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Annual Report 2024–25

St. Xavier's College, Thumba, celebrated its Diamond Jubilee during the academic year 2024–25 with a series of academic, cultural, literary, scientific and co-curricular activities. Organised by various departments, committees and clubs, these programmes honoured the college's legacy while providing students with opportunities for holistic development.

Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

The Diamond Jubilee celebrations commenced on **31 January 2025** with a grand inaugural ceremony presided over by **Dr R. Bindu, Hon'ble Minister for Higher Education and Social Justice, Government of Kerala**.

The celebrations featured a range of programmes, including a **National Seminar, inter-collegiate quiz and elocution competitions, a Go-Kart Exhibition and racing event** conducted by students of **Sree Chitra Thirunal College of Engineering, Pappanamcode**, a **Literary Festival**, and a **Science Exhibition** showcasing the creative, literary and scientific talents of students.

The celebrations concluded on **13 March 2025** with an Award Ceremony honouring six distinguished personalities for their contributions in various fields:

- **Archbishop Thomas J. Netto**
- **V. K. Prasanth, MLA**
- **Prem Kumar**, Chairperson, Kerala Chalachitra Academy
- **V. Madhusoodanan Nair**, Poet
- **Baby Sam Samuel**, Social Entrepreneur
- **A. M. Unnikrishnan**, Literary Critic

The **Hon'ble Governor of Goa, P. S. Sreedharan Pillai**, was the Chief Guest at the valedictory ceremony and presented the awards, each comprising a cash prize of **₹15,000 and a certificate**. The college also honoured the Governor for his significant contributions to the literary field.

Dr D. Legio Meril, Assistant Professor of Economics, served as the General Coordinator of the Diamond Jubilee celebrations.

X'Laurea 24 – First Graduation Ceremony

St. Xavier's College hosted its **first Graduation Ceremony, X'Laurea 24, on 1 November 2024**. A total of **146 graduates** were felicitated at the ceremony by the Chief Guest and distinguished alumnus, **Sri Jacob Punnoose, IPS**.

Departmental Activities

Department of Botany and Biotechnology

The department undertook a range of academic, environmental and experiential-learning activities during 2024–25:

- **World Environment Day:** Organised recitation and group-song competitions, a green pledge, campus cleaning drive and sapling planting.
- **Parent–Teacher Meetings:** Conducted S4 PTA meeting on 14 June 2024 and S2 PTA meetings on 13 August 2024 and 21 January 2025 to review academic progress and student development.
- **FYUGP Orientation:** Conducted an orientation programme for first-year students on 30 September 2024, highlighting career opportunities in Botany and Biotechnology.
- **Seminar on Gut Microflora:** Organised a seminar on 8 October 2024 on the role of intestinal microbiota in human health and disease.
- **University of Kerala Visit:** FYUGP students visited the Department of Biochemistry, University of Kerala, on 28 October 2024 for laboratory demonstrations and interaction with research scholars.
- **JNTBGRI Visit:** S5 students visited the Jawaharlal Nehru Tropical Botanic Garden and Research Institute on 19 November 2024 to study plant diversity and conservation practices.
- **Intercollegiate Webinar:** Organised a webinar on *AI in Biomedical Science* on 22 February 2025, introducing students to emerging applications of artificial intelligence.
- **Field Trip:** S2 FYUGP students visited Kuzhippallam Botanical Garden and the Poovar mangrove ecosystem on 7 March 2025.
- **Study Tour:** Final-year BBT students undertook a five-day study tour from 11–15 March 2025, visiting research institutions, ecological sites and biotechnology industries.

Department of Chemistry

- The Chemistry Association was inaugurated on 27 August 2024 by Dr (Fr) Sunny Jose SJ, College Manager.
- A session on **Career Opportunities in Chemistry** was conducted by Sri Jiji B. S., Assistant Director (Chemistry), Regional Forensic Laboratory.
- The **Akhil Memorial Scholarship** was awarded to three deserving students on 3 September 2024, with each recipient receiving ₹5,000. The scholarship was instituted by former Chemistry students of the 2003 batch in memory of their departed classmate.
- **National Science Day 2025:** An interdepartmental PowerPoint presentation was organised on the theme *"Empowering Indian Youth for Global Leadership in Science and Innovations for Viksit Bharat."*
- Final-year students visited **Travancore Titanium Products Pvt. Ltd., Kochuveli**, on 30 April 2025 as part of an industrial visit.

P.G. Department of Commerce

- **External Mentoring:** A *DAL – Do & Learn* session on Corporate Accounting was conducted by Mr Roosevelt M., Associate Professor, Government College for Women, Thiruvananthapuram, with 57 students participating.
- **Stock Market Awareness:** In association with Geojit Financial Services Limited, the department organised a demat account drive and awareness session on stock-market trading, attended by 50 students and teachers.
- **Career Counselling:** The ICAI chapter conducted sessions on career opportunities in the Chartered Accountancy profession.

- **FYUGP Orientation:** First-year students were introduced to the FYUGP structure, examination preparation and skill development.
- **Career Development Talk:** A session on *Launching Your Career in Commerce* was organised in association with the Indian Institute of Chartered Accountants, providing information on CA courses and career opportunities.
- PTA meetings were conducted for Semester 3 and S1 FYUGP Commerce students.
- Farewell programmes were organised for final-year students.
- Fresher's Day was organised for first-year students.

Department of Economics

- **Career Prospects in Economics:** An orientation programme on 8 October 2024, attended by 85 students, covered career opportunities, the Union Budget 2024 and the Economic Survey.
- **Nobel Prize 2024:** The department collaborated with other departments to organise presentations on the 2024 Nobel Prize on 25 October 2024.
- **Library and Research Visits:** S5 students visited the Department of Economics Library, University of Kerala, on 19 October 2024 and the Centre for Development Studies Library on 10 January 2025 to strengthen their research skills. Twenty-one students participated in the latter visit.
- **Synopsis Presentation:** S5 students presented their project synopses on 12 November 2024 and finalised their topics following discussion and deliberation.
- **Dr Manmohan Singh Commemoration:** A programme was organised on 13 January 2025 to commemorate the former Prime Minister and eminent economist. Fifty-two students from different departments participated.
- **PTA Meetings:** S1, S3 and S5 PTA meetings were held on 22 November, 5 December and 13 December 2024 respectively.

Department of English and Media Studies

The department organised a diverse range of academic, cultural, environmental and co-curricular activities:

- **Valedictory Programme and Magazine Release (9 April 2024):** The department organised a farewell for final-year students and released the third edition of its magazine, *BeamSprings*, themed *"Struggle for Existence"*. The magazine was released by Principal Dr Nisha Rani.
- **World Environment Day (5–6 June 2024):** Students participated in a campus cleaning drive and sapling planting. On 6 June, *WALL-E* was screened, followed by student-led discussions on environmental degradation and consumerism.
- **National Reading Week (19–26 June 2024):** Students participated in bookmark-making and postcard-writing activities celebrating reading and literary engagement.
- **FYUGP Orientation (27 June 2024):** Students and parents were introduced to the structure and syllabi of the FYUGP by the department faculty.
- **Anti-Narcotics Street Play Campaign (18–24 June 2024):** Selected students collaborated with Project Venda of the Fourth Wave Foundation to perform street plays in more than ten government schools, raising awareness about drug abuse.
- **World Paper Bag Day (12 July 2024):** A hands-on session on making paper bags from newspapers was conducted by Jomiya R., a second-year BEAMS student.

- **FYUGP Orientation (22–23 July 2024):** A two-day orientation covered the relevance of English Studies, Media Studies, study methods, academic resources, career planning and skills.
- **Meet the Department (24 July 2024):** A socialisation and team-building programme was organised for first-year FYUGP students.
- **Bronte's Untamed Beauty (30 July 2024):** A nature walk and reading session commemorated Emily Brontë's birthday, with students reading passages from *Wuthering Heights*.
- **Unleashing Fantasy: Hogwarts (31 July 2024):** AEC students created posters, poems and drawings inspired by J. K. Rowling's *Harry Potter* series.
- **Book Lovers' Day (9 August 2024):** The College Librarian, Ms Sheeba Johnson, conducted a library orientation and tour for first-year students.
- **World Elephant Day (12 August 2024):** *The Elephant Whisperers* was screened, followed by a discussion led by Dr Gifty Elza Varghese on human–animal relationships and conservation ethics.
- **World Photography and Humanitarian Day (19 August 2024):** A mobile photography competition on the theme *"Empathy"* encouraged students to explore social concerns through visual storytelling.
- **Kizuna Cultural Exchange Programme (30 August 2024):** In collaboration with Xavier Outreach Services, the department hosted a cultural exchange programme with Japanese guests from Tokyo, featuring cultural performances and interactive sessions.
- **Interdisciplinary Lecture – Totalitarianism and Resistance (22 August 2024):** Ms Stephy Treesa Joseph, Department of Political Science, delivered an interdisciplinary lecture linking history, literature and politics.
- **Technology and Society (5 September 2024):** Students presented on the positive and negative effects of technology under the guidance of the Head of the Department.
- **11th Asian Youth Forum (16–20 September 2024):** Twelve students represented the college at the Asian Youth Forum held at Kochi Marriott and organised by the Fourth Wave Foundation in collaboration with the Colombo Plan Advisory Programme and the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, US Department of State.
- **Waves of Change – Beach Clean-up (26 September 2024):** In collaboration with Haritha Karma Sena, the department organised a beach clean-up to promote responsible tourism and environmental stewardship.
- **Mental Health and Suicide Prevention (26 September 2024):** Ms Abhichandana R., Consultant Psychologist, Jeevani Centre, conducted a session on mental health and suicide prevention.
- **Cook, Capture, Share (10 October 2024):** Ms Thasneem Muhammed conducted a session on content creation, food storytelling and digital branding for first-year AEC students.
- **Documentary Screening – *What Is a Woman?* (22 October 2024):** The documentary was screened for final-year students as part of Gender Studies, followed by a discussion led by Ms Melissa Hilary.
- **The Science of GMOs (24 October 2024):** Dr Priya Suboj, Department of Botany and Biotechnology, conducted a session on genetic modification for AEC students.
- **Gender Spectrum: Beyond the Binary (9 November 2024):** Students presented papers on non-binary identities and gender fluidity as part of the MDC course *Gender and Society*.

- **Interview Skills: Strategies for Success (15 November 2024):** Dr Fr Dominic Joseph SJ conducted a career-oriented session for final-year students in collaboration with the Placement Cell.
- **PTA Meeting and Orientation (15 November 2024):** A PTA meeting was held for second- and third-year students, with Principal Dr Nisha Rani addressing the gathering.
- **Modern and Postmodern Art Movements (19 November 2024):** Students presented on major European art movements using PowerPoint presentations and visual aids.
- **Tribute to Shyam Benegal (8 January 2025):** The department student association organised a film screening and discussion in remembrance of the filmmaker.
- **National Hot Tea Day (12 January 2025):** AEC students created tea-themed collages as a creative learning activity.
- **Film Screening – *The Revenant* (16 January 2025):** The film was screened as part of the curriculum, followed by a discussion on survival, revenge and nature.
- **Immersive English Language Experiences with Native Speakers (27 January 2025):** Dr Rathika Malkani, University of Northampton, UK, Mr Stephen Cardwright, Dalkia, UK, and Mr Johnson Jamet conducted an interactive session providing students with opportunities for real-time communication with native speakers.
- **Self-Esteem and Self-Compassion (6 March 2025):** Smt Priya Babu, Research Scholar, Arizona Global University, USA, conducted a session on the influence of environment and upbringing on youth behaviour.

Department of History

- **Reading Day (19 June 2024):** Students participated in a book-review competition commemorating P. N. Panicker and the Library Movement in Kerala. Outstanding reviews were awarded.
- **International Yoga Day (21 June 2024):** A student presentation explored the history, significance and contemporary relevance of yoga.
- **Gandhi Jayanti (1 October 2024):** An interdepartmental quiz was organised, with more than 20 teams participating. The Department of History secured first place.
- **Constitution Day (26 November 2024):** The 75th anniversary of the adoption of the Constitution was observed with a talk by Ms Stephy Treesa Joseph and a reading of the Preamble.
- **Field Visit (10 February 2025):** Students visited the State Archives and Museum to study preservation, museology and conservation practices.

Department of Mathematics

- An orientation session for students was conducted by alumni on 11 September 2024.
- **International Pi Day (14 March 2025):** An interdepartmental story-making competition was organised to celebrate Pi Day.

Department of Malayalam and Mass Communication

- **Geetha Sadhana:** Initiated the *Geetha Sameeksha* lecture series with a session on the *Bhagavad Gita.*
- **Kelikott 2024:** Organised the department's signature event featuring talks, performances and recognition of achievements.

- **M. T. Vasudevan Nair Commemoration:** Conducted a commemorative programme with a keynote address by Dr Seema Jerome.
- **Workshop on Crafting Stories and Shaping the Future:** Conducted a documentary filmmaking workshop led by film producer Caroline Libresco.
- **Pachamarathanalil:** Organised discussions and student presentations on selected literary works.
- **Media Day:** Students participated in the Media Day celebration organised by the Information and Public Relations Department, Government of Kerala.
- **Campus Radio:** Students produced and broadcast special programmes on the Olympics and the Wayanad landslide.
- **PERSPECTOS:** Organised a photo exhibition showcasing students' creativity and photography skills.
- **EXPLORIA:** Presented an exhibition of advertising projects, videos and cultural presentations.
- **MINDCRAFT:** Conducted a seminar-cum-workshop on photography led by Mathew Thomas, CEO, Mindcraft.
- **Media Industrial Visit:** Students visited Chithranjali Studio to observe film production and post-production processes.

Department of Physics

- **National Seminar – PADARTHA:** Organised a national seminar on *Material Science for Sustainability* as part of the college's Diamond Jubilee celebrations.
- **Inaugural Session:** Prof. Sabu Thomas delivered the keynote address on developments in material science and sustainability.
- **Invited Talks:** Dr Jinesh K. B. and Dr Jerry Alfred Fereiro delivered lectures on contemporary research topics.
- **Research Presentations:** Sixteen research scholars participated, presenting 14 oral and two poster presentations.
- **Awards:** Outstanding oral presentations were recognised with awards sponsored by Prof. Bijoy John Philip.
- **Institutional Support:** The seminar received financial support from the college management, SV TVS Automobile Dealer and Kadinamkulam Service Cooperative Bank.

Physical Education

- **Sports Quota:** Nineteen students were admitted under the sports quota from various disciplines.
- **Coaching:** Special coaching camps were conducted in Football, Volleyball, Handball, Cycling, Athletics, Boxing, Best Physique, Badminton, Wushu and Cricket.
- **Team Achievements:**
    - **Volleyball:** Men's team participated in the Kerala University Inter-Collegiate South Zone Championship.
    - **Cycling:** College team secured second place in the Kerala University Inter-Collegiate Inter-Zone Championship.
    - **Athletics:** Men's and women's teams participated in the Kerala University Inter-Collegiate Athletic Championship.

    - **Football:** Men's team won the Kerala University Inter-Collegiate South Zone and Inter-Zone Championships and secured gold in the All Kerala Inter-Collegiate Football Championship.
    - **Cricket:** Men's team participated in the Inter-Zone Championship and finished runners-up in the South Zone Championship.
    - **Boxing:** Men's and women's teams participated in the Inter-Zone Championship.
    - **Wushu:** Men's and women's teams won gold medals in the Kerala University Inter-Collegiate Wushu Championship.
- **Individual Achievements:** Abhirami G. S. excelled in Boxing and Wushu and represented the university at the All India Inter-University Wushu Championship. Saju S., Shijin S., Stepher Jose, Jinu C., Roy R., Sachin B. S. and Susan Francis also recorded notable performances in various sporting events.
- **Interdepartmental Competitions:** Interdepartmental tournaments were conducted in football, cricket, penalty shoot-out and athletics, with active participation from students and staff.

Clubs, Committees and Student Development Activities

Career Guidance and Placement Cell

The Career Guidance and Placement Cell organised a range of programmes during the academic year 2024–25 to enhance students' employability, career awareness and professional skills.

Key Activities

- **Inauguration and Orientation:** The activities of the Cell commenced with an inauguration ceremony led by **Sri Anoop Ambika, CEO, Kerala Startup Mission**, on 10 July 2024. This was followed by an orientation programme on **Cyber Security**, organised in association with TECHBYHEART.
- **IBM SkillsBuild Programme:** Nearly 250 students from various departments attended an orientation programme on **IBM SkillsBuild**, a free digital learning platform implemented by CSRBOX, on 10 September 2024.
- **LinkedIn Awareness Programme:** In association with Face Prep, the Cell conducted a programme on 11 November 2024 to familiarise students with LinkedIn and assist them in creating professional profiles.
- **Interview Skills:** A session on **"Interview Skills: Strategies for Success"** was conducted on 15 November 2024. Dr Dominic Joseph, Assistant Professor of English and Media Studies, guided the students in preparing for campus interviews.
- **Mock Interviews and Campus Placement:** Mock interviews were conducted to familiarise students with the recruitment process. A campus recruitment drive by **Guidehouse**, a management consulting firm based in Technopark, Thiruvananthapuram, was held on 20 November 2024. **Fifteen students were selected with an annual package of ₹3.6 lakh.**
- **Competitive Examination Preparation:** A session on **"How to Prepare for Your Competitive Exams"** was conducted in association with Veranda RACE on 17 December 2024.

- **Career Awareness Programme:** The Cell collaborated with the Kerala University Employment Information and Guidance Bureau to organise **"Career Jwala – A Career Awareness Programme"** on 19 February 2025.

Coordinator: Dr Divya Thomas

Xavier Outreach Services (XOS)

St Xavier's College has a wide range of clubs and committees that promote curricular, co-curricular and extracurricular activities. These initiatives are coordinated by **Xavier Outreach Services (XOS)**, which also works towards empowering marginalised communities and promoting socio-cultural transformation. **Dr Fr Dominic Joseph SJ** served as Director of XOS during 2024–25.

Major Activities

1. **Leadership Development Workshop:** A one-day workshop for student leaders focusing on social responsibility, justice and leadership was conducted on 19 July 2024.
2. **International Cultural Exchange Programme:** XOS hosted students from Sophia University, Japan, on 30 August 2024, promoting intercultural friendship and understanding.
3. **Beach Clean-up Drive:** A large-scale beach clean-up was organised at Arattuvazhi Beach on 3 October 2024, with more than 250 students participating.
4. **Media Awareness Workshop:** A two-day workshop was organised for Vidyanikethan students on 11 October 2024, introducing them to media and its influence on society.

Seminars and Conferences

1. **Interdisciplinarity Seminar:** A one-day seminar on interdisciplinary approaches to contemporary challenges was held on 19 October 2024.
2. **International Seminar on Mental Health:** An international seminar on cognitive and neurological perspectives on mental health was organised on 3 February 2025.

Skill Development

1. **English Communication Training:** A one-day training programme was organised for women's hostel students on 7 November 2024 to improve their English speaking and listening skills.
2. **Communicative English Workshop:** A month-long workshop was conducted for higher secondary students from 7 April to 7 May 2025 to strengthen their English communication skills.

Director Dr Fr Dominic Joseph

Arnos Padiri Library

The **Arnos Padiri Library** houses an extensive collection of books and supports the academic and literary development of students. In collaboration with various clubs, the Library also organises literary and reading-related activities.

Major Activities

1. **Reading Week:** A week-long programme was organised from 19 to 25 June 2024 as part of Reading Day celebrations. Activities included reading competitions and essay-writing competitions in English and Malayalam.
2. **Independence Day Quiz:** An Independence Day quiz competition was conducted on 14 August 2024.
3. **Reading Club and Changampuzha Commemoration:** The Reading Club was inaugurated and a Changampuzha commemoration was held on 14 October 2024. The programme was inaugurated by Dr Anilkumar D.
4. **Short Story Writing Competition:** A short story writing competition was conducted on 4 November 2024 as part of Kerala Piravi celebrations.

UGC Librarian: Smt Sheeba Johnson

National Service Scheme (NSS)

The NSS units of St Xavier's College, Thumba, conducted a wide range of environmental, health, cultural and community-oriented programmes during 2024–25.

Environmental Awareness

- **World Environment Day:** Observed on 5 June 2024 through seed distribution and cultural programmes promoting environmental awareness.
- **Drug Abuse Awareness:** A drawing competition was conducted on 26 June 2024 to create awareness about drug abuse and human trafficking.
- **Gandhi Jayanthi:** A beach clean-up drive was organised at Arattuvazhi, Thumba, on 2 October 2024.
- **AIDS Awareness Day:** Observed on 3 December 2024 through a film screening and pledge-taking ceremony.
- **National Diabetes Awareness Day:** Observed on 29 November 2024 through awareness activities and free blood sugar testing.

Health and Wellness

- **Free Medical Camp:** A medical camp was organised on 16 August 2024, providing consultations and health check-ups to 104 community members.
- **Blood Donation Camps:** Blood donation drives were conducted on 15 November 2024 and 25 March 2025, with 181 volunteers donating **62 units of blood** in total.
- **Free Eye Check-up:** An eye camp was conducted on 6 December 2024, benefiting approximately 120 people.
- **Health Check-up:** A free health check-up conducted on 25 March 2025 benefited 87 students.

- **Blood Sugar Screening:** Free blood sugar testing was conducted on 29 November 2024, benefiting 96 students.

Cultural and Community Activities

- **Independence Day:** Celebrated on 14 August 2024 with quiz competitions, music, dance and skits.
- **Onam Celebration:** Conducted on 12 September 2024 with traditional songs, dress competitions and games.
- **Teachers' Day:** Observed on 5 September 2024 through cultural programmes and activities honouring teachers.
- **Training for School Children:** Training and support were provided to underprivileged children from nearby government and aided schools.

Other Initiatives

- **International Yoga Day:** Observed on 21 June 2024 with a practical yoga session.
- **Railway UTS App Training:** Training was provided to 13 students on 18 November 2024.
- **Leadership Training Camp:** A leadership training camp was conducted from 21 to 23 June 2024

Programme Officers: Dr Priya P. S. and Dr Ramesh P.

NCC Naval Wing

The NCC Naval Wing, under the leadership of **Sub Lt Rajesh**, conducted various activities to promote discipline, leadership, comradeship, character development and selfless service among cadets.

Major Activities

- **NCC Parades:** Seventeen parades were conducted to develop discipline, teamwork and essential naval skills.
- **Environment Day:** Observed on 5 June 2024 through seed distribution and planting.
- **International Yoga Day:** Observed on 20 June 2024 with a 30-minute yoga session.
- **International Plastic Bag Free Day:** Observed on 3 July 2024 through a bicycle rally and awareness programme.
- **Fundraising for a Cause:** ₹22,500 was raised for Akhil Krishna, a former NCC cadet undergoing treatment for cancer.
- **Traffic Awareness Programme:** A joint traffic awareness programme was organised with 1 (K) Naval Unit NCC on 11 January 2025.
- **Kargil Vijay Diwas:** Observed on 26 July 2024 through a lamp-lighting ceremony and documentary screening.
- **Independence Day:** Celebrated on 15 August 2024 with a march past and flag hoisting.
- **National Sports Day:** Observed on 29 August 2024 through a running rally.
- **Children's Day:** Celebrated on 17 November 2024 at Karuna Nivas, Vettuthura.

- **Navy Day:** Observed on 4 December 2024 with an orientation session and film screening.
- **Republic Day:** Celebrated on 26 January 2025 with a march past and flag hoisting.

Sb Lt Rajesh Martin

NCC Army Wing

The NCC Army Wing, under the leadership of **Lt Alex,** conducted activities aimed at developing discipline, leadership, comradeship and a spirit of service among cadets.

Major Activities

- **NCC Parades:** Seventeen parades were conducted.
- **Environment Day:** Observed on 5 June 2024 with a tree-planting programme.
- **International Yoga Day:** Observed on 20 June 2024.
- **Independence Day:** Celebrated on 15 August 2024 with a march past and flag hoisting.
- **Republic Day:** Celebrated on 26 January 2025 with a march past and flag hoisting.

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Media Club

The Media Club, coordinated by **Dr Varghese J**, provides students with opportunities to develop skills in media production, photography, advertising and public communication through workshops, exhibitions, field visits and competitions.

Major Activities

- **Media Day:** Students participated in the Media Day celebrations organised by the Information and Public Relations Department, Government of Kerala, on 29 January 2025.
- **Campus Radio:** In collaboration with the Department of Malayalam and Mass Communication, the Club produced radio programmes on the 2024 Olympics and the Wayanad landslide.
- **Workshops:** Workshops on documentary filmmaking and photography were conducted, including **"Crafting Stories and Shaping the Future"** and **"Art of Photography"**.
- **Exhibitions:** Photo exhibitions, including **PERSPECTOS** and **EXPLORIA**, were organised to promote creativity and skills in photography and advertising.
- **Industrial Visit:** Students visited Chithranjali Studio to gain first-hand knowledge of the production and post-production processes of filmmaking.

Dr Varghese Joseph Coordinator

Nature Club

The Nature Club, coordinated by **Dr Harish S. R.**, organised several programmes to promote environmental awareness and conservation.

- **Environment Day:** Conducted nature photography, poster exhibition, recitation, green pledge and sapling-planting activities on 5 June 2024.
- **World Snake Day:** Organised a flash mob on 15 July 2024 to create awareness about snakes.
- **Beach Clean-up:** Conducted a beach clean-up and tree-planting programme on 3 October 2024 as part of Wildlife Week.
- **Wildlife Awareness Seminar:** Organised **"The Amazing World of Wildlife"** on 17 December 2024.
- **Forest Study Trip:** Conducted a forest trekking programme on 6 January 2025.
- **Career Interaction:** Organised an interaction with the Agricultural College, Vellayani, on 27 January 2025 on career opportunities in agriculture.
- **Green Protocol Awareness:** Conducted a campaign on 28 January 2025 to promote environmentally responsible practices and reduce plastic use.
- **Green Campus Declaration:** The college received **Green Institution certification from Haritha Keralam Mission** on 30 January 2025.
- **Campus Beautification:** The Club cleaned the library premises and planted flowering plants.
- **Nature Awareness:** Information on nature and environmental issues was shared through student WhatsApp groups.

Women's Studies Centre

The Women's Studies Centre, coordinated by **Dr Lisba Yesudas**, conducted programmes promoting gender equality, women's safety, sustainability and empowerment.

Major Activities

- **Inaugural Meeting:** The Centre held its inaugural meeting on 1 August 2024 to plan activities such as swimming and tailoring classes, self-defence training, motivational sessions and seminars.
- **Solidarity Pledge:** Members took a pledge on 19 August 2024 to oppose violence and atrocities against women.
- **Club Induction:** Dr Lisba Yesudas introduced first-year students to the Centre's objectives and activities on 21 August 2024.
- **Sustainable Menstrual Products:** An expert session on sustainable menstrual products was conducted on 6 September 2024, followed by the distribution of menstrual cups to interested students on 9 September.
- **Inter-Collegiate Debate:** A debate on the status of women in Indian workplaces was organised on 10 September 2024.
- **Beach Clean-up:** The Centre participated in the beach clean-up drive at Puthenthope Beach on 3 October 2024.
- **International Rural Women's Day:** In collaboration with SANKALP, the Centre observed International Rural Women's Day on 29 October 2024. The Centre was formally inaugurated by Mr K. Praveen Kumar.

- **Vanitha Junction:** Student members participated in a planning meeting for the Vanitha Junction Programme under the Jwala Scheme on 28 October 2024.
- **Self-Defence Training:** A self-defence training programme was organised for girl students on 7 March 2025.
- **Swimming and Tailoring Training:** Plans were initiated to provide swimming and tailoring training to girl students and women from neighbouring communities.

Entrepreneurship Development (ED) Club

The **Entrepreneurship Development (ED) Club** promotes entrepreneurial thinking, innovation, self-employment and business skills among students. The Club also initiated the process of registration with the Industries Department, Government of Kerala.

Major Activities

- **Payasam Fest:** On 16 August 2024, students prepared and sold traditional payasam, gaining practical experience in pricing, marketing and customer service.
- **Orientation Talk:** An expert session on entrepreneurial mindset, government support schemes and digital marketing was organised on 10 October 2024.
- **Beach Clean-up:** Students participated in the beach clean-up drive on 3 October 2024, promoting environmental responsibility and community engagement.

AICUF Unit

The AICUF unit seeks to develop students who are socially conscious, spiritually grounded and committed to nation-building.

Coordinators: Dr Fr Dominic Joseph and Dr Tinu Antony

Major Activities

- **Leadership Development Workshop:** AICUF and XOS jointly organised a leadership workshop for 40 students, focusing on social commitment and spiritual development.
- **Freshers' Welcome:** First-year students were welcomed through an interreligious prayer service promoting unity and inclusiveness.
- **Environmental Initiative:** Twenty student volunteers participated in a beach clean-up drive.
- **Communication Skills Seminar:** Twenty-five students attended a seminar on effective communication led by Fr Biju Joy SJ and Fr Santhosh SJ.
- **Constitution Day:** Students participated in a reading of the Preamble and pledged to uphold constitutional values.
- **Feast of St Francis Xavier:** A prayer service was organised to commemorate the life and mission of the college's patron saint.
- **State and National Participation:** AICUF members participated in various programmes at the state and national levels, enhancing their social awareness and leadership skills.

Astronomy Club

The Astronomy Club functions in association with the Department of Physics and is coordinated by **Dr Mahesh N. R.**

Major Activities

- **CSR Support:** The Club secured **₹91,330 from Canara Bank's CSR fund** to purchase a BRESSER MESSIER EXOS 2/EQ-5 mount with GoTo facilities, enhancing the capabilities of the existing telescope.
- **GoTo Mount Inauguration:** The new mount was inaugurated on 7 November 2024 by **Shri Pradeep K. S., General Manager and Circle Head, Trivandrum CO**.
- **Night Sky Observation:** A special sky-watching session was organised for Physics alumni in January 2025 using the new mount and telescope.
- **Outreach Programme:** A sky-watching session was organised at Santhom Malankara Arts and Science College on 27 February 2025.
- **Solar Observation:** A solar observation session was conducted on National Science Day, 28 February 2025, providing students with an opportunity to observe sunspots and solar activity.

Literary Club

The Literary Club, coordinated by **Dr Renuka**, promotes reading, creative writing and literary appreciation among students.

Major Activities

- As part of **Reading Week**, jointly organised with the Arnos Padiri Library from 19 to 25 June 2024, the Club conducted book-review, quiz, poetry-recitation and reading competitions.
- The Club participated in the college's beach clean-up drive organised as part of Gandhi Jayanthi celebrations on 3 October 2024.
- The Literary Club and Arnos Padiri Library jointly organised the **Reading Club inauguration and Changampuzha Commemoration** on 14 October 2024.
- A **M. T. Vasudevan Nair Commemoration** was organised jointly with the Library on 3 January 2025.
- A **Malayalam essay-writing competition** was conducted on 30 January 2025.
- An **English essay-writing competition** was organised on 4 February 2025.

College PTA

The St Xavier's College PTA continued to support the academic, welfare and developmental activities of the college during 2024–25. Major initiatives included:

- Launch of the college's first Annual Calendar.
- Encouragement of student participation in programmes organised by the local panchayat, including *Vanitha Junction*.
- Initiative to install rumble strips in front of the college through the PWD to enhance student safety.

- Financial support for mangrove cultivation undertaken by the college NSS units.
- Prizes for semester toppers.
- Financial assistance to the management towards the installation of a lift for differently abled students.
- Funding support for the Diamond Jubilee Awards presented to six eminent personalities.
- Participation of the PTA President as Quiz Master in an intercollegiate quiz competition organised by the college.
- Support for environmental sustainability initiatives.
- Assistance to students in obtaining insurance coverage.

Alumni Association

The St Xavier's College Alumni Association continued to contribute to the development of the college and the welfare of its students.

Major Activities

- Instituted scholarships for deserving students across departments.
- Organised career guidance sessions for Commerce students.
- Sponsored prizes for the Athappookalam competition and the college football team.
- Provided financial assistance to students for education and medical treatment.
- Participated in tree-planting activities on World Environment Day.
- Nominated representatives to the College Academic Committee.
- Sponsored Ever-Rolling Trophies for interdepartmental football and cricket tournaments.

Future Initiative

- Contributed towards the construction of a disabled-friendly toilet.

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