

Report of the Activities of the Alumnae Association during the Year 2015-2016

The Alumnae Association plays a pivotal role in maintaining a very cordial relationship with the former students and teachers of the College. The Annual General Body Meeting and Reunion of the Association was held on 10th October 2015. Dr. Sr. Marriette A. Therattil, the Co-ordinator accorded a warm welcome to all. Respects were also paid to the Founder Co-ordinator of the Alumnae Association who had passed away in May 2015. Ms Shobha Menon, Principal of Chinmaya Vidyalaya, who was conferred the National Best Teacher Award 2015 addressed the gathering. The Silver Jubilarians (the 1987-90 batch), the Gloria Award for outstanding achievement at the international level was conferred on Olympian Rosakutty K. C. The Abhiman Award instituted for national level achievement was awarded to Dr. Vasanthakumari P. (1986 M. Com) HoD, Department of Commerce, N.S.S. College, Ottapalam. Dr. Elizabeth Ninan (Former Faculty, Department of English & Rtd. Professor, IIT, Chennai) was awarded the Vishishta Seva Medal, for meritorious service to the Association. The Karma Award for the best socially committed student went to Angelin S. Joseph (Dept. of English) and Sahana M. R. (Dept of Home Science). Every year the Association felicitates the silver jubilarians. This year's silver jubilarians were the students of the 1988 batch.

The Star of Vimala Contest, which began in 1996 is a unique competition in all respects, conceived and conducted by the Association in honour of Former Principal, Sr. Stella Maria,. This contest motivates excellence in students and final year students are the participants. Shona Smith (B. A. English) won the title while Varsha Rajan (B. Sc.

Computer Science) and Silpa Sankar (B. Sc. Mathematics) were adjudged the Runners Up.

It was decided that the Award Ceremony of the Association should be conducted separately. Accordingly, entitled Alumnae Accolades, the program was conducted as a separate function in July 2014. Dr. Mary Regina (Asso. Prof. KAU) inaugurated the function and addressed the gathering. Olympian Manjima Kuriakose was honoured with Gloria Award for her outstanding achievements in sports at the international level .The Abhiman Award renamed as Excelsia Award was conferred on the eminent entrepreneur, Ms Sheela Kochouseph. The Vishishta Seva Medal renamed as Gracia Award was awarded to Ms. Santa Kumari, former Head of Dept. of Chemistry. Aswathi Prasad (B. A. Sociology) was the winner of the Karma Award for the year.

On 29th September 2014, a Leadership Training Programme was organized for the mother of students to develop their leadership skills.The programme was a joint venture of UGC-Centre for Women's Studies and Alumnae Association. Mr. Binu Kaliyadan (HR Director, I Corporate Solutions, Kochi) was the chief trainer of the programme.

The first edition of the newsletter of the Association, titled *Dear Alumna* as suggested by Dr. Sr. Cleopatra, which is visualized as a platform for presenting a panoramic vista of all the activities organized by the Association, was released at the General Body Meeting and Reunion.