

ANNUAL REPORT -2023-24

Respected president of the annual day celebrations Very Rev Fr Valerian Mendonca, Correspondent, Milagres Institutions, Our Chief guest Dr Thomas Pinto, Dean, Srinivas University College of Engineering & Technology, Mukka, Mangalore, Mr Akshath, Theatre Artist and our proud alumnus 2013-16, B.Com batch, Mrs SavithaKumari, P U Principal, Prof. Annamma, our dear colleague who has been retired since April 2024, Mr Melwyn Sequeira, Vice President of the Parish Pastoral Council and other dignitaries on the dais, dear retired colleagues, invited guests, my colleagues and students,

Presenting the report of the success journey has always been a joy to me as a principal. It is because the report is loaded with the achievements of my dear students and staff. The year 2023-24 has been a very fruitful year with lots of curricular and co- curricular activities. Current years report is all the more special and will go down into the pages of history of Milagres College because it has achieved the unachievable in the last two decades. As we all know our college stands tall among the quality institutions by achieving A+ grade in the NAAC IV cycle of Assessment and Reaccreditation. Students and staff have been equally responsible to keep the Milagres flag fly high. Amidst many hiccups we have excelled in our own way. Let us rejoice together when I present the annual report of the college for the year 2023-24.

Thanks to the management for the unceasing guidance and encouragement in running the institution. The president of the Catholic Educational Society, our beloved Bishop, Most Rev Dr. Gerald Isaac Lobo, with his distinct vision, towards education has been very magnanimous in guiding this institution to a greater height. The Vicar General, and the Vice President of CESU, Mnsgr Ferdinand V. Gonsalves, the secretary, Rev. Fr. Vincent Crasta are always there to guide us at times of need. The constant and efficient guidance from our correspondent very Rev. Fr. Valerian Mendonca, has created an atmosphere for the smooth functioning of the college. We are grateful to all the other members of the Managing committee for their constant support and advice.

A NOTE OF OBITUARY:

It is with sadness in our hearts we remember and mourn the untimely demise of our young student

1. Mr.Sujith Suresh, Student of II B.Com on 25-08-2023.

And our alumni

2. Mr.Swasthik, Student of 2020-23 BCA Batch on 08-03-2024.
3. Mr.Nagesh Student of 2016-19 B. Com Batch on 05-05-2024. We pray that the God may grant them eternal rest.

STAFF RETIRED:

Prof Annamma, Dept of Economics retired from active service on 30th April, 2024 after rendering 22 years of service in our Institution. We keep on record of the dedicated service she has rendered towards the welfare of the institution as well as the college.

Appointment of Vice Principal

I am happy to inform you all that Prof Sophia Dias, Department of Hindi, a senior faculty member has been appointed as the Vice Principal of our college. While I thank the management helping me share the administrative responsibilities by her appointment as the Vice Principal, I congratulate and wish Prof Sophia Dias over the appointment.

Note of thanks and welcome

We thank all the teaching staff who left the institution in search of better future. Welcome to Ms Anvitha, and Ms Reshma Shetty to the department of BCA as faculty members. Welcome to Ms Manjushree, part time lecturer in History, Ms Aparna, Part time lecturer, Department of Chemistry and Ms Sylvia Roshni part time lecturer in English. Welcome to Mr Pradhyumna the lab assistant.

Staff Strength:

At present we have 28 teaching staff and 16 non-teaching staff taking care of the academic and administrative responsibilities.

Student Strength:

The students are the treasure of an institution. The total strength of our college is 628, out of which 365 are boys and 263 are girls.

NAAC ACREDITATION:

Ever since the introduction of NAAC assessment by UGC our college was trying to get A grade in NAAC Accreditation. Since 2005 we continuously failed. In 2005 we got B grade, in 2010 we got B+ grade and in 2015 we came down to B grade again. There was a huge challenge in front of us to get a better grade.

I remember, while reading the college day report during the last year annual day celebration that college and its stake holders are not ready over the B+ grade given by NAAC. I also had mentioned that we will be appealing the NAAC for revisit and reinspection by the NAAC Peer team. Rest is a history. We did it. On 10rd and 11th December, 2023 the NAAC sent another Peer Team for a visit and to validate our claims. And we know the result. We are an institution among very few A+ graded institution.

This is not a small achievement. Whosoever has played a pivotal role in achieving this proud A+ grade deserves great respect and honour. This achievement is possible only because of the participatory attitude we have developed inside the institution. I thank the management for its guidance and encouragement and the major role played by them. Thanks to my colleagues for their untiring and confident move and all the students for helping us in the achievement.

Special thanks to all the Criteria heads and the IQAC coordinator Dr Jayaram Shettigar for shouldering the huge responsibility in making our dream come true.

STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS:

Membership in BOS

Dr Surekha Bhat and Dr Vincent Alva have been serving as the members of Mangalore University Board of Studies of Mathematics and English respectively

Members of BOE

Prof Sophia Dias, and Dr Harinakshi have been appointed as the Chairpersons of Mangalore University Board of Examination of Hindi and Kannada respectively which is a huge responsibility. Dr Jayaram Shettigar is the member of BOE of History.

Publications

Dr Jayaram Shettigar, Department of History, Dr Surekha Bhat, Department of Mathematics, Dr Harinakshi, Department of Kannada, Mr Ganesh Nayak, Department of Commerce, Ms Kavya Pai, Department of Mathematics Mrs Rekha Librarian and Mr. Ravinandan and PRO Dr Vincent Alva, Department of English have published papers in various national and International Journals.

Dr Vincent Alva has chaired the sessions in the International Seminar conducted by Wizdom Institutions Network, Mangaluru on the topic “Boosting Entrepreneurial Culture: Exploring New-Age Business Possibilities”.

Prof Shylet Mathias, Prof Clara Menezes, Dr Surekha Bhat, Dr Jayaram Shettigar, Mrs Radhika Patkar, Mr Karthik Nayak, Mr Ganesh Nayak, Ms Kavya Pai have participated in seminars and workshops conducted in various colleges and other institutions.

Dr Jayaram Shettigar, Mr Ganesh Nayak, Mr Anil Danti Dr Vincent Alva had gone around to different institutions as resource persons.

Dr Surekha Bhat is appointed the president of FORMAT, Forum of Mathematics Teacher’s Association from 2024 onwards.

She is a member of Doctoral Advisory committee of Mathematics Department of MAHE University.

Dr Vincent Alva has been elected the President of Private/Aided college Principals’ association of Mangalore University.

He is appointed member of Malpractice ordinance committee of Mangalore University. He is also the Academic Council Member of St Aloysius Deemed to be university Mangaluru.

STUDENTS ACHIEVEMENTS:

We always take pride in accolading the achievements of our students.

- Ms. Dhanya K Hebbar of II BA represented Mangalore University at the State Level NSS Youth Festival at Belagavi during April 2024.
- Prajwal Kumar of II BCA has attended 15 days Kashmir Adventure Course conducted by the 21 Karnataka NCC Battalion for 15 days at Pahalgam (Kashmir) which aimed at enhancing physical fitness, leadership skills, and outdoor survival abilities among cadets.

He has attended pre-RDC* camps in the year 2023-2024 * Republic Day Camp

- Pre – RDC 1 at Yenepoya Moodubidri, 10 days camp
- Pre – RDC 2 at Shivamogga, 10 days camp
- Pre – RDC 3 at KPT, Mangalore, 10 days camp
- IGC – at Ballari, 10 days camp

SPORTS ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Our Table Tennis Women`s Team bagged 3rd place in Mangalore University intercollegiate Table Tennis Tournament held at MGM College Udupi.
- Women`s Volleyball team has secured FIRST place in Preliminary Round and FOURTH Place in Mangalore University Inter- Collegiate Volleyball Tournament held at St. Agnes College Mangalore.
- Men`s Volleyball team has secured SECOND place in Udupi Zone and FOURTH Place in Inter Zone in Mangalore University Inter- Collegiate Volleyball Tournament held at Govt. College, Tenkanidiyoor.
- Our college has secured overall SECOND place in Mangalore University Inter- Collegiate Power lifting Tournament held at Govt College, Tenkanidiyoor.

ACHIEVERS (National/University South Zone)

Ms.Valonia Cathrine Mascarenhas of IIB.Com`B` secured Bronze Medal in Mangalore University Intercollegiate Table Tennis Tournament and represented Mangalore University in South Zone Nationals held at AMET University Chennai.

Mr.Shashwath Shenoy of 3rd BCA Represented Mangalore University in South Zone Badminton tournament held at VTU Tamil Nadu.

Ms.Adlin Nikitha Fernandes of 3rd B. Com `B` represented Mangalore university in South Zone Chess tournament held at Dr. Ambedkar Law University Chennai.

Ms.Bhoomika Mestha of 1st B.A Represented Mangalore University in south zone Volleyball tournament held at Andhra Pradesh

Ms.Kowshalya of 1st B.A represented Mangalore University in South Zone Volleyball tournament held at Andhra Pradesh.

Mr. Sumanth of 1st B.A secured Silver Medal in Mangalore University Intercollegiate Power lifting Championship and Represented Mangalore University in All India Inter University held at Tamil Nādu Physical Education and Sports University Chennai.

Mr. Vamsh Amin of 1st B. Com has secured Gold Medal in Mangalore University Intercollegiate Power lifting Championship and Participated in National level Power lifting held at Bangalore.

Mr. Aneesh Palan of 1st B. Com Secured Gold Medal in Mangalore University Intercollegiate Power lifting Championship and Participated in National level Power lifting held at Bangalore.

Ms. Grace Reshal Lewis of 3rd BCA Participated in the Open Women's All India 5-a-side football tournaments at FC Deccan, Bangalore. She completed the Referee Entrance Exam organized by the Udupi District Football Association and the Referees Board of the Karnataka State Football Association at Nitte University, Karkala. She was also selected for the El Mundo FC women's team, Bangalore, and played in the Karnataka State Football Association – B Division league tournament at Bangalore Football Stadium.

MID-DAY MEAL SCHEME

Milagres College offers a mid-day meal scheme for needy students. This academic year, 124 students are benefiting from free and subsidized meals.

DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES

Department of English organised a Village Exposure Camp wherein 33 students stayed at different houses at Balkudru, Hangarakatte to get a unique experience. Department of commerce conducted a Certificate Course in Zoho Books. To highlight the significance of employability skills in today's job market and to encourage students to enhance their skills CAREER CRAFT programme was organised. Mr. Chiranján K Sherigar, Assistant Professor, PPEC, Udupi was the resource person. Apart from this the department conducted a week long project Workshop by the Team of CodeLab Systems, Mangalore for the Final year B.C.A students. Industrial visits and study tours were conducted by various departments. This year final semester students were given project work as a part of their curriculum. I honestly appreciate the involvement of the students in preparing the project report. I appreciate the efforts of the staff members too in guiding the students in project work.

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Physical Education Department is the largest Department in any college since all the students in one way or the other are connected with it. Our sports persons have achieved medals and trophies in various sports and games and field and track events.

Our teams participated in the following Mangalore University Inter- Collegiate Tournaments:

Athletics

- Volleyball (Men&women)
- ThrowBall

- Table Tennis
- Kabaddi
- Chess
- Badminton
- Wrestling
- Cricket
- Power lifting and
- Weight lifting

Coaching camps were organized for various sports such as Athletics, Volleyball and Table Tennis in the month of January 2024.

Annual Sports Meet 2023-24The annual sports meet was held on 15-16 December, 2023. Mrs. Annamma, Associate professor, department of Economics and Mr. Prakyath Kumar, an alumnus of the college were the chief guests.

LIBRARY AND INFORMATION CENTRE

Library is the heart of an institution. The quality of an institution, teachers and the students is determined by the usage of the library.

Our library has a collection of 41,890 books for the usage. It also has a collection of rare books.

82 number of periodicals, E journals and standard magazines are available for the readers. The library is constantly getting updated with INFLIBNET N list and has been digitalized.

ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES

English Literary Association organised nature camp at Hangarkatte on 22 March 2024. Commerce association conducted Entrepreneurship and Skill Development Programme and Foodzilla – food fest for the college students. IT club conducted IT Fest Code Fusion

NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME (NSS)

There are two NCC units in our college of volunteers each. The Units of the college have conducted a number of programs like beach cleaning, blood donation camp, Vigil march for the constitutions day, Hemoglobin test, HIV day,

orphanage visit, guest lectures, Mime shows, Miyawaki forest maintenance, Voters awareness programme , paddy cultivation and many more.

Blood donation camp in association with KMC Manipal is a unique programme of the college organised by NSS and Red Cross. Every year we conduct blood donation camp twice a year by collecting as many as 180 units of blood. Thanks to the enthusiasm of students and staff in donating blood.

The annual camp was organised at Government Primary and High School, Hanumanthanagar. Total number of hundred volunteers participated in the camp.

Thanks to Mrs Anupama Jogi and Mr Ganesh Nayak for the leadership.

NATIONAL CADET CORPS (NCC)

Active NCC Unit is the source of discipline in the college. At present NCC is training total number of 108 cadets.

Under the guidance of 21 Karnataka NCC Battalion, NCC unit organized a seminar on 'Women Empowerment' on May 16, 2024. Mrs. Mukta Bai, SI, Subedar Major Unni Krishna, Subedar Sandeep Kumar, 2 PI staff, were the guests. 76 cadets from the neighbouring colleges attended this programme. Thanks to Ms Pratima, the care taker of NCC.

AICUF

The AICUF unit of the college had put up Christmas programme and a spiritual animation programme for its members. 80 students got benefitted from this.

VIDYARTHI DARBAR

Vidyarthi Darbar is an Innovation Centre of the college for students which organizes and exposes students to a real-life situations and special talents to the students in a very unique way.

- On March 08, 2024 Mr. Naada Maninalkooru performed 'Kathala Haadu', a saga of songs sung and spoken. Students and teachers lit the entire campus with oil lamps in honor of women's day.
- Theater artist Akshatha Pandavapura performed a solo play on March 09, 2024. She engaged the students by asking questions and getting answers according to the situation that arise from the solo act play.
- An interaction session with Mr. Saneed, Mr. Thahir and Abhishek youth from Kerala on a cycle expedition from Kanyakumari to Kashmir was held on March 18, 2024 under Vidyarthi Darbar, This was a youth awareness programme for the students on Drug abuse.

- The college witnessed a unique audio-visual program performed by the trainees of 'Samarthanam' an NGO working with hearing and speaking disability on April 08, 2024. The organization is striving to encourage the 'ability' in disability.

PREVENTION OF SEXUAL HARRASSMENT CELL (POSH)

An Awareness program on POCSO was organized by POSH Cell for the students. Mrs.Sharmila, Member Secretary, District Legal Services Authority Udupi was the speaker.

CAREER GUIDANCE AND PLACEMENT CELL

The career guidance and placement cell organizes a series of programmes throughout the year to acquaint students with communication and soft skills and make our students employable. A constant and continuous effort has been kept on to make students face interviews with confidence and gain employment.

The career guidance cell organized many programmes for students such as Aviation information and career opportunities under aviation, overseas higher education opportunities, Life skills training programme for which the college is greatly indebted to Dr Francisca Tej, Dr Guru Tej and Mr.ChandanRao for their contributions and for a huge support to the college.

I must mention here that the college had a Mega Job fair on May 04, 2024. Nearly 1200 students participated in the job fair and 300 students got shortlisted for employment and out of which 70 students belong to our college.

Thecollege is deeply indebted to Wizdom Institutes Network, Mangalore for their contribution and for being the master minds behind the job fair.

I profusely thank Mr Walter Nandalike, founder of Daijiworld Media for their support.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Alumni Association is the backbone of our college. If the college functions without much financial constraints, it is only because of the generous financial support of our alumni. Whenever we ask support from them they are always there to support us. They support us through providing funds to grant fee concessions to the students. Some of the alumni also support the sports persons through donating fund for coaching camps.

MOU:

A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between our College and Bengre Bulls supported by Radha Babu Kotian Foundation for the promotion of Sports activities and to provide financial support for needy students of our College. Mr. Raj Bengre Alumnus has come forward to contribute Rs.5,00,000 every year for promoting sports activities.

THE PARENT TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

The PTA plays a major role in the college. Regular meetings are held and the PTA was a great support during the NAAC and also in student learning process and its follow up. We thank all the parents for their active role in the college affairs.

ECO CLUB

Eco Club helps to initiate green campus through its various activities. It has conducted programmes like plantation drive, bee keeping and bee keeping training, paddy cultivation etc., Thanks to Mrs Rekha, Librarian for the active leadership.

STUDENTWELFARE COUNCIL

Students are our treasure. The college can be called a college only if there are students who actively involve in all the welfare activities that take place in the campus. I am extremely happy to state that we have very good students in the campus led by the dynamic Student Welfare Council led by

President –Mr. Shenroy Dias – III B.ComA

Vice President I – Ms Adlin Nikhita Fernandes – III B.Com B

Vice President II – Mr Vishal D’Souza III B.Sc

General Secretary – Ms Ananya Bhat N – III BCA

Joint Secretary – Ms.Adheena Abhyadev – III BA

Sports Secretaries – Mr Abhith Hegde – III B.Com A

Ms Varsha Mestha – III BSC

Cultural Secretary – Mr Sohan Pradhan Shiri – III BCA

While I congratulate these young leaders I thank them and you too for your leadership, involvement in college activities and whole hearted cooperation.

I have surprise announcement to make. It is the Principal's call and prerogative I feel. Principal is a Closed-Circuit television of the college always watchful. You might be thinking that Principal watches the CCTV to find fault with and catch the culprit. Its not so in my case. I keep my senses open to find the best that comes out of the students and the staff. I have observed one such student in the college. Always on toes to lend a helping hand to all and in all the activities. That student will be the first one to reach the spot where someone needs help. That student wouldn't mind the sweat he sweats or the dirt that soils dress. College should be lucky to get such student. Today on this college day ceremony we would like to honour that student and name that student the best allrounder of the college.

AND THAT STUDENT IS – MR ABHISHEK – III B.COM A

Thank You

At the end remains a Big Thank you from the bottom of my heart. The Journey will be on till the last breath. Every moment is challenging. We have faced many hitches and obstacles on the path. Our confidence is hugely boosted after our successful challenge with NAAC. This year one more challenge is of less number of admissions and the reason for this is known for everyone. Every problem creeps up with a solution and problem is temporary and change is permanent. We hope for the best in future.

I thank the Bishop Most Rev Dr Gerald Isaac Lobo, President of Catholic Educational Society of Udupi Diocese, Msgr Ferdinand Gonslves, Vicar General, Very Rev Fr Vincent Crasta Secretary CESU for their blessings and guidance, Very Rev Fr Valerian Mendonca for his constant encouragement and support, alumni and PTA, well wishers and my dear colleagues and students. You have been with me throughout this year. One more year will begin soon. Solo walk is always tiring. Let us walk together hand in hand so that we gather strength to fight the challenges together and pic the cherries of success on the path we walk. Thank you.


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