

AMRITA DARPAN

Reflections of Student Activities at Amrita Coimbatore Campus



*A one word solution
for almost
all the problems
the world is facing
today is
“COMPASSION”*

~ MATA AMRITANANDAMAYI DEVI ~

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- Sevanavaram
- World Mental Health Day
- Amritotsavam



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SARASWATI STATUE

Inspiring wisdom and learning in campus



Academic Block I - Saraswathy Statue

"We should light up our hearts with the lamp of hope" - Amma



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AMMA SAYS...



Amma's Message about Celebrations

SRI KRISHNA JAYANTI



Like a full moon in the darkness of the night, Bhagavan descended amidst us. Bhagavan Krishna can be seen throughout the social life, arts, literature, scriptures, and history of India. In Sri Krishna, we see the picture of a complete life. The Bhagavan incarnated on earth to help each person awaken the Krishna within themselves. Sri Krishna celebrated life in all forms and was a living embodiment of pure love. Through this, he was able to connect with everything in creation. May Sri Krishna's life and message shine forever on the path of our life, as an inspiration, a guiding light, and the ultimate goal.



GURU PURNIMA

"Guru Pūrṇima is the celebration of a disciple attaining a state of completeness in thought and action". The love that a Satguru has for the disciple is boundless and unparalleled. The Guru knows well all the weaknesses and limitations of the disciple. A Satguru is like a key that can open wide the treasury of the secrets of the universe and he teaches his disciple not to run away from problems, but to gain an in-depth understanding of them. The Guru is the full moon, free from all blemishes. The Guru's compassion can be compared to the cooling rays of the full moon. May all be blessed to follow such a Guru and become worthy of their blessing.



REPUBLIC DAY

"Today we commemorate the complete freedom that India attained. Today is the anniversary that we got our own Constitution and legal system after the British rule. Let us remember and honour the sacrifices made by patriots who laid down their lives for the freedom of our country. By embracing their sacrifices, may our lives become a role model for others to follow. It is our duty to fulfil our responsibilities to Bharatamba, Mother India, who has nursed, nurtured and nourished us. May the grace of God bless everyone with peace, harmony, and unity for our Nation."

VIJAYA DASHAMI



Speaking on the occasion, Amma said: "Vijayadashami is the celebration of a remarkable victory." It is a celebration of the victory of the divine forces over the demonic ones. In order to achieve such a victory, we need the blessing of Parasakti - the supreme transcendental force that controls the universe. Sarasvati Devi, the embodiment of knowledge, carries with her various symbols like the white garment, the veena, and the japamala which represent various qualities that are needed for such a victory. Just as the gears of a vehicle can be shifted to adjust to the type of road, so too spirituality gives us the capacity to adjust to any circumstance. This is why Education for Life is vital for the development of students. So, "may Vijayadasami shine brightly in each one of you".



ONAM

Onam is not merely a festival and a celebration. It teaches us the lesson of devotion and self-surrender. The festival is a medium through which human beings can restore love, friendship and values in today's world where human relationships are drifting further and further apart. No one waits until they are affluent to celebrate Onam. While having nothing, we try to find a space to create love, happiness and prosperity. There is a tradition of wearing new clothes on Thiruvonam Day. Along with this, let us try to wear a new mantle - a mantle of deciding to perform good deeds that are beneficial for society. There is also a tradition of laying large and colourful pookkalams [flower-petal designs] and competing to see whose is bigger and better. Along with this, let us try to decorate our hearts with the flowers of love, patience, humility and sacrifice. We can turn our lives into a huge Onam celebration if we do all these.

INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY

21ST JUNE, 2023 MAIN PLAY GROUND

6:45 am - 8:00 am

Yoga is a practice that has endured for centuries, with India being at the centre of it. The benefits of Yoga have transcended borders, with it being a universal method for people to achieve physical and mental benefits. As such, it is only right that Yoga is celebrated internationally.

The 9th International Day of Yoga was celebrated on 21st June, 2023. The theme for the year was “Yoga for Humanity”, alluding to its universal benefits.

Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham celebrated the day with great vigour, keeping in the tradition of championing yoga. All students, faculty members, non-teaching members and campus residents were invited to celebrate the day and reap some of the benefits of yoga. The day was organised wholeheartedly by the Amrita Darshanam International Centre for Spiritual Studies along with the Department of Student Welfare and National Service Scheme.

The festivities for the day started at 6 AM with Brahmachari Nikhilesamrita Chaitanya lighting the lamp. All the participants and dignitaries then practised a few yogasanas as a part of the celebrations.

Following this, certificates were distributed to the student participants by Dr. K. Sankaran (Registrar), Air Commander Mr. Satish Menon R. (Campus Director) and Dr. Sripad H. Ghaligi (Associate Professor).

The celebration of our centuries-long practise of yoga concluded at 8 AM, with everyone present leaving with a sense of pride and peace.

To join Yoga group
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Department of Amrita Darshanam





GURU PURNIMA

3RD JULY, 2023

Gurupurnima was celebrated on campus, inviting all members of the Amrita family to join the event and express gratitude and reverence to their Gurus, while seeking the blessings of Sadguru Mata Amritanandamayi Devi.

Amma highlights the unique nature of the Guru-disciple relationship, asserting that it cannot be compared to other worldly bonds. Unlike other relationships that often involve bondage, the Guru-disciple bond is characterized by freedom. The Guru serves as the gateway to liberate individuals from all forms of bondage, leading them towards ultimate freedom.

Thus, to properly express our reverence to Gurus and Sadguru Sri Amritanandamayi Devi, the Amrita Kudumbum Team organised several festivities on the auspicious day. Students and faculty graciously took part in Guru Paduka Pooja and Amma's Ashottara. This was followed by Bhajans, Aarati and Prasada distribution.

"THE GURU AND GOD ARE THERE WITHIN EVERYONE. WHEN THE AWARENESS OF THE GOAL DAWNS, THE GURU ASPECT WITHIN ALSO AWAKENS."

- AMMA, ON THIS GURU PURNIMA DAY

"GURU PURNIMA REMINDS US THAT LEARNING IS A LIFELONG JOURNEY, GUIDED BY THE WISDOM OF OUR TEACHERS"



Student Induction Programme (SIP) 2023

26TH JULY - 15TH AUGUST, 2023



**"Emboldening Aspirations:
Step into the Student
Induction Program and
witness the transformation of
dreams into
accomplishments."**

Deeksharambh – 2023

- 1 BA/ BSc/ Int MSc – 26.07.2023 to 01.08.2023
- 2 B.Tech – 07.08.2023 to 15.08.2023



The Student Induction Programme (SIP) for 2023 batch Students of B.Tech / Int. MSc / BA / B.Sc was organized from 26.07.2023 to 01.08.2023 and 07.08.2023 to 15.08.2023. The purpose of Deeksharambh Student Induction Programme is to help new students adjust and feel comfortable with the new environment.

The Student Induction Cell, Office of Students' Welfare with Dr N Lalithamani, as the main coordinator, organized the program. Dr A S Ramkumar, Professor of Students' Welfare along with the faculty team of the Students' Welfare Department took charge of the overall program events. It supported all clerical and logistics factors as well.

The respective Chairpersons and Vice Chairpersons of the department, class advisors, UHV-trained faculty members, Amrita Darshanam, Physical Education Department, ICTS Team, Hostel Administration and Event Management team were closely involved in the smooth conduct of Deeksharambh. The Student Induction Program had a six-day session, which included an orientation session on Day 0. From Day 1 to Day 5, there were organised sessions on universal human values, yoga, nature walk, creative arts, motivational talk, MCUBE - Music, Meditation & Memory techniques, DISHA Bharat Workshops on learning management, language practices, hostel interactions, local city visit and respective department visit.



Nammude Ponnonam

21ST-26TH AUGUST, 2023



The Onam Festival falls during the Malayalam month of Chingam (August – September). It is the biggest festival of Kerala celebrated with joy and enthusiasm by people of all communities.

It commemorates the subsequent homecoming of the legendary Emperor Mahabali. Onam is reminiscent of Kerala's agrarian past and is considered to be a harvest festival.

This campus is a prestigious educational institution with a diverse student population. While the primary cultural influence in Tamil Nadu is different from Kerala, Onam is still celebrated with enthusiasm. It brings together students from various backgrounds. This is done by indulging in festivities together.

Students participated in a Pookalam (flower rangoli) competition first. Students from different departments and hostels created elaborate floral designs.

Flower Mandalas represented smaller parts of a greater whole. Nila Vilakku decorated the Pandal, giving it a sense of serenity. Maveli Mannan was given a grand welcome with Onappattukal, Chenda Melam, Thiruvathirakali, Thalapoli and Pulikali surrounding his arrival.

Traditional Kerala games like tug-of-war (Vadamvali), Uriyadi (pot-breaking game), and various sports competitions were conducted by the student community. The chance of winning something and flaunting one's strength was too hard to ignore. The games were carried out with vigour, enthusiasm, and spirit.

The games and competitions were not the only standout aspects of Onam. Students were given the chance to adorn themselves in traditional attire. The girls celebrated Onam dressed in beautiful sarees whereas the boys opted for the traditional mundu and shirts.

The most memorable part of Onam is certainly the Sadhya. After an entire morning's worth of celebrations, students were treated to a feast in the afternoon. In the Pandal, everyone was served with a traditional Onam Sadhya. Rice, Papadam, Sambar, Avial, and many other dishes adorned a banana leaf. To round up the whole meal, a delicious Palada Payasam was served. Naturally, after a feast fit for royalty, students and faculty made their way back home for a good night's sleep. Onam, being a celebration of a season's hard work, must end with a food-induced coma.

The celebrations at Amrita were a reflection of the diverse and inclusive nature of the university. Students from different regions came together to appreciate and celebrate the cultural richness of India.

INDEPENDENCE DAY

15TH AUGUST, 2023



The 77th Year of Indian Independence was celebrated on campus from the 13th to the 15th of August, 2023. As a part of this, Dr. K Sankaran (Registrar, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Coimbatore) hoisted the National Flag.

"MAY WE THINK OF FREEDOM NOT AS THE RIGHT TO DO AS WE PLEASE, BUT AS THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO WHAT IS RIGHT."

There was fervour in bringing the first years to witness the flag hoisting. Bringing the sense of pride for the country to the freshers was of great importance.

On a day that celebrates our toils for freedom, there was no better way to bring esteem than with a march past. Students, after days of practise, partook in a strong display of national pride. The march past encapsulated the feeling of esteem and independence that the country had fought for.

As a cherry on top, the university distributed a variety of sweets to students and faculty. Celebrating the day was just as important as knowing the sacrifices that brought the day to life.

World Mental Health Day Celebration

10TH OCTOBER, 2023



On October 10, 2023, the Office of Students' Welfare Department of Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham celebrated World Mental Health Day with great enthusiasm. The event aimed to raise awareness about mental health and engage the student community in thoughtful discussions and activities. The Chief Guest for the event was Dr. Selvaraj from the Government Arts College, Coimbatore.

The program commenced with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp, followed by a prayer to set a reflective and serene atmosphere for the event.

Students from the Mass Communication department, performing under the banner "Alfaaz," then presented a thought-provoking street drama. Their performance shed light on the pressing mental health issues affecting the youth and emphasized the importance of addressing these issues seriously.

Following them was Dr. Selvaraj, the Chief Guest and Keynote Speaker. The aim of his talk was to empower students and bring them some confidence. He covered various aspects of mental health, including:

- Achieving motivation and changing one's life script.
- Recognizing and harnessing one's true potential.
- Effective problem-solving and decision-making strategies.
- The art of emotional management through expression and suppression.
- Techniques for impulse control.



OTTAM THULLAL

23RD AUGUST, 2023

KALYANA SOUGANDHIKAM

Amrita campus hosted an Ottam Thullal program featuring performances by Sri Kalamandalam Nandakumar, showcasing the traditional dance form from Kerala. The Ottam Thullal performance highlighted the distinctive style and humorous narratives that characterize this traditional art form. Kalamandalam Rajeev Sona accompanied the event with a Mritangam performance, adding musical elements to the entertaining and popular art form. Vayipattu, performed by Kalamandalam Nayan, enriched the program with its unique storytelling, combining dance, music, and satire to address social issues.

The event included a lecture demonstration providing insights into Ottam Thullal's history, tradition, and artistic framework, making it an enriching experience for the audience.



Skit Performance



Audience

Lastly, a drawing competition was conducted, aligning with the theme of mental health. Having some fun and relief is part of good mental wellbeing. The winners were recognized and awarded prizes.



INDEPENDENCE DAY

15TH AUGUST, 2023





Ganesh Chaturthi 2023

18TH SEPTEMBER, 2023

Embrace new beginnings with the blessings of Lord Ganesha.

*"Ganpati Bappa Morya
Mangalmurti Morya"*



The auspicious Hindu festival of Ganesh Chaturthi is celebrated annually with pomp in India. Also known as Vinayaka Chaturthi or Ganesh Utsav, the day marks the birth of Lord Ganesha and is observed for ten days by devotees. It falls annually on the Chaturthi tithi of Shukla Paksha. The last day of the 10-day celebrations is marked as Ganesh Visarjan. On this day, devotees immerse several idols of Lord Ganesha in water.

Lord Ganesha is the god of wisdom, knowledge, prosperity and happiness. As per the legend, Maa Parvati created Lord Ganesha with sandalwood paste. It is believed that she left Lord Ganesha to guard the place while she was taking a bath. Since Lord Shiva was not present at this time, he did not know about this arrangement. When he returned, he was surprised to find Lord Ganesha outside the place where Maa Parvati was taking a bath.

When Lord Ganesha did not allow Lord Shiva to enter the place he was furious and severed Ganesha's head. Maa Parvati was infuriated to see this and took the Kaali avatar while threatening to end the world. After finding the truth, Lord Shiva requested his men to fetch the head of a child whose mother was looking the other way. His men returned with the head of a baby elephant and gave it to Ganesha. That's how Lord Ganesha came to be known as the elephant-headed god.

Ganesh Chaturthi holds immense spiritual and cultural significance for Hindus. Lord Ganesha, the son of Lord Shiva and Goddess Parvati, is believed to bless his devotees with wisdom, success, and good fortune. Devotees seek Lord Ganesha's blessings before starting any work, exam, wedding or job.

The Ganesh idol was worshipped in the college for three days (September 18th to 20th) as part of Ganesh Chaturthi. There were bhajans and various other programs by the students on three days.

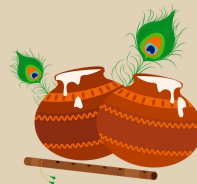
On the third day, the festival ended with Ganesh Visarjana in the evening. Worshippers immersed Ganesha idols in the water with heavy hearts wishing that Baba would return next year. All of the Amrita family chanted 'Ganapati Bapa Morya, Purchya Varshi Laukaria' during the immersion.





Gokulashtami

16TH SEPTEMBER, 2023





Gokulashtami Celebrations

16TH SEPTEMBER, 2023

Revel In Righteousness Amid Waves of Fun.

"As Lord Krishna inspired Arjuna on the battlefield, may this Gokulashtami inspire you to face your academic challenges with courage and determination."

In a vibrant display of cultural fervor and devotion, the campus celebrated Gokulashtami, also known as Sri Krishna Jayanthi, with unbridled enthusiasm. The day was filled with traditional rituals, spirited performances, and a palpable sense of community.

The festivities commenced with traditional events, like Uriyadi and pole-climbing, as students reveled in spirited competition. The campus resonated with joy and laughter as these age-old traditions were embraced with gusto.

Sahasranama Archana, a prayer recital, set a serene tone for the day. Students and faculty joined together in melodious Nagara Sankeerthana to sing Lord Krishna's glory.

A captivating Krishna Pageant followed, featuring various stages from the life of Sri Krishna. Little boys and girls, dressed as Krishnas and Gopikas, added a delightful charm to the procession. Swamiji's distribution of "Prasadam" marked a heartwarming tradition.

Students showcased their talents in a range of competitions including dance, music, skit, quiz, elocution, painting, and Rangoli, all centered around the theme of Sri Krishna.

The creative expressions and dedication of the participants were truly awe-inspiring.

The campus gathered to witness the Uriyadi and Pole-Climbing spectacle in the early afternoon. Here, participants displayed incredible feats of agility and teamwork, igniting the spirit of sportsmanship.

The evening brought the much-anticipated prize distribution ceremony, with exuberant cheers as students received their hard-earned accolades.

The day concluded with soul-soothing bhajans by ashram residents, creating a serene and reflective ambiance.

Amrita's Gokulashtami celebration is not just an event; it is a manifestation of the institution's commitment to cultural diversity, traditions, and unity. The campus resonated with a harmonious spirit of togetherness, fostering a sense of community that defines the university's ethos.

As the day drew to a close, the blessings of Lord Krishna were felt by all. All the efforts of students and faculty made it a roaring success. Thus, it inspired both knowledge and spirituality in the hearts of the Amrita fraternity.



"Sri Krishna reveals the path of freedom to human beings living in the prison of ignorance"– Amma

Sevanavaram 2023

20TH- 29TH SEPTEMBER, 2023

A WEEK OF COMPASSION AND SERVICE TO CELEBRATE AMMA'S 70TH BIRTHDAY



Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Coimbatore undertook a week-long celebration of compassion and selfless service in honour of Mata Amritanandamayi Devi's 70th birthday. Sevanavaram initiative (Sept 23rd to 29th) kicked off with a day of environmental stewardship in and around Coimbatore. It featured seed ball preparation and dispersing, visits to a children's home, a school and an old age home, Medical Seva, a Cyber Awareness Talk, a Medical camp, a tree plantation, community cleaning etc. Educational support initiatives and assistance for those in need were also promoted.

"When humanity serves Nature, Nature serves humanity. When we serve animals and plants, they too serve us in return."

– Mata Amritanandamayi Devi

The environmental event, hosted at Ettimadai Junction, witnessed the participation of volunteers who embarked on a half-day cleanliness drive. As part of this, they helped plant a sapling. The pervading message of the act was the continued effort to preserve nature. The event was inaugurated by MLA, A. Shanmugham, and N. Anand Kumar.

Speaking on the occasion, they highlighted the importance of cleanliness and environmental protection. They also emphasised the need for collective action to maintain clean and green spaces. The promotion of responsible waste disposal practices to mitigate pollution was of utmost importance.

Volunteers engaged in seed ball cultivation, an innovative method involving the creation of seed balls containing seeds, clay, and organic materials, strategically placed in areas requiring reforestation. Students, teaching and non-teaching staff took part wholeheartedly. The students also pledged to uphold cleanliness and protect the environment.

Principal, Dr. S. Mahadevan, Amrita School of Physical Sciences, Dr. Sasangan Ramanathan, Dean-Faculty of Engineering, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Mr. C. Parameswaran, Director-CIR, Mr. Menon Sr, Director Infrastructure And Estate Management, Br. Matrukripamrita Chaitanya, Br. Nikhilesamrita Chaitanya, and other disciples of Sri Mata Amritanandamayi Devi and all teaching and non-teaching staff participated in order to foster nature and goodwill.

"LIVE TELECAST OF CHANDRAYAAN-3 LAUNCH: EXPERIENCE THE HISTORIC MOMENT AT AMRITA CAMPUS!"



Wednesday, 23rd August, 2023
5:30 pm

ASB Lobby & Sudhamani Hall, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Coimbatore

CONVOCATION DAY

14TH OCTOBER, 2023



In a grand celebration of academic excellence, Amrita held its 20th convocation ceremony at New Convocation Hall (Pandal) on 14th October 2023. The event was a testament to the hard work, dedication, and accomplishments of its graduates as they embarked on the next phase of their lives.

The convocation, a highly anticipated event, featured a majestic procession, with students proudly donning their academic regalia. Families and friends gathered to witness this milestone in their loved one's educational journey.

The ceremony began with a warm welcome by Amrita, who acknowledged the significance of the day and the graduates' commitment to learning and growth. Their time within Amrita served credence to their growth as people. Mumbai Homi Bhabha National Institute Vice Chancellor Dr. U Kamachi Mudali and Sriram Balasubramanian, Group Director, Bengaluru, were the dignitaries. The Ceremony held was graced by Swami Ramakrishnananda Puri, Treasurer & Member, Board of Trustees, Mata Amritanandamayi

"GO CONFIDENTLY IN THE DIRECTION OF YOUR DREAMS. LIVE THE LIFE YOU HAVE IMAGINED"
• HENRY DAVID THOREAU

Math, Amritapuri, who resonated with the audience, offering words of inspiration and encouragement. The highlight of the convocation was, undoubtedly, the conferring of degrees. One by one, graduates crossed the stage to receive their well-earned diplomas, greeted by enthusiastic applause and cheers from their supporters.

At the end of the ceremony, the valedictory address was delivered, congratulating the graduates on their achievements and expressing confidence in their ability to make a positive impact on the world.

It was a day of celebration, reflection and promise. It marked a beginning, not an end, as these graduates embarked on new adventures and endeavors using the knowledge and experiences gained during their time at the institution.

All those gathered in the audience expressed their heartfelt congratulations to the graduates and wished them success and fulfillment in their future endeavors.





Mata Amritanandamayi, one of India's foremost spiritual icons, has turned 70, and here we mark the occasion with a special issue to celebrate her life, work and teachings.

Amma, as her devotees adoringly address her, is not just a spiritual figure but someone who truly embodies all the essential qualities of a mother - unconditional love, care, sacrifice, patience and selfless service. She is a guru and a giver and is sincerely protective of her "children", who come to her seeking her blessings and love. A truly global figure now, she has been invited by nations and international organisations to share her wisdom. The Parliament of the World's Religions chose her as one of three presidents of Sanatana Dharma in 1993.

Amma embraces people with the purpose of giving protection, taking away their misery and grief, and spreading the message of love and care. She is available to everyone and no one is turned away. Amma has been known to embrace over 20,000 people in a day, giving darshan for over 22 hours. Upholding the ancient Indian tradition of charity, Amma's ashram is involved in multiple humanitarian activities, spanning areas such as healthcare, education, social welfare, and the environment. Mata Amritanandamayi Math has been actively involved in helping victims of natural disasters. The ashram also runs a vast network of educational institutions. Today, as we celebrate her birthday, it's hard to ignore her contributions to humanity in general, the impact she has had on people, the difference she made to the lives of the poor, and the stature she attained through selfless love, service, and compassion.

It is practically tradition for her to not celebrate her birthday. Instead, she uses the occasion to launch new humanitarian projects, including empowerment of women and free surgeries. She personally conducted the marriage of fifty-four couples. Having discovered that they could not afford to marry, she ensured that they would be given all that was necessary to do so. This included clothes, jewellery and so on.

She also found time to address the world. Knowing that the world is in a state of strife, she implored people to protect the environment. She, along with international dignitaries, planted a sandalwood tree using soil from around the world.

The students and faculties of Amrita were not exempt from this gesture of goodwill either. Over a thousand students and faculties were invited to participate in several acts of charity. Taking Amma as an example, they performed social services. The services included cleaning the streets, serving food to people and so on.

"Amritavarsham 70: Celebrating Amma's Birthday with a Fusion of Spiritual Wisdom and Practical Compassion"

3RD OCTOBER, 2023

"Amma's way is to view everyone as equal and to love and serve them. As far as Amma is concerned, there is no greater celebration or enjoyment than that."



Amma was honored with the 'World Leader for Peace and Security Award' by Hon. Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi and several Union Ministers.



A prayer for unity was enacted with people from 70 different countries. They poured soil from their country into one pot. Amma then planted a small sandalwood tree into this soil.



Wishes Given to Amma : "Happy Birthday Dear AMMA, from all Departments and Staffs at Coimbatore."



NAVARATRI CELEBRATION

15TH-24TH OCTOBER, 2023

The nine nights of Navratri dedicated to the nine forms of goddesses Lakshmi, Durga, and Sarasvati are celebrated with much fervour across India. In the South, the Navratri celebrations assume significance with the Bommai Golu or the Navratri Golu. This is a beautifully decorated display of dolls and figurines that are seen in the state of Tamil Nadu. The dolls comprises of a multitude of gods, goddesses, animals, men, and children on a step-like set-up. Notably, characters from Ramayana, Puranas, and Dashavataram are also depicted.

Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham celebrated the nine nights of Navaratri with great fervour and enthusiasm. Students from all sorts of backgrounds came together to celebrate the nine nights. In fact, students from different campuses, such as the Agriculture Campus, joined in to revel in the festival. Every student brought several traditional festivities to the fore. Some of the highlights include the Garba, Dandiya, and Baduka dances, which were done with much enthusiasm and respect.

Holding God close to our hearts, all obstacles on our path will fall away



Furthermore, the campus was also made a significant part of the celebration. The entire campus was adorned with colourful and mesmerising decorations. It gave the nights a sparkling sense of colour and vividity, fitting the celebration of the nine forms of the goddesses.

Spiritual moments were also emphasised. Special prayers, aarti, and pujas were conducted to honour the Goddess Durga, the focal point of Navratri worship. Prasadam were handed out at the end of the prayers. These rituals added a touch of sanctity to the festive celebrations. The festival is not only to have fun but also to show some respect. The Navratri celebrations in Amrita showed once again the unity within the community.



GUEST LECTURES

National Nutrition Week

Invited Talk by Dr. (Mrs.) C.A. Kalpana (Avinashilingam Institute)

7TH-9TH SEPTEMBER, 2023

The National Nutrition Week celebration, organized by the Department of Sciences at Amrita School of Physical Sciences, took place from September 7th to 9th. The focal point of that year's event was the theme "Healthy Diet Being Affordable for all". Dr. (Mrs.) C.A. Kalpana from Avinashilingam Institute for Home Science and Higher Education for Women served as the esteemed Chief Guest. The broader objective of National Nutrition Week, observed annually from September 1st to 7th in India, was to raise awareness about the vital role of nutrition in maintaining good health. Specifically, the 2023 theme underscored the crucial aim of making nutritious food accessible to everyone, irrespective of their financial circumstances, to enhance public health and diminish nutritional disparities.



World Food Day

Invited Talk by Dr. Sanu Jacob (Director- National Testing Laboratory- FSSAI)

28TH OCTOBER, 2023

Dr. Sanu Jacob, Director of the National Testing Laboratory at FSSAI, Chennai, delivered an enlightening Expert Talk in commemoration of World Food Day at Sandeepani Hall on October 28, 2023, from 10:30 am to 12:00 noon. The event provided valuable insights into food safety and was attended by a diverse audience eager to enhance their understanding of the subject.



DEPARTMENT OF EEE'S INDUSTRY VISIT TO PGCIL SUBSTATION

6TH DECEMBER, 2023



On the 6th of December 2023, Wednesday, the Department of EEE of the Amrita School of Engineering, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham had planned an Industry Visit for its 3rd-year students to Power Grid Corporation of India (PGCIL), Kanjikode, Palakkad substation. The purpose of the visit was to connect classroom theory with real-time observation of the practical working of the substation and to provide them with real-world exposure. The students were accompanied by their

teaching staff along with two other staff members from the EEE Department. Upon reaching the substation, students were greeted by the General Manager and offered refreshments such as tea and biscuits. They were then divided into two batches, with one group observing the transmission lines at the switchyard and the second batch visiting the control room to learn about the automated substation's control structure. The students received a briefing on the parameters that staff members must meticulously observe throughout the day due to the automated nature of the substation. Furthermore, they were provided with a detailed elucidation of the predetermined plan of action to be implemented in the event of a fault occurrence within the system. This included a thorough understanding of the sequential

steps, protocols, and contingency measures that staff are trained to execute promptly and effectively. Throughout the visit, students were explained every aspect of the working of the substation, and their doubts were cleared on the spot. The conducted visit proved to be exceptionally fruitful, yielding valuable insights and impactful experiences for the participating students. This Industry Visit to PGCIL offered students valuable insights and clear explanations, enriching their learning experience significantly.





DEEPAVALI: FESTIVAL OF LIGHT AND LOVE

12TH NOVEMBER, 2023

"The luminous inner light of the self is ever shining steadily in the chamber of the heart and that the very goal is to seek that self. The rows of lamps teach an important lesson of unity" - Amma

"CAMPUS SHINES BRIGHT WITH DIWALI CELEBRATIONS: A SPECTACULAR FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS AND UNITY!"

Deepavali, also known as the Festival of Lights, is one of India's most significant and widely celebrated festivals. It provides a unique opportunity for our diverse college community to come together, learn about Indian culture, and strengthen bonds of friendship and unity. All students, staff, and residents on the campus joined the celebrations.

The festivities began with a traditional lamp lighting, followed by Lakshmi pooja, Bhajans, and Aarti in Amma's Shrine. Students, staff, and residents illuminated Diyas around the campus, and a cracker show was held at the Main ground from 6 pm to 9:30 pm on November 12th, 2023.

DIWALI SWADH The Culinary Festival

"Stirring the Pot of Talent: Campus Comes Alive with the Aromas of the Student Culinary Festival."

8TH-9TH NOVEMBER, 2023

The Food Service Management and Dietetics course, final-year students orchestrated the "Diwali Swadh" food stall to mark the celebration of Diwali.

This event served as a platform for the students to exhibit their culinary prowess, demonstrating the practical application of their skills acquired throughout the course. The food stall received commendable feedback from both faculty and staff members who actively participated, offering encouragement and support to the student community. The successful execution of the event not only highlighted the students' gastronomic talents but also contributed to fostering a positive and collaborative atmosphere.



The initiative showcased the integration of theoretical knowledge with hands-on experience, emphasizing the practical aspect of their education. Overall, the "Diwali Swadh" food stall stood as a testament to the students' dedication and competence in the field of food service management. The dietetics left a positive impact on both the organizers and attendees.

"Hackathon Triumph: Amrita Team Clinches 2nd Place with Innovative Pallanguzhi Game App!"

6TH-7TH NOVEMBER, 2023



Amrita participated in the Impathon 2023 at the Sona College of Technology, Salem. It was held on November 6th and 7th, requiring students to undergo a 30-hour hackathon. Participants were given ten topics, from which Amrita chose "Automation in Indian Traditional Games". Team Amrita took the traditional Pallanguzhi game and brought it to the digital world. They did this using the Flutter framework to turn it into a credible Android/iOS game.

Their creation was met with great enthusiasm. Seeing a traditional game brought back into the present helped many relive some wonderful memories. This won the Amrita team second place. Furthermore, one faculty was so impressed by the work that they offered the team internships in exchange for making similar games in the future. The hackathon itself was an exclusive competition. Very few got accepted to compete. As such, the Amrita team - consisting of Aswin.S (EEE21106), Sai Ganesh S (EEE21146), Sharrath Mani S M (EEE21150), B Pavan Kumar (EEE21108) - did the institute proud. The team also expressed a heartfelt thanks to their mentor - Dr. R. Anand, EEE Department.



They were grateful for his undying support, as he ran on only two hours of sleep for the sake of his students. It was their combined effort that won the team second place and 15000 Rs.

TWO DAY WORKSHOP ON MODEL BASED SYSTEM ENGINEERING USING AI

24TH-25TH NOVEMBER, 2023

Department of Mechanical Engineering and INCOSE-Student Chapter Amrita organised a workshop on "MODEL BASED SYSTEM ENGINEERING APPLIED FOR REAL TIME INDUSTRIAL APPLICATIONS USING ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE". It was facilitated by Dr. Yogananda Jeppu and Mr. Jayanth B. Avinashilingam. It was conducted on the 24th and 25th of November, 2023, from 9 AM to 4 PM, in the E-Learning Centre 2, CIR. The workshop focused on Model Based System Engineering (MBSE) for real-time industrial applications enhanced by Artificial Intelligence. It was of significant importance across various engineering streams and equipped its participants with the skills to navigate through complex real life problems.

SAE SUCCESS MEET

29TH NOVEMBER, 2023



Team Albatross Reborn, participating in SAEINDIA Aerothon 2023, won AIR first. They earned Rs 1.5 lakh cash award along with trophies and certificates. On the other hand, Team Motoamrita, participated in Motostudent India 2023 and achieved AIR second along with Rs 50,000 cash award. Both teams were appreciated through an event by the Dean on 29th November 2023. The teams were called on to speak about their experiences and difficulties as they earned their respective results and each team member was facilitated by the Dean.

"Google Developer Student Clubs Hosts Successful Android Workshop in Kotlin, Empowering Participants with Hands-On Skills and Real-World Insights"

3RD NOVEMBER, 2023 Sandeepani Hall (AB2)



The Android Workshop using Kotlin, meticulously organized by the Google Developer Student Clubs (GDSC) at our college, proved to be a comprehensive and enlightening experience for all participants. Led by Sajith Rajan, the Android Lead, the inaugural session delved into the Android Studio environment, providing practical insights into app development. Pranav Suriya, the Club Lead, led the coding sessions, guiding participants through the development of a portfolio app and delving into Firebase integration. Key takeaways included proficiency in Android Studio, in-depth knowledge of Kotlin, and hands-on experience with Firebase. The workshop fostered active participation, praised facilitators for their clear explanations, and left participants satisfied with its real-world applicability. The event exemplified the commitment of the GDSC to knowledge and community building within our college.

"Google Developer Student Clubs Host Successful Induction Event, Unveiling Exciting Initiatives for the Academic Year"

22ND AUGUST, 2023 Anugraha Hall (AB3)

The Google Developer Student Clubs (GDSC) at our university serve as dynamic community groups for students keen on Google developer technologies. Led by the passionate and knowledgeable S R Pranav Suriya, this year's GDSC Lead, the induction event marked the beginning of a new chapter in ASE, CBE. The session provided an overview of GDSC initiatives, emphasizing the broad range of technological domains covered, including Web, Android, AI/ML, IOT, and DevOps. Engaging activities, such as a vocally active quiz and "two truths and a lie," ensured active participation, making the session both entertaining and informative. The introduction of the Project Hack Team, focusing on real-world problem-solving aligned with the UN's sustainable goals, added a valuable dimension to GDSC's offerings. Participants were encouraged to contribute to these projects, with the opportunity to represent the college in the Annual Google Solutions Challenge Competition. The session concluded with a promise of expansion and a commitment to a new year of events, reflecting the club's dedication to growth and success.

"Green Glory: Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Coimbatore Campus Attains Platinum Certification for Sustainable Living!"



Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Coimbatore Campus has successfully achieved the Green Building Standards required for the "Platinum" level of certification under the IGBC Green Campus Rating.

International Boys' Hostel Inauguration



On December 7, 2023, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham in Coimbatore opened an International Boys' Hostel.



AMRITOTSAVAM 2023

24TH & 25TH NOVEMBER, 2023



Amritotsavam 2023 started with a bang on November 24th and 25th. Students and staff worked diligently to bring a vast array of events that everyone can compete in. Both students and staff were allowed to compete in any of the 43 events. Presiding over the event were the Dean, Dr. Sasangan Ramanathan, Mr. Abheesh P. Dominic (the Chief Guest and a Guinness World Record Holder for bodybuilding) and Ms. Smruthi Swaminathan.

The event was conducted under the guiding force of Dean Engineering and Dr. Ramkumar A S, Professor of Students' Welfare and under the vibrant leadership of Mr. Peeyush K P, and Dr. Anusha K S, Assistant Professor from the ECE Department, and the commendable work done by students and Central Coordinators.

Events varied from various categories and fields. There were several artistic competitions such as short film, art from waste, poetry, creative writing and many more. This allowed students to dive deep into their creativity and express their inner thoughts and ideas.

Furthermore, competitions of academic nature were also provided. Elocution and Debate competitions were met with great enthusiasm. Students participated with great vigour and proceeded with the event intellectually.

Cultural events gave Amritotsavam a lot of colour. Students appeared in droves to participate in the dance, beatboxing, mehendi and other fun competitions. After the festivities came to a close, a group of judges analysed the results with great intent.

Students were judged according to their performances and, later on, their efforts were rewarded. A number of prizes ranging from first to third were distributed to all the winners. It came as a much needed reward to all the students who gave it their all for the events. This is not to say that others did not try hard enough, as they gave it as much gusto as everyone else.

Another important part of Amritotsavam was the House Elections. As the event went on, behind the scenes, an election was held to determine the key positions within all the Houses in Amrita.

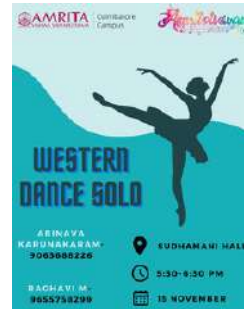
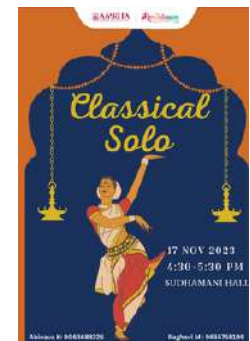
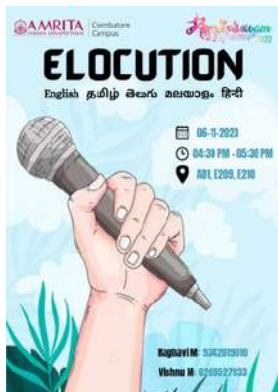
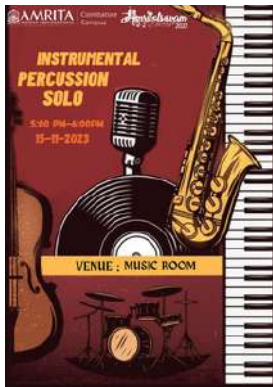
The badges for all elected prefects and the prizes for winners were distributed by Dr. Ramkumar, Professor of Students' Welfare on November 25th. It was a just reward for all the students who won. It also announced which house won the overall championship. The winner turned out to be Anandamayi with 266.5 points. Jyothirmayi followed in second with 208 points, and Chinmayi in third place with 133.2 points.

During the final day, October 30th at 4:45 PM, the Curtain Raiser event was conducted near the Saraswathy Statue. The event served as a means by which the festival can be brought to a fun and rewarding close. The festival served as a reminder of the joy and fulfillment that cooperation can bring.

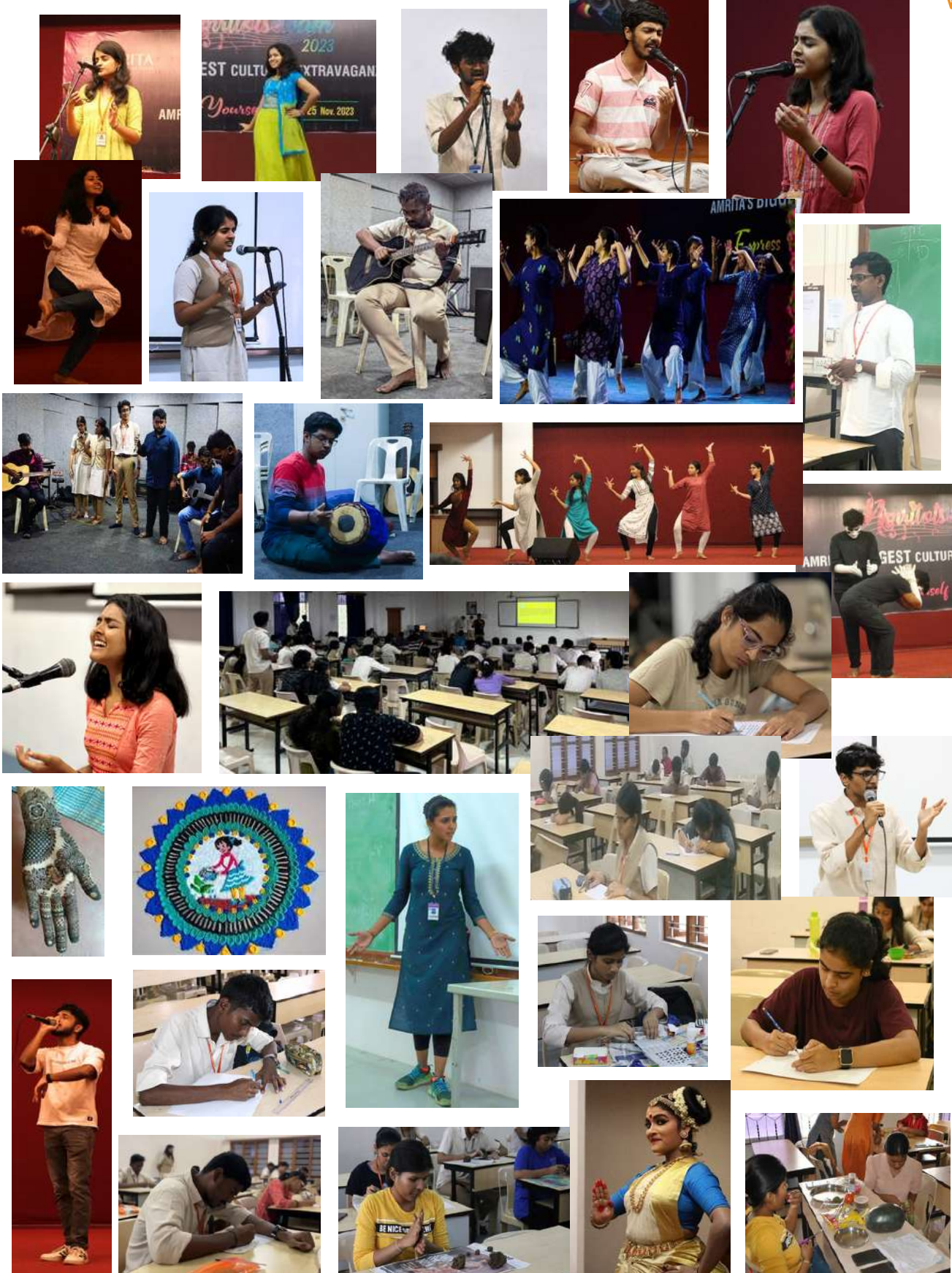
Amritotsavam was well recieved by students. The events and competitions served as a fitting vessel with which everyone can have fun and flex their muscles. The unity and togetherness it fostered throughout the event brought the value of community and communal events to the forefront. As a result, the event was a grand success.



AMRITOTSAVAM 2023 EVENTS







AMRITOTSAVAM 2023 PERFORMANCES



Pencil Sketching, On - Spot Painting, Mehendi, Clay Modelling, Art from Waste, Cooking Without Fire and Wire, Poster Making, Rangoli, Beat Boxing, Mono Act, Mime, Poetry Writing, Creative Writing, Debate, Elocution, Quiz, Classical Vocal - Solo, Instrumental Percussion - Solo, Western Dance - Solo, Group Music (Indian & Western), Instrumental Non Percussion - Solo, Light Vocal - Solo, Western Vocal Solo, Classical Dance - Solo, Group Dance - Western, Western Dance Solo etc.

House Representatives 2022-23



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BOYS	CAPTAIN	DUPPALA VIJAYA RAGHAVA CB.EN.U4CSE20218	SIDDHARTH SATISH KUMAR CB.EN.U4MEE20143	HAREEKESHAV S S CB.EN.U4ECE20219	MOHIT REDDY CB.EN.U4CIE20011					
	VICE CAPTAIN	SIVARAJKUMAR.S CB.EN.U4CSE21457	NITHISH KUMAR R CB.SC.15DAS21146	SAI PRANEETH REDDY CB.EN.U4AIE21103	RAM VISHAAK CB.EN.U4CIE21028					
	SECRETARY	ATYAM PREETHAM SRIKRISHNA CB.EN.U4CSE20210	HARI VARSHAN S R CB.SC.15DAS20111	VANAPALLI CHANDRA HARSHA CB.EN.U4ECE20264	KOTA SAI KIRAN CB.EN.U4EEE20122					
	JOINT SECRETARY	JAGATH VISHWA K CB.EN.U4CSE21625	R ARIVANANDAM CB.SC.15DAS21114	TUSHAR R CB.EN.U4ECE21059	K LOGESH SHRI RAM CB.EN.U4CHE21024					
GIRLS	CAPTAIN	SATHI LAKSHMI PRIYATHA REDDY CB.EN.U4CSE20654	BALAMBAL PV CB.MC:U3MAC20011	N YAVANIKA CB.EN.U4ECE20069	SURYANSHI SAHOO CB.EN.U4CHE20046					
	VICE CAPTAIN	DEEPTHIKA CB.EN.U4CSE21217	KIRUBHASINI S CB.SC.15DAS21036	RAVVA MANASWINI CB.EN.U4ECE21246	NITYAPRIYA HARI KRISHNAN CB.EN.U4CHE21032					
	SECRETARY	B HEMA VARSHINI CB.EN.U4CSE20026	NANDHINI SHREE S CB.SC.15DAS20121	T GEETHANJALI CB.EN.U4CCE20022	S LAKSHMI SAI JAHNAVI CB.EN.U4ELC20034					
	JOINT SECRETARY	MARAPPA REDDY CHURNIKA CB.EN.U4CSE21134	APARNA BHUVANESHWARI V CB.SC.15DAS21112	VEMURI DIVYA MANASA CB.EN.U4ECE21158	MUTYAM GAYATHRI PRIYA CB.EN.U4EEE21134					
Central Coordinators – Sports Activities										
GIRLS		GAYATHREE ELANJELIAN CB.EN.U4ECE19062	BOYS		PANDITI VEERA JAYA PRAKASH CB.EN.U4CIE19044					
Central Coordinators – Cultural Activities										
GIRLS		LAKSHMI R CB.EN.U4AEE19025	BOYS		G SRIAADHITH CB.EN.U4EEE19014					



House Elections 2023-24

Results



POSITION

AMRITAMAYI

ANANDAMAYI

CHINMAYI

JYOTHIRMAYI

BOYS

CAPTAIN

Sivarajkumar.S
CB.EN.U4CSE21457Sanjai V
CB.EN.U4AEE21072Navabhaarathi A S
CB.EN.U4AIE21036Ram Vishakk V
CB.EN.U4CIE21028VICE
CAPTAINAnanth Madhusoodanan
CB.EN.U4CSE22061Bharath Kesav R
CB.PS.I5DAS22110Bharath Raj S D
CB.EN.U4ECE22211Aman Patel
CB.EN.U4EEE22164

SECRETARY

Gannamani Chaitanya
Babu
CB.EN.U4CSE21012Lakkavathula Abhiram
CB.EN.U4ARE21023Anirudh K Warriar
CB.EN.U4ECE21203Deeraj N
CB.EN.U4ELC21014JOINT
SECRETARYAkshat Reddy
Gaddampally
CB.EN.U4CSE22005Vidhun Ks
CB.PS.I5DAS22162A Kathir
CB.EN.U4AIE22001Arjun Sriram A R
CB.EN.U4CHE22012

GIRLS

CAPTAIN

Ela.Ananya
CB.EN.U4CSE21417Duvvuru Suhitha Reddy
CB.EN.U4AEE21032N Rithika
CB.EN.U4CCE21037Diya A S
CB.SC.I5CHE21011VICE
CAPTAINSrinidhi K
CB.EN.U4CSE22546S Heshika Varthini
CB.PS.I5DAS22142Rasha Sharma
CB.EN.U4AIE22043Meenakshi Sasi
CB.EN.U4CIE22020

SECRETARY

Veda Yasaswani Suseela
CB.EN.U4CSE21066Cheruku Jaya Sathvika
CB.EN.U4AEE21043Aishwarya Narayan
CB.EN.U4AIE21102Harshitha Ranjith
CB.EN.U4CYS21022JOINT
SECRETARYKatari Amrutha Varshini
CB.EN.U4CSE22065Rajeswari Alagappan
CB.PS.I5DAS22139Arya Palackal Shijish
CB.EN.U4AIE22008Vedavarsha N T
CB.EN.U4EEE22154

Central Coordinators – Sports Activities

GIRLS

Suryansi Sahoo
CB.EN.U4CHE20046

BOYS

Vignesh A Menon
CB.EN.U4MEE20250

Central Coordinators – Cultural Activities

GIRLS

Segu Likhitha
CB.EN.U4ELC20067

BOYS

Maddula Sriram Gupta
CB.EN.U4EEE20124

Sargamritam 2023-24

Amrita Intercampus Cultural Festival

30TH NOVEMBER, 2023

"Sargamritam 2023-24," the AMRITA Intercampus Cultural Festival, took place on our campus on November 30, 2023. It was conducted by the Office of Students' Welfare, Coimbatore Campus and all Amrita campuses were invited.

The cultural programs featured events such as elocution, debate, quiz, classical dance (solo), group song (western), western instrumental (solo), group song (Indian), classical instrumental solo (non-percussion), light vocal (Indian), classical vocal solo (Hindustani or Karnatak), western vocal (solo), folk/tribal dance, spot photography, on-the-spot painting, poster making, and clay modelling. In order to give proper credence, the judges were specialists in the fields that students were competing in. Thus the participants from all Amrita campuses were given the opportunity of healthy competition as well as a wealthy experience. Performing was, of course, vital as the winners of the competitions would then qualify for the 37th South Zone UNIFEST 2023-24. As such, Sargamritam was a great opportunity for all students.



Sargamritam 2023-24

Amrita Intercampus Cultural Festival

First-place Winners – Coimbatore Campus

30TH NOVEMBER, 2023



Quiz

Adithya H
(CB.EN.U4EEE20102)



Quiz

Saraf Harith Sai
(CB.EN.U4AIE21059)



Classical Vocal Solo (Hindustani or Karnatak)

Smruthi Ranjani A K
(CB.PS.P2ASD23015)



Western Vocal (Solo)

Aishwarya Narayan
(CB.EN.U4AIE21102)



Collage

Nandana Nair
(CB.SC.U3FSN21010)



Sargamritam 2023-24

Amrita Intercampus Cultural Festival

First-place winners from other campuses

30TH NOVEMBER, 2023

Elocution

Samson Swaraj Quadros
(BL.EN.U4EAC20069)

Quiz

Chetan Sethu
(KH.AR.I5ENG21018)

Classical Dance (solo)

Anagha V Vijai
(KH.AR.U3COM21061)

Western Instrumental (Solo)

Adharsh Ravichandran
(AM.EN.U4ARE22044)

Light Vocal (Indian)

Anuvarna N
(MY.PS.P2CHM22016)

Classical Instrumental Solo (Non-Percussion)

Amrithavarshini Bhargava
(MY.EN.P2MCA22106)

Debate

Souradh C S
(CB.AG.U4AGR21155)

Samson Swaraj Quadros
(BL.EN.U4EAC20069)

Spot Photography

Abiram M
(MY.AH.I5VCM19017)

On the Spot Painting

Sreeparvathi
(KH.AH.U4DES22022)

Poster Making

Gopikrishnan T P
(CB.AG.U4AGR21023)

Clay Modelling

Gopikrishnan T P
(CB.AG.U4AGR21023)



Sargamritam 2023-24

Amrita Intercampus Cultural Festival

First-place winners from other campuses

30TH NOVEMBER, 2023

Folk / Tribal Dance

Meenakshy S
(CB.AG.U4AGR21135)

Amrithendhu VR
(CB.AG.U4AGR21107)

Gopika Ram
(CB.AG.U4AGR21122)

Parvathy J Pradeep
(CB.AG.U4AGR21143)

Krishnapriya N Anil
(CB.AG.U4AGR21031)

Anamika P
(CB.AG.U4AGR21008)

Ardra S Varma
(CB.AG.U4AGR21111)

Shwetha Saji
(CB.AG.U4AGR21154)

Poorna Somathmajan
(CB.AG.U4AGR21064)

Souradh C S
(CB.AG.U4AGR21155)

Abhijith K S
(CB.AG.U4AGR21101)

Adinan J
(CB.AG.U4AGR21104)

Adithya Damodharan T S
(CB.AG.U4AGR21005)

Group Song (Indian)

Navya S Nair
(CB.AG.U4AGR21139)

Sruthimol A B
(CB.AG.U4AGR21158)

Poorna Somathmajan
(CB.AG.U4AGR21064)

Souradh C S
(CB.AG.U4AGR21155)

Shreyas C K
(CB.AG.U4AGR21153)

Namitha Prasad
(CB.AG.U4AGR21128)

Abhijith K S
(CB.AG.U4AGR21101)

Surya Kiran S
(AM.EN.U4CSE22052)

Group Song (Western)

Nandana T Govind
(AM.PS.I5PHY23024)

N Sangeetha
(AM.EN.U4AIE22136)

Govind G
(AM.EN.U4ARE22022)

Rammohan J
(AM.EN.U4CSE22344)

Nizrin V Navas
(AM.EN.U3CDS22043)

Adharsh Ravichandran
(AM.EN.U4ARE22044)

Adwaith Sunoj Menon
(AM.EN.U4ARE22007)

Shria Manoj Nair
(AM.SC.U4CSE23257)

Surya Kiran S
(AM.EN.U4CSE22052)



Sargamritam 2023-24

Amrita Intercampus Cultural Festival –Winners List for Coimbatore Campus

30TH NOVEMBER, 2023

Western Instrumental (Solo)

2nd Prize

B. Ragav Srivatsan (CB.PS.P2ASD23004)

Classical Dance (solo)

2nd Prize

Ananya G (CB.MC.U3MAC21004)

3rd Prize

Aarcha Krishna K (CB.SC.I5CHE21001)

Elocution

2nd Prize

Vinayak Mani (CB.SC.I5MAT21020)

3rd Prize

Arya S R (CB.EN.U4CHE21005)

Spot Photography

2nd Prize

Amrita H V (CB.SC.I5CHE21035)

Classical Instrumental Solo (Non-Percussion)

3rd Prize

Jana Uday Sagar (CB.PS.P2ASD23009)

Debate

3rd Prize

Vinayak Mani (CB.SC.I5MAT21020)

On the Spot Painting

3rd Prize

Hridya Hareendran (CB.SC.I5MAT19008)

Group Song (Indian)

3rd Prize

Amrita H V (CB.SC.I5CHE21035)
Aparna K N (CB.SC.I5CHE21033)
Aarcha Krishna K (CB.SC.I5CHE21001)
Aasha N (CB.EN.U4I5CHE21008)
Bhavya (CB.EN.U4I5CHE21009)
Niranjana S (CB.EN.U4I5CHE21018)



CLUB PROGRAMMES

>>> EMPOWERING RURAL COMMUNITIES THROUGH SURVEYS

1ST-3RD AUGUST, 2023

The NSS NEET Survey, conducted from August 1st to August 3rd, 2023, aimed to address rural challenges such as unemployment and limited access to formal education in villages around Ettimadai. Dr. D. Venkataraman, the NSS Programme Coordinator, led a team of 16 enthusiastic volunteers who dedicated three hours each day to engage with villagers, collect structured survey responses, and ensure a comprehensive coverage. The survey achieved significant success, with the team gathering crucial data from around 300 homes, fostering trust and connections with the local population. The collected data, including demographic information and challenges faced, will be analyzed and compiled into a report for submission to the Indian Government, advocating for new schemes and policies to address pressing rural issues.



>>> ETTIMADAI SCHOOL TEACHING

17TH AUGUST, 2023

On August 17, 2023, the National Service Scheme (NSS) organized a government school teaching event in Ettimadai, near Amrita University, with Dr. D. Venkataraman guiding the program. The initiative commenced with a prayer at 5:30 PM, followed by the recitation of an inspirational Thirukkural, focusing on respectful salutations and spirituality. The school teaching campaign successfully combined education and play, with children engaging in games, fostering laughter, camaraderie, and instilling vital principles of hard work and teamwork through relatable animal anecdotes.

>>> EMPOWERING CANCER PATIENTS WITH HEALTH MIX DISTRIBUTION

16TH & 22ND AUGUST, 2023

In collaboration with the Ashwin Maharaj Foundation, Coimbatore General Hospital, and Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham's NSS group, an uplifting music therapy session was organized to bring joy and comfort to cancer patients. Three dedicated volunteers curated personalized playlists of nostalgic and soothing melodies, meticulously planning the event to positively impact the patients' well-being. Additionally, the distribution of the Ashwin Maharaj Foundation's Health Mix to 51 cancer patients at Coimbatore General Hospital was successfully executed by NSS Unit 3, ensuring strict adherence to safety measures and providing comprehensive instructions for the health supplement's usage.



CLUB PROGRAMMES

>>> AMRITA TALKIES CLUB-“ONE PIECE” SCREENING

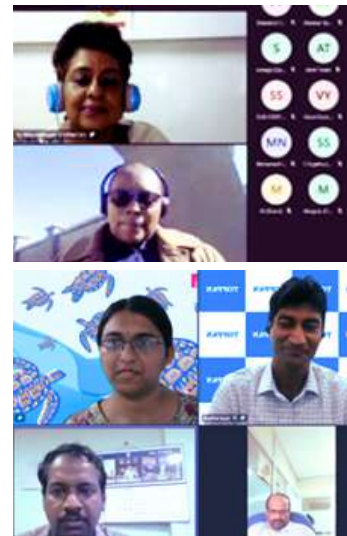
31ST AUGUST, 2023 @ Sudhamani Hall

In collaboration with Amrita Talkies club, Amrita Anime Community screened episodes 1070-1072 of the anime “One Piece”. This was a great start for the anime community and around 150 to 180 students participated.



>>> NATURE CLUB- WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY “BEAT PLASTIC POLLUTION” 6TH JUNE, 2023

On World Environment Day 2023, the EIACP RP (Environmental Information, Awareness, Capacity Building and Livelihood Programme), Center for Sustainable Future at Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, and Nature Club collaborated to organize a panel discussion on "Beat Plastic Pollution." Dr. Maya Mahajan, Associate Professor at the Center for Sustainable Future moderated the session, featuring representatives from the Government, Academia, Industry, and NGOs. The discussion covered various facets, including the then-current scenario of plastic pollution in the country, government initiatives to combat it, public awareness, and innovative solutions such as recycling and repurposing plastic waste. The panelists, including Dr. Mohanraj, Dr. Chandrasekaran, Ms. Hemani, Mr. Anubhav, and Ms. Limpho, shared valuable insights and emphasized the importance of creative solutions for environmental conservation. The international participation from the United Nations Student Association, colleges in Saudi Arabia, and Nepal added a global perspective to the well-received discussion.



>>> SPIC MACAY CLUB- AMRITA STRIKES A HARMONIOUS NOTE WITH VIOLIN LECTURE DEMONSTRATION"

8TH NOVEMBER, 2023 @ Amriteshwari Hall

SPICMACAY Amrita successfully hosted a "Lecture Demonstration on VIOLIN (Carnatic)" by Mysore Nagaraj and Dr. Mysore Manjunath at Amriteshwari Hall on Wednesday, 8th November 2023, at 6:00 PM.



To join SPIC MACAY Club
Contact : Student Coordinator,
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[CB.EN.U4AEE20019]
Sheetal A
[CB.EN.U4EEE21046]



>>> NADAM CLUB - THYAGARAJA ARADHANA

On June 7, 2023, Nadam Club conducted its monthly Thyagaraja Aradhana. In honour of the great Telugu saint composer Thyagaraja, club members conducted individual renditions of his compositions. Preceding this, group renditions of the Pancharatna Krithis were presented.



CLUB PROGRAMMES

>>> ELITE CLUB

7TH NOVEMBER, 2023 @ Sudhamani Hall

Khushi Kapil, Co-Head of Curation in Event Management, hosted the induction event which began with a lamp-lighting ceremony and a prayer. Mehul Sharma, the Chairman, outlined "E" for Entrepreneurship and "L" for Leadership. Anu G Kumar, the Faculty Mentor, highlighted the club's values and acknowledged the contributors to its success. The Ice Breaker Session, a quiz by Srinjay Chaudhary A, engaged participants. Arman Mahapatra, the President, discussed the Elite club's promises for members and recommended books for those interested in entrepreneurship. Ayush Pratap Singh, the Treasurer, delivered an interactive talk on financial aspects. Sumit Kundu, the Vice-President, introduced the Core Committee and other Elite department members. The event concluded with a Q&A session, highlighting notable interest in the financial aspects of entrepreneurship.



>>> SADHANA CLUB

26TH NOVEMBER, 2023 @ ISHA

The Sadhana Club recently visited the Isha Yoga Center in Coimbatore. It involved visits to Teerthakunds, Dhyanalunga and Adiyogi. It was an opportunity for members to engage in deep discussions about spirituality and self-discovery. They explored topics like the evolution of consciousness and the difference between an ordinary individual and a realized soul. The conversations held during the excursion resonated profoundly with the club's core mission of fostering spiritual enlightenment and holistic growth among the members. The exchange of ideas and insights contributed significantly to the collective pursuit of deeper spiritual understanding. It was a transformative journey that emphasized the importance of intellectual discourse and spiritual exploration in self-realization. The trip reaffirmed the club's dedication to providing opportunities for spiritual introspection and intellectual discussion.



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>>> ELITE CLUB

'PITCH CRAFT'-MASTERING THE ART OF PITCHING

13TH DECEMBER, 2023 @ Anugraha Hall

The Elite Club of Amrita conducted workshop "Pitch Craft" on 13th Dec 2023 in Anugraha Hall, AB3 from 4pm to 6:30pm. The event was organised to provide a gateway to mastering the art of pitching in the entrepreneurial world. Among the 9 teams registered, Dharmnath Sah secured first place, Sanjay Chidambaram (CB.EN.U4AIE21160) and Abhijeet Sreyas A (CB.EN.U4AEE21001) secured second place and Hrithik H. P (CB.EN.U4EEE22111) secured third place. The session was an opportunity to refine their pitch, captivate the audience and take the idea to new heights.



CLUB PROGRAMMES

>>> NATYASUDHA CLUB

21ST, 27TH & 28TH NOVEMBER, 2023 @ Sudhamani Hall

On the evening of November 21, 2023, the Natyasudha club, recognised as the dance club of Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, hosted an awe-inspiring club induction event titled THANDAV, bearing the title THANADV'23. This striking event took place in Amriteswari Hall, kicking off at 5:30 pm and featuring seven teams: Praana, Tarang, Jhalak, Scarlet Creed, Rhythm Radzz, E360, and Descendants. The proceedings commenced with the lighting of the lamp by esteemed chief guests Dr. Ramakumar (Prof. Students Welfare), faculty coordinators Dr. Vijaya Chandrakal (Dept. of Electrical and Electronics engg.) and Dr. Dhanya Sathyan (Dept. of Civil Engg.), alongside club presidents Swarup Rosario and Sree Sakthi. The diverse performances encompassed various dance styles, themes, and concepts, contributing to the overall success of the event. Following THANDAV'23, the Natyasudha Auditions were held over two days in Sudhamani Hall, attracting 183 registrations, from which 45 talented members were selected to join specific teams within three days of the auditions' conclusion. The entire event took place within Sudhamani Hall, utilizing technical equipment, and adhering to permissions obtained in advance. A smooth and disciplined execution was ensured with the assistance of 20 volunteers from the Security and Discipline team led by Sachin.



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>>> AMRITA TALKIES CLUB

As we approached the 76th year of India's hard-earned independence, the Amrita Talkies Film Club was thrilled to have announced a unique opportunity to pay homage to our motherland – the "A Letter to Bharat Mata" competition. This initiative aimed to encourage introspection, articulate feelings, and share perspectives about our nation's journey, on an occasion that held immense significance in our history.

The competition details included the theme "A Letter to Bharat Mata," with participants dropping their letters in the designated post boxes in AB 1 and AB 2. Letter boxes were made available from the evening of August 12, 2023. The submission deadline was set for August 16, 2023, on or before 11:59 pm. The language of the letters was English, and the format required was handwritten.

The competition served as a platform for all individuals to pour their thoughts onto paper, expressing gratitude, aspirations, and the essence of being Indian. To ensure impartial judging, submissions were identified by unique registration codes provided at the registration desk rather than by authors' names.

Exciting prizes awaited the winners, with the first prize entailing a cash prize, certificate, and a Jailer movie ticket, followed by similar rewards for the second and third prizes.



CLUB PROGRAMMES

>>> SPIC MACAY CLUB- CARNATIC FLUTE

12TH AUGUST, 2023 @Sudhamani Hall

On 12th August 2023 at 6:00 pm, the Amrita Chapter of SPIC-MACAY hosted a splendid Carnatic Flute performance by Smt. Sikkil Mala Chandrashekar, accompanied by Shri Idapally Ajith Kumar and Shri KMS Mani at Sudhamani Hall. SPIC-MACAY, a voluntary youth movement dedicated to promoting Indian culture through classical music, dance, and yoga, organized the event to sustain the glory of Indian culture and heritage. The evening featured an exceptional performance, with Smt. Mala Chandrasekhar showcased her artistry, accompanied by mridangam artist Shri KMS Mani and violin artist Shri Edapally Ajith Kumar.

The ceremony began with a prayer by Pranav, followed by a welcome address from Abhimanyu, and an introduction to SPIC-MACAY and the performances by Abhimanyu and Sheetal. The audience was treated to an outstanding performance by the artists, including Smt. Mala Chandrasekhar, who learned from her aunt Kunjumani and her mother Neela, blending classic lines with flair and expressiveness. Accompanying mridangam artist Shri KMS Mani was violin artist Shri Edapally Ajith Kumar who was an A-graded artist of All India Radio. The musicians captivated the audience.

Momentos and tokens of gratitude were presented to the artists by Dr. Sankaran K, Registrar, Dr. Joshi C Haran of the Mechanical Department, and Dr. Shantanu Bhowmik of the Aerospace Department. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Dixita, making it a memorable evening for all Carnatic music enthusiasts on the calendar.



>>> AMRITA TALKIES CLUB

18TH AUGUST & 8TH SEPTEMBER, 2023 @ Sudhamani Hall

The orientation program of the Amrita Talkies Club was conducted on 18th August 2023. It was conducted with the aim of acquainting both the freshers and the existing members with the essence of the club. Activities such as Letter-Writing Competition Award Ceremony and student performances were conducted. Tentative dates of the elections and the format of the same were discussed on the day. Ultimately, the election was conducted on the 8th of September, where the President, Vice-President and Secretary were elected.



>>> INTEL IOT CLUB- WORKSHOP AND COMPETITION ON RASPBERRY PI

14TH & 19TH AUGUST, 2023

Intel IoT Club conducted a workshop on the theme "Build your Smart Home" using Raspberry Pi on August 19, 2023. Thirty-nine students were given lectures and seminars on the different applications of Raspberry Pi such as Smart Refrigerator and Smart Alarm along with the basics. Mohan V and Yash Puthalath acted as Presenters, carrying out the seminars and lectures. Deepak Sai, an Applied Scientist Intern at Amazon, was invited to give a special talk on Raspberry Pi coding as well. Following the workshop, on August 14, 2023, a competition was conducted based on the lectures. Twenty students participated and were given the opportunity to apply what they had gleaned from the seminars on Raspberry Pi.



CLUB PROGRAMMES

>>> AMRITA TOASTMASTERS CLUB- PICK IT UP'23

'Pick It Up'23' was the annual induction event that was conducted by the Amrita Toastmasters Club. It took place on November 29th, 2023. Pick It Up consisted of two simultaneous contests – the Speech Contest and the Evaluation Contest. Participants were given the choice to take part in either of these. Participants who chose to take part in the Speech Contest were tasked with delivering two speeches – a prepared one and an impromptu one. Participants who chose to take part in the Evaluation Contest were asked to evaluate randomly chosen Prepared Speakers. The judges for the competitions were Mr. Ramaguru Radhakrishnan (TIFAC-CORE CYS Faculty) and Ms. Diti Nagaonkar (Integrated MSc Chemistry). **SPEECH CONTEST WINNERS:** Sanjay HR (1st), Sidhaarth S (2nd), R Shanmugham (3rd). **EVALUATION CONTEST WINNERS:** C.B.Harinie (1st), Anurup R Krishnan (2nd).



>>> AMRITA TOASTMASTERS CLUB- ODD SEMESTER REPORT

The odd semester of 2023-2024 was quite eventful for Amrita Toastmasters Club with 25 meetings being held in total. The club organized special meetings like 'Dhaan Utsav', 'Halloween', 'Diwali', 'Christmas', a Joint Meeting with 'Coimbatore Toastmasters Club, two 'New Member Orientations' two 'Ice Breaker Marathons', one 'Speech Marathon' along with an Induction event 'Pick it Up '23. The club conducted several praiseworthy events in the odd semester as well. It organized a 'New Member Orientation - I' on 18th August 2023 and 'New Member Orientation - II' on 18th November 2023, 'Ice breaker Marathon' on 23rd August 2023 and several more. Furthermore, the club received several Recognitions from the District for its splendid performance. Some of these were the Smedley Award, Fantastic Five Award and President's Distinguished Club.



>>> AMRITA TOASTMASTERS CLUB- MILESTONE MEETING 275

The Amrita Toastmasters Club conducted their annual Milestone Meeting on December 1st. The event was a celebration of what made the club great as well as an opportunity to improve. Following the Club President's speech, club members partook in several impromptu speeches as a means of celebrating the club's vision. After this, members took the opportunity to discuss about potential improvements and conducted a general evaluation of the club.



>>> AMRITA TOASTMASTERS CLUB- JOINT MEETING WITH COIMBATORE TOASTMASTERS

On November 3rd, 2023, Amrita Toastmasters Club had a joint meeting with Coimbatore Toastmasters Clubs. Participants engaged in a wide variety of prepared and impromptu speeches on the theme "New Beginnings" after the welcoming statements. The event was a resounding success with broad new perspectives being showcased through all the speeches.



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>>> AMRITA TOASTMASTERS CLUB- ELECTION RESULTS

On November 30th, 2023, Amrita Toastmasters Club conducted the elections for key positions. The results are as follows - President: TM Roshni Venkatesan(CB.EN.U4CYS21061), Vice President Education: TM Aarthi S (CB.PS.I5DAS22105), Vice President Membership: TM Eashita P (CB.EN.U4CCE22019), Vice President Public Relations: TM Shaun J Sunny (CB.EN.U4CSE21326), Secretary: TM Pranav Bayari (CB.EN.U4AEE22041), Treasurer: TM Vishal Thangakumar (CB.EN.U4CCE22053), Sergeant-at-Arms: TM Subhashini Sudhakar (CB.EN.U4AIE22061).



>>> AMRITA TOASTMASTERS CLUB- HUMOROUS AND EVALUATION SPEECH CONTESTS

Amrita Toastmasters Club held a Humorous and Evaluation contest on September 9th, 2023. The Humorous Competition aimed to unearth the best speech that incorporated humour whereas the Evaluation Contest sought to test the participants' evaluation and reviewing skills. The winners of both competitions gained entry into the Area Level of the contests.

The winners are as follows:-

EVALUATION CONTEST	HUMOROUS CONTEST
1st - TM Subhashini S	1st - TM Heamani P
2nd - TM Pranav Bayari	2nd - TM Pranav G



>>> RAAGASUDHA- QUARTERLY REPORT JUL 2023-NOV 2023

Raagasudha outlined all their outstanding work during the latter half of the year. Elections were held this year to elect the club's core members, following which auditions were held this year to select new musicians. Furthermore, Raagasudha performed for Onam, Gokulashtami and Navaratri. As the icing on the cake, the club conducted their induction program - Aalap - on November 2nd, 2023.



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>>> KALAKRITI CLUB- 'ART VISTAS' INDUCTION PROGRAM

The Induction program of Kalakriti Club, titled 'Art Vistas' was scheduled on 29th of November 2023, from 3:30 PM to 6:00 PM at Sudhamani Hall. Ms. Akanksha Mehta acted as Chief Guest, giving an insightful talk on various art forms like resin art. In connection with this, a competition was held from 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM at D401 (Academic Block-2). The art competition had 20 participants. The students were tasked with creating an artwork that conveyed their interpretation of their favourite song. Three winners were selected. In addition, two online challenges were also conducted, and winners were chosen.



>>> ARYA CLUB - CURTAIN RAISER AND INDUCTION PROGRAM

The Arya Club conducted its Curtain Raiser event on the 3rd of November in the AB1 Car Park. Club members introduced the club, inviting everyone to attend its induction event on the 22nd of November. As a cherry on top, the members then participated in a Flash Mob, inviting everyone to dance and enjoy the event. On the 22nd of November, the Arya Club conducted its induction program in Sudhamani Hall with great enthusiasm. Dr. Venkataraman and Mr. Pramod facilitated the event. After an introduction to the Arya club, its vision, mission and actions were discussed and elaborated; Mr. Pramod enlightened the students with some words of wisdom. This was followed by cultural activities such as dance, music and Mridangam.



>>> ARYA CLUB - ELOCUTION COMPETITION

On 12 June 2023, Arya Club conducted an elocution competition where seven participants were tasked with speaking about current social issues. After a warm welcome dress by the organiser, where the importance of addressing social issues was expounded, a dance performance set the energetic mood of the day. Participants chose the following topics: "Obesity as a 21st Century problem", "Normalization of Mental Health Discussion Amongst Males", "Girl Empowerment", and "Poverty". The first-place winner received a cash prize of 1000, while the second-place winner received 500.



CLUB PROGRAMMES

>>> SRISHTI CLUB

Yukthi, the induction programme of SRISHTI the literary club of Amrita, took place in the month of December. Yukthi marks the transition of the old leaders to the new, and welcoming new members into the fold. The event started around 5:00, and Sudhamani auditorium was filled with many first years eager to see what was in store for them.

As part of Yukthi 2023, the induction program for Srishti, Quizkrieg took up the opportunity to display the club's specialties and activities. It started off Yukthi 2023 with a crisp introduction to Srishti and Quizkrieg. Following this, a new format of learning and quizzing to the crowd - Formula Wiki - was demonstrated. To wind up, Amrita's trademark quiz - Prashna - was conducted.

Manoharam also took up the opportunity to display the club's specialties and activities in form speech. After tracing the roots of the Malayalam Club, new activities were unveiled to enthusiastic newcomers.

As a part of Poetree wing, an introduction of the wing's activities was conducted. TS Harigovind, the co-head of the club, shared his personal experience as a poet and someone who has been a part of the wing for over two years. After the initial introduction, Ananya Ajay, the head of the wing, recited a poem, 'The Road not Taken' by Robert Browning. She further explained the activities planned for the event and invited new poets and admirers of poetry to join the club.

Peek-a-Book planned for a fun interactive session. They started off with an introduction to the club and ourselves. Then, they moved onto the first game where the audience was given a prompt, 'The Day Chickens Take Over the World.' The mic was passed around to a few people, and they had to say two to three lines about the given prompt. More games were then conducted as a means of instilling optimism among new members.

The Debate wing of Srishti chose to present to the audience the essence and core of debate using a Fun vs Professional approach. The basis for the "Fun" side of the debate was to base the presentation of movies and how the biggest decisions of characters that changed the fate of flow of events could have been changed with a bit of internal debate. On the other hand, the "Professional" side of it was focused on the rules, regulations and how to logically come up with arguments and structure rebuttals.

Tamil Siragu gave an introduction to the core members and the club itself. Following this, an intro about what is Slang-u-Sikkal was given. The audience were engaged cell-bindingly with the insights of Tamil Literature. The show then started off with the skit. Slang-u-Sikkal is a Tamil skit drama representing the various slangs of Tamil spoken all over Tamilnadu. The whole skit had the concept of bus travel in which people from different parts of Tamilnadu travel together from Gandhipuram to Ettimadai.

As a part of the event, Clarion conducted a 15-minute session. The head and co-head of the wing handled the session. The event started with a brief introduction of Clarion and an overview of planned events. Following this, a round of Madlibs was played.

The Malayalam Literary Club Dhvani convened, commencing with an overview and vision statement delivered by the club head. The session then transitioned into a poignant speech honouring the esteemed Malayalam author, MT Vasudevan Nair, and his profound literary contributions. Following this tribute, Dyuthi M.J. from Integrated Chemistry captivated the audience with a recitation of the evocative poem "Kaalakal" penned by P. Bhaskaran.

Bhaava, Amrita's very own drama club was one of the wings of Srishti that took part in Yukthi'24. The new office bearers of the 2024 session, J. Gayatri from 4th year Integrated Physics, serving as the Head and Bharath Sreekumar from 3rd Aerospace Engineering, serving as Co-head, gave a brief introduction on the nuances of the art of theatre. They also included previous shows and competitions conducted by Bhaava in their introductory presentation. To serve an essence of the club, Bhaava enacted the famous betrayal of Julius Ceaser. Julius Ceaser was portrayed by B. Aryan, a 3rd year Electronics and Electrical Engineering Student while Brutus was played by the Co-head himself.

All Wings of the Srishti Club came together to create a very successful event. Students were left with a sense of optimism and enthusiasm at joining the club.



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>>> NSS ACTIVITIES

OCTOBER- NOVEMBER, 2023

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The NSS volunteers at Amrita School of Engineering, Coimbatore, celebrated National Unity Day on the 30th of October with an oath-taking ceremony, a series of inspiring speeches and announcements for future events. The event highlighted the importance of NSS in personal and professional development. Speeches by faculties and students reflected the core values of coordination and service mentality of the NSS.

The NSS Student Induction Programme was held on 16/11/2023. New participants were introduced to the NSS ethos, its mission, and the significance of community service. It aims to create a sense of belonging and commitment among students towards community development and social welfare.

From the 27th to the 30th of November, the NSS conducted "Energy Week" where energy conservation was promoted through various activities. On the first day, various creative activities like slogan writing, drawing and elocution were organised. Day two observed debates and talks from invited guests. On the third day, students participated in an ideathon and hackathon geared towards smart energy management. The last day actively promoted energy conservation to the public through Siren Campaign, rally and flash mob.



Lighting Up our Villages' Roads & Lives

21ST DECEMBER, 2023

Unnat Bharat Abhiyan, a rural development initiative by the Ministry of Human Resources in India, draws inspiration from Mahatma Gandhi's belief that "The Soul of India lies in its villages." Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham recently completed a successful solar street light project named "Cost-effective Standalone Solar Smart Light for Village Roads" in Kaliyapuram Village, Coimbatore district. The project was inaugurated by Dr E.Somasundaram, Director - ABD & Nodal officer (UBA), TNAU, on 21-Dec-2023 in the presence of Mrs Manimekalai, Ward Councilor, Mr Anu G Kumar (Principal Investigator), Department of EEE, Dr Mohanrajan S.R (Co-Principal Investigator) Department of EEE and Dr S Kanagraj, Department of Social Works. The project received high praise from villagers, school, and college students, showcasing its positive impact on the community. This initiative aligns with Unnat Bharat Abhiyan's broader goal of leveraging technology for rural upliftment. Such projects underscore the program's commitment to sustainable solutions and improving rural living conditions.



OPEN AI WORKSHOP

1ST DECEMBER, 2023

On December 1st, 2023, the Robotics Club organized a dynamic workshop on Open AI at Acharya Hall. Dr. Ram Mohan delivered an insightful introductory address on the Robotics Club and the upcoming OpenAI workshop. The inauguration ceremony, attended by distinguished Dean Dr. Sasangan Ramanathan, featured an inspiring speech, adding an intellectual dimension to the event and enriching the experience for participants.

The Robotics Club showcased their technical prowess by developing an attendance monitoring system using Java and Python codes with the assistance of Raspberry Pi. This innovative system involved students scanning QR codes for entry and exit during the workshop. In the initial hour, Dr. Premjith delved into an extensive exploration of Large Language Models (LLMs), unraveling the intricacies of probability calculations and delivering a concise introduction to encoder and decoder architecture. The discussion covered pivotal topics such as big data and language models, accompanied by illustrative examples.

Distinguished guest speaker Dr. Ranga Srinivas Ganti offered profound insights into the application of OpenAI within industrial sectors, emphasizing the crucial role of token keys. Following this, Dr. Shanmugapriya and Ms. Bindu presented a comprehensive overview of Natural Language Processing (NLP) and Understanding (NLU). They shared valuable insights into the functionality of chatboxes and intricately detailing the LLM models employed by Google, ChatGPT and BERT. Additionally, participants gained knowledge on crafting personalized chatboxes utilizing LLM.



The afternoon session, facilitated by Dr. Ranga Srinivas Ganti, took the form of an interactive workshop where participants were organized into groups of four and presented with four intriguing problem statements. Each group leveraged ChatGPT 4.0 to solve problems, including converting unstructured data into structured data, generating a Digital Marketing Strategy Book, developing a Full Stack Software for Question and Answering, and using various APIs to retrieve results from Google and Wikipedia.

The workshop concluded with the presentation of solutions to the problem statements, emphasizing the creation of chatbots and full-stack development utilizing LLMs. The event deepened participants' understanding of OpenAI and provided practical insights into its industrial applications, NLP, NLU, and hands-on experience in deploying LLMs for various tasks. Before concluding, valuable feedback was collected from attendees, ensuring continuous improvement and refinement for future workshops conducted by the Robotics Club.

Kashi Tamil Sangamam 2.0

29TH DECEMBER, 2023 @ ACHARYA HALL



Kashi Tamil Sangamam is an annual month-long programme started in 2022 organized by the Ministry of Education, Government of India to celebrate, reaffirm and rediscover the age-old links between Tamil Nadu and Varanasi. It was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on November 19, 2022.

The awareness program on Kashi Tamil Sangamam 2.0, held on December 29, 2023, at Acharya Hall, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Coimbatore, was meticulously organized by Tamil Siragu (Wing of Srishti club) and Office of Students Welfare. The agenda commenced at 10:30 am with an invocation where a prayer song was sung by Santharam and Lekha Harshini. Mr. M Pramod Kumar extended a warm welcome to all the guests.

Mohitha delivered the welcome address at 10:35 am, followed by a compelling video presentation on the Kashi Tamil Sangamam Initiative at 10:45 am. Ms. V. Keerthika took the stage at 10:55 am, providing insights into the origins of Thenkashi and Sivakashi, shedding light on the subtle traditions and cultures of Tamil, and emphasizing the interrelation of Kashi and Tamil with examples like "Gangai Konda Cholapuram."

A special moment unfolded at 11:05 am when Sri.Rajesh Govindarajulu, an esteemed Author & Historian from Coimbatore, shared his journey experiences, memories, and showcased images from Kashi. Expressing shock at the spiritual fervor and hospitality of Kashi's people, he thanked the Prime Minister for the initiative to clean Kashi and praised the beauty of jewelries crafted with the Holy Water of Ganga.

The audience was then treated to heartfelt experiences from three alumni of KTS 1.0 at 11:15 am. Dickshan Kavielan expressed gratitude to Shri. Narendra Modi for transforming Kashi into a cultural and pilgrimage spot. Bhuvaneswari shared her personal journey from KTS 1.0, appreciating the efforts of Shri. Narendra Modi. Subramaniam B.S joyously recounted his VIP treatment in Kashi and stressed the need to protect Tamil culture. Thiru Gnanasambandam spoke passionately about the beauty, holiness,



and purity of the Ganga, expressing happiness at the cleanliness of Kashi due to the initiative. The event concluded at 12:30 pm with a heartfelt vote of thanks from R. Amirthanandhan and B.V.Dharsini Sri, expressing gratitude to all authorities and club members for the successful organization of this auspicious event.



64th All India Adult Education Conference

13TH-15TH DECEMBER, 2023 @ Amriteshwari hall

Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, in collaboration with the Indian Adult Education Association, Shanti Ashram, and Gandhigram Rural Institute, inaugurated the 64th All India Adult Education Conference at the esteemed Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham's campus in Coimbatore. The university hosted over 170 participants from across the country for this enlightening 3-day event. The inauguration ceremony featured Chief Guest Dr. (Tmt) TAMILISAI Soundararajan, Hon'ble Governor of Telangana and Lt. Governor, Union Territory of Puducherry, alongside other distinguished dignitaries. The conference, held under the theme "Role of Higher Education Institutions in National Education Policy 2020 – A way ahead," aimed to explore the pivotal role of higher education institutions in shaping and



implementing the transformative vision of the National Education Policy 2020. The inaugural event was followed by sessions covering various topics, including educational governance, effective implementation strategies, digital and health literacy, etc. During the inaugural event, Dr. (Tmt) TAMILISAI Soundararajan emphasized the inspiring journey of education and the collective commitment of the esteemed institutions. She discussed the alignment of the National Education Policy of 2020 with technological transformation, skill development, and entrepreneurship, emphasizing vocational skill training.



Shri K.C. Choudhary, Advisor, Indian Adult Education Association, New Delhi, highlighted the historical context of adult education and Mahatma Gandhi's vision in 1937. Dr. Bhavani Rao, Dean, School of Social and Behavioral Sciences, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, shared Amma's vision of education for life and living. The conference, a crucible of ideas, fostered dialogue and inspired actionable strategies to propel adult education forward. The event brought together various kinds of individuals at the forefront of implementing the National Education Policy 2020. It created a platform for comprehensive discourse and exploration of innovative approaches to address the evolving landscape of adult education.



Literary Corner

Poetic Pages

"OF MANY NAMES AND LITTLE PURPOSE"

*A chariot of sun and gold
I once held the right to hold.
Now it belongs to another
While my memory in amnesia is smothered.*

*I once had a name worshipped,
Now I have several tight-lipped.
Helius, Hyperion, Phaethon.
Which one of these should I live on?*

*Tell me what to do.
To what purpose must I strive to?
Must I walk the same path I always have?
Or, am I to believe my worth halved?*

*Am I something at all,
Worth at least a stone in salt?
Or, have I lost my weight,
A discarded husk of rice never ate?*

*The sun still awakes
Though not by my works and aches.
A guilty jealousy I aim
At greater Apollo singing in flame.*

*My name is Helios.
No. My name was Helios.
Tell me, before I soon forget,
What am I supposed to do to not forget yet?*



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Literary Corner

Story Stream

The Last Human

She woke up with a start, breathing heavily and cold sweat covered her entire body. She had seen the nightmare she had seen hundreds of times before- of war, bloodshed and the death of her family. The sad part was, this was not a merely a dream- this was a reflection of the cruel reality she once had to face. Sighing, she recalled the history of her people- the one that had brought her to this situation.

It all began in the year 3015, when some homo sapiens began showing significant evolutionary advancement. Within just 50 years they evolved so much that they had to be categorized into a new species. The Homo Aetherii were tall, appealing and significantly more intelligent than the previous human race. They blended in well, using their superior skill for the betterment of humanity. However as the years passed and their numbers grew, the new race became greedier and greedier and wished to take over the world. Thus began the greatest war the world had ever seen.

At first it seemed the Sapiens would win due to their advantage of sheer numbers. However the victory didn't last as the Aetherii developed technology they couldn't cope with or even comprehend. Technology has surpassed manpower all throughout history and it was no different this time as well. So the Aetherii became the new apex species of the world. However, the conditions of the humans were miserable. They were treated as objects- tools for slavery and entertainment. Their life, rights and even basic dignity was stolen away from them. As slaves, they were forced to satisfy every whim of their Aetherii master and receive unspeakable abuse in return. As entertainers, they were forced to perform tricks for their entertainment and put in zoos for the amusement of their children.

This part of the memory was especially painful for her. Not just because of the cruelty her species had to face, but also due to the knowledge that this is exactly what they did to other animal species when they were at the height of their glory. Even at that miserable state, she repented the mistakes of her fellow beings. Then she looked down and saw the symbol of the last and final thing her superiors had taken away from them- her identity, now reduced to a series of numbers and letters tattooed on her forearm.

The history afterwards too was not kind to humans. The reign of Vlademer Thorne marked one of the darkest times for the humankind. He declared that the guile of Sapiens cannot be underestimated and the eradication of their kind was critical for the further development of the world. Ignoring the protests of the more compassionate of their kind, the Aetherii unleashed mass genocide on the Sapiens. Rewards were distributed to kill as many humans as possible and sooner than it was thought possible, the number of humans were down to just one.

XJV267406- an 18 year old Homo Sapien, also popularly known as the last human. When her tattooed forearm finally hits the ground and her last breath leaves her lungs, it will mark one of the greatest victories for the superior humans. But they were not ready to do so easily. They wanted to make a spectacle of her death, celebrate it for all the world to see. So she was given seven days time - seven days during which she would be granted whatever she wished for and on the evening of the seventh day she would be killed through a method of her own choosing. However, she didn't wish for much anymore. After all what could a girl like her, who had lost everything, could possibly wish for? So she asked for a comfortable bedroom, good food and pictures and videos of her family and other happy humans. She just stayed inside her room and watched them while shedding tears. But now that she is on her last day, she just felt numb and tired. The thought of her death didn't scare her anymore. Maybe death was the best option for a cursed life like hers. So she just laid down, blankly staring at the ceiling and waited for the evening to approach.

But suddenly she woke up with a start. She wanted to leave a mark, a message, that her kind walked on this earth once. That they had laughed, cried, dreamed, died. Scrambling desperately, she finally spotted a sharp stone inside the fish tank. Taking it out, she carved on the room's wall in big, bold letters:

"WE WERE HERE ONCE".



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Students Photography Corner



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Upcoming Events and Celebrations

At Amrita



Anokha Tech Fest



AIU South Zone



Alumni Meet



Republic Day



Vasantham

AMRITA DARPAN

Education for livelihood alone will
never make our life full and
complete. ~Amma



Entries Invited

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