We are greatly privileged to share with you our Annual Newsletter, 'Riflesso' a reflection of the Department of Economics & Political Science. As one more prolific academic year concludes, it is an occasion for us to revive, revitalize and rejuvenate our scores and balance sheet. We together have embossed our credentials everywhere, be it academic or extra-curricular, including activities of the departments and community involvements.

This year was a remarkable year for the department of Economics as it was the Golden Jubilee Year (1968-2018) of its inception. Ever since its establishment, the department has been in the forefront in organizing novel programmes aimed at popularizing the Economics among the students and general public. Imbibing the spirit of Golden Jubilee year celebrations, this year too we have designed events and programmes with a marvelous blend of creativity and novelty.

INAUGURATION OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ECONOMICS ASSOCIATION AND PLANNING FORUM

The activities of the Economics Association and Planning Forum for the 2017-2018 were inaugurated by Dr. Nirmala Padmanabhan, Head of the Department, Research Centre and Post Graduate Department of Economics, St. Teresa’s College (Autonomous) Ernakulam on 14th July 2017. Dr. Nirmala Padmanabhan delivered a talk on ‘Green job and Green consumerism’. The first Annual newsletter of the department ‘Riflesso’ was released by Dr. Nirmala Padmanabhan. The book titled as “Exclusion of Minorities & Indigenous people in India” and the Hand written Manuscript ‘Aazhi’ were released by Prof. Latha Devi P.K on the occasion. Meritorious student (Class topper, 2014-2017) of the department, Ms. Aneeja Antony who secured highest marks in B.A Economics examination honoured by Prof. Latha Devi P.K, HoD & Associate Professor, Department of Physics, St. Xavier’s College For Women. Prizes for various competitions conducted by the department were distributed. The department of Political Science offered scholarship to students who secured highest marks in complimentary course in the U.G Degree (CBCSS) Examination, 2017.

NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

As part of the inauguration of the Golden Jubilee Year of the Department, the department in association with Jain University, Bangalore organised ICSSR-SRC Sponsored National Symposium on ‘Contemporary Issues in Economy and Society’ on 11th December 2017. The inaugural address was delivered by Mr. Hibi Eden MLA, Ernakulam Constituency. The Key Note Address was delivered by Dr. Vidhya C.T, Assistant Professor, Centre for Economic and Social Studies (CESS), Hyderabad, Sr. Electa, Former Head of the Department of Economics, St. Xaviers College for Women, Aluva felicitated on the occasion. Dr. Martin Patrick, Chief Economist, Centre for Public Policy Research, Kochi, Kerala, Prof. Bhagwandas B.HOD, Department of Economics Loyola College (Autonomous), Chennai, Dr Xavier V.K, Professor, Department of Economics, Jain University, Bangalore and Dr. Vidhya C.T, Assistant Professor, Centre for Economic and Social Studies (CESS), An ICSSR Institute, Hyderabad were the resource persons of the Symposium.

ALL KERALA INTER COLLEGIATE EDUCATION FEST

As part of the golden jubilee year of the department, the Planning forum of the Department organized an Inter Collegiate Educational Fest, Eco Aware-2017 in fond memory and honour of Rev. Mother Isabel, the founder Manger of the college and Prof. Rebecca Mathen, Former Head of the Department of Economics. Mother Isabel Memorial All Kerala Inter Collegiate Paper Presentation on ‘Black Money, Corruption and Demonetisation’, Prof. Rebecca Mathen Memorial Debate on ‘GST: A Game changer or Not’ and the Mega Mind, a Quiz on Current affairs were the competitions conducted on 12th December 2017. Inter collegiate fest was inaugurated by Mr. Prasanth Joseph CA, Financial Expert and Tax Consultant in Media.
Ms. Vishunupriya O.S of St.Xaviers College, Aluva and Ms.Isablella Jose of M.A College kothamangalam won the prizes for Paper Presentation Competition. Mr.Antony Anto & Ms.Isabella Jose of M.A College, Kothamangalam secured the first prize and Mr.Anwin & Mr.Kannan of St.Albert's College, Ernakulam secured the second prize for Debate Competition. Regarding the Quiz competition, K.R Rajesh & Deepak Joseph of UC College, Aluva won the first prize and Abi George & Rajesh P.R and Ms. Alan Minnu Xavier & Meenakshi Kumar of St.Xaviers College, Aluva won second prize. The prizes were distributed by Sr.Dr.Shalini.

**MOTHER MARY MAGDELINE MEMORIAL LECTURE**

The fifth Mother Mary Magdeline Memorial Lecture instituted in fond memory and honour of college foundress Rev. Mother Mary Magdeline was organized on 5th February 2018. Dr.Job Chakkalakal, Head of the Department of Management Studies, St.Paul's College, Kalamassery delivered the lecture on the topic “The Fall of Gulf Remittance : A Reality Check”.

**CONSTITUTION DAY OBSERVANCE**

As per the directions of UGC, the department of Economics and Political Science observed Constitution day on 29th November 2017 to impart awareness about the principles of our constitution. The preamble was read out by Rev. Sr. Principal on the same day. A Talk was organized on the topic “Fundamental Duties of an Indian Citizen in the Constitutional Perspective” by Prof. Babu, V.C, Former HOD of Political Science, St.Peter's College, Kolenchery. A Paper on ‘Gandhism and Toleration’ presented by Ms. Greeshma.C and Ms. Roshni Jose of II DC Economics. A Skit on 'Fundamental Rights and Duties' was also presented by II DC Students.

**HUMAN RIGHTS DAY OBSERVANCE**

The Department of Political Science organised a Human Rights mapping competition on 12th December in connection with human rights day observance. The UDHR was read out by the students on the same day. The analysis of human rights mapping was presented and a talk on the topic Social and Cultural rights of women in India by AdvMuhammed Shah, Senior government pleader of Kerala High Court was also conducted on 14th December.

**INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMPETITIONS**

As part of the Population day observance, Planning Forum of the Department of Economics conducted an Inter Departmental Poster designing Competition on 'Gender Equality' and Cartooning Competition on the topic 'Women Empowerment' on 11th July 2017 at 1.p.m in Economics seminar hall. The output of the competitions was exhibited for the students. The students of the department were also presented a Flash Mob on the theme 'Gender equality and Women empowerment'.

**MONTHLY PAPER PRESENTATION SESSION OF RPC**

The department of Economics and Political Science organized the monthly paper presentation session of Research Promotion Council of the college for the month of November. The papers were presented on 10th November 2017.

**ACADEMIC WEEK CELEBRATIONS**

As part of the Academic week celebrations of the college, the department organised a session on "Career opportunities in Banking and Financial Sector” by Sri. Joshi Paul Veliyath, Director, COO Xenturion Fintech Pvt Ltd on 12th January 2018.
EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

ACADEMIC EXTENSION ACTIVITIES OF THE STUDENTS
The students of the department presented a Flash Mob on the theme 'Gender equality and Women empowerment' in the public places like Railway station, KSRTC Bus stand and Private Bus stand, Aluva and college campus. The students gave awareness to the public about World population day through this presentation followed by a talk delivered by Sr. Sharin who stated and highlighted the history, theme, aims, objectives and purpose of World Population Day which is observed on 11th July of every year. The output of the competitions was exhibited for the students.

SOCIAL OUTREACH
The Department of Economics in collaboration with Social Department, CST Fathers, SJ Province, Aluva organized a Social outreach programme titled as 'Serve the Little' (Monsoon ministry @tribal colony) by providing financial assistance and necessities to the tribal villages in Adichilthotty tribal colony near Malakappara, Athirampalli on 13th July 2017. The students of the department collected clothes, food and other daily use items from students and staff of the college and handed it over to the people there. Since the people live in deep forest they are not able to earn livelihood these days due to monsoon. The Social outreach was an opportunity for the students to understand the problems of the marginalized and downtrodden and gave them the inspiration to work for the betterment of such groups.

The Students of the Department celebrated Onam with tribal villagers in Adichilthotty tribal colony near Malakappara, Athirampalli on 2nd September 2017 organised by Social Department, CST Fathers, SJ Province, Aluva. The title of the celebration was 'Kattile Ponnonam'

Two students (Nimsy Roy III DC Economics & Farzana Ali II DC Economics) of the department donated Hair for the cancer patients

ECO MEGA MELA-2017 (ENTREPRENEURSHIP EXHIBITION CUM SALE)
· To develop latent entrepreneurship skill of the Students, the Department of Economics in collaboration with Kudumbasree Mission Unit, Aluva organized an 'Entrepreneurship Exhibition Cum Sale' titled as 'Eco Mega Mela, 2017' on 8th November 2017 from 11 a.m to 2 p.m. 2017

STUDY VISITS
· The Planning Forum of the department of Economics organized a study visit to Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on 5th January 2018. The students attended the 'Interactive Financial Education Programmes' organized by SEBI. The students also visited St. Albert's College, Ernakulam for watching Albertian International Expo-2018 and Vertex Securities Limited, Ernakulam for the practical application of trading securities

OTHER ACTIVITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT
· The department in collaboration with Consumer Protection Council organized Consumer Protection awareness generation session on 18th July 2017 by Sri. Prince Thekkan, President, Consumer Protection Council at 1.30 p.m in the auditorium.

In collaboration with Aluva Municipality, Kerala Police Officers Association and Ernakulam Rural District committee, the Staff, Final year students of the department as well as the students who opted the paper 'Foundations of Environmental Economics for their Open course in the Fifth semester participated in a cleaning drive at Sivarathri Manapuram, Aluva on 21st July 2017.
The department in collaboration with Centre for Budget Study Centre, CUSAT, organized a Post-Budget Panel discussion on 6th February 2018. Staff and students participated in the discussion at CUSAT.

ACHIEVEMENTS OF STUDENTS

- Aiswarya Lalu (III DC Economics) secured First prize for Mappila Pattu Competition organised by college union in connection with Ramdan Fest on 12th June 2017.
- Arya Govind P, Jisha K S, Anukrishna M, Aswathy P S, Dhanusha Velayudhan, Anamika Babu, Sreelakshmi K Shaji, Devika K C and Ayana Ajith (Volleyball team) were the Runners up in the M G University Inter collegiate Volleyball championship held at Alphonsa College, Pala on 18th and 19th of September, 2017 and the team secured 2nd place.
- Malavika and Aiswarya Lalu won 1 prize for the Quiz competition conducted by Tourism Club on 27th September 2017.
- Jisha K S ( I DC Economics) got selection to the M G University camp at Changanaserry.
- The students included in Basketball team were the Winners in the Ernakulam District Basketball championship held at Carmel Club, Aluva on 27th - 29th of Oct 2017.
- Jisha K S (I DC Economics) represented M G University in the South –West Zone Volleyball Championship held at Kannur from 24th -25th of October 2017 and her team were the Winners, they were also winners in the All India Inter university Volleyball Championship held at Kannur from 27th -30th of October 2017.
- The students included in Basketball team were Runners up in the M.G. University Intercollegiate Basketball Championship held at St. Xavier’s College, Aluva on 2nd & 3rd of November 2017. And also they were the Winners in the Exhibition Match held at Manijappra on 5th November 2017.
- The students included in Volleyball team were Winners in the Ernakulam District Senior Volleyball championship held at Malayattoor from 6th -12th of November 2017.
- The students included in Volleyball team were Winners in the Ernakulam District Youth Volleyball championship held at Kumanadu on 26th November 2017.
- The students included in Volleyball team were Runners up in the 25th Msgr. Augustine Maveli memorial All Kerala Inter collegiate volleyball tournament organized by our college on 27th -28th November 2017.
- The students included in Basketball team Runners up in the 24th Rev. Dr. Sr. Redempta memorial All Kerala Inter collegiate Basketball tournament organized by our college on 29th & 30th of November 2017.
- Aswathykutty Haridas, (III DC Economics) Anjana Vinoj (I DC Economics) and Ajna (I DC Economics) participated in Drama Festival which bagged Second prize in the MG University Youth Festival, 2018.
- The students of the department actively participated in various competitions in connection with College Youth Festival and won many prizes. It was held from 5th to 8th December 2017.
- Aswathykutty Hardas (III DC Economics) bagged First prize for Short story writing in Malayalam and Third prize for Poetry writing in Malayalam.
- Malavika R(III DC Economics) and Sreelakshmi K.R (I DC Economics) Won First prize for the Quiz competition.
- Anjana Vinoj(II DC Economics) Secured second prize for Mono Act and Third prize for Kathaprqsangam.
- Annmol Wilson (I DC Economics) Secured second prize for Mimicry.
- The Students of the department won First Prize for Oppana.
- Fathima Suneera & Kadeeja (II DC Economics) secured First prize & Second in the Mind Mapping Competition, conducted by Department of Political Science in connection with Human Rights Day Celebrations on 12th December 2017.
- The Students of the department won Second prize for Short film competitions in connection with Christmas celebrations of the college on 21st December 2017.
- Anju Mathew (II DC Economics) represented M G University in the All India Inter University Basketball Championship held at Anna University, Madras 26th -30th December 2017 .
- Jisha K S (I DC Economics) was the member of the Winning gold medal for the Youth National Volleyball championship held at Madhya Pradesh from 31st December 2017 to 7th of January 2018.
- Malavika R (III DC Economics) and Sreelakshmi K.R (I DC Economics) won I prize for the General Knowledge Quiz competition coordinated by Academic Council, St Xaviers college Aluva on 8th January 2018.
- The students included in Basketball were the Winners in the 1st Dr. Seena Augustine Memoria South India Inter Collegiate Basketball championship held at Bharath Matha CollegeThirikkakara on 20th -22nd January 2018.
- Malavika R (III DC Economics) Secured First prize for the Quiz competition organised by Centre for Heritage studies on 25th January 2018.
- The students of the department received First prize for the ‘Fashion show’ in connection with the college day.
celebrations on 23rd February 2018.
- Jisha K.S (I DC Economics) secured Rev. Sr. Anna Endowment Prize instituted by Rev. Sr. Charles for Best all rounder in sports
- Ms. Rosmy Geo (III DC Economics) received Best Library user award in college among students - in memory of late K Daniel Ex-librarian, Maharajas College, Ernakulam. And also she received Mahindra scholarship of Rs.10000/-.
- The students of the department bagged First prize for the Rally in connection with Women's day celebration on 8th March 2018, organized by Women Cell of the college
- Greeshma C (II DC Economics) secured Third prize for Essay Writing Competition on 'Prohibition of corruption, Realities and Expectations organized by Vigilance and Anti corruption Bureau on 13th March 2018.

SPECIAL SESSION BY ALUMNI OF THE DEPARTMENT

As per the direction of OSAX, the department of Economics organised a Special Session on 'Contemporary Challenges in Women Entrepreneurship' by the Eminent Alumni of the department, Ms. Anby Baby, Managing Director, Ookkens Engineering Company on 18th August 2017.

PARTICIPATION OF STUDENTS IN SEMINAR AND COMPETITIONS

- The Students of the department participated in a Lecture on 'Lessons For Making Economic Growth Inclusive And Sustainable' by Prof. Vinod Thomas, Visiting Professor Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore, organized by Department of Economics, St. Teresa's College, Ernakulam on 17th August 2017
- Students attended a talk on 'Federal finance' by Dr. Rangarajan, Chairman, Fourteenth Finance Commission and Former Governor of RBI, in connection with P.J Thomas Award ceremony, organised by BMC, Thirikkakara on 28th September 2017
- Aiswathykutty Haridas & Sabitha Sabu and Reshma R & Anns Maria (III DC Economics) participated in Interdepartmental Paper Presentation competition organised by department of Statistics in connection with Statistics day on 29th June 2017.
- Kadeeja & Greeshma C (II DC Economics) and Malavika & Sabitha (III DC Economics) participated in an Interdepartmental Quiz competition on 20th July 2017 organised by Department of Mathematics
- The students included in Volleyball team participated in the Sr. Treasa Mary memorial All Kerala Inter Collegiate Volleyball tournament organised by Assumption College, Changanassery on 28th to 30th of August 2017.
- Farsana Ali, Kadeeja, Fathima Zarin, Irin and Roshni (III DC Economics) Participated in Poster designing Competition as part of Ozone day celebration, organised by Department of Physics, Maharaja's College, Ernakulam
- Kavitha Kumaran, Anjaly Rathnakumar, Devika K C, Fathimasumeera R, Arya Mathew, Fathimath Sherikhja and Rosna Thomas (College Netball team) Participated in the M G university Netball championship held at Assumption College Changanassery
- Arya Mathew and Fathima Sumeera R (II DC Economics) participated in the Senior State Netball championship held at Kollam on 10th and 11th of October 2017.
- The students included in Basketball team participated in the Senior State Basketball championship held at Mullankolly, Wynad from 20th-26th November 2017.
- The students included in Volleyball team participated in the Senior State Volleyball championship held at Sulthan Battery from 4th-10th of December 2017.
- Greeshma C and Maria Minnu(II DC Economics) Participated in the paper presentation competition on 'Women and Gender equality' organised by IQAC on 11th January 2018.
- Sruthi Shaji, Reshma R (III DC Economics) and Nusra R (I DC Economics) participated in the Abstract writing competition organised by IQAC on 10th January 2018.
- Kadeeja (II DC Economics) and Malavika R (III DC Economics) participated in a Quiz competition in connection with Library week on 31st January 2018.
- Anjana Vinoj and Farisa A.A (II DC Economics) participated in a Debate Competition on 'The relevance of Economic reservation in Kerala' organized by Alumni association of Department of Economics, St.Paul's College, Kalamassery on 8th March 2018.
- Greeshma C and Maria Minnu (II DC Economics) participated in a Debate Competition on 'Women Entrepreneurs are better than men' organized by Department of Commerce(S/F) on 8th March 2018.
SOCIO-ECONOMIC SURVEY
The Planning Forum of the department conducted a Survey on Socio Economic Problems faced by Single Parents of Students of St.Xavier's College with action plan and follow up programmes.

MENTORING SESSION WITH PARENTS
The department organized a Mentoring session with Parents of the students of the department which is one of best practice of the department on 3rd November 2017 at Economic Seminar Hall. The practice was initiated to ensure better involvement of parents in the academic and personal formation of the students and to provide the parents a platform to closely involved in the academic and campus life of the students to track their performances/deviations

ALUMNE MEETING
As part of the Golden Jubilee year of the department, organized a meeting of the alumni on February 10th, 2018 at 12.p.m after the OSAX general body meeting of the college. The meeting was presided over by the Principal Rev. Sr. Reethamma. The main programmes of the meeting were the following:

- Guru vandanam - Honouring Retired teachers
- A word of gratitude - Honouring the Principal
- Paying homage - Late Prof Rebecca Mathen
- Memories - Sharing the experiences and memories by first batch(1968-1971)
- OSATXED - Distribution of Students Welfare Fund

The meeting began by paying homage to retired Prof Rebecca Mathen, former HOD of the department who passed away in July 2013. The retired teachers who taught Core and Subsidiary papers of Economics were honoured by Principal Rev.Sr.Reethamma with Ponnada. Rev.Sr.Reethamma, the first principal from the department was specially honoured by Ms.Vandana Aravindan with Ponnada and Memento in her retiring year. After the honouring ceremony, Ms.Nalini Sukumaran who was a student in the first batch shared her experiences and memories of the college. OSATXED Students Welfare Fund was distributed to Ms.Jishna Shanmughan and Ms.Angel Maria of III DC Economics. Teachers and students shared their memories of the college. After the meeting, Principal Rev.Sr.Reethamma, Ms.Minimole.K and Sr.Sharin visited the house of the teachers who couldn't come in the meeting and were honoured with Ponnada.

STUDYTOUR
The department organized a tour package to Mysore and Coorg for Final Year Degree Students from 13th to 16th December 2017.

FAREWELL
The students of the department organized a Farewell function and Sent off party to the Final year out going students on 5th March 2018. The junior students organized the farewell ceremony with designed blend of marvelous and creative programmes.

WELCOME
The department gave a heartiest welcome to the First year students on 23rd August 2017. The Seniour and Super seniour students organized the welcome ceremony. It was an unforgettable event in the mind of I B.A students.

OUTGOING STUDENTS OF THE DEPARTMENT

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