

St. Berchmans College, Changanassery

Report of the College, 2021-22

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 2021-22, the Centenary Year.

The college reopened on 1st June 2021 after the summer vacation, Sri. Suhas IAS (Ernakulum District Collector) inaugurated the academic year. Rev Fr Reji P Kurian is appointed as the Principal of the College and Dr Joseph Job as the Vice Principal. We have at present 16 undergraduate programmes, 19 post graduate programmes, 1 B Voc programme, 3 M.Phil. programmes and 10 Ph.D. programmes. The college has 98 permanent teachers, 9 guest teachers and 30 ministerial staff in the aided stream and 51 teachers, 27 supporting staff in the self-financing stream. The student strength for the academic year is as follows.

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Course	Male	Female	Total
I DC	516	148	664
II DC	514	139	653
III DC	486	108	594
Degree Total	1516	395	1911
I PG	137	351	488
II PG	105	342	447
PG Total	242	693	935
M Phil	7	21	28
Research			34
Total	1768	1133	2908

Autonomous Status

Three Academic Council meetings and three meetings of the Governing Body were held during this year. Finance Committee meetings were held frequently. The scheme and syllabi for all UG Programmes based on OBE were revised this year and the revised scheme and syllabi for all UG Programmes will be effective from the next

academic year onwards. The Autonomy extension team visited the college this year and extended the Autonomy status till March 31st 2027.

Centenary Year Activities

- Foundation day celebration of the college was inaugurated by Minister for Higher Education Dr R Bindhu on 21st June 2021.
- Inauguration Canada Alumni Chapter
- Renovation of Room No: 32 of Physics Department, Room No: 19 of Chemistry Department and Zoology Museum Under the initiative of former teachers and students of the college.
- Peer Mentoring in collaboration with NIMHANS
- Centenary talk series – National & International organized by various departments of the college.
- The Rao Sahib (DR) T C Joseph Thachenkary Memorial Annual Distinguished or Eminent Speaker Symposium Series.
- Full time Alumni facilitation center.
- Grand Global Alumni Meet.
- SB Multimedia Studio work started.
- Inauguration of MBA research center.
- Installation of portrait of Prem Nazir in Thread Art.
- Inauguration of waste management system.
- College Indoor Stadium was selected as venue for South Indian Inter University Women Basketball Champion Ship, State Junior Basketball Championship for Men & Women.

Research

In 10 research centers of the college, 28 research guides are supervising 34 fulltime 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.

Seminars, Workshops, Memorial Lectures and Fests

Department of English

- Centenary Special Talk Online on ‘The Material Existence of Ideology’ by Slavoj Zizek
- George Thomas Memorial Media Conference on the topic “Crisis of Credibility: A Perspective on Current Indian Journalism- K J Jacob, Executive Editor, Deccan Chronicle was the Chief Guest.
- 33rd C A Sheppard Memorial Lecture, 5 August, 2021 by Prof Stanley Fish, Davidson Kahn- University Professor and Professor of Law at Florida International University.
- International Virtual Conference on Voices From the Margins: Exploring Fringe Articulations in Literature and Culture, 6-8 September.

Department of Malayalam

- Vayana Dinaghosham- Webinar on Ore Kavitha Ororo Kavithakal by P Raman
- Webinar on Pottantheyyam by Prof. Lissy Mathew
- Vayana Pakshacharanam Talk by Sri Ajay P Mangatt
- Centenary Talk Series – 01 by T T Sreekumar
- Centenary Talk Series – 02 by Sajay K V
- Centenary Talk Series – 03 by Dr Rekha Raj
- M A Malayalam 2021-23 Orientation – Dr. M N karassery, Dr. N Ajayakumar
- Keralapiravai – Talk by Prof Rajesh Kumar
- Centenary Talk Series – 04 by Sri P K Surendran
- Workshop on LaTeX – Resource Person Dr Mahesh Mangalatt
- Invited Talk – P. Raman (Poet)
- Invited Talk – M R Renukumar (Poet)
- Loka Mathrubhasha Dinacharanam – Essay Competition
- Invited Talk- Dr Sumy Joy Oliappuram
- Skill Development Programme for UG Students (Priya Suresh Venpala, Jikku Joshi,Fr. Ilanjimattam, Jikku Varghese, Nayanathara N G)

Department of Economics

- Organised Prof. K K Francis memorial lecture
- Prof. C.O Abraham Memorial Lecture
- Prof C Z Scaria Memorial lecture

Department of Physics

- Organized Prof. SL Thomas memorial intercollegiate quiz competition
- Online webinar series with three talks by renowned scientists around the world was done
- Prof. Shollykutty John memorial paper presentation competition
- A FM/AM workshop in Association with SB College Science Centre
- Prof J G Rao and B Ambadi Memorial Lecture

Department of Chemistry

- World Environment day celebrations
- Chemistry Talk Series
- Alumni Talks
- Sashtra Vandi the Science Vehicle - an initiative to nurture students taste in science
- Training Programmes and Internships

Department of Management Studies

- Officially declared as Research Department
- Organized Berchnova -International Management Fest-
- Berch Empressario- Entrepreneur of the year Award, Start Up Award
- Business Plan Competition
- Berch Environ- Environmental Awareness Programmes
- Berchmans International Conference
- Berchmans Centenary Talk
- Union Budget Analysis
- Add on courses
- SPPS, MS Excel, Prowess, EBSCO training
- Celebrated Youth Skill day, UN Skill Day, Berchmans Day etc.

Department of Library and Information Science

- Launched Dhvani Audio Library: a free audio book library service for students with temporary or permanent low vision, blindness, or a physical, perceptual, or reading disability that prevents them from using regular print materials.
- Celebrated reading week from June 19-25
- Celebrated book week from Nov 14-20

Department of Biotechnology

- Five-day workshop on Basic tools and techniques in Biotechnology.
- Antimicrobial awareness campaign in association with IIMAR- Awareness talk, video presentation, poster presentation competition & slogan contest.
- Two-day International webinar on Innovations in Assisted Reproductive Technology.
- Biodiversity day -Webinar and intercollegiate project proposal competition.
- Book week celebration
- Environment day- photography contest

Department of Computer Science

- Talk on physical computing by Dr Jacob Mathew as part of computer literacy day 2 Dec 2021
- Device appreciation day 17 Dec 2021
- Dhanya Miss Sbc Computer Science: Internet safer day 7 February 2022
- Workshop on PC assembling 22 Dec 2021 by Alphin Mathew
- Talk on career growth in pandemic by Avodha 7 Jan 2022
- Computer cleaning day 14 February 2022

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK

- Field Action Projects
- Preventive intervention against the risk behaviors among children and adolescents
- Capacity building of parents and significant adults against child abuse.
- Empowering women against the atrocities they face.
- Tele Counselling Programme in Association with Kottayam District Administration and KILA for the Covid 19 affected people.

- Collection campaign for flood victims in association with Goonj, Kerala.
- Collaboration with Oxfam, India, for Flood Relief and Distribution Drive in Disaster affected areas.
- Sthreepaksha Navakeralam Programme in Association with Kudumbashree Kottayam District Mission.
- International Workshop on Structural Social Work
- Commemoration of AIDS day with exhibition, signature campaign and theme dance
- Commemoration of International Women's Day in Association with Sargakshethra Cultural Forum.
- Awareness campaign on the use of Menstrual Cup for the college students.

Sports and Games

- SB College Athletics team won second position in the MG University Athletic Championship held at Municipal stadium pala
- SB College cross country team won second position in the MG University Cross Country Championship held at St Dominics college Kanjirapally
- MG University inter zone basketball held at SB College indoor on 10th and 11th - December 2021- SB college team became the Champions.

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.

Infrastructure

- Renovation of Cardinal Padiyara Hall and inauguration of mini-theatre.
- Renovation of Kavukattu Hall under progress.
- Extension of Newman's Block in progress.

Results at a Glance – Academic year 2020-21

Course	Percentage (%)
MA Economics	68.18
MA English	89.47
MA Malayalam	86.36
MCom-Finance	92.85
MSW	60
MBA-Aided	64.91
MSc Mathematics	66.66
MSc Physics	91.30
MSc Physics-New and Renewable Energy	90.90
MSc Chemistry	91.3
MSc Analytical Chemistry	100
MSc Polymer Chemistry	100
MSc Botany	86.36
MSc Zoology	87.5
MSc Microbiology	85
MSc Biotechnology	100
MSc Biochemistry	71.42
MSc Computer Science	85.71
MBA-Self Financing	52.63
MCom-Finance-SF	66.66
M Lib.I.Sc	96.15
BAEconomics	56.25
BA English	70.83
BA English Vocational-Journalism	81.81
BCom Finance and Taxation	82.45
BSc Physics	80.43
BSc Chemistry	82.22
BSc Botany	53.12
BSc Mathematics	64.15
BSc Zoology	63.63
BCom Computer Application	77.77
BCom Finance and Taxation-SF	78.64
BCA	97.82
BSc Industrial Microbiology and Zoology	83.33
BSc Biotechnology and Botany	96.29
BA Malayalam	30.76
BVoc Renewable Energy Management	75

BVoc Industrial Chemistry	71.42
B Lib.I.Sc	80

Achievements of Faculty and Students

- Best Emerging IEDC in Kerala
- Dr Renjith Thomas, Department of Chemistry has admitted as Fellow of Royal Society of Chemistry
- Dr Ajith R Maillia, Department of Chemistry won research grand of 3.5 Million for research on improved use of solar energy.
- Dr Roy Joseph, Department of Hindi won the Avagath Award for research contributions in Hindi.
- Smt Chelsia Aliza Binu Department of English won Chief Ministers Students Excellence Award 2022
- Ditto Franco Xavier, Department of English participated in Republic Day Parade of India 2022

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 161 students have been placed in various organizations of this 45 were MBA students. Our major recruiters include EY, KPMG, ITC, ICICI Bank, Alliance, Axis bank, Federal bank, Dr. Reddy's Laboratories, Infosys, MRF, TCS, WIPRO and L & T.

Berchmans Erudite Lecture Series

The fourth and fifth Berchmans Erudite Lecture was delivered by Prof. Dr Martin Chalfie (2008, Chemistry Nobel Laureate) and Sir Richard John Roberts (1993 Nobel Laureate in Physiology/Medicine) respectively.

The College Union & Arts Club

This year, the college union election was held under parliamentary mode. Mr Thomas Mathew is the Chairman, Ms Susanna George is the Vice Chairperson, Mr Mathews Varghese is the General Secretary and Mr Sreyas Kanan is the Arts Club Secretary. Prof Renjith Thomas, Prof Ajai Jose, Mrs. Anney Chacko and Mrs. Sweetie K Ennacheril the Union advisors give the guidance and co-ordinate the activities of the college union. Sri. Shane Nigam (Renowned Cine artist) inaugurated the college union & arts club activities.

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 Principal, Vice-principals, Bursar, Rev Fr Sujay John (Director), Mr Janssen Joseph (Joint Director), Dr Ajith R Mallia, Dr Binu Antony (Assistant Directors)

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 known as Team Excellence, manages the activities of the department. The best outgoing students are selected and honored as luminaries.

Catholic Students Movement

In connection with the Onam Celebrations of the College, CSM conducted 2021 interdepartmental competitions. Christian Carol song competition was conducted in December and the Christmas celebration of the college was inaugurated by famous film director Rojin Thomas. CSM members actively participated in various leadership training camps and competitions organized in various colleges.

Women's Cell

- Women cell in association with NSS and IQAC organized a gender sensitization programme "KANAL" conducted on 9th October 2021 in an online mode. The class was led by Benny Wilson.
- Women Self-defence technique training programme was organized, in association with IQAC and Kerala police. The programme was held from 8th - 12th November 2021. The team consisting of five police officers was led by Shema Subash, District Coordinator, Senior civil police officer, Kaduthuruthy.
- A survey conducted by women cell in association with IQAC among girls students, on 22nd November 2021
- Conducted a Legal Awareness symposium on international day for the Elimination of violence against women on 25th November 2021 in an online mode. The resource person for the day was Adv. Sindhu Goplalal Krishnan, member, KELSA panel
- A talk on Financial Literacy for daily life was conducted by Financial Capability Building centre, Dept. of Commerce in association with women cell on 17th December 2021. The resource person was Dr. Antony Joseph, Associate Professor, Dept. of Commerce, S B College.
- An official Inauguration of the Women's cell activities of the Year 2021-22 was conducted on 20th December. The chief guest was Ms. Dinu Elizabeth Roy, Owner and chief Designer of Aham Designer Boutique.
- A webinar was organized in association with Berchman's counselling centre (BCC) on topic-Menstrual Health and Hygiene. The resource person was Dr.

Sue Ann Zachariah, Asst. Professor, Dept. of Medicine, Consultant HIV physician, Nodal officer Transgender clinic, Assistant Nodal officer Covid care, Medical College ,Kottayam.

National Service Scheme

- World Environment Day
- Webinar on Stop Child Sexual Abuse - Posco Act 2012
- World Blood Donor Day
- Leadership Training Programme
- Webinar on Environmental Sustainability and Antibiotic Pollution
- Anemia Awareness Campaign
- National Reading Day
- Leadership Camp
- World Youth Skill Day
- Road Safety Awareness Program
- SHRAMDAAN-200 Rain Water Harvesting Pits
- Rakshin Fellowship Training Series
- Independence Day Celebrations
- Best Student Farmer Award - Mr. Jorji Joseph
- Aspic Webinar Series (Antibiotic Stewardship and Prevention of Infection in Communities)
- September 24: NSS DAY
- CPR Awareness Program as part of world CPR Day
- October 20,21,22: Flood relief collection center
- October 28: Covid Protocol Strengthening Campaign
- October 30: Swach Bharat- Clean India Campaign
- November 04 to 10: Sahaara- Cloth Collection Packing and Distribution to Kootickal
- 16th November: Free Covid Vaccination Camp
- 4th December: Orientation Program for first year Volunteers – DISHAA

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.

Debating Club

The debating club organizes debates on every Thursday on current and relevant topics.

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.

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.

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 is scheduled for 1st May 2022. 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.

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 Ison V Vachipurackal Principal, K E College Mannanam. The award was presented by DR Unnikrishnan Nair (Director, VSSC, Thiruvananthapuram).

Retirement

Dr Issac Paul, Associate Professor and former head of the Department of Physics and Antony Joseph, Lab Assistant 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.

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 Thomas Padiyath, Vice Principals, Dr Benny Mathew, Rev Dr Jose George, Dr Joseph Job our Bursar Rev. Fr. Mohan Mathew, 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 Changanassery and all well-wishers and benefactors who wish and try for the glory and honor of the college.

Thanking you

Rev. Fr Reji P Kurian
Principal
S.B College

