commerce Causeire: Inter Collegiate Commerce Fest
- Golden Jubilee Memorial Lecture

Department of Botany

- Organised All Kerala Intercollegiate quiz competition “Samidha”
- Talk on History of Vegetation and Climate in Tropical Montane Forests in South India.
- Guru Smarana lecture

Department of zoology

- Organized Intercollegiate Zoological fest “Zrishti - 2019”
- Prof M M Sebastian Memorial Lecture.
- Prof K A Thomas Intercollegiate life science quiz competition
- World Environment Day Celebration on June 5th

Department of Management Studies

- Organized Berchnova 2018
- Berch Empressario 2018
- Berch Environ 2018
- Entrepreneurship Awareness Camp
- Berchmans National Conference
- Union Budget Analysis

Department of social work

- Organised Three-days summer camp – Manjhadicheppu for the children of Valummechira S C Colony
- Three-days theatre workshop
- Seven-day rural camp at Olappara Settlement Colony
- A National study tour to Ludhiana and Amritsar
- Two-day national conference - “Berch Umanitario”
- The department conducted flood relief activities in the relief camps in Changanassery Municipality.
- Conducted a Post Flood Health Survey
- Conducted street plays based on health and hygiene awareness
- Organized a used book collection campaign, “Kitab”

Department of Library and Information Science

- Organised Training on Management of Archives in Collaboration with Kuriakose Elias Chavara Archives and Research Centre, Mananam, Kottayam
- Conducted book fest and Archives Exhibition

Department of Microbiology and Biochemistry

- Organized AGAROSH 2k18 an agar art and online competition and AGAROSH Bio fest
- Ozone day celebrations on 5th September

Department of Biotechnology

- Organised Intercollegiate Bio Fest – “Apeiron – 2019”

Department of Computer Science

- Organised One-day workshop on Artificial Intelligence
- National Level IT Fest- “Naizcytiya 2019”

Department of Commerce (Self-Financing)

- Organised All India Inter Collegiate Commerce Fest - Ezpero

International Collaborations

The College has an International Relations Centre aimed at establishing tie-ups with foreign universities and academic institutions. I am proud to state that we have gone a long way to achieve this aim. We have academic collaboration with Brennan School of Business of Dominican University in MBA and Sophia University, Japan for International Collaborations. An International Colloquium on “Environment and Sustainable Development” was held in association with Sophia University, Japan.

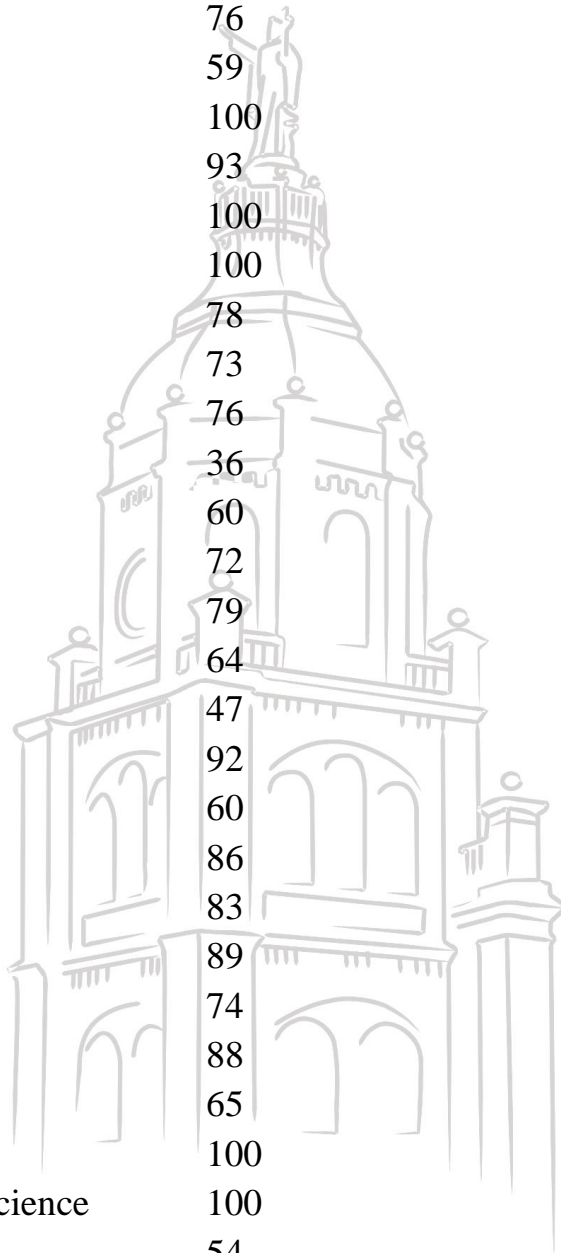
Infrastructure

The new administrative block and indoor stadium were completed. The college office was shifted to the New Administrative Block.

Results at a Glance – Academic year 2017-18

<u>Course</u>	<u>Percentage (%)</u>
MA English	100
MA Malayalam	100
MA Economics	85
M.Sc Mathematics	100
M.Sc Physics	100
M.Sc NRE	92
M.Sc Chemistry	100
M.Sc Analytical Chemistry	81

M.Sc Polymer Chemistry	100
M.Sc Botany	95
M.Sc Zoology	100
M.Sc Bio Technology	100
M.Com	78
M.Com SF	94
MBA	76
MBA SF	59
MLISc	100
M.Sc Microbiology	93
M.sc Bio chemistry	100
M.Sc Computer Science	100
MSW	78
BA English	73
BA Voc English	76
BA Malayalam	36
BA Economics	60
B.Sc Mathematics	72
B.Sc Physics	79
B.Sc Chemistry	64
B.Sc Botany	47
B.Sc Biotechnology	92
B.Sc Zoology	60
B.Sc Microbiology	86
B.Com	83
B.Com FT (SF)	89
B.Com CA (SF)	74
BLISc	88
BCA	65
M.Phil Physics	100
M.Phil Environmental Science	100
M.Phil Commerce	54



Six of our faculty members were awarded PhD this year. Several students cleared UGC NET & JRF this year during their course. A large number of students bagged prizes in intercollegiate competitions organized by various colleges.

Placements

Our college provides support to students for getting placements. Every year we conduct campus recruitments of various companies. This year 75 students have been placed in MBA department alone. 34 Other students got placements. Our major recruiters include EY, KPMG, ITC, ICICI Bank, Alliance, Axis bank, Federal bank, Dr. Reddy's Laboratories, Infosys, MRF, TCS, WIPRO, L & T and Baxton.

Berchmans Erudite Lecture Series

The second Berchmans Erudite Lecture was delivered by Prof Dr Ada Yonath (2009, Chemistry Nobel Laureate) on 5th February 2019.

The College Union & Arts Club

This year, the college union election was held under parliamentary mode. Mr Josph Mathew is the Chairman, Ms Teena A T is the Vice Chairperson, Mr Toms Varghese is the General Secretary and Mr Joel Johny is the Arts Club Secretary. Prof Renjith Thomas and Prof Ajai Jose, the Union advisors give the guidance and co-ordinate the activities of the college union. Sri. Antony Varghese (Renowned Cine artist) inaugurated the college union & arts club activities. Arts festival "Layam" 2019 was organized. The College Union also organized the P.T Chacko Memorial All Kerala intercollegiate debate competition in association with the debating club of the college. Interdepartmental football, volleyball competitions and cricket tournaments were organized. PremNazir drama competition, in association with SB theater club and PremNazir International film festival in association with the film club were also organized. Annual sports meet was held on 30th January 2019. Thanal kootam, Nadakakaraly, BerchFiesta - Inter Department Fest, Music band, Campus weekly, Kadalas are other activities. S B College won the 7th position in M G University Kalolsavam.

Department of Religion and Value Education

St. Berchmans College is committed to inculcating basic moral values among the students from its very inception in 1922. One of the greatness of the traditions of our college is that it always considered the Religion and Value Education as part of its regular curriculum.

Religion and value education department arranges separate classes of Religion and Moral for the catholic and non-Catholic students. About 103 teachers from deferent departments of our college actively engage the classes. The activities were coordinated by a committee consisting of Rev Fr John Joseph (Principal), Prof Joseph Kurien (Vice-principal), Rev Fr Reji Plamthottam (Vice-principal), Rev Fr John Chavara (Bursar), Rev Fr Mohan Mathew (Director), Dr Salvy Thomas, Prof Justin John and Mr Joseph K B(Members).

A series of talks were arranged by the department during this academic year. The annual examination for the degree classes was held.

HRD

One of the unique features of the college is the functioning of the Human Resource Development Department in the college. It organizes various classes, training sessions and skill development programmes and campus recruitment drives for the students. A specially constituted team of students knows as Team Excellence, manages the activities of the department. The best outgoing students are selected and honored as luminaries. This year 7 students were selected as luminaries. Bibin John Babujee (Department of English), Josly Jose (Department of Biotechnology), Santy M Thomas (Department of Physics), Jithin Joseph (Department of Physics), Marcel Mark Lopes (Department of Commerce SF), Thomas Lal (Department of Commerce SF) and Sangeeth James (Department of Commerce SF) are the luminaries of this year. Ms. Eesha Priya IAS was the Chief Guest of the Luminary Award Presentation function. Passing out ceremony of final year students was conducted.

Catholic Students Movement

The activities of the CSM for the academic year were officially inaugurated by Fr Tom Uzhanalil. In connection with the Onam Celebrations of the College, CSM conducted Department wise floral carpet competition. Christian Carol song competition was conducted in December and the Christmas celebration of the college was inaugurated by famous musician Jino Kunnumpurathu. Dr Joseph Mundakathil launched the official CSM website bulletin and YouTube channel. CSM members

actively participated in various leadership training camps and competitions organized in various colleges. Annual retreat for the catholic students and value education programme for the non-Catholic students were organized. The noon meal programme, which provides lunch for the needy students, an important venture of the CSM continued this year also.

National Service Scheme

The major activities were;

- The World Environment was celebrated
- NSS volunteers played a significant role in the running of flood relief camps
- NoPlast – “I Challenge Plastic bottles” a programme was organized
- Participated in Post Flood survey in Kuttanad
- A cleaning session was organized in connection with NSS day and Gandhi Jayanthi celebrations
- Blood donation camp was organised
- A skill development training institute was established to provide hands on Skill training on the making of Eco Products
- Participated in the construction of a temporary house for a 78 year old lady whose house was completely destroyed in flood.
- NSS volunteer Ms Riyamol Tojy, participated in the Republic Day Parade to represent M G University
- World Wetland day was observed in association with KSCSTE
- MGU NSS fest 2019 was hosted by NSS, S B College unit

NCC

NCC naval and army wings are functioning in the college. St. Berchmans College NCC naval subunit comes under the 5 Kerala Battalion NCC Changanassery. It has a sanctioned strength of 50 cadets. The army wing has 150 cadets. Every year 30 cadets of navy wing and 50 cadets of army wing are newly enrolled from the first year students. This year the subunits conducted parades with proper drill and lecture classes and celebrated the Independence Day and the Republic day.

- L.Cdt. Sharth Antony and L.Cdt Jisbin Joby represented NCC Kerala & Lakshadweep Directorate and participated in PM rally at Delhi Republic Day Parade
- Cdt Sourav R Nair, Cdt Anandhu Santhosh, Cdt Christeen P J and Cdt. Nikhil George participated in NSC Karvar
- Cdt Abijith Lal participated in Pre NSC
- Cdt Vishwas Manohar, Cdt Anal Krishnan, Cdt Vishnu G Nair, Cdt Jimmy George and Cdt Sabin Raj S participated in Pre RDC I
- POC Jibin K John participated in Sea Training Camp
- CC Justin Varghese participated in All India Trekking
- POC Ashik Vinod participated in ALC
- Ashbin Martin participated in Ship Attachment
- POC Ashok Vinod selected as the best shooter
- Cdt Dominic Joseph selected as Spiritual Cadet
- St Berchmans College won Overall Championship and Best Sub Unit in Senior Division Annual Training Camp

Camps attended by Cadets

Combined ATC at (SB College Changanassery and KE College Mananam)

St Berchmans Centre for Extension Activities (SBCEA)

St Berchmans College has a Centre that functions as per the directions of the U.G.C and is supported by the CPE Scheme with respect to coordinating extension activities. The Centre facilitated the flood relief activities by opening a collection and distribution centre and a relief camp in association with various Departments of the College.

The Centre is actively involved in the remedial coaching of the children of Valummelchira SC Colony A psycho-social intervention programme. The SBCEA in association with the Department of Social Work organized “Thusharam”, a seven-day Rural camp at Ollapara near Punalur in the Kollam District. “Kannadi” – a programme for children in the age group of 12 to 17 years was organised in order to help them in making paper pens from waste paper and also to create an awareness on the importance of recycling waste.

St Vincent De Paul Society

St Vincent De Paul Society, a charitable organization of our college provides financial support to students who are good at studies but with a poor financial background. It mobilizes the required funds mainly from staff and students. In October 2018, the society organized a mega food fest (*AGAPE*) in collaboration with PTA of the college. This year financial support was given to more than 100 students in every month which is close to **Rs. 75,000** per month.

Science Aptitude Developer Programme

It is a unique project to develop science aptitude among the school students. Through these program school students are getting unique opportunity to undertake short experimental learning courses, experience research in our laboratories, field visits under the supervision and interaction with eminent scientists. 10 full day lab sessions in the science departments were conducted.

SB Theatre

SB Theatre gives training to students on acting and stage performance.

- SB theatre performed the drama, “Aa Manushyan Nee Thane” at Koothatukulam in connection with C J Thomas Centenary celebration.
- Organised a drama workshop on 14th – 16th December 2018
- Trained a team for MG University Nadakolsavom and Ms Sai Lekshmi (2nd MA Malayalam) became the best actress at the university level.

Debating Club

The debating club organizes debates on every Thursday on current and relevant topics. The prestigious P.T Chacko Memorial All Kerala Inter collegiate debate competition was organized. Our team won many prizes in the intercollegiate elocution and debate competitions held at various places.

Nature Club

Observation of world environmental day, wet land day, Ozone day, water day. Seminar on bird census, green audit, regular campus walk were the main activities.

Women’s Cell

- Lecture on Women Empowerment
- NCW sponsored Quiz competition

PTA

The parent teacher association plays a vital role in the activities of the college. Termly executive meetings were also held to chalk out various activities.

In association with the Vincent de Paul Society of the college PTA conducted a mega food fest for charity. The entire college community actively participated in the food fest.

Alumni Association

College is having very vibrant alumni associations in different parts of the world. Mother chapter is located at the college and is under the patronage of the Principal. There is a President, Vice-president, Secretary and an executive committee to design and execute its diverse programs. There is an annual alumni meet every year on 26th January. This year it was attended by more than 350 people and Sri Oommen Chandy, (Former Chief Minister Kerala) and Padma Sri Dr Philip Augustine were the chief guests. Different alumni members and chapters sponsor many scholarships for students worth more than 3 lakhs. OP Philip Endowment Scholarship instituted by Dr Tomy Philip Ollasayil provides monthly financial support for 3 UG and 3 PG students.

Sports and Games

Basketball:

- Winners in Mar Ivanios Trophy- Thiruvananthapuram
- Runners up in P C Mathew memorial All Kerala Basketball tournament
- Winners in South India Basketball Tournament at Chennai
- Winners in MG University Inter Collegiate Basketball championship

Department organized

- Fr P C Mathew Basketball Tournament in February 2019
- Fr Francis Kallacherry Memorial Intercollegiate football tournament
- Annual Sports meet -30 January 2019

Net ball

- Third place in MG University Inter Collegiate Netball championship

Athletics

- Third place in MG University Inter Collegiate Athletic championship
- Cross country team won 3rd position in MG University cross country championship.

St. Berchmans award for the best College Teacher

The Kuwait Alumni Chapter has instituted an award for the best college teacher in Kerala, which carries a cash award of Rs. 25,000/- a citation and a memento. This year, the recipient is Dr Jijimon K Thomas of Mar Ivanios College, Trivandrum. The award was presented by Hon. Justice Antony Dominic (Former Chief Justice, Kerala High Court. Presently Chairman- Human Rights Commission)

Retirement

Rev. Fr John Joseph (Principal) Prof. Joseph Kurien (Vice Principal) Dr. Abraham K E (Controller of Examination), Dr. Mathew J Mattam (Associate Professor & HOD, Economics), Dr. M P Philip (Associate Professor & Former HOD, Economics), Mr Renji Mathew (Associate Professor, Department of History and Former Director of Valuations), Dr K C Philip (Director of Valuations and Former HOD, Department of Chemistry), Dr Issac K S (Associate Professor, Department of Hindi) and Mr K D Chacko (Administrative Assistant), Mr P C Joseph (Head Accountant), Mr Kuriakose M Puliveli (UD Clerk) Mr Martin Thomas (Librarian IV Grade) and Mr Francis C J (Herbarium Keeper) are retiring from service this year.

I use this opportunity to express our heartfelt thanks for the selfless service rendered by them to this college.

Obituary References

Prof. K T Sebastian (Former HOD of English), Prof P L Lukas (Former Faculty, Department of Chemistry), Prof T Joseph (Former HOD of Zoology), Mr K S Scaria, Mr A C Chacko (Former UD Clerks), Mr V C Antony, Mr K M Antony (Former Attenders) passed away from our midst this year.

Tony Sunny (2nd BA English student) and Bibin Babu (1st B. Com SF student) expired during this year.

May their souls rest in peace.

Conclusion

As we come to the end of the academic year, let me lift up my heart with feelings of gratitude to God Almighty for his providence. This is also an occasion to remember all our former Patrons, Managers, Principals, Staff and Students.

Let me use this opportunity to express our heartfelt thanks to our Patron His Grace Mar Joseph Perumthottam, our Manager Rev. Dr W T Philips, Vice Principals, Prof Joseph Kurien and Rev Fr Reji P Kurian our Bursar Rev. Fr. John Chavara, members of the Managing Board, Governing Council, Academic Council and Staff Council for their guidance, support and co-operation.

Before I wind up let me recall the unstinted co-operation and support of our teaching and non-teaching staff towards and smooth functioning of the college. Let me also thank the students and their parents, the alumni, the people of Changanacherry and all well-wishers and benefactors who wish and try for the glory and honor of the college.

Thanking you

**Rev. Fr John Joseph
Principal
S.B College**

