

ANNUAL REPORT 2019 – 20

Honourable Chief Guest Mr. Vijay Kumar, IAS, Rev Bro. Johnson Rex Dhanabal, Director and Secretary, Dr. Fatima Vasanth, Academic Director, revered brothers of the Patrician Community, distinguished invitees, Heads of the Departments, teaching and non-teaching staff members, parents and dear students, very good morning and a warm welcome to one and all to the 19th College Day celebrations of our esteemed institution.

We are indeed honoured to have Mr. Vijay Kumar, IAS, grace the occasion as the distinguished chief guest of the day. He holds a Masters and M.Phil degree in Political Science and belongs to the 1992 batch of State Civil Service and the Indian Administrative Service 2003 batch. Mr Vijay Kumar has held various prestigious positions such as :

- Secretary, TNPSC (State Public Service Commission)
- Member Secretary, Sports Development Authority (SDAT)
- Collector, Perambalur District
- Additional Commissioner, Industries Department
- Managing Director, TABCEDCO (Backward Class Development Corporation)

He is presently working as the Managing Director of the prestigious Electronics Corporation of Tamil Nadu (ELCOT) which provides technical assistance to Government departments in IT procurement, e-Governance and other IT services.

In field postings, his expertise and knowledge in Crisis Management and Conflict Resolution had helped to resolve many issues.

As an activist Mr. Vijay Kumar has brought about many social changes especially among the youth through Sports, Fine Arts, Meditation and the emerging technologies.

Thank you Sir for accepting our invitation and honouring us with your presence.

This year was marked with many successful events and all credit is attributed to the high level of dedication of the Management, the professionalism of the faculty and the sincere efforts and support of the students and other stakeholders. It is my proud privilege to present the annual report of the academic year June 2019 to March 2020.

Patrician College of Arts and Science is a Christian minority self-financing co-educational institution affiliated to the University of Madras. It has worked its way up from a humble beginning with just 155 students in its inception in 2001 to become one of the renowned institutions in this Metropolitan city, with a total strength of 3,330 students, offering 11 UG, 3 PG and 2 M.Phil programs in Shift I and 7 UG programs in Shift-II. It is proposed to introduce three more PG programs in the next academic year.

ADMISSION

This year 1,112 students were admitted in UG/ PG and M. Phil programmes.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE: UNIVERSITY RESULTS

In the University End Semester Examinations conducted in April 2019, of a total of 744 students who appeared, 568 students successfully cleared with an overall pass percentage of 74%.

FACULTY / STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

4 faculty members were awarded with the Doctoral Degrees and sixteen faculty members have been promoted to the level of Associate Professors. Faculty attended and presented 45 papers at International/ National Conferences, workshop and seminars, and published articles in UGC Approved Journals. 5 faculty members have published 7 books. Dr. Meena, Head, Dept of Commerce Dr. Meenakshi, Head Department of Accounting & Finance and Dr. Unika of Commerce Department have completed the MHRD Refresher Course. 13 faculty have completed NPTEL courses of which 2 have been recognised as Mentors. Dr. B Meena and Mrs. Sasikala, Dept of Management, have been recognized as Top Mentors. Out of 385 students who enrolled, 93 appeared for the examinations and 45 students successfully completed the NPTEL courses. 15 students has successfully completed online course as well. Karthick of III BCA and Ajith Kumar III BSc CS have received consolation prize for All India Young Innovator Award. We congratulate the faculty and students for their achievements. The College has been an Active Local Chapter from December 2017.

REOPENING & ORIENTATION

The academic year 2019-20 commenced on 17th June for Second and Third years, and 22nd June for the First years. An orientation program was conducted for the first-year students to acquaint

them with the ethos of the college and facilitate their smooth transition from higher secondary to under-graduate studies. Sessions on curriculum and goal setting, course structure, college regulation, extra- curricular activities, club events, community service initiatives and other matters made the orientation program an ideal introductory session for the freshers. Orientation for PG students was held on 17th July 2019.

INVESTITURE CEREMONY

On 13th July 2019, Mr. Robin Jacob, CEO, M.A. Jacob Group of Companies, invested the Office Bearers of the Student Council and the badge holders of various clubs and cells. Bro. Johnson Rex Dhanabal, Director & Secretary and Mr. Robin Jacob addressed the students on role and responsibility of leaders and leadership qualities.

FRESHER'S DAY

Fresher's Day was presided over on July 31st, 2019 by the chief guests Dr. Yamni Kannappan, Psychiatrist, Kaveri Hospitals and Mr. Shanta Kumar, ADGP, Adyar. Both the guests invited gave very informative talk on the consequences of mobile addiction and drug abuse. The first year students showcased their talents in the cultural programme that was organised. .

COLLEGE ANNIVERSARY

The College celebrated its completion of 18 years on 1st August. Considering the growth of the institution, the infrastructural facilities are also constantly upgraded and enhanced by the Management. Every first Friday of the month was earmarked as Charity Day. The voluntary contributions made by the students and the contributions of the stakeholders including faculty, parents, alumni, support staff were used to create the Patrician Student Scholarship on this day. 17 students have benefitted from this new initiative.

INDEPENDENCE DAY

73rd Independence Day of our nation was celebrated by hoisting the National flag. Essay writing, Poetry writing and Oratorical competitions were conducted and prizes were distributed on the occasion.

DIRECTOR'S FEAST DAY/ BIRTHDAY

On 6th August, Rev.Bro. Johnson Rex Dhanapal Director and Secretary published his maiden book *Naalai Namathey*, a motivational book for the youth of today. The book was released by the Minister of Tamil Official Language and Tamil Culture - Thiru. K. Pandiarajan in the presence of other dignitaries Rev.Dr. John Jayasingh (United Nations Peace Ambassador, New York, USA), Mr. Emiliyas (Additional Advocate General of Tamilnadu), Rev. Fr. Jegath Gaspar Raj (Tamil Maiyam, Chennai Sangamam), Prof. Dr. Parveen Sultana, Mr. Joe Malloori (Poet and Actor), and Mr. Inigo Irudayaraj (Director, Christuva Nallenna Iyakkam)

On 22nd August , students and faculty members celebrated the birthday of our Director and Secretary. Saplings were planted on campus as a part of the celebration. As a gesture of respect and honour a portrait of the Brother Johnson Rex was sketched by Mr. Mariappan, Asst. Professor of Department of Media Studies and the students enacted the chapter-wise theme of the book making it more relevant for them.

TEACHER'S DAY

Teacher's Day was celebrated on 5th September, with pomp and gaiety in the college. The teachers, who have been instrumental in shaping the students' lives, were honored on the occasion. The members of the Student Council organized a program as a part of the celebration.

CONSTITUTIONAL DAY

As part of the Government stipulation, Constitutional Day was celebrated with gusto. On 26th November, during the Assembly, the preamble was read and the importance of the Day was explained to the students. Other Commemorative days observed with dignity were Anti Child Labour Day, World Population Day, Anti-Untouchability Day, Human Rights Day, Mathribhasa Diwas, World Nature Conservation Day, Pink Day, Martyrs' Day, Communal Harmony Day, and National Integration Day

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Christmas Season was a joyous moment filled with fun and frolic. On 19th December Christmas celebration was organized for the students. This happy festive vibe brought happiness among the students and inculcated the spirit of sharing and giving. On 20th December, Christmas celebration for the Staff was organized, with a lot of fun filled activities followed by dinner.

PONGAL CELEBRATIONS

On 14th January, 2020, Pongal, the harvest festival was celebrated in campus creating a village ambience. Cultural programs denoting the greatness of the culture of Tamil Nadu were conducted and sweet Pongal was distributed.

REPUBLIC DAY

On 26th January 2020 the college celebrated the 71st Republic day. Oratorical and Essay writing competitions were conducted on the topic “Relevance of Dr. Ambedkar in the contemporary Indian society”. The best speaker delivered the speech on this day.

ALUMNI DAY

On 15th August 2019, the election for the office bearers of the Alumni Association was held followed by the Executive Body Meeting. The nominations for Alumni Awards were received and 8 students were selected for the Outstanding Alumni Award. During the second meet on 26th January 2020 they were honored with the awards.

SPORTS DAY

The 19th Annual Sports Day was held on 31st January 2020. Mr.A.Chandra Sekaran, national Volley ball player and recipient of national and international awards, was the chief guest. The Best March Past trophies were awarded to B.Com (CS), B.Com (G) and B.Com (A&F) departments bagging I, II and III places respectively. Individual championship for Women trophy was awarded to C. Harithaa from III B.Com (A&F) Sh-II scoring 1224 Points calculated through IAAF Scoring Format and Individual championship for Men trophy was awarded to Luqueman Gani of I M.Com with the scoring point of 1868 points.

The overall winner's trophy was awarded to B.Com (G) Department with the scoring point of 209. The overall runner's trophy was awarded to BCA department and the overall second runner's trophy was awarded to BBA Department.

FOUNDER'S DAY

Founder's day was celebrated on 2nd February 2020 in memory of Bishop Daniel Delany, the founder of Patrician Congregation. The dignitaries along with the Deans, HODs, Student Council, and Administrative and support staff paid their homage by placing flower petals on the founder's portrait. A play based on the significant role of Bishop Delany to educate the poor and the illiterate was enacted by the faculty. The day ended carrying the message "To love God and to live together in peace and charity".

PTA

Parent Teacher Meeting is conducted twice a year after the release of the University results. It was conducted on 13th July for odd semester and 15th February 2020 for even semester. The meeting was attended by more than 75 percentage of the parents.

MENTORING AND COUNSELLING

To provide professional and personal support to the students Mentoring and Counselling services are offered. All students are under an Academic Mentor and Personal Mentor. Students are allocated designated hours to discuss academic and non-academic matters with their mentors.

SCHOLARSHIP/ FEE CONCESSION

The College facilitates the students with freeships, fee concessions, private scholarships and SC /ST Central and State Government Scholarships. This year the Department of Adi Dravidar and Tribal welfare offered scholarships for as many as 489 students, the total amount of which could be estimated around Rs. 27, 42, 250. 39 students were benefitted by St. Louis scholarship awarded by Kerala Catholic Society. Besides, St. Louis scholarship fund extended by St. Louis church, Adyar, disbursed an amount of 84,000 to seven students. P.S.Sarojini and C.R. Vidyanath Educational Trust granted Rs.1,60,000 to eight students.

ACADEMIC TRAINING

In our efforts towards academic excellence and growth, the college cultivates a climate of continuous improvement and takes every effort to impart along with the curriculum, technological training, entrepreneurial development, career enhancement training, to produce employable graduate. We assess the students' strengths and weakness in academics as well as aptitude and address their needs through: Bridge Course, Certificate Course, and Remedial classes.

BRIDGE COURSE

A 6-day Induction Program encompassing 21 instructional hours with Entry level and Exit level tests was conducted to assess the communication skills of the First Year students. The module was prepared by the Faculty of the Department of English.

PCEC

Patrician College Empowerment Cell (PCEC) conducts certificate and skill development courses every year. From this year, certificate courses are mandatory for the first and second year students. A 30-hour certificate course was conducted by the training institutes - Tamil Nadu Advanced Technical Training Institute, Finmark , Pantech Solutions, and Xecutesmart technologies. Machine Learning Python, Artificial Intelligence with Machine Learning, Tally with ERP, GST, Computerized Accounting, Excel, Logistics, Advanced Event Management, Travel and Tourism, Public Relation Management, Pay Roll, Cinematography Beautician and Jewellery Making were the courses offered. More than 2,000 benefited. Also, 50 students have enrolled in the Civil Services Coaching conducted in College by Vetri Academy.

STUDENTS STUDY TOUR AND INDUSTRIAL VISIT

The study tour and industrial visits are part of the curriculum to give the students more exposure to the places of educational and historical relevance. The main objective of the visits is to make the students aware of the activities related to marketing, financing and human resources carried out in organizations.

EXAMINATIONS

Academic evaluations and assessments are carried out simultaneously along with the other activities. Continuous Internal Assessments and Model Exams were conducted before the Semester Exams which commenced on 1st November. College reopened for the even semester on 25th November.

IQAC:

The Internal Quality Assurance Cell organized quality initiatives for faculty and students based on the recommendations of NAAC for monitoring the quality parameters in the college in academic and administrative area.

On 13th June 2019, a Faculty Development Program was anchored by Dr. Jayanthi Peter, HoD, MHRM, Madras School of Social Work, Chennai for 124 faculty.

On 14th June 2019, the first round of Orientation for all staff was conducted by the IQAC team to chart the way forward and identify key areas of concern.

On 15th June 2019, Dr. Meena, HoD, Dept of Commerce conducted an Orientation Program for the New Faculty.

From 26th to 7th July 2020, follow up meetings with Conveners to chart out the action plan for the second cycle of NAAC were held. The Institution is proud to be accredited with an A Grade by NAAC during the first cycle in 2014.

On 26th June, the newly inducted Heads of Departments were given an orientation by the IQAC team.

On 13th July 2019, newly elected Officer Bearers of the Student Council were given a Leadership Training Program to develop positive leadership skills.

On 27th July, the IQAC trained the Administrative Staff on e-governance.

On 1st August, the Management provided every faculty with Samsung Tab for use in classrooms and for creating online assignments through Google Classroom. On 9th August, e-governance training was given to all faculty.

On 12th August, a National workshop on Qualitative and Quantitative Aspects of Thesis Writing was conducted in association with the Dept of Commerce. Faculty of the College, as well as the PG students and 40 faculty members from other city colleges benefited out of the workshop.

On 11th October, the Student Open Forum was conducted with the IQAC team and the members of the Management.

On 24th October, a focused group discussion was arranged for the final year students in association with the Mentoring and Counseling Cell for academic improvement.

ACADEMIC ADVISORY MEETING AND GOVERNING BODY MEETING

As part of the Monitoring Committee, external experts were invited and the report of the Institution was presented for appraisal. Suggestions and feedback were taken for the betterment of the institution. Dr. Hanifa Ghosh, University Representative, Dr. Marlin Moraes, Former Principal, Guru Nanak College, Dr.. Daniel Augustus, Director, LIAC, Loyola College,, and Fr. Xavier Arulraj, Senior Advocate, Dr. Sumathy, Prof and Head, Dept of Anthropology , UNOM were the external experts.

ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES

LANGUAGES – TAMIL/ HINDI/FRENCH

The Language Association activities were marked by a number of programs to build the students interest and love for language

On 19th August 2019 Bharathidasan Tamil Ilakkiya Peravai was inaugurated by Poet and Lyricist Dr. Uma Devi.

On 15th July, Kalvi Valarchi Naal was celebrated to mark the contribution of Perunthalaivar Kamaraj on his birth anniversary. A seminar on the topic was conducted with Mr. Viduthalai Rajendran, Journalist, Dr. Arangamallika, Head, Dept of Tamil, Ethiraj College, and Dr. J Amirtha Lenin, Associate Professor, Dept of Tamil, Loyola College were the resource persons.

On 11th December, Birth Anniversary of Mahakavi Bharathiyar was observed. A documentary movie was shown followed by a discussion on his ideals.

On 1st February, a National Seminar on “Indian Maritime Technology: Its Glorious Past and Prosperous Future” was held in association with Integrated Ocean Culture Research Foundation. 18 eminent personalities were the speakers. Mr. Orisssa Balu, Founder and Dr. Arangamallika, Head, Dept of Tamil, Ethiraj Collee, inaugurated the seminar.

The inauguration of the Veerama Munnivar Tamil Peravai (Shift II) was held on September 6, 2019. Professor.V.Arasu was the chief guest.

HINDI

On 2nd July, the Department conducted an awareness Program on “Water Conservation” in collaboration with Daily Hindi News Paper *Patrika*.

On 24th September, National Hindi Day was celebrated by organizing an Intercollegiate Seminar on Diminishing Tolerance in Today’s Youth, supported by the Bank of Maharashtra.

On 9th September, two short stories “Naukari Ki Bandish and Nayay Ka Bantvara” written by the Head of the Department Dr. Ravita Bhatia, were also broadcast through All India Radio.

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

The Department of English had an eventful year with a number of programs and achievements:

A national-level seminar on “Rereading the Canon: Relevance and Implications” on December 10, 2019. Dr.Sivaraman, Associate Professor, Presidency College, was the chief guest and Students of Stella Maris College of Arts and Science received the Best Paper award.

As part of Madras 360, the Department celebrated Madras Week on August 21, 2019 with a number of events.

Two workshops on “The Problems of Morphemes” and “Research Methodology” were held on 5th October 2019 and 6th January 2020. The resource persons were Dr. Sivakumar, Former Associate Professor, Presidency College and Dr. David Wesley, Assistant Professor, Madras Christian College

An orientation course on News Reading and Alumni Interface were also held on 9th January 2020 as part of the Chennai Literary Festival. 118 students from various colleges participated.

On 18th June students of PG program participated in a program conducted by the Australian Consulate, held at University of Madras and brought laurels to the department by winning in the competitions that were organized.

Shift II

On 19th August, the Words Worth Association was inaugurated.

On 4th October, ZING, a play-to-win contest for students was held along with the Department of Mathematics.

In commemoration of 150th Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, the Department conducted an essay writing competition on “Are Gandhi’s Ideals Relevant Even Today?”

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (GENERAL)

Following were the activities of the Department during this year

On 13th August, a national workshop on “Qualitative and Quantitative aspects of thesis writing’ was conducted.

On 27th September, a national level inter-collegiate fest and a paper presentation competition were held. Mr. Subramanian Ramachandran, Founder/CEO, R.M. Healthcare Services, was the chief guest of the fest where more than 500 students from other colleges participated.

An MoU with FINMARK India Pvt. Ltd was signed by the Dept to enable students to take up certificate examinations like NSE and NISM.

Shift II

On August 9th, COMSPECTRA, the Association of the Department of Commerce, was inaugurated

On 23rd September, an intra-departmental competition, ‘Taleny Blizz’19’, was conducted. Ms.Madhumitha Gomathinayagam, Manager, HR & Operations, Avacend Solutions Pvt Ltd, was the chief guest.

DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING & FINANCE

The Department organized the following activities

On 2nd August, a motivational talk on ‘Own Your Future’ was given by Ms. B. Hemamaleeni, Head, Senior Counsellor, Reach Academy, Chennai

On 26th August, Francis Felix Joseph, Regional Retail Counsellor Community Outreach, Disha Trust was the chief guest of the Outreach programs.

On 17th December, a workshop on 'E-Filing and PAN card processing' was held, Mr. M Gokul, Alumnus, Gokul Consultancy Services, gave the training to the students.

Shift II

The Department Association 'FineEx' was inaugurated on 21st August, 2019

On 28th September, Fincom Expo was organized. Mr. Jindha Gopi, Tamil film actor and drums-player, Ms. Sandhya, actress, were the chief guests.

DEPARTMENT OF CORPORATE SECRETARYSHIP

On 13th September, the department conducted a state-level workshop on 'Intellectual Property Rights', for sensitizing and creating IP Awareness among various stakeholders. It was held in association with Patent Information Center Tamil Nadu State Council for Science and Technology, Chennai, also with the support of the Department of Science and Technology, New Delhi,

An MOU was signed with BSP & Co which facilitated the second year students for internships.

An intercollegiate students' meet, 'ESCAPADE 2K20', was organized on 6th February, 2020 and around 28 colleges participated in the meet.

Shift II

The Department Association 'Albatross' was inaugurated on 26th August, 2019. Selva Ganesh, Partner of Manohar & Chowdhry Associates, Chartered Accountants, was the chief guest.

DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT

On August 14th and 30th, 2019, the Department conducted seminars on 'Recent Trends in Marketing' and 'Logistics as a Career', Mr. K. Suresh Kumar, Managing Director, BiomiicronInd. Pvt.Ltd and Mr. John Prakash, Co-founder, Director, Business School of Logistics and Shipping (BSLS) were the chief guests.

On December 13th, 2019, the Department in association with Petroleum Conservation Research Association and Citizen Consumer Club organized a national workshop on ‘Sustainable Development through Knowledge Platform’. The chief guest for the programme was Mr.S.P.Selvam, Director and Chief Regional Coordinator, PCRA, Chennai, South Region.

The Department conducted various programs, including alumni interfaces on 18th September and 9th October 2020, a certificate course on 3rd September, 2019 and a Career Guidance Program on 3rd February, 2020.

The Department also conducted the 4th edition of its annual intercollegiate fest, ‘Excelsus’ on 5th February, 2020. Around 30 teams from 20 colleges participated.

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS

Shift I

On 6th July, the Department conducted a national workshop on ‘R Programming’.

From 3rd to 5th October, the students participated in a training on ‘Entrepreneurship Development Program’ organized by NSIC and Ministry of Science and Technology.

The students also participated in a seminar on ‘Actuarial Profession and Career Opportunities’ organized by Institute of Actuaries of India, on 17th December.

On 28th February 2020, a workshop on “Preparation Tips and Tricks for Higher Education in Mathematics” was organized. Dr.Ramesh Kasilingam, Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics, IIT Madras and Mr.B.Sivashankar, IIT Madras, were the chief guests.

Shift II

MathTricks Association, the students’ Association of the Department of Mathematics was inaugurated on 8th August, 2019. The contest, ZING – a play-to-win, was jointly organised by the Departments of Mathematics and English.

DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER APPLICATIONS

On 2nd July, an awareness program on “The Internet of Things (IOT)” was organized in association with IIT, Delhi. The resource person was Mr.Utsav, IIT Delhi.

On 5th October, a Seminar on “Dynamic Intrusion and Importance of Computers in every Sector” was conducted. The resource person was Mr.Saravanan, CEO,Cyberium Education and Research Technologies.

Events such as Powerpoint Presentations, Applicah - Software Expo, Mechanics - Hardware Installation were conducted to enrich the students on the various facets of computer applications.

On 26th September, Alumnus Mr. Prakash.A (2014-2017), Developer, TATA Consultancy Services, addressed the students on work culture in IT sectors..

On 19th September, Alumnus Mr. David Samuel [2003 – 2006] did a video conferencing session with the students on “Visio Emerging Techonologies ”

On August 6th and 7th, the Department organized a national workshop on ‘Robotics’ in collaboration with IIT, Madras.

This year, the Department signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Pantech Solutions, to enable the students to undergo training on the specific areas of their fields.

Shift II

On 8th July, the Departments of BCA and BSC Computer Science jointly organised an IOT Awareness Program.

A Certificate Course on ‘Machine Learning using Python’, was also conducted on 26th August.

DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE

The Department of Computer Science organized three inter-departmental events on modern technology-two Alumni Interface programs and a state-level workshop on Robotics. Robotics was conducted in association with the Dept of Computer Applications.

The ninth issue of its newsletter, ‘Byte Street’, was released on 9th October , 2019

Seminars on “IoT” and “Importance of Higher Education’ were conducted on 2nd July and 13th February.

Technobay, an inter-collegiate event was held on 25th February. 28 colleges participated. Mr. Chandrasekara, Founder Director, Infocareer, inaugurated the event.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK

On 5th August, the Department inaugurated the department association activities “**SOWERS 2019-20**” (Sowing seeds of change). The occasion was graced by Mr Sundarajan member of Boovulagin Nanbargal, Professional – CEO and Director, HNS group of companies and Dr P. M. Nair IPS (Retired). The students were briefed on the action plan for the year.

On 26th June, “The International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking” was observed. A street play was enacted by the students of the department to raise awareness on the consequences of alcoholism and drug abuse.

On 27th and 28th June, a two-day workshop on “SPSS Software” was conducted. Mr.Vasudevan, Assistant Professor of Department of Geography, Presidency College, was the facilitator. 30 students participated in the workshop.

On 28th June, a one-day workshop to orient the students on alcoholism and the consequences of addiction was conducted. Mrs. T. Mary Helan, MSW (Counsellor of Mental Health) was the felicitator.

On 17th July, a training on Human Resource Management, was organised. Mr.Rufus – Human Resource Manager – Equitas, enlightened the students on company policies, strategies, skills and techniques to become a professional HR Manager.

On 13th August, a guest lecture on “Social Work Profession” was delivered by Dr. Prince Solomon, Assistant Professor Department of Social Work, Madras Christian College.

On 16th August, a one-day workshop was conducted on “Life Skills”. Dr.J.M Arul Kamaraj, Assistant Professor of Department of Social work, Loyola College, was the facilitator. 60 students participated and enriched their ability to face challenging situations in life.

On 4th September, a workshop on “Career Guidance” was conducted to develop the skills and to give them career guidance. The workshop was facilitated by Mr V.S. Hariharan Lead-Human Resource, eNoah I Solution India Pvt Ltd.

On 6th September, a one-day training program was conducted on Life Skills. The program was facilitated by Mr Satish Kumar R., UGC Senior Research Fellow MSSW.

On 6th September, first-year MSW students were given training on street play and mime to convey social messages using these forms. Mr.Muthu Kumar, MSW CD, Counselor, and Freelancer was the trainer.

On 9th November, first-year MSW students paid a visit to Larsen and Toubro, Kalpakkam to create awareness on cancer and harmful effects of using tobacco. Around 1,500 employees were benefited from this program.

On 16th December, an awareness program on 'Menstrual Hygiene', the do's and don'ts, was conducted for the support staff.

On 17th December, a Christmas program was organized for the special children at Anbu Malar Special School, Minjur and the Paper Bag mystery, an Outreach Programme to provide one-meal to the needy in and around Chennai. Besides, the students spent some time with them and shared the message of Christmas.

On 24th January, a workshop was conducted on "Road Safety", facilitated by Mr. Harish.

DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

To impart practical orientation to the students on the diverse aspects in the field of psychology, the Department organized the following activities:

On 9th July 2019, the Department conducted an interactive workshop on "Emergency First Responder (EFR)". Siddharth Ramachandran, an ecologist, was the resource person. From 17th-21st September 2019, in collaboration with Sadbhava Counselling and Training Services conducted a five-day workshop on "Counsellors Training Program". Mrs. Hemamalini Lakshminarasimhan, psychologist & trainer, was the resource person.

On 10th October of 2019, an interactive one-day workshop was conducted on the topic "The Power of Social Media to promote Positive Mental Health".

The students of the Department were taken for field visits to Institute of Mental Health (IMH), National Institute for Empowerment of Person with Multiple Disabilities (NIEPMD) and Chennapuri Annadana Samajam Destitute Children Home to gain hands-on experience.

DEPARTMENT OF VISUAL COMMUNICATION

The Centre for Media Studies introduced six new diploma courses this academic year.

On 15th July, the inauguration of the diploma courses was held, which was presided over by Actor Srikanth. The courses are Digital photography, Television production, Short film making, Web designing , Graphics and animation and Poster painting.

On 25th and 26th February 2020, Art and Photography Exhibition was held at CP Arts Gallery. Mr. Mark Rathinaraj, Eminent Artist, inaugurated the exhibition. Students of Media Studies exhibited their paintings and works of art. 15 colleges and 9 schools participated and won prizes.

On 28th February 2020, Chimera, Intercollegiate Department feast was held and inaugurated by Mr.Lenin Bharathi, Film Director. Several colleges participated in the various competitions and won attractive prizes.

Shift II

DEPARTMENTS OF ELECTRONIC MEDIA & JOURNALISM

The Electronic Media & Journalism Departments jointly organised a guest lecture on ‘Investigative Journalism in Media- an Impact’ on 30th August. Thiru.Nakkheeran Gopal, Editor and Publisher of Nakkheeran, Tamil political weekly magazine, was the Resource Person.

CLUB ACTIVITIES

READING CLUB

To promote reading habit, research and to bring an awareness on the contributions of great literary writers, the Club organized the following activities

On 21st January 2020, the Library Committee and Reading Club in association with Tamil Department, conducted a one-day conference on “Tamilians and their Art of Life and Literature”. Cho. Dharman, Tamil Writer and the recipient of Sahitya Akademi (2019) was the chief guest.

Various programs were conducted on 3rd and 4th October 2019, in commemoration of 151st Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.

The club also arranged for visits to British Council Library and US Embassy for PG students to participate in orientation programs.

FINE ARTS CLUB

Fine Arts Club provides a relaxing ambience for the students with a number of cultural programs. The 18th edition of the interdepartmental college Cultural Fest, 'Evoluzione 2019' was hosted from 17th to 21st September 2019. This year the Department of Commerce won the title while the Department of Corporate Secretaryship and the Department of Business Administration secured the first and second runners-up. Musician Dhina and Actor Dhruv honoured the students at the fest's valedictory function by distributing prizes. Live interactive talks on "No Problem" by Sun Music and "Battle of Bands" by One Plus, were conducted on 27th September and 10th October .

KALAIYAGAM

Kalaiyagam focuses on inspiring the students to value Tamil culture, tradition and art forms. The club conducted a one-day workshop on the various Art forms of Tamil Culture. Film Director Mr. M. Kazhanchiam was the chief guest. Various programs on Tamil arts like Silampatam, Parai , Street plays, folk dance...etc were conducted. In commemoration of the birth Anniversary of Former Chief Minister Thiru.Kamarajar, Villupaatu was organized by the students on 16th July, 2019. It also conducted various awareness programs on social issues through their skills in the traditional Tamil arts.

INNOVATION CELL

To foster the culture of research and to catalyse development of knowledge base and innovation driven enterprises, the College has registered with the MHRD as a centre for Innovation and organized several programmes:

On 15th October, Dr. A P J Abdul Kalam's Birth Anniversary, the Innovation Cell conducted a seminar on "Entrepreneurship innovation and Start-up Policy 2019". Competitions were also conducted as part of the program. The Chief Guest was Shri K.S Santhalingam, IES Assistant Director-Economic Investigation-GR-I, MSME Development Institute, Government of India, Ministry of MSME.

Two faculty members filed copy rights for their works this year.

ICC/ WOMEN'S CELL

To establish empathetic relationship between the students of both genders and to create awareness on issues concerning women's rights, the Internal Complaints Committee and Women's Cell organized the following programs:

On 29th June, 'Kuyili Women Safety training Program' was conducted.

An MoU with Thozhan organization was signed to conduct awareness programs, seminars and workshops

On 28th July, a teaching and training program on "Golden hour and good Samaritan law" was conducted.

On 4th August, a campaign on "Good Samaritans Law and Golden Hour" was organised.

On 2nd September, a Traffic Awareness Campaign was organised.

On 26th September, a program on "Sexual Harassment of Women -Prevention, Prohibition, Redressal and Legal Protection of Women in the workplace and Educational Institutions" was conducted in collaboration with Computer Society of India. 200 students were benefited.

On 9th December 2019, the Cell, in association with Institute of Research and Development for Rural Poor(IRDRP), a state-level organization for promotion of health and development through networking, UNICEF, Vishwa Yuva Kendra, New Delhi, organized a program on "The Role of Youth in Disaster Management and Mitigation under Sustainable Development Goals". More than 300 students were benefited

ENTREPRENEUR DEVELOPEMENT CELL

The objective of ED Cell is to create job providers rather than job seekers. The Cell imparted entrepreneurial skills through motivational talks, training programmes and interaction with entrepreneurs.

On 3rd August, the ED Cell in coordination with Farm Life Retail Network, Chennai, conducted an awareness program on "Vidhai Vidhaitthai".

From 3rd to 5th October, a three-day Entrepreneur Development Cell Camp was held in association with Ministry of Science and Technology, NSIC.

National level awareness programme on Entrepreneurship was offered by the Ministry of MSME on 26th February 2020 for an exposure to the various schemes and business loans for start-ups.

SOURCE HUB

Source Hub, the Placement Division, conducts training and orientation sessions to hone the employability skills and facilitate placement opportunities in campus to a large number of students. Training sessions were organized with the support of more than 20 leading Corporate Industries, including State Street HCL, Avasoft, Eypa Learning, Sensiple Technologies, Yes Bank, Equitas Bank and Kotak Life, for the campus recruitment drive this year.

250 students were recruited and offered Provisional Offer Letters. Students were also encouraged to take part in the Off Campus drives.

EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

Extension activity provides a link between the College and the Society. In order to create socially sensitive citizens, the first-year students are made aware of the common extension activities through NSS, RRC, YRC and department specific extension activities during the Induction Program at the commencement of each academic year. The College plans and executes the activities through various clubs.

ROTRACT CLUB:

The inauguration of Rotaract Club of Patrician College of Arts and Science for the academic year 2019-2020 was held on July 26, 2019. In collaboration with the reputed hospitals of the city, it conducted Blood Donation camps in three different places and received awards for organising and mobilising more than 200 donors. The members of the club also participated in various programs such as the World Population Day Rally, a cleaning drive of Kotturpuram Railway Station, awareness programs conducted by THOZHAN, an NGO and the project of distributing toys, stationary materials and sweets for the children of 'Nerikuravargal' residing in the vicinity of the college. They also offered service in the polio camps conducted in the areas of Adyar and Thoraipakkam, on the occasion of World Polio Awareness Day.

LEO CLUB:

The office bearers of Leo Club for the academic year 2019-20 were installed on 9th August. It conducted programs like awareness rally on 'Population control', cleaning program, traffic signal awareness and free medical camp...etc.

NSS

This year, NSS units of Patrician College of Arts and Science conducted various programs, including awareness camps on social issues through walkathons, door-to-door campaigns, street plays, singing, wall-painting and other competitions.

As part of Clean India Programme, the students participated in a one-week summer internship at Thiruvur, in August 2019. The volunteers in association with Ashwin Maharaja Foundation conducted a healing program by music therapy for the cancer patients. Other programs in which they took part include:

A training programme on "Disaster Management", organized by National Disaster Response Force in Arakonam, in November 2019.

An Annual Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief Exercise in the Island Grounds, north Chennai, in July 2019.

A state-level NSS orientation programme organized by Asan Memorial College of Arts and Science in October 2019.

A three-day training programme on Youth Leadership and Community Development organized by Nehru Yuva Kendra in December 2019.

A Leprosy Awareness programme in the areas of Besant Nagar and Kotturpuram in January 2020.

A Personality Development programme by an NGO named Mythri, on the premises of Madras University, in February 2020.

CONSUMER CLUB

Patrician College of Arts and Science Citizen Consumer Club and the Department of Business Administration in association with Petroleum Conservation Research Association organized a national-level workshop on 'Sustainable Development Through Knowledge Platform', on December 13, 2019. The Club also organized two awareness programmes: 'Food Safety and Standards', where Dr. S. Tamil Vanan, Former High Court Judge, President-State Consumer Dispute Redressal Commission, was the chief guest and 'Silk Products and Silk Mark Label', where Shri. Ganapathy and Shri.C.Prabakara Rao, Assistant Directors, Silk Mark Organisation of India were the chief guests. In observance of the Oil and Gas Conservation Fortnight, the Consumer club enacted a MIME on "Energy Conservation", on 6th February, 2020.

ENVIRO CLUB:

With an objective of creating awareness on environmental issues among students, Enviro Club of the College conducted a series of programs this year. Mr.Baskar, Vanagam, Nammalvar Ecological Foundation, Mr. Nalla Keerai Jagan, a renowned natural agriculturist and the founder of FARM Life Retail Network, Dr. Siva Ganeshan, Additional Director, Snake Park, Chennai, were the chief guests of the awareness programs. Trekking tours to Nanmangalam forest were organized by the club for the faculty and students 29th September, 2019.

SEEDS

For SEEDS, (Students Educate, Empower the Disadvantaged in the Society), a Patrician Outreach Program, this year had been most eventful by conducting various programs in different areas of the city. They include awareness programs on Child Helpline Facilities, AIDS, Dengue, Need of helmets, Nutrition, Importance of Girl Education, Adversity of tobacco, Eye camp, personal hygiene program, literacy program, rally on water conservation and cleaning drives. Kallukuttai, Kuppam, Srinivasapuram, Kasimedu, Thiruvanmiyur Beach, Perungudi Neelankarai, slums of Nungambakkam and Thiruvotriyur, Shishu Bhavan, Kalpakkam, Mundiyyur Village, VisalatchiThottam and Mandaveli were some of the areas where the students offered their service.

AICUF

Education is beyond the mere acquisition of knowledge and skills. The process of education is complete only if positive thinking, positive attitude, moral and ethical values, and social responsibility are inculcated. To help students evolve spiritually through a critical understanding of their faith that has human values at its core, the AICUF Cell imparts spiritual values during the First Friday Mass for the Catholics, while the other students undergo Value Education Classes on various social and religious themes.

INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITIES

Before concluding, mention must be made of the immense support from the Management in terms of infrastructural facilities and other guidance. This year, Recreational Room for Faculty, Common Room for Students, 2 Conference Rooms – Bro Ignatius Patrick Hall, Bro. Fintan Parkinson Hall, Board Room, Reading Room Extension, Language Lab and Commerce Lab were created. Staff rooms of Computer Applications, Computer Science, Visual Communication, Maths and Psychology were renovated. A new parking lot was allocated for students' use.

NEW INITIATIVES

Every year the college launches new initiatives for the betterment of the students and the faculty. This year some of the new initiatives introduced are The Research Day to promote research culture, Mandatory certificate courses for all the I & II UG students, e- governance to promote paperless administration, the 'SEEDS' programme an extension social service to the disadvantaged in the society, the Charity week to inculcate the spirit of sharing and caring and Green audit of the college campus. The management has also planned to introduce three new PG programmes in the following academic year, including M.Sc. Maths, M.Sc. Applied Psychology and M.A. Human Resource Management. We are looking forward to getting an autonomous status in the coming years. On behalf of the faculty and students, I thank the management for the enormous support and the encouragement.

CONCLUSION

On behalf of the faculty and students I convey my deep sense of gratitude to the Patrician Management. I sincerely thank Bro. Johnson Rex Dhanabal, Director & Secretary for his enormous support and guidance in executing all the proposals put forth. I place on record my deep sense of gratitude to Dr. Fatima Vasanth, Academic Director for the invaluable guidance throughout the year. My appreciations to Dr. Geetha Rufus, Vice Principal, All Heads of the Departments, teaching and non teaching staff and the Student's Council for their immense contributions in every initiative taken up in the college; We assure that the college will continue to provide quality education and excel not only in the professional areas but also in creating good citizens for the future, with the blessings of the Almighty.

I acknowledge that all the achievements have been made possible only because of the concerted efforts of the Management, faculty and students. Once again, I thank each one of you who has contributed to the growth of the institution which has been, not just a vertical dimension but a horizontal phenomena.

Thank you.