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from Principal's Desk ...

Dear Friends,

We are proud to bring out the inaugural issue of the Campus Newsletter. The campus witnessed a flurry of activities on several fronts last year. We feel jubilant and contented when we look back and we would like to share our happiness with each one of you. From a small institution on a lonely hillock to a full-fledged centre of learning and culture, over the years the growth of our college has been simply phenomenal. Like a banyan tree it has grown and expanded, but always caring, sheltering, loving and providing holistic education as envisaged for a secular, modern India. With the motto "ora et labora" (pray and work), Farook College is a place where tradition meets modernity. The last academic year was a period of considerable achievements. It is worthy to mention here the generous support rendered by the college Managing Committee and the significant role the former Principals played in moving the wheel of progress. Now it is time to pause and look back for a self-assessment even as we march forward. So here's a quick update on the major highlights of the year. We hope you find this issue interesting and useful. Do get back to us with your valuable comments and suggestions.

A. Kuttialikutty
Principal

Dr. P.M. Mubarak Pasha, Principal, Farook College (1996 - 2004) assumed the office of Director, College Development Council, University of Calicut in July 2004. His untiring efforts gave immense boost to the stature of the college. The College witnessed impressive progress in various fields during his tenure.



TOWARDS EXCELLENCE

Farook College is one of the six colleges in Kerala selected by the UGC as a College with Potential for Excellence (CPE). It is also the only college in Malabar to bag the honour. The CPE is both a reward for past performance and an invitation for betterment. This award comprises a grant of Rs. 60 lakhs for executing specific projects approved by UGC.

Objectives

To strengthen the infrastructural backup of the academic process.

To take the lead in operating academic initiatives for collaborative advantage.

To be a model centre for participatory research / collective effort for developing teaching aids.

To bring other centres of learning in the area in the networking for change and innovation.

Target Groups

The students of the college and the student community in general.

The teachers of the college and the teaching community.

The administrative staff of the college.

The general public who will directly benefit from socially relevant activities.

Projects

Strengthening the infrastructure back up:

Revamping the Lab facilities; Additions to the stock of Library; Library Automation; Campus-wide network; Audio-Visual equipment; Office Automation; Virtual Lab.; Contribution towards Language Lab.

Developing qualitative methodology for teaching:

Linux-Based Software Development; Preparation of the Dictionary of Concepts in Historical method.

Capacity Building:

Total Improvement Programme for the students; Entrepreneurship Developmental Programme.

Social Outreach:

Preparation of the resource map of Ramanattukara and Vazhayur Grama Panchayats.

Experimenting with new ideas and concepts:

Study of the biodiversity and ecology of wetlands; Module for Cost Effective Solid Waste Management & Pollution Control; Editing and translation of medieval local Arab poems.

New Milestones

Right from its inception, the college has been doing a yeoman service in the educational field, particularly for the uplift of the backward minority community. In recognition of our pioneering work in this direction, we have been conferred the Moulana Abul Kalam Azad Literacy Award by the Moulana Azad Foundation, under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Govt of India. Indeed it was a memorable moment receiving this coveted honour from the Lok Sabha Speaker Mr. Somnath Chatterjee in March 2005. Certainly the last academic year ended on a happy note.



Lok Sabha Speaker Mr. Somanath Chatterjee presenting Moulana Azad Literacy Award 2004 to Mr. K.V. Kunhamed Koya, the Secretary and Prof. A. Kuttialikutty, Principal.

The UGC has identified our institution as a "College with Potential for Excellence" (CPE) and awarded a grant of Rs.60 lakhs for activities to be undertaken for three years. The Departments of History, Chemistry, Statistics, Arabic and Zoology have started their work under the CPE project.



Dr. V.N. Rajasekharan Pillai, Vice-chairman, U.G.C. delivering the NAAC Decennial Lecture Series. Dr. Latha Pillai, Adviser, NAAC and Dr. Syed Iqbal Hasnain, V.C., University of Calicut are also seen.

Farook College was selected as one of the venues to host the NAAC Decennial Celebration. Dr. Rajasekharan Pillai, Vice –Chairman, UGC delivered the NAAC Decennial Lecture Series on "Quality Higher Education and Sustainable Development" in September 2004. Hon. Minister of State for External Affairs Mr. E.Ahamed inaugurated the function. Dr. Syed Iqbal Hasnain, Vice Chancellor, University of Calicut presided over the function. Dr. Latha Pillai, Adviser, represented NAAC and proposed vote of thanks. Farook College also hosted the following month a workshop of the Principals of affiliated colleges under the auspices of the NAAC. The Hon. Minister for Education, Govt of Kerala, Mr. E.T. Mohammed Basheer inaugurated the workshop. Prof. V.S. Prasad, Director, NAAC delivered key-note address.



Mr. E.T. Muhamed Basheer, inaugurating the workshop on Quality Assurance in Higher Education. In the front row second from the left is Prof. V.S. Prasad, Director, NAAC.

We crossed a major milestone with the inauguration of our Publications Division by the eminent novelist Mr. M.T.Vasudevan Nair on 27 October 2004. This unique venture is expected to give a fillip to the research and creative efforts of the faculty and the students. It was launched with the release of three books written by the teachers of the college: Media Scan by Yaseen Ashraf, Smanangalku Smarakangalode Parayanavathatu by K.E.N.Kunhahamed, Cheriya



Mr. M.T. Vasudevan Nair inaugurating the Publications Division of the College. Prof. K.A. Jaleel, Former V.C., is first from the left.

Cheriyā Meenugalum Valiya Mathsyangalum by N.P.Hafiz Mohammed. This endeavour is an indicator of our propensity to grow and diversify—to move ahead of our times. The Principal Mr. A. Kuttialikutty presented a paper in the Regional Seminar on 'Best Practices in Higher Education' held at CMS College, Kottayam on 27 November 2004.



Prof. Shobeendran inaugurating the programme 'Plant a life'. Sitting in the middle is Mr. K.C. Hassan Kutty, President, College Managing Committee.

Our commitment to the cause of environment was reflected in the tree planting drive organised in August 2004. This campaign for a green campus was aimed at conscientising the students and the general public about the importance of growing new trees while preserving the old.



Mr. E. Ahamed, Minister for External Affairs, inaugurating the Web Development Centre.

The Web Development Centre, supported by Mr. E. Ahamed, Honourable Minister of State for External Affairs from the M.P-L.A.D. scheme, was commissioned by him in December 2004. "Insight", a forum for the welfare of blind students was formed and a special corner was set up in the library to cater to the needs of the blind.

Our teachers were constantly engaged in an endeavour to enhance their knowledge and upgrade their skills. Dr. K. Mohammed Ismail, Dept. of English, Dr. T. Mohamed Ali, Dept. of History, Dr. T. P. O. Nasirudheen, Dept. of Library & Information Science and Dr. T. A. Mohamed, Dept. of Islamic History were awarded Ph. D. by the University of Calicut.

Our students too have not lagged behind in bagging ranks in different subjects and bringing in laurels in sports and cultural activities. The list of our students who hold the first three ranks in the various disciplines in the Calicut University Examinations last year is given below.

No.	Name of Student	Course	Rank
1	Habeeb. C	B.A. English	I Rank
2	Akbar. C	B.A. English	III Rank
3	Satheesan. B	B.A. Sociology	I Rank
4	Faseena.K	B.Sc. Statistics	I Rank
5	Nazneen Jahan. K.V	B.Sc. Statistics	II Rank
6	Sajna. S	B.Sc. Statistics	III Rank
7	Jassi. J.	M. Sc Physics	II Rank
8	Dhanya Balakrishnan	M. Sc Physics	III Rank
9	Mulaikath. T	M.A Arabic	I Rank
10	Lakshmi R. Nair	M.Sc. Statistics	I Rank
11	Dilsha. M.	M.Sc. Statistics	III Rank
12	Rajna. K.	B.L.I.Sc.	I Rank
13	Praseetha T.P.	B.L.I.Sc.	II Rank

flying colours: List of the first three rank holders of Degree and P.G. Courses during 2004-05.

The important achievements made by the teachers and students of various teaching departments, institutes and centres of the college are highlighted.

Calicut inaugurated the Chemistry Students' Association CHEMFEST and gave a talk on 'Tsunami and interlinking of rivers'.

Department of Physics

Celebrating the Achievements

The Department was a hub of activities as we began the yearlong celebration of 'The world Year of Physics' with lectures and documentaries on Albert Einstein and Relativity. An exhibition on 'Portraits of great scientists' by artist Sreeni Paleri was organised in February.

The achievements of the Dept. on the academic front were creditable. A pass percentage of over 90% for B.Sc. and M.Sc. examinations and two rank holders in M.Sc. examination speak volumes. Mohammed Aslam of Final year B.Sc. made the college proud of by securing admission for M.Sc. Physics at IIT Madras. He is the lone candidate who succeeded in securing admission in IIT from the Calicut University in 2005.

Mrs. P.A.Subha presented a paper at an international seminar on 'Perspectives in Non - Linear Dynamics,PNLD-2004' at IIT Madras in July 2004. Mr. Mohammed Ismail, Mrs. G..Vijayam, Mr.K.A. Mathew and Mr. K.K Abdulla participated in national seminars. The National Graduate Physics Examination(NGPE-2005) leading to the Physics Olympiad was held on 23 January 2005.

Department of Chemistry

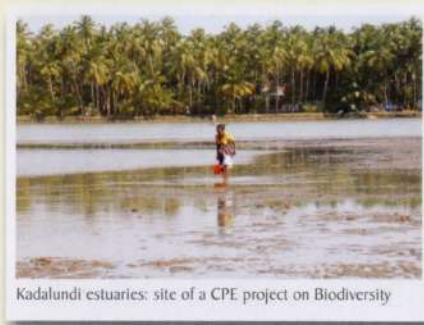
Fighting Pollution

An important milestone was the launching of the project on 'Cost effective solid waste management' under the scheme of 'Colleges with Potential for Excellence' sponsored by UGC. The topic assumes significance in the present scenario of environment degradation and health hazards. Several talks by eminent persons on environmental issues were held last year. The Farook College Alumni of Chemistry was formed (FALCHEM). Dr. E.J. James, Director, CWRDM,

Department of Zoology

Committed to the cause of the environment

The Department is engaged in a pioneering study on 'The biodiversity and ecology of Kadalundy estuarine wetlands' in cooperation with Kerala Forest Department, University of Calicut, and various other research institutions like ZSI, SACON, KFRI, CMFRI, CWRDM. Estuaries are ecologically important and unique zones, since they are located where fresh water bodies mix with the salty seawater. The study is relevant and timely as today estuaries are in danger due to construction of seawalls. The study seeks to throw light on the quality of water, population of marine life, floral diversity including mangroves, and the anthropological impact on the Kadalundy eco-system.



Kadalundi estuaries: site of a CPE project on Biodiversity

Department of Botany

Saying it with plants

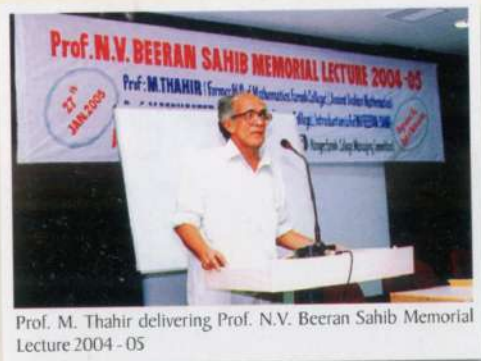
The Department of Botany was in the forefront of the 'Plant a life' programme conducted by the college. Saplings were planted all around the campus. The students of the Department attended a seminar on 'Biotechnology' at Providence College. They also took part in a workshop on 'Management of Wetlands' at

CWRDM, Calicut .A study tour was organised by the Department to places of botanical importance.

Department of Mathematics

Promoting scientific temperament

The Department held a Mathematics quiz competition 'Maths plus' and presented The Rajeev Nambiar Memorial rolling trophy and cash awards amongst the winners. Prof. N.V. Beeran Sahib Memorial Gold Medal was presented to the first rank holder in M.Sc. Mathematics examination of the Calicut University in January 2005. The memorial lecture was delivered by Prof. M. Thahir, former Head of the Dept. A two-day workshop was held on 'curve sketching with the help of computers' and students from various colleges participated. Dr. K. Sudheer served as a resource person in a UGC sponsored workshop and he participated in several regional seminars.



Prof. M. Thahir delivering Prof. N.V. Beeran Sahib Memorial Lecture 2004 - 05

Department of Statistics

Innovations in Software Development

The Statistical Computing Lab a project of the department aided by FIST was commissioned by Mr. P.K. Kunhalikutty, the Minister for Industries on 3rd July 2004. Prof. J.V. Deshpande, NBHM Professor, University of Pune inaugurated a project on 'Linux Based Statistical Software Development' under the scheme 'Colleges with Potential for Excellence' on 10 January 2005. Dr. P. Vallaisamy, Professor, IIT, Mumbai and Dr. C.K. Sasidharan, former Head of Paediatric Department, Calicut Medical College offered felicitations.



Prof. J.V. Deshpande, on BHM Projector, University of Pune inaugurating the project on 'Linux Based Statistical Software Development'

Department of English

On the Fast Forward mode

A get-together of the faculty members and students of the Department was held on 14 December 2004. Sri N. Madhavan Nair, Bureau Chief, The Hindu, Kozhikode, formally inaugurated the activities of the English Students' Association.

The Department conducted English Elocution competition and Inter - departmental debating competition. Miss. Traicey of III B.Com, Mr. Akbar. C of III B.A. and Mr. Habeeb. C. of III B.A. won the first three places in the debating competition.

Various literary and cultural programmes were held in honour of the final year students on 9 February 2005. A career guidance session was held on the theme "Prospects in Journalism". The Post Graduate students attended a two-day symposium on "Painting and Literature" at Providence Women's College on 1 and 2 March 2005.

Dr. Asha Mohammed attended a national conference in Caribbean Literature conducted by the Indian Association for Commonwealth Literature and Language Studies from 10 to 12 February 2005 at Ethiraj College, Chennai. She presented a paper on "The question of faith : a contrastive analysis of Roger Mair's Brother Man and H.G. Detissa's The White Witch of Rosehall".

Dr. T.V. Prakash attended a workshop in Indian Aesthetics at Calicut University as Resource Person. A paper on "Angus Wilson's Plays", prepared by Dr. T.V. Prakash, was published in the book Black American Drama.

Mr. K. Basheer and Ms. Sabita Jaleel attended a

national seminar on "Mass Media and Literature" at Little Flower College, Guruvayur in November 2004. Mr. Basheer also attended a national seminar on "Translation Theory and Literature" at Government Victoria College, Palakkad. Ms. Sabita also attended a national seminar on Women's Studies at C. Achuta Menon Govt. College, Trissur in January 2005, and a state - level seminar on "Literature and Painting" held at Providence Women's College, Calicut on 1 - 2 March 2005.

The English Alumni Forum was formed on 10 March 2005. The Department gave a formal send-off to the retiring members, Prof. C.P. Ummer Kutty and Prof. K. Mohamed Ismail, on 29 March 2005. Mr. K.V. Ummer Farooq left the Department on deputation as NSS coordinator, University of Calicut.

The list highlights the important programmes conducted by the Department.

No.	Programme	Date
1	Debate "Should hartals be banned?" 'Just a minute' and Poetry Competitions	14 Dec. 2004
2	Recitation Competition	13 Dec. 2004
3	Association Inauguration	11 Jan. 2005
4	Quiz Competition	18 Jan. 2005
5	English Vocabulary Test	19 Jan. 2005
6	Alumni Forum Meet	10 Mar. 2005
7	Career Guidance Session	10 Feb. 2005
8	Talent Show	16 Feb. 2005
9	Wall Papers	

Department of Malayalam

Creative expressions

The Media seminar conducted by the Department was a big crowd puller. Mr. Shashibhooshan Nair, Reader and Head of the Department of Mass

Communication, University of Calicut and Mr. Gouridasan Nair, Special Correspondent, The Hindu spoke on the interaction between media and society. Several talks by eminent literary persons were conducted. Mr. Beerankutty, poet and lecturer of Govt. College, Mokeri spoke on 'Recent trends in poetry'.

Mr. K. E. N. Kunhahamed, Head of the Department, was in the limelight in the literary circles. He published last year three books: Pranayam Kavitha Samskaram, Kutubdin Ansari Chirikkunnu and Erakalude Manifesto. He was honoured with the Gurudarsan Award for his work Erakalude Manifesto. His book Karuppinte Soundarya Shastram has been selected as a textbook for B.A Malayalam. He also participated in several national seminars and cultural meets across the country. He presented a paper at the Thunjan memorial seminar organized jointly by the Kendra Sahitya Academy and Thunjan Academy. Mr. K. M. Nazeer, a faculty member, took part in a national seminar on folklore at Madayi College.

Department of History

Delving into the past

The Department conducted a two-day workshop on 'Dictionary of Concepts in Historical Method', a project under the scheme 'Colleges with Potential for Excellence' in March 2005. Renowned historian and former Chairman of ICHR, Dr. M.G.S. Narayanan inaugurated the workshop. Dr. K. N. Ganesh, Reader, Dept. of History, University of Calicut, Dr. K. J. John, Head, Dept. of History, University of Calicut and others presented the papers. The History Students Association organised an exhibition in connection with the Republic Day celebration. The Department took initiative in forming an alumni association.



Dr. M.G.S. Narayanan Former Chairman, ICHR Inaugurating the workshop on Dictionary of Concepts in Historical Method.

Department of Economics

Experiments with Teaching

The Department organised a three-day UGC sponsored State level workshop on 'Mathematics for Economics Teaching: A Handbook for Undergraduate Teaching' on 11, 14 and 15 February 2005. The Vice Chancellor of Calicut University, Dr. Syed Iqbal Hasnain inaugurated the seminar.



Dr. Syed Iqbal Hasnain, Vice-Chancellor, University of Calicut inaugurating UGC sponsored workshop for Economics Teachers

Department of Sociology

Brimming with action

The Department bagged the Fr. Puthenkulam Trophy for the best Sociology Students Association. The Department also bagged the first rank for B.A. Sociology in the Calicut University. The students participated actively in various seminars, workshops and conferences in different parts of the country. The Department organized a series of fruitful interactions with various personalities. Seminars and debates on important issues were also conducted.

Mr. N. P. Hafiz Mohamed, Head of the Dept, presented a paper at the International Malayalee Conference in Qatar. 'Neelathadakathile nidhi', a short story written by Mr. Hafiz Mohamed won the 2005 Bhima Special Jury Award for Children's Literature. Mr. Abid Hussain, a faculty member, attended a workshop on 'Higher Secondary Grading-

Reconceptualization conducted by the SCERT, Thiruvananthapuram. Mr. R. Sahal Mohamed and Ms. M. Sanjeena of final year B.A. participated in the national seminars on Conflict and Reconciliation held at Delhi and Goa.

'In the name of God', a documentary by Anand Patwardan, and 'Gudda', a notable film by K.J. Baby were screened by the Department. A photo exhibition was also held in November 2004.

Department of Commerce and Management Studies

Meeting the Challenges of Globalization

The Department organized two-day seminar on "Excitements of Third Millenium Management Science" on 28 and 29 March 2005. Mr. M.P. Abdussamad Samadani, M.P. inaugurated the Seminar. Dr. J. Simon Thattil, Department of Commerce and Management Studies, University of Kerala, in his paper on "Prospective Management Education System" presented in the seminar, pointed out that the present education did not address the issue of training experts. He also emphasised on the need for international standards to be observed in the management education. Prof. K.A. Jaleel, former Vice - Chancellor, University of Calicut and Mr. M. Saleem, District Industries Officer, Kozhikode were the other dignitaries participated in the seminar.



Mr. M.P. Abdussamad Samadani, M.P. inaugurating National Seminar on 'Excitements of Third Millenium Management Science'

Department of Library and Information Science

Exploring knowledge

The Department has taken major steps to revamp the structure and curriculum of the courses offered. An innovative programme of two year integrated Master's Degree course in Library and Information science (MLISc) will be introduced from the next academic year on the pattern of the UGC model curriculum. An opinion survey was conducted on the use of cell phone in campus. Noted Malayalam poet Mr. P. K. Gopi delivered a talk on 'Current trends in reading'. Dr.T.P.O. Nasirudheen and Dr. K.C. Abdul Majeed participated and presented papers in the National Seminar on 'Application of IT Towards the Excellence in Higher Education' at Thiruvananthapuram organized by the Kerala Library Association.

Department of Physical Education

Faster, Stronger, Higher

Our talented sports stars brought home several laurels excelling in different games. Last year we emerged right on the top with an overall performance considered to be one of the best in the recent history of Farook College. Never before have six teams of Farook College figured in the Calicut University Inter-zone Finals. We proved our mettle at the Calicut University Inter-zone Championship with the Shuttle Badminton securing for the sixth year in succession, The Table Tennis (Men) team securing for the second consecutive year and for the first time in the history of Farook College and the Table Tennis (Women) team winning the Inter-zone Championship. Our volleyball, handball and softball teams emerged runners up in the Calicut University Inter-zone Championship.



College Shuttle Badminton Team - Winners of Interzone for the sixth year in succession

College football, cricket and softball teams won zonal championships. Our football team won the 'A' Zone for the ninth year in succession and the Cricket Team emerged as the zone champion after a gap of four years. The college softball team retained the district championship. The College football team showed a splendid performance in the Kozhikode District 'A' Division League Tournament. In spite of challenges from the big heads, the team could qualify for the super division league and positioned third place in the super division league during April/May 2005.

Mr. Jamsheer of Final year B.A. Sociology, was selected to represent Kerala Senior Team in the National Handball Championship. Mr. Muneer of Second year B.Sc. Statistics and Anish. M. Menon of First year BBA represented Kerala in Senior National Softball Championship. Mr. K.P. Nishad of Final year B.A. Economics and Sirajudheen of First year B.A. Arabic represented Kerala Youth team in the nationals at Tiruchirappaly during May 2005.

Mr. K.P. Nishad also captained the Kozhikode District Youth Football Team in the State Championship. Mr. Vineeth Manual of Second year BBA and Mr. M. Pramod of Final year BBA were in the limelight as individual champions in shuttle badminton and table tennis respectively in the Calicut University Inter-zone Championship. Mr. Saneesh of Second year B.A. Sociology captained the Calicut University Handball team and Mr. M. Pramod of Final year B.A. captained the University Table Tennis team. Twenty four students of our college made it to the Calicut University teams.

Foundation for Academic Excellence and Access

Meeting Academic Challenges

The Foundation for Academic Excellence and Access (FAEA), New Delhi provided full education support to 19 selected students and organized a number of enrichment programmes in English language, general knowledge and computer operations. Exposure to eminent personalities and important centres and places of education helped the beneficiaries to create their own vision for future.

INSIGHT, a forum for the welfare of the visually challenged students, was started under the patronage of FAEA. The Insight conducted classes for the students to make them aware of the problems faced by the visually challenged students. A cricket match for the blind was conducted in which teams from various parts of Kerala including national players took part.

Students' Union

Campus Vibrancy

The College Students' Union activities for 2004 - 05 were formally inaugurated by Mr. K. Aboobacker Resident Editor Malayala Manorama on 4 January 2004. The Fine Arts Club was inaugurated by the noted singer Vadakara Krishnadas, Vice-Chairman, Kerala Mappila Kala Academy.

Farook College participated in all the items of 'B'Zone Fine Arts Competitions of the Calicut University and stood in the second position. Miss. Shravana of M. Com, and Mr. Jithin Das of B.A. English won 'Kalathilakam' and 'Kalaprathibha' respectively. The College also performed impressively and won the third position in the Inter Zone Fine Arts Competitions by participating in eight group as well as individual competitions and securing 62 points.

The Union also organized a one-month long campaign on 'Religious Harmony Against Communalism'. A gazal feast led by the popular singer Shabaz Aman was also conducted. An exhibition of wall-posters was held on 11 January 2005.

P. M. Institute of Civil Services Examination

Grooming Civil Servants

The rigorous coaching offered by the Institute of Civil Services Examinations has started yielding results. The following seven candidates have qualified the Civil Services Preliminary Examination 2005.

Mr. Shukkoor. T, Mr. Shajahan. S, Mr. Ammar. T, Dr. Ilyas. K. P. A, Mr. Jerin. G. Anand, Mr. Sooraj. K. P, Mr. K. K. Salam

Centre for Human Resources Development

Catching the future

Centre for Human Resources Development (CHRD) is one of the three organs of the Institute for Regional Studies and Documentation. The others are Mappila Studies and Research Centre and Centre for Cultural Heritage. CHRD offers intensive scientific training for developing personal effectiveness, leadership qualities, managerial talents and communication skills.

CHRD organized "the Self develop 2005" - a special programme on the enhancement of personal effectiveness of students of IX, Xth and XIIth of adjacent schools. The training programme focussed on communication, presentation skills, self confidence, creativity, learn easy, life skills, time management, self esteem, stress management, social games and counselling.

The five day long training for orphanage wardens was another major programme conducted by the CHRD. 32 wardens from 18 different orphanages associated with KSMOCC participated in this programme. Counselling, creativity, orphanage management, orphan management, problem of behaviour problems, counselling techniques, social games, stress management, systematic planning were the major areas covered in this programme.

Two and half days long training on "creative teaching" was organized for CBSE school teachers.

The participants in this programme were trained in the use of participatory methods, self evaluation, enhancing presentation skills, communication skills, teaching tools, child psychology, class room management, creativity and counselling skills.

The CHRD resource team also participated in various in-house programmes of schools, orphanages, NGOs, industries etc.

Jubilee Health Centre

The healing touch

The Jubilee Health Centre of the Farook College undertakes the health care of students free of cost and of staff and local public at a nominal rate. A series of activities were undertaken during the last year.

A medical camp was conducted on 15 January 2005. A blood group detection drive was also organised on 29 September 2004. Health awareness classes were organised by the noted physicians and experts in the various areas of specialisation. The centre has also started functioning a pain and palliative clinic. Total care of terminally ill patients and their families in Ramanattukara, Feroke and Vazhayoor panchayaths comes under the purview of this clinic.

Total Improvement Programme (TIP)

The launching pad for talents

It is a unique programme designed by the Career and Placement Centre of Farook College and carried out under the 'Colleges with Potential for Excellence' (CPE) project. Dr. K.M. Abubacker, the Director of Centre for Information and Guidance inaugurated the programme.

The Programme focuses on tapping the full potential and creativity of the undergraduate student community and offers them guidelines. TIP is designed to motivate the brilliant students even as the others are not sidelined. Several camps were organized with an emphasis on personality development, improving English language skills, training for various competitive examinations and career guidance.



Dr. K. M. Abubacker, Director, CIGI inaugurating Total Improvement Programme (TIP) a project under CPE of UGC

Childline Project

Caring the Child

CHILDLINE is a national project under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Govt. of India to provide a 24 hour free telephone helpline and outreach service for children in need of care and protection. Farook College is a nodal agency of the CHILDLINE. Two lectures were conducted on Child Psychology and Child Rights for persons from Indian Railways and City Police and the elected representatives of local bodies and N.G. Os on 10 and 25 February 2005. For further details and enquiries, please contact : 0471- 2518966

Edusupport

Extending a helping hand

Edusupport is a unique scheme for the overall educational support of economically disadvantaged students irrespective of caste and creed. The scheme envisages to give the support to the deserving students in kind, but not disbursing money in cash directly to them. The requirements for food, hostel accommodation, books, dress, commuting, medicine, learning aids to visually challenged students are met under the scheme. The governing principle of the scheme is that all the basic academic amenities being provided by the College should be made available to the economically poor students who cannot afford to pay for these services.

Applications are invited from the needy students and the deserving students are selected from among

the applicants on the basis of a set of norms after proper screening. The selection process is made transparent and judicious under the supervision of a properly constituted committee.

The scheme is generously funded by our alumni abroad, especially the Qatar Unit of Farook College Old Students' Association. Fund is also raised from the sources like P.T.A., regular contributions from the faculty members. An amount of 1.5 lakhs was provided in kind for various services and supports to 87 deserving students.

National Service Scheme (NSS)

Lending a helping hand

Our NSS volunteers were busy throughout the year exploring avenues to serve humanity and to make the world a better place to live in. These young crusaders campaigned against social evils like drugs, tobacco and so on. Blood donors' forum, Adult education, Pain and palliative clinic and Mass greening were some of the other activities organized by the NSS in the college campus. A legal awareness programme was arranged in collaboration with the Kerala State Legal Service Authority with a special focus on women empowerment.

An important highlight of NSS activities in the last year was the construction of two roads at Elamaram and Kadathumpuraya. A ten-day camp was held at Elamaram in which all the three NSS units in the college participated.

Mr. K. V. Ummer Farooq, Lecturer in the Department of English, was appointed as co-ordinator, National Service Scheme, University of Calicut in April 2005. He has served as NSS Programme Officer of the College for a long period.



National Cadet Corps (NCC)

Marching on...

Our NCC units conducted many social activities. Apart from their regular parades and celebrations during Independence day, Republic day, NCC day, etc the cadets were involved in several commendable activities like tree planting, water conservation, free medical camp, awareness programmes in and around the college campus throughout the year. Our cadets attended many camps in different parts of the country such as Maharashtra, Gujarat, Goa, Sikkim and Uttaranchal. Six cadets passed the C certificate and nine passed the B certificate examinations. Both the Army and Navy wings have several noteworthy achievements to their credit.



Commander P.K. Sudhakaran addressing the cadets at the closing ceremony of the NCC unit

Farook College is moving ahead in the new frontiers of knowledge such as Information Technology, Communication, Mass Media, Language Skills etc. It has become a source of inspiration and enlightenment for the students in this part of the country—a socially and educationally backward area where economically backward communities and minorities dominate. Farook College is marching towards the social and educational renaissance of the society.



← Prof. Arun Nigavekar, Chairman, U.G.C. on a visit at the college. Dr. Syed Iqbal Hasnain, Vice-Chancellor, University of Calicut, Dr. P.M. Mubarak Pasha, the then Principal, K.V. Kunhamed Koya, Secretary and Adv. M. Mohammed, Manager are also seen.

→ Adv. M. Mohammed, Manager and Prof. A. Kuttialikutty, Principal receiving R. Shankar Award from Mr. E.T. Mohmmmed Basheer, Minister for Education for the best college in the State for the years 1997-98 and 1999-2000



← Visit of the Expert Committee of the UGC - Infonet Dr. Gulshan Rai (ERNET), Dr. G.D. Sharma (CEC) and Dr. Ajith Kembari (UGC - Infonet) on the campus.

→ The College Cafeteria supported by FOSA, Dubai Unit commissioned on 3 July 2004. Mr. P.K. Kunhalikutty, Minister for Industries, Mr. P.V. Abdul Wahab M.P., Office Bearers of FOSA and Managing Committee Members of the College are seen.

