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Lord unto you we offer our praise
 With thankful hearts our voice we raise
 Help us to live our lives with grace
 To be fair and faithful as we run our race.

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From the Editor's Desk...

It's a beautiful life! As we bounce through the mountains and valleys of life, we gather vast experiences which lead us into the realm of Learning. And this learning is continuous – right from childhood to the end of time. We learn to enjoy life as it comes, we learn to cross hurdles on our way, we learn to surmount difficulties, we learn to Love each other (even our enemies), we learn to reach out to others and we learn and yearn to become better human beings. Academic learning, enhancing knowledge, proceeds along with this side by side at institutions we are privileged to be part of. One such institution is our very own Alma Mater, Women's Christian College, which caters to the need of every student who passes through its portals, exposing her to the nuances of changing situations, concentrates on her an all-round development, shapes her, molds her and trains her to face challenges. She is enlightened to lighten the world as she carries the flame forward.



The other day I was watching a clip of an Elephant from the wild trying to help it's little one cross the man-made road in between a dense forest. It was helping the little one not to get distracted but dodge the heavy traffic and make its way home; and another clip of a bear helping its little ones climb up a barrier, man-made of course, to reach its secure abode. Nature's instinct to protect its own was in full play. Man has stretched his tentacles into their realm, greedily acquiring portions of the wild, compelling them to stray into our boundaries. The whole Earth cries out for 'PROTECTION' - protection of forests, protection of flora and fauna, protection of the environment, protection of mineral resources, protection of Human rights, protection of community, caste and religious freedom. WILL SOMEONE HEAR?

The Alumnae 'SUNFLOWER' Magazine this year echoes, resonates and addresses some of these issues through articles and poems. The young and the elderly Alumnae have contributed their time, ideas and richness of mind enthusiastically towards the making of this Magazine. Hope you enjoy reading it as much as I enjoyed editing it. Best wishes to each one of you and thanks for contributing in many ways.

Dr. Nirmala Alexander (nee Rajangam)
Batch of 1970, B.Sc., Botany



From the Sub-Editor

Life has a way of throwing us into the depths of experiences that transform us beyond what we could have ever imagined ourselves to be. Life is at once frightening, exhilarating, peaceful, painful and beautifully joyous. Over the past few years, we have seen the world go through historical changes, changes good enough to awaken the soul, and yet we find some (people) semi conscious in the shores of relentless waves of intoxicating food, entertainment and politics. In the swipe and scroll of our fingers lay prisoned our deep desires of love and validation. Right here is our salvation too.



We are at a juncture where fear is no more a solution. While we humans, the empathetic ones, the ones who would cry at the drop of a hat look at this world, quite speechless, I must say, it is in our hearts to bring back real human communication, real touch, real laughter and real love. It is today that we must begin to heal the world. To begin healing the world, I would say, we must look at ourselves in the mirror. Our own scars and wounds that need compassion and care. We shall start right here with ourselves. Everyday is an opportunity to heal.

Each of our lives is a testimony to our own journey to salvation. I must admit that I myself have been walking for long, knowing sometimes not where to go, and sometimes ending up at the very wrong destination. However, life has brought me where I am supposed to be. I have been able to find more courage in following my dreams.

When Nirmala Ma'am, had given me the opportunity to work as the Sub-Editor of our magazine, I was overjoyed because, I knew going back to WCC metaphorically would mean that I would be rejuvenating myself. As I entered the campus on a visit to meet the Editor, memories came with the breeze and caressed my face. Little did I know that my eyes would be welling up in tears and heart would be filling up with emotions when I strolled past our Psychology department. At once, it was clear to me! The difference WCC had made in my life. The warmth the college, faculty members and friends had provided each other cannot be compared with anything outside of campus. As we go through these pages of our magazine, I invite each and every one of you to become part of this great institution, once again. Not only can we relive our past, but moving forward, we can take from these pages the very drive to make a difference to this world. To love a little more and to heal a little more. We are not alone.

I am very grateful for this opportunity of putting together our magazine. It has been so wonderful to work with Nirmala Ma'am who has been utterly supportive and kind. I hope I have been useful in this endeavor.

Everyday is an opportunity to heal and love,

Lavanya Raj
Batch of 2005, MSc Psychology



Editor and Sub editor in discussion



President's message

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ to every Alumna living far and near. Here blooms the Sunflower Magazine once again. The Principal, Dr. Lilian I. Jasper has been our guide through all Alumnae Association programs of the year. The AGM was held on 9th December, 2022 while outside there were thundershowers. This was followed by the "Blessing Service " conducted by Rev. John Joshua. This Blessing kept us going throughout the year that followed.

This year, eight wards of the non-teaching staff received the Scholarship. Ms. Javanthi Singaram sponsored fees for an Alumna pursuing her Training at St. Christopher's Teacher Training College; this is the Elizabeth George Fund.



Preetha Sundaram has also contributed towards this Fund. The Florence Theophilus Prize money was received by the best outgoing PG student of the Home Science Department at the Graduation Day held in October 2022. On the same day, the Annamma Cherian prize money was received by the best outgoing UG student of the Physics Department.

The generous donation from Mrs. Malathy Mohan has enabled the setting up of outdoor and indoor play equipment at the Alumnae - run McDougall Memorial School.

Hassle-free arrangements were made by the Principal, the Staff and the Student Senate of WCC for the Registration of the outgoing students as Alumnae on 4th February.

11th August saw a jubilant and an all-enthusiastic student community along with the Alumnae displaying and selling a wide range of food items at the Food Fair. Generous Alumnae contributed in cash/kind. The collection exceeded that of the previous year.

Tara Manogarom, who runs the "STEPS" home for destitute and abused girls, was awarded the "Alumna of the year " award for the year 2023 on the 2nd of March.

Shift 1 of Advanced Zoology and Biotechnology (AZBT) and shift 2 of the Department of Visual Communication bagged the Rolling cup for the highest collection at the Food Fair. The other departments received certificates of appreciation for their contribution. Lunch was hosted to the Senators, Tara Manogarom and the girls who accompanied her. Many of the Alumnae were present.

The Initiation Ceremony held on 30.3.2023, witnessed the welcoming of all the students who were registered with the Alumnae Association. The Alumnae Lamp was lit and all the lamps of the student representatives were lit from the big Lamp by the President. Sarah Kachwalla was the motivation speaker and E.H. Davaselvi Rajakumar led the Praise and Worship.

Grace Nesamoney

President's message cont...

By way of support to certain Departments of the college, we have contributed financially to Conferences held by the Department of Computer Science, Physics, Mathematics, Home Science and Management Studies and International Studies. We have also contributed to the International Conference conducted by the College. Contributions were made to the Outreach Centre for the purchase of a Sewing Machine.

Zubeida Asgar Ali, Vasanthi Mathew and Beena Sabu donated generously to projects of the Rotract Club of the College.

The Committee extends its condolences to many of our Alumnae who have passed away including Ms.Reva Pershad, our former Secretary and Dr.Shanthi Manuel.

I am very grateful to all the Staff, both teaching and non-teaching and the Maintenance Staff who have been very co-operative during the year.

Every member of the Committee has worked in unison for the success of every program. A big " THANK YOU".

Diligence and Commitment of Dr.Nirmala Alexander, Editor, along with Ms. Lavanya Raj, Sub-Editor have brought out this beautiful magazine. Thank you very much.

I will be completing my term of office as President of the WCC Alumnae Association this year. With a prayerful heart, I wish that the activities and participation of the Alumnae Association will grow more and more in the years to come.

Please attend the Annual General Body meeting to be held on 08.12.2023.

Ms. Grace Nesamoney
President

WCC Alumnae Association





WCC Principal's Report

Another action-packed year with numerous achievements and memorable moments has ended giving new meaning to Rudyard Kipling's famous poem "If you can fill the unforgiving minute/With sixty seconds' worth of distance run Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it ...". The college with renewed energy and vigour by God's infinite mercy and grace has brought in new initiatives while retaining the traditions and ethos.



AWARDS

WCC was chosen as the Best College in the Chennai zone and received News 18's Katral Award from Dr Ponmudi, Education Minister, Tamilnadu on 21.6.2022.

At the India Today National Ranking our college secured the 7th place under the category India's Best BCA Colleges 2022, 15th rank in Science and 17th rank in Arts.

A Thanksgiving Service for the 107th Anniversary of the College was held on 7th July 2022 conducted by Pastor John Joshua, Hon. Pastor, TELC & Director, SALT Institute, Chennai.

A number of International and National Conferences were held this year. The International Conference on Pure and Applied Physics organised by the Department of Physics on 23rd & 24th Mar 2023 was very special as our illustrious Alumnae from across the globe were the resource people Dr Suchitra Sebastin, University of Cambridge, UK, Dr Sarbani Basu, Yale University, USA, Dr Aruna Dhathathreyan, CSIR-CLRL, Chennai, Dr Lakshmi Bala S, IIT Madras, Dr Hannah Thomas, CMC, Vellore, Dr Sumithra Surendralal, Symbiosis School for Liberal Arts, Pune, Dr Sharmila Balamurugan, University of Warwick, England and Dr Shalu Solomon, ATLAS Collaboration, CERN-CH, Brandeis University, USA. Selvi Apoorva IAS, Principal Secretary, Youth Welfare and Sports Development, Govt. of Tamilnadu who is our Alumnae delivered the Inaugural Address

The college fixed QR-code incorporated Tree Name Boards (Phase -II) as a project under the leadership of Dr Sherrie David, Head of the of the Department of Plant Biology & Plant Biotechnology. 75 QR code incorporated Tree Name Boards were fixed on our trees in addition to the existing 25 Name Boards. This initiative will help educate our students and visitors on campus to know more details about our campus trees through a self-guided tour. In this interactive technology, once the QR code on the tree is scanned using a smartphone it will take the user to our college web page which gives information about the species. Geo-positioning of these trees has also been carried out so that it is easy for anyone to visit a tree of interest on his own.



The National Nutrition Month was celebrated from 1st to 30th September, 2022 signifying the theme 'A Small Step for Health and a Giant Leap for a Healthy Lifestyle'. to create awareness on healthy eating, demonstrations of healthy traditional recipes, lifestyle changes pertaining to importance of physical activity, sleep and managing stress levels, conduct of nutrition education programs, and counseling sessions for the entire college community.

The Department of Computer Science has been organizing webinars Adobe Flash, Robotics, 8051 Microcontroller and Applications and Video Analysis using Python . The Department of Psychology launched a college-wide Campaign to Activate a Life of Mental Health (CALM), a whole campus initiative towards mental health promotion as part of the Golden Jubilee Celebrations of the Department. A series of workshops were held between September, 2022 and February 2023. The Department of Commerce organized workshops on Resume Writing, Group Discussion and Interview Handling Skills, Digital Marketing, Career Development in Investment Banking, SPSS and AMOS For Data Analysis, Commodity Trading and on Business Analysis Using Google Bigquery, Google Sheets And Google Datastudio . The PG Department of International Studies had a Student interaction with MP Ms. Kanimozhi Karunanidhi on the topic "Women and Leadership" and a Korean Cultural Festival in Collaboration with INKO Centre. These are just a few samples of the academic initiatives on campus.

The Graduation Day was held on 29th October 2022. Our Alumnae Prof. Dr. Sonajharia Minz, Vice Chancellor, Sido Kanhu Murmu University, Dumka, Jharkhand delivered the Graduation Day address and 1528 students received their degrees.

58 Research Papers were published in refereed International and National Journals. We received Research grants of US\$ 12,860 from United Board of Christian Higher Education in Asia for the project titled Awareness Towards Peace Education and Rs. 1,06,00,000 from MOWI Foundation, for the Research Facilities in Instrumentation Centre. The college has a brand new Tennis Court and a state of the art Studio which was funded by the MOWI Foundation and WCC Management.



Seven faculty members obtained their Doctorate degree while Dr. Esther Hannah of Department of Computer Science (IT) received a patent for her invention titled 'Machine Learning Model for Secured Information Exchange in Flying' Published on 17.3.2023.

Our students Saranya, Psychology & Jerusha Idalin Johnson, Psychology attended Semester Abroad Program at the LeTourneau University, Texas, USA. Nirupana Bharathi V (English), Dafne Linda (B.Com. General), Vasundra Arun (Visual Commn.) & Ruhitha Reddy K (B.Com. Honours) attended Semester Abroad Program at the Liverpool Hope University, UK.. 45 students attended 14 days Study Abroad Program at the University of Cyberjaya, Malaysia. Joancy Pushpa J- M. Com., Jenita Ancy - Vis Com, Rakshana - B. Com. (A&F) & Juanita Issac - B.Com. (CA) attended the International Service- Learning Program at Trinity University of Asia, Manila, Philippines from 6th Feb 2023 to 17th Feb 2023.

Ms. Ananya Varma, II MA International Studies attended the month-long summer program on Public Policy and International Law at Seoul National University, Seoul, South Korea. Ms. Logeshwari, II MA Int. Studies won the First Prize in Essay Writing Competition for her essay on "Human Rights and Climate Change" held by the State Human Rights Commission, Tamilnadu. Ms. Domini Jyotsna, II MA Int. Studies was awarded the Best Speaker Prize for her paper presentation on "Understanding Commodity Culture: China's Fashion & Food Influence in South Asia" at an International Conference on "Socio-Economic & Political Dynamics in South Asia" conducted by Saveetha School of Law, Chennai.

Ms. Shinojus L.G Anitus, I M.Sc. Biotechnology received I Prize - National Level Essay Writing Competition - Microbiologist Society Of India, Jharkhand. Kaycee Janet, I CSC, won I Place (Cash Prize Rs. 5000) in the Short Film at the International Women's Day Celebration organized by Central Bureau of Communication & Press Information Bureau, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India & NSS University of Madras & DOT school of Design. Niha Headly, I M.A. HRM won I Prize, Best Manager, Stella Maris College. Deevena Jemima, Research Scholar, Department of Home Science won I Prize - Poster Presentation - National Symposium on Current trends in food safety and Quality control. Madhumathi M V, III HST got second prize in Mayor's Speech and won the title Champion of Democracy, for scoring the highest in the entire competition, competing with nearly 1300 people from 23 states and 5 Union Territories in the National Youth Conclave of the NIUA and MOHUA conducted in Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi on 13th and 14th March 2023. Kanchana D, Ashita Viswanathan & Marimpudi Jomasupriya of III B.Sc. Mathematics won I place in Triwizard, an event organized by the National Institute of Fashion Technology, Chennai and a cash prize of Rs. 10,000/- PG Maths students won the overall trophy in MCC at the Mathwoods cultural event.

Chelsea Christina Somasundaram, I BCA received scholarship award for the 2023-2024 Community College Initiative Program (CCIP), US Consulate General, Chennai. Fourteen students received Scranton Scholarships of Rs 9,40,255/- for the year 2023. The various clubs of the college won prizes at many cultural festivals.

The Annual College Play Fiddler on the Roof was staged from 3rd to 5th November 2022 directed by Mr. Regin Rose.



Festive'23, the two day inter-collegiate cultural fest of WCC was held on the 24th & 25th February 2023. 20 Colleges participated.

Foreign Language Corner was set up in the Library. A Sony TV was installed on 7th January 2023 to familiarize the library users about the culture and language of France (Courtesy: France 24 News Channel).

Our NCC cadets won laurels at various places. CC Harini T R, III BIT and NCI Bhavya, II NUT participated in the Marina Republic Day camp held during 19th - 26th January 2023. CC SM Preethi A, II PBB was part of the Republic Day NCC Contingent. She arched at Kartavya Path, New Delhi on 26th January 2023.. CUO Kaartika, III Maths participated in Prime Minister's Rally, New Delhi held during 29-12-2022 to 30-01-2023. Sivaranjini & Pavantheka, II ENG won the First Place in Fusion Dance - Servitum 2022 organised by NCC of Madras Christian College - Sep. 26, 2022

Our NSS students conducted an Eye Donation Awareness Campaign, a rally on Vaccination Awareness, Beach Cleanup on Coastal Cleanup Day, Fit India run, Women Safety Awareness Campaign, Skill Development Workshop on Mushroom Cultivation To Empower Women and a Blood Donation Camp among many other significant activities.

The Rotaract Club had an awareness event on Rethinking Refugees to raise awareness about the issues and struggles faced by refugees around the world and on the importance of Rural rehabilitation and meeting the needs of people with disability and poor and marginalised communities. They also held an event on World Mental Health Day to encourage students to spread awareness about the reality of Mental Health issues and the importance of a good psychological well-being. One Walk One Hope, a Walkathon event was conducted on 30.10.2022 to spread awareness on the issue of regular breast cancer testing, prevalence and stigma related to it.

The White Gift ceremony a tradition of the College encourages all students to share their resources with the marginalized and the underprivileged during Christmas season. The College raised Rs. 2,50,526/- for distribution to various welfare agencies.

Alumnae Food Fair was held on 4th September 2022 and students of both Shift I and II participated with enthusiasm and vigour.

Our students participated in various sporting events. Akshaya CD III ENG participated in the 3rd National Cricket Tournament for Blind Women held at Bengaluru from 9th to 13th Jan 2023. Abiya II BA Corp Eco won the first place in senior category in Kate Event in the All India Inter Zonal Karate Championship held at Talkatora Indoor Stadium, New Delhi on 2nd Dec 2022 Pooja M won the first place in the Tamilnadu Junior Judo Ranking Tournament held at Trichy on 8th & 9th Oct 2022. Shree Varshini I MSc CST won the first place in senior category Under 53kgs category Kumite in the 29th Tamilnadu Karate Championship held at PSG College of Technology, Coimbatore. Agnes Abishag II Vis Com won the First Place in the 3rd Senior State Targetball Championship held at Saveetha Institute of Medical & Tech. Abiya II Corp Eco won the first place in senior category Under PI-200 in the 4th Tamilnadu State Kudo Tournament 2022-23 held at Builders Engineering College, Tripur. Nivedhitha S I BCA, Yohitha S III BBA & Krithika A I BIT represented Thiruvallur District secured Ist place, Jackline Benoliya II CMC represented Chennai District secured 2nd place in the 20th Senior State Throwball Championship held at Thoothukudi. Jayani I Corp Eco won I place in 100 mts at the Chennai District Junior Athletic Championship held at Nehru Stadium. At the Madras University Zonal Level Tournaments our college teams secured the following places:

- I place in Handball held at Nazareth College
- I place in Chess held at Ambedkar College of Arts & Science

Parvatha Vardhini III Vis Com won the first place in U 57kgs Category in the Madras University B Zone Power lifting Competition held at KRMMC while Nivetha T I CSC won the Second place in U 58Kgs Category in the Madras University Inter Zonal Boxing Championship held at Nehru Stadium. In Athletics, Sippa Nandhi I HIS won II place in 200 mts. We won I place in the Independence Day Cup throwball tournament organized by YMCA College of Physical Education I place in the Bhaktavasalam Memorial Trophy (Throwball) organized by Bhaktavasalam College I place in the N George Memorial Trophy (Throwball) organized by Alpha Arts & Science College I place in the WCC Trophy Tournament (Throwball) organized by Women's Christian College I place in the JBAS Tournament (Throwball) organized by JBAS College I place in the State Level Inter Collegiate Throwball Tournament organized by Boomerang Academy and Sippa I His won first place in the State Level Athletic Invitational Meet held at Nehru Stadium.

Mr Samy Singh Meena IPS, Deputy Commissioner of Police, Traffic East Greater Chennai presided over the Annual Sports Day program on 10th February 2023. Mr N Mohammed Riaz Olympian, Arjuna Awardee, Asian Games Gold Medalist was the Guest of Honour. Our students showcased what they had learnt during the year through a series of brilliant performances.



Murasoli Maran Science and Informatics research Block funded by Sun Foundation was inaugurated by Mrs Mallika Maran on 29th August 2022. Ms Kavery Kalanithi, our Alumna and former President of the WCC Student Senate was the guest of honor.



208 UG and PG students having been successfully placed in 28 companies through the campus recruitment process. They have been recruited in various job profiles in different levels of managements.

This year at the behest of the Executive Board of Women’s Christian College, a trip to meet the alumna in the US and to renew ties with Mount Holyoke College, Massachusetts, USA, sister institution of WCC was taken by the Principal. She visited alumna in Boston and met some of them in the house of Ms Caroline, former student of the Department of Botany. A visit to the Bay area in the West Coast was initiated by Ms Aruna Sirsi, former student of the Department of Home Science – Foods and Nutrition. It was planned to have an alumna chapter in the US following this meeting. Both meetings were enriching meetings for the college community as we hope to be in touch with these successful brave and enterprising women who have chartered new pathways in foreign lands.



Mount Holyoke College, USA



Alumnae Meet at Boston

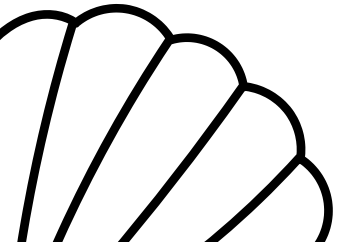
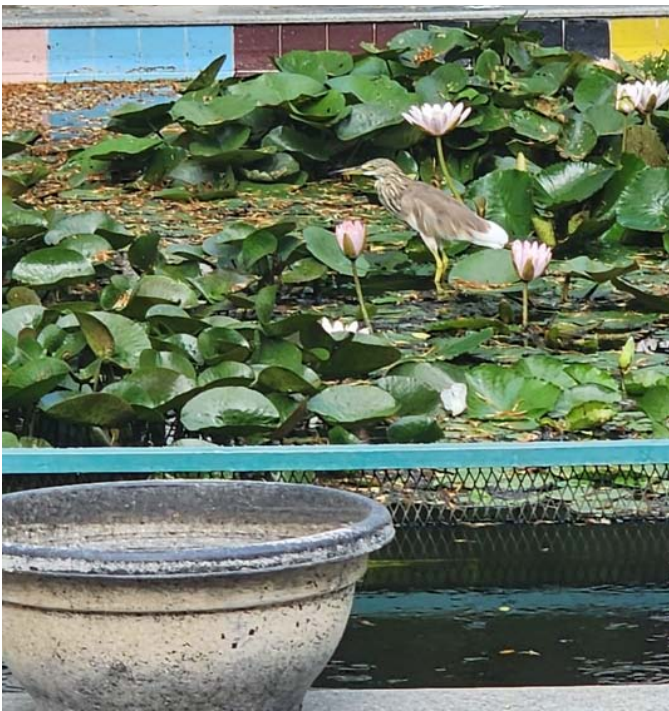


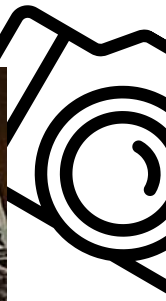
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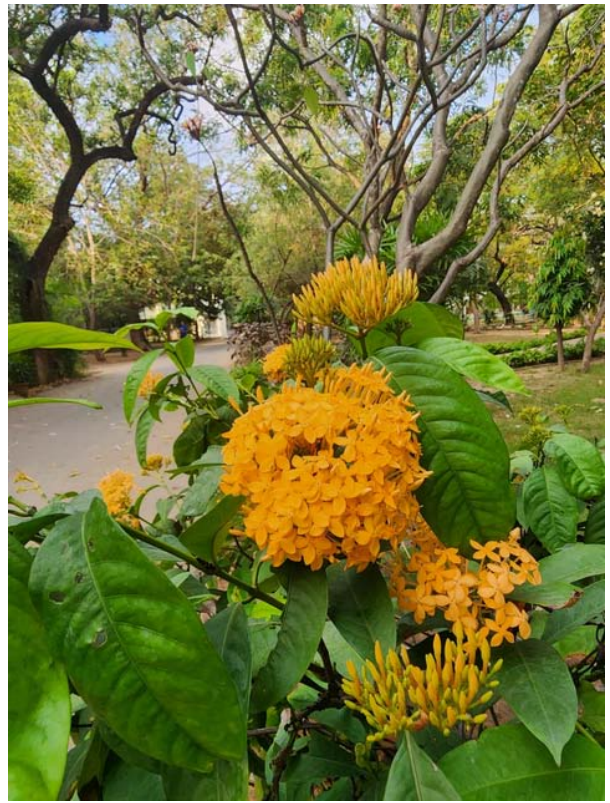
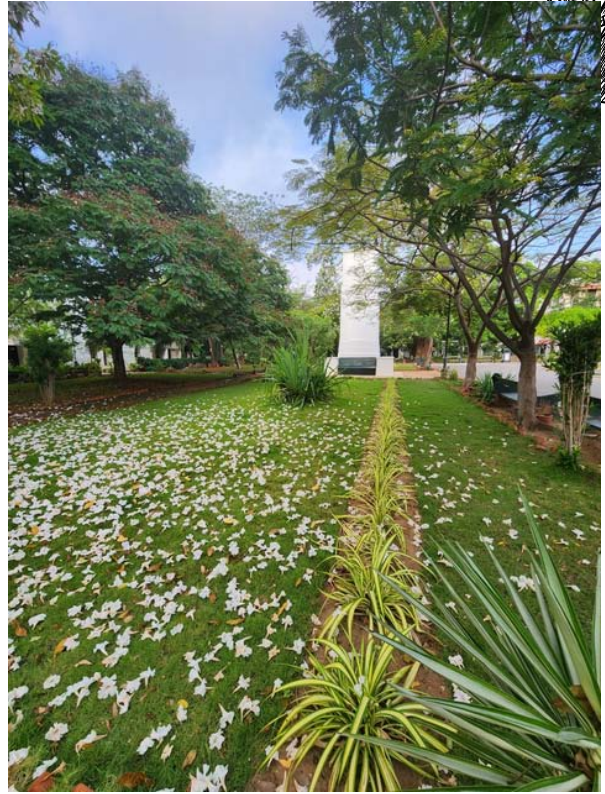
The team work of the Management and faculty paid rich dividends and we were able to move forward in leaps and bounds. We are extremely grateful to our Alumnae for all the support and encouragement that you provide. Together we can help our Alma mater achieve greater heights.



A GLIMPSE INTO BLOOMS BIRDS AND BUILDINGS OF WCC











SECRETARY'S REPORT 2023

Greetings to dear members of the WCC family, in the name of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ. Very happy to get in touch with you all, through the alumnae "SUN FLOWER". Thanks be to God for the support from our respected principal Dr. Lilian Jasper in the conduct of the WCC Alumnae association. My sincere thanks to our beloved Principal Madam.



On 09.12.2022, the AGM was conducted. In spite of heavy rains, it was well attended. This was followed by a "Blessing Service" in our Chapel conducted by Rev. John Joshua. Next came the filing of returns with the Registrar of Societies and the time consuming and tedious task was taken up immediately. Even though the weather was inclement, by the immense grace of God, it was completed even before the due date i.e., 31.12.2022.

The enrolment of the outgoing students took place on 04.02.2023 under the guidance of the principal and with the cooperation of the staff and senators. In the initiation ceremony on 30.03.2023, the newly enrolled members were inducted into the Alumnae Association. Sarah Kachwalla was the motivational speaker and E.H. Davaselvi Rajkumar led the praise and worship session.

The "Alumna of the Year" award was received by Tara Manogaram on 02.03.2023. She runs the "STEPS" home for destitute and abused girls.

Scholarship was given to daughters of 8 non-teaching staff studying in WCC. Ms. Javanthi Singaram and Ms. Preetha Sundaram contributed towards the Elizabeth George fund to give scholarship to the Alumna pursuing her B.Ed. in St. Christopher's Training College. On the graduation day, the Florence Theophilus prize money was received by the best outgoing PG student of the Home Science department and the Annamma Cherian prize money was received by the best outgoing UG student of the Physics department. Play equipment, both indoor & outdoor, have been set up in McDougall Memorial Nursery School with the generous contribution by Mrs. Malathy Mohan on the occasion of her 80th birthday.

The food fair was held on 11.08.2023 and the student community participated with great vigour to make it a remarkable success. Alumnae also participated and liberal contributions were made by them in cash & kind. The departments that made highest collections in Shift - I and Shift - II were awarded rolling trophies and all departments received "Appreciation Certificates" and the "Thank You" party for the senators was held on the day the Alumna of the Year program was conducted.

A few of our Alumnae including Dr. Shanthi Manuel and our former Secretary Reva Pershad have left us to be with the Lord and we offer our condolences.

Dr. Nirmala Alexander, our Editor, and our Sub-Editor Lavanya Raj have put in a lot of hard work diligently to edit the "SUNFLOWER". Our profound thanks to them.

My sincere thanks to our principal Dr. Lilian Jasper, the staff of the Principal's office, the faculty, especially the staff reps and Treasurer appointed by the Principal, the non-teaching staff and my dear sisters in the committee for the cooperation extended during my tenure as Secretary.

Ms. Joy Jones
SECRETARY
WCC ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION



McDougall Memorial Nursery School- Correspondent's Report 2022-23

All praise and glory to our Lord Jesus Christ. Best wishes from the Mc. Dougall Memorial Nursery School, sincere thanks to the WCC Alumnae Association who are running this school for the needy with 2 Govt paid teachers Mrs. Anila (as HM / UKG teacher) and Mrs. Beulah (for LKG).



➤ School strength:

Academic Year 22-23: Total Kids - 42 (25 boys & 17 girls) as on 16 Dec 2022;

Academic Year 23-24: Total Kids - 48 (26 girls & 22 boys) as on 06 Nov 2023.

➤ Staff and student volunteers from various departments visited the school on various dates during the entire year.

The school events are listed on the below monthly calendar (Dec 2022 – Nov 2023):

Dec-22

Christmas celebrations by MMNS kids took place in the college on 19 Dec 2022 and the same was repeated for the parents on 23 Dec '22. School was closed for the Christmas vacation on 23 Dec '22.

Jan-23

School reopened on 05 Jan' 23. Republic Day celebrations was conducted on 26 Jan '23, National flag was hoisted by our college principal Dr. Mrs. Lilian Jasper. and Sports day was also conducted on the same day.



Feb-23

10 mats were donated for the kids on 13 Feb '23. Medical Camp was conducted on 28 Feb '23.

Mar-23

Small Project was executed to inculcate Positive Thinking for the kids on 22 March '23.

Apr-23

3 Civil contractors visited the school for raising the Compound Wall on 13 April '23 & 18 April '23 respectively. The committee members reviewed all 3 different quotes, and the President selected the contractor with the lowest quote on 20 April '23. School was closed for the annual vacation on 28 April '23.

May-23

Compound wall renovation work was done within the period of 15 days (01 -15 May '23). Mrs. Premila Ebenezer and other committee members supervised it. Govt School Audit was conducted by Mr. Lakshmi Narayan on 24 May '23.

Jun-23

Audit booklet was prepared and signed on 01 June '23. Ass. Correspondent evaluated the renovation work and gave completion status on 07 June '23. School reopened on 14 June '23.

Jul-23

School uniforms were stitched, and shoes/socks & books were donated for the kids. Staff fixation papers was signed by the DEO on 25 July '23.

Aug-23

Food fair was conducted in the college premises on 11 Aug '23.

77th Independence Day celebration was conducted in the school, and National Flag was hoisted by Chief Guest Mrs. Pearline Roopkumar, Deputy Secretary - TN Legislative Assembly.



Sep-23

2 New ceiling fans were fitted in the school and other electrical maintenance works were also done on 04 Sep '23, with the donation amount. ID papers for IFHRM has been forwarded to the director within the DPI campus on 06 Sep '23. Revision classes were conducted, followed by Quarterly exams on 19 Sep '23. A donor sponsored for the kids outing to the Govt. Museum, on "World Tourism Day" - 27 Sep '23. Quarterly Vacation for the kids and teachers - from 28 Sep '23 to 02 Oct '23.

Oct-23

Vacation extended till 08 Oct '23 for the kids, while the teachers started working from 03 Oct '23 during which they followed up the Grant papers. Audit Chief and Superintendent signed the audit booklet on 19 Oct '23 and 25 Oct '23 respectively. A donor sponsored for the school picnic to the Eco Park and Fish Aquarium on 27 Oct '23.

Nov-23

A donor sponsored for the outdoor Play Equipment which was purchased and installed in the school premises on 06 Nov '23. (To be inaugurated on 14 Nov '23 as Children's Day gift to the kids).

Special Thanks to all donors who contributed toward the special meal, expenses for buying/stitching school uniform, shoes/socks, books, and other needs like Matts, Ceiling Fans, Toys, etc. My sincere Thanks to our Dear Principal mam who is always cooperative and approachable. I am grateful to the President, and all committee members without whom the above would not have been possible. Final word of thanks to the teachers!

Thank and Wish all A Happy Christmas and A Bright & Prosperous New Year 2024!

Thank You! Praise The Lord!!!

Correspondent (2022-2023)

McDougall Memorial Nursery School

Hilda Manoharan - History, 1973 Batch

MC DOUGALL SCHOOL CHILDREN'S TALENT GALORE



**I-4 DRAMA AND PRACTICE SESSIONS
5- GROUP PHOTO @ GARDENS**



CHILDREN TAUGHT BY MATHS DEPT STUDENTS

PLAY EQUIPMENTS DONATED BY MS. MALATHI MOHAN





1- LUNCH AT SCHOOL
 2-3 PRINCIPAL AND CORRESPONDENT WITH CHILDREN AND FACULTY @
 REPUBLIC DAY
 4-5 SPORT CHAMPIONS
 6- HEALTH CHECK UP



**PROSE
POETRY
WHAT NOT...**



SILENT HOURS 1966

A sacrosanct rule of WCC hostel life was observing Silent Hours. On Sunday afternoons, pin-drop silence was expected throughout the campus. Not a leaf rustled.

One such afternoon, two friends and I stood on the first floor of Main Hostel just outside the seniors' single rooms, feeling very hungry. All we had was one can of baked beans. No can-opener, just a pair of scissors. Someone suggested we poke a hole in the lid with the scissors and wield it around the circumference. We found a large stone to hammer the scissors held vertically on the can.



Bang! Bang! Bang!

“It’s very loud, ya.”

“It’s okay, it’ll be open soon.”

Three sets of eyes focused intently on the process.

“Come into my room.” A quietly commanding voice came from behind us.

Three bodies turned around to find Miss Corfield beckoning us from her door. The fact that Miss Corfield lived right there had been forgotten, for her door had been safely shut. Until now. Three bodies froze.

“Come on, come into my room. Bring whatever you are working on.” A studied calm voice in a poker face.

We looked at each other and shuffled hesitantly through the door.

“Now tell me what you are doing.” Miss Corfield waited.

“We want to open this can.” One courageous voice spoke up.

“Why didn’t you ask me for a can-opener?”

As if! Three tongue-tied heads marveled at the idea that we could possibly ask the great Miss Corfield for a can-opener. We blinked incredulously. Miss Corfield went to a cupboard and returned with the device.

“Here you are. Now open your can.”

We looked at each other, reluctant to perform.



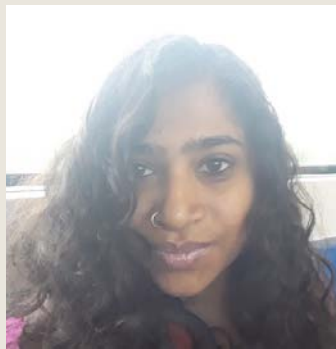
“Go ahead, use the can-opener.”

There was no choice. One of us did the task, the other two crowded around - in fear? It was one very long minute.

“There you are. Next time, come ask me.” Miss Corfield held the door open for three bodies to leave.

Nargis Abraham (nee Shah)
History 1968

Divine Love



Journey

The end of this life of mine, became a new beginning of another. Even though You caused me to detonate, without hate and without force, you brought me back to myself. Today, I stand before you, in love, in understanding and strength that goes beyond the sands of time. I am here, in fullness, for You. Now, You may begin Your own journey, my love.

Demands of an Angel

I cut open myself
To give you what I cannot finish giving
I leave the fan running facing the other side
All work stops
What work higher than serving You?
My sweet angel of grace
Shy, shy deep inside
Open your lips and shame drops by
If only I could collect your nectar drippings
And coy eye sighs
I won't be here naked with nothing
I'd be the vine swirled around
And the flower at your surrendering!

Lavanya Raj
Psychology, Batch of 2007



A THRILLING THREE YEARS AT WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Recalling the Pleasant memories of my life in W.C.C is a thrilling experience for me. I owe a debt of gratitude to this great institution that gave me opportunities and guidance that shaped my life.

I joined W.C.C in the year 1961 and studied Philosophy as my major subject. I completed my B.A in 1964. Those three years were some of the best years in my life. Training in this renowned Christian institution transformed my life of simple upbringing and schooling in Tamil Medium schools. It enabled me to come out of my shell as I made many friends here and learnt to converse in English.



When we joined the college, we were given a test in English and divided into sections on the basis of our performance. At first, I was in B division and the following year I was sent to the A division which I did not enjoy very much.

We looked forward to Tamil classes because we used to meet our nonresident friends. I vividly remember Miss Mary Masillamani who had just returned from her trip abroad. She spoke in senthamizh (pure Tamil). Mrs.Lionel another Tamil lecturer always advised us to take our studies seriously.

Miss P. Devaraj, Miss. Srinivasan, Miss. Subramaniam, Miss Shanthi Manuel, and Miss. Prema Sriramulu were staff members of the Philosophy Department. We had the Advisor - Advisee system to counsel and guide us. Miss Prema Sriramula was my advisor. We took the assignments in our stride, but exams were a nightmare. In those days, the results were published in the newspaper. There were 12 students in my batch. Leela Anna George, Sheila Cherian and Beulah Vedamanickam are no more. We have no news about Asha Gopal and Sumitra. The other batch mates were Mary Verghese, Susan, Jacob, Asha Mathew, Beena Cherian, Daisy Dey & Shakuntala Mantramurthy (all maiden names). The open access system in the library was a great advantage as we could refer to other books and also study in a quiet atmosphere. Miss Ambica as Librarian was very helpful. Our batch was the last batch to do philosophy.

The Assembly sessions were memorable. Our principal Miss Mukherjee used to enter the assembly hall with grace and dignity amid pin drop silence.

Hostel life was very exciting as every year we lived in different hostels with different roommates. I cherish the memories of my stay in Main Hostel, Garden hostel and Mount Holyoke. Whenever visitors or Phone calls came, our peon Ganesh used to call out our names.



We had the privilege of dining in the new dining hall. During breakfast, lunch and tea we could sit wherever we wanted, but for dinner we had to sit at the tables assigned to us. The senior students acted as hostesses and the staff members joined us. On Sundays we sat at the high table by turn along with the Principal.

The chapel service after breakfast and after dinner were inspirational and instilled Christian values in us.

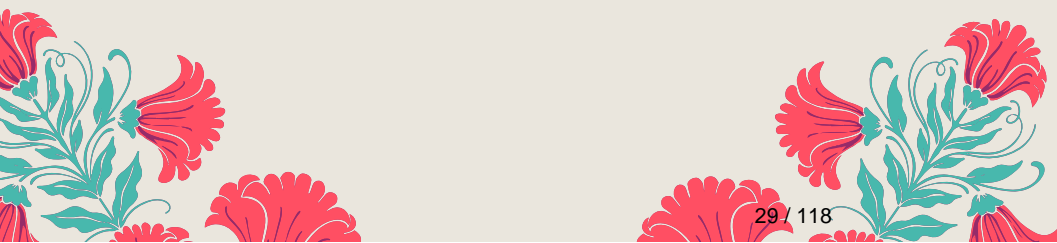
We used to look forward to Saturdays when salesmen came and displayed their wares - flowers, sarees, petticoats bangles etc. on the veranda near the Bursar's office. Hansa ice cream parlor and the tailor shop nearby were our regular haunts. Oh! the canteen, omelet, bun and mini samosas which we relished will never be forgotten. Mr. Benjamin and Miss Esther controlled the crowd of students and served.

Our motto, "Lighted to lighten" is very apt. Sometimes our own light fades out, it is rekindled by another W.C.C alumna. I will never forget my roommate Hema Balachandran nee Menon who encouraged me to pursue a career in Library Science. I used to look forward to the annual alumna meet in Mumbai where I used to meet many of my seniors and juniors. In Vizag, o Mrs. Chitra, Mrs. Bharathi Moses and Mrs. Sandhya Gautam were my colleagues.

The W.C.C bond is strong which can not be broken. Even after 59 years, whenever I enter the portals of W.C.C, the facade is different but the memories are evergreen and precious.

I am so grateful to God Almighty for giving me the opportunity to study in this great institution.

SARAS RATNASWAMI
(NEE DANIEL)
PHILOSOPHY - 1964



பெய்யென பெய்யும் மழை

தேவைக்கேற்ப சேமிக்கப்பட்டு விட்டது
தண்ணீரென தெரிந்துக் கொண்ட பின்

உள் வெளிச்சம்
அளவாயிருக்கிறதென
நிபுணர்
ஒப்புதல் தந்த பின்

கூரை சல்லடைகளை
ஆராய்ந்தவர்
கட்டை விரலால் 'லைக்' காட்டிய பின்

அவள் அங்க லட்சணங்கள்
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பூபாளம் கீதம் 14 ஆகஸ்ட் 2021



மெளனங்கள்

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கண் விரித்துப்பார்க்கும்
'பொட்டக்குட்டி'யின்
ஏக்க மெளனம்

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ஆங்கார மெளனம்

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அண்டங்கள் நடுநடுங்கும்





Silences (Mounangal)

The yearning silence
of the pottakutti (1)
who looks on as father and brother
eat their fill.

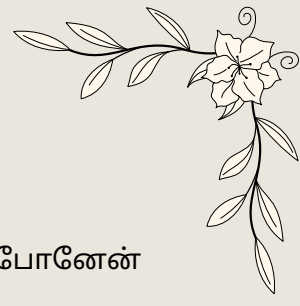
The furious silence
of the pombillai (2)
who in the fear of being beaten
exchanges her hard-earned wages
for her husband's Kallu (3)

The contemptuous silence
of the 'fallen' woman
ditched by one
and mistress to another,
a woman who,
to assuage her hunger,
satisfies that of another,
carrying the 'sins' of three.

The exhausted silence
of the old woman
who lies shriveled
at the harsh words of her son
-the grudging provider of some congee (4)

Someday
these silences will unite
to break into sound
and shake the universe.

1. Contemptuous slang for a little girl
2. Contemptuous slang for a woman
3. Country Liquor
4. A thin gruel



என்று

இன்று நான் உன்னிடம் தோற்றுப் போனேன்
உன் சீக்காளித் தாய் பெருமையுற
மனைவி மக்கள் உவகையுற
சிறந்த விஞ்ஞானிக்கான தேசிய விருதை
நீ பெற்றாய்
ஆனால் நான்?...

கணவனின் நோயாளித் தந்தைக்கு சிறந்த செவிலி
கண்ணான செல்வங்களுக்கு உன்னதத் தாய்
உடல் சார்ந்த பணிகளுக்கு என்னையே சார்ந்து
நிற்கும் ஆணின்
ஆதர்ச மனைவி
பள்ளி விருதைப் பெறவில்லை
இன்று நான் உன்னிடம் தோற்றுப் போனேன்

தவறு
உனக்கு விஞ்ஞானம், எனக்கு சரித்திரம் -
விதிக்கப்பட்டதே
அன்று நான் உன்னிடம் தோற்றேன்
இல்லை, இல்லை
பேருந்திலேறி நீ ஊரில் சிறந்தப் பள்ளிக்குச் செல்ல
அடுத்த தெரு பள்ளிக்கு நான் ரிக்ஷா ஏறினேனே
அன்றே நான் தோற்றாகி விட்டது

இரு...
சிந்தித்துப் பார்க்கையில் தோன்றுகிறது,
கால் சராய் போட்டு மரமேறி
ஊர் முழுவதையும் பார்வையால் நீ அளக்க
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மரமேறலை ஆயுசுக்கும் மறந்தேனே
அன்றல்லவோ?....

மன்னித்துவிடு
நான் குழப்புகிறேன்
இப்பொழுது
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நிச்சயமாக அன்றுதான்

கவலைப்படாதே
இதுவே இறுதி
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யாருக்கு ஞாபகம்?

Vatsala

A treasure trove of memories

I joined WCC in 1961 as a Pre - University student. Hostel life brought me into close contact with girls from all over India, Sri Lanka, and exchange students from USA. It was a painter's palette: vis - a - vis cultures, customs, dress, food, language, etc. Communication was difficult at first, but in the course of time, everyone mastered English and it became the 'lingua franca' of communication on the campus.



Yes, we the batch of 1961 to 1965, were the first to dine at the new dining hall, which had come up in the place where the Riverlands Bungalow stood. The story goes that Lord Clives' ghost frequented Riverlands and our seniors instilled in us a healthy respect for his ghost so much so that any untoward sound or movement sent a chill up our spine. We juniors dreaded walking alone from Coon hostel or Main hostel late in the evening to the new dining hall, specially after we were introduced to our non detailed text 'The 39 steps'.

The dining hall was vast with 8 seater tables, and at one end there was a 'High table', so-called because it seated the staff and it was presided over by our Principal, Miss. Renuka Mukherji. In those days, practically all staff members lived on campus and dined here. We had the pleasure of entertaining staff at our tables in our senior year. As hostesses, we had to see for the comfort of the students at that table, share the meal and initiate the conversation. We used to sing Grace before a meal on Sundays.

The story goes that our Vice Principal, who was the head of the Zoology Department, had a phobia over bacteria. She always served herself from the lower segment of the rice plate as the top portion contained the dreaded bacteria.

Life at WCC in those days was like life at a finishing school. Our teachers and seniors set us examples of polite conduct, punctuality and discipline. All aspects of life were touched upon except the culinary arts. Of course, the Home Science students were the exception as they were trained to manage a home. In their final year they had to conduct a week of housekeeping. All of us looked forward to their invite as we knew they would dish out mouth - watering meals.



In 1962, the BA English Literature course, was inaugurated. I was one of the first to join. We were hardly twenty of us, and in due course, some of my friends left to get married. So only a dozen or so graduated. Miss Bertha Corfield was the head of the English department. We were taught by Miss. Padma, Miss Bamford, Miss Russel, Miss. Choweller, Miss. Herman, Miss. Jacob, and of course, Miss Corfield herself.

We used to spend a lot of time in the library, which was presided over by Miss. Ambika. She had a library committee whose members used to help with keeping the library spic and span. strict silence had to be maintained, or else we were asked to leave. By the way, the library was located on the first floor of Doveton House and the English department classrooms were also located there. The staff room was tucked away in the corner adjacent to the library. We, the students, had to climb the stairs every morning to attend class or do our reference work in the library. What a carefree life! The only thing we missed was home food.

The annual college play was always the baby of the head of the department of English, Miss. Corfield. We had various committees for makeup, costume, props, sound and light, stage setting etc. As head of the makeup committee, Miss. Zachariah would insist that the members attend practices backstage to study the characters, so they could do Justice to their make up and costumes. Some were asked to sketch the character they were assigned to make up and dress.

During the course of one production, Miss. Corfield shushed the audience at the rear as the play reached the climax, only to stumble over the chair herself and create a climax of her own. The costume committee, under the supervision of the Principal, busily plied needle and thread to alter costumes or make new ones as needed.

The staff play was something we looked forward to. We saw Miss. Zachariah, Miss. Arrowsmith and Miss. Mukherjei in a piece from the 'Mikado'. They carried off their parts with aplomb and we gave them a standing ovation.

Miss. Gideon was our sick- room- in charge. She always insisted that no one reported to the sick room at 7.00pm, even if one felt sick during the course of the day. The standard operating practice was contained in 3 bottles of mixture labelled 'Cough', 'Cold' and 'Fever'. When I had measles, I was isolated in the sick room which was located in the ground floor of Bungalow. Today, in its place is the Library. The medicine mixtures were tasty, so without much persuasion and even behind her back, the so-called 'patients' got to taste it. My friend, Elizabeth (Lizzie) had to pay frequent visits to the sick room, and she remembered with nostalgia the food she got - the desserts of bread pudding and caramel custard that were part of the staff menu, but not on the student's menu. This helped to mitigate the isolation of the sick room. She recollects the girls sneaking in to upend the mixture bottles which uplifted their spirits.





Our games mistress, Miss. Oomen was another fixture. She occupied the cottage near the game's field, now occupied by the Centenary building. Once it so happened the Netball team won the championship and she hurried out to congratulate them. It was then that one of the girls noticed her wearing a pair of unmatched slippers! Miss Oomen was a fun person. When she celebrated her Centenary at Trivandrum, all students rallied around her to make it a memorable one.

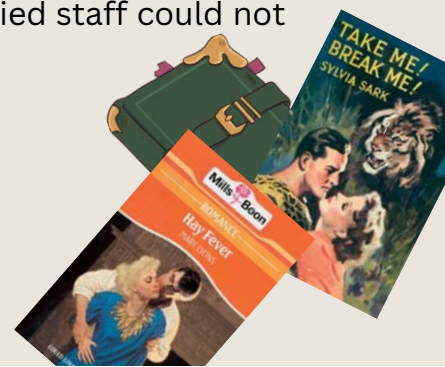
1965 was a memorable year. The whole of Tamil Nadu erupted during the Anti-Hindi agitation, which spread to the college campuses. Our girls were also agitated and wanted to take out a procession on College road. However, our Principal nipped it in the bud and instead declared a holiday. So the hostels were cleared and we got to enjoy an unexpected respite from studies.

I remember studying the dohas of Kabirdas, Rahim and Thulsidas which was part of the Hindi Literature curriculum. It helped me later on as an army officer's wife. In fact, I was complimented on my 'Shud Hindi' by my friends.

1965 was also memorable, as President John F. Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas. We expected the principal to declare a whole day's holiday. However, at the assembly held to condole his death, she pointed out that he was a hard-working President and the best tribute to him would be for us to emulate him and work hard. One of the exchange students who was in tears was heard to comment, 'Sotto Voce' that if Sue Throck Morton had died, the Principal would have declared a holiday as Sue never worked hard !.

The Moral Rearmament Team used to visit WCC every year to spread their message of peace and harmony. They were given a free run of the campus. On one such occasion, the boys and girls of the team organised a meeting in the common room of Main hostel. They relaxed with the students with some lively foot tapping music. Unfortunately, the sound caught the notice of one of the staff and she put an end to the party, and that was the last time the MRA was allowed beyond the auditorium.

It was in 1965 at the Friday assembly that Miss. Mukherji announced her marriage to Dr. Somasekhar. We were thrilled and clapped thunderously. We were all fans of 'Mills and Boon' romances, and the romance was welcomed wholeheartedly by the student body. In contrast, there was total silence from the staff who were seated in the balcony. I think they were unnerved by the shock of losing their Principal. At that time, it was mandatory that married staff could not live on the campus.



That evening, Elizabeth Matthew, who was chairperson for religious affairs, went to meet the principal to enquire about chapel services and Miss. Mukherji drew her attention to her own engagement ring. Elizabeth congratulated her and enquired if the marriage would be conducted in the chapel, to which Miss. Mukherji hesitantly replied ' Doc may not like to get married in our chapel' .

Elizabeth Matthew or Lizzy as she was popularly known, had her room on the ground floor. Very often students would pop in to ask her advice. On one such occasion, she was interrupted by a knock on her door and she called out, 'If you're pretty, you may come in'. To her shocked surprise, there stood the Principal . She had come to give Lizzie the preacher's name for the Sunday Service at the chapel. We didn't have cell phone those days. So all communication was mostly person to person or through the peons.

1965 marked the golden Jubilee of WCC . I was fortunate, as a senior student, to participate in a meeting to felicitate the college on her 50th anniversary. By a strange coincidence I was present at the centenary celebrations of my Alma Mater in the year 2015 as President of the Alumnae Association. Two years later, in 2017, we celebrated the Centenary of the Alumnae Association .

The highlight of my 4 years in college was the 'Cap and Gown ' Ceremony, which was a synonym for a graduation ceremony. Our staff helped the seniors to don their cap and gown, and the students lined up the passage to the college bus and cheered for us. The convocation was held in the senate hall, and we received our degree from the Vice Chancellor.

1961 to 1965 were the most formative and carefree years of my life ,when I made life- long friends. Our 1965 batch had a Re- Union 45 years later in 2010 and another in 2015 when we celebrated our Golden Jubilee while the College celebrated her Centenary.

By Ms. Vasanthi Matthew (nee) Edward
B.A. English literature, 1965.





OUR 40th REUNION - 2005 WITH Mrs. RENUKA MUKERJI & Mrs. NAIDU



OUR 40th REUNION - 2005



SENATE DINNER 1964



Our 45th REUNION 2010





New Vision

From the darkness of my mother's womb
I zoomed into this world.
Like a spirit raised from the darkest tomb
A new Earth unfurled.

My vision beheld the Glorious Light
Of myriad hues within it's range;
Clicked shots of fantastic flowers so bright,
Of beautiful birds and forms so strange!

Distant shores and the endless sky
Were caught by the sharp lens God did make.
And stored in the brain-computer man can't buy;
Brought to life when recalled, for memory's sake.

Through the passing years , the vision did fade,
Slowly, but steadily gloomy sight crept in.
Advice poured in for an exchange man-made.
' A brighter vision, you see, is no sin!'

Deft fingers worked, replaced the old for new,
Marking the end of this shady strife.
Brightness returned to every scope of my view.
Will heart's vision change for an Exquisite , Eternal Life?

Dr. Nirmala Alexander (nee) Rajangam,
1970, Botany.

(Written after my cataract surgery)



Alumnae Choir

I was asked by Ms. Grace Sahayaraj President of the Women's Christian College Alumnae Association, to take charge of the Alumnae Choir after Dr. Adella Paul passed away. This appeared to be a very tall order to me, as Dr. Adella was an accomplished musician. However, I thought to myself, that I need to contribute to my college in the best possible way that I am capable of.



Then began the dilemma of what would be the choice of song for the AGM in Dec'22. We are not a great group of singers, but the camaraderie that was prevalent was enough to bring up the right mood for a performance.

Everybody was very enthusiastic, and about 7-8 of us would meet at fairly regular intervals to bring out the music. Loved the dedication shown by each alumna and their involvement. Shantha Akka, an alumnae member and former President of the Alumnae Association faithfully came for practice with her walking stick, in spite of difficulty getting in and out of the car and the rainy weather. She was the biggest inspiration for me. The choice of the song was the lively "Hark how the bells" in keeping with the Christmas season. That was our first performance and I thought we did pretty well - but more than anything, we enjoyed the oneness, the open-mindedness to take or refuse a suggestion and paying attention to details of how we should sing.

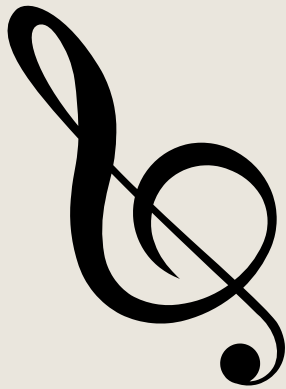
Then came the Alumna of the Year Award function. What do we sing? Searching up and down the net we were rewarded with a modern song "I won't give up" reflecting the attitude of people who make a difference in the world. We rendered it as best as we could and simply loved the meaning of the lyrics which we sang with so much feeling and gusto.

The latest occasion we sang for was the Initiation Ceremony. How do we enthuse those who are leaving the portals of our great college? We rendered a song called "Come the Day" by the Seekers which speaks of breaking into a brand new day with freedom, peace and endless possibilities.

Last but not the least we would like to mention our accomplished pianist Hannah Jane and our guitarist Hilda Joy who accompanied us as we sang, without whom our performances would not have been possible! We shall continue to sing as an alumnae choir through the years to come to glorify our own dear Alma Mater!

Ms. Susan Simon
Choir Conductor
Batch of 1980, Nutrition and Dietetics





Being Unique

“The only person you are destined to become is the person you decide to be” - Ralph Waldo Emerson.

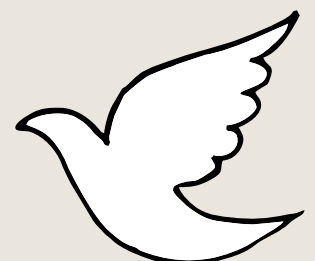
I love this quote as it tells us that the path we choose or who we want to be in this world which is so complicated with racial, cultural, and religious differences is up to us. It is up to us as individuals to choose and decide who we want to be in this complex society where people try so hard to copy and be someone else as they feel they will be better liked or loved. But I think that is so sad as we need to start feeling happier with who we are and should be proud to show it off. God created each one of us in a very unique way and we need to appreciate and love it with all the quirks.



In a world where racism and multiculturalism are so prominent, I think accepting that we each are unique is a gift. God made each one of us in his own image. He created each person in their own unique way. Our fingerprints are different. In this fast-growing world where there is so much of jealousy about another person's looks, career etc. it is very difficult to stand out. But we all strive to be that one individual who wants to stand out and be unique. I am one such person. I am an Indian, but I am proud of my heritage. I have my uniqueness which stands out even though there are many around me who don't like it. Life is about enjoying and accepting who you are. I believe I am unique as I do things differently to others. I am not a people pleaser and stand up for my beliefs. I know that does not go very well with many people who might think I am proud. But it's not pride, but just loving my God given uniqueness and being happy and contented with it.

When I was growing up, I always felt that my skin was too dark, and I wanted to be fair like my other friends in school who were fairer than me. I was so obsessed that I used to try out all the fair and lovely creams that were available in the market. But now when I think back to those days I think, why was I so obsessed with having fair skin. But the best part of it is when I fell in love and got married to my husband Julian, one of the first things he said to me was how beautiful my skin was. I am now so proud of my skin colour and am not ashamed or obsessed with daubing them with fairness cream.

Another thing I was so worried about when I was growing about was my nose. I thought my nose was too big and that all the others around me had a good looking nose. Now when I think back to those things, I think how much of importance I had given to looks when all I had to do was love myself with all my quirks as God created me this way and in a very unique way as he wanted me to stand out amongst all the others. I realise that now, but it was something I had to learn as I grew and matured. Now I am happy with how I look and have accepted that I am unique.



Being unique is a wonderful feeling especially when you think of the world in which we live where so many individuals struggle to be themselves. So, remember whatever flaws or quirks you have be proud of who and what you are as God created you this way for a reason and you are beautiful and unique in this world.

“Don’t dilute yourself for any person or any reason. You are enough! Be unapologetically you.” - Steve Maraboli

Carrots, eggs and coffee

A young woman went to her mother and told her about her life and how things were so hard for her. She did not know how she was going to make it and wanted to give up. She was tired of fighting and struggling.

Her mother took her to the kitchen. She filled three pots with water. In the first she placed carrots, in the second she placed eggs, and in the last she placed ground coffee beans. She let them sit and boil without saying a word. In about twenty minutes she turned off the burners. She fished the carrots out and placed them in a bowl. She pulled the eggs out and placed them in a bowl. Then she ladled the coffee out and placed it in a bowl. Turning to her daughter, she asked, "Tell me, what do you see?" "Carrots, eggs, and coffee," she replied.

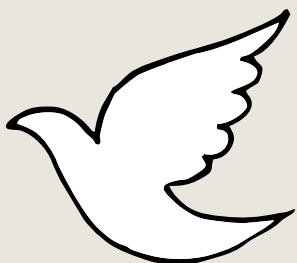
She brought her closer and asked her to feel the carrots. She did and noted that they were soft and mushy. She then asked her to take an egg and break it. After pulling off the shell, she observed the hardened egg. Finally, she asked her to sip the coffee. The daughter smiled as she tasted its deep flavour and inhaled its rich aroma. The daughter then asked, "What's the point, mother?"

Her mother explained that each of these objects had faced the same adversity - boiling water -but each reacted differently. The carrot went in strong, hard and unrelenting. However, after being subjected to the boiling water, it became weak. The egg had been fragile. Its thin, outer shell had protected its liquid interior, but after sitting through the boiling water, its inside became hardened.

The ground coffee beans were unique, however. After they were in the boiling water they had changed the water.

"Which are you?" she asked her daughter. "When adversity knocks on your door, how do you respond? Are you a carrot, an egg, or a coffee bean?"

Think of this: Which am I? Am I the carrot that seems strong? But with pain and adversity, do I wilt and lose my strength? Am I the egg that starts with a malleable heart, but changes with the heat?



Does my shell look the same, but on the inside am I bitter and tough with a stiff spirit and a hardened heart? Or am I like the coffee bean? The bean actually changes the hot water - the very circumstance that brings the adversity, the pain, the hardship - into something quite wonderful. When the water gets hot, it releases its fragrance and flavour. If you are like the bean, when things are at their worst, you get better and change the situation around you for the better.

When the hours are the darkest and trials are their greatest do you elevate to another level? How do you handle adversity?

ARE YOU A CARROT, AN EGG, OR A COFFEE BEAN?

Let's face it. Painful personal trauma and tragedy - like illness or injury, death of a loved one, loss of a job, or an unexpected breakup of a relationship - are unavoidable. The question is: Will these calamities erode our capacity to be happy or cause us to become stronger and better able to live a meaningful and fulfilling life?

Consider how differently carrots, eggs, and ground coffee beans are affected by the extreme adversity of being boiled. Like a carrot, adversity can soften us. We can emerge more flexible, understanding, compassionate, and grateful, or we can let our life spirit turn into a soft mush.

Like an egg, boiling water can make us harder, stronger, tougher, and wiser, or we can become more cynical, pessimistic, callous, and inaccessible.

And like a coffee bean, we can willingly transform our lives into something better or lose ourselves completely.

We can't control what happens to us, but we have a lot to say about how we react and, therefore, what happens in us. The first step to turning adversity into advantage is to get out of the hot water as quickly as possible. Don't dwell on catastrophe. Grieve, but move on. Don't define your life by misfortune.

Second, force yourself to move forward. Draw on your inner strengths, the people who love you, and your faith to transform your life into something better. Formulate a vision of a more purposeful life filled with people and experiences that will help you become more fulfilled.

Advice from Mark Twain

Get your facts first, and then you can distort them as much as you please.

Be careless in your dress if you will but keep a tidy soul.

There are several good protections against temptation, but the surest is cowardice.

Never tell the truth to people who are not worthy of it.



We ought never to do wrong when people are looking.

If you tell the truth you don't have to remember anything.

Always do right. This will gratify some people and astonish the rest.

All you need to be assured of success in this life is ignorance and confidence.

Have a place for everything and keep the thing somewhere else; this is not a piece of advice; it is merely a custom.

It's a good idea to obey all the rules when you're young just so you'll have the strength to break them when you're old.

Let us not be too particular: It is better to have old second-hand diamonds than none at all.

Do something every day that you don't want to do; this is the golden rule for acquiring the habit of doing your duty without pain.

If a person offends you, and you are in doubt as to whether it was intentional or not, do not resort to extreme measures; simply watch for your chance and hit him with a brick.

Always acknowledge a fault frankly. This will throw those in authority off their guard and give you an opportunity to commit more.

There is no use in your walking five miles to fish when you can depend on being just as unsuccessful near home.

Part of the secret of success in life is to eat what you like and let the food fight it out inside.

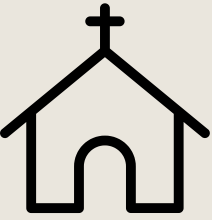
It is better to keep your mouth shut and appear stupid than to open it and remove all doubt.

Don't part with illusions. When they are gone, you may still exist, but you have ceased to live.

Be careful to get out of an experience all the wisdom that is in it; not like the cat that sits down on a hot stove. She will never sit down on a hot stove lid again...and that is well; but also, she will never sit down on a cold one anymore.

M.S. Shirley Selwan

English Literature 1994-97 Batch



Remembrance of Ms. E T Stevens

Miss E T Stevens



Mariam Isaac



Dr Annie David

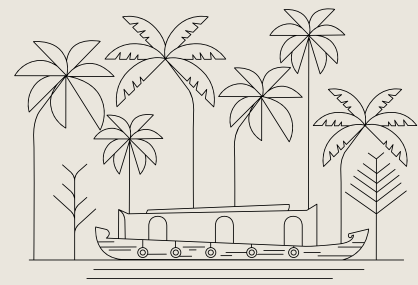


Ms Anna Mathew

Miss E T Stevens, a missionary who served in Women's Christian College, was specially invited by the founders of Christava Mahilalayam School, Aluva, Kerala, for two years, 1927-'29, to be the first Principal of the new school and to train a group of twelve well-qualified women who wished to teach there. WCC granted Miss Stevens' two years' leave to undertake this mission. Known as the "wonder on the hilltop", Christava Mahilalayam was founded in 1927, with the vision of serving as a residential school for girls.

Mariam Isaac was born in a small village in Ernakulam district, Kerala, in 1906. After her schooling, she joined Women's Christian College, Madras, for her collegiate education. She was there for four years (1923-'27); two years to do her Intermediate and two years to graduate in Mathematics. Mariam joined Christava Mahilalayam as a teacher of Mathematics in May 1928, a year after the school started functioning. In 1930, she married Sri P K Matthew, one of the founders of the school and was henceforth known as Mrs Mariamma Matthew. She took a year's leave from the school in 1930 to do her teacher-training course at St Christopher's College, Madras. In June 1947, she was appointed as the Headmistress of Mahilalayam. She resigned this position in March 1953, in order to go on an educational tour of Europe. She returned the same year and continued teaching in the school till her death in August 1965 at the age of 59, a few months before her retirement from service. A few years after her demise, her old students donated money with which an auditorium was built in her memory. The Mariamma Matthew Memorial Hall thus stands at the entrance to the school, as a fitting monument to one of the school's great teachers.

Info compiled by Dr Annie David and Ms Anna Mathew



Elixir of life



Like water ,
Trees are "Elixir of life"..

Sad many age old trees of our
times on the play ground have
disappeared.

ஆலமரம் கண்ணுலேயே
இன்னும் இருக்கு.

Reminds me of the adage...



Wise old owl sat on an oak,
The more she saw ,
The less she spoke,
The less she spoke,
The more she heard.

Why don't we be like the wise old bird

V.M.Padmini
(1973 - 1977)
WCC A.A.Asst.Treasurer





NOSTALGIC MEMORIES OF MY DAYS AT WCC

Women's Christian College (WCC), the college that leaves no stone unturned in making its campus the magnificent destination for every aspiring student, holds a special place in my heart. I consider myself privileged to have had the opportunity to study at the WCC.

My journey began at the WCC in 1962 when I joined Pre University class, having completed my schooling at Bentinck. The College's vibrant atmosphere was evident from the moment I entered the premises. To my delight, many of my friends and classmates from Bentinck also chose to study at the WCC. Day scholars like me kept our books and belongings in the Rivett House, where lockers were provided. It was a place where day scholars gathered, exchanged greetings and formed a sense of camaraderie.



WCC's Chapel, a cement-painted building, held a special place in my heart. My daily routine included visiting the chapel in the morning to offer my prayers. Additionally, there was a prayer session before lunch, which was conducted by Professors.

Doveton Library, with its extensive collection of books, was a treasure trove of knowledge. I used to spend hours reading there. Nowadays, people have access to libraries through their mobile devices, thanks to Google search. However, those printed books on various subjects were invaluable in those days.

The daily assembly session was a highlight of college life. It featured singing of Christian songs, a message delivered by a senior student, and, of course, prayer. I never missed an assembly session. In the afternoons, I would head to the chapel for the service before going to the lunch hall. My laughter and jokes during lunchtime became well-known, and people often teased me, asking if I had consumed nitrous oxide, as I would laugh continuously.

On campus, I felt the serene presence of God. There was an atmosphere of calmness and connectivity among the students. Even though I didn't know everyone personally, there was a friendly look and a smile on everyone's face. Consequently, I had no fears during my time at college.

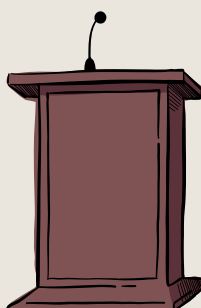


WCC's motto, "Lighted to lighten," always resonated within me a constant reminder of the words from the Bible, "You are the light of the world" (Matthew 5:14), "The Lord is my light and salvation" (Psalm 27:1), and other teachings I had imbibed since childhood from my parents and Sunday school. It was this spiritual connection that drew me to this college. After successfully completing my Pre-University studies, I embarked on a new chapter by enrolling in the B.Sc., Chemistry program.

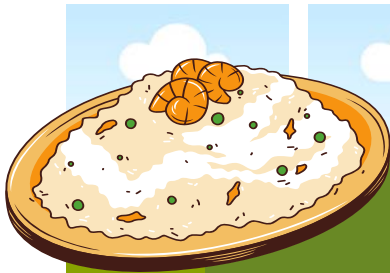
Our mornings began with a prayer in Rivett House, where we all gathered to seek Divine Blessings before heading to our classes. The sense of peace and tranquility that enveloped the entire campus was truly remarkable.

WCC, truly, was a remarkable and unforgettable place that shaped my college days.

Priscilla Rajakumari.
Pre university & B.Sc Chemistry, 1962 - 1965



A TASTE of WCC



Alumnae Food fair 2022 - The spirit of Giving!



With the spirit of giving at heart, the members of the Alumna Association of Women's Christian College, Chennai organized the Alumna Food Fair on 14th September, 2022 between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. The Principal, Dr. Lilian I Jasper inaugurated the event.

The college was bustling with the stalls and games organized by all the departments. The Alumna food stalls with the live dosa counters and other delicacies were a hit among students and teachers. From delicious biriyani to refreshing mojitos, from face painting to mehndi - the stalls had them all!

The music from the Senate juke box livened the air and students enjoyed seeing their friends (at times even teachers) being pulled to the Senate Jail.

The winners of the raffle draws were ecstatic to receive their prizes from the principal and the members of the Alumna Association.

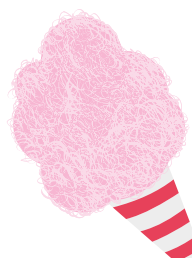
The students were thrilled to tune in to the dance performances of the Western Dance Cubs.

The proceeds of the department and alumna stalls went to the McDougall Memorial Nursery School that was started in 1943 by Marjorie Sykes, faculty in the English Department of the College, hailing from Great Britain.

The Department of Advanced Zoology & Biotechnology from the Government-Aided stream and The Department of Visual Communication from the Self- Financed stream bagged the award for maximum contribution to the fair.



The nobility of the cause made the fair a grand success and was enjoyed by students and teachers alike.



Alumnae Food Fair 2023

DATE: 11.08.2023
DAY: FRIDAY
TIME: 11:00 A.M. TO 1:30 P.M.

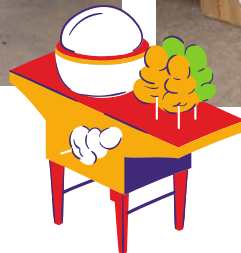


On August 11, 2023, the college orchestrated the Alumnae Food Fair. Every department participated enthusiastically, erecting stalls and organizing engaging games and other fun activities. Of notable acclaim were the Alumna food stalls, notably featuring a live dosa counter and an array of delectable delicacies. These culinary offerings resonated excellently with both the students and the faculties.



Adding an element of musical vibrancy, the jukebox played a pivotal role in enlivening the fair's ambiance, captivating students and leaving a lasting impression. Furthermore, students enjoyed watching their friends being pulled to the Senate Jail. The programme also included the performance of the dance clubs in the college. The Alumna Food Fair was a resounding success thoroughly enjoyed by teachers and students alike.





Written by
Matilda K, 3rd Year Physics
Student President, WCC



INITIATION CEREMONY

By God's grace, the Initiation Ceremony took place on 30th March, 2023 in the Lucy Peabody Hall at 01:00 PM. Many Alumnae and outgoing students of the College attended the program and the Hall was fully packed. The President Mrs. Grace Money welcomed the gathering. The Ceremony commenced with the opening prayer by Dr. Linet. In keeping up with our tradition, the "kuthuvilakku" was lit. The Former President of our Alumnae Association. Mrs. Vasanthi Matthew, the Chief Guest Dr. Sara Kachwalla, the Worship Leader Mrs. E H Davaselvi Rajkumar, the President Mrs. S Grace Nesamoney and Secretary Mrs. Joy Jones lit the "kuthuvilakku."

The Secretary Mrs. Joy Jones introduced the Chief Guest, Dr. Sara Kachwalla who then motivated the students with her powerful speech. She was honoured with a Shawl and Bouquet. The Alumnae Choir then rendered a special song. The President lit the lamp of the Senators and they in turn lit the lamps of the Class Representatives. This was followed by the students taking the pledge of "Lighted to Lighten." The Alumnae Choir and Chapel Choir led the singing of the "Chain of Unity" and "There is a College Nobly planned."



The Worship Leader Mrs. E H Davaselvi Rajkumar was introduced by the Vice President Mrs. Amita Palat and honoured with a Shawl and Bouquet. The worship session was a glorious one. The Initiation Ceremony concluded with a Vote of Thanks by Additional Secretary Mrs. T Vimali.





Coronation of Their Majesties

Buckingham Palace



We attended the Garden Party at Buckingham Palace on 3rd May 2023 and Issac was invited for the Coronation on 6th May. We were also very touched that The Royalty chose to display her usual warmth with us, when she leaned forward to kiss us on our cheeks, when we thought we'd follow official protocol of a handshake.



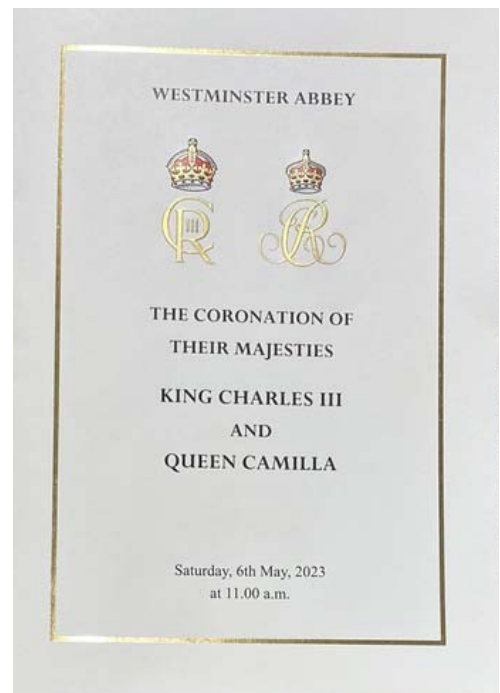


Dr. Suja & Dr. Isaac



Like I always tell people, in our experience when they come to 'SOUKYA', the Royalty are both very down to earth people and so not demanding at all.

Dr. Suja Isaac



Wcc - Highlights and Activities

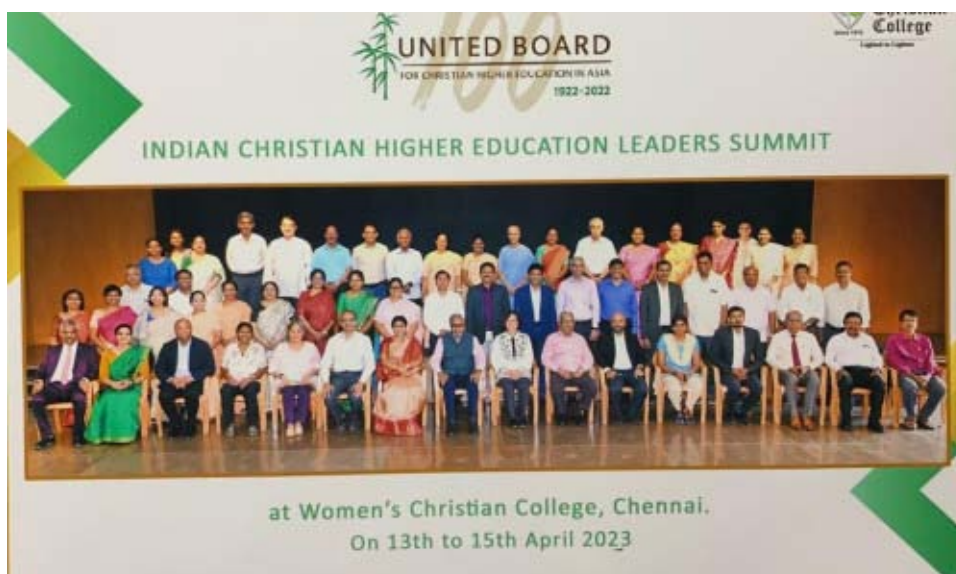
Indian Christian Higher Education Leaders Summit

13TH APRIL - 15TH APRIL 2023

From 13 April to 15 April 2023, 50 heads of higher education institutions from all over India participated in the Indian Christian Higher Education Leaders Summit organized by the United Board and held at Women's Christian College, Chennai.

The United Board had earlier commissioned a study on the impact of Christian higher educational institutions in India. Highlights of the results were shared and the following were identified as the challenges for Indian higher education: the quality of and access to education, outdated curriculum, faculty shortage, research and innovation, and internationalization. Dr. Maher Spurgeon, Consultant, Director of South Asia Programs of the United Board, said, "This Summit provided opportunities for the principals to share their challenges with one another and create a network and fellowship among them." The impact of the Summit on Indian higher education will be felt for many years to come.

The grand finale to the Summit was a dinner held at Hotel Radisson Blu, Chennai to jointly celebrate the Centennial of the United Board and the anniversaries of four of the United Board's partners in India, namely, St. Christopher's College and Union Christian College which also celebrated their centenaries; and Lady Doak College and Stella Maris College which celebrated their 75th anniversary.



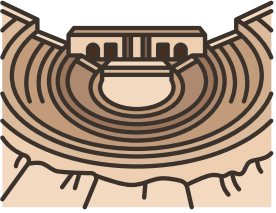
Forward by Ms. Sareena



International Conference on Precision Nutrition in the Era of Artificial Intelligence



Principal with Tamilnadu Health Minister Ma. Subramanian & Minister for Municipal Administration KN. Nehru



WCC'S
PRODUCTION OF
BRECHT'S



Three Penny Opera

Back again this year for another exciting theatrical event, For WCC's production of the annual College play 2023, the script chosen was the musical The Three Penny Opera by Bertolt Brecht. Never been performed in Tamilnadu before, with more than 20 songs, and a very tight schedule Director Regin Rose and the students of WCC had a monumental task in front of them.

WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN COLLEGE, CHENNAI
ANNUAL COLLEGE PLAY - 2023



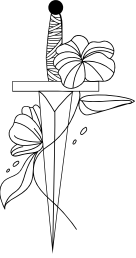
THE THREEPENNY OPERA

BERTOLT BRECHT
DIRECTED BY REGIN ROSE
VENUE: MAIN AUDITORIUM WCC
DATE: 14, 15, 16 SEPTEMBER 2023
TIMING: 6:30 PM
TICKETS: RS 200/-, RS 300/-, RS 500/-
RS 800/000ORPASS

Ms. Josephine Mercy and Ms. Jeevlin Abraham, the play's Coordinators, collaborated with the Director from the beginning of the production. The process started with the division of students and teachers into committees ranging from, Sets and Props, Lights and Sounds to Hospitality etc. After the initial auditions, the actors were trained through various workshops for acting (trained by Ms. Melody Dorcas), voice (trained by Ms. Cathlin) and improvisation. As the play was written almost 100 years ago, making it understandable for contemporary audiences, but not straying too far from the integrity of the script proved to be one of the more challenging aspects of this production. The Brechtian style or the Epic theatre contains many specific theatrical devices such as usage of projected images, Fourth Wall breaks and sometimes the same actor playing two different characters. This required a considerable involvement from the cast. After understanding the script and its details with the help of the dramaturgical team, the students came up with insightful and comedic ideas during rehearsals that brought the script to life.

The play was contradictory and ahead of its time as it depicted the world of Victorian London, not the prim and proper England with corsets and suits we are accustomed to watch on television, but a more dicier part of London and its residents such as criminals, beggars, mistresses, and their strife with the police. The female characters had some semblance of agency in their lives. The protagonist himself is the biggest criminal in town but it is hinted about his relationship with his old friend in the army. These hints were picked up by the actors and they emphasized it through their performance and costumes as well. When the protagonist elopes with daughter of his arch nemesis, the story is set in motion. The entire play then revolves around his capture and escapes until he is finally caught and hung. Well, almost. Just at this opportune moment, a savior on horseback (his friend from the army) arrives with a message. He's pardoned by the Queen, given a pension of ten thousand pounds and knighted as well. The ironic and satirical ending leaves the audience with questions. It investigates the themes of criminality of all kinds and constantly asks questions; Is it nature or nurture? Is execution the only way to end injustice?





As the cast and the director were focusing on fine tuning the performances, a whole another visual dimension was added by the Set designer, Mr. Ram. Even though the script did not contain a lot of tender moments, it was underlined with the use of lighting, supervised by Mr. Suthan, to give it subtleties.

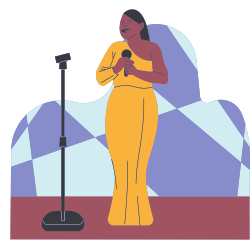
As show dates neared, many guests in and out of WCC were invited to watch the final run through. Their feedback and encouragement were valuable and inspired the students to do their best on opening night.

The play was received well by audiences, all age groups alike. There was a constant exchange of ideas, emotions and enjoyment for the two hours it took place. Behind the scenes, a crew of 120 students worked with utmost concentration to make it seem effortless.

Actors with very little stage time shined with their performances. The actors' comic dialogue delivery, mannerisms and even their mistakes only added to the performances. As the shows progressed, it was evident that what made these a series of great evenings was that the students were able to grasp the innate love for theatre that the author had expressed through his writing, and finally share that with the audience.



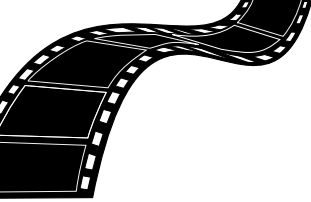
Ms. Josephine Mercy and Ms. Jeevlin Abraham,
The College Play's Faculty Coordinators 2023 and The
Dramaturg Team.





Josephine & Jeevlin





WCC SHORT FILM PRODUCTION ENGLISH DEPARTMENT



The Core Elective Course, Short Film Production, offered by the UG Department of English, WCC, requires students to bring out short films in groups on subjects of their choice. This year's theme revolves around young people. We invite you to watch these films which the students have produced in an attempt to create awareness and sensitise viewer.



The Battle Within

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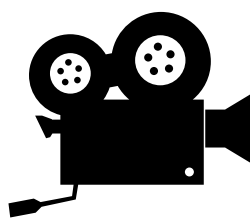
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HERITAGE WALK



I had gone on a heritage walk organised by historian V Sriram in which he had told us of the college begun in Fort St George and then shifted to the DPI campus ----- for conducting trade, the British had to use interpreters....they found that they were being cheated by the interpreters (think they were called Dubashes (which may have meant that they knew 2 bashes))who quoted higher prices to the British and made money for themselves....so they wanted to learn the local language and subsequently the local civil servants needed to learn English.

There is a lovely library in the DPI campus which has a lot of books (books of the Madras Literary society)and has some lovely wood carving near the ceiling.

Ms. Amita, M.Sc. Food and Nutrition, 1983

A PEEK INTO THE PAST

AS APPEARING IN THE NEW INDIAN EXPRESS, 15TH MAY, 2018

Sitting besides an array of historians, book lovers, and heritage enthusiasts at the Madras Literary Society (MLS) on a bright Saturday morning, I was about to discover how a college triggered the birth of libraries in colonial Madras. Well-known historian Sriram V started his hour-long history tour by taking the audience back to 1800s when the English colonisers wanted to set up the Fort St George College to teach English to native civil servants and encourage their men to learn local languages for easy governance.

Tracing the roots of the college, which functioned from 1812 to 1854 in the present day Directorate of Public Instructions (DPI) Complex, Nungambakkam, the historian said, “The study of south Indian languages flourished after the college was set up. Tamil, Telugu, and Persian were extensively taught and research activities on these languages encouraged.”

The importance of this college can be understood from a popular belief among heritage enthusiasts that the then Governors of Madras used to visit the college for awarding degrees during the convocation ceremony. Since there was no bridge to cross the Cooum river, they used to take a boat to reach the college. Seeds for a library in Madras were sown when literary resources from across the globe started arriving at the college. So, when the idea of setting up the Madras Literary Society came up, its founders didn’t have to think twice about a location.

The college used to receive books, antiques, and other items of historical importance through Englishmen from faraway places. The first floor of the college was dedicated to house the antiques. “Right from a pair of horns to a 40 kg meteorite were received at the informal museum at the college,” said Sriram.



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The **LOCKS OF HOPE-** hair donation drive inauguration, took place on **Dec16th** in the college premises with the presence of the dignitaries. We had **Ms. Dimple Raj** a **ovarian cancer survivor** as our guest speaker.

The drive took place for two day- 16th & 19th December'22. The response was immensely great. Where we had **239 donors**

WHAT'S NEXT?



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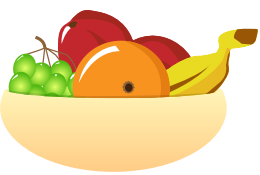
SILICONE BREAST PROSTHESIS DONATION

Cancer patients undergo a surgery to remove the whole breast (mastectomy). After surgery they can this silicon breast prosthesis artificial breast shape that fits inside their bra to replace all or part of the breast. It inspires confidence in their physical surgery.



STUDENTS, TEACHING AND NON-TEACHING STAFFS DONATED THEIR HAIR





A Talk on Nutritious Food

Dr Nora & BSc (Nutrition)student team came to Mc Dougall Memorial Nursery school today & served the parents of kids some cooked fibre dishes and spoke to the parents about the nutritious food





Botany Association Inauguration Ceremony

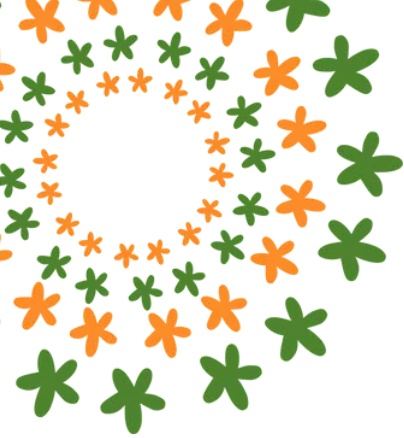
The inaugural and initiation ceremony of the office bearers of the Botany Association for the academic year 2023-24 happened on 7th of August, 2023 at Benedicta Rowe Hall, Centenary Block at Women's Christian College. The program was graced by the Principal of Women's Christian College, Dr. Lilian I Jasper, the Head of the Department of the Plant Biology and Plant Biotechnology, Dr. Sherrie Jesulyn David and the chief guest for the day Dr. Nirmala Alexander, An Alumna of our Department, and former Head, Department of Botany at Queen Mary's College, Chennai

The inauguration commenced with a prayer song presented by the students of the Department and a prayer by Dr. Preeti Mehta, Assistant Professor. Following this the dignitaries and the faculty of the department joined in lighting the lamp. The welcome address, which was delivered by the Principal, Dr. Lilian I Jasper. The initiation ceremony of Botany Association was taken over by Head of the Department, Dr. Sherrie David. She led the program forward by explaining the significance of Botany Association and inducted the new office bearers of the Botany Association - Deepavarshini A. S. (Secretary) and J. Richlin (Joint Secretary). Following this Ms Deepavarshini A. S. presented the proposed activities of Botany association for the current academic year.

The chief guest introduction was done by Dr. Cordilea Hannah, Assistant Professor introduced the chief guest Dr. Nirmala Alexander to the gathering. Dr Nirmala began her inaugural address with nostalgic reminiscences of her college days in WCC. A nugget of wisdom shared by our chief guest was "The 4E's - Enjoy, Equip, Encourage, Enlighten". The vote of thanks was delivered by Ms J. Richlin (Joint Secretary) and the program came to an end with the Alma Mater.

Dr. Sherrie David
HOD of Botany
Women's Christian College





Independence Day Celebration at Mc Dougall School



Awards and Accolades of Alumnae



Ms. Usha is a 1977 graduate of WCC, from the Nutrition and Dietetic Department. Usha was in the Alumnae Committee for many years.



Ms. Dharani, PUC History, Economics and Geography being awarded,



Beena Devaprasad, Principal, C.S.I. Ewart Mat.Hr.Sec. School received Dr. Radhakrishnan Award 2023 from TN State Government





Ms. Sonjaria Minz, from Maths Dept, 81-84 Batch, receiving a citation from the President of India, Droupadi Murmu

Teacher's Day >

Meet, Princess Naik - an Educationist

By M. Rajini

Princess Naik, an enterprising resident of Gandhi Nagar, was a pioneer in bringing in the concept of Day Care in Chennai. Her 'Play Coop' holds a record of a successful 40 year old in the Play School arena. It was a piece of luck that I happened to meet her to know her thoughts on Teachers' Day. Her candid views on the children of today and the young parents who are clueless on how to handle the myriad problems of kids and adolescents, will educate readers in our neighbourhood. *Adyar Times* takes pleasure in presenting a pioneer in nurturing, a successful dress designer, an acrylic painter, a wildlife and environmental enthusiast, and a widely travelled Princess Naik.

She has written articles on children and environmental protection in several magazines, and in *The*

Hindu. Her observations on the various programs for children around the world helped her emulate those concepts in her Play School. Over and above, as her counselling sessions with perplexed mothers and kids with problems. This is done beyond the call of duty in the interest of the society.

PlayCoop has an integrated syllabi based on Indian Methodology with concepts taken from Montessori. "Why do we need to follow the American syllabi when the Indian system has such beautiful infusions? If you are not aware of those, I'm sorry. You have missed the boat" is her challenge to educationists. That is why she made sure that her play school has a plethora of after school activities like yoga, art, cooking, games, and other activities to balance study and play in early childhood.

Asked if children are over-smart, these days, she says, "I firmly believe that children are all born the same, innocent and child-like; it is the parents who mould them into robotic human beings. They place a lot of expectations on their small heads. They want them to excel in everything from academic to sports to arts; each one wants their child to be a superhuman being. Moms are no more the cool and collected species of yesteryears, allowing the child to



take up its own interest in his own pace and capacity. They have turned demanding, aggressive and assertive, not aware of the chaos they are creating in a child's mind. If a child is incapable of living up to their hopes, he loses his confidence and his love for life." These thoughts are worth pondering.

A working mom spends less time with the child and is over cautious and over protective. They too are first time moms, inexperienced, may not be willing to learn from the experience of other elders in the family. The child emulates this behaviour and wants his way all the time. It is a pitiful state that parents need more counselling than children. But how many schools can afford a counsellor with 30 years of experience? Princess questions.

Teacher to student ratio being so high, how much can the teacher know

about a student? What can a mother do, when she herself is finding it difficult to maintain an emotional balance. A scientific approach in the solutions for the problems a school child faces is missing, in the frenzy of schools opening ten and twelve branches in the city. They dilute the policies and compromise on the pedagogy and quality of teaching, to her concern.

Princess Naik, will be coming out with a book exclusive for young mothers, which will carry the wealth of her experience of 40 years with children. She is ably supported by Padma Srinath, an icon in education, who will also be contributing to the book. It is expected to be in stalls in 2024. We need empathetic teachers like Princess Naik in society. May her breed grow!

Princess Naik can be contacted at 8847 65225 or at nplaycoop@yahoo.com

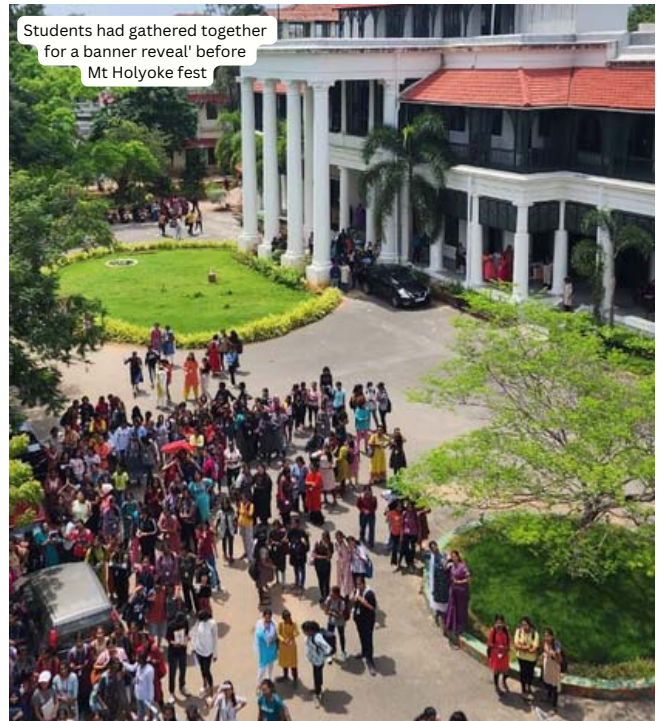


Princess Naik, 73-76 Batch



Student spends day as British Deputy High Commissioner

A student at Women's Christian College, Misha Sivaram, spent a day as the British Deputy High Commissioner in Tamil Nadu and Puducherry after being declared the regional winner of the 'British High Commissioner for a Day' contest. The competition was held to commemorate The International Day of the Girl, celebrated every year on October 11. Oliver Ballhatchet, British Deputy High Commissioner, said: "The contest run by the 'U.K. in India' network is an important milestone in the U.K.-India joint commitment to promote gender equality."



Students had gathered together for a banner reveal before Mt Holyoke fest



Alumna Of the year award 2023

The Alumna of the year award ceremony was conducted on 2.3.2023 in the Lucy Peabody Hall. It was preceded by lunch for all the Alumnae and the student Senate. The program started with prayer by Ms. Sylvia Ponniah. The President, Grace Nesamoney welcomed the gathering. Pearlina Rookkumar explained how the former Principal, Dr. Indrani Michael had instituted the award in memory of her parents Madhevi Michael and Ebenezer Michael to identify and honour an Alumna doing Community Service in India.



Tara Manogarom, Director of the STEPS Home was selected and honoured with the award. The Secretary, Ms. Joy Jones introduced Tara. Tara finds, frees and fosters girls from the evils of abandonment, abortion and abuse. The Principal Dr. Lilian I. Jasper spoke on the occasion. This was followed by a song sung by the Alumnae choir lead by Ms. Susan Simon with Ms. Hannah at the keyboard.



The Principal presented the Trophy, while Pramila Ebenezer presented the Citation. Tara explained in detail the work done by her with a power point presentation. The Food Fair awards were presented to the Visual Communication Department of Shift II and Animal and Plant Biology Department of Shift I by the Principal. Certificates of Appreciation was given every Department who put in their heart and soul into making the Food Fair a great success.



MS. Geetha Rajaram thanked everyone and the program concluded with the singing of the Alma Mater song.



Chonira Belliappa Muthamma

First Female IFS Officer in India



Chonira Belliappa Muthamma, the first female Indian Foreign Service (IFS) Officer, was a trailblazing figure who shattered glass ceilings and fought for gender equality throughout her career.

Muthamma's life journey is an inspiring story of determination and resilience. Muthamma's achievements and contributions to both the IFS and the cause of women's rights are celebrated to this day.

Muthamma was born on 24th January 1924, in Virajpet, Coorg. Despite facing adversity following her father's early demise, she was determined to pursue education. Muthamma excelled in her studies, graduating with honors from Women's Christian College, Chennai and obtaining a Master's degree in English Literature from Presidency College.

Historic Entry into Indian Civil Services

Muthamma achieved an extraordinary milestone by becoming the first woman to clear the Indian Civil Services examinations. Her remarkable feat positioned her at the top of the list of candidates for the Indian Foreign Services (IFS), marking the beginning of an illustrious career. However, her entry into the service came with a condition and signed an undertaking that she would resign from her job once she got married.



Trailblazing Diplomatic Career

Muthamma's diplomatic journey as first lady IFS officer of India took her to various countries, including postings to Paris, Rangoon and London. Her career reached a pinnacle in 1970 when she became India's Ambassador to Hungary, setting a historic precedent as the first woman from within the IFS to hold this position.



Struggle for Gender Equality

Beyond her diplomatic achievements, Muthamma is remembered for her unwavering commitment to gender equality within the Indian Civil Services. When denied a promotion, she challenged discriminatory employment rules, taking the Ministry of External Affairs to court. In a landmark 1979 Supreme Court judgement, her case prevailed, leading to significant changes in service rules. This ruling eliminated the mandatory government permission requirement for women officers' marriages, marking a critical step towards gender parity.

Legacy and Contributions

Following her retirement in 1982, Muthamma continued her commitment to society. She served on the Independent Commission on Disarmament and Security Issues and was a passionate environmentalist, culinary enthusiasts, philanthropist and author. She made notable contributions, including co-authoring a book on Kodava cuisine and donating land to the Missionaries of Charity for an orphanage and educational purposes.



Her legacy endures as a trailblazer and advocate for women in the Indian Foreign Services and as a symbol of resilience and empowerment. She passed away at the age of 85 in 2009, leaving an indelible mark on India's diplomatic landscape.

Posted by

Akansha Arora Published On September 12th, 2023

Ambassador Muthamma is a Foreign Service legend for all the reasons mentioned, and I thought WCC had her in its annals all these years. I got to know her first as a junior IFS officer in the early 1970s through her despatches from Hungary, and later when I met her from time to time in Delhi. She was known for being a no-nonsense person who did not hesitate to speak truth to power.



I spoke at the memorial meeting at India International Centre after she passed away, of, inter alia, pride in the WCC connection, and gratitude for the path she pioneered for Foreign Service officers, not just women but also men (re their mindsets).

The auditorium in the MEA building on Rajpath, Jawaharlal Nehru Bhavan, is called the C.B. Muthamma Hall.

Post by L.K. Ponappa (IFS Officer)

English Department

67 Batch

Leela Krishnamurthy did her UG at WCC followed by PG at MCC (History. 1969). She worked a year as Sub-editor at the Indian Express in Madras. From 1970 she has been with Indian Forest Services



Letika Saran
First Woman DGP of Tamilnadu ,



Letika Saran, IPS (retired) is comfortably ensconced in a chair at Amethyst's Wild Garden Café. The girl who was raised in a tea garden in Munnar and topped her career path as the first woman to be appointed Chief of the Tamil Nadu Police in 2010, seems quite at home in the sage green veranda of the cafe, crowded with palms and heliconias. The feeling of time preserved hangs heavy in the air as Letika looks back on the Madras of yore.

“I joined Women’s Christian College (WCC) in 1968 to pursue Mathematics. College Road was very quiet, with a lovely garden house at the corner of Haddows Road, where a multinational bank now stands, and about two-and-half buses plying. Life was pretty laid back – the concept of a career woman was still not an accepted idea yet. The Cooum clean-up had just been launched and hostellers used to access the back gate to walk across a dry river bed to Hansa’s on Spur Tank Road for cutlets,” she laughs, adding, “We hired cycles and pedalled to the beach, to the Drive-in, to Buhari’s where we indulged in Ceylon egg parotta, samosas and jam buns and then onto Jaffer’s for ice cream. If we were broke, there was Harrison’s bakery, and if there was a celebration it had to be Chung-King. Higginbothams and Kennedy book shops were the other hangouts. And my only indulgence fashion-wise was Bellino’s in Purasaiwalkam for footwear.”



Letika was keen on pursuing a career in astronomy but “my father didn’t see it as too promising a path. He egged me on to take the UPSC exams”. Letika completed a Master’s in Psychology and joined the Indian Police Service in 1976. “IPS seemed the obvious choice. I was fascinated with the skeletal police force at Munnar and grew up reading Agatha Christie and Alistair MacLean. The whole idea of investigating seemed fascinating to me, the excitement when a case comes together; that continued right until the day I hung up my boots,” she says.

It was in the early 1980s that Letika truly discovered Madras and its gracious buildings. “I returned to the Police Training College in Ashok Nagar in 1977. It was a three-month stint, mostly calling on people, and I didn’t get to know the city much then.

When I became Deputy Commissioner, Headquarters, there were changes. The old garden houses were disappearing, and Shankar Nethralaya was coming up across WCC. A building that I worked in later was the palatial, teak-beamed Government House inside Omandurar Estate. Other iconic buildings were the Grange, home to chiefs of the force, and the salmon-pink painted, British-era Ponni that had steps leading to the Adyar river, a long drive, French windows that opened to a lawn and a bandstand. Sadly, some of these don't exist," says Letika.



Letika Saran née Dhar, as Assistant Superintendent of Police (Training), Tiruchi, was the first woman IPS officer to command an Independence Day police parade.

She is seen inviting the District Collector, P Shankar, to inspect the parade at Tiruchi on August 15, 1978. TS Panchapakesan, IPS, Superintendent of Police, Tiruchi, is standing behind. | Photo Credit: THE HINDU ARCHIVES

When she became the first woman to head a metropolitan police force in India, Letika went on to discover North Madras, a part of Chennai that she was not familiar with until then. She was appointed the 36th Commissioner of Police, Greater Chennai, in 2006. "I continued to learn more about the city during the election process. By then more women had entered the force, it had become more modernised, beat constables on cycles were replaced by beat officers on bikes. Now you have drones and the CCTV cameras. You can replicate but never replace human intelligence," she says, sipping a cup of English breakfast tea, while slicing a sandwich.

Does she still practise kalaripayattu, I ask. "It's yoga now," she laughs. "In the 1970s when Bruce Lee was the most important man in everyone's lives, there was an inclination towards karate, thanks to Karate Mani who made it popular here. Then, at the police training academy it was unarmed combat. Later, at YMCA and at Spaces, I learnt kalari under Binoy and Shaji John. Our uniform allowance was given once in seven years. And although I was mostly in a plainclothes job, I couldn't afford to grow out of it. If you are in uniform, you cannot be out of shape; you better be the smartest thing on earth."

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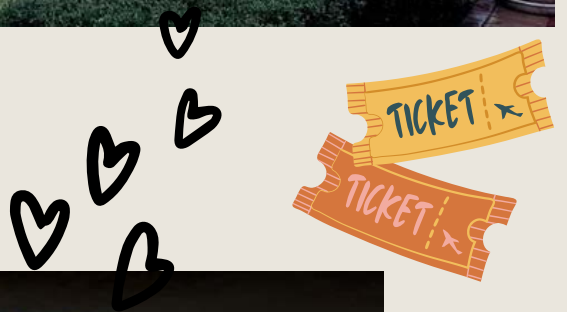


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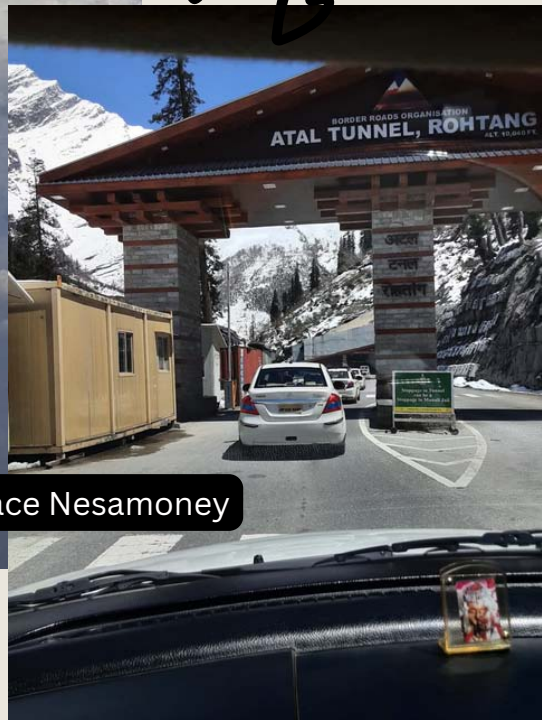


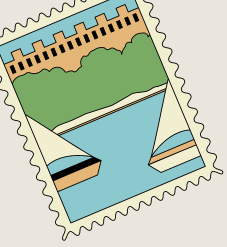


Hunter's Green, Tampa, Florida
Photos by Nagi Kumar, H.Sc. 1976 Batch



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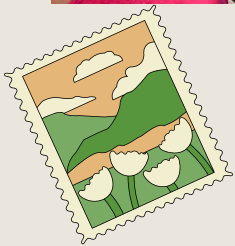


Mural paintings by Sunday school children supervised by Achamma Kurien

Achamma Kurien



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Hilda



Seedling experiment done by MNS children. Plants grew when they were shown love. The barren grounds indicated no growth

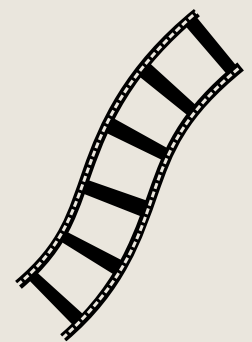
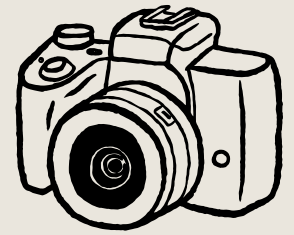
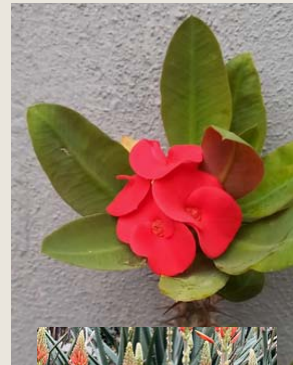




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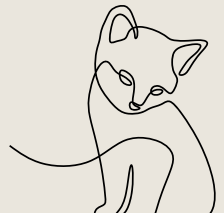
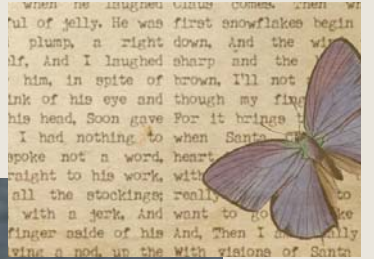


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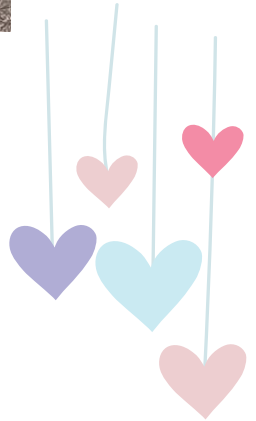




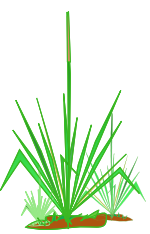
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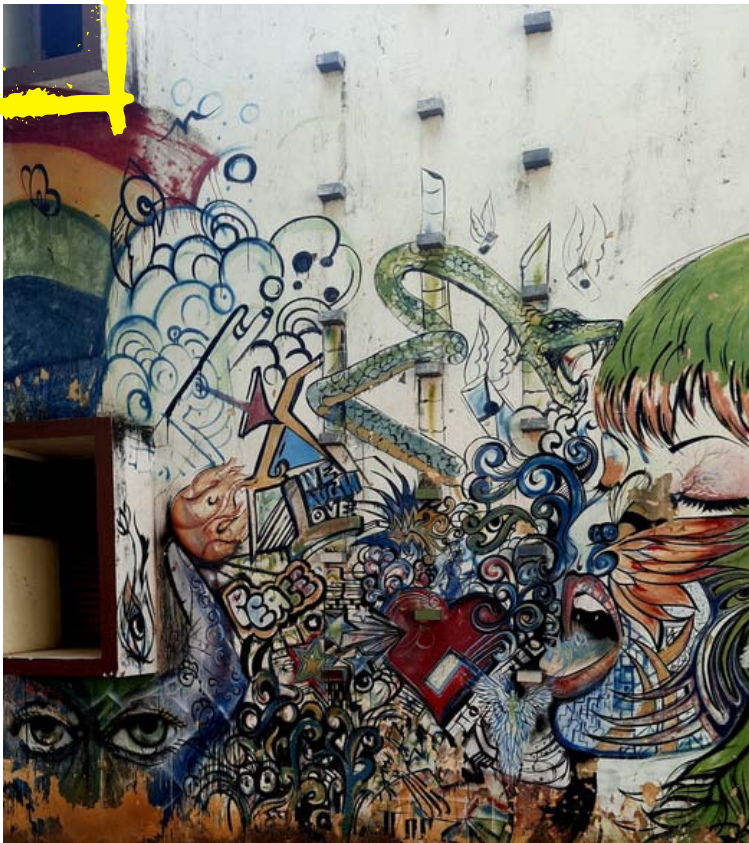


Coffee Flowers

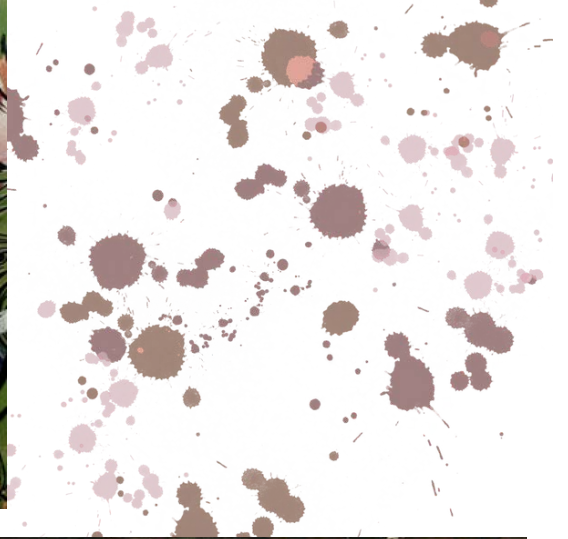


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Mural paintings by WCC students on walls opposite the centenary building





*Unforgettable
Souls
in the memory of the departed
Shantha Chacko*



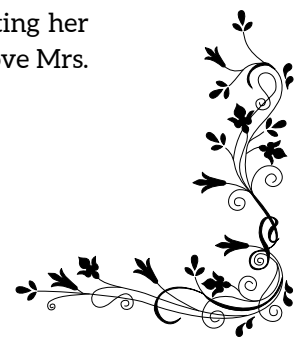
Mrs. Shantha Chacko enjoyed her days in Women's Christian College as an undergraduate student of Botany . Her sister Susan as well as her daughter, both are alumnae of WCC.

We were in the sixth standard, the first batch of students during 1967, when Mrs. Shantha Chacko nee Iyyaku came to Bains School Kilpauk as a Science teacher. Besides that, she taught us life skills too. ' Be Cheerful. Love people , and people will love you ' was her motto.

I sincerely thank God Almighty today for Mrs. Shantha Chacko who brought transformation into our lives, and for being with her together for almost more than half a century. She was a teacher who passionately loved teaching. She taught her own children, grandchildren and students to love learning.

Mrs. Chacko loved her students. I have seen her telephone book filled with numbers of students. She always was in touch with her old students. The last time I met her was at the W.C.C Centenary Celebration. She enjoyed every moment of the celebration , meeting her old friends and well wishers. I thank God for the wonderful Life of dedication and Love Mrs. Shantha Chacko lived.

V.M.Padmini, 1973 - 1977, Chemistry.
Asst. Treasurer, McDougall Memorial School.





Reva Pershad



I Had the opportunity of serving the alumnae association since 1978 along with other active members of the association . And Reva was one such radiant, gentle, kind and vibrant member with whom I became associated. Her smile was infectious and lightened the life of many whom she came into contact with.

Soft spoken Reva loved plants and greenery. She took up a project while she was the Secretary of the alumnae association - to plant ornamental plants in the quadrangle of the Science Block , which was hitherto barren. Moreover she always had a stall full of plants for the food fair held to generate funds for running the McDougall school. When I look at the plants, they bring back evergreen memories of a fairy called 'Reva' and my association with her.

From Ms. V.M.Padmini (1973-'77), Chemistry.
Asst.Treasurer
Mc.Dougall Memorial School.



There can be no one who would not be drawn towards the Grace and the attractive smile of Reva. She was quick to make friends with anyone whom she came into contact with and her helping spirit which she extended to all, made her much sought after. Reva and I shared a common interest in flowers and foliage and our talk mostly centered around plants and green surroundings. I cannot forget the fun times we had when we practiced for the WCC centenary dance by the alumnae which was assigned to us . She was a lythe dancer and partnered with me. We rolled in laughter when we got the steps, taught by my grand daughters, wrong.

Still can't believe that the lively, vibrant soul has left us behind for a more Brighter and Glorious world. Her memory will live in our hearts forever!

Nirmala Alexander.

Reva was an efficient, charming secretary in the Alumnae Executive Committee for quite a few years. She along with the then President Annie Joshua have contributed a lot to the Alumnae Association. RIP dear Reva. Heartfelt condolences to her family.

Ms. Shantha Ambat.





REVA PERSHAD (nee Malhotra) CLASS OF '69

Reva and I joined WCC the same year, 1965. She was a student of arts (Literature) and I of science. But that did not prevent us from striking up a friendship of sorts, which only grew after we had left College. She went on to do her M.A. in Stella Maris College and taught there for a short while. She was an active participant in the College plays and was remembered for the lead role she played in "The Cherry Orchard".

We met socially on and off, but it was the Alumnae Association which brought us close together. Both of us served as secretaries and worked closely during the Centenary celebrations.

Reva was a person whose interests were wide and varied. Her great love was gardening. She was an active member of several gardening groups and donated several plants to the annual food and fun fair every year. Her house had plants in every nook and corner, all well cared for. Though she lived far away in Uthandi, there was hardly a day when she did not come into the city to see friends and relations or take part in something or the other.

She did yeoman service in running the Sajani Tailoring Institute, which is a social outreach program of the Tamilnad Arya Samaj Education Trust, imparting training to women for gainful employment in the tailoring field. She was the driving force behind this initiative and was actively involved in its day-to-day operations till she had a cerebral hemorrhage in 2017, which left her paralyzed and without speech. Ultimately, complications arising from this took her away from her family and large circle of friends on the eleventh of May 2023. Her smile, her affectionate ways, enthusiasm and positive attitude will be sorely missed.

Mrs. Lakshmi





Soundrammal Jayachandran



Ms. Soundrammal Jayachandran was Tara Manogarom's mother and an alumna of WCC. Her daughter, Renuka was a year junior to me. We were roommates in Garden Hostel.

Sandhya Gautam, 1963, English





Rachel Kurien



Rachel Kuriyan (Gunavati Thomas) Age: 80 yrs, w/o Jacob Kuriyan (late), Kizhakkaveedu, left for her heavenly abode on 2nd August. She is mourned by Daughters - Suzy, Sunitha and Rebecca, Sons in law- Viju, Mammen and Tony And grandchildren





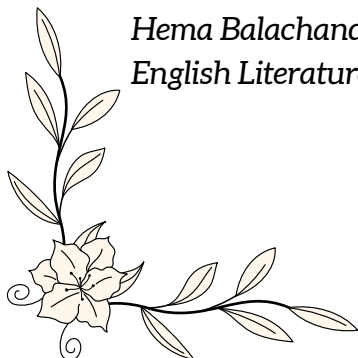
Shyamala Shiveshwarkar
25th Oct. 1945 - 27th Oct. 2023



Shyamala who passed away unexpectedly on 27th Oct. belonged to the batch of 1965 W.C.C. Her main was English Literature. She started her career as a journalist for The Hindustan Times in Delhi. She met her husband Gautam there who was also a journalist with the same paper. They had 2 daughters. Her elder one died very young while in college unfortunately. She left the paper to branch into various other free lance work. She has authored a book "The Peripheral Centre, voices from India's Northeast" pub. by Zubaan.

She explores the feminization of HIV/AIDS epidemic in the Northeastern states of India. She has devoted a huge part of her life in research and advocacy for HIV/AIDS in India. She was part of an NGO "All creatures great and small" established in April 2012. They were working on animal husbandry, dairy Inga and fisheries in Haryana. She was a very lively, vivacious and a generous person. She is survived by he daughter Gayatri and 2 grandsons.

Hema Balachander (nee) Menon
English Literature, Batch of 1966






Shanthi Manuel

OBITUARY

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."
II Timothy 4:7

22.12.1934  3.10.2023

Miss Shanthi Manuel
Former Principal & Secretary, Lady Doak College

An exemplary leader, a visionary, and an epitome of wisdom, compassion and benevolence.

A Thanksgiving Memorial Service will be held on 7 October 2023, 6.30 p.m., at the Wilcox Chapel, Lady Doak College, Madurai.

Lady Doak College Family



Lady Doak College remembered Ms. Shanthi Manuel not only as a visionary who established the Computing Centre, the first of its kind for issuing computerised mark statements to students but also an exemplary leader and epitome of wisdom, who dedicated her life for women's education.

I remember her as a very pretty and sweet natured person. I used to wait for her lectures. Knew her as Miss Thambu.
Nalini Singh

Also former principal of Lady Doak college Madurai. She was also in WCC for few years.
Mary



Sad to hear the passing on of dear Shanthi Manuel. She was an active member of the WCC College Association and also served on the Board of Management for several years. May her soul rest in Peace..
Shantha Ambat

Miss Shanthi Manuel was our logic and psychology teacher. So loving and caring. May her soul rest in peace. Praying for the family.
Saras Ratnaswami



Sugantha Thomas



"Well done, good and faithful servant." Matthew 25:23



SUGANTHA THOMAS

9-7-1933 TO 9-11-2023

...She is worth far more than rubies. Proverbs 31:10

54/45, NO.14, 2ND FLOOR, SNEHAVIHAR
APARTMENTS, 5TH CROSS STREET, TRUSTPURAM
CHENNAI 600024
PH : - 9442238765, 9884024802





LOVE FOR
WCC

AN UNENDING LOVE



Reunion of 1986-89 Batch, Zoology on a trip to Pondicherry



With Dr. Ridling Waller, Former Principal with Former PRO Saritha & Pearline



Classmates, 1972 Batch



Aruna B, lived in the Garden Hostel, 1974
Used to play the Chapel Organ,





Principal Dr Jasper meeting California alumnae for lunch on 30th September 2023



Aruna Siri, BSc 1978, Msc 1980



California



Meena Sethu

Balarathnam, Maths



Sandhya Gaowtham



Ramani Abraham (P), Selvarani(VP), Malathi Murthy(AVP), Mary Jacob(Religious), Rekha Roy(Mess?), Jeba(Games) and Mary Verghese(Non Res).

Malathi Mohan

Meena Sethu



Saras Rathnaswamy



Sandhya Gowtham & Sareena



Sandhya Gowtham & Sareena

Saras Rathnaswamy

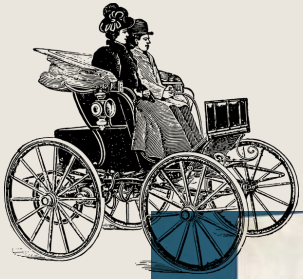


Balarathnam, Maths



Meena Sethu





Gigi Mathan, 1937





Gigi Mathan, 1937



Sareena, 1963

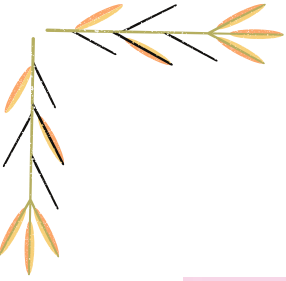


Malathi Mohan on Kashmir trip 1959-60




Malathi Mohan on Kashmir trip 1959-60



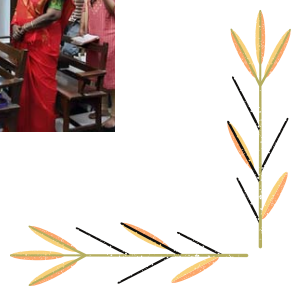


Annual General Body Meeting

OF WCC



The Alumnae Association
of
Women's Christian College,
Chennai
Annual General Body meeting
at 2.30 p.m. on 9.12.2022 I
n the Bamford Hall of the
Centenary Building



MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING

Venue: Bamford Hall, Centenary Building

Date: 09/12/2022 -2.30 PM

The meeting began with the invocation song rendered by the Chapel Committee. Mrs. Shantha Ambat, former President, led the gathering in Prayer. Silence was observed for the departed souls. Mrs. Grace Nesamoney, welcomed the gathering and thanked them for being present in spite of the inclement weather. She thanked the Principal, Dr. Lillian J. Jasper for her guidance and support. A shawl was presented by her to Ms. Lizzie Angeline, the Vice - Principal.

Secretary's Report:

In her report, the Secretary, Mrs. Joy Jones, briefly went through the events of the year. She highlighted the collection of membership fee from the final year students, the initiation ceremony held on 31st May, 2022, the Alumna of the year award ceremony on 19.5.2022 and the food fair held on 7.5.2022. She also mentioned that the filing of returns with the Registrar of Societies was done in December 2021 soon after the AGM.

Correspondent' Report

The Correspondent, Ms. Pauline Jones mentioned about the flag hoisting on Independence Day and Republic Day. There were 38 children on Roll. She and her team carried out a lot of renovation work in the McDougall Memorial Nursery School.

Treasurer's Report:

Since the Treasurer, Dr. Sharon Philomena could not attend the AGM due to heavy rains, the Assistant Treasurer, Ms. V.M. Padmini presented the statement of Accounts for the year and also elaborated on the student's scholarship funds provided by the Alumnae Association. The Audited Accounts for the year 2021-2022 was approved by the members. It was proposed by Ms. Amita Palat and seconded by Ms. Suganthy J. The General body unanimously approved the appointment of the present Auditors M/s. Lodha and Co for the year 2022-2023.

Principal's message:

Ms. Lizzie Angeline, the Vice-Principal expressed her happiness in being present and conveyed her good wishes. She read out a note from the Principal, Dr. Lillian Jasper. The Principal expressed her gratitude to the Alumnae for their constant encouragement and support received at various levels, particularly from Ms. Kaveri Kalanithi Maran, Alumnae and Former Senate President for the wonderful gift of MM Building. The Chief Guest for the convocation was yet another Alumnae, Dr. Sonajharia Minx, Vice- Chancellor, Murmu Kanha University, Jharkand. She closed with wishes for Christmas and New Year.

The Secretary, Ms. Joy Jones conducted the election. The tenure of the following members ended.

A. Biennial Members

1. Dr. Anna Sironmoney
2. Mrs. Davaselvi Rajakumar
3. Mrs. Deepti Sukumar
4. Mrs. Shakunthala Devapragasam
5. Mrs. Sarah Paul
6. Mrs. Vimali T
7. Dr. Veena

B. Staff Representative: Shift 2

1. Dr. Nirmala A Jebaranjitham

Mrs. Pauline Jones (Present Correspondent) and Mrs. Dhanuja N (Present Additional Secretary) have tendered their resignations from their posts due to personal reasons.

The Secretary extended her gratitude to them for their support and co-operation.

The following members were inducted into the Committee:

Executive Committee Members:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Mrs. Vimali T | Addl. Secretary |
| 2. Mrs. Hilda Manoharan | Correspondent |
| 3. Mrs. Shakunthala Devapragasam | Asst. Correspondent |

Biennial Members

1. Mrs. Premalatha Menon
2. Mrs. Suganthy J
3. Mrs. Mary Virginia
4. Mrs. Helen Malathy
5. Mrs. Premi Ebenezer
6. Mrs. Pearline Roopkumar
7. Mrs. Sylvia Ponnaiah

Mess Secretary

Mrs. Davaselvi Rajakumar

Staff Representative: Shift 2

Dr. Hemasankari, BCA

The General body resolved the change of Authorised signatories for the respective Bank Accounts in view of new signatories. The Secretary then requested the new members to self-introduce and the new members did so. As there were no other matter to be discussed, VP Ms. Amita Palat proposed the vote of thanks. The Chapel Committee led the gathering in singing the Alma Mater. The AGM ended with refreshments for the participants.

Ms. Joy Jones
SECRETARY
WCC ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION

Membership Form

Alumnae Association



Women's Christian College

Chennai - 600 006.

Membership of the Association is open to anyone who has been a student of the college for one term or more; is serving or has served as the staff, visiting lecturers included. Life Membership is Rs. 500/- for those living in India and Rs. 2000/- for those abroad. Membership of the Association entitles the Member to receive the "Alumnae Sunflower" (the Alumnae Magazine) once a year and invitation to Alumnae functions. Payments may be made in cash or by cheque drawn in favour of the "WCC Alumnae Association". Please fill up and return the tear-off slip attached below along with your membership fee.

Application for Life Membership

Name :

Name in College :

Address : Permanent Address _____

Current Address _____

Email id :

Contact Number :

Occupation :

Year in College : _____ to _____ Subject :

Special Interests :

Family Details :

THE ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION OF WCC, CHENNAI – AGM - AGENDA

ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING - 8th DECEMBER 2023 AT 2:30 P.M in the Centenary Building, WCC, Chennai

AGENDA

1. Prayer
2. Welcome
3. Secretary's Report
4. Correspondent's Report
5. Approval and adoption of Accounts of the association for the year ended 31st March 2023
6. Appointment of Auditors for the year 2023-2024
7. Election of Biennial members and Mess Secretary
8. Any other business
9. Vote of thanks.

The terms of the following members ended:

Executive Committee:

1. President - Ms. Grace Nesamoney
2. Vice President – Ms. Amita Palat
3. Secretary – Ms. Joy Rajakumari Jones
4. Treasurer – Dr. Sharon V Philomena
5. Additional Secretary – Ms. S. Vimali
6. Assistant Treasurer – Ms. V.M. Padmini
7. Correspondent – Ms. Hilda Manoharan
8. Assistant Correspondent – Ms. Shakunthala Devepragasam

Biennial Members:

1. Ms. Geetha Rajaram
2. Ms. Saraswathy Rathnasami
3. Ms. T. Evangeline

Staff Representatives:

SHIFT-1

1. Ms. Anna Matthew
2. Ms. Jelin Rebekah

SHIFT- 2

1. Dr. Linnet

Mess Secretary:

Ms. Davaselvi Rajkumar

The following names have been proposed for the election:

Executive Committee:

1. President - Ms. Joy Rajakumari Jones
2. Vice President – Ms. Pearline Rookkumar
3. Secretary – Ms. Mary Virginia
4. Treasurer – Dr. Ethan Malar
5. Additional Secretary – Ms. Davaselvi Rajkumar
6. Assistant Treasurer – Ms. Saraswathy Rathnasami
7. Correspondent – Ms. Suganthy Jayakumar
8. Assistant Correspondent – Ms. Premi Ebenezer

Biennial Members:

1. Ms. Indra James
2. Ms. Ivy Sarala Rajapandi
3. Ms. Tara Manogarom
4. Ms. Padmini Rajkumar
5. Ms. Pricilla Christina Joyce. W
6. Ms. Rupel Nargunam
7. Ms. Bettina Jebaraj
8. Ms. Sheryl Pauline

Staff Representatives:

Shift -1

1. Dr. Jemmy
2. Dr. Jancy Merlin

Shift- 2

1. Ms. Janet Glory

Mess Secretary:

Ms. V.M. Padmini

Any other nominations to be mailed to: grsahaya@gmail.com on or before 21st November, 2023.

Date: 8th November, 2023

Place: Chennai

List of Executive Committee Members

President Ms. Grace Nesamoney
Vice President Ms. Amita Palat
Secretary Ms. Joy Rajakumari Jones
Treasurer Dr. Sharon V Philomena
Addl. Secretary Ms. S. Vimali
Asst. Treasurer Ms. V.M. Padmini
Correspondent Ms. Hilda Manoharan
Asst. Correspondent Ms. Shakunthala Devepragasam

Biennial Members (2021-23):

1. Ms. Geetha Rajaram
2. Ms. Saraswathy Rathnasami
3. Ms. T. Evangeline

Biennial Members (2022-24):

1. Ms. Nirmala Samuel
2. Ms. Sylvia Ponniah
3. Ms. Mary Virginia
4. Ms. Malathy Helen
5. Ms. Premi Ebenezer
6. Ms. Pearline Roopkumar
7. Ms. Suganthy Jayakumar

Editor: Dr. Nirmala Alexander
Sub Editor: Ms. Lavanya Raj

Staff Representative:

SHIFT-1

1. Ms. Anna Matthew
2. Ms. Jelin Rebekah

SHIFT- 2

1. Dr. Linnet
2. Dr. Hemasankari

Ms. Joy Jones
SECRETARY
WCC ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION

Auditor's Reports

WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN COLLEGE ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION CHENNAI									
NO: 51, COLLEGE ROAD, CHENNAI - 600006									
A	INTRODUCTION								
		<p>The Association is an entity registered with the Society under the Tamilnadu Society Registration Act, 1975 in the year 2009. The Association has been allotted PAN AAAAT9991L. It has its office at 51, College Road, Egmore, and Chennai - 600006. The society is managed by the elected Executive Committee consisting of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer duly elected. The association is managing a school, which is recognised by the Education department and is receiving grant in aid for the teachers</p>							
B	ACCOUNTING POLICIES								
1	Basis of Accounting								
		The Association is following cash system of Accounting							
2	Property, Plant and equipment								
		<p>The fixed assets are stated at historical cost, consisting of cost of purchase and expenses incurred in bringing the same to location are capitalised. In case of donation of assets in kind, the same are accounted at the fair market value determined by the committee</p>							
3	Depreciation								
		<p>Depreciation is provided in the books at written down value basis as per the rates specified below:</p>							
		Building		5%					
		office Equipments		10%					
		Furniture		10%					
4	Revenue Recognition								
		<p>Revenue consisting of alumnae fees is recognised on receipt of the same from the college. Fees and other revenue are recognised as and when the same has been received</p>							
		<p>Interest on Fixed deposits are recognised based on the Form 26AS from the Income Tax department at the year end with corresponding claim of TDS deducted if any, and actual interest received during the year either at the time of maturity of deposits or otherwise are adjusted to interest income adjustment in the General or capital fund</p>							
5	GRANTS:								
		<p>Grants from the Government towards salary of the teachers are accounted as and when received</p>							
6	DESIGNATED FUNDS:								
		<p>Any specific donation received with a specific purpose is accounted as corpus donations and separate fund and investments are created out of the donations. Interest from the specified funds are utilised for the purpose for which the fund is created</p>							

WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN COLLEGE ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION CHENNAI							
NO: 51, COLLEGE ROAD, CHENNAI - 600006							
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31-03-2023							
EXPENDITURE		31.03.2023	31.03.2022	INCOME		31.03.2023	31.03.2022
		RS.PS	RS.PS				RS.PS
SCHOLARSHIP W/C		40,000.00	55,000.00	DONATIONS RECEIVED		12,35,443.00	1,00,000.00
AUDIT FEES		39,058.00	40,710.00	FIXED DEPOSIT INTEREST		5,83,980.00	5,79,252.00
POSTAGE, PRINTING ETC		1,43,096.00	53,673.00	SAVINGS BANK INTEREST		19,799.00	17,524.00
BANK CHARGES		233.64	741.04	SALE OF MAGAZINES		1,900.00	6,800.00
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES		48,681.00	36,572.00	INTEREST ON INCOME TAX REFUND		3,822.00	1,890.00
DEPRECIATION		7,684.00	8,312.00	EXCESS OF EXPENDITURE OVER INCOME		-	-
CLOCK TOWER MAINTENANCE EXPENSES		-	1,29,628.00				
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE		85,208.00	85,000.00				
FOOD FAIR EXPENSES		4,11,600.00	-				
EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE		10,69,383.36	2,95,829.96				
TOTAL		18,44,944.00	7,05,466.00	TOTAL		18,44,944.00	7,05,466.00
PRESIDENT		SECRETARY		TREASURER		PARTNER, M NO 021756	

WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN COLLEGE ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION CHENNAI							
NO: 51, COLLEGE ROAD, CHENNAI - 600006							
MC DOUGALL MEMORIAL NURSERY SCHOOL							
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31-03-2023							
EXPENDITURE		31.03.2023	31.03.2022	INCOME		31.03.2023	31.03.2022
		RS.PS	RS.PS			RS.PS	RS.PS
SALARIES		16,93,827.00	19,01,631.00	GRANT FROM GOVERNMENT		16,00,860.00	13,82,950.00
SCHOOL EXPENSES		2,64,552.00	1,53,309.00	ADMISSION FEES		4,200.00	2,300.00
MESS EXPENSES		1,26,940.00	11,590.50	DONATIONS		1,56,702.00	33,000.00
BANK CHARGES		206.50	265.50	SAVINGS BANK INTEREST		5,123.00	19,951.00
ELECTRICITY AND WATER CHARGES		10,499.00	9,726.00	GAS SUBSIDY		299.40	299.40
DEPRECIATION		11,221.00	12,468.00	EXCESS OF EXPENDITURE OVER INCOME		3,40,061.10	6,50,489.60
EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE		-	-				
TOTAL		21,07,245.50	20,88,990.00			21,07,245.50	20,88,990.00
					VIDE OUR REPORT OF EVEN DATE		
					For LODHA &CO,		
					CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS		
					FRN301051E		
PRESIDENT		SECRETARY		TREASURER		PARTNER, M NO 021756	

WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN COLLEGE ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION CHENNAI							
NO: 51, COLLEGE ROAD, CHENNAI - 600006							
STATEMENT OF AFFAIRS AS AT 31-03-2023							
LIABILITIES	SCH	31.3.2023	31.03.2022	ASSETS	SCH	31.3.2023	31.03.2022
			RS.PS				RS.PS
CAPITAL FUND	1	1,32,05,243.71	1,06,33,110.35	FIXED ASSETS LESS DEPRECIATION	5	2,08,555.00	2,27,460.00
GENERAL FUND	2	7,41,005.00	7,41,005.00	FIXED DEPOSITS WITH BANKS	6	1,06,43,145.00	96,78,616.00
DESIGNATED FUNDS	3	-8,62,306.04	-5,58,102.14	CASH AND BANK BALANCES	7	21,91,092.67	8,34,377.21
CURRENT LIABILITIES	4	9,400.00	9,400.00	CURRENT ASSETS	8	50,550.00	84,960.00
TOTAL		1,30,93,342.67	1,08,25,413.21	TOTAL		1,30,93,342.67	1,08,25,413.21
					VIDE OUR REPORT OF EVEN DATE		
					For LODHA &CO,		
					CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS		
					FRN301051E		
PRESIDENT		SECRETARY		TREASURER	PARTNER, M NO 021756		

WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN COLLEGE ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION CHENNAI					
NO: 51, COLLEGE ROAD, CHENNAI - 600006					
RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31.03.2023					
RECEIPTS	RS.PS	RS.PS	DISBURSEMENTS	RS.PS	RS.PS
	31.3.2023	31.03.2022		31.3.2023	31.03.2022
LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND			LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND		
OPENING BALANCE					
CASH ON HAND	2,625.00	1,274.00	REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	85,208.00	85,000.00
IOB SB A/C 2630	1,40,970.11	2,38,624.35	FIXED DEPOSIT MADE	14,95,525.00	7,18,973.00
SBI SB A/C 9960	16,448.80	1,147.80	BANK CHARGES	233.64	811.84
IOB SB A/C 2689	1,05,263.43	3,21,495.23	AUDIT FEES	39,058.00	40,710.00
IOB SB A/C 3934	-		PROGRAMME EXPENSES	1,21,495.00	55,000.00
IOB SB A/C 5691	6,488.89	44,893.69	POSTAGE AND COURIER	228.00	53,673.00
			CLOCK TOWER MAINTENANCE EXPENSES	-	1,29,628.00
LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEE	13,20,500.00	4,500.00	CONVEYANCE	4,800.00	6,292.00
INTEREST ON FIXED DEPOSITS	3,55,043.00	3,51,236.00	PRINTING AND STATIONARY	1,42,868.00	2,450.00
SAVINGS BANK INTEREST	19,799.00	19,397.00	SUNDRY EXPENSES	48,681.00	27,830.00
SALE OF MAGAZINE	1,900.00	6,800.00	FOOD FAIR EXPENSES	2,85,305.00	-
INCOME TAX REFUND	81,068.00	37,720.00	SCHOLARSHIP PAYMENT	40,000.00	-
INTEREST ON INCOME TAX REFUND	3,822.00	1,890.00			
MATURITY PROCEEDS OF FIXED DEPOSITS	8,95,525.00	4,08,186.00			
FOOD FAIR COLLECTION S:					
DONATIONS RECEIVED(FOOD FAIR)	10,53,115.00	1,05,000.00	CLOSING BALANCE		
STALL INCOME(FOOD FAIR)	1,57,328.00	-	CASH ON HAND	15,262.00	2,625.00
MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS	25,000.00	-	IOB SB A/C 2630	7,51,832.79	1,40,970.11
			SBI SB A/C 9960	76,719.80	16,448.80
			IOB SB A/C 2689	65,873.91	1,05,263.43
			IOB SB A/C 3934	1,226.00	-
			IOB SB A/C 5691	7,40,580.09	6,488.89

MC DOUGALL MEMORIAL NURSERY SCHOOL			MC DOUGALL MEMORIAL NURSERY SCHOOL		
OPENING BALANCE			SALARY	15,32,272.00	19,01,631.00
CASH ON HAND	2,109.00	3,688.50	SCHOOL EXPENSES	2,64,552.00	1,53,309.00
CENTRAL BANK SB A/C 1203	52,205.79	38,758.39	MESS EXPENSES	1,26,940.00	11,590.50
SBI SB A/C 70902	4,21,037.00	9,20,926.50	BANK CHARGES	206.50	265.50
GOVERNMENT GRANT	16,00,860.00	13,82,950.00	ELECTRICITY AND WATER CHARGES	10,499.00	9,726.00
ADMISSION FEES	4,200.00	2,300.00	ADDITION TO FIXED ASSETS	-	1,24,680.00
SAVINGS BANK INTEREST	5,123.00	19,951.00	INCOME TAX	1,61,555.00	-
DONATIONS	1,56,702.00	33,000.00			
GAS SUBSIDY	299.40	299.40			
DONATION RECEIVED IN KIND	-	1,24,680.00	CLOSING BALANCE		
		-	CASH ON HAND	13,634.00	2,109.00
			CENTRAL BANK SB A/C 41203	25,517.69	52,205.79
			SBI SB A/C 70902	3,77,360.00	4,21,037.00
DR ELIZABETH SCHOLARSHIP FUND			DR ELIZABETH SCHOLARSHIP FUND		
OPENING BALANCE					
CENTRAL BANK SB A/C 158	15,810.24	15,431.24	SCHOLARSHIP	19,950.00	10,000.00
SCHOLARSHIP	20,000.00	10,100.00			
BANK INTEREST	190.00	279.00	CLOSING BALANCE		
			CENTRAL BANK SB A/C 158	16,050.24	15,810.24
GOOD SAMARITAN FUND			GOOD SAMARITAN FUND		
OPENING BALANCE					
IOB SB A/C 8630	71,418.95	36,408.75	BANK CHARGES	70.80	70.80
FD INTEREST	33,497.00	33,480.00			
SAVINGS BANK INTEREST	2,191.00	1,400.00			
DONATION	-	201.00			
CLOSURE OF FIXED DEPOSIT	-	-	CLOSING BALANCE		
			IOB SB A/C 8630	1,07,036.15	71,418.95
TOTAL	65,70,539.61	41,66,017.85	TOTAL	65,70,539.61	41,66,017.85
PRESIDENT		SECRETARY	TREASURER		

WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN COLLEGE ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION CHENNAI		
NO: 51, COLLEGE ROAD, CHENNAI - 600006		
	31.3.2023	31.3.2022
SCHEDULE 1 - CAPITAL FUND		
LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND		
BALANCE AT THE BEGINNING	1,06,33,110.35	1,05,13,340.39
ADD: RECEIPTS DURING THE YEAR	13,20,500.00	4,500.00
ADD: SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	10,69,383.36	2,95,829.96
ADD: FIXED DEPOSIT INTEREST	1,82,250.00	-1,80,560.00
BALANCE AT THE YEAR END	1,32,05,243.71	1,06,33,110.35
SCHEDULE 2 - GENERAL FUND		
BALANCE AT THE BEGINNING	7,41,005.00	7,41,005.00
BALANCE AT THE YEAR END	7,41,005.00	7,41,005.00
SCHEDULE 4 - CURRENT LIABILITIES		
PROVISION FOR TAXATION	9,400.00	9,400.00
	9,400.00	9,400.00
SCHEDULE 7 - CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		
TOTAL CASH IN HAND	28,896.00	4,734.00
IOB SB A/C 2630	7,51,832.79	1,40,970.11
SBI SB A/C 9960	76,719.80	16,448.80
IOB SB A/C 2689	65,873.91	1,05,263.43
IOB SB A/C 5691	7,40,580.09	6,488.89
CENTRAL BANK A/C 41203	25,517.69	52,205.79
SBI A/C 70902	3,77,360.00	4,21,037.00
CENTRAL BANK A/C 5158	16,050.24	15,810.24
IOB SB A/C 8630	1,07,036.15	71,418.95
IOB SB A/C 3934	1,226.00	-
	21,91,092.67	8,34,377.21
SCHEDULE 8-CURRENT ASSET		
SHORT TERM RECEIVABLE		
TDS RECEIVABLE	50,550.00	84,960.00
	50,550.00	84,960.00

Details for Capital Adjustments		
BALANCE AT THE BEGINNING	1,06,33,110.35	1,05,13,340.39
ADD: RECEIPTS DURING THE YEAR	13,20,500.00	4,500.00
ADD: SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	10,69,383.36	2,95,829.96
ADD: FIXED DEPOSIT INTEREST	-1,78,387.00	-1,80,560.00
ADD:TDS RECEIVABLE	-3,892.00	-
ADD:FIXED DEPOSIT ADJUSTMENTS	3,64,529.00	-
	1,32,05,243.71	1,06,33,110.35

SCHEDULE 3 - DESIGNATED FUNDS						
PARTICULARS	OPENING BALANCE	ADD INTEREST	SURPLUS	ADD DONATIONS	LESS TRANSFERS	CLOSING BALANCE
	RS.PS	RS.PS	RS.PS	RS.PS	RS.PS	RS.PS
DR ELIZABETH GEORGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND						
CURRENT YEAR	54,230.00	190.00		20,000.00	19,950.00	54,470.00
PREVIOUS YEAR	53,851.00	279.00		10,100.00	10,000.00	54,230.00
DR FLORENCE THEOPHILUS PRIZE MONEY						
CURRENT YEAR	33,514.00					33,514.00
PREVIOUS YEAR	33,514.00					33,514.00

GOOD SAMARITAN FUND						
CURRENT YEAR	3,35,553.40	35,617.20				3,71,170.60
PREVIOUS YEAR	3,00,543.20	34,809.20		201.00		3,35,553.40
MS INDRANI MICHAEL ENDOWMENT						
CURRENT YEAR	45,498.00					45,498.00
PREVIOUS YEAR	45,498.00					45,498.00
SCHOLARSHIP FUND						
CURRENT YEAR	2,26,536.00					2,26,536.00
PREVIOUS YEAR	2,26,536.00					2,26,536.00
MC DOUGALL MEMORIAL NURSERY SCHOOL FUND						
CURRENT YEAR	-12,53,433.54		-3,40,061.10	-		-15,93,494.64
PREVIOUS YEAR	-7,39,751.14		-6,38,362.40	1,24,680.00		-12,53,433.54
TOTAL OF FUNDS	-5,58,102.14					-8,62,306.04

SCHEDULE 5 - FIXED ASSET						
PARTICULARS	WDV ON 01.04.2022	ADDITIONS	DELETIONS	TOTAL	DEPRECIATION	WDV ON 31.03.2023
BUILDING	76,826.00	-	-	76,826.00	3,841.00	72,985.00
OFFICE EQUIPMENT	36,206.00	-	-	36,206.00	3,621.00	32,585.00
FURNITURE	2,216.00	-	-	2,216.00	222.00	1,994.00
	1,15,248.00	-	-	1,15,248.00	7,684.00	1,07,564.00
PARTICULARS	WDV ON 01.04.2022	ADDITIONS	DELETIONS	TOTAL	DEPRECIATION	WDV ON 31.03.2023
OFFICE EQUIPMENT - SCHOOL	1,12,212.00	-	-	1,12,212.00	11,221.00	1,00,991.00
	1,12,212.00	-	-	1,12,212.00	11,221.00	1,00,991.00

SCHEDULE 6: DETAILS OF FIXED DEPOSITS AS ON 31.03.2023									
SL NO	PARTICULARS	FDR NO	ACCOUNT NO	DEPOSIT DATE	MATURITY DATE	AMOUNT AS ON 31-03-2022	Closures During the year	Additons During the Year	AMOUNT AS ON 31-03-2023
						Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs
1	SUNDARAM BNP PARIBAS	FDF113564	H007323	29-01-2021	29-01-2024	50,000.00			50,000.00
2	SUNDARAM BNP PARIBAS	FDF119087	H007323	04-04-2021	04-04-2024	1,00,000.00			1,00,000.00
3	SUNDARAM BNP PARIBAS	FDF113565	H025156	02-03-2021	02-03-2024	2,00,000.00			2,00,000.00
4	SUNDARAM BNP PARIBAS	FDF113563	H007323	25.02.2021	25-02-2024	2,00,000.00			2,00,000.00
5	SBI	35794726448	35794726448	27.05.2022	27.05.2024	1,91,972.00			2,10,580.00
6	CANARA BANK	289169	0941401008021/3	03.11.2022	03-11-2024	83,247.00			92,401.00
7	HDFC	MA/1758514		24-08-2020	24.05.2023	50,000.00			50,000.00
8	TAMILNADU POWER FINANCE	RAA383886	14230100002630	11.03.2019	11.03.2022	6,00,000.00	6,00,000.00		-
9	TAMILNADU POWER FINANCE	RAA383887	14230100002630	11.03.2019	11.03.2022	1,50,000.00	1,50,000.00		-
10	TAMILNADU POWER FINANCE	RAA363711	14230100002630	26.02.2021	26-02-2026	1,00,000.00			1,00,000.00
11	IOB	78841	511400770	05-11-2022	05-11-2024	9,03,245.00			9,96,443.00
12	IOB	79003	515300145	25.03.2022	25.03.2025	6,28,765.00			7,69,732.00
13	IOB	38281	142304511500798	30-09-2021	30-09-2022	4,56,947.00			4,98,953.00
14	IOB	38881	21150018	01.08.2021	01-08-2024	4,00,000.00			4,00,000.00
15	IOB	283011	1423/04/2541	20-06-2022	20-06-2023	3,00,000.00			3,00,000.00

16	IOB	426651	1423/04/23 87	09-05- 2022	09-05- 2023	7,00,000.0 0			7,00,000.0 0
17	IOB	78843	511400771	05-11-2022	05-11-2024	3,09,373.0 0			3,41,556.0 0
18	SUNDARA M BNP PARIBAS	CDC14163 5	H007323	13.03.2022	13-03-2023	1,00,000.0 0			1,05,600.0 0
19	CENTRAL BANK	389047	304877182 9	09-02- 2023	28-04- 2024	29,398.00			32,483.00
20	SBI	392261724 43	392261724 43	19.03.2020	19.03.2023	8,50,000.0 0			8,50,000.0 0
21	IOB	604840	14230400 0007083	27.03.2023	27.03.2026	5,40,000.0 0			5,40,000.0 0
22	IOB	604832	14230400 0007056	18.03.2023	18.03.2026	10,00,000. 00			10,00,000. 00
23	TAMILNAD U POWER FINANCE		14230100 0002630	30-03- 2021	30-03- 2026	7,00,000.0 0			7,00,000.0 0
24	TAMILNAD U POWER FINANCE	12020084 0869	14230100 0002630	30-03- 2021	30-03- 2022	1,36,684.0 0	1,36,684.0 0		-
26	IOB	,0780206		02-01- 2023	21-03-2024	1,00,000.0 0			1,00,000.0 0
27	IOB	,0140892	14230400 0008758	20-12-2022	20-12-2023	80,000.00			85,649.00
28	IOB	140978	14230400 0009570	01-09- 2021	01-09- 2026	3,43,490.0 0			3,43,487.0 0
29	IOB	0604137	14230400 001079	23-02-2022	22-02-2023	1,00,000.0 0			1,05,250.0 0
30	IOB	0140983	14230400 0009579	04-09- 2021	31-08- 2026	64,720.00			64,711.00
31	IOB	0780373	14230400 0009395	27-07-2021	06-07- 2026	42,575.00			42,575.00
32	IOB	0780379	14230400 0009396	27-07-2021	26-07- 2026	1,68,200.0 0			1,68,200.0 0
33	IOB	38294	14230400 0012081	15-10-2022	10-10- 2025			6,00,000. 00	6,00,000. 00
34	IOB	604236	14230400 0011401	04-06- 2022	03-06- 2025			1,45,525.0 0	1,45,525.0 0
35	IOB	604234	14230400 0011399	04-06- 2022	03-06- 2025			1,50,000.0 0	1,50,000.0 0
36	IOB	604235	14230400 0011403	04-06- 2022	03-06- 2025			6,00,000. 00	6,00,000. 00
	TOTAL					96,78,616. 00	8,86,684.0 0	14,95,525. 00	1,06,43,14 5.00



1-5 Children at Fire station
6-8 A day at the Madras Museum



If undelivered pls return to Women's Christian College 51, College Road, Chennai-600 006

McDougall Memorial School children on a picnic Venue: Sethupattu Pasumai Poonga (Sethupattu Green Gardens)