

Mary Matha Arts and Science College, Mananthavady

January- February, 2026

The Western Ghats Aquatic Biodiversity Research Centre

The Western Ghats Aquatic Biodiversity Research Centre was inaugurated on 27 January 2026 by Dr. Jasmine Purushothaman, Scientist at the Zoological Survey of India, Kolkata. The official logo of the Centre was also released during the ceremony. Established with a vision to promote scientific research and conservation, the Centre is dedicated to the study and protection of aquatic species in the Western Ghats, one of the world's richest biodiversity hotspots

Research Impact and Community-Based Environmental Action

The discovery of microplastics in the Kabani River at Wayanad gained widespread attention in social media, journals, and newspapers in India and abroad. The study, led by Dr. Sanu V. F., Head of the Department of Zoology, created significant social and environmental impact. It raised public awareness about river pollution and its ecological consequences. In response, the Mananthavady Municipality initiated measures to clean the Kabani River. Plastic waste collection drives were conducted in Mananthavady town and along the riverbanks to promote environmental protection.

Pride of the Institution

UO Najiya Nasrin, III B.Com, proudly represented the Kerala–Lakshadweep Directorate at the All India Karthavyapath Republic Day Camp (RDC) 2026 held in New Delhi on 26 January 2026. A grand felicitation programme was organized on 11 February 2026 to celebrate the excellence and achievements of Ms. Najiya Nasrin for representing the college at the Republic Day Camp in Delhi.

Chithrolsavam – Kannur University

The college secured the *third position in Chithrolsavam*, conducted as part of the Kannur University Arts Festival, through the outstanding artistic talent of Madhav M., a first-year B.Sc. Computer Science student. His remarkable performance brought honour and recognition to the institution at the university level. A felicitation programme was organized on 11 February 2026 to honour the winners of the Kannur University Kalolsavam.

National Seminars

- Research Department of Zoology organized a 2-day National Seminar on *Genomic Insights for Safeguarding Biodiversity* on 27,28 January 2026.
- Department of English organized 2-Day National Seminar on *Voices of the Republic: Democracy & Secularism in Indian Literary and Media Cultures* on 29,30 January 2026.

Departments / Clubs Activities

- The College Union organized fine arts day, *Aaravam-26* on 16 January 2026.
- PG and Research Department of Computer Science in association with IQAC organized a faculty orientation programme on *Education for tomorrow: Industry insights for today's teachers* on 17 January, 2026.
- PG and Research Department of Computer Science organized a seminar on *Cyber Hygiene and Secure Digital Practices for Everyone* on 21 January 2026.
- PG and Research Department of Computer Science signed an *MoU* with Offence Hackers Academy, Calicut on 21 January, 2026 to enhance students technical skills, industry readiness and employability.
- Henosis – Mathematics club organized Treasure Hunt competition on 23 January 2026.
- Election literacy club organized *National Voters Day Celebration* on 23 January 2026.
- The college Celebrated 77th Indian Republic Day on 26 January 2026.
- NCC-Naval wing inaugurated *0.22 firing range* on 27 January, 2026
- College Union organized *Kattanoppam Pattu*, a musical programme on 28 January 2026.
- Economics Club organized a *Reel Making Competition* on 30 January 2026.
- Department of Hindi Organized *Sureli Hindi Utsav* on 30 January 2026.
- PG and Research Department of Computer Science organized *project presentation* on 29 January 2026.
- IT Club and PG and Research Department of Computer Science organized *Tech Maestro – Tech Quiz* on 29 January 2026.
- Commerce Club in association with IQAC organized *quiz completion* in commemoration of Martyrs' Day on 29 January 2026
- Henosis – Mathematics club organized Inter-department competitions – *Magic Square* on 30 January 2026.
- PG and Research Department of Mathematics organized an Alumni Interaction Programme *From MMC to ISI: An Inspirational Journey* on 30 January 2026.
- Department of Commerce in association with IQAC organized a *Finishing School Programme* on 30 January 2026
- Department of Social Science Economics organized *Reel making competition* on 30 January 2026.
- PG and Research Department of Computer Science organized *seminar on Machine Learning Revolutionizing the digital world* on 2 February 2026.
- IQAC organized Inauguration of *Fitness Programme for ladies – Fabulous and Flexible* on 2 February 2026.
- Jeevani Centre for Well-being in association with Students Service centre & Internal Complaints committee organized *Self Defence Training* on 5 February 2026.
- Entrepreneurship Development Club Organized *Business Idea Presentation* on 5 February 2026.

- Film club and college union jointly organizes *film festival* on 5 February 2026.
- Department of Social Science Economics organized *Socio Quiz* on 5 February 2026.
- Henosis – Mathematics club organized *Sudoku Competition* on 6 February 2026.
- Dance Club organized inauguration of *Walk Happy Run Healthy Move Easy – A mind relaxing fitness programme* for teaching and administrative staff on 9 February 2026.
- Career guidance and placement cell in association with Fortune IAS academy organized *IAS talent hunt* programme on 9 February 2026.
- Department of English organized *Kochi-Muziris Biennale Campus Outreach Programme* on 10 February 2026.
- Henosis – Mathematics club organized *Crossword competition* on 13 February 2026.

Association Inauguration

- Research Department of Mathematics organized Mathematics Association Inauguration, seminar on *Graphs and Signed Graphs* and *Manuscript Magazine Release* on 23 January 2026.
- Department of Commerce organized association Inauguration and *Meet the Entrepreneur programme* on 28 January 2026.
- Research Department of Zoology organized Zoology Association Inauguration on 28 January 2026.
- PG and Research Department of Computer Science organized Association Inauguration, a seminar on *Machine Learning- Revolutionizing the digital world* and Merit Day on 2 February 2026.
- Department of English organized association inauguration and meet the entrepreneur programme on 2 February 2026.
- Department of Physics organized association inauguration and a seminar on 3 February 2026.
- Department of Social Science Economics organized association inauguration and a talk on *Economic status of Transgender people in Kerala: An empirical analysis* on 13 February 2026.

Outreach/extension Programme

- Department of Commerce visited Karuna Bhavan, Kattikkulam, an old age home on 29 January 2026.
- Department of Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry organized *Step in to their World-* a visit to Emmaus Villa, Thonichal on 30 January 2026.
- PG and Research Department of Computer Science visited Jeevandhara rehabilitation centre at Peruvaka on 30 January 2026.
- Department of Social Science Economics visited St. Anne's home, old age home on 30 January 2026.
- Department of Zoology visited Samaritan Bhavan, an old age home on 30 January 2026.

- Department of Social Science Economics organized a Financial Inclusion and Awareness Programme at Murukkumtheri Unnathi, Ondayangadi on 6 February 2026.

Industry/ Field Visits

- Third year students of Physics Department visited Manipal Institute of technology on 19 January , 2026
- Teachers and students of the college visited Quantum Century Exhibition held at St.Mary's College, Bathery on 21 January, 2026.
- Department of Functional English visited Kerala Literature Festival on 23 January , 2026
- III B Sc computer science students visited Nexus Technologies Calicut as a part of Industrial visit on 6 February 2026.
- Department of Chemistry visited Rishi FIBC Jumbo Bag Manufacturing Company Nanjangud on 7 February 2026.
- Final year students of Department of English visited MalayalaManorama,PressOffice, Kannur to gain practical exposure to media operations and print journalism. On 13 February 2026.

Skill Development Programmes

- PG and Research Department of Computer Science in association with IQAC organized a skill development programme – One Day Workshop on Accounting Packages and GST on 20 January 2026.
- Department of Commerce in association with IQAC & Skill Development Centre organized a *finishing school programme* on 22 January 2026.
- PG and Research Department of Computer Science organized Digital Reel Production Workshop – a skill enhancement training programme on 23 January 2026.
- PG and Research Department of Computer Science Basic digital productivity skill programme on 27 January 2026.
- Department of English started Speaking skill programme on 27 January, 2026.
- Department of Physics started Basic experimental skill programme on 27 January 2026.
- Department of Mathematics started Essential Mathematical Skills for competitive examination programme on 27 January , 2026
- Department of social science-Economics started Understanding union and state budgets in India on 27 January 2026.
- PG and Research Department of Mathematics organized a session on *Skills and Strategies to succeed in Competitive Examinations* – finishing school programme on 30 January 2026.
- Department of Chemistry in association with skill development centre organised food labelling for commercial packaging on 3 February 2026.
- The college organized speaking skill and its applicability programme on 4, February 2026.

- Department of English organized Advanced Presentation Skill – A skill Development programme on 13 February 2026.

Faculty Achievements

- Dr. Sijo A K published article titled Design and Development of Ferrite-TiO₂ Nanocomposites with Tunable Magnetic Properties in East European journal of Physics with impact factor 1.7, indexed in Web of Science & Scopus.
- Dr. Sijo A K published article titled "Cobalt-Based ZIF-67 Metal Organic Framework for Enhanced Photoelectrochemical Performance" in Journal, Chemistry Select (Wiley-VCH / Chemistry Europe) indexed in Web of Science and Scopus.
- Dr. Sijo A K published article titled Photocatalytic efficiency of nickel-doped copper ferrite in organic dye decomposition in Nano-Structures & Nano-Objects, an Elsevier journal, indexed in Web of Science & Scopus.
- PhD Open Defense of Mr. Asharaf P A was held on 11 February 2026 under the guideship of Dr. Bindhu K Thomas, Research Department of Mathematics.

Student/Alumni Achievements

- Rasla Fathima, II BA Social Science Economics, attended Model Parliament Training Programme, conducted by Kerala Legislative Assembly, Thiruvananthapuram on 16 January 2026.
- Muhammed Razal, II BSc Computer Science secured 2nd position in Upside Down Vision Competition at Inspiro 2026 organized by Don Bosco College, Angadikadavu.
- Shiyana Sherin, Muhammed Cinan Ch, Mashood T, Harisanth R are selected for 10 days free internship at Acadeno technologies, Calicut.
- Mr.Shaji P K BA Functional English (1998-2001) is selected as the Manager, Kerala Santhosh Trophy Football Team.
- Ardrs KC, BA Functional English (2019-22) got selected as Constable in Central Armed Forces (CAPFs) and SSF.
- Swethamol M, BSc Mathematics (2019-22) got appointed as Assistant Professor in Mathematics at Govt. Engineering College, Mananthavady.
- Amal Simon, BSc Mathematics (2021-24) got appointed as Constable in Central Industrial Security Force.
- Manu P Thomas, BA Functional English (1998-2001) appointed as Editor(South India), The Economic Times

Prof. Thomas Monoth

Principal